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Church Field purchase

As you may have noticed in the last issue of the Gazette, the opportunity to buy this piece of land came up when the present owner, Rowland Cleverley, moved from the village and invited sealed bids.

The piece of land in question, known as Church Field, bounds Moorfields to the south and Butterdon Lane to the north, from which there is vehicle access and includes the allotment area, storage space and sheds for Moorhaven Maintenance and a paddock. In total it is approximately one acre.

The Board consider the land to be a sound investment on behalf of the village as a means of rental income which would outweigh current bank interest rate benefits and in addition produce capital growth. The purchase

price of £35,000 was drawn from reserves held by the Management Company.

Retiring Chairman, Peter Nathan said "This was a rare opportunity to purchase a piece of land as a realisable asset on behalf of the village and now gives us a real community resource."

It is envisaged that the land will continue to be used as allotments, grazing and storage by Moorhaven Maintenance but your suggestions are welcome as to its future use.

If you have any ideas then please feel free to contact me by e mail at the address below.

Stuart Newberry

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Moorhaven Best Kept Village Entry Map Making Competition

At the Bus Shelter on Weds 21st March Peter and Debbie Rowlands distributed A3 sheets of drawing paper in cardboard tubes to those primary school children on their way to school.

The winning entry was chosen by Alison Bradley, John Meehan and Peter Rowlands and awarded to Rory McKenna and all of the maps were forwarded to the judges together with our entry form. Informal feedback has been that the judges were delighted with all the maps.



Moorhaven Best Kept Village Entry Hanging Basket Get Together

At the Jays Nursery on Sunday May 20th residents and children from Moorhaven gathered to make hanging baskets with materials kindly arranged by Alison Bradley and provided by Dean Prior Nursery on an SOR basis together with materials donated by Sutton Seeds which Anya Gilroy kindly organised.

The profits from the sale of materials will go to making up the 10 large hanging baskets which will be put on the lamposts on the main entrance drive.

Alison Bradley, our BKV entry coordinator, would like to thank Anya and Stu, Steve and Daphne and Peter and Debbie for all their help with this event.

The hanging baskets for the drive were made up by Margaret Nathan and Debbie Rowlands.

You can follow the progress of our entry into the Competition at www.pr-productions.co.uk/bkv/bkv1.html



On a beautiful sunny day the raw materials were lined up



Victoria Fluellen (right), her children Keira and William and a helper proudly display their baskets Below. The hanging baskets for the main drive



A View from Cuckoo Ball - Spring



Winter gloom has given ground and the earth is now yielding new treasures. Not for the first time or perhaps the hundred thousandth, blooms appear which were known to our stone age ancestors who settled this verdant place and buried their dead in the great cairns of the southern moor. Did a bronze age woman place flowers in her hair as she bathed her feet in the water which became the loud brook?

The advancing spring brings back the voices of those who have not been heard for a



half year or more: the sweet warble of the whitethroat; the chiffchaff with his rather dull but most welcome call;



numerous tits , finches, robins and, without fail, the exotic explosions of the wren. The wintering residents are also back in flight scouring the woodland for the furnishings of their homes. Blackbirds, songthrush, and soon, the remaining warblers and hirundine yet to make the great journey from tropical Africa. And, probably the final arrival, the cuckoo.

Lud is quieter, freed from the need to shed the torrents of one of the wettest winters since records began. It now hums with a restful murmur as it slowly makes its way through the wood. How pleasant it is to sit on the lush banks and simply gaze at the profusion of insect life which emanates from the water and the rotting, fallen boughs of a previous years fruiting. A rabbit races away

as I disturb its gorging and feasting on the lush grasses. A lamb chases a cock pheasant in play and some new-borns hug their dam until I am at a safe distance, no longer a threat to their fragility.

Human vocal chords add to the clamour. Children sit proudly aside their mounts as another party heads for the open moor and the lure of the bridal path. The accompanying adults encourage and keep a safe, steady hand on their valuable and well loved charge. All around, the world seems a better place than just a week or two ago and all nature's children look forward to a long, rewarding summer.

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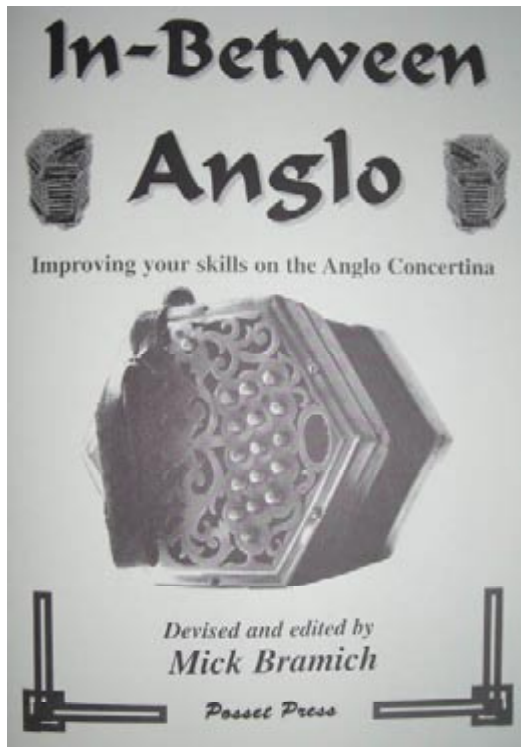
Meet the residents

Mick Bramich has been reconstructing songs from the Sabine Baring Gould manuscript for well over thirty years and for the past twelve years has been on the road with a three man show covering the life and work of the Devon collector.

The show, which is continually being revised as new material comes to light, lasts for about



one and a half hours and includes songs, stories, dance music and dialect readings.



Mick performs as a solo artist singing and playing traditional songs and tunes at folk clubs, festivals and organisations across the country. Guitar and Anglo concertina are his chosen weapons!

The Posset Press and Mally Anglo books also create opportunities for players at all levels to teach themselves or to take a tuition package for their group or festival. Mick is a tutor for the newly formed Devon Squeezebox Foundation and the West Country Concertina Players.

See if you can spot 3 Moorhaven guys in amongst this lot!

John Meehan, Steve Webber and Stuart Newberry are our resident crooners! They are members of The Kingsmen Barbershop Harmony Chorus who took 41 men to compete at the national convention at Scarborough at the end of May.

This was the largest chorus ever representing The Kingsmen and they came a very creditable 14th out of 32 choruses who took part. Choruses sing two songs which are marked by judges considering singing, performance and music. Their marks were 5% higher than the last time they competed in Harrogate in 2004.

Stuart said, ' We rehearsed the songs for 5 months, all for 5 minutes on stage! But what a fantastic experience and a brilliant weekend where we



were joined by wives, partners and children who cheered us on enthusiastically.

The club which is in its 16th year is well known in our area, having sung at the Moorhaven Ball on a number of occasions.

Earlier this year they entertained a chorus from Holland to reciprocate for a Dutch tour in 2005. They are planning their next tour which is to the USA next year.

If any men who are interested in joining or just finding out about The Kingsmen , please contact Stuart Newberry at stuart@newscott.freeserve.co.uk

Nature watch

Canadian Geese who have returned for the 8th successive year with the exception of last year to the lake at Moorhaven with 5 babies which are very cute.



New lamps for old



I have a picture of Centre Court which dates from about 1906 and the lamps are shown in that. They were a little taller originally having three ornamental crowns rather than the two now remaining. I think you can safely say they are part of the original design so they are as old as centre court (1890's?).

The old photo shows that originally there were four pillars at the entrance to Centre Court with the lamps standing on the inner pillars. Presumably these inner pillars were removed and the lamps repositioned to the outer pillars at some point to allow cars and bigger vehicles into Centre Court.





The bases of the lamps are cast iron and were quite heavily rusted so I used a power drill with sander attachments to get of the worst of the rust and several layers of old paint. Over the years the lamps have been various shades of green. The actual lamps themselves turned out to be made of copper. That suggests to me that originally the copper work would have been left unpainted and allowed to become coated with verdigris, the nice pale green that copper goes when exposed to the elements.

I repainted the lamps with dark

green enamel having agreed the colour beforehand with Jim.

I cleaned the glass with white vinegar and newspaper, as they would have been back in Victorian times, still the best way of shifting grease and grime but smelly. It took two days to complete both lamps.

I wouldn't claim to have restored the lamps, simply repainted them. While I was wobbling on top of the scaffolding I noticed that much of the putty that holds in the glass has cracked badly and a couple of the old copper

hinges have snapped. My paint job will look good for a few years but the lamps could really do with a proper refurb at some point.

Moorhaven is a wonderful example of municipal Victorian architecture, and the Victorians knew how to finish their public buildings with a flourish. A lot of our finishing touches have been degraded or lost over the years but with a little effort we can get them back. It pains me to see lovely old ironwork rusting away and

the sad stumps of railings. These things may just be the icing on the cake, but who doesn't like icing?

Kevin Hay

a.k.a. the masked restorer

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Centre Court - Then and now

The recent trimming of the bank above the bus shelter opened up a view of Centre Court which hadn't been seen for quite some time and lent itself to a little photographic trickery known as 'panoramas'. This is nothing new and consists of taking three photos from the same point from left to right (or if you are left handed from right to left...). Each photo should overlap the other so that they can be blended together at the edges to form a new, wider image that would not be possible with the same perspective in a single shot.

Nowadays digital cameras make results instant and computer software makes

creating such panoramas a very simple process. Similarly image manipulation software was used to 'tickle up' this faded shot of Centre Court.

The only obvious difference between then and now seems to be the removal of the centre gateposts and the relocation of the lamps.

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Moorhaven history

Readers of the Gazette's Spring edition may recall the Moorhaven plaque, a larger version of which is viewable on the Moorhaven website www.moorhaven.org.uk

The motto is a slightly abbreviated version of a saying attributed to Seneca meaning "A man in distress is a sacred object/being". The drawing depicts a craft afloat on the rough sea (of life) taking troubled souls to the haven of the beacon on the moor

There were several versions of the plaque around Moorhaven Hospital such as the one in the middle made by Ernie Webb who was a charge nurse who took the male patients for woodwork classes. It was his daughter's wish to have it when the hospital closed. She was in charge of the medical records at the time.

Another version was made into a brooch just slightly smaller than a 10p piece. If you would like to see a full colour version of this you can download this issue of the Gazette online at www.moorhaven.org.uk/Information/moorhaven_gazette.php



INTERESTED IN CARRIAGE DRIVING?

**Help needed - great
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You may well have seen Hector the 13.2 Highland pony being driven around Moorhaven with a variety of passengers including Father Christmas for the village Carol singing. Hector is a western Isles Highland Pony from the Isle of Rum. His Pedigree goes back to 1884 and he is very unusual in having such an amazing mane and tail which were to help in the cold Scottish winters and also perhaps to keep the dreaded midges at bay. Hector was unwell during the winter but is better now and getting fit for various events this summer. They include the exciting biennial "Dastardly Drive" of about 25 carriages around the cliff top on the National Trust tracks for 5 miles around Noss Mayo. 100ft drop to the sea below..not for the faint hearted.

You may also have seen a large grey horse with L plates towing a variety of

car tires, and noisy tin cans with someone with long reins walking behind. This is Molly the Irish horse being trained to drive , it takes quite a while to get them used to the noise and strangeness of dragging things before she is put into a carriage. She will then be able to drive a bigger carriage and carry 4 people which will make for sociable outings

Jonathan Mathys from the Pottery at Moorhaven needs help with them for pleasure driving , pub trips & local competitions. Horse experience preferred but not essential. Preferably: 11 stone or less, 2 + times a week for 1-2 hours, evenings or weekends. Full Tuition given and plenty of opportunity to drive yourself. Also riding them on adjacent Moorland

Please contact him on 01752
892411 or 07867 542 978

Mobile library

The Mobile Library, seen here with driver Gill Boyce, comes to Moorhaven fortnightly on Mondays at 11 am, stopping at the fountain.

June 18th is the next date then fortnightly thereafter



Stopping time is only 15 minutes, so don't be late!

Information line: 01548 852315

For more information visit www.devon.gov.uk/libraries

Hydro update

Changes in grant assistance delayed this. However Nick Goff from the new Devon county council "renewable energy for Devon" scheme has recently visited the scheme and is keen to support it.

Hopefully after approval of this in June, construction will start shortly afterwards with completion later in the year. It involves a Dam and sluice system just below Jubilee Bridge and 1/3 mile pipe following the stream down to below the lake. Power is generated by a Pelton Wheel

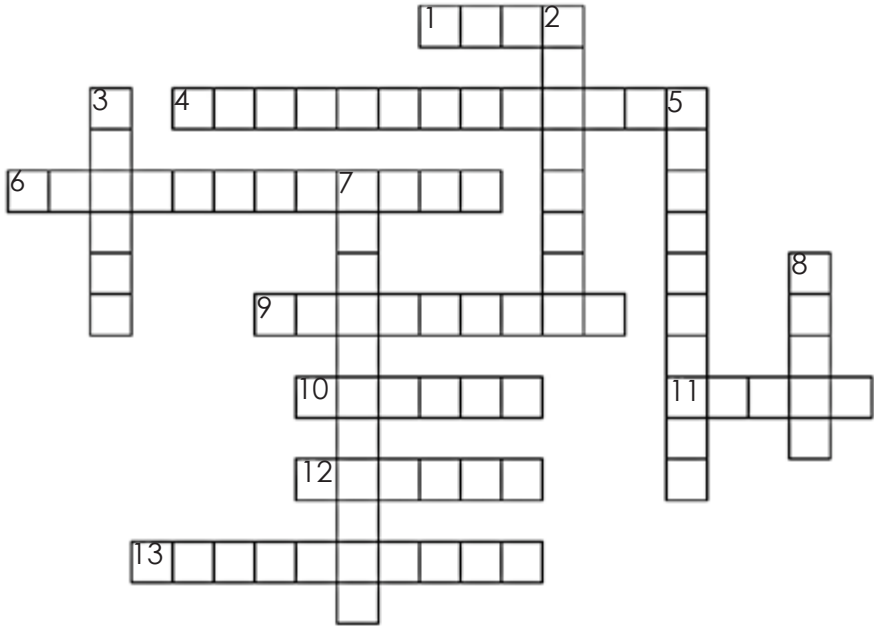
which will be in an attractive slate roofed building and the water is then discharged back to the river. More details will be given in a subsequent article. Once built there will be an open day to visit and again on an annual basis. It is one of the first new generation high head low volume scheme in the West Country and will get a lot of media coverage. Let's hope it works and there is enough of the right kind of rainfall.....

Jonathan Mathys

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Childrens corner (for ages 3 - 99...)

Moorhaven Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Sounds like maize for toddlers
4. Bittaford local
6. Sounds like Egyptian capital
back solution
9. Put on churned milk
10. Shining hill
11. Gate house
12. Dog owners smell carrier
13. Bi-annual bash

Down

2. War torn cottage
3. Bird sanctuary
5. Eye hospital?
7. Wimbledon equivalent
8. Easterly lane

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Notices

Join the Moorhaven Baby-sitting Circle!

Contact Anya Gilroy on 01752 698378 to register your interest.

Moorhaven Film Club

The Film Club is open to all village residents. Members take turns to host the Club in their own house and everyone attending is asked for a £5 donation to go to a charity of the host's choice.

For the date of the next meeting check the notice board in the bus shelter.

Moorhaven Book Club

The Book Club meets once every 4 - 6 weeks with each member taking it in turns to choose a book.

For the date of the next meeting check the notice board in the bus shelter

Tennis?

Anybody interested in making a more regular date on a Friday or Sunday night for Singles or Doubles matches please e-mail Stuart Gilroy on anyastu@aol.com

The Deborah Bond dance Academy

Children's classes in Ballet, Modern, Tap and Jazz. Age 3 upwards. Classes held in Ivybridge. For a school prospectus and more information please call 01626 367010. Or call in to see Deborah at 7 The Mews, Moorhaven.

CRAFT FAIR in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer Bittaford Village Hall

Saturday 16th June

10am -2pm.

Lots of stalls including Jewellery, Felting, books, cards, cakes and refreshments. There will be face painting and ballon modelling, mini manicures and taster massage sessions.

Everyone Welcome -come along and join the fun in aid of this good cause.



Whilst this event has usually been reserved for the cold winter months and to be fair has only taken place twice this year on an informal basis (for a select few), I wondered whether anyone would be interested in making it a more regular event throughout the year?

I would need expressions of interest from those with children who would be interested in attending and equally some idea whether you would be prepared to host a home cinema when your turn came. It would be on a first come first served basis and probably limited to about 8 children per film. (Parents welcome but not compulsory!) Suggested cost per child - £1 (to help towards basic refreshments)

If I get enough interest I will

set a year planner (probably once a month) for such an event to take place on a Sunday afternoon...at a home near you. With the wide age range and increasing number of children in the village, we could consider events for different ages:

0-3yrs (Baby Einstein, Baby Mozart, Mr Men etc) 4-8yrs (Chitty Chitty Bang Bang / Mary Poppins / Bedknobs and Broom Sticks /Finding Nemo etc)

9-12yrs (Polar Express / James and The Giant peach / Charlie and the Chocolate Factory /Sharks Tale)

If you are interested in being involved please e-mail

Anya Gilroy
anyastu@aol.com

FARMERS MARKETS

The Ivybridge Farmers Market is held on the third Saturday in each month at 9.00 am. The Buckfastleigh Farmers Market is held weekly on Thursdays at 10.00 am.

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doctors, dental and chiropody appointments. 38p per mile, minimum £1.50

Ivybridge Town Council

www.ivybridge.gov.uk

Community Sport

www.ivybridge.devon.sch.uk/index/sportscollege2.htm

Ivybridge Rugby Club

www.ivybridgerugby.co.uk

Ivybridge Tennis Club

www.ivybridgetennis.com

Community Sport

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The above are a just few useful links. If you have a local link you would like to highlight please e mail it to

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Classifieds

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For sale

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David 896937

For sale

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Equipment for sale by Rich Stevenson, 17 Church Lane.

Painting photos

I am looking to pick up on an old hobby of illustrating and painting from photos of the village.

Any original photos would be returned to the recipient without damage, or receipt of any emailed photographs would also be greatly appreciated.

sarah.noble1@tesco.net

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Crossword solution

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Jays | 2. Sarajevo |
| 4 Horse and Groom | 3. Aviary |
| 6 Chiropractor | 5. Moorfields |
| 9. Butterdon | 7. Centre Court |
| 10. Beacon | 8. Leigh |
| 11. Lodge | |
| 12. Poobag | |
| 13. Summer ball | |

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