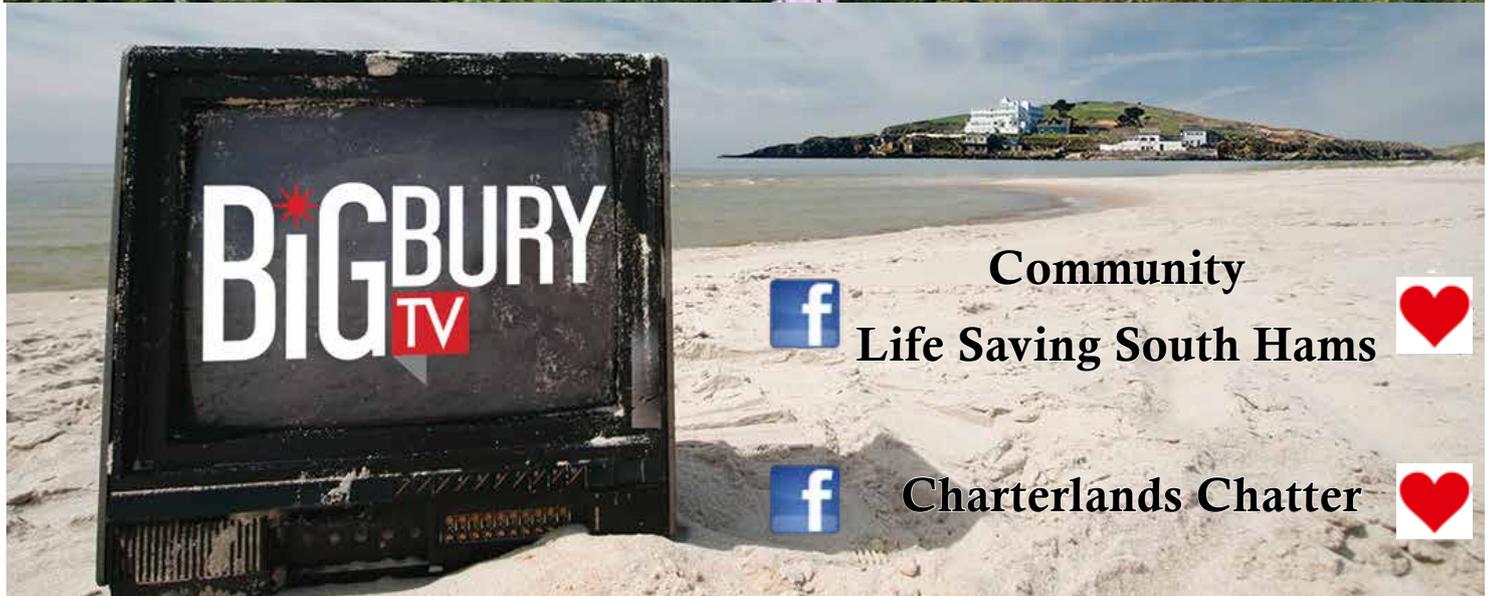




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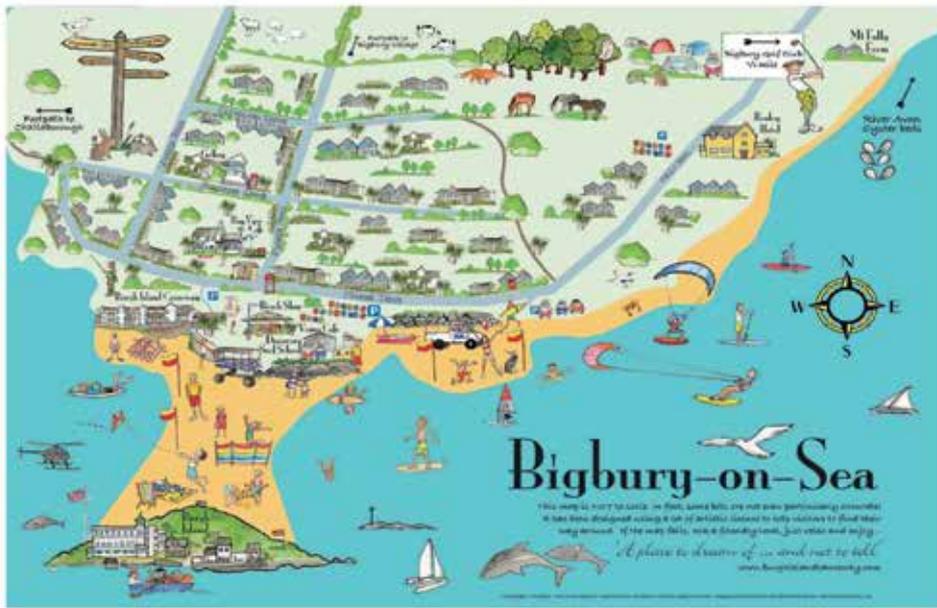
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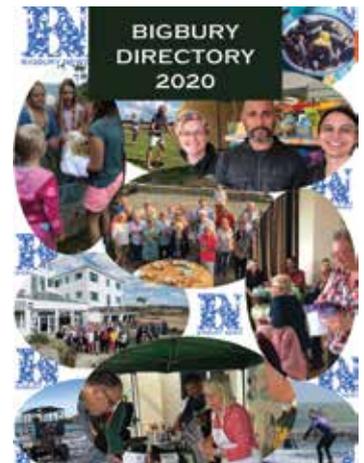
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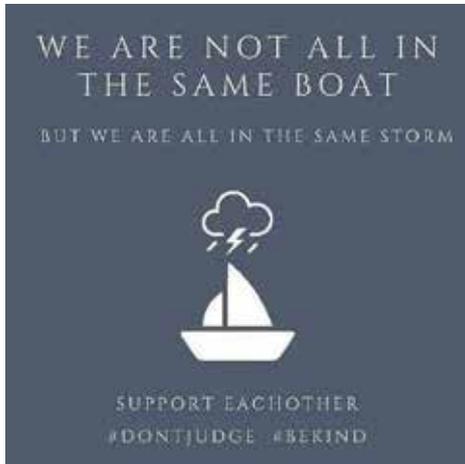




## LETTER from the EDITOR

Dear Readers,

It has been difficult to come to terms with the extraordinary situation we are in. It has affected us in so many different ways. We all live very different lives and have different family and financial pressures. I came across this message on a farm gate in Bigbury which says it all.



It is important that we remain **Alert**, and follow the **Guidelines**: maintain **Social Distancing**: avoid surfaces that may have been touched by people outside your household; wear gloves if you are venturing into public spaces; **Think Twice** before making an Essential Journey.

We are now allowed to leave homes for longer periods of exercise and to have meetings with up to six people from outside our households. Whilst the numbers of confirmed COVID cases continue to fall nationally, the SHDC has re-opened the car park at Bigbury-on-Sea. In the coming days, more facilities will open up and there will be some semblance of normality with strict observances.

Understandably, families who have been through weeks of Lockdown are finding a sense of relief and joy to be able to come to the beach and feel free in spite of everything. Whilst the SHDC are not yet able to cope with the extra debris left behind, at least the visitors are respectfully leaving it near the inadequate bins. BPC is putting pressure on SHDC to sort out this problem. Ideally they would take their rubbish home with them but there are no notices to request this. Parishioners have taken it upon themselves in the past to pick up rubbish in the lanes and dispose of it correctly. If you intend to keep doing this, during the pandemic it is even more important to wear gloves and a face-mask

The COVID-19 Emergency advice is changing on a daily basis. Keep regularly updated on these websites and sign up for alerts.  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)  
[www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/)

Avoid direct contact with the rubbish by putting it straight into a bag so that it all goes together into the grey bins. **Be Alert!**

Recent aerial photographs of visitors to South Milton and Bantham have shown that, in the most part, visitors on the beach are keeping in small groups. The nation will be relying on **Social Responsibility** to avoid further Lockdowns having to be imposed. There will always be exceptions - as we are not all equally socially responsible. As individuals and households we can make sure that what is within our own control - is taken care of. It is possible to stay safe ourselves. **Stay Alert** and ask for assistance from the Volunteers in the **Covid Support Group** if you need it. If you have even mild symptoms and are young and fit - do not leave the house and ask the CSG to assist with essential supplies during your **Self-Isolation period (for you AND your household)**. See posters p2 & 3.

It has been a challenging time for volunteers who are representing communities such as Bigbury. Police and the **Local Resilience Forum** aim to maintain good relationships with the public and work hard to persuade and encourage changes in behaviour. Fines are only deployed as a last resort because relationships are very important in a civilised nation and our Community.

Our parish representatives have even less influence than HM Government on 'everyone.' We appreciate the fact that they have made it their responsibility to keep people informed and to try and make the best decisions about how to identify and manage risks. Please give them your support and recognise the difficulties that they face. Particular thanks to the **Local Resilience Forum, South Hams Community Life Saving and Bigbury Coronavirus Support Group**.

It may have been difficult for some people to ask for assistance when they still feel able to manage on their own. However, delegating shopping to less vulnerable people is a necessity according to HM Government guidelines.

Please check the new Guidelines (p 2 & 3) for the national **TEST & TRACE** system to help us manage any second wave of Covid-19.

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Let's continue to **Carry On Bigbury**, Stay Alert, Follow the Guidelines, Be Kind, Don't Judge and set a Good Example.

**Louise Wainwright**  
*Editor Bigbury News & Bigbury Drums*

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## BIGBURY CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT GROUP

Throughout the pandemic and lockdown, Holywell Stores has continued to provide a vital lifeline for many in the parish in the provision of essential foodstuffs with the help of the BCSG, amongst others. As recently suggested, because the shop is coping well with its supply chain and customer demand, that parishioners should now email their shopping orders direct to the shop for subsequent delivery by shop staff rather than use the volunteers. However, the offer of help with ordering and distribution by volunteers of the Support Group remains for those that prefer to use it, whatever the reason.

I'd like to thank all the volunteers once again for what they are doing. BCSG activities for food have remained at a fairly constant but undemanding level to date. The requests for prescription collection and delivery has been very popular and I'd particularly like to single out Geoff Ross for thanks for helping in that regard.

As the weather improves, one of our main concerns was how to deter the usual influx of visitors to Bigbury-on-Sea, which might threaten the indigenous population. To that end, three professionally made signs were purchased for display on the approach roads to Bigbury, announcing 'Coronavirus - all car parks ahead CLOSED'. These signs remained in place, vandals permitting, until SHDC, DCC and HMG changed their policy on travel for recreational purposes. The local coastguard staff and police have been very helpful in communicating with the BCSG and, especially, in enforcing HMG guidelines dissuading the public from travel for beach-related activities, reinforcing the 'Stay Home, Stay Safe' message. That message has now been diluted by relief of some aspects of lockdown and other messages from HM Government - some deliberate, some accidental and unfortunate!

Effective communication with parishioners and potential visitors has been very important throughout the pandemic. The community website has been kept up to date with announcements from DCC and SHDC, which explain the pandemic situation and aimed to deter visitors to the area. Similarly, Bigbury Drums has played a central role in informing its hundreds of subscribers about COVID-19 and in encouraging participation, at a safe distance, in a variety of distracting pastimes or amusements.

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Stuart Watts -  
27th May 2020

### BCSG CAN HELP WITH SHOPPING FOR THESE GROUPS

#### VULNERABLE

People aged 70 or older (regardless of medical conditions) and those under 70 with an underlying health conditions previously highlighted by NHS. This group are advised by NHS to be particularly stringent in following social distancing measures

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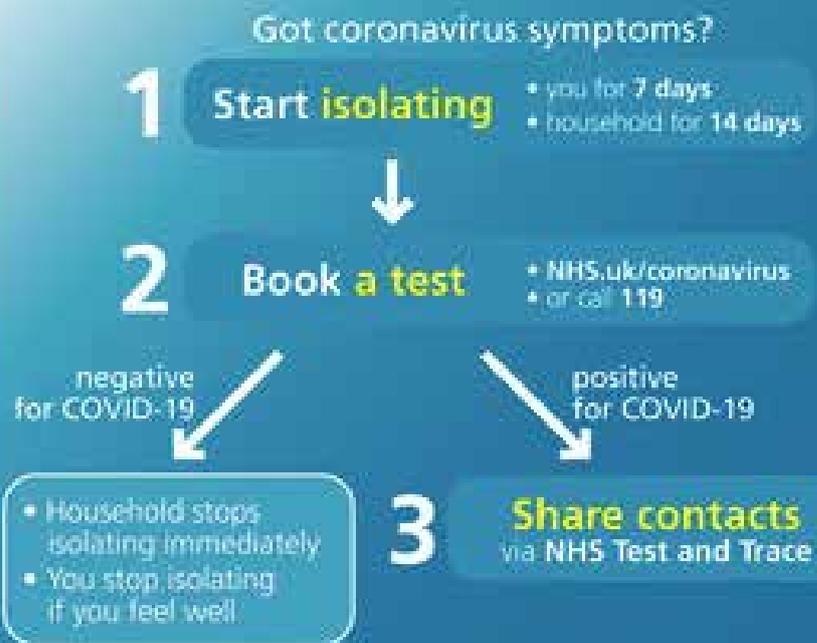
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Use the On Line 111 website before you dial 111  
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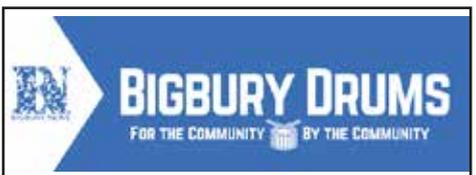
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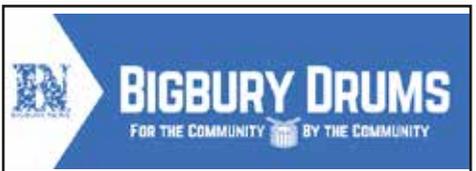
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## Self-isolation

Advice for patients with & without symptoms of infection, who are isolating themselves due to potential exposure to novel coronavirus (COVID-19). These actions will help to protect others inside & outside of your home from infection.

### Isolate yourself



**Stay in your home or accommodation**, do not go to work, school or other public areas



**Separate yourself** from others in your home or accommodation



**Do not have visitors** in your home or accommodation



Use **separate facilities** if sharing, these should be cleaned before use by others



Have food, medication & other supplies **delivered to you**



**Try to keep away from your pets.** If unavoidable, wash your hands before & after contact

### Prevent the spread of infection



**Cover coughs & sneezes** with a tissue



Place the tissue in a **bin**



Wash your hands with **soap & water**



Use **separate household items** like towels, bedding, toothbrushes, cups & dishes



**Wear a mask** when you are around others, if you have been told to do so

### Wash hands with soap & water:



Before cooking & eating



After using the toilet

### Take care of your health & wellbeing

#### For those with symptoms of infection:



Get plenty of rest until you feel better



Drink enough fluids so that you pass urine regularly



Take paracetamol as advised, to reduce pain & fever

#### For everyone in self-isolation:



Keep in contact with friends & family by phone, video & online



Carry on hobbies & interests within your home if you are able to



Take regular exercise within your home if able

Seek help if you develop symptoms or existing symptoms get worse (eg difficulty breathing) by calling NHS 111

Your healthcare provider will advise you on whether to remain in self-isolation following a negative test result

**In an emergency**, call 999 & inform the call handler about your potential exposure to COVID-19

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## BIGBURY COFFEE MORNING

A fantastic thank you to everybody who donated to The South Hams Society. We raised £250. Jean will continue the homemade baking for **Modbury Caring** whose coffee morning should have been on Wednesday 3rd June. Please place orders by **Wednesday 3rd June** for delivery on Saturday 6th June by phoning 810029.

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The charity for July is the **Children's Hospice S.W.** More information on the ordering timetable will be in the July mini Bigbury News and Bigbury Drums.

*Keep safe and healthy*

**Jean and Yvonne.**

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**Tuesday 8th September**

Widecombe Fair by Tally Ho

**Wednesday 14th October**

Cockington Village

**Wednesday 18th November**

Sloop Inn, Bantham for lunch

**Wednesday 9th December**

Christmas Lunch at St Elizabeth House, Plympton

**Pam Trundle**



## BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

The Book Club has decided not to meet until the Pandemic is over, however, the book I have chosen for this month is **Once Upon a River** by *Diane Setterfield*, which we will discuss when we are able to get together again.

**Hazel Osborne**

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## NINETEENTH HOLE

Bigbury Golf Course opened on Wednesday 13th May, the first day available following the temporary lock down of almost eight weeks.. Jason Pheasant, our General Manager, reports that on this day Bigbury had a tee sheet with 12 hours availability, with only 9 spaces left. Jason goes on to say "it is so nice to be seeing everyone again and the sheer enjoyment I saw in members coming off the course made the 100's of hours work put in worth it".

Thanks must go to our Head Greenkeeper, Richard, who during the lockdown worked alongside his Deputy, Justin, to be sure essential maintenance was carried out and that the course was ready to open as soon as the go ahead was given. Also Jason must be especially thanked for the very considerable effort he made to have the course open first thing on the Wednesday.

First off the tee on the 13th May were Jan and Andrew Williams. Following their round, they say that with the course shut for the last couple of months, their only golfing activity had been chipping, or rather trying to chip, golf balls into a bucket on the back lawn, so it was an enormous relief and luxury to be able to return to Bigbury and play a full round of golf. Having a reservation for the fairly civilised 07.18 slot, they initially had the course to themselves except for the ground staff. It was an absolute delight and with everyone following the sensible advice on distancing they wound up on the 18th green just inside three hours. Jan took the honours but who was counting! The weather was sublime and the condition of the course was as good as it gets. Jan and Andrew said their congratulations go to the staff who worked hard to achieve

this in what must have been very trying circumstances. Well done to them and this was definitely a round of golf they will never forget.

The Lady Captain, Jane Rickman, alongside her Vice Captain, Dot Kenneth have set up an informal Saturday Team competition. Ladies can sign up and they will then be drawn for either Jane or Dot's team for some fun golf. There is also to be a fortnightly Medal Competition and Rosemary Sharps, our Competitions Secretary, will be pairing up those entering for their matches.

Bigbury members are so very grateful to be able to take to a course presented in fantastic condition; also to be benefiting from the exercise, fresh air and wonderful views. It is giving some semblance of normality to their lives during these unprecedented times.

Finally, whilst the golf course is open for play with necessary restrictions in place, at this time the practice facilities and the clubhouse remain closed.

### Marlene Johnson

Photograph: A smiling Jan and Andrew Williams on the 18th Green

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## ST LAWRENCE MATTERS REPORT

Another month passes without us being able to use the church, although it was heartening to see the Rev Matt leading the video service from St Lawrence on 17th May, and to hear the ship's bell from HMS BIGBURY BAY sound again. I look forward to the big brothers – or sisters, to be PC – of the ship's bell ringing out once again from the tower, once the restoration work on the tower has been done. On that subject, we have recently been fortunate to be awarded **£1800 from the Pilgrim Trust** to put towards the restoration of the bells.

On radio 4's PM programme recently, I heard Evan Davis asking the rector of an urban parish about church finances during Covid-19 lockdown. The rector said that his church owned a car park next to the church, providing the church with important revenue, which had dried up during the lockdown as there were no cars around. St Lawrence does not have a car park, so even at the best of times we rely on contributions from parishioners. Currently, collections at services and visitors' donations are non-existent, and income has diminished to the **amount paid by standing orders by parishioners in lieu of the Sunday collection.**

Physical closure of the building does not mean there are no bills to pay: insurance, utility costs and the **Common Fund payments** are still ongoing, (the Common Fund includes salaries and diocesan charges required by Exeter). Maintenance must be carried out: we need work to be done on the tower's lightning conductor and there is an electrical inspection due. This year we are required by the diocese in Exeter to conduct the quinquennial inspection, a five yearly inspection of the church fabric; this has to be done by an approved church architect and yes, we get to pay for it.

It will probably come as a shock to many to learn that it costs somewhere close to **£20,000 per year to keep St Lawrence church functioning.** This money comes from parishioners' contributions which pay for running costs, and the esteemed **Friends of St Lawrence** help to fund church maintenance. One convenient way to ensure a regular, dependable contribution to St Lawrence's general income is via a standing order instruction to your bank. If you would like more information and a form, please contact **Cathy Harrington** on 810023.

Of course, more major renovations, such as the tower and bells, need to be funded separately from regular costs and expenses. So, the message is to please dig deep and help us raise the money we need to maintain and improve our slice of the national heritage that is **St Lawrence, our Grade 2\* listed church.**

Please read the appeal letter on the church page of the Bigbury News website to see how you can donate to the restoration of the Tower and Bells, ([www.bigburynews.com/church](http://www.bigburynews.com/church)), and contact **Bryan Carson** (01548 810296) and myself, on the **Parochial Council Building Sub Committee**, to discuss the project and any financial and practical help you can offer.

*Until the next time,*

**Vic Gubbins**

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### The 'inSPIRED apPEAL'

*for the Restoration of the Tower and Bells at St Lawrence!*

The appeal continues to receive lovely surprises – since last month's notes, there have been two further most generous donations, from **two Bigbury on Sea residents, amounting to £300**, some of which has been gift aided.

Covid-19 has put a blight on so many things and the planned VE 75 walk and brunch, and violin concert that were to be May's social and fundraising events have been postponed. However, it's an ill wind that blows no good: I had asked Rose Owen to make me a face covering to wear around the supermarket, and in a roundabout way her kindness has been behind part of these donations – so thank you to all concerned! (I have a few spare face coverings from Rose, should anyone want one please contact me).

By the way, the performance by **Thomas Bowes is being rescheduled for 2021**, and other events will get off the ground once lockdown is eased sufficiently. If you can bear to hang onto items, rather than whiz them down the recycling centres as they re-open, then they may be just the thing to put into the table top sale or the fete in due course! A decision has been taken not to hold the Victorian Tea Party this year, so sadly that date can be freed up in your diaries.

The **Bigbury Quilt** is progressing well, almost all the squares are ready for the next stages – thank you to everyone involved in this community project.

On the subject of lovely surprises, **Henry Wainwright** came up with an idea to support the Tower and Bells Restoration Appeal a few months ago and has been working hard behind the scenes with **Harry Bardens** and **Roger Grimley** amongst others. The result is '**BIGBURY PAST & PRESENT**', the book you can read about on the flyer enclosed with this issue of the News. The book is being bound by Charlotte, Henry and Louise's daughter, and printed by Bigbury News, so a real family collaboration. Thank you very much to everyone involved!

Bigbury Past & Present is an ideal 'gift' for yourself, family and friends, (think ahead to Christmas presents perhaps) and a perfect coffee table book for holiday guests to read whilst staying in our varied holiday accommodations. Copies can be purchased through myself and Louise Wainwright, or directly from Holywell Stores – our thanks to Jas and Jaswinder for their support in selling the book. All profits from the book sales will go into the Tower and Bells Fund, so please do buy a copy – or more!

The book is an example of ways for people in our community to get involved in the 'inSPIRED apPEAL'. Please get in touch with any ideas and offers of help you can give to the appeal, and thank you for continuing to donate directly to the appeal fund – details for how to do this can be found on [www.bigburynews.com/church](http://www.bigburynews.com/church) or contact me as below. Take care and thank you!

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### CHURCH FUND RAISING EVENTS 2020

Events tbc nearer the date

FRI 30th OCTOBER  
**Friends of St Lawrence** Musical Evening *St Lawrence Church*

NOV - DEC  
Community Christmas Card

WED 2nd DECEMBER  
Community Coffee Morning for the church *Bigbury Memorial Hall*

 **ST LAWRENCE  
FUND RAISING UPDATE  
2020**

DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST	Jan 2020	£4000
SOUND & VISION 6.5 EVENING	March 2020	£272
'inSPIREd apPEAL'	March	£860
	April	£110
	May to date	£300
PILGRIM TRUST	May 2020	£1800
<b>TOTAL TO DATE:</b>		<b>£7342</b>

All monies above were raised for the  
**Tower & Bells Fund**  
Thank you, all much appreciated!

Filling Station is not meeting in the normal way but members are keeping in touch with personal messages to each other. Email **James** if you want to join in:

**jamesrcspencer@aol.com**

This message was shared by a local resident:

LET NOT YOUR HEARTS  
BE TROUBLED,  
NOR LET THEM BE AFRAID  
*John 14 v 27*

**www.modburyteam.org**

Rev Matt Rowland

**01548 830 260**

**matt.rowland@modburyteam.org**



**LETTER from MINISTER at ST LAWRENCE**

**While the church buildings are closed we are holding services online.  
Join us on a Sunday morning at [www.modburyteam.org](http://www.modburyteam.org)**

**Surprised by hope**

As I write the church buildings still remain closed but we look forward to celebrating the re-awakening of these significant buildings in our communities.

We have all seen in our streets and lanes up and down the country rainbows hanging in front windows, from doors and gates. The splash of colour they bring are a way of saying don't give



up, don't despair and don't lose hope. Rainbows are bright signs of hope. After the storm, the sun shines out.

There is a rainbow in the heart of one of the early stories in the Bible. After Noah and the ark come through the flood we are told God placed a rainbow in the sky as a sign of his commitment to the earth.

That promise of commitment is of great hope during this current storm. As the Bible's plotline unfolds, the commitment pointed to by the rainbow is seen most brightly with the coming of Jesus. Christians when they look at Jesus' life, death and resurrection see the height of God's commitment to us. For it is Jesus' life, death and rising to life once again from the grave that brings hope to the biggest storm of all- death.

I encourage anyone who has not thought seriously before about the Christian hope for life beyond the grave and its foundation in the resurrection of Jesus, to take this time now to do so. There is no risk in taking time to look into it and a wonderful hope to gain if it is true.

If you would like to find out more then have a look at our website: [www.modburyteam.org](http://www.modburyteam.org) or I would be happy to talk over the phone or meet in person once physical distancing is lifted.

Matt Rowland  
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**Appeal co-ordinator: Jill Gubbins**, (01548 810651 / [jill.gubbins@homecall.co.uk](mailto:jill.gubbins@homecall.co.uk) / 07745 990270) Please complete the form below, for cheque or bank transfer gifts. Please gift aid your donation if possible, (your postcode is necessary). **THANK YOU !**

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## McBAR'S JARS

Dear Fellow Coasters,

Greetings from your island barman. Patiently waiting for lifted restrictions. Like the rest of us. What can I say? What have we come through? We're still dealing with it too. Let's not do this again. Let's come out carefully - we don't want another wave, do we? There are enough of them down here. In all our long lives, we've never witnessed this. Makes World War 2 look like the Ivybridge Ladies Annual Bun Festival if you ask me. We all of us on the island want to get back to dusting off the plush velvet and giving the furniture a good polish. It's amazing how good furniture polish masks the aroma of bygone dinners.

One thing to come from this is that nature has come into her own again. Vlad and I have noticed the more frequent sightings of sharks around the island: Baskers; Tigers and Nurse. Hurrah for the NHS. They're all obviously enjoying the shallows without little white legs splashing about and giving them tinnitus. You probably don't know this but sharks are quite shy. They only attack us if they're really hungry. So what does that say to you? Cunning? No, more like stupid with a run of luck.

But I digress. We'll be seeing you soon so hold that thought. Before you know it, we'll be back in action. It takes me back you know. 1975 was a good year. We were blessed with the presence of the lovely singer Barry Manilow. A lovely chap. He seemed to walk sideways - rather like a crab - the result, I believe of being jammed in a doorway during one of the many earthquakes they have in L.A. He brought with him a lady called Lola. A "showgirl!" as we in the prison fraternity would call her. I'd a feeling though that he'd just met

BIGBURY'S ANNUAL

# PRODUCE SHOW

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## THE PUB CAT SPEAKS



### BIRDSNESTS AND POODLEHEADS!

Hello darling cat lovers and puss-pots,  
So soon it's June and, I hope you agree,  
we are seeing nature in all its leaf-turning,  
flower-unfolding, butterfly-fluttering,  
mouse-scampering, and sparrow-hawk  
flapping moggy-magnificence!

For us all, and some in special need, all  
this ebullience of foliage, flower-perfume  
and busy-bee buzzing can be a balm to  
troubled souls and sorrowful minds.

My friend Bruce – a very fine Persian  
Blue – and I took a walk from the Artful  
Dodger. We happened upon a low stone  
wall where a young woman sat. She was  
sniffing, her hands folded upon her lap and  
she was gazing out to sea from beneath a  
wide-brimmed straw hat. But she was full  
of sorrow. Bruce and I joined her on the  
wall and sat in the soft silence and gentle  
breeze, listening to the sea breathing its  
quiet calm.

We cats – and dogs – understand silence.  
This is because we accept that life happens

to us. We do not hope in the way humans  
do. For us, hope is simply space and  
time, and we love to inhabit that space  
with humans and share your feelings in  
empathy and yes, love. And, at times, to  
speak is not required.

But to be at your side is what is needed.  
And so it was with our new friend, this  
silent sunny morning. We cannot know  
what was grieving her, but it was the grief  
itself that required our healing presence.  
Bruce and I may never see her again, but it  
is a moment in time that cannot be erased.

Which brings me to something quite  
extraordinary. Are all you humans trying  
to turn into cats? Most male humans seem  
to still be having their barnets trimmed.  
Nancy, our landlady at The Artful Dodger  
pub, cut her husband's flowing locks with  
a breadknife and transformed him from  
Fagin to Fluffbunny! But you lady humans  
seem not to trust your menfolk, armed  
with hedge-trimmers, and have decided to  
transform yourselves into flowing felines,  
with magnificent manes and trailing tresses  
that are beginning to make Bruce and I feel  
like a little light on the filament front!

One lady - of a certain age – rode  
gloriously past the Artful Dodger on her  
classic Picador Tricycle, her coiffured  
mane streaming all manner of granite,  
pewter and silver on the breeze as she  
sailed by. Mind you, I do feel sorry for our  
lovely Bigbury hairdresser (she does our  
nails occasionally in light purple!) – when  
she returns, she will have enough blond  
thatch to make the church tower look like  
Boris.

It is wonderful. Dreadlocks, braids, corn  
rows, beehives, afros, pigtails, poodleheads,  
birdsnests and cowlicks – we are seeing  
it in all its glorious waves and wefts and  
dust-bunnies.

One customer at the Artful Dodger  
remarked that he hadn't seen anything  
like it since he spent the weekend at  
Dartington. "Have to change the name of  
Bigbury to 'Totnes-on-Sea' he grinned from  
beneath his bald pate. "So what should we  
call Burgh Island?" I pondered. Simple.  
Fur Island...!

See you next month, Hairballs! Ha, ha!  
**Monty**



her that very day as he walked about Plymouth, and in particular, Devonport. Need I say more? No spring chicken, this one. Lost her first freshness I would say. Some women are not the kind to attract men and besides, she was getting on. Sporting the merest suspicion of a beard, she sat there, so refined, in the Palm Court with painted feathers in her hair. Completely bottled if you ask me.

Separate rooms of course. Barry needed the Mitchell room - a twin - a bed for him and the other for his nose. Now, people are wont to cast nasturtiums about Barry's love life but I say all my eye and Betty Martin to that. There were always women involved when it came to Barry. You may remember he was Chairman of the local Modbury Judy Garland Society and when I stayed with him for the weekend in his lovely bachelor pad in Palo Alto, I remarked how he had all of Barbra Streisand's LPs in his collection. So don't let me hear you say he was not interested in women. Such a shame he was rumbled for being in possession of Chinese herbs with that lady sporting the merest hint of a moustache. His career became all dot and go one after that I believe. You see? You can't have it all. I believe the proceeds from his following tours - both of them - went to the LAPD Benevolent Fund.

There you have it. Now, another thought occurred to me last week as I enjoyed Pilaff de Homard in the Two Trees pub in Plymouth. We need a cocktail here to lift our spirits so I propose to you my Quarantini. Into a shaker with some ice, add 50mls of Vanilla Vodka, 25mls of Ouzo and 25mls of Triple Sec. Stir and strain into a martini glass. Marvellous.

Have no more that three please. Do I need to say any more? old habits die hard and my activities, carefully concealed from the outside world, had landed me again where the shadow of the prison loomed ahead. I helped myself to some money. I didn't think a little subtraction would be noticed. My friend Poppy St Albans, complete with dental plate and lisle stockings, tried a spot of blackmail on me. Bits of her were found in a trunk at Margate.Me? Languishing in Clink? My collar felt? A collector of Chinese porcelain? A guest, yet again, of Her Majesty on Dartmoor? It's time I was cutting along again. I won't take up any more of your precious time ( as though we had pressing engagements!). Remember where you heard it first.

*Until the next time. Fare Thee Well my Friends.*  
Your long suffering barman.  
**Gary McBar xxx**

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**COVID-19 UPDATE**

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful team, who have worked tirelessly in recent weeks to make sure that our guests and friends feel safe and looked after. We cannot praise their positive, can-do attitude highly enough.

If you have a booking with us then please check our website for further details:  
[www.burghisland.com/covid-19/](http://www.burghisland.com/covid-19/)

We can't wait to see you all again when this is over and we ask that you come to visit us just as soon as it is safe. In the meantime we would like to wish our team and our guests our very best. Please do continue to follow us on social media where we'll creating wonderfully wild posts to keep the spirits lifted!

Stay safe and look after each other.  
*Kati, Vlad and the Burgh Island team.*

## BEACH BANTER



In these unique times, where the sun has shone most days but the beach has remained eerily quiet, we have had much to wonder about.

Discovery closed on March the 20th, when lockdown was first announced and we are planning to re-open on June the 2nd and begin by offering private lessons and equipment hire.

Living in Bigbury on-Sea, as well as working here, has been our saviour over the past few weeks and despite the terrible consequences of Covid 19 reverberating around the world, here has been our sanctuary. Daily walks and hundreds of photos - check out our social media for the highlights! Quality time with the children and working at home have kept us busy.

Inevitably as a result of these challenging times our regular school and large group bookings have been cancelled, but we have been getting everything ready to ensure when we re-open it is safe for everyone. There are many changes we've been implementing to make it work and we can't wait to welcome everyone back!

Our main concern is for our staff and our customers, so we have been risk assessing how to move forward safely. You'll notice a couple of changes at our base in the lower beach carpark, and we've put some detailed information on our website about how to book your lesson/equipment hire and what to do when you arrive, so please check that out.

Do sign up to our newsletter (via our website [www.discoverysurf.com](http://www.discoverysurf.com) or email us directly [martin@discoverysurf.com](mailto:martin@discoverysurf.com)) or keep an eye on our social media, as we will be updating our plans regularly.

We work with so many fabulous different organisations, charities and schools and we look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Stay safe and enjoy the sunshine.

**Martin and Annika,**  
*Discovery Surf School*

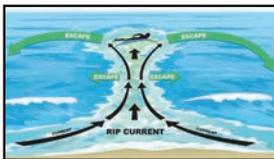


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# NO LIFEGUARD SERVICE

DON'T LET YOUR KIDS GO IN THE WATER WITHOUT AN ADULT

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## I ♥ BIGBURY

The perfect storm has arrived. The Government relaxed the Lockdown Rules before the relevant bodies could ensure that full safety measures were in place at beaches.

Consequently, hundreds of excited people are flocking to the most beautiful beaches in the country to feel some sense of freedom after weeks of Lockdown. Some of these visitors are not experienced swimmers and their lives are at risk from drifting unnoticed out to sea on inflatables, body boards and paddle boards.

At the time of printing, there are no RNLI lifeguards on station because of this institution's responsibility to train its teams on how to save lives without the risk of infection from Covid-19. Nationally, the **Covid-19 Risk level is still 'High'**. The RNLI has to provide adequate Personal Protective Equipment for staff. This takes time to organise and it was difficult to provide training during Lockdown.

The inevitable truth is that lives will be lost because there are no lifeguards officially on duty. However, this has not daunted dedicated individuals from taking matters into their own hands. As the risks became a reality and the emergencies began to arise, **Loic Doison** and **Luke Lane Prokopiou** launched a new social media alert platform:



**Community Lifesaving South Hams.**

Within 24 hours over 200 people had joined up and were raising awareness of the risks to people in the sea without life

guards and were sharing information about how to mitigate the possibility of people drowning.

**“ Together we do not want anyone to drown on our patch”**

Local surfers, **Discovery Surf**, members of the **Bantham Surf Life Saving Club** and experienced beach users have taken the initiative to patrol the beach and warn families of the risks of the rip current and the easterly off shore winds. **Bigbury News** helped to print and laminate copies of the poster made by **Loic Doison** so that he could distribute them along the South Hams Coast.

Volunteers have performed rescues without hesitation, several times a day when children and adults have been swept out by the rip current and the easterly wind. They are real heroes. An overwhelming feeling of deep gratitude is felt by all those who know about their selfless acts and sense of social responsibility. No 'Thank you' is big enough for these **LOCAL HEROES!** They get my vote.

**Louise Wainwright**

It is generally difficult to get a phone signal on the beach. As a result of the cooperation engendered by the Community Life Saving South Hams, the Coastguard Emergency phone on the side of the Lifeguard Look Out (near Venus Cafe) is now working. It had been dis-functional for almost 12 months.

## BEACH BANTER



The rip current is on the left side of the beach near the rocks where there are no waves



[www.dc.police.uk/COVID19ShoutOut](http://www.dc.police.uk/COVID19ShoutOut)  
to download and print the nomination form.

### INTRODUCING LORIMER..... AN AGELESS CAT.....

Lorimer looked up. He was hungry. The swifts, newly arrived from Africa, wheeled and screamed in the warm morning air. May hung heavy. A cloudless blue sky. And what a blue! The bluest of blue. As near to the shining iridescence of perfection as it could get. The unknowability of a summer's morning. What would the day bring? Hopes were as high as those foxgloves over there.

Lorimer slunk his way to the top of the island, tail high. What a joyful day. Wasn't it great to be a cat? He was still hungry though. He looked across to the mainland. What was it? What was different? He realised. Silence. A big silent silence. No human activity. That was it. No bins going across. No jabbering from big Chris and Iain Couper. No tractors. No Sea Tractor! The beach was deserted. No cars over in the car park. Empty. Of course, Lorimer had known silence in the past. Unlike humans, he had nine lives and the ageing process, unlike humans, required centuries.

He looked back at the people he'd known over the years: King Arthur; Paracelsus the Alchemist; John Constable the Painter;

### MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Noel Coward; Dan Dare, pilot of the Future; Winston Churchill; Batman; The Thin White Duke; McBar, waiting patiently to regain his Kingdom; Mark Zuckerberg and most recently, Billie Eilish, the singer, had put the finishing touches to her Bond song here. A list of people indeed.

Hunger brought him back to the present. He hadn't changed a particle. Slinking through the undergrowth, he found a young baby chick, freshly fallen out of the nest. My! Fresh young bones to crunch and lovely flesh. Mmmmm. Nom nom. Presently he came across a toad, sitting and looking like an angry potato. Yeuch! No, not for him. The warty skin of a toad gave out a secretion which was anathema to most birds and animals. Toads were left alone but hey!, that was their defence.

Lorimer's brow furrowed perplexedly. As he slipped through the brambles, he disturbed a few dandelion clocks which floated skyward, into the blue, and drifted. To any human, there was something moving in the undergrowth. But there were no humans. Presently he passed the empty Pilchard Inn. When had it ever been empty? Sad. No people to throw him titbits. No Jordan or Declan to stroke



The crew manning Hope Cove Life Boat have been called out several times a day recently. On their FaceBook page (29 May) they report that, "A strong Easterly breeze has been relentlessly pushing stand up paddle boards, kayaks and other inflatables offshore throughout the day. All of whom were safely returned ashore. Whilst in the middle of all of this, the crew were also tasked to a windsurfer in difficulty close to Burgh Island. Once on scene, it soon became apparent that the casualty had dislocated his shoulder and was rushed back to the station for medical attention before returning to continue with another tasking.

With the current COVID-19 pandemic, there is no RNLI lifeguard cover on any of the local beaches and the forecast is set to remain very similar for the weekend. The sea may look mirror flat but there is a stiff breeze to contend with that is gusting offshore. Please remember each time the lifeboat is called out the volunteers and their families are put at risk of catching the virus"



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Hope Cove Lifeboat

him. No Dylan or Adam to chase him. All that sea around the island - and no humans playing in it. He slinked up to the front door of the hotel. Good timing. Vlad let him in. The office looked the same as ever as he crept noiselessly through but Claudia was sitting in silence. Rachel, for the third time that week, was tidying shelves. No one was talking on the talking bones. The talking bones were silent. Kati was twirling a writing stick in her fingers. Vlad was looking at his little black box. They all did that now. They were all waiting for something. What?

Then it dawned on Lorimer. No people in the rooms up there. And fabulous rooms too. Art Deco in all its glory. Beautifully appointed suites. Lavish public areas. Mouth watering cocktails, made by that old boy who'd been there as long as Lorimer had. All this waiting for a time when things would be normal again. He'd been there before. Reminded him of the big Spanish Flu in 1919. We got through that and we'd get through this too. Jordan the chef gave him a fish. Wow! Nom nom.

*"Now, where did he get that?"*

**Lorimer wondered.....**

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## VENUS REOPENS

Venus re-opened for Take-Aways at the end of May, after the car park was re-opened. We will test the water for a while. There will be a limited menu and limited staff to begin with. The menu we are starting with is already on our website under 'Eat'. We are shuttering up all our tables as they cannot be used, implementing a one way system, installing screens in front of the tills and taking all precautions to limit the risk of transmission. We plan to be open 10am to 6pm but will adjust it if we find demand different than we expect.

Building work for the new seating area will restart soon and I anticipate that it will be finished by the end of June. Hopefully just when the Government will allow indoor seating albeit with limited seating. The building will be fantastic and we are really looking forward to it – great for parties, summer evening dining, meetings and those grey, wet winter days.

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## BIGBURY ARTISTS

*Art for Goodness Sake*

Can we muster up enough artistic energy to have an exhibition in the Memorial Hall when this Covid Emergency is over? Is there anyone out there who might like to organise a virtual club for artists and get people together regularly via Bigbury Drums to share visions, colour and company on line?

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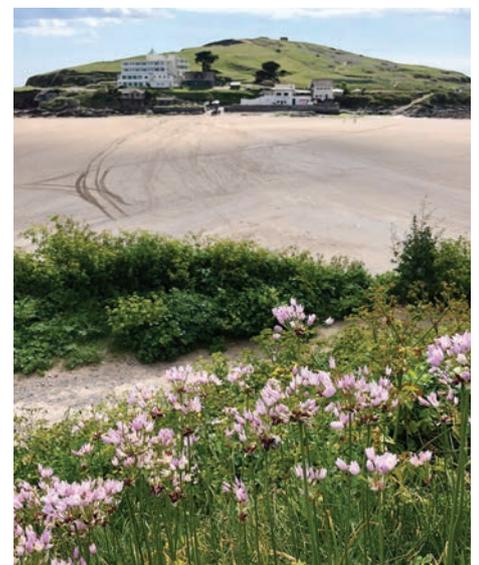
John Tucker made the sun shine on a stormy afternoon in May. It was Lockdown and people had headed the advice to stay at home - the beach was empty.

Sadly a young man, who often surfed at Bigbury-on-Sea had died after a long illness. His family came down to Bigbury-on-Sea after the funeral to think about him and raise a glass in his memory as the sun went down and the tide came in.

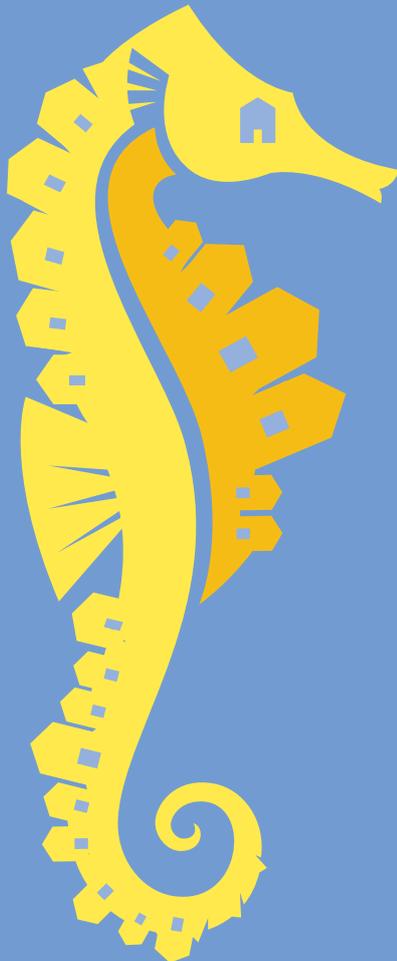
John drove his tractor down onto the sand to write "Daddy we love you" as a farewell gesture on behalf of his family.

Two drones went up to capture the event for posterity before the tide and waves took the message with them into the sea.

The dinghy that is planted up with bedding plants near the bus shelter in Bigbury-On-Sea has been struggling after the long dry spell. Ever mindful, John took a bowser of water down with the tractor to give the parched plants a good soaking. Unfortunately, the free parking space nearby was in high demand and after some difficult negotiation and diplomacy (one of John's strong points?) - he managed to give the plants the respite they needed. The canny visitor was able to park and all was well with the world.



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## LOCKDOWN PROJECTS

The church of St Lawrence in Bigbury is a Grade 2\* listed building in need of considerable repair. The full story is provided by **Vic and Gill Gubbins** in this issue of Bigbury News. Vic has been working very hard indeed to put together applications for grant funding from many different public sources. He has met with some success but there is still a long way to go. The pandemic has seriously held up negotiations and meetings with potential donor agencies and forced the cancellation of many fund raising events planned for the summer.

Without additional funds from groups such as **The Friends of St Lawrence**, and donations directly to **The Tower & Bells Fund** - Vic's applications may not be so well received. We must get behind him. Now is the time - not 'later.' The community needs to demonstrate that the church building is important to them, by raising additional funds to contribute to the restoration process. It is reassuring to note that all monies that are contributed to the Friends of St Lawrence or the Tower & Bells Fund - are ring-fenced and will not be used for the substantial 'general overheads' of the church.

**Henry Wainwright**, decided to bring together a collection of old photographs and postcards into an album - **Bigbury Past & Present**. The **Bigbury History Society**, **Roger Grimley** and **Harry Bardens** provided most of the photographs, whilst Roger, Harry and **Peter Cook** assisted with the editing of the book and the provision of some additional information. **Jill Gubbins** was very helpful with the final proof reading.

It is a handmade book, which has been produced in collaboration with **Wainwright Bookbinding** in Walthamstow. Our daughter, Charlotte Wainwright is a traditional bookbinder. The first batch of 100 books should be back in Bigbury by the time this issue of Bigbury News hits your front doorstep. Almost 80 copies have already been sold in advance and we hope that we will sell many more. All profits will be given to The Tower & Bell Fund.

If you would like to join the **Friends of St Lawrence** and have a more in-depth involvement with the maintenance of the church, you will find an application form inside each copy of Bigbury Past & Present. If you want to find out more or download an application form for FOSL - take a look at the website:

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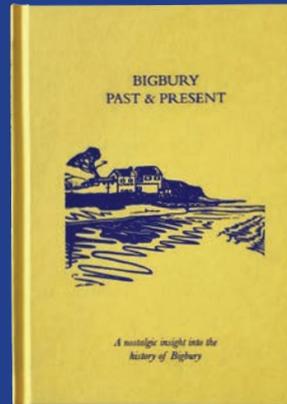
Many thanks again to the **Bigbury News Distribution Team** who have distributed this issue and the new **Bigbury Directory (2020)**. This annual publication aims to introduce everyone to the infrastructure and services of relevance to Bigbury as well as promote the businesses which advertise in Bigbury News. You may have noticed that there are a few new adverts in Bigbury News and we are most grateful to **Our Advertisers** who help us to pay for the costs of this publication. The **Bigbury Parish Council** have been very supportive of the efforts that have gone into Bigbury News and we are most grateful for their financial support. **Richard Matthews** has personally done a great deal to help us organise the paper deliveries. We will miss him when he steps down as Parish Clerk. Thank you Richard.

So many people have taken the trouble and even enjoyed contributing videos to our You Tube channel Bigbury News. Thanks to **Joni Hawkes** and **Phil Shea** for keeping this on the airways for us. Take a look: [www.bigburynews.com/bigbury-tv](http://www.bigburynews.com/bigbury-tv)

What began as a Lockdown Projects, may well continue into the future and inspire others too. I hope so. Do you have a Lockdown project to share with Readers? Please get in touch.

**Louise Wainwright**

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Two flowers living alongside in the hedgerows – one the pretty princess and one the scruffy sister. But look again....

**Ragged Robin** (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*)

So exquisite in their form, Ragged Robin flowers are made up of five pink petals each divided into four finger-like lobes. The name *Lychnis* from the Latin for lamp (they light up our hedgerows), and *flos-cuculi* meaning cuckoo flower as it flowers at the same time as cuckoos are supposed to be calling. When did anyone last year a cuckoo in Bigbury? Ragged Robin loves damp, sunny spots, which is very suited to our weather pattern here. Bees and butterflies love them.

**Red Campion** (*Silene dioica*)

Again the flowers are made up of five pink petals and although they are normally here between March and October, some managed to flower all year round. *Silenus* was the Greek god of the woodlands and there is a Red Campion Fairy!

*“Here’s a cheerful somebody,  
By the woodland’s edge;  
Campion the many-named,  
Robin-in-the-hedge.  
Coming when the bluebells come,  
When they’re gone, he stays,  
(Round Robin, Red Robin)  
All the summer days.*

*Soldiers’ Buttons, Robin Flower,  
In the lane or wood;  
Robin Redbreast, Red Jack,  
Yes, and Robin Hood!”*

*Dioica* – this means the male and female flowers grow on separate plants. Medicinally, Red Campion was used to treat snakebites, which might come in useful if we have an adder or two around here.

Why so many Robins? You’ll have to look at **The Robin: A Biography** by Stephen Moss. Whatever, we love them both!

**Alice Taylor**

Photo below:  
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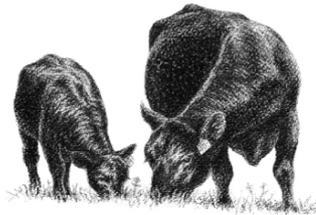


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**BIGBURY BIO BLOG**

Whilst knocking the garden into shape during the recent fine weather, I have noticed a large number of alarming black flies, legs dangling in sinister fashion, in swarms at about head height (see photo, courtesy of *Warren Photographic*).

I wasn't keen on swallowing any of these 10-15mm beasts and was not sure if they would sting or bite, so off to the bookshelf I went. It turns out that these flies often occur during spring over shrubs and other vegetation, frequently around St Mark's Day (April 25th) - spot on date wise!

They are harmless although they look rather scary. I had been spreading some old compost which might explain their sudden appearance as they breed in soil and rotting vegetation.

**Stuart Watts**



## BIGBURY TRUSTEE NEEDED for SOUTH HAMS HOSPITAL LEAGUE of FRIENDS

When the pandemic was announced South Hams Hospital in Kingsbridge was put on standby to receive additional patients from Derriford and many extra inpatient beds were installed. The Hospital Friends were asked to make precautionary arrangements for some of the additional nursing staff to stay overnight in the local area.

This was quickly achieved and we should thank the many second-home owners and Toad Hall Cottages for making houses available; the good news is that, so far, only a limited amount of accommodation has been needed but, of course, we may not have reached the end of the crisis yet. An on-site mobile unit has been lent by SHC in Saltash for the respite of nursing staff and this is also greatly appreciated.

The crisis has exposed local people to more than bad health: it has also brought food poverty to our community. As

a result, demand for the **Kingsbridge Food Bank** has increased by a factor of six. The Trustees of the Hospital Friends wished to help so, in accordance with its constitution, it has donated £1,000 to the Food Bank. We hear that hospital staff have also donated copious amounts of food to KFB.

Through the generosity of the good folk of the South Hams, the Hospital Friends have also organised the following improvements for patients, staff and healthcare services: we have purchased a plot of land adjacent to the hospital for staff to use as a car park, freeing up space for patients' use. Weekly fruit baskets are kindly being provided free-of-charge to hospital staff by Kingsbridge greengrocer, **Alan's Apple**. Hospital staff are most grateful for this very practical gesture of support. The **Men's Shed** provided a handsome set of new and refurbished garden furniture for

patient and staff use (see photo). We have purchased two computer tablets to enable patients to talk to friends and family from their beds using tele-conferencing at this time when visitors are not allowed inside.

The League of Friends is currently seeking new Trustees to help run this worthwhile and much-valued local organisation. We have trustees from most parts of our catchment area, but not Bigbury, so are particularly keen to receive interest from you. If you feel the time is right to "give something back" and offer practical support to the local NHS, this may be your opportunity. Please see our website : [www.shhlof.co.uk](http://www.shhlof.co.uk) for information and call our Chairman, Colin Pincombe (01548 857507) to discuss and register an interest.

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## SPRING NOTES: Aune Conservation Association

Life in the Devon Avon continues much as normal although recreational activity in the estuary has been severely curtailed during 'Lockdown'. Unfortunately, our social gathering in the form of the Tidal Road clean-up planned for the end of April was another casualty of the coronavirus pandemic and advice on social distancing, etc. Our Spring AGM will probably suffer the same fate.

As for normality, this is the time of year when as salmon begin to mature, they adapt for life in salt water in an intermediary stage known as smolts. This process marks the beginning of their first migration from their home river to the ocean. Anadromous fish, like salmon, that move from fresh to salt water and back again over the course of their lives, must be able to change their physiology - the way their bodies work. In a process called smoltification, salmon adapt to the changes salt water causes to their bodies. In fresh water, the salmon's body is saltier than the water in which it swims. To work properly, the body needs salt so it tries to keep the salt in. Some escapes, but the salmon gets enough from the food it eats to make up for the loss.

In the ocean, the water is saltier than the salmon's body needs to be, so it must try to keep the salt out and the water in. When salmon swim in the ocean, the salt water draws water out of the fish's cells. Salmon adapt by drinking seawater to replace the water their cells lose. They excrete the excess salt through their gills and urine.

As the smolts prepare for ocean life, their appearance also changes, from the dark colours of the fry to the silvery colour of adult salmon. This helps them hide in the light conditions of the surface waters of the open ocean, where there is no dark shade from overhanging trees. While approximately 30 fry from a redd of 2000 to 2500 eggs grow into smolts, less than four survive to become adults.

We are now approximately midway through the smolt migration season, locally, but a big problem in the Devon Avon (Aune) is the potential shortage of water to enable these migrations to occur. The Aune is a spate river meaning that it is rain-fed, short and fast flowing so the run-off time is quicker; water levels rise and fall relatively quickly, especially upstream.

The water level recorded at the gauging station near Didworthy usually ranges between 0-1.40m; early on 3rd May it was 0.37m. In contrast, downstream at Loddiswell (usual range from 0.25m -1.80m); the level was 0.26m and falling. The Avon dam exacerbates the problem of seasonal water shortages although, as part

of the original agreement when the dam was built in the 1950s, an ecological 'bank' or 'freshet' of water should be released in times of drought.

Some years ago, we managed to negotiate with the Environment Agency (EA) and Southwest Water (SWW) to make sure these water releases actually happened - for the first time since the dam was built. Unfortunately, owing to retirements and headcount reductions in both organisations, the agreement details seemed to become 'forgotten' despite my best attempts to familiarise replacement staff with the arrangements.

Happily, following yet more staff reassignments and the appointment of a new, better informed, EA fisheries officer to cover our region, I have just

been notified that because April was a very dry month - although it is raining as I write - the overspill from the dam has been very small of late. Therefore, a 'freshet' of water will be arranged with SWW. Hopefully, more smolts will make their way to the sea as a result and will eventually come back to our river as adult fish.

**Stuart Watts -**  
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Bigbury had a great view of the last Super Moon and this was captured beautifully by **Lola Pitt** using her telescope and camera.

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From now on the moon will move into a more distant part of its orbit. The path taken by the orbit of the moon varies over the year. The distance between the Earth and the Moon varies between about 360,000 and 400,000 kilometers.

Perigee is the point at which the Moon is closest to the Earth. When the Moon is at this point, it appears around 14% bigger than a full Moon at the furthest point away, at apogee - when the Moon is sometimes called a 'micro-moon'.

The 'size' of the Moon as it appears to us on Earth has very little effect on the tides. It does seem quite magical though to see the Moon so large.

We will have to wait until next year to see a Super Moon again. Super Moons in 2021 will occur on: 28 March, 27 April, 26 May and 24 June.

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## LETTER FROM AMERICA

Guided by Jo's Royal Navy career, the Halfords moved from Bigbury to the USA in January for a few years. We will have been here for five months by the time you read this and every day is instructional! Here are a random selection of daily observations:

1. Toilet cubicles – You will at some point make accidental eye contact with someone through a toilet cubicle door gap! The cubicles in the US are basically barn doors and with an unhealthy gap all the way around, little is left to the imagination.
2. Heritage – It doesn't matter whether you're English, Scottish or Welsh; whether you hail from Devon, Somerset, Newcastle or Liverpool: you are now indistinguishable from your fellow British citizens and your accent, whether Cockney or Geordie, is either English or Australian. Americans will insist that they are "Irish" or "Italian", only to later admit when asked, that what they actually mean is that their Uncle's second cousin had an Irish relative six generations ago!

3. Cheques – Cheques are basically obsolete in Britain. Tesco would kindly escort you to the door if you used one to buy your groceries. Not so here, where you're expected to pay by cheque. Banks still employ outdated methods of transferring money – ain't no free and easy money transfers in the Land of the Free.
4. Beds – We don't have double beds, we have "full-size beds" - is this because one full-size American is the same size as two Brits? If we want a single bed, we have to ask for a twin-size, which is even more confusing because that sounds like it should be two beds for two people who probably should sleep separately!
5. Halloumi – halloumi isn't actually globally available. The UK is the biggest consumer of halloumi in the world outside Cyprus, where it originates. Here it's occasionally found in specialist delis, but in regular supermarkets. On the barbecue, we have to make do with a sad, rubbery substitute called 'queso blanco'. □
6. Corn syrup – It's everywhere; in beer, soft drinks, pretzels, chocolate, crisps. It's in things you didn't even know they could put it in. Avoiding corn syrup is difficult, so expect a glass of squash to have 300 calories in it, and for it to taste like

liquidised pick'n'mix.

7. Problematic electricity – There's no earth in US plugs, so home fires are surprisingly common and we see fire engines more often than you do in Bigbury. Also because the plugs lack earthing, the 110V electricity is less powerful – kettles take 15 minutes to boil (a stove top kettle is marginally quicker) and your UK hairdryer now only functions as a small desk fan.
8. Time – Americans tell you the time in completely literal, to-the-minute numerical terms. If it's 7.42pm, you are expected to say 7.42. They don't say "quarter to", but some people will very occasionally say the time is "a quarter of seven", and that will confuse you even more.
9. Wildlife – Wildlife here is amazingly abundant and varied. The local headline acts include; coyotes, bobcats, snakes, racoons, possums, hummingbirds and all manner of other colourful birds.
10. Language faux pas – A wiener can be a dachshund or a frankfurter sausage, and your "fanny" is not what you think it is - that is a mistake you only make once!

See ya later!  
**The Cabin Boy**



## BIGBURY STORIES

I enjoyed the (wartime) recollections of last month's writers and thought I might add mine. I had previously written about the occasional sea mine that would wash onto the rocks at Challaborough so will not repeat that. Maybe one of the elderly residents of that village can elaborate on their perspective of living much closer to the bang.

My father was the police constable and so the family was always made to follow any government regulations. Gas mask drill at home was one such exercise. Mum and Dad both had large black rubber masks and I had a small red one that they referred to as a Mickey Mouse mask. They were very hard to put on as they were very tight fitting and once on it was hard to breath.

I think the filter was activated charcoal in the cylinder attached below the chin. I'm sure it worked well technically but as a young child it was really hard to get air into the mask through it. Once the mask was on you could not do anything that required exertion so I just put it on and had to stay in a chair till it could be taken off again.

Black out was a daily routine. It was a heavy black cloth that Mum and Dad used to fix over all the windows as dusk approached. My bedroom was in the front of the house looking out towards Eddystone light.

After the blackout ended I used to watch that light every night. During the blackout that view was shut off. Once the blackout had been hung, Mum used to light a night light that was placed in a saucer of water on the mantle over the fireplace. Most rooms had a fireplace although only the downstairs one was ever lit. Those night lights were a squat candle about four centimetres diameter and about three high, wrapped in a waxy paper. They would burn for several hours. I had one in my bedroom and there was another at the top of the stairs.

Dad was often "on duty" during the night hours in wartime. I don't know much about the specifics but suspect a lot of it had to do with just watching for unusual activity or stuff like blackout violations.

**David Ellis**

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## ST ANN'S CHAPEL COMMUNITY HOUSING SCHEME

### Local Lettings Plan

March 2020

Between South Hams District Council  
and  
Bigbury Parish Council

#### 1 Purpose of the Local Lettings Plan

This local lettings plan has been created in order to allocate the future vacancies at the Community Housing Scheme in St Ann's Chapel, Bigbury. This development consists of 8 affordable properties comprising affordable rented and affordable housing for sale.

This scheme is subject to a Section 106 Agreement that limits the applicants who can be considered for the offer of accommodation on the scheme. South Hams District Council has devised a Local Allocations Policy which was adopted in May 2013. This Local Lettings Plan sits below the Section 106 Agreement and the Local Allocations Policy and must be read in conjunction with these documents. For the avoidance of doubt this local lettings plan applies only to affordable rented accommodation within the development. It does not apply to homes made available for affordable home ownership

#### 2 Objectives of the Local Lettings Plan

The objectives of this Plan are to:

- i) address the severe shortage of available affordable housing for local residents;
- ii) create and maintain a community, which is sustainable, whilst adhering to Devon Home Choice; and
- iii) provide flexibility to promote opportunities for households wishing and needing to downsize to more appropriately sized accommodation.

#### 3 Breakdown of Property Types

There are 4 units of affordable rented accommodation that form part of this plan:

- 1 x 3 bedroom, semi-detached house
- 2 x 2 bedroom, semi-detached houses
- 1 x 1/2 bedroom bungalow

#### 4 Local Lettings Sequential Selection

For the purposes of clarity a household has a connection with the parish of Bigbury in any of the following circumstances:

- i) a person who has immediately prior to such nomination had his or her main residence within the parish of Bigbury for three out of the last five years;
- ii) a person has immediately prior to the allocation lived in the parish of Bigbury for 6 out of the last 12 months preceding the allocation;

- iii) a person who has permanent employment within the parish of Bigbury for the last year with a minimum contract of 16 hours per week which has continued for the 6 months preceding the allocation without a break in employment of more than 3 months;
- iv) Immediate family have lived in the parish of Bigbury themselves for 5 years preceding the allocation.

For avoidance of doubt The Local Government Association guidelines define immediate family as parents, siblings and non-dependent children; or Reasonable preference will be given to applicants banded in bands A - E under Devon Home Choice and who meet the above criteria (i – iv).

If a suitable applicant does not bid under the **Devon Home Choice Scheme** who meets the criteria above then the above criteria shall then apply to applicants who have bid with a local connection to the neighbouring parishes of Ringmore, Aveton Gifford and Kingston.

If a suitable applicant does not bid under the Devon Home Choice Scheme who meets the criteria above then the above criteria shall then apply to applicants who have bid in the district of South Hams. If a suitable applicant is still not identified under the Devon Home Choice Scheme then the applicant shall be selected from the whole of the Devon Home Choice register.

The final selection of the successful applicants will depend primarily upon their ability to meet the selection criteria as set out in paragraph 4 and secondly their banding level in Devon Home Choice.

#### 5 Future Lettings

Future vacancies will be let in accordance with this Plan. The success of the Plan will be monitored and reviewed by South Hams District Council and Bigbury Parish Council on an annual basis.

The Plan will operate for a period of five years. However, reviews of the plan will also be carried out if the plan has a serious adverse effect on the letting performance for these properties.

Bigbury Parish Council will monitor the effectiveness of the plan by recording reasons why future voids occur and reporting these reasons back to South Hams District Council as part of the annual review.

#### 6 Equal Opportunities

The Councils are committed to equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practise in service provision and seek to promote social inclusion.

Every effort will be made to ensure that housing applicants are treated fairly and sensitively. Applicants who are eligible to join Devon Home Choice will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, colour, ethnic or national origin, disability, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation or marital status. All applicants will be asked to provide details of their ethnic origin. Devon Home Choice complies with the Equalities Act 2010.

The Plan will be amended and updated in order to conform to new housing and other relevant legislation and case law and to ensure that they do not operate in a way that discriminates against or disadvantages any particular group.

A 360-degree assessment has been carried out on the District Council's overarching Local Allocations Policy, which this Local Lettings Plan will sit under, no direct impact was found.

#### 7 Review of Decisions

If an Affordable Housing Provider refuses an application, the applicant may ask for the decision to be reviewed. Applicants will be advised of their right to a review of decisions about their housing application when notified of the decision.

The applicant should specify what decision they wish to be reviewed, the reason why they wish it to be reviewed and provide any additional evidence to support their case.

The review should be undertaken by the Affordable Housing Provider with an alternative member of staff who was not involved in the original decision. The applicant must be advised in writing of the outcome of the review. If there is likely to be a delay in completing the review, the applicant must be advised of this in writing, with the reasons for the delay and the expected completion date of the review.

Allegations that an applicant has obtained a nomination, allocation or tenancy through false information will be investigated if there is evidence to do so.

#### 8 Complaints Procedure

The District Council has a complaints procedure which can be used by any housing applicant, or other customer of District Council services, if they feel that they have not been treated satisfactorily. The following is the link to the District Council's corporate complaints policy. A hard copy is available upon request.

[www.southhams.gov.uk/  
article/1805/Comments-and-  
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# BIGBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

May 2020

## Making of Neighbourhood Plan

The Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan was considered by the South Ham's District Council's Full Council meeting held by way of a video conference on 23rd April 2020. Councillors were very supportive of the Plan with Cllr Pearce, the Leader of the Council congratulating Bigbury Parish Council in being able to produce such good plan, particularly bearing in mind the size of the parish. Cllr Bernard Taylor recommended that the Plan be adopted and was also very complimentary about the Plan.

Cllr Julian Brazil said that he had read though the Plan and supported its contents but pointed out that there was a small error in the Plan. He said that in one of the objectives (top of page 10) reference was made to 'village development boundaries' instead of a 'village settlement boundaries' as used elsewhere in the Plan and in the policies. He thought this might result in some confusion or misinterpretation of the policies of the plan if it was not corrected. Cllr Pearce said that this was a very minor error and could be rectified by a minor amendment following the adoption of the plan. This had been done in other similar cases.

The Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan was recommended for approval and this was seconded with all Councillors agreeing to its adoption. As such the Plan was made (ie adopted) and is now a statutory plan with full legal force.

Following the meeting Cllr Valerie Scott contacted all the Parish Councillors and Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to inform them of this error and to ask if they had any objections to this minor amendment being made. All of the Parish Councillors and Steering Group members agreed to this change. Cllr Scott then wrote to Duncan Smith at SHDC recommending this amendment and this was agreed.

The Plan has now been revised and further 20 hard copies of the Plan have been prepared. The amendment is however very small ie the reference to 'village development boundaries' in the first housing objective at the top of page 10 has now been changed to read 'village settlement boundaries'.

A copy of the revised Final Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan is now included on the community website and this has also been reported in Bigbury Drums.

## Community-led Housing Scheme

The Section 106 Agreement for the community-led (primarily affordable) housing scheme at St Ann's Chapel has now been completed and sent to all parties for final agreement and signature.

SHDC have been advised that the Parish Council would like SHDC to take responsibility for the maintenance of the open space and landscaping for this development.

A **Local Lettings Policy**, which will also be used in relation to the purchase of the discount housing has been prepared and this forms part of the Section 106 Agreement. A copy of this is published in Bigbury News.

SHDC has also now agreed funding for the proposed development.

### Cllr Valerie Scott

*Chairman, Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group*

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## SHDC CONSULTATION - DOG OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

South Hams District Council want your views in a public consultation about Public Space Protection Orders for dog control in the District. These Orders last for 3 years and are due for renewal in December this year. A PSPO can ban certain things, or need specific things to be done, in this case the control of dogs in public areas. The current review affects all existing PSPOs within the District and they want to hear what you think. The Council is also considering introducing new orders within existing PSPO areas, as follows:

- Dog walkers must carry dog bags or other container to collect dog waste
- Restrict amount of dogs that can be walked at to four at a time

**Specified Beaches.** Currently, all of the beaches listed, are closed to dogs between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. from 1 May to 30 September.

Salcombe South Sands  
Hope Cove (Mouthwell Sands)  
Challaborough  
Bigbury  
Wembury, and  
Bantham (part of – to include private area).

**BEACH PROPOSAL:** Dogs to be excluded from the beach between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. from 1 July to 31 August.

The consultation runs from **Monday 1 June to Friday 31 July 2020**. Officers can issue fixed penalty notices up to £100.00 for those who don't follow the Orders.

South Hams District Council's Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Keith Baldry, said: "It's really important that as many people as possible give us their views on how they feel about the existing Orders in their area. We have lots of dog owners in the South Hams and the majority are responsible and control their dogs perfectly well. We all need to live, work and play together so these Orders should help us to do that in harmony with others.

"We'd especially like to know residents' thoughts on the new proposals for reducing large numbers of dogs being walked by only one person. Also the requirement that all dog walkers must always carry bags, or some other way to collect their dog's waste, when they are in public spaces. Again this isn't an issue for our responsible owners who already do this.

"If residents live in one of the five areas where new proposals have been suggested then we need to know what they think. Are the changes for the better or worse? Let us know.

"Please do tell us what you think by emailing our Environment Protection Team before the consultation ends on Friday 31 July."

Once the consultation is closed, a decision will be made before any changes start from December 2020.

If you would like to share your thoughts about the proposals, please contact the **Environmental Protection Team** on:

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# BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL - meeting minutes

## 13th May 2020 at 7.30 pm via video link (ZOOM)

In accordance with Government advice and DALC guidance this meeting was held via video link (Zoom)

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: E Huntley (EH) (Chair), G Rosevear (GR), S Smith (SS), C Case (CC), V Scott (VS), S Watts (SW), K Holland (KH), D. Cllr. B Taylor (BT), Clerk R Matthews (RM) and five members of the public.

### 1.0 Declaration of Interest

GR declared an interest in agenda item 9a – Herb Heaven. No further declarations of interest were noted at this point.

### 2.0 Apologies for absence:

C. Cllr. Gilbert (RG) was absent but did provide a written update for discussion.

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes of previous

monthly meeting held on April 15th 2020 SS proposed these Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. GR seconded this proposal which was duly agreed to by all Councillors.

**4.0 Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting held on April 15th 2020** (matters not completed or covered as a topic in this agenda)

Disabled parking in proximity of Venus Café – BT confirmed he had contacted SHDC localities on this topic but had not yet received a response. Carry forward to next meeting. Action BT

### 5.0 County Councillor's report

RG kindly submitted a written update: things are much the same as in his April report. All topics are related to Covid-19 and recovery - the detail is shared regularly with the Parish Council. All meetings are held by 'Zoom'. As I write this email I'm awaiting news from the Prime Minister on any changes and I am sure you are concerned about Bigbury-on-Sea being inundated with visitors if there is any relaxation of current rules. I will continue to send you Covid-19 updates and information which I hope you find informative.

Stay well. *Rufus*

### 6.0 District Councillor's report

BT had kindly prepared a written update that was read by the Clerk: Full council meetings are to be held by SHDC on Skype, the first was on the 13th of April where the protocol of the council had to be changed to enable it to go ahead and voting to take place. Another meeting was held at the end of April that lasted nearly five hours. Meetings will only be held when it is absolutely necessary and

there are already several arranged for the next 8-10 weeks which will take us to the middle of July.

The locality team are now back at work and will be erecting planning application notices, and all the neighbouring properties will be notified of planning by post as long as the lock down remains in place. Delegated authority will be needed by the planning officer before a decision can be taken.

I would like to congratulate the organizers of the cluster groups in all the Parishes who have looked after residents who needed assistance. A first class job was done by all. There is a new welfare grant that can be allocated to people in financial need - not just elderly or vulnerable. The contact at SHDC is Tim Pollard who is looking after our ward.

The recycling centres are gradually opening but have very long queues so please only use if you are prepared for a long wait and the visit is really necessary.

The Government has announced a local authority discretionary grant fund which has a value of £2.4 million for SHDC. The fund will be for the councils to administer. We are currently waiting for government guidance on the new fund which should be issued week beginning 11th May. I hope to join you at your zoom meeting when I will happy to answer any questions (if I can).

BT further commented that the fund referred to could be accessed by B&B businesses who have suffered financially as a result of the current crisis. BT advised that a directive had been received from Central Government that all car parks should be opened as of Friday this week (May 16th). Bigbury was not exempt from this despite the fact that the toilets and shower block would NOT be opened.

The Car Park would be subject to SHDC payment enforcement controls and payments could be made by cash machine or an electronic method (Ringo). EH raised health concerns over cross contamination by excessive use of the cash machine. The lack of anywhere for members of the public to obtain change, the fact there was still no mobile phone signal in the car park area and the absence of any means of aiding social distancing were additional challenges that could not be easily solved. Jason Pheasant (Golf Club Manager) noted that cars were already spilling into the Golf Club car park and being left in unsafe positions on grass verges. CC to check if overspill car park on Farmer Tucker's land would be open.

BT advised that Venus Café had been instructed to stay closed by SHDC.

VS proposed the Millennium Steps be closed (again for cross contamination reasons) but it was noted that last time these steps were closed and tied off with tape, these deterrents were generally ignored. BT also advised the advisory 'car park closed' signs were to be removed. In general it was agreed there were many upcoming challenges with little or no immediate solutions.

### 7.0 Finance – approval of annual governance statement

VS proposed the annual governance statement required for the internal/ external audit process be approved. This was seconded by SS and agreed to by all Councillors:

### 8.0 Finance – payments to be made and approval of financial statements

GR proposed the following payments be approved. This was seconded by VS and agreed to by all Councillors:

£33.48 British Telecom - line rental and broadband (direct debit)  
£192.00 Allwood of Totnes - two years maintenance of war memorial (cheque 1266) £313.00 Nick Walker printing - NP revisions (cheque 1267) £25.00 Karen Lawrence - NP revisions (cheque 1268) £412.15 R Matthews - payments made on behalf of Bigbury Parish Council (cheque 1269) - as follows - Street solutions (car park signs) £178.75, Purely Paper (Bigbury News) £127.62 and Purely Paper (Bigbury News) £105.78 The cash book for the period has been uploaded to the Bigbury Community website but RM confirmed the key numbers and indicators to be: Cash book and bank statements reconciled at £36,903.85 Restricted funds £4,273.06 Reserved funds £7,070.00 Working surplus £18,060.79

### 9.0 Planning related matters

#### a) Herb Heaven

Update as of May 11th 2020 comes via Julian Brazil who is standing in for our District Councillor Kate who is currently off work. His opinion and recommendation re any and all planning decisions (and thereby enforcement) is to delay everything until we're allowed to both site visit and conduct actual meetings. Our planning sub-committee agrees, so that's how we will proceed. While keeping a very close eye on applications trying to sneak under our radar! GR noted that this application had now been withdrawn and the owners had engaged a local architect to undertake an environmental impact study. j31

# BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL - meeting minutes

## 11th March 2020 at 7.30 pm at Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel

It was acknowledged this site was within Aveton Gifford Parish. However because of its proximity to the Bigbury Parish boundary, this topic would be featured on future agendas.

### b) Crossstream

As promised at the last meeting GR has reviewed this site and following a discussion with SHDC planners has now completed a planning breach notification which will be dealt with in due course – see comments re enforcement in 9a above. VS had concerns that these issues had been raised nine years ago and that if action was not taken soon, too much time would have elapsed to enforce any improvements. SW confirmed the Enforcement Officer was in possession of a report dated 2011 highlighting the issue and that he had visited this site at that time with both the Police and Environment Agency. GR suggested it would be helpful if photos of the site were submitted with any communication with the Enforcement Team adding he had already submitted at least twenty. It was agreed to include this topic on future agendas.

### c) Footpath diversion order No. 28

An image showing this diversion is included as appendix 'a' to these minutes. (and in Bigbury News) CC declared an interest as a neighbour. Clerk read a letter from a resident offering reasons why it was not appropriate to discuss this proposal at this point in time. VS agreed and proposed that the Council object to this diversion order as it is premature with no permission for the development it was required to serve yet granted. EH seconded this and all Councillors agreed.

### d) Neighbourhood Plan

VS provided an update which is detailed in appendix 'b' with these minutes (published in Bigbury News) : A copy of the 'Local Letting Plan' referred to in the above document is included as appendix 'c' to these minutes. BT confirmed he would talk though the detail with SHDC Councillors and expected this phase to be completed in Spring 2021.

### 10.0 Update on Bigbury Coronavirus Support Group (BCSG) activities

SW provided an update which is included as appendix 'd' with these minutes (published in Bigbury News) SW thanked all those who had given a valuable contribution to the Community and KH added that everyone had 'faired well' as a consequence, further suggesting that when it is safe to do so, waste skips be placed in the Community to allow residents to dispose of the waste and rubbish they

have been sorting out during the lockdown period. BT stated he would provide funding towards this.

SW had some concerns about the expected influx of visitors after relaxation of 'Lockdown' and the impact it may have on Holywell Stores.

### 11.0 Allocation proposals for SHDC Covid-19 grant £495.00

Clerk reminded the Members that sufficient funds were available (working surplus £18,060) to cover incidental costs and expenses. However, for the purpose of the SHDC grant the Parish Council were obliged to properly account for how this was allocated and spent. Clerk requested the following be included for consideration: £178.75 Street solutions – car park closure signs, £43.17 Zoom – video conferencing for 3 months April, May and June 2020, £48.00 Purely Paper – incremental carriage charge, £58.38 Bigbury News coronavirus related stationery.

It was agreed to allocate the above to the SHDC fund, leaving an open balance of £166.70

### 12.0 VJ day celebrations

It was agreed to add this to the June agenda and note that when this event takes place it should retrospectively include VE celebrations as well.

### 13.0 Cllr. Rosevear – St Lawrence burial ground

GR confirmed that discussion had taken place with Matt Rowland and that a meeting would be scheduled with members of the PCC in respect of the capacity of the burial ground. Carry forward to a future agenda.

### 14.0 Open session

There were no further issues of interest or concerns raised by members of the public.

### 15.0 Correspondence received

SS proposed an increase to the contracted price for the maintenance of the war memorial be approved.

GR seconded this which was agreed to by all Councillors.

### 16.0 Agenda items for future meetings

Planning - Herb Heaven  
Planning - Crosstream  
VJ (VE) day celebrations  
St Lawrence burial ground  
Bigbury News – funding  
Waste skip placement

17.0 EH raised the following items not shown on the agenda

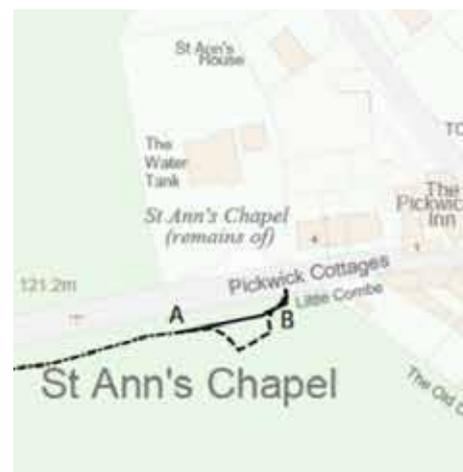
**Grass cutting – Memorial Hall** and football field. EH suggested a local resident be given the task to cut the grass and that the Council discuss with SHDC termination of the current contract. Clerk advised that having only just been told that grass needed cutting, SHDC had been contacted and the job would be completed this week. It was suggested the requirement for a new 2021 SHDC contract be reviewed prior to the renewal date.

**Burgh Island** – Managing Director of Burgh Island advised they had hoped to open Pilchard Inn but were unable to do so safely. Work was to be undertaken on the slipway and footpaths would be closed. BT and VS both advised it is illegal to close / obstruct a Public Footpath and asked EH to communicate this back to the Managing Director who may not be aware of this legislation.

EH suggested the Parish employ a **Lengthsman** to undertake certain tasks across the Community, including clearing the drains near the Golf Club/Lincom Lane turn off – a particular hazard that repeats in periods of heavy rain. SW advised this was currently a DCC responsibility and such issues should be reported through the DCC website, which works well for potholes. GR suggested reviewing this matter prior to setting the 2021 precept.

NOTE Supporting information is uploaded to the Parish Council section of the Bigbury Community website.

It is acknowledged that a few individuals had significant difficulty in joining this meeting on-line. Most of this was outside the control of the Parish Council. The meeting closed at 9:18pm. The next meeting is to be held on WEDNESDAY June 10th at 7:30pm



## UNWIND IS WINDING UP to GET GOING SOON

I have been busy completing some on-line training ready for my return to the salon (Hopefully soon!

I am up to date on **Barbicide Sanitation & Disinfection** procedures and have also completed a **COVID-19 specific certification**.

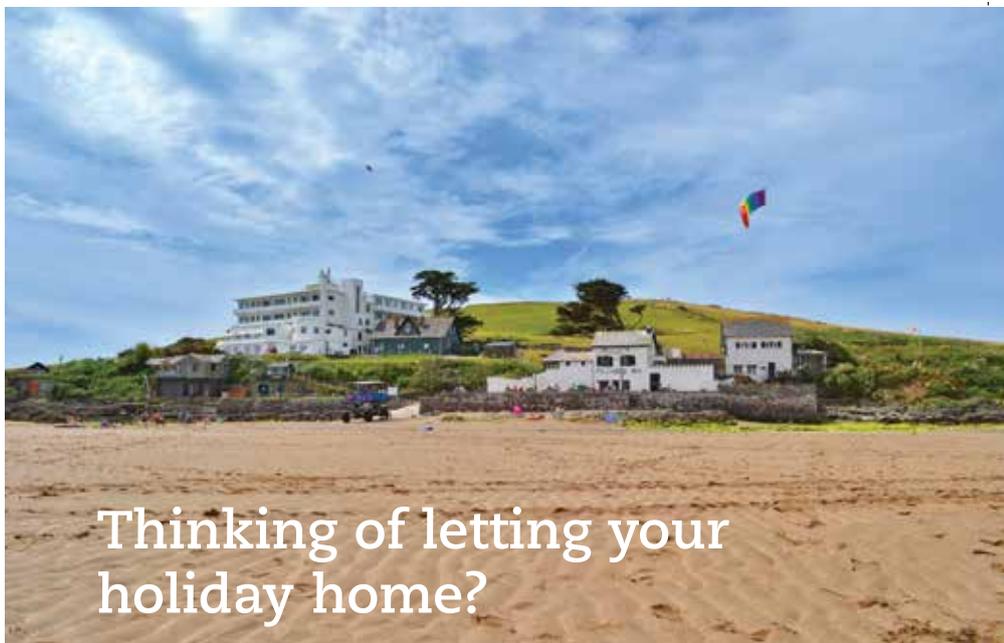
I have also taken part in Behind the mask training, which helps Hair and Beauty Professionals to be able to spot the signs of domestic abuse, offer a kind word, and guidance on the best way to receive the support someone may need. I feel that this particular issue is extremely important given the current circumstances we are all in.

I hope that my lovely clients are all well and staying safe and I really hope to see you all very soon!!

Until then, enjoy the sunshine and step away from the box die!!

Krista

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