

SOUTH HUISH PARISH

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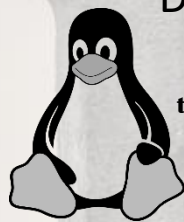
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Friday 26th September 2025

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Jill Beavis on 560968

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Welcome to this summer edition of the newsletter. There is so much to look forward to during August and September.

As usual, at this time of year, there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes, to get ready for Hope Cove Weekend, 22nd to 25th August. It's a weekend full of family fun, great music and fabulous food. Why not start each day with some exercise? Come along to Yoga with Donna on Saturday and Sunday and yours truly for Pilates on Monday! (All at Harbour Beach 9am £5 per session). All proceeds to Hope Cove Lifeboat.

The smooth-running of the weekend is very much down to the volunteers who help out. If you can spare some time why not come along to the Volunteers meeting at 10am on Sunday 17th August at The Cottage Hotel and find out more. See you there!

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Hope Cove Weekend 2025

Following the resounding success of HCW's 50th Anniversary last year our preparations are well underway for August Bank Holiday this year. The bands are all booked, the stalls are sorted and the usual family friendly competitions on Harbour Beach ranging from Family Sports to Fancy Dress to Sandcastle Competitions are all neatly timed around the tides so now all we need is good weather!

Programmes can be bought from The Beach Shop/Hope&Anchor/The Cove in advance and from our Information Hub over the Weekend but do look out for updates on our website at hopecoveweekend.uk

The weekend will kick off on Friday evening with a brief Opening Ceremony on the Stage at 8.45 followed by the much-loved band "General Confusion" at 9pm. From early Saturday morning with the Joggers Race on Bolberry Down and Yoga on Harbour Beach through to the Closing Ceremony at around 3pm on Monday afternoon, there will be fun for all the family in the Square and on Harbour Beach. Raffle tickets will be on sale too so come and check out the amazing prizes!

We know we will never be able to replace the late Phil Worth and the years of joy he brought to locals and holidaymakers alike over the decades with his wonderful Country Dancing session at HCW, but this year we are proud to present from the Stage a new feature namely "Hope Cove Hoedown" on Saturday evening at 6pm! We are hoping this will be well attended by all ages so bring your dancing shoes! This will be followed by more live music from Milo until the Fireworks at 9pm followed by the ever-popular band "Filthy Gorgeous".

We will also have a packed programme on Sunday followed by the entertaining sea shanty band "Mizzen Link" at 5pm and "The Penguins" at 9pm. Save some energy for Bank Holiday Monday though! Even if you are not participating in the Open Swim do come and cheer the swimmers and then join in the Waiters and Waitresses Competition or the Beach Flags competition or both!!

As usual we won't charge for entry to most events so we welcome your donations via cash into our collection tins that will be walked around Harbour Beach by our smiling Volunteers or via the sum up machines available at the Information Hub in the Square. Donations can also be made via our website using the Go Fund Me link. Your generosity is much appreciated as it ensures we can continue to fund HCW and donate our surplus between local charitable causes. Finally, we could not run HCW without our amazing team of Volunteers who help year after year but we have room for plenty more! Just email us for more information on hopecovesecretary@gmail.com
Here's hoping for lots of fun in the sun!

Hope Cove Weekend Committee



The Cove

We were blessed with lovely weather in our part of the world this July, and our customers took full advantage of our glorious roof top where we now offer pizza and tapas and all ages are welcome to enjoy the view! On Friday guests were also treated to the music stylings of Tilly, our resident singer, and live music will continue throughout August.

With the start of the school holiday we have lots to offer and are looking forward to seeing our locals, returning guests and new faces. Don't forget to come and see us for hope cove weekend! We are also proud to offer discounts for Hope Cove Lifeboat volunteers and RNLI plus a percentage of sales from our new house spirits will go to sea wall appeal, thanks to everyone keeping us safe over these summer months!

Shelley, The Cove



Hope Cove Lifeboat

Since the last edition we have been called out 8 times to a variety of incidents within our operating area. As usual the highest number of people we have rescued have been those with Stand-Up Paddle Boards, and a few to kayaks and twice to divers in difficulty. We were also involved over 2 days with the police and coastguards in the major search for a missing person. We were stood down when sadly the body was located by the police divers. A couple of our crew had a very frightening time when they were searching one of the caves at the foot of Bolt Tail and had to make a very rapid escape from one of the resident seals that they disturbed during their search. They discovered running in a dry suit with full kit on is a real challenge!

We have had some recent contact with our Local MP Caroline Voaden who mentioned us in parliament during the recent Water Safety Education debate, you can see her speaking here:

youtu.be/BX3U0SdV2kw?si=0dudLlnEXusn6pcM and shortly after that she visited us at the lifeboat station to better understand more about us an independent lifeboat and how we operate.

We are now putting the replacement tractor unit through its final tests and adjustments to bring it fully in to service to replace our rather tired and rusty one. They look very similar as based on the same dumper. The new one has been stripped to pieces and fully galvanised and we have made some changes to the jib etc to benefit from lessons learned from the previous one.

Our next major project will be to replace the boat as that is suffering from age and use, and is requiring more and more work and parts to keep it in service. We are currently refining what we need based on the data gleaned from our rescues over the past years. This will of course mean we have to raise a considerable amount of funds to pay for this. To this end the stall selling our merchandise will be open regularly on the Harbour Beach slip on Sundays so please come and see our new range and buy some for friends and family.

Stephen Baguley, Chairman

Hope Cove Life Boat www.hopecovelifeboat.org



Friends of Hope Cove Harbour

As mentioned in the last edition there will be a public meeting on WEDNESDAY 6th AUGUST at 7.00 pm (not as originally published at 6.30) when the Harbour Commissioners will present their plans for the refurbishment of the harbour breakwater. All are welcome. The meeting will be in Hope and Galmpton Village Hall.

Graham Phillips, Chairman



The Cottage Hotel

Afternoon Tea Week in 2025 will take place from August 11th to August 17th.

For many people, when there's a mention of afternoon tea, the U.K. pops to mind instantly, and rightfully so, too, because the tradition of having tea during the afternoon was started in England in the 1840s. Anna Maria Russell became the Duchess of Bedford in 1939, after her husband, Francis Russell, ascended to the position of a dukedom. While on a visit to the fifth Duke of Rutland, Russell started feeling lethargic and hungry. In the nineteenth century, it became normal to have dinner served and eaten from seven to nine at night. Because this was so late, a small meal called 'luncheon' was created. However, the luncheon meal also failed to keep the hunger pangs at bay.

This is when the Duchess came up with the concept of afternoon tea which appeared to do the trick! Tea paired with savoury sandwiches and sweet cakes became the Duke's go-to midday meal. She also started inviting her friends for an afternoon tea session... the rest, as they say... is history!

The Cottage Hotel at Hope Cove provides a wonderful backdrop to enjoy a simple and rustic afternoon tea.

For just £18.50 per person, you can enjoy an assortment of savoury sandwiches, homemade scone with strawberry jam and thick clotted cream, honest home-made cakes and your choice of English breakfast tea or Fresh Filter coffee.

Bookings are essential (please) and can be made by telephoning 01548 561555. For further menu details, please visit www.hopecove.com/afternoon-tea



Friends of Redfern Centre Music Quiz

Friends of the Redfern Centre (FORC) will be holding a Music Quiz on Saturday 30 August in Malborough Village Hall, commencing 7.30 pm prompt. Teams of up to six, £5 per head, please pay by CASH on the door. Bring your own food and drink. Please book a table by contacting Jan Carter (FORC Secretary) 560086 or email tides.view@btinternet.com

Calling All Drivers - FORC Needs You!

Do you have a little spare time to help with the Friends of the Redfern Centre patient transport service? We have a small team of volunteer drivers who take patients from their homes to the Salcombe surgery and other healthcare facilities in the local area. We need more drivers from anywhere in the locality to carry out this essential and much appreciated service. If you feel you can help please contact the FORC Secretary Jan Carter for more details. Tel. 560086 or email tides.view@btinternet.com



Community Lunches

There will be no community lunches at the Cottage Hotel in August but they will start again on Thursday 25th September at 12.30. The lunches are for anyone local or just visiting who would like to enjoy good food and company and if you are new to the area, the opportunity to meet new people. Look forward to

seeing you.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year we will be holding our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 12th September from 10:30 until 12:30 in The Fishermen's Reading Room, Inner Hope. There will be lots of delicious cakes and a raffle.

Please come along and support such a worthwhile cause. Cash Only.

Carol Riley

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS!

Please join us for an important presentation.



Hope Cove Harbour Commissioners cordially invite you to a presentation and public meeting to discuss the options for the future of the Hope Cove Breakwater (i.e. funding, progress report, etc.)

When:	Wednesday 6 th August 7.00 pm
Where:	Hope and Galmpton Village Hall
Why:	This impacts the village – your opinion matters!





Hope & Galmpton Village Hall

We would like to thank Julie Thompson for being Secretary of Hope & Galmpton Recreation Hall (Village Hall) over the past few years.

For personal reasons Julie has unfortunately stood down from her position and will no longer be a committee member. Julie held the management of the Village hall together and committed her time freely, so a big thank you and we wish her well for the future.

Bruce Williams has offered to take on the position of Secretary in addition to his role as Treasurer. The contact number for any future bookings or queries anyone may have should be directed to: email: bruce.williams@live.co.uk telephone: Bruce 01548 561621 Ken 07960 009616

We strive to improve the facility, equipment and to make the Hall more user-friendly. We are in the process of updating and bringing the facilities into the modern age whilst maintaining a community hub for the use of everyone. WiFi will be available shortly once the Local authority allocate the Village Hall it's own address !!! Our Facebook page is already available and a website is in the process of being created. An online booking system will be up and running shortly ... more on all this as time goes by.

The Hall is available it's yours so let's use it.

Dates for your diary:

Games nights from October 2025

"Kick off Christmas" Saturday 20th December 2pm Fun Carols and Father Christmas ... so come along and join in.



South Huish Churches

Within South Huish we have two active and growing churches, St Clements Hope Cove and Holy Trinity Galmpton, with most services led by the Revd John Corrie, a retired minister. Once a year we hold a service in the open air of the grounds at the South Huish Church, and this year it is on Sunday August 3rd at 2.30pm, followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome to this annual celebration.

St Clements, Hope Cove

34 people gathered on July 6th for our monthly 'Family Service', which just about filled the Chapel! These services are relaxed and informal, and aim to involve the children, as well as being enjoyable for everyone. The next services are on Sundays August 3rd (with John Corrie) and September 7th (with Debbie Plummer)

Hope Cove Weekend: Sunday August 24th, 11.30am: we hold a special service on the stage outside the Hope and Anchor. There is a rumour that St Clement himself may put in an appearance this year!

Holy Trinity, Galmpton

This church has a service most weeks, beginning at 10.00am.

Upcoming Services include:

- Sunday 10th August: 10.00am: with John Corrie
- Sunday 17th August: 10.00am: with John Corrie
- Sunday 21st Sept: 10.00am: with John Corrie

Sunday 28th September: Harvest Sunday: 11.00am service, followed by a special harvest bring 'n' share lunch in the church. Everyone is welcome!

Daniel French is leaving his ministry as the Vicar of the parish in September to take up a post as Chaplain at the University of Greenwich. So his final service will be at Salcombe on Sunday September 14th beginning at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome to come to this service which gives us all the opportunity to show our appreciation to him for his ministry over the past 17 yrs, and to say 'goodbye' to him.

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 the office can be contacted on 01548 842646, by email: seasideparish@gmail.com or visit the website for more information www.theseasideparish.co.uk



South Huish Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held at the Galmpton Village Hall, at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday 9 July 2025

Present: Cllr Jo Hocking (Chairman) Cllr Tom Windle Cllr Steve Pearson Cllr Rachel King Cllr Jan Carter Cllr Alan Rundle In Attendance: Karen Muir – Parish Clerk
South Hams District Council Cllr Samantha Dennis South Hams District Council

Cllr Mark Long 10 Members of Public

WELCOME & APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Darren James and Cllr Louise Wainwright of Devon County Council. Cllr Hocking welcomed Cllr Alan Rundle to the Parish Council.

PARISHIONERS OPEN FORUM

1. A parishioner addressed the Council regarding his planning application, previously discussed at the last meeting in his absence. He noted the Council's objections relating to (a) drainage and potential flood risk, and (b) overdevelopment. He advised that there would be no net increase in run-off and therefore no additional flood risk, inviting Councillors to refer to drawing 015A of the planning documents for further information.
2. A parishioner raised the issue of the white lines requiring repainting at the end of Burleigh Lane, noting that this was the only section missed by the Highways team. The Clerk confirmed that the matter has been pursued.

Friends of St. Clement's Church

Pimms



Pints

Potatoes!

**@ the Fisherman's Reading
Room
Inner Hope**



3.00pm Monday 4th August

**All in support of
the Friends of St. Clement's
Rain or Shine.**

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3. A parishioner expressed concern regarding the poor condition of the sign at the entrance to Hope Cove, particularly in comparison to signage in neighbouring villages. The Council discussed options including new signage incorporating required warnings or the use of separate warning signs

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL Cllr Dennis read out the points of her report. The Rock Box will operate at the same locations as in the previous year. The licence stipulates a 28- day period per site, inclusive of time required to move on and off-site. Last orders are at 10:00 p.m., with the site to be cleared by 10:30 p.m. No live music is permitted at the Thurlestone location, and the operation is being monitored for compliance.

Joint local plan – Discussions are underway regarding the commencement of a review of the Joint Local Plan. It was noted that the current Joint Local Plan remains in use during the review period, and that concerns from Neighbourhood Plans should be integrated into the process.

CLERK'S REPORT There was some discussion with regard to the positioning of the current defibrillator at The Old Parsonage which will need to be considered at the next meeting.

PLANNING, LICENSING, DECISIONS & ENFORCEMENT

a) LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED/FOR DISCUSSION:

1. 1723/25/HHO, Rorcam3 Beacon Point Cottages, Thurlestone Sands TQ7 3AZ, householder application for replacement of external steps with new external terrace and new windows/external doors, 17/7 Councillors agreed that the submitted plans lacked sufficient detail, raising concerns that the proposed extended terrace, elevated 1–1.5 metres above ground level, may overlook neighbouring properties on either side. A physical site inspection was deemed necessary to fully assess the impact.
2. 1681/25/VAR, Application for variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning consent 2447/23/HHO, Sea Horses, Hope Cove TQ7 3HH, 24/07 Councillors expressed concern regarding the proposed extension of the decking, given the property's location on a downward slope and the fact that the decking would be suspended. There was unanimous objection to the variation, on the grounds that it constitutes a second attempt to extend the decking and would significantly dominate the neighbouring property below.
3. 1863/25/PAU, The Nest Market Garden, Galmpton TQ7 3HA, application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to a flexible use as storage (Class B8) for the purpose of storing potatoes, 24/7 A discussion ensued as to whether the property would be used for all manner of storage and what that could include. It is proposed that it would be used to store boats. Unanimous support of application.

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. 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

BUSINESS TO BE NOTED/DISCUSSED:

- To discuss and update list of jobs for the lengthsman.
- To discuss setting up a SHPC identity on Facebook - unanimous agreement for Clerk to set up a Parish Council identity on Facebook.
- To discuss the mandatory requirement to update SHPC email to a gov.uk email address and the option of a gov.uk website through Hugo Fox
- To discuss how we are proceeding with the shower project - The proposed shower facility is intended to be located adjacent to the toilets on Harbour Beach.
- To discuss problems with the condition of Sandpebbles' fencing and rubbish concerns It was agreed that the owner should be contacted. Cllr Long recommended reporting the property as an untidy site via the enforcement section of the South Hams District Council website and noted that he will follow up on this.
- Issues surrounding drainage at The Lanterns were discussed. Although the site had been expected to address the drainage problems, Cllr Dennis clarified that responsibility for this matter now lies with Devon County Council, and not South Hams District Council.
- To discuss proposals for Community Composting Scheme - the Council noted that formal permission from South West Water was still pending. Cllrs Dennis and Long raised concerns regarding the level of community interest and lack of volunteer support, suggesting that an alternative site in Malborough may be more appropriate and could be explored at a future date. In view of these concerns, Cllr Hocking proposed that the Parish Council discontinue the project.
- To discuss proposed dates of Neighbourhood Plan Modification consultation - Cllr Hocking advised that the Council is proposing to replace the existing primary residence clause within the Neighbourhood Plan with a Section 106 clause. It was agreed that a public consultation should be promoted via the Parish Council Facebook page.
- Hope Cove Toilets – following the news report on BBC Spotlight, SHDC have decided to install bins in the Hope Cove public toilets in the first instance and then in all toilets in the South Hams. No official confirmation from SHDC as yet.

2025 Proposed Meeting Dates: Sept 10th, Oct 8th, Nov 12th .

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



Kingsbridge Estuary u3a

Once a month the various groups of the u3a come together, usually to hear a speaker. We have enjoyed hearing about a huge range of interesting and amusing topics over the years.

In June the speaker was Peter Gill, the subject “Musical Satire in the 20th Century”. Peter is a talented singer, keyboard player and raconteur who also owns a wildlife sanctuary.

The Old Fisherman's Reading Room
Annual BBQ



Bubbles

Beers



&
Burgers!



@ the Fisherman's Reading Room
Inner Hope

3.00pm Monday 18th August

All in support of
the Old Fisherman's Reading Room

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We were transported from the Great War with “It’s a long way to Tipperary” or indeed “ That’s the wrong way to tickle Mary” through the Noel Coward era with “ Mad dogs and Englishmen” to the America of Cole Porter who wrote “ Miss Otis Regrets she’s unable to lunch today”.

Then it was back to George Formby, Flanders and Swan, Chuck Berry, Tom Lehrer, right up to Victoria Wood who wrote the brilliant “Lets do it” song about Barry and Freda. These were all performed with great humour by Peter who ended by inviting us all to join in singing Monty Python’s famous “ Always look on the bright side of life”. It was a wonderfully entertaining morning.

The next of our monthly meetings will be on September 19th when we showcase the various groups that make up our u3a to give newcomers an opportunity to see if there is anything going on that may be of interest to them. The morning starts at 10am in Malborough Village Hall and we hope to see lots of new faces.



Kats Presents Play On! by Rick Abbot

Award-winning Kingsbridge Amateur Theatrical Society (KATS) is rehearsing for their summer play. This September KATS brings you a hilarious love letter to amateur theatre. Play On! by Rick Abbot is a play-within-a-play and is the story of cash-strapped am dram company, Parkham Regis Amateur Theatrical Society (PRATS) rehearsing to perform an original murder mystery, "Murder Most Foul" (no relation to the Agatha Christie novel).

"Murder Most Foul" may be one of the worst productions ever written...

The good news is the haughty playwright, Phyllis Montague, has agreed to let them perform the show for no charge. The bad news is she constantly keeps adding new scenes, new characters, and changing the plot. And opening night is approaching fast. Director Gerry is at her wit's end, over-worked stage manager, Aggie nearly comes to blows with Phyllis and the actors are disgruntled which isn't helped by Saul, the joker of the pack constantly winding up Polly. Add to the mix, missing furniture and props, ill-fitting costumes and technical hitches and you will understand why everyone is worried they won't be ready for opening night. But a bad dress rehearsal means a good first night – doesn't it?!

Directors Christine Bonner and Jules McColl say, “Come and join PRATS for the world premiere of Murder Most Foul by Phyllis Montague. We think we can guarantee you an evening of laughter!”

Wednesday 24th to Saturday 27th September 2025, 7.30pm, Malborough Village Hall

Tickets available from Monday August 1st Visit kats-kingsbridge.co.uk Or call 07584 905810

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Artists on Air: 18 August 2025 and 15 September

Radio show, 10am-12noon every 4 weeks on SoundArt Radio (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 new forum on Anne's website for news of other artist dates and the opportunity to pose questions for the guest to answer live on air. www.scrivenervirgin.com/redpenpath/space/our-events/home



Hope Cove Writers' Retreats at the Cottage Hotel 13-16 November 2025 and 5-8 March 2026

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.

Full details at www.scrivenervirgin.com/hope-cove-writers-workshop-weekend/

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



South Huish Parish Council

Public Notice

Amendment to the South Huish Neighbourhood Development Plan

South Huish Parish Council hereby gives notice of its intent to amend the *South Huish Neighbourhood Development Plan*, specifically concerning **Policy 3: Principal Residence Restriction** applicable to new housing developments within the parish.

As part of this process, all residential properties within the South Huish Parish will shortly receive formal correspondence outlining the proposed amendment and how residents may engage with the consultation.

Your attention to this matter and continued participation in shaping our community's future is greatly appreciated.

Karen Muir, Parish Clerk



A KATS production

Wednesday 24th to
Saturday 27th September

PLAY ON!



SCAN ME

written by Rick Abbot
directed by Christine Bonner & Jules McColl

Malborough village hall. 7.30pm each evening

Tickets available: visit kats-kingsbridge.co.uk
or call 07584 905810

THIS AMATEUR PRODUCTION OF "PLAY ON!" IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH CONCORD THEATRICALS LTD.
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The National Trust

The summer has brought the heat but also some wet which means the footpaths have been growing quickly, the Rangers and volunteers have been working hard to keep them strimmed back and accessible.

We have been harvesting seed from the wildflower meadow that we established at Southdown Farm which will be used around the farm and on other sites in the local area to increase the diversity of the meadows. Increasing the amount of different native flowers attracts more insects, which are important pollinators and a key part of the food chain.

We have been working with the volunteers to complete the chestnut paling fencing at South Milton Sands, thanks to a small grant from the South Hams NT Supporters Centre we have been able to purchase the last section of materials. This will mean the dunes are fully fenced off between the two slipways and will be protected from erosion and damage.

We have been getting long spells of dry weather which mean there is an increased fire risk, we have installed extra signage in the car parks and messages on social media, please remain vigilant.

Once Bolberry Down is hay cut the sheep will be grazing this area so please keep dogs on leads to keep the sheep safe.

We are carrying out another archaeological investigation at Middle Soar in partnership with the South Devon National Landscapes team and Historic England to investigate the Scheduled Ancient Monument site. There will be a guided walk around the site led by Bill Warner the County Archaeologist on the afternoon of Saturday 9th August from 2pm – 4pm booking essential through the South Devon National Landscapes events website.

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



Devon Air Ambulance

Support Devon Air Ambulance's Summer Appeal to save more lives across the county

Devon Air Ambulance has launched the Heart of Devon Summer Appeal 2025, urging residents and visitors to support its lifesaving missions during their busiest time of the year.

'Summer is our busiest season,' says Courtney Buchanan, Individual Giving Manager at Devon Air Ambulance. 'The people of Devon are at the heart of everything we do. Every single donation enables us to reach our patients swiftly in order to provide the critical care they need when every second really does count.'

The appeal kindly invites people to make a donation at www.daat.org/heart-of-devon-summer-appeal-2025/

Diary of Events

Every Sunday in August merchandise is for sale for Hope Cove Independent Lifeboat

3 rd August	Open air service	2.30pm	Holy Trinity Galmpton
4 th August	Pimms Pints & Potatoes	3pm	Fisherman's Reading Room
6 th August	Public Meeting: Friends of Hope Cove Harbour Village Hall.	7pm	Hope and Galmpton
9 th August	A guided walk led by Bill Warner	2-4pm	Booking essential through the South Devon National Landscapes events website.
17 th August	Volunteers Meeting	10am	The Cottage Hotel
18 th August	Bubbles Beers and Burgers	3pm	Fisherman's Reading Room
22-25 August	Hope Cove Weekend		
24 th August	Special Sunday Service	11.30am	On the stage outside the Hope and Anchor.
30 August	Friends of the Redfern Centre (FORC) Music Quiz	7.30pm	Malborough Village Hall
12th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning	10:30-12:30	The Fisherman's Reading Room, Inner Hope
19 th September	U3a Showcase	10.am	Malborough Village Hall
24 th - 27th September	KATS Presents Play On	7.30pm	Malborough Village Hall
25th September	Community Lunch	12.30	The Cottage Hotel
26 th September	Summer Party Friends of St Clements	6.30pm	Hope and Galmpton Village Hall.
28th September	Harvest Sunday Service	11.00	Holy Trinity Galmpton

Future events

The Seaside Parish Christmas Tree Festival December 3rd to December 10th 2025 After this year's tree festival the event will be held bi-annually.

August refuse collection will be one day later than your normal collection

Next newsletter deadline 24th September

Nature Notes

Oh wow! Lots and lots of wildlife around finally!

Our reader notes 'It seems my garden is Wildlife Central at the moment! Apart from the resident pheasant and his harem (well only one lady friend this year) I've also had a visit from a grass snake, slow worms [stupid name – they are slow but they are not worms or snakes – they are legless lizards *Anguis fragilis*– so there!] , sun lizards [might be 'sand lizard – sun lizards are South African – I think] and this morning a fox was trotting round my back garden!

The snake was a bit of a shock as it slithered up from under the gravel behind a wall whilst I was weeding, like something out of a horror movie. [Please—it is a snake not a character out of *Aliens*—the movie] Kept telling myself it was just a big slow worm but my nerve failed me and had to call for backup in the form of 'a neighbour' [name withheld for political reasons]. He had quite a job catching it, a lively one! and a good two foot long. In comparison, the fox sighting was lovely, a fine specimen, not a cub but possibly quite young. Don't know how it got in, can they climb/jump fences or perhaps burrow like the badgers I was plagued with a few years ago? [Yep they can climb and burrow as is testified by their presence in Clapham—London NNI's regional office]. Our other reader reported otters [Thurlestone Sands] hares pictured on the website edition—well one hare on the road to Thurlestone Sands. While we at NNI have been blessed with a yellow hammer [verified by our neighbour PG] and almost the full set of birds of prey: buzzards, merlins, kestrels, sparrow hawks, peregrine falcons and a hobby.

This year has provided a veritable plethora of small birds and creepy crawlies locally. Why? I hear you ask; well because for the first time in many years the local burial ground has been allowed to go 'wild'. This has attracted greenfinches, goldfinches, tits (blue and great) sparrows, wrens, robins and blackbirds. All balancing on long seed heads of the grasses; some are searching for the bugs of which there are many hiding in the wild vegetation (principally sorrel and docks.) Overhead the swallows, swifts and house martins wheel and reel snapping up those insects that deign to fly high above the safety of the long grass mimicking Icarus. What was once a sterile and manicured landscape has blossomed into a veritable haven for wildlife. So much so that one of the lady pheasants found it to be a suitable site to have a nest. There is only one bird missing and that is a thrush - but a short walk to Holy Trinity Galmpton will cure your sadness as thrushes abound there and even if you do not see one you can hear their beautiful song and see the remnants of their dinners in the form of broken snail shells. Speaking of which we have not done snails for a while how sad! Did you know there are over 100 species of snails in the UK? They belong to the mollusc group of *Gastropoda* (gastro = stomach, poda = foot). You see they eat by rasping the surfaces of leaves with a mouth that forms part of their foot. Amazing! We wonder if thrushes have a particular penchant for a special species of snail. The French do – no wonder we left the EU.

Do not contact NNI during the next couple of weeks – the team will be in Grenada counting sand grains on blissful tropical shores whilst establishing a local office.

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