



At the end of the school term, the Performance Arts Department held the first 'Torrington's Got Talent' competition. Ten finalists made it through to what was an amazing final. The contest was judged by West End conductor, composer and leader of the Nigel Brooks Singers, Nigel Brooks; Paul Ellis from Young Musicians Support in North Devon and Veronica Walton, Head of Music and Drama at Bideford College, who all agreed that the standard was extremely high. In the end though there had to be winners. Runner Up place went to Year 11s Alec Elsdon and Ben Cowan with 'Popcorn Dance', but the winner – voted for by the audience – was Alana Chokarian-Eaton, from Year 7, who sang 'Nobody's Perfect' by Jesse J.

A mix of poems and stories.

Boys Don't Cry

Yesterday I met a boy I used to know: John, John Samuel in fact, and when I told him, he cried, and that was weird because boys don't cry.

I didn't understand really. He was the toughest boy in my school; he was a bully, even now, thirty years later. I didn't know he had feelings, yet he just sat there and cried and cried.

He was a bully, he used to tease me

and tell me that ... well ... boys don't cry, cause that's all I used to do, when I was young. I used to cry at school, at home and at the sight of a car, and John used to laugh and shout and laugh some more, then punch me in the arm and sneer while saying, "Boys don't cry!"

He didn't know how hard it was going home to a family you knew wasn't yours.

A family who you felt like you had taken from someone else, and even though they loved you, you weren't theirs and they weren't yours, so their love didn't mean the same as it normally would.

I had only lived with them for four weeks and I hated knowing that they were only my *foster* parents.

The day I didn't turn up to school was the worst day of my life for two reasons: number one, Mr Morgan, my class teacher told everyone to be as kind as possible to me because.....the second reason, my parents had tragically died in a motorway car crash and.... I didn't even get to say goodbye.

I blamed myself for everything that had happened that day because of what I had said that morning; I told them I hated them, and that I wished that they would just vanish off the face of the world, just because they would not let me go on the school trip to France with all of my friends. I said lots of stuff that I now regret so much. I said that they were making me turn into a freak like them, and loads of other stuff that I don't think I should repeat.

My mum looked me in the eyes, hers

all shiny with tears and said softly, "You don't mean that," then walked out the door and got into the car, and the last sentence I ever said to them both was: "I hate you so much!"

And I did, for all of a day and then I wished and wished and wished I had never been so selfish and mean.

I didn't go back to school for another week and when I did, it was really weird because all the teachers, including Witch Face – Mrs Thomas, were all so full of sympathy and I hated it, because I have always hated being centre of attention. The only person who wasn't all kind- hearted and loving was John. He was even worse than normal in fact. When we were out of teacher's eye he would punch and laugh and call names and inside my heart I knew I should have told a teacher but my head said different, it said that if I told I would be a little snitch and I would make the bullying worse.

I told Sarah, my foster mother, once and found out that I should listen to my head more often because she barged into school, her hippy styled skirt flying in the wind and started telling the teacher about what John had been doing, when just at that moment Mrs Samuel came in and told Sarah off for accusing her son of something that he would never do!

Then I started crying, and in front of John and his mother. Sarah came out and hugged me so hard that the milk in her Sainsbury's bags actually went POP and the milk sprayed everywhere.

I didn't know then, I didn't know that

John had cancer and that he knew he did, but didn't want to tell anybody.

And yesterday, in the hospital, when I told him that it had cleared and he was going to be absolutely fine, I thought he would be happy. And you know what? Maybe he was. But he just sat there and cried. Maybe happy tears, maybe sad tears, I guess we will never know.

Abby Fletcher, Year 7

Black Soul

He's a storm starting a furious sulk,
Not even assuming to shadow
His temper-tantrums.
Showing his rage making summer
Turn around.
Clubs and spades his favourite cards
with black inside his soul.

Georgia Swan, Year 7

Where's My Mummy?

John is on the way home on the school bus. He can't wait to get in and play on his Xbox. He hops off the bus, dodges the puddles and walks into his house. It seems different than usual. It's the right shape for his house but all his stuff is replaced with someone else's. He walks out and checks the number. Yes, it is 27. This should be his house.

"Mum, Dad?" he cries.

A tall, old man steps out from the kitchen. He has a big red nose, piercing blue eyes and is bald. "What are you doing in my house?" he says. "Where are my parents?" John angrily shouts.

"This is my house. I've lived in it 50

years and if you don't get out now I will phone the police."

John rushes out of the house and slams the door behind him. He takes his mobile out of his pocket and dials 999. The operator picks up the phone and says "What service do you require?"

"Police!" John shouts. The operator puts him through. "My parents are missing and some guy is in my house!" John says.

"What is your name?"

"I'm called John Smith and my parents are Steve and Annie Smith." There's a pause and a clicking noise.

"I'm sorry but we have no records of you or your parents"

John hangs up.

Will Huxtable, Year 7

On 25th May, the GTS English Department took a group of Year 9 students to The Plough Arts Centre in to a poetry workshop held by 'Flash': a group of poets. It was a fantastic experience for all of us culminating in the students performing poems they had written that day. Here are two of them.

Poem

Not a red rose or a satin heart,
It is a window,
Looking out onto a beautiful garden,
Its transparency is a virtue.
The warmth and happiness shines through
An open window.
Its accessibility gives its recipients pleasure.

It closes.

The heart goes cold.

The bitter content of the outside world
Reality hits,
It smashes.
The rain trickles down
The shattered pane.
Looking out onto a ruined garden.
A sorry ending to the fairy tale that was.

Henry D'Alberti-Nicholson, Harry Gilbert, Fintan Harris, Chloe Kenneally, Caitlyn Ward. Year 9.

Poem

I shall die,
but that is all I shall do for death.
When my time comes,
I shall let it take me,
But I shall not encourage another's passing.

Doctors tried to save him,
His body was fighting the War,
He was only three,
It wasn't his time to go.

At Death's door she sat.
Medicine was her only hope,
Keeping the Key out of reach
The mother of two,
It wasn't her time to go.

Waiting for the train home,
To the life they used to live,
Some will miss the train
It was their time to go.
But traces still remain,
Their tickets still remain.

Emma Chambers, Lauren Charleton, Anna Chavasse, Esme Huggons Megan Stapleton, Year 9.



Great Torrington Town Council

Local Application for Grant Aid

Great Torrington Town Council administers a charity called the **Commons Allotment Charity**. Each year the charity allocates its small amount of funds to mostly locally based community groups.

As usual, application forms for grant aid during the year 2012/13 are available from the Town Clerk's Secretary. You may obtain an application form by telephoning 01805 626135 or calling into the Council Offices at Castle Hill, South Street, Great Torrington.

Any application to be considered must be returned by noon on Thursday 8th September 2011

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Torrington Church Fete

Don't forget that the traditional Torrington Church Fete will be on Saturday 24 September in the vicarage garden. It will be opened by Mrs Jacqueline MacLean, our new Rector's wife at 2.30pm. There will be all the usual stalls and sideshows.

Torrington's New Vicar

On Monday 5 September, Rev. Lawrence MacLean will be instituted as Rector of Great Torrington, Frithelstock and Little Torrington, by the Bishop of Exeter, at a service in Great Torrington parish church, at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity to welcome him into North Devon and everyone is welcome to come. There will be refreshments in the church afterwards.

Rolle Canal Rosemoor Walk

Our annual walk to the head of the Rolle Canal at Rowes Moor will take place on Sunday 14 August, starting at 2:30pm.

Meeting at the far side of the woodland car park, the walk follows a rough lane down through Darkham Woods to the "Dark Weir" of Tarka the Otter where the eighteenth century mill leat, that later became the headwaters of the canal, leaves the Torridge and heads downstream to Torrington's Town Mills.

Almost a mile of meadow and woodland path leads to the lime kilns beside the canal basin at the northern end of the Rosemoor property.

From there a stroll back through the formal gardens leads to the main entrance/exit and the tea rooms where refreshments can be purchased.

RHS Rosemoor allows the society to lead this walk through areas not open to the public, so for most people it's the only opportunity to view the Rolle Canal and its head weir and to see this beautiful stretch of the Torridge valley.

All are welcome to join Rolle Canal & Northern Devon Waterways Society members on this walk, cost only £2 towards the society's works. Sorry, no

dogs though as it is Rosemoor property. Waterproof boots advised if it's wet. Tel. 01237 425357 or e-mail hassallc@gmail.com

Rolle Canal Society - Away Fixture

On Sunday 18 September members and friends of the society are taking an away day trip to visit the Kelly Mine, near Moretonhampstead and the Heritage Centre at Bovey Tracey.

The Kelly Mine used to produce Micaceous Haematite, a type of iron ore that was useless for smelting iron but made an excellent protective paint for metal work. (Shades of Bideford Black that was useless as coal but was excellent for painting the bottoms of ships.)

All the above-ground workings of the mine have been restored so visitors can see how the ore was ground and treated before being carted away on a narrow gauge railway. A restored water wheel shows how power was provided for the whole works.

You don't have to be a member to join in on this day out so, if you are interested in this further example of industrial history, contact Adrian Wills for more details of times, transport and costs. Email Adrian@therollecanal.co.uk or telephone 01237 477705

Chris Hassall

The Mayor's Diary

Since the last edition of The Crier I have attended a number of interesting and enjoyable events. Helen opened the Abbeyfield Garden Party on a wonderful hot day and once again the volunteer committee pulled out all the





The Crier Team is looking for interested members of our community to become part of a new Crier Committee, to take over all responsibility for the Crier and to establish a constitution.

An honorarium will be available for the committed volunteers who are willing to take over the Library's present responsibility, which consists of editorial, design, advertising and financial administration.

The Crier team are dedicated to producing 10 editions of our community newsletter annually.

If you believe you have the skills, versatility and time to commit to this enterprise and join the team, please contact Kate Greaves at Torrington Library on 01805 622107.

stops to ensure everybody had a lovely day. Dr. Lamb retired from Castle Gardens Surgery after 30 years as a G.P. and staff and friends said a fond farewell on 17 June. On behalf of the Town Council I presented him with a special certificate of thanks.

I must mention the coffee morning Streetz held at the Rugby Club to raise money towards their world championship trip to Blackpool, the cakes were amazing, well done to everyone involved.

Some of you may have seen the parade through the town on 19 June for our Civic Service. We marched with the Torrington Silver Band and many of the town's various organisations to the Methodist Church. Thank you to everybody who took part and particularly to Revd. Graham Slingo, who is my Chaplain. The theme of the service revolved around "community" which was so pertinent for this occasion.

We were joined by our Deputy Mayor, Margaret Brown, when we travelled to Braunton to attend the St. John Day Service to support our own local division of St. John Ambulance. On 27 June we were invited to the Bluecoat School where Bishop Bob presented the Head with an "Outstanding School" certificate at a special assembly. The children were a credit to their parents, teachers and school governors and we felt very honoured to take part.

What a great night we had with Torrington Rotary Club on their President's handover evening! Congratulations to Jenny Staines who has now taken over from Gordon Wiseman. Rotary do a lot of good work and everybody was friendly and welcoming to us both. We look forward to many enjoyable meetings at The Black

Horse.

I must mention the Torrington Town Traders who are working hard to raise the profile of our town and encourage more visitors. The first car boot sale was well attended and we have just been to the first Farmers' Market held at 1646 – a resounding success, so please try to support their efforts and visit the next one.

If you have a charity event or special anniversary to tell me about please ring 01805 625662 or speak to our secretary, Pauline on 01805 626135.

*Councillor Richard Rumbold
Mayor of Great Torrington*

**- - A Night at the Musicals - -
A Charity Concert
at the Plough
8 & 9 September at 7.30 p.m.**

Please come along and support our local youngsters who are staging an evening of popular song and dance from the shows to raise money for the Mayor's Appeal and Little Hearts Matter, which helps families whose children have been born with half a heart. Mel Newcombe's son Zac suffers from this problem and the whole family want to thank the charity for all the support given to them when Zac was quite poorly. So rehearsals are well underway and everybody is very excited about the show. Our aim is to fill all the seats over two nights and make as much money as possible for our charities.

Tickets cost £6 and are on sale at the Plough. This is an opportunity to showcase the talent we have in the town which deserves recognition. Sometimes our youngsters get a bad press but here we have a group of people who are a

credit to us.

Come and see for yourself how good they are! Thank you in advance for your support.

*Richard Rumbold
Mayor of Great Torrington*

Roll up Roll up

Young readers are invited to join this year's reading challenge. Call into the Library for your circus pack and collect a sticker for each of the six books to be read over the school holidays to complete the challenge.

Kate, Lisa, Becky and Bernadette look forward to welcoming all young readers who want to sign up for this annual challenge.

If you are not a member of the library at present just bring along a parent or carer and join up straight away; it is as easy as that.

We have a Circus stars craft session on Thursday 4 August from 10.30 - 12 noon for children aged 5 - 8 years. Booking is essential so call the Torrington Library on 01805 622107 for availability.

**The Methodist Church
Prayer Group**

The Methodist Church Prayer Group meet every Monday and welcome any prayer requests, all of which are strictly confidential.

Prayer cards/boxes are available at Panamart or Church Welcome area. Please speak to Kiz at Panamart or phone 01805 622127 for further information.





Torrington Silver Band

The Coffee morning held on 9 July raised a total of £370.05.

Thanks to everyone who attended and also all who helped, your support is appreciated.

Daphne Mitchell



Torrington Together

The Torrington Together forum for local organisations and groups met at the Torridge Vale Social Club in early June. The meeting attracted some 49 attendees representing 37 different organisations from around Torrington who were enlightened and entertained by various speakers.

The Mayor Richard Rumbold and Bryan Cole of the CDT opened the meeting and invited Tom and Kate Henderson (aka Master Tom and Mistress Kate) from the 1646 visitor attraction, to commence proceedings. They explained the workings of the visitor centre and highlighted that their roles were not only tourist based, but also encompassed an enormous amount of work and effort in outreach educational programmes, with teams being

despatched to places such as Truro, Bristol and Exeter etc. Kate spoke about the Physic Garden, now in its twelfth year and their new quest to create a purely authentic 17th Century garden. Another aim is to develop their work with Age UK, where people suffering from forms of mild dementia spend time in the Garden creating some respite care. The garden is beginning to produce fruit, vegetables and ornamental flowers for sale and for use in their café and the black mulberry tree, sponsored by Torrington in Bloom, has been planted to honour the 1608 mix up between the white and black varieties.



The Torrington Crier, championed by Kate Greaves and her team, was next on the agenda and Kate spoke passionately about the need to pass the Library's involved role in The Crier project to an alternative body. A Management Executive and a Constitution being urgently required to be set up to assist the large team of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to ensure The Crier's future continuation and success. Her call that "It is time for The Good and the True to take up the Mantle" must be heeded.

Michael Squire then rose to give a potted history of The Torrington Rugby Football Club, from 1898 to date, informing the audience of the club's successes, the teams and divisions and some highs and lows in their past recent seasons. He particularly praised Paul Banfield's efforts in bringing together a Colts side who now play in the Devon League (including against the Exeter Chiefs) and where young players are

nurtured to hopefully make the transition into our senior sides and also Chris Beer for his 22 years of unselfish contribution. He applauded all local organisations and businesses for their support including Devon Waste Management and the RFU, and the local schools who are becoming more involved. Mike then closed with a plea for a 1st Team coach which was urgently needed.

Sarah Chappell, Conservation Officer for TDC introduced herself and the workings of her office, highlighting with the use of a colourful handout the kind of work that they look after. The TDC website under Heritage Conservation provides many useful links for information if required and she assured us that she was easy to contact and was happy to speak with anyone on conservation matters.

We all warmed to Charlotte Nott's infectious smile as she spoke about The Little Frogs and the work they do with some 62 children from the age of 2 ½ years upwards and in trying to identify all parents' needs. She welcomed everyone to come to their end of term BBQ and open days to see what they have to offer and finished to a hearty cheer from the audience.

Harry Cramp was next to rise to give a report on the Town Hall. As has been reported, dry rot has been found in another area resulting in the hasty closure of the museum. The builders have been called in and an enormous amount of work has to be done at considerable expense to repair the roof and flooring. It is very frustrating and this bad news came within days of a retirement poem arriving from



the well travelled and mysterious Viper who has been anonymously supporting the effort through donations, radio, newspaper and TV reports for three years. All in all these are difficult times for the project.

Keith Hughes spoke about the Torrington Branch of Parkinson's UK. This type of muscular degeneration affects potentially 170 people in the Torrington area, but there are currently no members from Torrington. He spoke about their social meetings, the treatment, medication and exercises, their bi-monthly newsletter and the possibility of small grants to help sufferers. He would be interested in hearing from anyone in the Torrington area affected by Parkinson's and from anyone who would like to help on their small committee.

Sue Parrish's hominy pies and sausage rolls interrupted proceedings for a while to make time for some useful networking, making new contacts and meeting old friends.

Part two commenced with Cherry Hammon giving an update on Torrington in Bloom, and the marvellous efforts of individuals and organisations in helping and supporting this initiative.

John Portman informed the meeting that TVGS – the voluntary gardening service for the needy - was now fully operational and felt that they were now in the position to help more clients.

Gordon Wiseman gave a brief resume on Rotary's recent activities including the very successful street collections for the

Japanese disaster and their Polio Plus project. He told us about the Youth Leadership awards and then closed by introducing next year's president - Jenny Staines.

Mike Evans representing Probus informed us about their work and gave a brief history of their group. They are also looking for new members and guest speakers.

Sue Mills gave thanks to David Nainby for his chairmanship of The Care Forum and there followed an informative report on The Torrington Town Traders by Richard Phillips. Their efforts to "improve the footfall in town" and their various initiatives and events planned for the future are to be applauded. These will be well advertised.

Mike Banburgh then stood in support of the Plough Plus initiative where the Globe Hotel might become a part of The Plough and asked for support in their efforts.

Finally, Karen Witney from Tarka Housing gave an enthusiastic report on the workings of The Emergency Alarm Call Unit, calling it "a real lifeline". This unit is in not only available to the elderly and vulnerable but for domestic violence (male or female) victims and dementia patients as well. This is a free or subsidised service to those who qualify.

In summary, this latest Torrington Together meeting was very much a "Spread the Word" meeting and we do hope that it was an enlightening, helpful and, at times, light-hearted look at what is going on in and around our unique town.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7 December, 2011. Put it in your diary!

Torrington Volunteer Garden Service

The volunteers who help run this valuable service have been busy helping those aged over 60 yrs who are in need of basic garden maintenance due to not being able to afford a commercial gardener or do not have anyone who can assist them. If you know of anyone who would like some help, now that the summer has finally arrived, please telephone the office (01805 622666) when we can take details and will endeavour to assist. Our volunteers can travel to outlying areas to undertake work and because of this, we ask for a small donation towards fuel costs, etc. We are still looking for volunteers who live in the small villages surrounding Torrington, and if you would like to help, please give us a ring to discuss options. We look forward to hearing from you.



Are you aged 18 or over?

Do you want to help the community and young children?

Girlguiding Torrington District needs your help. We are looking for new female volunteers to help run brownies on a Monday (6-7.30pm) or Wednesday (6.30-8pm).

For more information please call Leanne Wade on 01805 625846 for Monday Brownies or Shirley Lee on 01805 625965 for Wednesday Brownies.



Girlguiding

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.



Pause For Thought **Discover the art of arriving!**

Years ago it was a slogan on a motor manufacturer's advert with regards to a certain make of car. I recall in my mid teens going to Exeter in the family car, this being our annual trip to the city. The car went fine all the way there but coming home was another story. Not long into the return journey it developed a fault, as soon as Dad engaged top gear it would start jumping and bucking like we had kangaroo petrol; we had a look under the bonnet but could see nothing out of place, the journey took twice as long because he was in third gear all the way, eventually we 'discovered the art of arriving' we had made it home. The fault was later found to be a loose wire connection.

You know life's journey for many of us can or has been like that journey from Exeter, something happens where instead of life running smoothly it becomes bumpy and we don't know how we are going to cope.

I am well past my three score years and ten and still motoring on, my journey has not all been plain sailing, having had a number of disappointments and regrets like many other people, at the time they were devastating.

In those days God to me was very distant, though in my desperation I cried out to Him for help. The picture of 'Foot prints' is well known, it shows the foot prints of a person in the sand, but a little way on shows another set of different prints, the person said, who's are the other prints? God said 'that was when I carried you', that's how it was for me, to me He was so distant yet He was there carrying me. Now I know Him as my

heavenly Dad, He has provided and blessed me so much. When I accepted His Son Jesus into my life, all the past hurts and disappointments have been taken away and replaced with joy and peace, one day I shall 'discover the art of arriving' in that glorious place home with my Heavenly Dad, What Jesus has done for me He can do for anyone who puts their trust in Him.

Vernon Andrew
Torrington



Love Leas - First Anniversary

Come along to Love Leas on Saturday 27 August to celebrate the little shop's 1st Birthday

I will be offering cupcakes on that day to all customers and a 10% discount on all stock for one week only from that day.

I would like to say a big thank you to everybody who has supported me in my first year; I have met some truly lovely people.

Love Leas stocks shabby chic, country house, vintage, gifts for the home as well as that special gift for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, you will always find something whether a small item, just to pop into a card or a larger item. If you are decorating or moving house, you can always find something a little bit different.

Love Leas may be a small shop but there is always plenty to look at, so put the 27 August in your diary and I look forward to seeing you then.

See my advert in this edition of The Crier.

Thank you, Lea

Short Mat Bowling at Merton

The Merton Short Mat Bowling Club will soon be getting ready for the 'Winter Season' which begins on Thursday 8 September for the first Roll up after a most enjoyable 'Summer League'.



Lord Clinton, our president honoured us with his presence again this year, accompanied by, Lady Clinton, to watch the finals of 'The Lord Clinton Cup'. As always he seemed to enjoy the evening along with his wife and those of us, not taking part.

Our Club is situated at The Clinton Hall, Merton and we hosted once again the North Devon Short Mat 'Summer Tournament' which was held in June. Everyone had a most enjoyable day which included Morning Coffee/Tea & Biscuits, Three Course Dinner and Afternoon Tea. The presentations took place with The Four Seasons being the winning team and Westward Ho the runners up, thus finally bringing this great occasion to a close at approximately 6pm.

There are many different tournaments and matches throughout the seasons including The Graham Heaman Triples and the Doug Sheppard Trophy together with the North Devon 'Winter Tournament' which we also host yearly. Our fixtures can be on different afternoons or evenings during the week although we confirm the availability of our members first and inform them whether the games are at home or away. We also normally have a weekly roll up on a Thursday beginning at 7.30pm and possibly this coming season, arrangements for one in the afternoon.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our welcome in inviting you to come and join us, what ever your age, male, female, whether you are a beginner or if you have already played the game and where ever you may live. We are a very friendly group of people, so becoming a member includes making new friends and socialising at our seasonal dinners held at different recommended venues, as we also come from surrounding areas to.

We look forward to hearing from anyone wishing to join us, call Linda King on 01805 601643 – Email Linda@littlewood-cottage.co.uk or pop in at the Clinton Hall from Thursday 8 September at 7.30pm onwards.

L King



Church Tower Floodlighting

If you would like to light up the Church Tower to give a greeting to someone or remember a loved one on an anniversary please telephone 01805 623169 or send it to the Crier, cheques to be made payable to "PCC Great Torrington Parish". One day £2, any 3 days (not necessarily consecutive) £5. N.B. To be printed in the October edition of the Crier your entry must be in by Wednesday 7th September.

During August the Tower will be lit on 14th Bernice Finnamore - Happy Birthday to my Granddaughter Zoe Moore-Fordham.

22nd Bernice Finnamore - Happy Birthday to my Grandson Neil Fordham.

26th Bernice Finnamore - Happy Birthday to my dear Daughter Alison Moore.

During September the Tower will be lit on 2nd - 8th To welcome Fr. Lawrence MacLean - anon.

15th Bernice Finnamore - Happy Birthday to my Son-in-law Grahame Moore.

Baroque Music Concert

High summer is a great time for live music, especially in a really attractive venue, so where better than St Edmund's Church, Dolton.

The Greenwood Consort is a lively and engaging group, presenting baroque music on period instruments. The music is introduced with a smile, the occasional laugh and some fascinating facts. Mark, Ian and Stella present Sun, Sea and Sensibility, a musical exploration of the sun-drenched Mediterranean.

Domenico Scarlatti's sonatas for harpsichord are well-known and loved for their character and exotic flamenco flavour. His father, Alessandro Scarlatti, wrote songs that are both charming and memorable. The works of the Scarlattis, padre e figlio, form a thread throughout the evening. The longer works include concertos for organ and harpsichord by the Spanish monk Antonio Soler, increasingly heard on Radio 3 as a fascinating 'rediscovered' composer. G. B. Sammartini's delightful flute sonata and G. Sammartini's virtuosic and moving recorder concerto completes the evening.

The concert offers a relaxed blend of well-known and intriguingly obscure music, set in context in a friendly and approachable way.

A perfect chance to extend your summer fun! Mark, Ian and Stella hope you will be able to join them on Tuesday 9 August at 7.30pm at St Edmund's Church, Dolton.

Light refreshment will be available at the end of the concert, there will also be a retiring collection in aid of the church funds at which we hope you will generously show your appreciation for a wonderful evening.

Fashion Show

Following the great success of our first fashion show last year Panamart is hosting another larger show, but this time in collaboration with 'Dragonfly Fashion' and 'Devine Designs'.



The venue will be the same; Torrington Vale Social Club with the event held on Friday 26 August at 7.30pm. There will be finger food

available and a raffle.

Tickets are £10, with proceeds going towards the airfare for a young person from Torrington to travel to Panama with Kiz from Panamart, Karen from Dragonfly Fashion and Anjie from Devine Designs to meet children with disabilities that we sponsor there.

Please drop into Panamart or Dragonfly Fashion to purchase your tickets and for any further information. Thank you for your support.



Diary

A Listing of Community, Social and Fundraising Events in the Torrington and Surrounding District Areas.

AUG 2011

Mon 1

Little Frogs Mon–Fri 8.45am-3.45pm
07870 509 674

Little Tadpoles stay & play 9.30-11.30am 07870 509 674

Panamart Comm Inf Ctr Support group 1.30-3pm. Supported by N Devon Link service

1st Torrington Rainbows 6.15-7.15pm
Linda 01237 451302

1st Torrington Brownies 6pm-7.30pm
Leanne 01805 625846

Torrington Seniors 7.30pm-9pm Sandra
07729 065 556

1st Torrington Cubs 5.45-7.15pm Cilla
01805 625856

1st Torrington Scout Group 7.30-9.00pm Peter 01409 281246

Cash Bingo TVSC 7.30pm

Torrington Silver Band 8-9.30pm Nick
01805 622150

Tue 2

Story time 10–10.30am Library 1st Tues of month

1st Torrington Guides 7.00-8.30pm
Linda 01805–623212

Beaver Group 4.30-5.45pm Anne
01805-601580

Spiritual Healing 3pm-4.30pm & 7pm-9pm. Frithelstockstone 01805-622883

Bingo Taddiport Village Hall 7.30pm

Film 'Winnie the Pooh' (U) 2pm Plough

Film 'Green Lantern' (12A) 8pm Plough

Wed 3

Sensory Bus 11-3pm South St Car Park
Little Tadpoles stay & play 9.30-11.30am 07870 509 674

3rd Torrington Brownies 6.30-8.00pm
Shirley 01805-625965

Free English Course for Adults GTS 7-9pm Jayne 07976 877 985 / 01237 472462

Langtree Unites Netball Club Jnrs 7-8pm, Snrs 8-9.30pm sports hall
Tessa 0797 1083510

Film 'Winnie the Pooh' (U) 2pm Plough

Film 'Le Quatro Volte' (U) 8pm Plough

Thu 4

Pannier General Market 10am–4pm
Little Fishes Toddler Group Baptist Ch 9.30-11.30am Wendy 01805 623214

Tenancy & Housing advice by appt
Panamart Com Inf Ctr

Rugby Training 7pm

Torrige Ramblers Eve walk 01237-451643

Performance 3.30pm Plough 'Stage Combat + Shakespeare'

Film 'Winnie the Pooh' (U) 5pm Plough

Film 'Kaboom' (15) 8pm Plough

Fri 5

Pannier Bric-a-Brac Market 10am-4pm
Allsorts Childrens' Club Inf Sch 6.30-8pm yrs 1-6 Morag 01805 625510

Allsorts Plus Young Persons' Club at Bluecoat School 8-9pm yrs 6-9 Morag 01805 625510

Safari Supper in aid of St Petroc's Church £10 Maureen 01837-810796

Theatre 'Gentle Harry's Farm' 7.30pm Plough

Sat 6

Pannier Gen Mkt every Sat 10–4pm

Farmers Market 10-4pm 1646 Andy
01805-624430

Boot Fair 12.30-4pm South St car park, stall holders from 12 £5 free parking after 12pm Kate 01805-626146

Yarnscombe Fete & Dog show Ch Park field. Dog show entr 12pm, judging 2pm. Fete 2.30pm

Music Dale Helsby/Assassins of Sound 8pm Plough

Sun 7

Gt Torrington Cmns Car Boot 7am Old Bowling Green Suns til 25th Sept

Catholic Church of the Holy Family – Mass Sundays 9.15am

Baptist Church Svcs Sundays 10.30am

St. Michael's Church Sung Mass & Sermon Sundays 10am

Torrington Comm Church Bluecoat Inf Sundays 11am Karen 01805 622866

Torrington Methodist Ch 10.30 Rev Graham Slings, 6.30 Rev David Morris

NGS Open Gardens Little Torrington (2 gardens) 2-5pm

Mon 8

Historical Society Sth St car park 7pm

Tue 9

Little Torrington W.I Heritage walk in Bple 01805-625938

Stones Solicitors free legal advice by appt Panamart Com Inf Cntr

Film 'Thor' (12A) 2pm Plough & 'Cave of Forgotten Dreams' (U) 8pm Plough

Wed 10

Gt. Torrington Care Forum Early Yrs Ctr Lnch 11.45-12.25pm Forum 12.30 1.30pm

Book/stamps/coins Fair 10-4pm Pan Mkt supp. Little John's House 01805-938227

Torrington W.I picnic on the commons

Senior Council for Devon 2pm at Methodist Church

Film 'Thor' (12A) 5pm & 'Potiche' (15) 8pm Plough

Theatre 'Pride & Prejudice' 7pm Castle Hill

Thu 11**Memory Cafe** 10am Plough**Film** 'Thor' (12A) 5pm & 'Cave of Forgotten Dreams' (U) 8pm Plough**Fri 12****Open Mediumistic Development Circle**

7.15-9.30pm Taddiport Village Hall £4 01805-62283

Film 'Last Night' (12A) 8pm & 'Apocalypse Now' (15) 11pm Plough**Sat 13****Torrige Ramblers** 7m wk 01805-625485**Car Boot Sale** Chulmleigh playing fields 1pm sellers, 2pm buyers, cars £4, vans £5. For Wembworthy church funds Christine 01769-580241**Dance** French & Breton, Music & Dancing 8.30pm Plough**Sun 14****Torrington Methodist Church** 10.30 Rev Peter Bolt, 6.30 Rev Graham Slings**Tue 16****Parkinson's UK Torrige Branch**

coffee morn every 3rd Tues 10.30-12.30pm The Pill, Bideford

Film 'Life in a Day' (12A) 5 & 8pm Plough**Wed 17****Torrige Ramblers** Eve Walk 3m 01805-622183**Theatre** 'Marionette Circus Troupe' 2pm Plough**Show/Workshop** 3-4pm Plough 'Noisy Oyster Marionette Puppet Show'**Film** 'Louise Michel' (12A) 8pm Plough**Thu 18****Music** 'Guitar Anthems' 8pm Plough**Fri 19****Torrington and Taddiport Spiritual****Awareness Group** 'Flower Clairsensience' with Celia Estella 7.30-

9.30pm Taddiport Village Hall, £4 01805-622883

Film 'Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows' 5 & 8pm Plough**Sat 20****Taddiport Tea Dance** 2-4pm Doug

01805-622648 or Beryl 624294

Summer Ball Devon Maids take on China, fund raiser Durrant House Hotel. INicki 01271-858493**Film** 'Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows' 3 & 8pm Plough**Sun 21****Torrington Methodist Church** 10.30 Mr

John Dennis, 6.30 Rev Graham Slings, Holy Communion

Torrige Rblrs Walk 5m 01237-451820**Afternoon Tea** 2.30pm garden at Long Close, Chawleigh £3.50 u11s free, in aid of Devon Air Ambulance & Wembworthy church fund**Film** 'Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows' 3 & 8pm Plough**Mon 22****Film** 'Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows' 3 & 8pm Plough**Tue 23****Stones Solicitors** free legal advice by appt Panamart Com Inf Ctr**Cream Tea** Hele Barton, Petrockstowe 2.30pm in aid of Northam Lodge Anne 01837-810280**Film** 'Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows' 3 & 8pm Plough**Wed 24****North Devon Humanists** Fremington

Parish Hall 7.30pm Barry 01237 474225 or David 01237 477851

Film 'Mammuth' (15) 8pm Plough**Thu 25****Probus Club** The Black Horse 10.15am**Theatre** 'Funny Tricks' 8pm Plough**Fri 26****Music RHS Rosemoor** 'The Orchards' & Roger 'Colone', Ploughmans & pud, bar,

fund raiser for Buck Brwr & Little Torrington village hall £12 Rose 01805-625194

Film 'Transformers' (12A) 5pm Plough**Film** 'Bridesmaids' (15) 8pm Plough**Sat 27****Arts, Crafts & Quilting Exhibition**

Langtree church

Film 'Transformers' (12A) 5pm & 'Bridesmaids' (15) 8pm @ The Plough**Sun 28****Torrington Methodist Ch** 10.30 Rev

Graham Slings, 7pm Inspire

Tue 30**Music** 'The Hot Seats' 8pm Plough**Wed 31****Film** 'A Separation' (PG) 8pm Plough**SEPT 2011****Thu 1****Pannier Gen Mkt** every Thurs 10-4pm**Little Fishes** Toddler Group Baptist

Church term time 9.30-11.30am

Wendy 01805 623214

Rugby Training Thurs 7pm start**Writers Poets and Listeners** 7.30pm at the Plough**Film** 'Captain America' (ctba) 8pm Plough**Fri 2****Exhibition** 'The Plough Photographic

Competition' til Sat 24th Sept. Deadline for entries 27th Aug 2011

Pannier Bric-a-Brac Market Fridays

10am-4pm

Allsorts Childrens' Club Inf Sch 6.30-

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Film 'The Tree of Life' (12A) 8pm Plough

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622183

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Gig 'The Blockheads' 8.30pm Plough

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Film 'The Tree of Life' (12A) 7pm Plough

Mon 5

Little Frogs Mon-Fri (term time)
8.45am-3.45pm 07870 509 674

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1st Torrington Rainbows term time
6.15-7.15pm Linda 01237 451302

1st Torrington Brownies term time
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Torrington Seniors term time 7.30pm-
9pm Sandra 07729 065 556

1st Torrington Cubs term time 5.45-
7.15pm Cilla 01805 625856

1st Torrington Scout Group term time

7.30-9.00pm Peter 01409

Cash Bingo TVSC 7.30pm Mondays
Institution of Rev Lawrence McLean
as Rector of St Michael & All Angels, Gt
Torrington

Torrington Silver Band 8-9.30pm Nick
01805 622150

Theatre Trilogy 'One-Man Star Wars'
(TM) 8pm Plough

Tue 6

Story time 10-10.30am Library 1st Tues
of month

1st Torrington Guides 7.00-8.30pm
Linda 01805-623212

Beaver Group 4.30-5.45pm Anne
01805-601580

Spiritual Healing none this week
Bingo Taddipport Vge Hall Tuesdays
7.30pm

Artists Wall til 24th Sept Kenneth
Williams - Mixed Media. Plough

Film 'The Violent Kind' (18) 8pm Plough

Wed 7

Little Tadpoles stay & play term time
9.30-11.30am 07870 509 674

3rd Torrington Brownies term time
6.30-8.00pm Shirley 01805-625965

Free English Course for Adults GTS 7-
9pm term time. Jayne 07976 877 985
01237 472462

Langtree Unites Netball Club Jnrs 7-
8pm, Snrs 8-9.30pm sports hall
Tessa 0797 1083510

Afternoon Cream Tea & pop music
2.30pm Langtree church £2 Patricia
01805-601421

Film 'The Big Picture' (15) 8pm Plough

Thu 8

Memory Cafe 10am Plough

Holsworthy Festival Chorus 'Britten's
'St Nicolas' rehearsals start

Poetry 'Open Mouth Poetry Night' 8pm

Plough

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Fri 9

Petrockstowe Local History Group
7.30pm Petrockstoke Hall, Ted Lott on
'The Bible Christians' 01837-801280

Sat 10

Music 'Southern Tenant Folk Union'
8pm Plough

Sun 11

Torrington Methodist Ch 10.30 Rev
Graham Slingo, 6.30 No details

Gt Torrington Harvest Celebration

Cream Teas from 2pm Pannier Mkt

Film 'Larry Crowne' (12A) 7pm Plough

Mon 12

Historical Society Methodist Church
7pm for 7.30pm

Tue 13

Little Torrington W.I 'Torrington Town
Lands Charity' Chris Styles vge hall

Spiritual Healing every Tues. 3-4.30pm
& 7-9pm Frithelstockstone 01805
622883

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Wed 14

Gt. Torrington Care Forum Early Yrs
Ctr Lunch 11.45-12.25pm Forum 12.30-
1.30pm

Book/stamps/coins Fair 10-4pm Pan Mkt
supp. Little John's House 01805-938227

Johnny Cowling sings 'Elvis' 7.30pm
Langtree Ch £6.50 Mary 01805-601235
or Sylvia 01805-601485

Torrington W.I 'Rapid UK' 7pm Meth.
Hall

Film 'Poetry' (ctba) 8pm Plough

Thu 15**Film** 'Super 8' (ctba) 8pm Plough**Fri 16****Open Mediumistic Development****Circle** Torrington and Taddipport Spiriuual Awareness Group 7.15-9.30pm

Taddipport Vge Hall £4 01805-62283

Quiz Night Devon Maids take on China

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Comedy 'Shappi Khorsandi' 8pm Plough**Sat 17****Taddipport Tea Dance** 2-4pm Doug

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Rosemoor

Sun 18**Torrington Methodist Ch** 10.30 Rev

Graham Slingo, 7pm Newton St Peters

Male Voice Choir

Rolle Canal Society trip to Kelly Mine &

Bovey Tracey Heritage Ctr. (See article)

Trdge Ramblers Walk 6m 01805-622108**Theatre** 'Potted Potter' 3 & 7pm Plough**Tue 20****Parkinson's UK Torridge Branch**

coffee morning every 3rd Tuesday 10.30-

12.30pm at The Pill, Bideford

Film 'Just Do It' (12A) 8pm Plough**Wed 21****Film** 'The Princess of Montpensier' (15)

8pm Plough

Thu 22**Probus Club** The Black Horse 10.15am**Film** 'The Rise of the Planet of the Apes'

(12A) 8pm Plough

Fri 23**Torrington and Taddipport Spiriuual****Awareness Group** 'An Evening withTrudie Brown' 7.30-9.30pm Vge Hall, £4
01805 622883**Theatre** 'Showstopper' The improvised
Musical 8pm Plough**Sat 24****Torridge Ramblers** Walk 8m 01237-

479473

Church Fete 2.30pm St Michaels & All

Angels in Vicarage garden

Gig 'Lionstar' 8pm Plough**Sun 25****Film** 'Beginners' (15) 7pm Plough**Tue 27****Parkinson's UK Torridge Branch** lunch

Crealock Arms, Littleham

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Philanthropist' 8pm Plough

North Devon Humanists Fremington

Parish Hall 7.30pm Barry 01237 474225

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Peter Filleul' 8pm Plough

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Morag 01805 625510



Great Big Book Fair

Encouraged by the success of their first "Great Big Book Fair" in Torrington Pannier Market in July, John & Tilly Kimber have added two more dates for follow ups: Wednesday 10 August & Wednesday 14 September. A wide range of books will be on sale, mostly at bargain prices. Also stamps and coins. Supporting Little John's House.

Pitches are still available. For more

information phone 01805 938227 or
email: tillyjohn@talktalk.net

Panamart Community Information Centre

We are moving, but the services provided by the Panamart Community Information Centre will continue! We are moving to 31 South Street (Linda Bayliss Antiques- who will still be working from home), in mid-August and here the Community Information Centre will have more room and facilities available.

The Mental Health Support Group which is currently held every Monday afternoon for those suffering with depression, anxiety or pain, from 1.30-3pm will expand in the new premises to be available on a more drop in basis over three days a week, and we are working towards providing internet facilities, a support worker, links to wellbeing classes and an art and craft area for our growing self help group.

Sanctuary Carr-Gomm Tenancy Advice: Despite information that over 20 people are homeless and sofa surfing in Torrington and that many people are struggling to pay their rent and at risk of losing their tenancies, the take up of the free advice from the tenancy officer here has been low and therefore the appointments available on 4 August will be the last in this area for the time being.

Stones Solicitors will continue to provide free legal advice - by appointment when we have moved to the new premises. They are available fortnightly on a Tuesday morning.

This month, on 5 August we also have a chiropodist visiting the Centre, providing free half hour appointments to check over your feet to see if they need

any treatment. So, if you are a pensioner, or on benefits, or a on a low wage and are having problems with your feet (which may be affecting your walking) please drop into the Panamart CIC to book your free appointment.

The new premises will also continue to be available for meetings and training courses etc, so please continue to contact us should you need to use the rooms.

Kiz and Simon Angell

Torrington W.I.

We have no monthly meeting in August but, ever hopeful, we plan instead a 'bring a share' picnic out of town in a member's garden. Optimism is always high in the WI!

At the end of the month several members are going to a croquet day in Barnstaple, some to practise their skills and others to learn some.

There is lots going on in September. Firstly, we have members attending a Poland day, to learn about that country's history and culture, to hear its music and eat a traditional Polish lunch.

Whilst most of us attend the September monthly meeting on Wednesday 14th in the Methodist Church Hall at 7pm, to hear Graham Payne from Rapid UK (i.e. Rescue & Preparedness in Disasters) tell us about this vital work, several other members will be off to Denman College to enjoy a range of 3-day courses including visiting The Ashmolean on one course and quite what 'Showstoppers' are up to I'm not sure but

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it sounds energetic.

Later in the month a group will be at Filleigh Village Hall for a Health Day entitled 'Cause, Consequence and Cure'. This serious matter comes with a lot of laughter and a healthy lunch.

Every WI event comes with a lot of laughter! Certainly at Torrington WI we have lots of fun and welcome prospective members to our meetings. You can be sure to find us a friendly bunch.

Any queries about Torrington W.I. ring President, Joyce Ridgwell on 01805 623588. To find out about the Women's Institute nationwide, past, present and future, visit www.thewi.org.uk

Torrington RFC

Fun 7's day.

The 1st training session of the new season has already taken place in the format of a small fun 7's tournament on Saturday 2 July. Five teams entered, all of differing ages and abilities, ranging from a young fast colts team up to a more 'senior' side, along with a side from the Barnstaple Raiders. A massive thank you to everyone involved with organising the day, refereeing the games and the players for turning up and making the day a very enjoyable one with plenty of sunshine, a lovely BBQ, all followed by a great 'cocktail' evening.

I'm not entirely sure who actually won the tournament but I do remember the best try of day, allegedly – long live the old fat boys!



Training has become a little more formal since that day and is now being held every Monday and Thursday at the rugby club, 6.45pm for 7pm – all are welcome, just turn up.

For more information call/text Rob Bewes 07976 066440 1st Team Manager. **Youth Rugby Summer Camp.**

We are running a summer youth camp at the rugby club this year on 2nd and 5th August, from 10.30am – 3.30pm everyday aimed at anyone interested in the game, from new to experienced players. Qualified RFU coaches are running the various sessions to improve all aspects of your game. £6 for the duration, BBQ on the last day, bring bodies and enthusiasm.

Please call/text Mark Waterson on 07799 401 704

Horticultural Society

Our Summer Show is on Saturday 20 August, from 2.15pm we shall be serving tea and cake so come and see the display. If you fancy entering schedules are available from the Show Secretary on 10805 623152 or from Ferry's in Torrington. The Show includes flowers, fruit and vegetables and also cakes, jams, craftwork, floral art and photography; so something for everyone, and only 10p per entry.

For the next two months at our monthly meetings we will be walking on the wild side: on Tuesday 3 August Graham McVittie from the Exmoor National Park will be giving us an insight into Special Trees and Woodland, and on 6 September Mary Breedes will be "walking" us round the flora and fauna of



Brainton Burrows.

In the meantime I hope you are taking the opportunity to visit gardens; there are just so many to see in North Devon.

For more about the Society follow the links from the Crier website. Alternatively ring Sally Ramsden, on 01805 623152 or just turn up to a meeting at 7.30pm at Torridge Vale Social Club.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Sally Ramsden

All Saints Church Langtree

From Saturday 27 August to Monday 29 August Langtree All Saints Church presents a fabulous Quilting, Arts and Crafts Exhibition in the church. There will be something for everyone to enjoy including pottery, painting, knitting, sewing, patchwork and quilting to name a few.

On 7 September join us for an Afternoon Cream Tea and Popular Music with organist Stephen Mailes at 2.30pm. Come along and see our beautiful church with its new roof and glistening windows then sit back and listen to the wonderful music followed by a delicious cream tea. The price is £2.00 all inclusive. For catering purposes please phone Patricia 01805 601421 to book.

On 14 September Johnny Cowling sings Elvis! The programme starts at 7.30pm and tickets are available at £6.50 to include tea and biscuits. Johnny Cowling is very popular and as space is limited booking is essential. Please phone Mary 01805 601235 or Sylvie 01805 601485 to book your place. No raffle.



Devon Girls Take On China

Each year around 150 babies will be admitted to North Devon District Hospital's Special Care Baby Unit to be cared for by specially trained doctors and nurses. Having known friends experience trauma and distress as new parents requiring this unit, I could at the time only offer my hope, sympathy and support for them.



Now, my friends and I are embarking on an amazing trek raising funds for equipment for the Special Care baby Unit.

We are a group of 'Devon Maids' preparing to trek the Great Wall of China! My name is Nicki Bellew, I am 25, and this is the greatest challenge I've ever undertaken!

My trekking friends include; Felicity Reids, a 25 year old nursery nurse and mum to 19-month-old Jack. Flic's two cousins have benefited from the care given from staff at SCBU and she would like to highlight her support for the SCBU. She has also lost a grandmother to cancer and has a friend currently undergoing treatment

Heather Smoldon 21, from South Molton, is a student radiographer and a healthcare assistant for the ND Healthcare Trust where she comes into contact with cancer patients and babies in SCBU, hence her support.

Georgina Smoldon, Heather's twin, works as a home carer, again experiencing people who have suffered from cancer.

We four have found this fantastic opportunity to raise money for our

chosen charities, by hiking for 9 days over the Great Wall of China. Pushing our boundaries, we will be trekking from Badaling through various terrain and up strenuous steep steps, until we reach our goal of Mutianyu.

As a group of farmers' daughters, our first success at fundraising has been by advertising manure! With some invaluable help, we were able to dig, bag and sell the horse dung. "Where there's muck, there's money!"

We have many more innovative ideas tucked up our sleeve for fundraising ideas; alongside the SCBU we will be raising for the new Chemotherapy Unit.

With 1 in 3 people being diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lifetime, this disease affects many families and friends, me included. The NDDH Chemotherapy Service treats nearly 5000 Northern Devon residents a year and on average sees up to 22 diagnosed patients every day. Their appeal is to create a new building to bring a positive and brighter environment to the already supportive and wonderful staff.

This is an intrepid journey we are undertaking, not just the walking but also the exciting prospect of organising the event, learning new and interesting things about both ourselves and these causes, and meeting members of the public willing to support our chosen charities.

If you wish to sponsor us, you can find us as 'Devon Girls take on China' at our webpage <http://www.justgiving.com/Heather-Smoldon> and click 'Donate Now'

We have many fundraising events lined up in the months to come, so keep an eye out for them. We still have plenty of manure for sale – good value for a good cause at only 50p for a 25g bag. For

more information please contact Nicki on 01271858493 or Flic on 01271 858546

A big thank you from all of us
(NHS Charitable fund registered charity number: 1051463)

P.S. there are some fantastic auction lots available at our fundraising summer ball on 20 August at the Durrant House Hotel - 4 Weekend break in Polzeath, Flat Screen TV, Horse riding lesson at Thinking Horses, Shirwell. 4* Break at 'Seasons' Woolacombe. An afternoon's gardening, Extreme water sports vouchers, pub meal vouchers and much more.....!*

k9focus

After the lovely Spring year I have been enjoying the cooler spell but I understand that you guys might have wanted it a little warmer. I have heard constant moans and groans from my human friends as they struggle against the wind and the rain to put up our tent at the various fetes and shows. They are a dedicated lot you know – so far this year they have been out most weekends raising money for my 'gang'. Have you seen my gang? You can visit them at www.k9focus.co.uk and see how well I am looking after them. Aunty Lynne and her volunteers are always on the lookout for fund raising ideas and events and so if you have any or would like to host a coffee morning or Big Breakfast then she would be pleased to discuss this with you. Give her a call on 01769 560928.

Sadly the last few months has seen an increase in some of our larger friends being abandoned, probably because people are finding it hard financially.

Over the last couple of weeks we have seen 4 mastiffs come into the rescue and sadly a couple of older gentlemen who really should not be seeing out their last few years of life in kennels. We have given them a good spruce up and sorted out their teeth and nails and it seems to have given them a new lease of life. They are happily skipping round the field, for a minute of two at least, and then content to just lie in the sun! If you are perhaps retired and want a quieter companion that doesn't need much walking and is happy just to play in the garden then please do let us know. All these guys need is a nice retirement couch and the odd cuddle!

That's all from me this month folks as I have loads of work to do gathering up my gang ready for the next show.

Woofs as always, Sir Duke

Jeneca Beads Shop

Carol and Jeanne would like to say a big thank you to all their customers who have supported us over the past 5 years. We will be closing the Jeneca Beads shop on Saturday 20th August as we are downsizing the business to internet only.

We opened the Jeneca Beads shop in 2005 and through the years we have had some amazing experiences – We were featured in the Sunday Mail, given talks to the W.I and other ladies groups, appeared on Spotlight News but the highlight has to be being invited to the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in 2009. All these experiences happened because we took the steps to starting our own business in later life.

Our decision to downsize has been a difficult one as we have always enjoyed building the business and meeting our

customers face to face. However we feel it is the right time to make the change and for us to spend a little less time working and attempt all those long awaited jobs at home.

We will be moving our internet business to www.jenecabeads.com Anyone who has any repairs can either leave them at HQ Hairdressers or contact us directly.

We would also like to thank our families for their continued help and support they have given us over the past five years whilst we have been establishing our business.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the years and look forward to seeing you in the future.

Jeanne and Carol

Keep your Animals Safe in the Sun

A few tips for looking after your pet during warm weather:

Never leave an animal in a car in warm weather. The temperature inside a car on a hot day can quickly rise to double the temperature



outside. This can lead to an animal overheating, becoming distressed and suffering

Avoid strenuous exercise in hot weather. During hot weather walk your dog early in the morning or later in the evening

Check your pets regularly for fleas and ticks. Fleas and ticks thrive in the warm weather. Remember to treat your pet to prevent infestations.

Provide a constant supply of fresh drinking water. Don't forget to give your rabbit/guinea pig/hamster fresh water

daily. Dogs and cats will also drink more water in the hot weather.

Ensure your pets have access to shade. In warm weather small animal hutches and enclosures should be in the shade all day and they should be well ventilated. It is very important that all pets have access to shade

Check animals everyday for flystrike. Flies like to lay their eggs on the wet and dirty coats of rabbits, guinea pigs, dogs and cats.

Animals and their living areas should be kept clean and dry.

Protect your pets against sunburn.

Animals can suffer from sunburn. Protect any white extremities, especially ear tips, with a high factor sun cream.

Torrington Writers' Group

The group's meeting in July was well attended. The optional subject was 'Fox' and a good selection of poems and stories on this theme were produced. We had an interesting and enjoyable meeting - yes Roy your joke about biscuit crumbs hopefully being fox's went don well!!

There will be no meeting during August. We all wish Iain a speedy recovery from his broken ankle and look forward to seeing him at the meeting on 1 September when the subject is 'Globe'.

Sue Davan

Street Collection

The Street collection on Saturday 11 June raised £283.00.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the cause.

Mr Barber

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Devon Walks

We would like to invite you to be part of our first ever Devon Walks event on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th September. This offers you the chance to enjoy the amazing beauty of the area we live in, whilst also celebrating the memory of someone special to you. Whether it's striding out on the cliffs, or a gentle lakeside



stroll, we have got something to suit all ages and abilities. The weekend has a choice of four fantastic fundraising walks that show off the breathtaking landscapes of North Devon. You can choose from the following walks:

Saturday 24th September - 11.00am.

Beautiful circular lake walk at Arlington Court, near Barnstaple.

Saturday 24th September - 4.00pm.

Stunning sunset walk on the sprawling Saunton Sands beach.

Sunday 25th September - 9.30am.

Scenic circular walk on Exmoor from Brendon Two Gates.

Sunday 25th September - 10.00am.

Challenging, rugged coastal walk from Clovelly to Hartland Quay.

Many people will be walking in memory of a loved one, while some will simply be enjoying the spectacular surroundings.

Once you register, we will send you your fundraising pack with all the information you need. If you wish, we

will also send you our special 'Memory Heart' on which you can write who it is you are walking for. You can then wear this on the day if you choose. Every step we take together, and every pound you



raise will help North Devon Hospice provide free specialist care for local families dealing with life-threatening illnesses.

To find out more, and register online, please visit www.devonwalks.org.uk. Or you can call Gerard from our fundraising team on 01271 347224 or email devonwalks@northdevonhospice.org.uk.

Action on Hearing Loss

Action on Hearing Loss – formerly RNID – is launching a 'Hear to Help' project in the autumn and the charity is looking for volunteers to help reduce the loneliness and isolation often experienced by people who wear hearing aids in Great Torrington.

The volunteers will be trained to show local residents how to get the best performance from their NHS hearing aids, so that they can hear more clearly and improve communication with friends, family and colleagues. When fully trained, the volunteers will attend regular community drop-in sessions to carry out basic maintenance on hearing aids, such as replacing tubing and batteries, and provide information on equipment that can make life easier in the workplace or at home.

Action on Hearing Loss's Regional Volunteer Manager, John McCormack, says: "We're looking for enthusiastic people, who may have hearing loss themselves, to volunteer for the rewarding experience of providing life-changing support to hearing aid users in Great Torrington. Getting used to a hearing aid can be difficult and takes time. The volunteers will have a crucial role in building the confidence of local

residents to use their hearing aids more effectively so that they can hear more clearly and live a full and active life."

For more information about the volunteering opportunities, please contact John on telephone:

01752 228657, or email: john.mccormack@hearingloss.org.uk

Dame Joan Sutherland (7th 1926 - 10th Oct 2010)

Part 5

After retirement, Sutherland made very few public appearances, preferring a quiet life at her home in Les Avants in Switzerland. One exception was her 1994 address at a lunch organized by Australians for Constitutional Monarchy. In that address, she complained about having to be interviewed by a clerk of Chinese or Indian background when applying to renew her Australian passport, her comments caused controversy among some sections of the community at the time.

Sutherland played a leading role as Mother Rudd in the 1995 comedy film *Dad and Dave: On Our Selection* opposite Leo McKern and Geoffrey Rush.

She sat on many juries of opera singing competitions, The Cardiff Singer of the World competition was the one that Joan Sutherland was most closely associated with after her retirement, she began her regular involvement with the event in 1993 serving on the jury five consecutive times and later in 2003 became its patron. She gave an interview to *The Guardian*, in which she lamented the lack of technique in young opera singers and the dearth of good teachers. By this time she was no longer giving master classes herself.

On the 3rd July 2008 she fell and broke both her legs while gardening at her home, she made a complete recovery and attended a 2009 luncheon hosted by the Queen at Buckingham Palace in honour of members of the Order of Merit.

On 11th October 2010, Joan Sutherland's family announced she had died at her home near Montreux in Switzerland the previous day. A statement from her family said "She had a long life and gave a lot of pleasure to a lot of people". She had requested a small private family funeral service which was held on 14th October. Opera Australia planned a tribute to her, Lyndon Terracini the artistic director said "We will not see the likes of her again".

My next opera singer will be Enrico Caruso, so until then good listening.

Bob Dymond

Great Torrington Heritage Museum and Archive

We have some very good news to tell everyone that, due to the kindness of David Johnson who owns the old Bluecoat School in Halsdon Road and Councillors Andy Boyd and Geoff Lee, we are able to store all the contents of the Museum at the old school site and it will also give us room to sort and repack all the collection. When you read this the museum will have moved, so ending the long association with the Town Hall which started when the museum first opened in 1976. We would like to thank the Town Lands trustees for all their help and support



over the many years and to wish them and Dr Harry Cramp of the Buildings Preservation Trust all the very best for the future of the Town Hall.

*Val Morris,
Chairman*

Torrington in Bloom

When the adrenalin runs out, you know it's all over – at least for another year!



Both our in-house 'best garden' competition and the Britain in Bloom judging has taken place. This article is really to say a huge thank you to everyone who assisted us on the day, or helped titivate up the town, gave their time, money and support to TiB. Let's hope we do well this year – we'd like gold but would settle for silver-gilt (which is the next best thing to gold). The presentation ceremony takes place in September so we shall all be on tenterhooks until then!

The judges also attended the Junior School to observe the potato weighing in. I believe 9 children achieved a weight of over one kilo (2lbs) from one tuber grown in a pot and I think one child attained just over 1.5 kilos (almost 3lbs) of potatoes.

Here is a list of the sponsors and helpers, all of whom 'did their bit' for Great Torrington and to whom TiB would like to say 'Thank You Very Much':

Sponsors (in no particular order):

The Soap Kitchen; The Rotary Club; Webbers Estate Agents; Spar; Ferry's Home Hardware; Patt's Greengrocer's; Dartington Crystal; S&G Carpets; The Co

-op; Bond Oxborough Phillips Estate Agents; Ian's Hairdressing; Tattersalls; K&J Plant; Torbridge Veterinary Surgery;

The following businesses, groups or individuals for their support, assistance and advice:

Kate & Tom at 1646; Kiz Angell & the Town Traders; Nigel Stark (potato competition); Richard & Helen Rumbold (Mayor); Guy (street cleaning); Colin (traffic warden); John Adams (Torrington District Council/the contractors Glendale); RHS Rosemoor; Emma van Huysse (Green Group/Fair Trade); Mike Collingham & Steph Easton (Commons Conservators); Sarah Chesters (RHS Rosemoor); the BP garage, New Road (watering); Londis (watering); Ron Sussex of Methodist Church (watering); Roly Pitts and Brian the handyman; Barrie Cubitt (Vicarage Nursery); Councillors Geoff Lee and Andy Boyd; Whiskers; Jewellers; Lona of Eastmond House and all those long-suffering wives, husbands and partners. Also, all of you who have taken the time and effort to produce some wonderful floral displays around the town; it makes such a difference, even if you put out just one small container – thank you all.

Lastly, we mustn't forget the TiB Committee – Tony Welch (Chair), Cherry Hammon (Secretary), Paul Watson (Treasurer), Dave Squire, Beth McClure, Phyllis Smale, Paula Clarke, Joyce Martin; Claire Wafforne, Val & Mike Knight, Barrie Cubitt.

*Cherry Hammon
Secretary, Torrington in Bloom*

(If I have forgotten to mention anyone, it's because I'm brain-dead, not being spiteful – and I apologise for any possible omissions).

**Great Torrington Harvest
Festival Celebration
Pannier Market
Sunday 11 September**

With the Co-operative being good with food it seems only right and fitting that we lead our town and its traders into new and hopefully annual event celebrating the harvest of food!!!!!!



With the financial times we live in

people are growing more, we are blessed with a healthy competitive nature so what fun to see if Mr Jones has bigger marrows than his neighbour, if Mrs Farmers makes better strawberry jam, who is the next David Bailey and just who is the most talented child?????

So join in the fun and help us make this a success in many ways, celebrating Great Torrington, its many individual traders and of course the people that live here and the surrounding areas making Great Torrington a real gem in the crown of North Devon!!!!

Grab yourself an entry form from the Co-Op in Great Torrington or one of the many very individual shops that make up a unique shopping experience and show us what a talented lot you all are!!

Enter the many classes to choose from flowers, fruit, veg, eggs, cookery, painting, photography, crafts and preserves and there will be lots of fun classes for the children too!!!!

We have many unique trophies to be won!!!

So join in and help



raise lots of money for Mencap and other local charities!!

If you know of any local charities in need of funds please apply in writing and your application will be considered.

Organised by your local Co-op in conjunction with all The Torrington Town Traders.

Entries close 2 September 2011

Diana Mail

Charity Co ordinator

Co operative Great Torrington

**Bluecoat Children's Centre
Going for Gold!**

This summer we have lots of exciting opportunities for you and your family to come and take part in, both here at Bluecoat Children's Centre in Torrington and at many venues in the Villages.

One of the most exciting things is our "Mini Olympics 2011 - Going for Gold!" There will be lots of activities for children 0-8 and families. So if you feel like enjoying some special activities outside in the summer sun, call the Bluecoat Children's Centre and find out more.

As part of "Mini Olympics", children will have the opportunity to create their very own Olympic medal at a Creative Connections session on Saturday 13 August 9.30 – 11.30am. Why not bring along your babies and create Mini Olympics medals with their hands and feet. A great keepsake for years to come.

Another exciting new activity is "Fit Mums". If you



have recently had a baby and have had your 6 weekly post-natal check, you may want to come along and meet other mums who have also recently had babies. In Fit Mums we go on "Mum and baby toddles around Torrington". The Mum's who have been on this say it is a great way to meet new mums with babies and also go for walks to undiscovered places in Torrington. You will also have



the opportunity of taking part in zumba, pilates, yoga, aerobics and an extra special relaxation session.

Our first "Awe and Wonder" sensory sessions for babies 6 weeks to 20 months have been a great success and families have been putting their names down on the list for the next sessions which will begin in September. We recently ran a special "taster" session for families who want to join the next programme and the children and parents all enjoyed it. One mum who has taken part in a programme recently shared with parents how these sessions have helped their baby be more calm and relaxed. We have also started running our Outdoor "Awe and Wonder sessions", again for babies 6 weeks to 20 months. We hope you will come along and enjoy some extra special time with other families and their babies.

Our programme for July through to September is underway, and the new programme for September through to December is now being put together. You can collect the July through to September programme from Bluecoat Children's Centre, call us if you want us to send you one, or download a copy from this website. Look out for copies at our

regular Outreach session in Monkleigh, Winkleigh and Taddipport. Brenda will also be distributing copies to playgroups and toddler groups in the rural areas.

If there is something you would like to see in our Centre that we are currently not providing, let us know and we will see if we can put this into our programme.

We have increased the number of our confidential counselling sessions in response to family's needs; and at the end of July we will be providing Saturday morning sessions from Bluecoat Children's Centre. If you feel you would like to take up this service, please contact our centre and we will arrange for one of our counsellors to contact you direct.

Saturday Family Fun has many exciting sessions to offer during the summer months; a perfect Saturday morning family activity.

In September we will be starting our sessions, "Beyond blue" which are aimed at mum's who feel they may be experiencing post-natal depression, or are mildly depressed. This can happen to anyone at any time and these sessions will provide a safe, comforting space to offer support and a

listening ear with these challenges. You may self-refer yourself into these sessions by calling Bluecoat Children's Centre, or you can talk with your Health Visitor or Children's Centre Family Support Worker who will refer you on to the programme. The sessions are supportive, informal and confidential.

Viv Jones, Bluecoat Children's Centre Leader said "We hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to

seeing you over the summer months. There are many activities and sessions taking place at the Children's Centre, and in the villages, for you and your children. If you have not visited here before, please come along. It is a very friendly place with great facilities including a wonderful Café that sells healthy, scrumptious, nutritious meals.... And you will often get a story at the same time too!

On Friday 26 August, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm we have our Celebrations and Awards Ceremony with many fun and exciting activities taking place on that day. Come along and join in with The Tortoise and The Hare activities.

We really look forward to welcoming you"

If you would like to participate in these really exciting summer activities, please contact June on reception at Bluecoat Children's Centre on 01805 625830 to book your places.

www.bluecoat.childrencentre.org

Auction of Promises and Prizes

On Thursday 4 August at 7.30 for 8pm we are holding an auction with buffet and entertainment at Langtree

Village Hall for £10 a ticket. The evening is in aid of Shelterbox and Panamart's Children Sponsorship Team who are raising money to take a

teenager to Panama with them to meet the children with disabilities and their families that Panamart sponsor there and to experience a different way of life



in this disadvantaged and poor community. We have some fabulous auction promises and prizes on offer including dinner and a night in a luxurious seaside hotel with breakfast the next morning, a golf game, a day with a North Devon Journal journalist, adventure park family tickets, apple juice and cider making, a decorator for the day and many other interesting and exciting items for you to bid for.

Please drop into Panamart to buy your tickets or contact by email kizangell@talktalk.net.

Kiz Angell



Senior Council for Devon Torrington branch AGM

The annual general meeting and election of officers (we require volunteers to sit on our committee) will take place at the Great Torrington Methodist Church meeting room on Wednesday 10th August at 2.00 pm.

Following the election procedure, the previous minutes and AOB We will welcome our speaker Nicky Kennelly, Complex Care Team Manager. Nicky may be able to give you answers to any major health or social care issues or concerns that you may have.



Great Torrington Memory Café

What is a memory café? It is where people with dementia and their carers and/or family can visit to give support to each other, share information and obtain information on other relevant services.

The coffee mornings are continuing at the Plough Arts Centre on every second Thursday of the month from 10.00am until 12.00 noon.

Come along for a chat and a change of routine in a friendly and informal environment.

The next meetings are on Thursday 11th August and Thursday 8th September.

Two years ago the board of directors requested that all branches of the SCfD should try and set up a memory café in their locality with the objective of kick starting the urgent need for such establishments to help cater for the foreseeable increase in the elderly and the associated illness of dementia. To date approximately 35 cafes have been started in Devon with the assistance of the SCfD.

The local committee in Great Torrington have worked hard during those two years to raise funds and to run the memory café. We are now at the stage where we need to establish a steering committee to oversee the running of the memory café. The volunteers do a great job on the practical day to day running of the café but we now need some expertise from other groups in the town to join the existing committee to assist with ensuring that this valuable asset in Great Torrington continues to benefit the families, the carers and patients. To that end we are looking for volunteers who are willing to

attend a meeting for two hours every three months and give their support to the existing committee.

I would like to assure any volunteers that are prepared to help that they will not be press ganged into anything that they do not wish to do. It is your advice and expertise that we want!

Thank you for at least reading this and considering our request.

For any further information on any of the above matters please contact any of the numbers below.

Brian Coleshill (Secretary SCfD)

01805 622464

Graham Bowen (Chairman SCfD)

01805 625801

Taw and Torridge voluntary services
01237 473049



Life at a Museum

All Towns have a history and Great Torrington is no exception.

The good offices of 1646 tell of one particular event, but the Great Torrington Heritage Museum and Archive records the history of the town, the industry and its people.

Sited in the Town Hall, with the permission of the Town Lands and Poors Charities, since 1976, and with three rooms including an Archive room. With records of the factories and people who worked and lived here including Joshua Reynolds, The Rev Keble Martin and Thomas Fowler to name a few.

My wife Mary started helping at the

Museum in 2004 sitting with Derrick Reed, who was putting on record his memories of the houses and the people who lived in them.

I became involved in 2005 with Bryan Cole at the desk, as a past Chairman. We had some interesting people visiting the museum, one I recall said "The last time he was in the big room was when he was called before the magistrates for drinking under age!"

We also recorded on to a card index the marriages of the Parish of Buckland Brewer in the 1500s when the signatures were a cross or a dot.

At the 2006 AGM I was asked to join the Management Committee with Val Morris as our new Chairman. Due to the resignation of the treasurer, Bernard Leatt for health reasons, I was appointed to the post.

When I joined the committee we had nine members but due to two from ill health, one promotion in her job and one death we became rather depleted. However at the moment we have eight people running the organisation.

Finding a new home for the museum has posed rather illusive over the years. The committee has visited many premises over the years to buy or rent.

In 2006/2007 Palmer House was discussed, 2008 a new build was on the agenda on land adjacent to 28 South Street owned by the Landmark Trust. 2009 saw the offer of the old Glove Factory in Whites Lane but this proved to be unviable as a business venture.

In 2010 brought fresh hope, as the old Board School building in Halsdon Road became available, after many years of trying to clarify who owned the site.

Other organisations were offered to complete a total Town youth and

community hub but the offer was not followed up.

In 2006 the Friends of the Museum was set up to raise funds for the relocation of the Museum.

Jan Welch was our successful organiser but in 2010 she decided to move on to other interests.

Grant funding has been researched by Peter Morris for many frustrating years. A grant from Awards for All afforded our computer and printer which enabled us to record all items in the museum.

Dry rot exploded in the Archive Room in 2006, the domain of our archivist Sue Scrutton.

Seventy dust bags of archive work had to be transported to the Torridge Transport depot in School Lane, where it was cleaned and later returned to the museum after all the remedial work had been done.

Archive work goes on all the year but the winters proved very cold at the museum. So the Committee rented two rooms at Castle Hill but an increase in the rent was requested returned us to the Town Hall. This coincided with the idea of opening the museum in the summer of 2011.

With most of the items already packed in tissue paper, bubble wrap, placed in card board boxes and computerised all ready for the withdrawal from the Town Hall. Several volunteers set to and revamped the displays with high hopes of at least one more season of showing the history of our Town.

On the 10th May the Town's May Queen performed the opening evening ceremony. But our hopes and aspirations were blown out of the window as more dry rot was discovered in the main room

so stopping our hopes of one last show.

As I write this on 11th July 2011 fresh hope has emerged in that we have been offered part of the Board School premises to store all the contents of our museum. So at least for the time being the history of our town will remain local.

My hope now is that some more public spirited people will come forward and help, so that sometime in the future the great will be put back into Great Torrington.

I have enjoyed working with a lively bunch of volunteers.

*Arthur John Martin
Treasurer*

Monthly Boot Fair in Town

The Torrington Town Traders will be holding a boot fair in South Street Car part on the 1st Saturday of the month from June to September, starting at 12:30pm.

Stallholders from 12:00 - £5.00 per pitch. No food stalls.

Parking is free in this car park every Saturday from 12:00

For more details please call Kate on 01805 626146

Ecology into Art 21 August – 4 September 11 – 6pm daily. at the Market House (above the Pannier Market)

The exhibition Ecology of Art showcases paintings by Lil Tudor-Craig and Paper Sculpture by Polly Verity..

Each of Lil's paintings shows a particular place at a particular time of year, conceived as if time could be stretched so that one could look

at that place for a month all in one day. Painted onto high quality plywood panels

prepared using gesso to provide the ground for painting. Polly creates miniature wire and paper sculptures depicting extinct species, other-worldly and mythological creatures. With structures made of pure silver wire covered by fine paper covers like a taut translucent skin.

Lil and Polly will be at the Market House for the whole duration of the exhibition and look forward to welcoming you there.



Slimming World Changes

Due to growing numbers, Slimming World is moving. From 1st September we will be meeting every Thursday at 5.30 and 7.30pm in Torridge Vale Social Club.

Call Bev Roberts 01805 624955 for more details.

What's the Angle?

There are times, when I can't recall
My memory fades, I don't remember.
So what's it all about, I don't know
If it matters at all,
As long as I keep going,
to where I'm not knowing
I need some nemonick
How to spell mnemonic?
Something to help the
memory, like

Some people have curly brown hair
Till partly bald. No mine is black.
But what's it supposed to mean,
I haven't even an angle.
Oh yes, something to do with fishing!!!
No! that's a red herring.



Ask Bill Best