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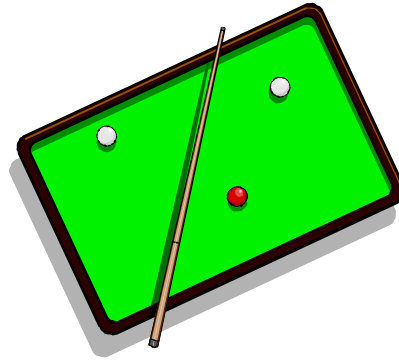
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## SNOOKER

Our own snooker team were successful and promoted to division 1 last season.

The team players are Simon Runacres, Marcus Whittle, Jamie Ledbetter Paul Howard and David Brown.

Well done boys for your achievements, you have



done the club proud!

## CHAMPIONS

The Snooker team are working hard to try and get to the top of Snooker league.

If there are any members who are interested in supporting or playing the game please



## BABBACOMBE FAYRE

Once again this popular fayre is a big fund raising day for the club.

Some of the members helped to man the stalls throughout the day.

We raised £ 270 which will be used to help the club with it maintenance

programme. This years income is £40 more than last year.

Any members that have very good and useful bric and brac( books, china, furniture etc) please speak to the committee members with re-

## Games Room

gards to storage for the next event.

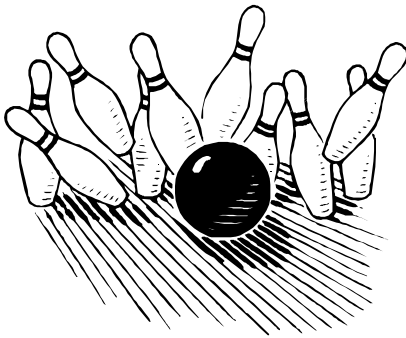
The Games room had been given a big make-over.

Thank to a lottery award this enabled us to have a

## SKITTLES

The skittles season is almost upon us.

There is a skittles meeting on 8th August to talk about the rules for the new season.



Simon Runacres the new skittles captain hopes that many players will be at the meeting.

There was one spot of good news.

Our skittles team got promoted last season by default. The reason for this promotion was that three other skittles teams have dropped out and our team took one of the places.

We do have to remember Amanda Whittle who was our captain last year.

Amanda had worked very hard to achieve the successes we had especially as

we narrowly missed out on the runner up spot.

Simon had a lot on his plate to achieve the same ambitions as Amanda.

The club wishes Simon well in his first year as captain.

Once again the importance of winning matches is to keep up your skittles skills.

Especially that we have a brand new games room and exceptional skittles alley.

## Parkers Pen “A rather quiet chat”

**“This article appeared in the Herald Express on 12th June. Due to publishing space only part of the story appears here”**

While travelling to Birmingham on a Virgin Voyager train, an interesting communication took place.

Having a reserved seat, I had five deaf people for company, being two ladies and three gentlemen. Using sign language they certainly had plenty to communicate about. The gentleman next to me, seemed to give the impression he knew of me, but I did not know him.

Then he asked by writing on a piece of paper, if I came from Kingsker-

swell. How did he know that?

In reply I wrote yes, and that I did a newspaper column too, and before I had time to finish he wrote Herald Express.

Then he wrote Parker's Pen, to which I replied that I had not met Jim Parker. During our communications it materialised Jim Parker had coached his son James in cricket.

The gentleman was Michael Norrish who was with his wife Caroline, both from Ipplepen. With them was Margo Valentine from Abbotskerswell, as well as Kevin Freeman and Andrew Lethridge from Plymouth. They were all going to Birmingham.

Michael continued that he loved travelling by

train for long distances, for instance to Birmingham, London and the North of England, and that he found rail more relaxing.

In all we had a very interesting exchange of com-



munication, and what a small world it can be at times. I asked if they would like an article in the column and a photo. Definitely as you see. What a good group they were, and considering all being deaf,

## Coach Trip

This years coach trip to Althorpe House to visit the home of Earl of Norfolk and the final resting place of Lady Diana had been cancelled.

The organisers are very sorry that this had happened but due to lack of support from the membership we had to cancel the coach.

If you want to go on a big trip somewhere please ask any member on the com-

mittee and we will look at the possibility of organising a trip.

However you must remember members must support each other if you would like to have a trip laid on.

Coach trips are very expensive and any cancellation means we loose any deposit that we have paid out for the bus hire.

The organiser s are very sorry for this and at this present time. At the mo-

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ment the organisers do not wish to organise another trip in the future.

In a recent committee meeting, it was agreed to lower the admission fee from £2 to £1. The committee felt that the higher fee was not encouraging people to come to the club.

The Committee hope that this will now encourage people to visit.

If you would like to discuss



Committee  
In session

## Xmas Dinner

This years Christmas party will be held at the Belgrave Hotel Torquay on the sea-front. Tickets will be going on sale shortly. If you would like to come to the party please put your name on the Christmas party notice.

There are only 40

places this year so first come first served if you want to be successful with



your ticket.

Our Christmas party will be separate from other firms parties and we will have our own room( Dickens Bar) .

We hope to have some party games to get some of you into the goodwill spirit!

If you require further information please speak to either Sally



## CHURCH NEWS

Our new chaplain had a arrived! Her name is Catherine Carlyon and she lives in Cheriton Bishop just outside Exeter. Catherine parish church is near Crediton. Catherine looks forward to meeting you and working with us. Catherine attended the 20th anniversary

of Devon Deaf Church Service in Plymouth.

On the Saturday before Pentecost there was 20th anniversary party held in one of the big hotels in Plymouth that over looks the Hoe .

The party was well at-

tended. Arthur Rundle the current chairman went to great lengths to ensure a fully loaded programme of entertainment during the evening. Arnold gave a good history pres-



Pentecost service held  
at Plymouth.

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# TDSC

**Life President: Andrew Ford**  
**Chairman: Marcus Whittle**  
**Secretary: Simon Runacres**  
**Assist. Secretary: Jonathan Brown**  
**Treasurer: Andrew Foster**  
**Sports Secretary: Amanda Whittle**  
**Committee Officers**  
**Margaret Ford**  
**Valerie Prentice**  
**Ian Bugbee**  
**Joan Simms**

## MEMBERSHIP FEES 2006/2007

**SINGLE £8:00**

**COUPLES £12:00**

**Weekly Temporary £1**

## WAGS

The Senior Citizens, Wednesday afternoon club.

The club meet on Wednesday afternoon from 4pm until 7.30pm when the Social Club evening opens.

Margaret Ford is the main controller for all contacts.

Recently WAGS went on an outing to Seaton in East Devon. The group visited the Seaton Trams railways where members enjoyed went on rides and viewed the countryside.

Afterwards, members treated themselves to cream teas before returning back to Torquay.

## FRANK DOSSETT

We were sorry to hear of Frank's demise.

However, Frank did have a great turn out for his funeral.

Gill Behenna conducted a very nice service for Muriel

No one had to sing songs. The songs were played from a CD player. But Gill did sign the songs for us.

The Club was very grateful for the retiring collection which went to the Social Club. Funds.

Afterwards a reception was held at the Sefton Hotel on Babbacombe Downs.

I caught up with Muriel recently and she had said that the funeral went very well and she was very pleased with how things went.

Frank and Muriel were married for 56 years a very successful and long partnership.

Franks loved coming to the Deaf Club on Wednesday afternoons for WAGS as it was not a noisy place to be!

Frank had a great interest in aeroplanes and during the war years enlisted into the Airforce.

Muriel had many aero-plane pictures souvenirs around the house.

On one of the mantelpiece are two certificates to confirm that both Frank and Muriel had flown by con-corde not once but twice!

Muriel said that her best holiday was one that lasted 14 weeks where both Frank and Muriel holidayed in the far east and Australia.

Muriel said that she does missed Frank.

I am sure that club members will do their best to support Muriel in any way.

