

Rose Court Ramblings

Winter 2018



Climate change hits Torquay - it's back to the '70s

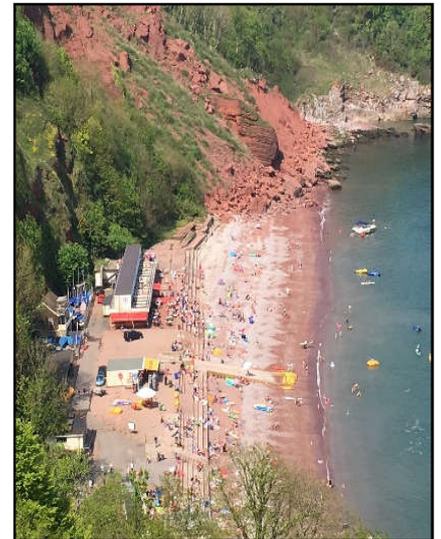


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Snow is like buses. None to speak of since 1979 and then in February and March, the area looked more like the North Yorkshire Moors than the English Riviera.

But then a summer unlike any since 1976. Week after week after week of unbroken sunshine — a delight for those staying here; a bit of a task to keep the garden watered.

Who needs a European holiday when this is on your doorstep?



May 2018

While we are technological dinosaurs - we really don't understand Twitter, Facebook and all that stuff - we do know we need to move with the times, so we are launching a new and improved website in the New Year and are giving our image a slight update.

But we hope that, despite the changes, we will continue to offer the same old-fashioned hospitality and welcome which we feel is right for a place like Rose Court.

Let's face it - time stands still when you are on holiday, when you can just let the day flow and there's no real rush to do anything.

We do understand, however, that there are moments when you might need to know what the time is - in particular, whether the sun has passed over the proverbial yard-arm.

So to help our visitors, we have installed an armillary sundial in the garden. We accept that it needs to be sunny for it to work properly but trust nature will ensure it is accurate enough to suggest when it might be time for a little something.



*We wish for you all a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year.*

Nick, Jackie and Alex



Good riddance to old rubbish

For many years, Torwood Street (at the bottom of Babbacombe Road by the Clocktower) was blighted by a row of derelict shops and buildings which was a very poor advertisement for Torquay. Finally, after many years, work has started to renovate the area, with the old properties being pulled down and cleared.

In their place will be some offices and “food and drink units” together with a Hilton Hotel which will be very convenient for those who wish to stay opposite the late-night kebab houses and clubs which the other side of the road offers.

But let’s give credit to Torquay Council for finally getting things moving. Now all we need is a proper plan for the lovely old Pavilion on the other side of the harbour - a plan which does not involve the eyesore of the proposed skyline-wrecking 11-storey block of flats.



It's all go down here...



It’s surprising how much is always going on in Torquay. Shows at the theatres, art exhibitions, musical events, street parties, air displays, power boat racing, beer festivals - there really is something for everyone. Full details at www.englishriviera.co.uk

Life is a constant process of updating and improving Rose Court and its facilities - new carpets, beds and shower rooms in recent years. This winter sees new plates and crockery, ceramic hob cookers and new flooring in many of the kitchens and showers.

But perhaps the biggest change - and certainly the most expensive - is putting central heating in the ground floor apartments.

On during the winter months (roughly October to March) it makes Babbacombe an even better place for a holiday - whatever the weather or time of year.

Summer was dominated by some nesting seagulls on the roof whose chicks kept falling off before they could fly. We rescued them and put them back on the nest, but problems continued. One was hurt, abandoned by its parents and we had to take it to a nearby sanctuary. To avoid this problem in the future, we are putting spikes on the roof to stop them nesting and to keep them away. On the subject of animals, we have also decided to stop accepting pets. Problems with pet hair and allergies have meant we have had to take this decision.

