

SOUTH HUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the October/ November edition of the South Huish Parish Newsletter.

This bi-monthly newsletter is produced and distributed by volunteers. I have enjoyed being the editor for the last few years but would now like someone new to take on the task of collating the content, which is sent in by residents and local groups.

If you are interested I can give you more information on what is involved. Please email me juliebeaconcottage@outlook.com Closing date for expressions of interest 31st October 2026.



Hope Cove Independent Lifeboat

This month the focus is on finance. I receive a fair number of emails from organisations that are charities or associations and the main message this year, is that across the whole spectrum donations are down. The belief is that this is due to inflation and financial uncertainty across the world. Hope Cove Lifeboat is a registered charity and we fundraise by various means. Selling our logo clothing and other items brings in a steady income throughout the year, from the stall and from orders on our website.

We get donations from all sorts of sources for which we are very grateful. Some examples are:

- William Ireland recently gave us a generous sum from the sales of his book and has been a major supporter of us since we started in 2010, hosting many events at the cottage hotel.
- Steve Pearson donated a laptop to replace our very old out of date one to enable us to keep all our online documentation up to date.
- The Cocktail Bar on Inner Hope beach and the Pizza Van donate some of their takings during the summer when they are there to support us on Tuesday evenings during our training sessions.
- One very busy Tuesday evening in early August was enhanced by the arrival of the South Hams Singers who not only gave us a large sum of cash but also entertained us and the many spectators with their varied repertoire.
- We had a donation of over £100.00 from some children who set up a stall and sold various items they had made, and the next week we received the proceeds from the sales of cake from some 2 young sisters staying in The Square.
- The Hope House Hotel also supports us and has a beer made specially, Hope Cove Lite Beer, where every pint sold gives some money to us.

- We will also have the annual quiz in Marlborough run by Jill Clarke on 21st November.
- The annual golf day at Thurlestone which is planned for 30th April 2027, if you can raise a team of 4 to compete please contact Jill Beavis, email j.beavis23@btinternet.com or call on 07710 904938.

We are constantly looking for new ways to raise money to enable us to continue to provide a rescue service along this piece of coast. We have had a fairly consistent level of 'Shouts' over the years and when I did the maths recently our running costs to provide this service means every rescue costs around £2,500, which has increased significantly over the last few years from around £500 10 years ago. This sum does not include all the hundreds of hours put in by our trustees and the volunteer crew in training and maintenance. Fortunately, we have some skilled crew members who can carry out some of the maintenance and repairs to the boat and tractor unit.

This is in the forefront of our minds as we have two major expenses looming in the near future. The first one to hit us will be taking on the full costs of running and maintaining the station. Despite being told by the then minister in 2010 we could use it in perpetuity for a pepper corn rent, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency have stated they no longer need or use the building as they have centralised all the local units. We are still researching to understand the full implications of this, but believe this will add around £20,000 to our annual running costs, plus an additional workload to manage and check the building as required by the Department for Transport who we would lease from.

The second major expense we have to plan for is to replace the lifeboat as this has been in service since 2013. It is showing its age with increased maintenance costs and repairs. We will also have to comply with the Rescue Boat Code which is being revised currently. We are in the early stages of putting together the specifications to meet these new requirements and also build a boat that is viable for us to use with our challenging route to launch. The projected cost for a new boat will be we believe in the region of over £200,000.

Steve Baguley, Chairman, Hope Cove Life Boat, www.hopcovelifebot.org



The Lifeboat Quiz,

21st November, 7.30pm, Marlborough Village Hall
£5 per person entry, teams of up to 6, bring along your own food and drink.

To book a table please ring Jill Clarke on 561825 or email jillsmad52@gmail.com



Hope Cove Weekend 2026

Well, what a Hope Cove Weekend!

It was an amazing team effort as the resourceful Committee and resilient Volunteers dealt with the often-challenging weather conditions with cheerful resolve to provide a memorable August Bank Holiday for all.

On the Friday opening ceremony, we dedicated a plaque installed outside the Hope and Anchor to the memory of the late Phil Worth. So many of us remember with deep affection the regular Country Dancing he and Judy provided in the Square over the decades, particularly at Hope Cove Weekend.

Throughout the weekend there was a fabulous atmosphere in the Square with lots of colourful and interesting stalls during the day and well attended musical entertainment in the evening. The inaugural Laser Show proved to be very popular! On Harbour Beach we managed to provide nearly all the usual competitions which were enthusiastically attended by all ages. We had to cancel some sea-based events in the interests of safety, but full marks go to all those who turned up to the Fancy-Dress Competition in the driving rain! Over in Inner Hope traditional village games and a Laser Shoot Competition entertained visitors in between showers.

We are eternally grateful to all our wonderful volunteers, donors and sponsors that ensure that we can continue to provide HCW. It cost just short of £16,000 to stage the event this year, but we made a small profit, so we are looking forward to dividing the surplus proceeds between local charitable concerns after our review meetings in October and November.

Although the Committee work well together as a team we would be grateful for a couple of enthusiastic people to join us! We meet monthly more or less all through the year as a lot of planning goes into HCW! Most of us attend the meetings in person, although a Zoom link is always provided for those who want to attend a meeting online.

Please email Christine and Sandra for further information at hopecovesecretary@gmail.com

HCW Committee



The Summer has come and the Summer has gone
And I know you've been wondering what's gonna be on
..... In the Village Hall !

Well take a look below find out 🤔

7th November 2026 "Saturday Games Night" 6.30pm
Fun games Bar and one or two surprises!

12th December 2026 Kick off Christmas
Father Christmas
Christmas Carols
Bar / Raffle / Christmas nibbles
Fun for all

Look forward to seeing you at the Village Hall.

You will be pleased to know that The Village Hall What's on Calendar is filling up, take a look at our Hope & Galmpton Recreation Hall website.

Ken Edwards, Chairman. ken@edwardssurfacing.co.uk

Coffee Club



Meets every Wednesday at 10.30am in the Hope & Anchor for a drink, or a bite to eat and a chat.

The Deal:

- Free hot drink with every bacon roll
- 2nd bacon roll half price

Everyone welcome

Sean Hassall



New Parish Councillor Email Addresses

Parish Councillors now have new email addresses ending .gov.uk.

These can be found at:

<https://www.southhuish-pc.gov.uk/community/south-huish-parish-council-7962/councillors/>

Karen Muir, Clerk



What a Summer at The Cove!

What a fantastic summer we've had at The Cove! A huge thank you to everyone who came to see us, enjoyed a drink or a meal, and supported us throughout the season.

Although the weather was a little hit and miss for Hope Cove Weekend, it certainly didn't dampen anyone's spirits. It was a brilliant weekend, and we really couldn't thank our wonderful customers and our amazing team enough for making it such a success.

As we head into autumn, we've got lots of exciting things coming up! We're delighted to be bringing back our Comedy Nights, with the first one on Thursday 1st October. Tickets are on sale in the bar or online, and we'd love to see you there for what promises to be a great night of laughter.

Our Open Mic Nights are also going from strength to strength. We've been blown away by the amazing array of local talent taking to the stage, and the atmosphere is always fantastic. Our next Open Mic Night is Thursday 8th October, so come along, grab a drink and enjoy the entertainment.

There's plenty more planned over the coming months, so keep an eye on The Cove's social pages for news of upcoming events.

We're also saying a temporary goodbye to two of our lovely team, Isla and Millie, who are both heading off to university. We'd like to wish them both the very best for this exciting new chapter - we know they'll have an amazing time and we'll miss having them around! Thankfully, it's not goodbye for long, as we're looking forward to welcoming them both back to The Cove at Christmas.

Finally, we simply want to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported us throughout the summer. We really do appreciate it - we couldn't do what we do without our fantastic customers and our brilliant team.

The Cove is open every day, daytime and evening, and we look forward to welcoming you throughout the autumn.

Shelley and the team at The Cove



FORC (Friends of Redfern Centre)

The Friends of the Redfern Centre will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 17 November in the Annexe of Malborough Village commencing at 7.30 pm.

For further details contact the Secretary, Jan Carter
email: tides.view@btinternet.com



Hope Cove History and Heritage Group

The group worked on a presentation of the Village Hall history for their splendid 90th birthday party at which we also launched our latest book on Galmpton and South Huish. We are already doing a second print run of the book.

Over the summer we were given some original glass plates that had belonged to local pictorial photographer Gertrude Boyns in 1910, and some videos and films from the 1970's that had belonged to Philip Worth. These have been digitised by our friend Tim for our use.

We had another successful annual Exhibition over Bank holiday weekend which we all enjoyed, and which received a lot of positive feedback: The exhibition included a model of Hope Cove in 1910, which was built by the founder of the Hope Archive Group.

We have two more publications in the pipeline and are currently working on our displays for the History Fair in Malborough on 7th November. Do come along.

Maz, on behalf of the group



Inner Hope Methodist Chapel

Meetings are taking place to set up the formalities of the new Moor to Shore Circuit to which our former three South Devon churches now belong, having joined with Teignbridge.

Sue Morgan



South Huish Churches

St Clements Hope Cove:

At this delightful Chapel we are continuing to hold a 'Family Service' once a month on the first Sunday. Advertised as 'family-friendly worship in which children are especially included', the simple services are fun for both young and old, and we aim to make it anything but boring! We had 25 people at our service in September, so it continues to be very popular. There is a service on October 4th and again on November 1st, both as usual at 10.00am.

Holy Trinity, Galmpton

This church has a Sunday service most weeks, beginning at 10.00am unless otherwise stated.

Upcoming Special Services include:

- Sun 11th Oct: Harvest Service at 11.00am, followed by a harvest lunch in Church with Revd John Corrie. Note that this is a change from previous information.
- Sun 25th Oct: Holy Communion service with Revd John Corrie
- Sun 8th Nov: Remembrance Day Service at 10.30am with Revd John Corrie
- Sun 22nd Nov: Holy Communion service with Revd John Corrie
- Sun 27th Nov: All Parish Communion service with Revd Phil Chadder

Anyone who would appreciate a visit from a minister can email: revjohncorrie@gmail.com or Tel: 01548 844962.

Galmpton and Hope Cove belong to the Seaside Parish of four churches, and more information can be found by email: seasideparish@gmail.com or by visiting the website: <https://www.theseasideparish.co.uk>

KINGSBRIDGE ESTUARY U3A



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October 30th, Malborough Village Hall, 10am

'Life and times of Charles Causely' by Jim Causely, Devonian folk musician.

November 27th, Malborough Village Hall, 10am

'Mysteries of Dartmoor' by Emma Cunis who gives an engaging insight into this extraordinary landscape.

Musical Director
Robin Stubbs
Accompanist
Cherith Kingsley-Smith



Sound the Trumpet



South Hams Christian Fellowship
Saturday 3rd October 2026 7:30

An informal concert of choral and instrumental music by:
Bob Chilcott, John Rutter, Charles Wood, Henry Purcell etc.

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Including coffee, tea and cake



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MAD Group

What a summer we had with 5 sold out shows of the brilliant Frozen Jr! We are so proud of what our local youngsters achieved, rave reviews all round!

Many thanks to everyone involved in putting on such a great show and to all of you for coming to watch!

It's hard to believe but it's already time to start our rehearsals for panto...
Oh yes it is!

This year we are delighted to have Christine Bonner directing Peter Pan and are excited for rehearsals to start in October. Show dates for Peter Pan are Weds 20th-23rd January. Tickets go on sale in December so keep your eyes peeled for information!

Annalese Murray, for MAD Group



Hope Cove Writers Retreats - At the Cottage Hotel 12-15 November 2026 and 25-28 February 2027

Join Anne Rainbow for 72 hours of writerly escapism at the Cottage Hotel, Hope Cove. Relax 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. Residents and non-residents welcome.

<https://www.scrivenervirgin.com/hope-cove-writers-workshop-weekend/>

Contact Anne: 07721 695044 or Email: anne/rainbow@btinternet.com



ARTISTS ON AIR

26th October with Gillian Webster

23rd November with Lotti Jullien

Listen to the live radio show, 10am-12noon every 4 weeks on SoundArt Radio (<https://soundartradio.org.uk/>). Hosted by Anne Rainbow since May 2024, it's an artist date as recommended by Julia Cameron in The Artist's Way. Join Anne and her guests by tuning in to 102FM or on catch-up later.

Also: Join the forum on Anne's website for news of other artist dates and the opportunity to pose questions for the guests to answer live on air.

<https://www.scrivenervirgin.com/redpenpath/space/our-events/home>

Email anne.rainbow@btinternet.com if you'd like to be a guest on 23rd November or 21st December 2026, or in 2027 (dates tbc).



The National Trust

The hot dry summer brought lots of visitors to the Trust sites, with the Visitor Welcome team at South Milton Sands doing a great job getting people parked safely.

We have welcomed the return of some wetter, cooler weather, reducing the fire risk and meaning vegetation can grow again.

The fencing work around Bolberry to Bolt Tail has re-started to complete re-fencing the fields and create new hedgerows to make smaller field parcels. Once established these new hedges will create extra shade and shelter for livestock, more nesting and feeding areas for birds and invertebrates and create a more connected landscape for wildlife. We are installing a fence around the back of the woods by Hope Cove to keep livestock out of this area, this will mean the plants that grow under the trees can recover and flourish creating a richer woodland habitat for wildlife. We are also working on updating the water system on the farm over the next month, replacing water pipes, installing troughs in the new field parcels and completing the new borehole pump, located behind Oceans Restaurant.

Once this contract work is completed we will open the new footpath and bridleway, we are unable to open it as early as we wanted as the machinery and digging work has needed access across it. We are also working with Devon Rural Skills Trust to repair a large section of stone face bank along the bridleway. Opening date to be revealed soon!

Our butterfly survey volunteers have had a good season, thank you to them for their work carrying out the weekly transect, which is all submitted to Butterfly Conservation. They had lots of species recorded on Bolberry Down – with huge numbers of meadow browns and gatekeepers in the summer, as well as the more unusual grayling and small pearl bordered fritillary butterflies.

As we move into autumn we will be carrying on with some scrub clearance work to reduce large areas of gorse, and create a mosaic of scrub and grassland which has more value for wildlife.

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



Nature Notes August-September

Crowds oh the crowds! No I said CROWDS not crows or clouds.

This autumn edition of Nature Notes is devoted to crowds in the natural world. And we don't mean the hordes that attended our annual Hope Cove Weekend; but let's start there anyway.

Bearing in mind the very mixed weather the HCWE went swimmingly well. More exciting stalls but fewer attendees throughout the whole WE. Despite being slightly out of the way the Hope Cove history group based in The Fishermen's Reading Room was well attended and the displays were jam packed with historical local facts and figures. If you were not one of that crowd you will get a second chance as the displays are to be shown in November in the Malborough Village Hall.

Straight after the HCWE a large Group of swallows gathered over Galmpton in preparation for their migration southwards. Close by a Gulp of house martins were wheeling and soaring over the roof tops. Swallows and house martins migrate from West Africa to Hope Cove in late march/April and leave shortly after the HCWE in September. So beautiful are these speedy little creatures with their aerial antics ducking and diving and skimming over the fields whilst screeching as if in delight. So sad to see these migratory crowds depart as their leaving is a harbinger of the upcoming winter. Some - possibly the smart ones, stay all year around.

The swifts left ages ago, they only stay for six to eight weeks mate, have a brood and go on their way. They eat and sleep on the wing only stopping to raise a brood.

There has been a plethora of butterflies and grass hoppers this year. But the butterfly that has to take the crowded biscuit is the clouded yellow butterfly. Apparently not just here but all over the country. Very dainty. Why is it that butterflies seem to come and go annually, when do they know it is their turn to blossom and when to be shy? It is a mystery.

As reported in the last issue - there was a very short period when the sea was infested by jellyfish. More pooled than crowded.

But wait for it - we all know locusts can suddenly develop into plagues, well we have experienced (almost unseen) a similar 'micro' phenomenon in our very own parish. On the road from Galmpton to Thurlestone via Beacon lane the road has been infested by millions of very small beetles. ANTS I hear you cry, no they are not ants cries another, ants, not, ants, not - oh stop it the pair of you! But you are right there are millions of them - no joke!

Extensive painstaking and detailed research by the bug department of NNI can reveal that in fact they are a beetle of the Anthicidae family, which are known

as flower ant beetles, ant-like beetles, or Birch Catkin Bugs. So easily overlooked as this variety comprise individuals of about 2 to 3 millimetres that blend into the roadside colours. They are antlike but under close inspection they can be observed to be subtly different, ants have 6 legs from the thorax while Anthicus' have 4 legs from the abdomen and two from the thorax.

Now here is the fun bit, internet researching has revealed that the bugs have reached plague proportions in Plympton! Yes PLYMPTON, there they have invaded houses streaming off the very dry local fields. We have been very lucky because as I said their occurrence is no joke! Apparently 'extreme heat waves and drying soil can cause the beetles to leave their normal habitats in agricultural fields, as these areas tend to lose moisture during drought periods, pushing the insects into surrounding areas or structures like people's homes in search of moisture, shade, and food'.

Now here is the unbelievable bit, Wikipedia documents that there are 3500 species in the family Anthicidae, REALLY? You cannot be serious, to quote a well-known tennis player. I cannot believe anyone can identify 3500 species differences in bugs 2 to 3 millimetres in length. Come on - there cannot be more than a hundred moving parts in these little fellows. So watch out for these chaps and try not to tread on them.

Crowds is a relative term, if there is no occurrence of a particular beastie then two or three might be considered a crowd. And indeed we have such an example as 7 storks have been espied circling the parish and even visiting one local farm. Storks are common on the continent but pretty rare around these parts. Beautiful but rather ungainly BIG birds. You wouldn't miss those if you saw them.

Well we should mention the crowds of clouds that frequently pass by and marvel at the shapes, sizes and colours they exhibit. Some of the evening sunsets are truly spectacular and we are grateful for the ones that carry a bit of rain. Hopefully the rain will send the anthicidae back into the fields!

If you have any notes on nature - feel free to send them to tom@ariadnebc.co.uk or tel 01548 562 021



Diary of Events

1 st October	Comedy Night The Cove	7.30pm
8 th October	Open Mic Night The Cove	7.30pm
11 th October	Harvest Festival Service Holy Trinity Galmpton	11am
14 th October	South Huish Parish Council Meeting Hope and Galmpton Village Hall	7pm
30 th October	Life and times of Charles Causely Malborough Village Hall	10am
7 th November	History Fair Malborough Village Hall	TBC
7 th November	Saturday Games Night Hope and Galmpton Village Hall	6.30pm
8 th November	Remembrance Day Service Holy Trinity Galmpton	10.30am
11 th November	South Huish Parish Council Meeting Hope and Galmpton Village Hall	7pm
12 th -15 th November	Hope Cove Writers Retreat The Cottage Hotel	
17 th November	FORC AGM The Annex, Malborough Village Hall	7.30pm
21 st November	Lifeboat Quiz Malborough Village Hall	7.30pm

Deadline for December/January Newsletter Submissions is 14th November

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Electricity power cuts		105
South Hams District Council		01803 861234
Devon County Council		0345 155 1015
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Action Fraud		03454 040506
Police	Salcombe Harbour Office	843791
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	Jane	07483 828631
	Hilary	562106
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Norton Brook Car Co-ordinator	(8.30am-11am)	855128
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"	Alastair Watson	07967 661521
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Reading Room Bookings	David Morgan	560237
Hope History & Heritage Group	Maz Morris	561338
Hope Cove Weekend	Sandra Keith	
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Hope Cove Methodist Church	Sue & David Morgan	560237
Methodist church minister	Rachel Mitchell	852073

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