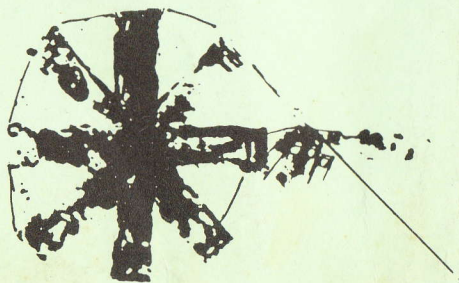


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PROGRAMME 25p

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

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FRIDAY 24th. JUNE

The 'Ruth' Fairground Organ will tour the village late afternoon and early evening.

6.45

OPENING CEREMONY

Dancing in the Square: Town Crier.

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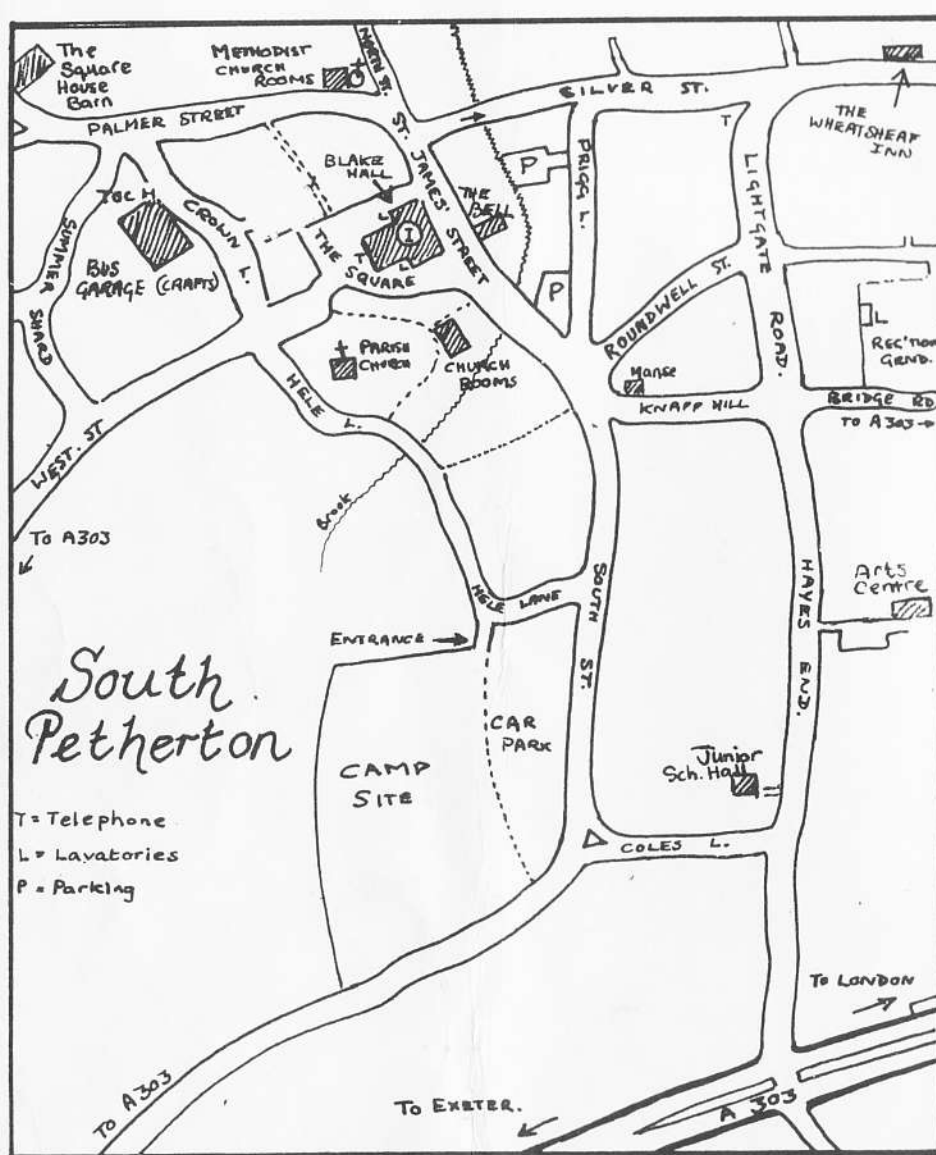
M.C. Tony Slinger, with Travel-By-Steam and festival items.

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CONCERT

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The centre is open from mid-day Friday 24th June until 10 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday 25th & 26th June from 10 a.m. to 8p.m. Please keep in touch for last minute amendments to the programme, and additional events.

FESTIVAL SOUVENIRS, TEE-SHIRTS & SEASON TICKETS etc

10.0	CRAFT EXHIBITION open until 5.0p.m.	Bus Garage	Free
10.30	MUSIC AND DANCING Compere Tony Slinger	in the Square...	
11.0	MEET PYEWACKETT	Bell Club Rm	75/30
11.30	HOBBY HORSE CLUB	Church Lawn	30
	with John Chapman, Bozo the Clown and Butterfingers.		
11.30	MUSICIAN'S WORKSHOP Led by The Blue Mountain Band.	Methodist Hall	75/30
12.0-2.30	A SONG AND A PINT CONCERT	Bell Yard	60/30
2.30 - 4.30	with Nyah, Travel-by-Steam, Bill Martin & Ian Blake and others.	Methodist Hall	1.50/80
2.30-4.30	CHILDREN'S FUN AND PAINTING	Church Rooms	30
2.45	OVERTURE BY THE BLUE MOUNTAIN BAND	Blake	1.00/50
3.00	and DANCE DISPLAY	Hall	
	All teams. Compere Eric Langford.		
4.30 - 6.0	CHILDREN'S SONGS with Colburn and Stuart.	Bell Club Rm	30
5.0	CRAFT EXHIBITION closes		
6.0	FOLK CLUB	Bell Lounge	
6.0	IRISH DANCE WORKSHOP	Methodist Hall	75/30
6.0	MORRIS AND CLOG DISPLAYS	The Square	
8.0	'SOUTHERN NATIONAL' CEILIDH with the Blue Mountain Band and items from the Festival. Compere Bernard Chalk.	Bus Garage	2.00/1.00
8.0	SONG CONCERT with Penny Hop, Nyah, The Wilson Family Colburn & Stuart, Galloped and others.	Blake Hall	2.00/1.00

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10.30	CRAFT EXHIBITION open until 5.0p.m.		
10.30 - 12.0	HAMMERED DULCIMER WORKSHOP with Rosie Cross (Pyewackett) and Nigel Chippindale	Bell Club Rm	75/30
11.0	PLAYFORD DANCE WORKSHOP with Corinne Sharp	Arts Centre	75/30*
11.0	CALLERS' WORKSHOP with Bernard Chalk and the Blue Mountain Band	Church Room	75/30
11.0	HOBBY HORSE CLUB with Butterfingers and Bozo the Clown	Methodist Hall	30
11.0	GENERAL DANCING AND DISPLAYS Compere Tony Slinger	The Square	
12.0	A SONG AND A PINT with Johnny Collins and Jim McGean	Bell Yard	60/30
12-2.00.	TUNES TO BE REMEMBERED	The Wheatsheaf	
1.0	SWING SESSION Come and enjoy rhythm and jazz, with or without an instrument	Church Room	75/30
2.30	FESTIVAL SERVICE	Parish Church	
2.30-4.30	CHILDREN'S FUN AND PAINTING	Church Rooms	30
2.30	SOCIAL DANCE with Bernard Chalk and the Blue Mountain Band	Blake Hall	1.50/80
3.0	SONG CONCERT Guests to be announced	Junior School Hall	
3.45	GENERAL DANCING AND DISPLAYS Compere Eric Langford with English Mustard	Blake Hall	1.50/80
4.0	SHANTY SESSION with Johnny Collins & Jim McGean	Square House Barn	75/30
5.0	CRAFT EXHIBITION closes		
6.0	PLAYFORD DANCE Caller Corinne Sharp with Heritage	Arts Centre	1.00/50
8.0	BARN DANCE M.C. John Chapman with Pennyhop	Bus Garage	2.00/1.00
8.0	SONG CONCERT with John Renbourn, Green Gunpowder, Pyewackett etc	Blake Hall	2.00/1.00

General Information

PRICES The price of a weekend season ticket is great value at £9. Day tickets are £5 each. Lower prices given are for Pensioners and children under 14.

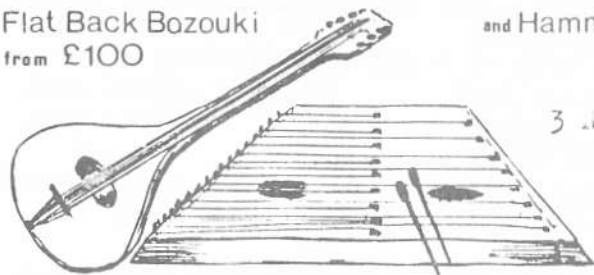
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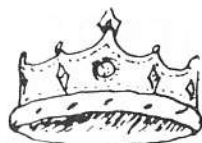
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The birch cuttings are taken only from trees which are seven years or older, younger trees have too fine and thin a crown. For seasoning, cuttings are laid out in a stack which is finished with a ridge-like roof like a haystack. They are left until the following spring when they are opened up and the bundles taken out as required.

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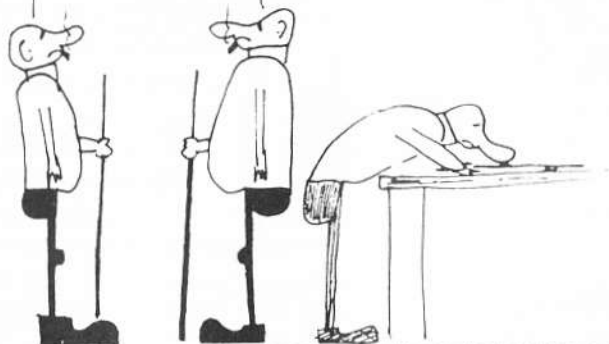
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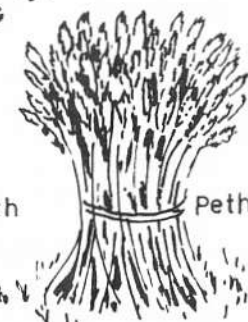


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TONY SLINGER will comper the open-air displays and dancing and call for the Friday evening ceilidh. JOHN CHAPMAN (Wincanton) will take the Hobby Horse Club on Saturday and call for the Sunday evening Barn Dance.

THE SEYMOUR DANCERS from the Totnes area, will show dances of the Tudor and later periods, in the appropriate costumes. Their leader, Eric Langford, will comper the Saturday afternoon Display.

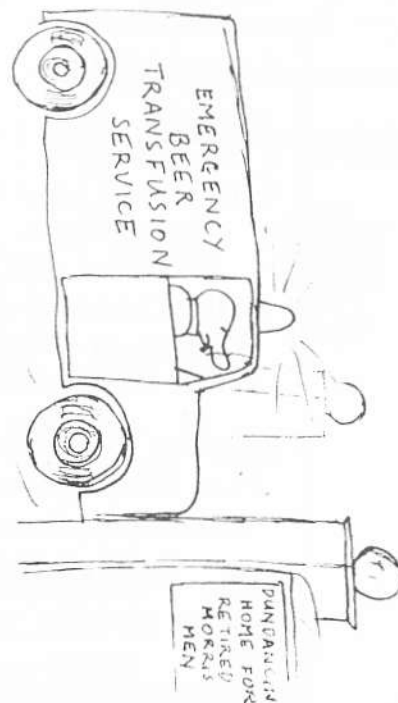
GREEN WILLOW clog dancers, from Totnes and district with their colourful costumes, were here two years ago.

THE YETMINSTER IRISH trained by Pam Common, come again to delight us with their intricate footwork, and to show their colourful new costumes, following their appearance on 'Points west'.

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TRAVEL BY STEAM are playing for the Friday evening ceilidh ..and

PENNYHOP for the Sunday Barn Dance.

WEST SOMERSET MORRIS MEN coming for the first time practice at Halsway Manor, the Folk Centre in the Quantocks. They will be joined by WYVERN JUBILEE and WESSEX Morris Men and the women of QUEEN'S DELIGHT and SOUTH DORSET CALEDONIAN CLUB (SCOTTISH)

THE BLUE MOUNTAIN BAND formed in 1966 by Richard Smith, the Leader, has made several records and played at many Festivals - Sidmouth, Eastbourne, Broadstairs, Cleethorpes, Towersey - first visit to South Petherton. The band has been involved in training musicians, holding regular monthly sessions at Cecil Sharp House, leading to the appearance of fifty musicians in a massed band at the EFDSS Albert Hall Festival. They have a full and varied repertoire.

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GREEN GUNPOWDER re-forming from other groups, play 'old time', 20's, cajun and Mountain music with Rosie Cross, Mark Emmerson and the amazing... Pete Cooper on fiddle, mandolin, guitar and harmonica. A 'must' for 'old time' fans.

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NIGEL CHIPPINDALE This versatile young musician from Yorkshire is here again to entertain.

GALLOPIED Andy, a talented melodian player and new wife Sarah will be here again to sing and run the Friday evening Folk Club.

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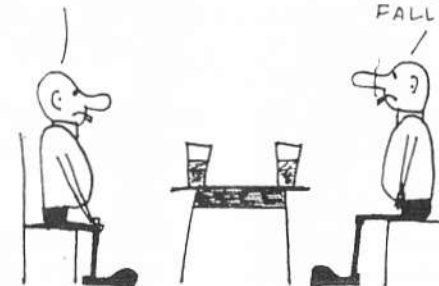
The art of brickmaking is an ancient one, apparently originating in Egypt and introduced into Britain when the Romans settled here. However they were not used by the English much until Tudor times. Then ornamental use of brickwork reached it's height.

In the early twentieth century there were, still, a number of hand-made brick businesses on the outskirts of London though by then most bricks were machine cut. Clay was dug in winter and mixed with ashes to break it up. An expert moulder with a boy assistant could make 1000 bricks a day. Clay was thrown into a wooden mould, trimmed then placed under wooden covers in the open to dry, before being placed in clamps for firing.

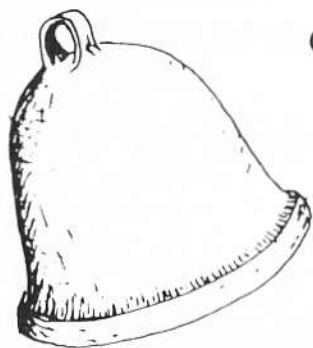


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THROUGH MY VEINS

IS THAT WHY
YOU KEEP
FALLING OVER?



much pottery was, and still is in primitive societies of the world, done by women who require vessels for their own use. Some primitive practices suggest that closely plaited basketware was smeared with clay either inside or out, then through accidental contact with hearth fires, it was discovered that firing produced a hard watertight vessel. In process of time, forms of vessels have become more and more specialised, according to use for storing food and beverages etc. or for ornament, and manufacture has become much automated.



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