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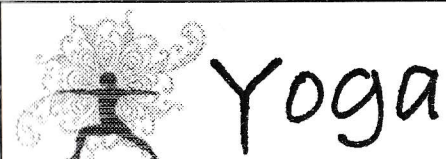
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From the Revd Chris Martin

Dear friends,

Firstly, a big 'Thank you' to all those who have stopped Welly and me in the street to congratulate him on his first prize in the Carnival Dog Show. I'm grateful. I hope the glory isn't going to his head!

October is a good month for being 'Thankful'. I'm particularly thankful this month because 11<sup>th</sup> October marks the first anniversary of my arrival here in Stoke Gabriel. I am so profoundly grateful to God for hearing the cry of my heart after a difficult few years and bringing us into a new and spacious place, and thankful indeed for the warm, friendly and generous welcome from the good folks here, which has been so helpful in enabling us to settle in. Welly is still jumping with excitement a year on.... with apologies to those who have been on the receiving end!

October is also the month when the Church celebrates its Harvest Thanksgiving and Harvest is one of those occasions in the year in which we are encouraged to come together as a whole community, to pause and take stock of all that God has given us, and to say 'Thank you'.

Thanksgiving can be a mood changer. When I'm at my grumpiest (don't ask me when that is!) I have often taken a pen and a piece of paper and begun making a list of the things in my life that I am thankful for. If there is no pen to hand I do it in my head. It helps me regain a sense of perspective on all the blessings in my life. In short, it's hard to be thankful and grumpy at the same time.

Talking of 'anniversaries' and 'taking stock', as I have now been in post a year, I thought it was time for us to reflect together on where we are as the church in this place, and to think about what we might become in the seasons ahead. On **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**, from **2pm until 4.30pm** (at the latest) we shall be holding an event in the **Old School Room** called **'Where are we now and where are we headed?'** It will be an encouraging, gentle and fun opportunity to reflect together and is for anyone who would appreciate the chance to reflect on the place of the church within the community here.

With deep gratitude for our community life together in this special place,

Chris

# October Services 2024

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Trinity 19**

8:15am Eucharist BCP

11:00am Holy Eucharist for Harvest

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Trinity 20**

8:15am Eucharist BCP

11:00am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Communion by Extension

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Trinity 21**

8:15am Eucharist BCP

11:00am Matins

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Bible Sunday**

8:15am Eucharist BCP

11:00am Morning Worship with Baptism

6:30pm *Evensong*

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Communion by Extension

*Always a warm RECEPTION:* Everyone is very welcome at all our services.

We hope you enjoy the company of God, with your family in Christ here.



Roland Riley of Orchard Way,  
Stoke Gabriel, aged 87

Roland's funeral took place on 11th  
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some beautiful singing. Roland had sung in  
the choir for 50 years.



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### Harvest Festival

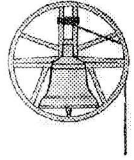
It's that time again! Please can we call all flower people, the Harvest Festival is on **Sunday 6th October** so we will be doing the harvest arrangements on **Friday 4th October from 9am**. If you would like to join us, please come along, I will organise the flowers and if you would like to donate time, bring greenery or money for flowers, or just see what we do, please come or let me know. We are a happy team!  
 Many thanks, *Chris Hunt 782693*



**Operation Christmas Child** is the filling of a shoe box with gifts for a child in a troubled country be it war-torn or where food is short. I shall be taking my boxes to the collection point in Brixham between 11-18th November and I'm happy to take yours too. You can google '**Samaritans Purse: Operation Christmas Child**' for details of how to do it and I'll put details in the November Parish Magazine for dropping off your boxes with me. Last year, meeting the team in Brixham who coordinate the boxes for this area was an absolute joy.  
 Thank you, *Helen Caseldine*.

### VILLAGE HALL

I expect you will have noticed that the Village Hall now has a much-needed spanking new roof and better insulation!  
*Evelyn Watson*



## Bell Ringing News

### *Stoke Gabriel Bells Featured on BBC Radio 4's "Bells on Sunday"*

Stoke Gabriel's bells recently had a moment of national recognition when they were featured on BBC Radio 4's "Bells on Sunday" programme on 8 September. Several listeners from our community were quick to notice and inform me of the broadcast—congratulations to all who caught it!

While we are unsure exactly which recording of the ringing was used, as submissions had been made in the past, it was a moment of pride for our bell ringers and community to hear Stoke Gabriel's bells on the airwaves. The timing of the broadcast was particularly special, as that weekend coincided with the Annual General Meeting of the Central Council of Bell Ringers, who held this meeting in Exeter to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. It was an honour to have our bells featured during such a significant event, and we hope the unique sound of the church bells at Stoke Gabriel continues to resonate with listeners far and wide.

#### **Learning to ring at Stoke Gabriel**

The ringing team at Stoke Gabriel now includes a returning ringer and a new learner. Regardless of age, everyone progresses at their own pace, depending on the time they can dedicate to practicing the necessary skills. Thanks to our dedicated and loyal team of ringers, the bells are generally heard every Sunday for the main morning service. We are fortunate to have enough ringers to keep the bells ringing, but we warmly welcome anyone interested in learning this ancient art, distinctive to Britain, to give it a try. Should you wish for more details about learning to ring, please do not hesitate to contact me, see below, or call in to the church whenever you hear the bells ringing.

#### **Stoke Gabriel Ringers at Dartmouth Regatta**

Several of our ringers participated in the Dartmouth Regatta at St Saviour's over three days at the end of August. Stoke Gabriel ringers have proudly supported the Regatta every year since the 1960s. This year's Regatta featured the usual lineup of events, including sailing, rowing, crabbing, and swimming, along with activities in Coronation Park and Royal Avenue Gardens. The event also included tennis, road races, fancy dress, craft stalls, live music, and entertainment for all ages, especially children. The Regatta concluded with a fireworks display on Saturday night.

#### **Totnes Deanery Winter League**

Before the pandemic, the Totnes Deanery Bell Ringers organised a Winter League. This offered a great opportunity to hone our skills, while also supporting developing ringers who wanted to improve their technique. We held striking competitions within a smaller, local area, making it easier to travel during the colder months and giving us a chance to meet and socialise with ringers from nearby churches. These meetings were not solely focused on competition ringing. They also provided less experienced ringers the chance to ring in different churches, experiencing variations in bell weights .....



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.....and rope lengths—something that varies considerably across the Totnes Deanery. Although no official announcement has been made about the return of these events, I believe the social aspect of bell ringing will likely encourage the revival of the Totnes Deanery Winter League, with meetings anticipated from October through to March.

### Centenary Anniversary of Devon Association

The Devon Association of Ringers, of which we subscribe to, will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2025, and the Committee is planning several events throughout the year to mark this milestone. The first proposed event is Devon-Wide Ringing on Saturday, May 31st. With 150 affiliated towers, the hope is to exceed 100 participating towers.

A further proposed event is to hold the 2025 Major Final at Zeal Monachorum in June, the location of the first Competition Final in 1925. Final arrangements will be presented for approval at the Association's AGM on November 9th.

### St Thomas' Kingswear augmented to 6 bells

The Friends of St Thomas Church, along with the Kingswear Parochial and Parish Councils, are thrilled to announce the arrival of three new bells for St Thomas Church, which were delivered by train to Kingswear Station on Sunday, 15th September. The eight bells of St Saviour's Dartmouth were rung, with the assistance of our own ringers, to celebrate the final part of the journey for the three new bells via the Dartmouth Steam Railway. The original three bells, weighing 9 cwt, hang in a cast iron and steel "H" frame designed for six bells. This frame was installed in 1939 when Taylor's recast the tenor and rehung the bells with all new fittings. The three new bells were placed on display inside the church for several days after delivery and the church was opened daily until 7:00 pm on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, allowing visitors to see the bells before they were installed in the tower. Fundraising for this project was led by The Friends of St Thomas Church. Originally, the effort began to commemorate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, but as time passed, it evolved into a celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III. A special thanks goes to Gary Lewis, whose generous donation funded the purchase of a Peace Bell in memory of Thomas William Lewis, an evacuee. After the successful installation, please do listen out for the sound of six bells ringing across the River Dart from Kingswear for the first time since the tower was built in 1173. A group of our local bell ringers rang a celebratory peal on the Kingswear church bells on 26th September.

Kingswear is now eager to welcome anyone interested in learning to ring the church bells. You don't need to be a churchgoer—if you're interested, please contact the undersigned for more information.

### Forthcoming events and competitions

- 28 Sep - Swimbridge invitation competition
- 5 Oct - Week St Mary (Tamar Valley Guild) invitation competition
- 12 Oct - Bishops Nympton and Mariansleigh invitation competition
- 19 Oct - Tedburn St Mary invitation competition
- 9 Nov - Devon Ass AGM at Chagford 4pm

*Michael Webster, Tower Captain, 782591*

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Sat 5th October: TORRINGTON 3.00pm

Tues 22nd October: NEWTON SPURS 7.30pm

## SOUTH DEVON LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Sat 12th October: Elburton Villa 3rd 2.30pm

Sat 19th October: Liverton United 2nd 2.30pm

Sat 26th October: Waldon Athletic 2nd 2.30pm

## DEVON WOMENS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Sunday 6th October: Westexe Park Rangers 2.00pm

Sunday 27th October: Budleigh Salterton 2.00pm

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Saturday 24th August: Brandon Body and Ross Northcott £75 each - (45)

Saturday 31st August: Alan Gullfoyle and Sheila Hingston, £75 each - (54)

Saturday 7th September: Connor Luker and Tom Kerrige-Smith, £75 each - (2)

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## Stoke Gabriel Art Group

Hello everyone! .We're now into October but as I am writing this in the middle of September when we're having a run of beautiful weather, I'm hoping 'long may it continue!'... but of course there is a distinctive nip in the air and the lightbulb bright moon in clear night skies tells us of colder days ahead.... but of course you could join us in the Village Hall on Thursday mornings 9am until 12 noon and I think the gathering of artful friends will warm you!

**Our annual exhibition in September** was a great success and enjoyed by all who visited. A big thank you if you were one of those people. The Raffle of the delightful painting by local artist Dave Norman was won by a Mr M Bale of Bridgwater and is being delivered personally by our very own Jeff Outterside. Mr Bale was absolutely thrilled by his win of course, seeing as a couple of visitors didn't think the painting had been finished!!! The standard of Artwork this year was again exceptional and we thank all those who exhibited. There was a tremendous display of cards too which all helped with our show's success.

Of course the success of our exhibition is down to so many members but a special thank you to Tom Hannaford-Hill and Josh Patch for help in transporting equipment and Jimmy Attwood for his electrical expertise. A big thank you to Mike Riley, one of our members who has created an excellent new Facebook page...'Stoke Gabriel Art Group'.. (you've found the correct site if it has a profile picture of our Stoke Gabriel sign at Rydon Acres).

On there you will see much of what we create. Please send a message if you would like to ask anything about specific artworks. Our **Thursday get togethers** started on Thursday 12th of September and will now run right through until December 19th. Please pop in anytime, if not to join, just to see the different types of Art being developed each morning.

**Our popular Tuesday evening demonstrations start on October 1st. All welcome. David Webb will be painting a River scene in Watercolours.**..all quite mesmerising!... £2 members, £3 non members to include Refreshments..bargain evening out I'd say!

Take a note for **November's demo on Tuesday the 5th**...no fireworks I'm afraid!..Belinda Reynolds from Tiverton is travelling to us, she is a contemporary landscape artist and will be painting a Treescape for us. Oh dear...then it's December's demo... this feels as if the year is running away with us!...We'll talk about that next month... Let's just live in the moment and enjoy. For more information or details feel free to contact me. Take care.

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## STOKE GABRIEL ART GROUP

AWARDS FOR THE 63rd ANNUAL EXHIBITION - September 2024

*Stoke Gabriel artist Daphne Johnson receiving her Highly Commended Certificate from exhibition judge Ashley Raddon at the preview evening of the Art Group 2024 Exhibition.*



**Best Painting voted by fellow artists**

Silver Salver (Certificate) - Scabbacombe - Sue Miller

**Highly Commended** - Distant Tor - Dianne Richards

**Best Abstract Painting**

Gwen Russell Cup (Certificate) - Sunrise - Penny Harrison

**Highly Commended** - Roofscape - Daphne Johnson

**Best Animal Painting (Certificate)** -

Florence - Dee McCleery

**Highly Commended** - The Peacock,

Paignton Zoo - Wendy Ruocco

**Best Architectural (Certificate)** - View from San Angelo - Wendy Ruocco

**Highly Commended** - Fishermans Cottage, Mullion Harbour - Mike Wall

**Best Flower Painting**

Edith Rowden Cup (Certificate) - Narcissi in Blue Vase - Mike Riley

**Highly Commended** - Flowers - Nicci Taylor

**Best Landscape (Certificate)** - The Way Through The Hills - Hilary Clash

**Highly Commended** - The Storm Clouds Over Dartmoor

**Best Portrait and People (Certificate)** - Nude Stretch - Ian Thomson

**Highly Commended** - Coretta - Pete Cole

**Best River/Lake Scene (Certificate)** - Fishing Fleet - John Graham

**Highly Commended** - View Towards Brixham Lighthouse - Julia Lee

**Best Still Life (Certificate)** - Afternoon Tea - Pauline Jones

**Best Watercolour Painting**

Sheila Graham Cup (Certificate) - Trees in Duncannon Lane

**Highly Commended** - Stonehenge - Dawn Hutchings

**Best Pastel Painting**

Jeff Outterside Cup (Certificate) - Blue Bell Wood - Roy Sullivan

**Highly Commended** - Autumn Shades - Jeff Outterside

**Best Miniature (Certificate)** - Singing Jenny - Gill Cockerill

**Highly Commended** - Devon Nude 2 - Ian Thomson

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## STOKE GABRIEL BOATING ASSOCIATION: A BUSY AND SUCCESSFUL SEASON



The Stoke Gabriel Boating Association (SGBA) has had a busy summer. Members have been heavily involved in training and racing as well as our regular Sunday Sailing and Boating sessions which will continue until the end of October when the two main safety boats come off the water for the winter. Saturday Racing Sessions will continue throughout the year using the smaller safety boat which is launched for each session.

We also hope to have a programme of winter talks – watch the village noticeboards and Facebook page for announcements of meetings which will be open to all.

### Training

We have again held three training courses for children during the year – with over 100 certificates issued for the RYA Youth Training Scheme Stages 1 to 4, Advanced Sailing and young Assistant Instructors who are now helping our growing team of home grown fully qualified RYA Dinghy Instructors. A new innovation this year was the introductory courses for Power Boat Level 1 available to children.

There has also been RYA training courses for Adults including 3 courses for Dinghy Sailing (Level 1 and 2), 13 Power Boat Level 2, 2 Safety Boat Training as well as refresher training courses for basic powerboating and advanced for safety boat helms.

More based RYA courses for short range VHF radio and Essential Navigation have been added to the First Aid course offering.

Two series of informal “taster sessions” were held for the top two years of Stoke Gabriel Primary, so that all pupils have had two opportunities to experience water based activities at Mill Point. The response of the children was wonderful and their comments of “magical” or “mystical” during their sailing experiences (in windy conditions) made us smile. We hope to see such a great group of youngsters back on the water again soon.

### Participation in Open Racing

Hartmouth Dinghy Regatta saw SGBA supporting both venues again this year. With fourteen entries over Feva, Topper and Tera classes at RDYC in the junior regatta & Laser Standard, Laser Radial and open PY classes at the main regatta hosted by Dittisham SC.

The winds were very different at each venue with varying strengths and directions in the mouth of the river for the juniors, while steady and at times extremely strong in the open waters of Dittisham.

The results from our representation at both venues were **OUTSTANDING**.

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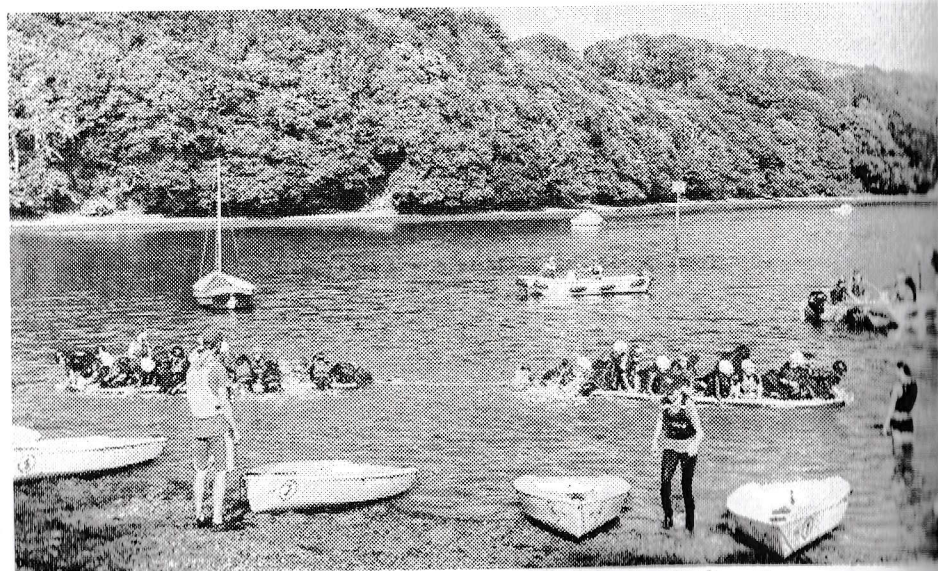
Our competitors ranged from 10 years to sixty something, and experience differing from seasoned racers to 'just passing stage Two'. There were several first places, plenty of seconds and vast improvements from everyone as the event grew older. Well done to parents and guardians that supported the entries and huge congratulations to everyone that took part. You well and truly put SGBA 'on the map'.

Earlier in the year several members participated in the Royal Dart inter-club regatta and Junior members participated in the RYA Regional Junior Championship and Topper Traveller events.

### Other Activities

A group of SGBA members led by Alan Wood had a great time building and riding on this year's carnival float. Although we didn't win anything this year we were pleased to help support the event and raise money for Carnival funds. SGBA loaned safety boats and members volunteered to crew them for the Dittisham Dinghy Regatta and the Head of the Dart rowing race. Several members accepted Dart Sailability's invitation to race against their members in their specially adapted boats. This was a great experience for all who participated.

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*Paddleboard tug of war fun at the end of Junior Sailing Course*

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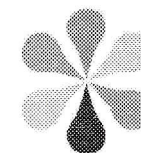
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## Stoke Gabriel WI

This month we held an open meeting with Phil Bolt talking to us about Action Ukraine, a charity in which he and several others from the village are heavily involved.

It was lovely to have several other villagers join us for this.

In a riveting talk, Phil explained to us all about the charity from its inception in the US to his role in it locally, with 4 trips having been dispatched directly from Stoke Gabriel since November last year and he himself having been involved in many more. The latest trip left here in September.

Their prime aim is to take much needed trucks, generators and supplies to the battlefields of Ukraine. He is particularly keen on enlisting our help in supplying these items and helping by donating towards them. They are also looking for volunteer drivers to drive these vans out there, with several villagers already doing so.

We also discussed the 4 extra events/outings that our members joined, organised by our committee this summer. These were a day out to Powderham Castle, a Carnival mini-market stall, a canoe trip on the Dart to Dittisham, a summery float in the Carnival parade and finally a President's tea-party held at the Cricket club.

**Competitions.**

Month of the month.

1<sup>st</sup> Chris Potham – a beautiful pink and white arum/ amaryllis type lily.

2<sup>nd</sup> Shirley Elmer – orange rudbekia. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sheila Rest – a pink rose.

**Monthly competition. Something in blue and yellow.**

1<sup>st</sup> Sheila Rest – a hand made blue and yellow banner. 2<sup>nd</sup> Janet Marshall – a painting by her late husband. 3<sup>rd</sup> Shirley Elmer – her large bluebird.

**Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm** and will include a talk on **Kent's Cavern**. In line with Halloween being later in the month, the competition is a carved pumpkin.

*Pia Barrett*

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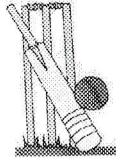
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**The 2nd XI** kept their place in Devon F West after their promotion last year. They finished seventh and won 6 of their 18 games. After losing a number of players before and during the season this was a great achievement.

You can check out results and match reports on our website.

[www.stokegabrielcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.stokegabrielcricketclub.co.uk) also follow on the Devon Cricket website.

**SGCC Women:** The first year of the SGCC women's team has been a true highlight of the year. Something that had been talked about for a number of years finally took off and has been fantastically supported. Next season can't come soon enough to get going again! For more info on women's cricket contact Pat or Matt  
**SGCC Juniors:** I have formed a junior side (under 13) to play hard ball cricket in the Devon youth league. This will be a progression for our Dynamos but is also open to anyone else who would like to come along. The side will be entering the Devon youth league next season and the club will be looking to launch more age group sides next season. For more info contact Jack or Jason.

**Winter training:** The club will be looking to book winter nets sessions which will be open to senior, women's and junior players. More information to follow.

**Social and Events:** Our Social membership is a great way to support your local club. Membership is just £10 for the year. Come along and sign up at one of our social events or email the club secretary.

*Thank you everybody who has supported the club this season with memberships, volunteering, attending events or watching games. It has been great to have so many of you up at the club.*

**The club has also launched a 100 club draw**, with a chance to win cash prizes each month. Sign up at the club or <https://stokegabrielcricketclub.co.uk/100-club/>  
**For general club hire for parties etc** please contact Tom or Tony, they will be very happy to speak to you.

*Matt Kerr*

**Date for the diary:** 20th October - Sunday Lunch

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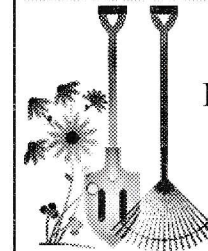


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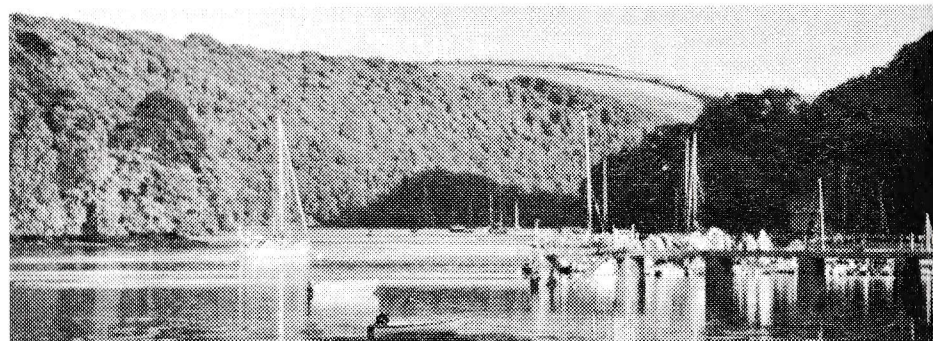
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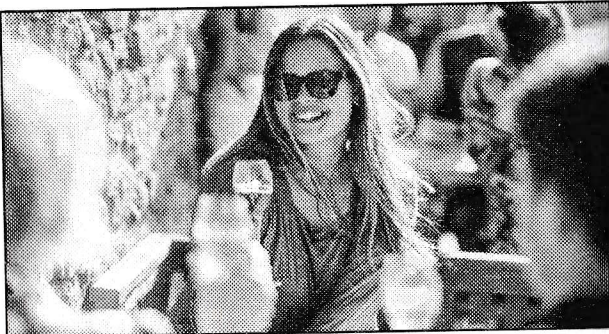
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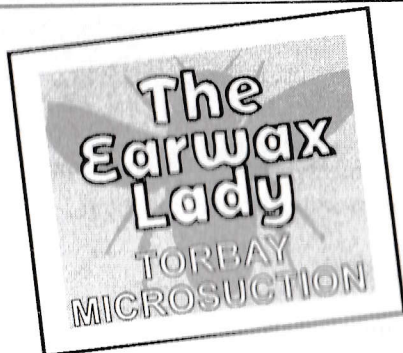
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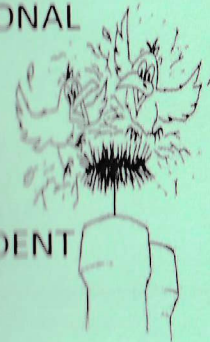
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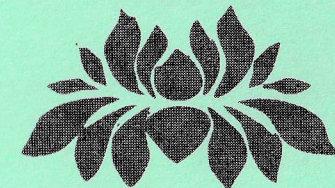


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