

SUNDAY EVENING CALVING

Short tale as told by Brian Martin

Rupert and a student were asked to ascertain if a Friesian cow had calved or whether the calf was stuck inside. They both concluded that it had calved. I had already searched ditches and odd corners, so the cow was milked just in case and then a more thorough search started. Eventually, the calf was found in a deep ditch behind a newish sheep netted fence. The calf's head was level with the field and there was a canopy of brambles over the top of the ditch. We managed to lift him out of this ditch which had an approximate depth of 2 metres by bagging the calf in a ½ ton sack and lifting him out with a foreload. We brought him home and tube fed him thinking that all should now be well.

On the next evening's milking - No Cow !! A search of the same ditch behind the fence found a cow walking up and down looking for her calf. The brambles were well over her head and she was fairly agitated and full of hormones and had a few scratched teats but that was all. The fence was still completely intact !

The next job was to get her out - we couldn't drive her out from where she had rolled in from the other side. She had to be turned around or else she would have finished up in a small fenced in duck pond with about 2 feet of mud in it !

We eventually managed to turn her around and after bashing through yet more brambles, mother and son were Reunited.



**THE MORAL OF THIS STORY IS THAT GOOD FENCES CAN
HINDER AS WELL AS HELP !!**

(This story won 1st prize at Holsworthy Show)

was called Wadafeste, and it had been Siward's in the time of King Edward.

There was one hide and it rendered geld for 1 ½ virgates. "Six teams can plough this. Hamelin holds this of the Count" Hamelin had one villein, five borders and three serfs, 8 beasts, 30 sheep, 6 swine and 15 goats. There were 15 acres of woodland and 100 acres of pasture, worth 20 shillings yearly. Torna (Thorn) was the Count's other manor; it had been in the possession of Uleric who held one virgate, rendering geld for half that amount of land, which one team could plough.. Hamelin held Torna also, with a ferling in demesne; the villeins held the remaining land and 2 oxen. He had 3 bordars and one serf, 20 sheep and 4 goats; there were 20 acres of pasture, worth 2 shillings yearly. The 3rd Manor, Forchetestan, (Fprkstone) was held by Judhel de Totenais (Totnes). Previously it had belonged to Alward, but at this time Turstin the Sheriff held it from Judhel.

"Therein are 3 ferlings and it rendered geld for 1 ferling. Three teams can plough this. Therof Turstin has in demesne 1.2 a ferling and ½ a plough and the villeins have the remaining land. There Turstin has 2 bordars and 4 serfs and 8 beasts and 12 swine, 40 acres od wood, 50 acres of pasture. It is worth 11 shillings and when Judhel received it, 15 shillings."

Geld - a tax paid to the Crown. Virgate - a measure of land approx. 30 acres. Demesne - grounds belonging to the manor

Villein - a person who owed certain services or rent to the Lord in return for their land.

**THE HISTORY OF YOUR VILLAGE TO CUT
OUT AND KEEP - PART ONE**

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WHITSTONE
By F. Audrey Hosier

A considerable stream, which flows into the river Tamar, is its border with North Tamerton and another stream, running through the woods of Swannacott and Wadfast on the Western side, marks its boundary with Week St Mary. The line then comes along a minor road to Bevil's Hill and thence towards the Tamar, which divides Whitstone from Bridgerule. That the parish is well watered is apparent time and time again in the field names on the Tithe Map of 1839. For example, there are Great Marsh and Long Marsh on Lower Downrow; Wetland Meadow in Nethercott; Blacklake Marsh in old Nethercott; Wettleigh and Clayland in East Balsdon

Signs of early settlement appear in the tumuli at Foxhole and Dilland, whilst in the northern part of the parish are the defensive earthworks with single banks at Hilton Wood and Froxton. At the turn of the century, the outlines of Froxton Castle, which covered an area of 160 feet by 145, were less distinct than formerly, because of cultivation. The earthwork in Hilton Wood was oval, measuring 215 feet by 170, with a ramp of 14 feet and a ditch 12 feet deep, then in good order.

Three manors are recorded in the Domesday Survey, two of which were held by the Count of Mortain; one of these.

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LET THEIR DOGS SOIL THE PAVEMENTS ?**

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WHISTLER.**

THIS SPACE COULD BE YOURS

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WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU !!

From Marion Proud the Methodist minister for Whitstone.

It is good to have the opportunity to speak to you through the Whitstone 'Whistler'.

Life is busy for all of us and this new means of communication for Whitstone will help us keep up to date with each other and with local events. Since I live in one community in Holsworthy and work among seven other communities including Whitstone, I will find a regular update about what you are getting up to in Whitstone really helpful!

It is also a good opportunity to share news with the wider community about what is happening at the Methodist Church and to invite you to join us. Please look for the page of diary dates in this publication and come and join us.

It struck me as I sat down to write this how much God wants us all to keep in touch with him and how he has given us the perfect way to do this. Here is a poem by Helen Steiner Rice which is all about the importance of communicating with God through prayer.

With every blessing in Christ *Marion Proud*

Were you too busy this morning
to quietly stop and pray
Did you hurry and drink your coffee
then frantically rush away?
Consoling yourself by saying,
"God will always be there
Waiting to hear my petitions
ready to answer each prayer"
It's true the great generous Savior
forgives our transgressions each day
And patiently waits for lost sheep
who constantly seem to stray—
But moments of prayer once omitted
in the busy rush of the day
Can never again be recaptured
for they silently slip away.
So seek the Lord in the morning
and never forget Him at night
For prayer is an unfailing blessing
that makes every burden seem light.

Helen Steiner Rice

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH WHITSTONE

BELLRINGERS

Whitstone Church Bellringers meet every Monday night during the Winter months (Sept. – March) 7.30p.m. - 9p.m. We have a peel of six bells, the tenor weighing 12cwt and the treble about 3cwt. Whitstone had an absence of bellringers for about 40 years until 1997 when I taught a group of willing volunteers to ring for the millenium, which we did! We ring for special services e.g. Harvest Festival, Christmas, weddings, etc. If anyone is interested in having a go, give me a call on 01288 341598 or just come along (12 years of age or over)

Mervyn Collins

DIARY NOTE

SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2004

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NORTHERN DIVISION

AUTUMN FESTIVAL

ST ANNE'S CHURCH, WHITSTONE

SERVICE - 5.00P.M.

**FORTHCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES FOR THE
PARISH CHURCH**

SUN OCT 3RD HARVEST SERVICE 6.30P.M.

TUES OCT 5TH HARVEST SERVICE 7.00P.M
**(followed by supper and sale of produce in St Anne's
Parish Hall)**

SUN DEC 5TH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
5.00P.M.

SUN DEC 12TH CAROL EVENING
In St Anne's Parish Hall with Mrs Littlewood & Co
7.30p.m.

SUN DEC 19th FAMILY CAROL SERVICE
11.15 A.M.

FRI DEC 24TH XMAS EVE SERVICE
10.00P.M.

Fund raising event for Church funds Dec 20th 7.30p.m.
Annual Church Whist Drive St Anne's Parish Hall

WHITSTONE BIBLE STUDY

ALL WELCOME

VENUE: NEW POSH S.S. ROOM

TIME 7.30P.M.

DATES

OCT THURS 14
TUES 26TH (needs a leader)

NOV MON 8TH
TUES 23RD

DEC TUES 14TH

2005

JAN TUES 11TH
TUES 25TH

FUN WHIST DRIVE

A group of people with a couple of hours to spare who enjoy a game of whist meet in St Anne's Hall every other Monday at 2.00p.m. This is a very informal get-together organised by Mrs Sheila Orchard, All of the money collected is given to charity. Since 2002 £449 has been given to the children's hospice. Anyone who would like to join us is most welcome. We are currently collecting wool to be knitted into squares and made into blankets for the terminally ill children at the hospice. Mrs Meta Uglow would love any donations of wool. Tel 01288 341242

WHITSTONE W.I.

Officers:

President: Mrs Judith Ibbotson,

Secretary: Mrs Meta Uglow Treasurer: Mrs Linda Cole

We have eleven members, three of whom are founder members, Mrs Ivy Cann, Mrs Gwen Martyn and Mrs Phoeby Medland. All were elected to the first committee meeting when the institute was formed on March 7th 1952. We celebrated our 52nd birthday last March with a dinner at the White Hart Gotel, Launceston.

We meet in the Methodist Schoolroom the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Our annual meeting is held in February. Other months that we particularly look forward to are June when we have a Mystery trip; July we have a bar-be-que and December when we have a Christmas lunch. We are part of the Stamford group, the other institutes being North Tamerton, Week St Mary, Jacobstowe and St Genny" which we visit in rotation for Spring and Autumn group meetings. These are extra to our monthly meetings. We send a delegate and visitor to the County Spring and Autumn Council meetings which are held in the Hall for Cornwall at Truro. We also have a group carol service in December.

We have a special record attendance at each meeting and after our usual August break we look forward to the winter programme which includes speakers on "Cooking for one" "Floral arranging" and "The North Cornwall Coast". Perhaps it could be said that some of us are getting on in years but we are all young at heart !

New members are always welcome. Would you like to join us?
If so contact Meta Uglow on 01288 341242



WHITSTONE CARNIVAL 2004

This year's carnival was a great success according to all the feed back received. Carnival week for Whitstone was 16th July – 24th July culminating with the main parade. There were numerous entries for the parade varying from a traction engine to a team of polo players. The parade was led by the Launceston Majorettes.

Following the crowning of the Carnival Queen the village was entertained to an Old Tyme style music hall sing-song. The Master of Ceremonies was Bude Town Cryer Kevin Griffiths. During the evening there were ballet performances, music renditions and a short sketch from the children and adults in the village. A great evening was had by all who attended and it was agreed that we are very fortunate to have so many talented people in our village. The amount raised for the village good causes was approximately £1000.

There will be an election of new officers this year, so if you are considering getting involved with next year's carnival and would like to become a committee member, then now may be the time to think about it !

Any person (or couple) with some spare time on their hands then come to the next meeting in the village hall. The date will be displayed on the village notice board nearer the time. This may be November

Debbie Bishton

ST ANNE'S PARISH HALL

WANTED:

Volunteers to help create a garden at the front of the Parish Hall

Please report to the hall at 10.00a.m. on Saturday October 23rd and bring with you some tools.

**For further information contact Mervyn Collins
On 01288 341598**

SILVER STARS LINE DANCING CLUB

We meet in St Anne's Hall on Friday evenings.

6.00p.m. – to 7.00p.m. is for Advanced Class who are skilled at Line Dancing

7.00p.m. – 8.00p.m. is for beginners.

8.00p.m. – 10.00p.m. is for everyone of whatever standard they have reached. We charge £2 for an hour or £3 for the whole evening. It is a sociable, fun evening that keeps you fit and active. Some folk join us for an hour then have a bit of a rest and a coffee before dancing again so it's up to you how much you do!

If you would like any more information contact Brenda Martin on 01409 253015

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS by John Barrett

After Agreeing to write the first article on behalf of the Parish Council for the Parish Magazine I see the deadline is approaching and it is a "must do now" job. I have no desire for extra work or to be a reporter!, but a Parish Magazine will be a very worthwhile exercise. There should be no excuse for not knowing what is happening in the village and hopefully it will build the community spirit, so I look forward to the village being circulated with Whistlers by the whistling committee.

With regard to the Parish Council, we meet in the committee room of the village hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 8p.m. in the summer and 7.30 in the winter. As with all committees we are circulated with a mass of paper work which is not relevant to a village such as Whitstone. We also receive quite a few requests for money in the course of a year, but only in one or two cases can we help as we are mindful that our precept (the money we get from NCDC) would increase the council tax bills slightly.

It is also worth pointing out that the Parish Council does not have any voting rights with regard to planning applications and can only make observations or recommendations e.g. in the case of St Anne's Close the Parish Council felt that the number of properties proposed was too high to be in keeping with surrounds and voiced our concerns.

One major concern for the Parish Council is the speed at which traffic passes through the village. We have had partial success in the extension of the speed limit at Green Lane End, but have been unsuccessful in achieving a reduced limit through the village.

We would like to welcome parishioners attendance at meetings to see the sort of things that come up. We will always do our best in the interest of the village

WHITSTONE WADDLERS !!

Whitstone Waddlers is a parent/toddler group which meets at the village Hall on:

Tuesday mornings 9.30 - 11.00

Wednesday afternoons 12.45 – 2.45

Cost per session: £1.25 per child and 50p for coffee

We provide parents and guardians the opportunity for a social get together . It enables the parents to share their experiences over a cup of coffee while supervising their own children and encouraging them to mix with others.

Each week the children have a chance to join in with activities such as painting, gluing, story time, music time etc. and to play with a wide range of toys.

If you are caring for a “little one” and looking for something to do, why not come along to one of these sessions and see for yourself what we can offer. The first session is free, so you have nothing to lose !

Any enquiries, please feel free to ring Julie on 01409 271239

For sale:

Beautiful patchwork quilt and pillow shams for King size bed
£50 ring 01288 341418

Do you have articles £50 or under for sale?

Send details, together with price and contact details to:

Editor, 6 Shire Court, Whitstone EX22 6TH

KEEP FIT FOR ALL

You don't have to leave the village to get fit or keep fit ! thanks to Heather Knights who runs the classes listed below. All classes have a pianist to accompany the dancing. Heather can be contacted on 01409 254026.

KEEP FIT

Ease into exercise with a low impact easy to follow work out that is enjoyable, effective and fun! Mondays 7.p.m. – 8p.m. St Annes's Hall. The term started Sept 20 and runs every Monday except Oct 25th (half term)

BALLET/TAP

Forget the image of tutus and tights ! Ballet exercises are for toning and stretching the whole body. All ages and abilities are welcome to join our friendly group.

Thursdays 10.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. Adult ballet in St Anne's Hall

The term started on Sept 23rd and runs every Thursday except Oct 28th

TAP DANCE

It's fun, it's exercise, it's creative and it's Tap Dancing! It's not as difficult as you think! Learn enough basic steps to put together a simple routine.

Thursdays 11.45a.m/- 12.45 p.m. Adult Tap dancing St Anne's Hall

The term started on Sept 23rd every Thursday except Oct 28th

NEW FOR AUTUMN 2004

Heather is now running a Ballet/Tap session for children over 10 yrs. St Anne's Hall Mondays 5.45p.m. - 6.45p.m. Anyone interested

In joining can just turn up on a Monday evening and find out what it's all about !

See you there!

“LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT”

BY Maggie Stanbury

“Life is what you make it” I heard my Grandad say to his friend as they sat around the kitchen table with a cup of tea in one hand and a piece of saffron cake in the other. As an eight year old I thought what a daft thing to say! No I’m 50 (but don’t look it!) I know what he meant. Life is like a roller coaster ride - it has its thrills and spills; its up hill climbs and downhill adventures, its complicated twists and turns as well as its long straight runs. It is how we interpret these varying situations that make a difference. Of course, being human, we all react in different ways; no one is always sunny side up! That reminds me of one of my granny’s favourite sayings “well, never mind, it could have been worse”; very optimistic, of course, but not always what but not always what you wanted to hear when you had fallen off your bike and blood was dripping down your leg! You were sure that yours must be the biggest cut she’d ever seen! Again at 50 I have experienced many worse accidents than falling off my bike! What I’m trying to say, I suppose, is that we are all travelling on this roller coaster at such a pace that what might seem insignificant to us is a major problem to someone else. As some of you will know when photocopying the flyer for the introduction to the Whistler I took a flyer myself and ended up in Barnstaple hospital with a broken wrist. Sitting in the waiting room I could almost hear Granny say “well, it could have been worse “ True - but there have been times of great frustration when one arm can’t do what I’ve wanted to do. There have also been many many moments of gratitude. When the chips are down you are amazed who offers to help! Our cake tins and freezer never had such a choice of food – the offers of help with driving, ironing etc. The people that found time in their busy lives to come and see me, phone up, even organise birthday celebrations, the list is endless. Maybe if I had not broken my wrist some of these folks I wouldn’t have seen or spoken to. Despite the frustrations there have been many positive points to come out of the last nine weeks and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you as a community for your help and support.

Lets hope that the Whistler will prove to be a good means of communication; one way we can all get to know each other’s needs, whether we are children desperate for somewhere in the village to play safely; a parent needing help or advice; a young age pensioner (is that politically correct?) who needs a lift to town. If no-one knows your needs, frustrations, or your triumphs, they cannot help you through them. Please use the Whistler as a way of communication; a way of finding out about the village and getting involved where you can. Grandad was right “life is what you make it” and I for one am glad that mine is here in Whitstone amongst such a caring community

p.s. Any other old sayings or phrases, local or not that you’ve heard and maybe not understood? Tell us !!

PLUS CA CHANGE by Ean Lawrence

In the year 1879 – one and a quarter centuries ago - Queen Victoria was in the 42nd year of a reign that had another 22 yrs to run. Benjamin Disraeli was serving as her Prime Minister for the 2nd time, his attention focussed on the exigencies of the Zulu war and in the City of Ulm, Baden-Wurtemberg, Herr und Frau Einstein were celebrating the birth of their son, Albert, who had not, as yet, revealed any sign of his genius. In Whitstone, in the spring of 1879, Ephraim Noye’s attention was focussed on commencing work as the headmaster in the new Board School; a new chapter in his life and in the lives of the children who came into his charge. At the start of this academic year, there are similar challenges to be faced; children starting school as part time or full time pupils; any apprehensions they may have of their entry into mainstream education mitigated by (most of them) having attended the Acorns Playgroup; pupils changing classes and teachers, or changing their status within a class – esp. those pupils entering their final year at Whitstone and who are eager to become yr. 6 pupils. They are also conscious of their responsibilities as well as their newfound status at their new schools as 6th yr. Pupils. We spare a thought for those who have recently left us to make a new start at “big school”

Over the past few years an average of 15 pupils have left Whitstone at the end of the summer term; in a small school this no. of pupils can have quite an impact on the community. An emotional factor in last year’s departures was that nearly half of the pupils were the younger or youngest sibling in a family; therefore we also said a formal goodbye to the other members of their families. We hope they took with them – as we hope all the children who pass through the school take with them- happy memories of their time at Whitstone Community Primary School, and after appropriate psychotherapy, we are sure that they will come to consider that their schooldays at WCPS were some of the happiest days of their lives.

The last few years have been particularly successful ones ; not just in terms of test results – important as such things are considered to be. Everyone connected with the school, whether it be the governors, teachers or support staff, strive to make it a fun place in which to learn, academically, emotionally, spiritually, culturally - and where all the children that come within its embrace are valued individual people (with all the flaws, foibles to which humans are liable but with virtuous propensities as well) and we hope can also feel part of a caring, supportive community; part of an ‘extended family’ in which they can develop an enquiring mind and fully develop their potential. We look forward to another fulfilling and rewarding year after the summer break.

THE ACORNS PLAYGROUP

Acorns playgroup takes children from the age of 3. If you have a child that would like to join, please do not hesitate to contact the playgroup leader, Debbie Bishton on 01288 341225.

We are a small independent playgroup, based within Whitstone C P School, who strive to help children learn in a happy environment through play and structured activities.

The playgroup welcomes new members and if you would like a taster session, you would be most welcome (by arrangement only)

The playgroup opens on Mondays & Wednesdays 12.45 - 3.15. The cost is £3.50 per session with a one off £5.00 joining fee

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR 26 DWELLINGS AT ST. ANNES'S CLOSE

PLANNING APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR AS ABOVE.

DETAILS OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION ARE DISPLAYED ON THE VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD AND IN THE PORCH OF ST.ANNE'S HALL

THERE ARE MANY RELEVANT REASONS WHY THIS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS UNVIABLE PLEASE READ THE APPLICATION VOICE YOUR OPINIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL WHO WILL TAKE IT UP ON YOUR BEHALF

WHITSTONE LADIES SKITTLE CLUB

Some local ladies back around the mid eighties started the skittle club and the home matches were then played at Keywood caravan park. For the last few years we have played at St. Anne's Hall for our home games, on a Thursday night, usually from September through to April.

Unfortunately skittles is not so popular as it used to be and a few teams from other areas have been lost over recent years. Whitstone has had its moments of nearly being one of those teams. After yo-yoing between Second and Third Divisions over many years, we have finally won promotion to play this coming season in the First Division! This will certainly be challenging for some of us but our aim is to have a good night out with the girls and winning any game is just a bonus!

**ASPIRE
SPINAL INJURY CHARITY
CHANNEL SWIM CHALLENGE**

Pat Nasmyth has accepted the challenge and is "swimming the channel" at Holsworthy Baths raising money for this worthy cause.

If you wish to offer your support, please ring

01288 341469

"My neighbour asked me if he could use my lawnmower and I told him of course he could, so long as he didn't take it out of my garden"

Eric Morecambe

WHITSTONE METHODIST CHAPEL

Services are held every Sunday morning at 11.00a.m. Our Minister is Rev. Marion Proud. She doesn't lead every service as she has seven other chapels to look after. These services are led by visiting preachers. There is a Sunday School which attends part of the morning service then transfers into Sunday Schoolroom. At present we have children from 2 through until 15!

Sunday October 10th is our Harvest Festival with services at 11.00a.m. and 6.30p.m. The Harvest supper takes place in the Sunday Schoolroom following a service at 7.30p.m. on Monday 11th October. It has not been the easiest of harvests this year but, hopefully, by then we will all be able to join in the harvest favourite "All is safely gathered in"

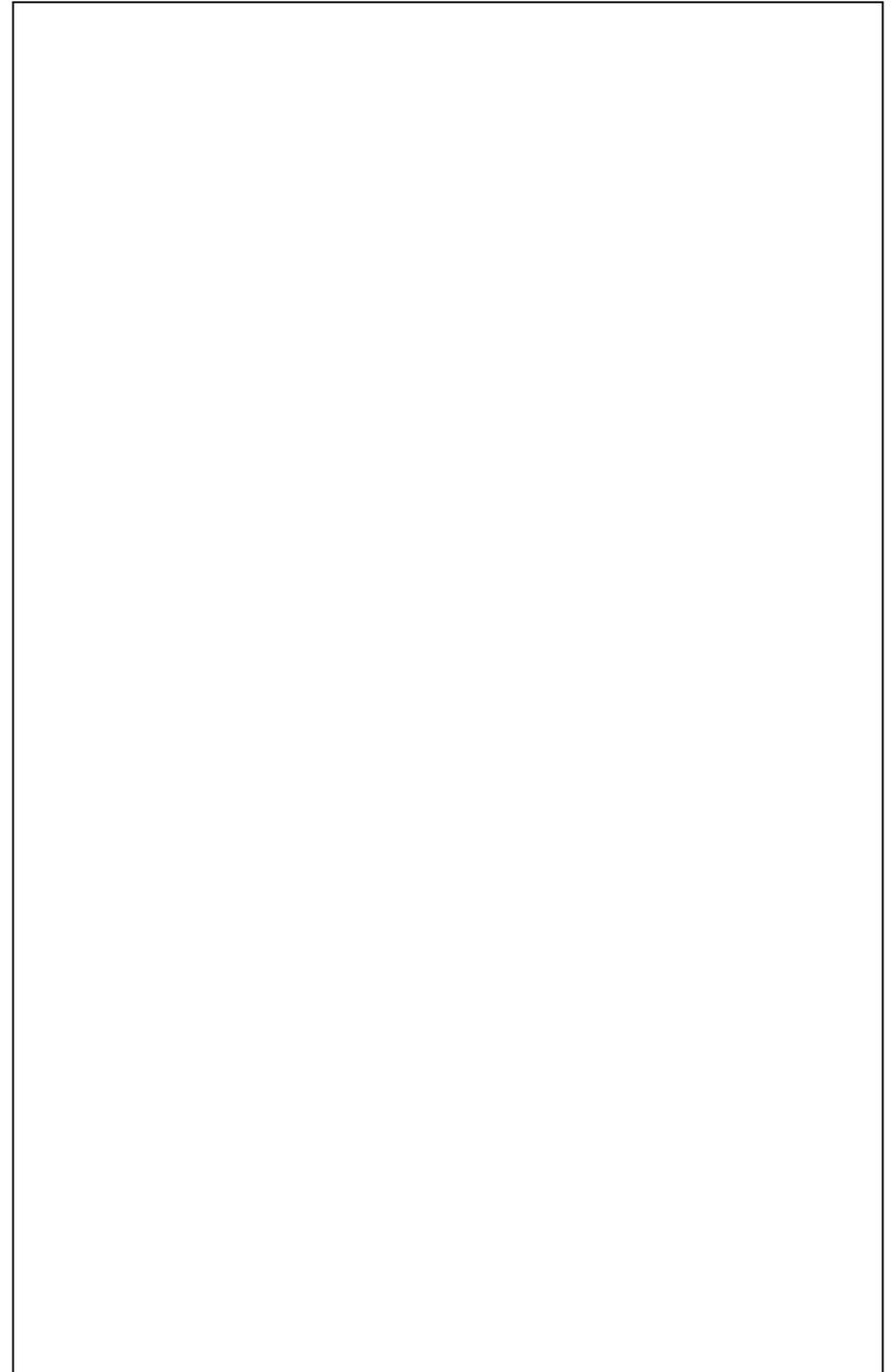
If there is anyone who would like to come and along and join us please feel free - the chapel is always open on a Sunday.

Through the winter months there is usually a bible based study at the chapel on alternate Tuesday evenings - again anyone who is interested in this fellowship would be welcome to join us.

MAN & HIS DETECTOR

If you have lost something of value that a metal detector could uncover, phone Mike on 01288 341418 and he will be pleased to try to find it for you.

The fee - a mug of hot chocolate !!!



YOUR LETTERS !

Got an opinion on any of our features? Have you been inspired or entertained by any of our articles?

We would love to hear from you.

Send your contributions to the Editor

Question? Do you know what lies shivering at the bottom of the sea?

Answer: A Nervous wreck !!

**Do you know a joke that would amuse others?
Send them in to the Editor and let us share them**

Would you be interested in starting up a lunch club in the village, say, once a month?

**Suggest a simple menu such as soup, cottage pie
bread & butter pudding, tea or coffee**

Reasonable price with a raffle for church funds

If you are interested, let the Editor know