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## LETTER from the EDITOR

Dear Readers,

As the Pandemic Alert drops to Level 3 nationally, businesses and holiday homes in Bigbury are opening up (p5) with care. With this welcome reprieve comes the responsibility to continue to follow Covid safety guidelines (p4).

The demands placed on Parish and District Councils will increase as more visitors arrive. Patience and commitment to making Bigbury a hospitable and welcoming destination will pay dividends in the long run. Our **Parish Council** is working hard to ensure that litter and dog mess does not try our patience to breaking point. The **Covid Support Group** continues to serve those who are Shielding or Self Isolating. The **RNLI** and local **HM Coastguard** crews are working flat out to keep everyone safe.

We are not out of the COVID Storm yet and need to work together on this. Several local people are also collecting rubbish and taking a Pride in Bigbury. **Fund Raisers** (p2) and **Event Organisers** (p8,9,10) are finding innovative ways to support local charities and run events. **Connectivity** has never been more important (p11). The **Tower & Bells Fund** has had much support from the Community (p6). Please join in and help fund the restoration works needed to get the bells ringing again.

Finally, a huge debt of gratitude to **Richard Matthews** our out-going Parish Clerk who has served us very well indeed for many years. He will provide hand over support to our new Parish Clerk, **Ian Bramble** (p15) who officially takes up his post on 1st July. Welcome to Bigbury!

**Louise Wainwright**

*Editor Bigbury News & Bigbury Drums*



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### NEXT ISSUE AUG/SEPT Bumper colour issue

Please send in contributions to the following features in our next issue:

**HOT CHICKS** - photos of your chickens (feathered kind) and their names, stories and adventures.

**INTERNET PROVIDERS** - which providers are doing well in the different villages and hamlets in Bigbury Parish (more details page 11)

**WILD GARDENS**  
Photos and stories of the wild flowers and animals in your gardens.

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## BIGBURY NEW BEES & BIGBURY SWALLOWS

### BIGBURY IS NOT JUST A BEACH

Please feel warmly invited to participate in local events and subscribe to **Bigbury Drums** so that you know what is happening locally.

Letters to **The Editor**, of general interest to Bigbury News Readers, will be published in Bigbury News. Please do not wait to be invited!

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**SEPT (copy date 15 AUG)**

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## BIGBURY NEWS ROUND UP



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### BIGBURY COFFEE MORNING

A majestic thank you to everybody who  
gave so generously to **Modbury Caring**.  
We raised £346. Well done!

Jean will repeat her homemade cooking  
for the **Children's Hospice S.W.** whose  
coffee morning should have been on  
Wednesday 1st July.

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**Friday 3rd July**  
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### CAKES

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broccoli & courgette

leek & bacon

spinach & ham.

### CHEESE SCONES 2 for 50p.

\* August coffee morning will be for

**South Hams Hospital  
League of Friends**

*Keep safe and healthy.*

**Jean and Yvonne.**



### MOBILE BOOK STALL

As you all know, we have had to cancel  
our Community Coffee Mornings due  
to Covid 19 and feel very unhappy  
that our local charities are suffering  
because of this. Jean Wright has done  
sterling work in continuing her baking  
and is delivering to people's homes,  
thus raising hundreds of pounds for the  
charities - **Well done Jean.**

I thought I might do the same with  
my books (although in a much smaller  
way) and last month I raised £40 by  
taking my books to various neighbours  
and my book club. I am fortunate in  
receiving a monthly supply of almost  
new books, mainly crime and thrillers,  
thanks to the amazing generosity of  
**Alison Atkinson.**

If you would like to see these books I  
am happy to bring a couple of bags to  
your house, leave them with you to go  
through and collect them again at a  
time to suit you. Any donations would  
go to the local charity that would have  
benefited by our Coffee Mornings.  
**Children's Hospital S.W. (July)**  
**South Hams Hospital League of  
Friends (August)**  
**Devon Air Ambulance (September)**

Please phone me if would like to see  
a selection of the books available on  
**810611.**

*Look forward to hearing from you.*  
**Hazel Osborne**

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**HISTORY SOCIETY**

Guided Walk  
Barbican & Hoe  
Tues 29th Sept 2020

*Editor's Note*

Charles Harrington has reorganised the guided walk, previously scheduled for April. Within a few hours of emailing all the BHS members, the reservations list for this event was **fully subscribed**.

This just goes to show that there is a great desire for the Community to get back to normal and I hope this encourages other Event Organisers to arrange more 'safe' events. The group sizes and arrangements will need to be well thought out to ensure social distancing is possible. To whet your appetite here are the details of this first 'outing'. Well done BHS!

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To accommodate proper social distancing the walk will be in two groups of a maximum of 12 each. It will last for approximately two hours and will include:

The Elizabethan, Tudor and Jacobean buildings and secret gardens of the Barbican, following in the footsteps of Drake, Captain Cook and the Pilgrim Fathers

Outstanding views from Plymouth Hoe, learning about its historic past and iconic monuments

Learning about medieval Plymouth.

£13 per person.

We also envisage arranging lunch afterwards for those that want it. Full details to follow later.

**Charles Harrington**

*Chairman Bigbury History Society*

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**50:100 Club  
June Draw**

1st Prize	£25
<b>Rita Baker</b>	
2nd Prize	£15
<b>Michael Holness</b>	
3rd Prize	£10.
<b>Cathy Harrington</b>	

**NINETEENTH HOLE**

The Bigbury Golf Club members continue to enjoy being able to play golf again; the recent mix of weather has made playing rather interesting! But the rain was much needed and the course has "greened up" and is looking wonderful, with the wild flowers especially appreciating the rain.

The course has been busy and people playing have been happy to abide by the social distancing and other necessary restrictions. There has been some relaxation of the restrictions and players can now go onto the course in groups of three or even four, and visitors are welcomed to enjoy our wonderful course. However, the clubhouse and restaurant will remain closed until further notice.

The informal competitions introduced by our Lady Captain, **Jane Rickman**, have proven most popular; Jane has been most ably assisted by our Competitions Secretary, **Rosemary Sharps**. They have set up competitions and circulated the results and they thank all the ladies who are joining in. There was a large entry for the recent **Balkwill Par**, where the players are competing against the Course. Congratulations to the joint winners, **Sheila Mathieson** (23) and **Margaret Taylor** (20) with a score of level par; also to **Lorette Logie** (22) and **Marlene Johnson** (35) who came joint second with a score of -1.

The photograph is of two of our ladies, **Jan Williams** and **Amanda Sinclair**, who were very quickly out enjoying the course which is in fantastic condition. Jan and Amanda were the winners of the last ladies competition played on the 14th March, just before the virus caused the course to be closed. The competition was the **Ladies St. Andrew's Greensomes**. The Ladies formal competitions are now commencing and Jan and Amanda

are hoping to be winners again.

Congratulations to **Cathy Harrington** who won the first Ladies competition held which was played in rather unpleasant weather

Our Saturday **Early Bird Gents** quickly established a new routine to ensure they were abiding by the necessary restrictions. They are enjoying being on the course albeit initially playing in a bit of a different format. But they are so appreciative of being out there on the course, which is in great condition and with the ball running rather well!

The Gents formal competitions have now started again. **Jason Holtom**, **Martyn Scarterfield** and **John Cooke** have been the early winners, with **Paul Harding** winning twice. There have been many entries to the early competitions with up to 70 players taking part, as well as some handicap reductions and an absolute plethora of 2's being recorded.

**Marlene Johnson**

**SNACK SHACK**

@ Bigbury Golf Club

The Snack Shack at Bigbury Golf Club opened at the end of June. It is open to all and **Jason Pheasant** (*General Manager Bigbury Golf Club*) says "We hope many walkers and beach-goers will stop by and have an ice cream, or cup of tea if it is colder, and our home made food whilst enjoying the wonderful relaxed environment."

Photo:

**Jan Williams** (*left*) with **Amanda Sinclair**, enjoying Bigbury Golf Course





## MODBURY HEALTH CENTRE

The Health Centre is starting to get back to normal, working in a safe manner following all NHS and Government guidance.

Our doors are still closed so if you need to visit the surgery for an appointment or to collect medication please come to the window to the left of the front door.

What we are doing differently:

If you need to speak to a GP please call the reception team on **01548 830666** and the ladies will arrange for a GP to call you initially and if they think you need to come into the surgery they will make you an appointment.

Please try using **e-Consult** via our website for guidance and advice

**modburyhealthcentre.webgp.com**

The GPs have been making video consultations and texting advice so please

## WELL BEING

ensure that we have an up to date mobile number for you. The reception team may send you a text that you can reply to with a photo if they think it may help with a diagnosis of your condition e.g. lumps, bumps, spots and rashes.

Routine appointments with the Practice Nurses have started again so you may be contacted to book in for your annual and regular blood tests and reviews.

### PPE

Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to keep all patients and staff safe and reduce the risk of any virus transmission.

All staff are wearing face masks in the surgery and all clinical staff will wear full PPE when they see you face to face.

The surgery has contacted patients by text if you have a mobile number recorded on your records asking **everyone to wear a face covering when they come into the surgery**. We do have some here if you haven't got one. Thank you

The practice staff would like to thank all of our patients for their support during this challenging time.

We would particularly like to thank all the volunteers that have been co-ordinating deliveries of medication for our shielding patients – You have been amazing!

*Stay safe everyone*

**Dawn Trower**

Modbury Health Centre



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## TALKWORKS

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<https://youtu.be/Ek5j1zdqFw>

More information can be found at

**www.TALKWORKS.dpt.nhs.uk**



More information on mental health support during the COVID-19 crisis

<https://www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk/nhs-mental-health-support/covid-19-and-anxiety>

Access to mental health resources

<https://www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk/mental-health-help/mental-health-resources>

**Dawn Trower**

Modbury Health Centre





The government guidelines are changing rapidly. Updates can be viewed here:

[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

From Saturday 4th July, the Prime Minister has announced that pubs, restaurants and hairdressers will be able to reopen, providing they adhere to COVID Secure guidelines.

From the same date, he has set out that two households will be able to meet up in any setting with social distancing measures, and that people can now enjoy staycations in England with the reopening of accommodation sites.

In order to begin restoring the arts and cultural sector, some leisure facilities and tourist attractions may also reopen, if they can do so safely – this includes outdoor gyms and playgrounds, cinemas, museums, galleries, theme parks and arcades, as well as libraries, social clubs, places of worship and community centres.

Following a review, the Prime Minister has also set out that where it is not possible to stay two metres apart, guidance will allow people to keep a social distance of 'one metre plus'. This means staying one metre apart, plus mitigations which reduce the risk of transmission.

As we begin to reopen the economy, it's important that we do not increase the risk of transmission which is why "close proximity" venues such as nightclubs, soft-play areas, indoor gyms, swimming pools, water parks, bowling alleys and spas will need to remain closed for now. The Government is continuing to work with these sectors to establish taskforces to help them to become COVID Secure and reopen as soon as possible.

While the infection rate continues to fall, the Prime Minister has been clear that the public must continue to follow social distancing guidelines to keep coronavirus under control. The Government will keep all measures under constant review and will not hesitate to apply the handbrake, or reverse measures, should the virus begin to run out of control.

These changes apply in England only.

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## KEEPING BIGBURY BUSY



Twice a week 380 subscribers are sent an update of what's on offer from local businesses in the Monday mail shot "Keeping Bigbury Busy" and on Thursdays our subscribers receive a "Community Round Up" of local news and events.

Local Event Organisers are encouraged to send a JPEG event poster to The Editor by Wednesday evening each week. Any Businesses with Take Away Menus or Opening Hour changes etc. should send The Editor a few sentences/poster/photo by Sunday evening. Thanks. **Louise W.**

[bigburydrums@gmail.com](mailto:bigburydrums@gmail.com)



### LATEST BUSINESS NEWS

#### Burgh Island Hotel

Re-opens on the 7th July. The chef is back on board! [www.burghisland.com](http://www.burghisland.com) 810514

#### Pilchard Inn

Re-opened on 5th June for Take Aways. The updated menu is on the Bigbury Drums posters and on a board near the top of the causeway slipway. There is a large sign on the pub wall to advise when they are open for Take Aways. Updates on Bigbury Drums. [www.burghisland.com](http://www.burghisland.com)

#### Venus Cafe

Open daily 9.00 am to 7.00 pm. Take Away menu is in the Bigbury Drums poster stream and on their website [www.lovingthebeach.co.uk](http://www.lovingthebeach.co.uk)  
The stunning new all glass surround eating area provides a new dining experience. This will open in July.

#### The Beach Shop

Is open and now has a chilled cabinet with a view to providing essential grocery provisions - so watch this space. Updates in Bigbury Drums.

[www.bigburybeachshop.co.uk](http://www.bigburybeachshop.co.uk)

#### Discovery Surf

The website has updates on what is on offer and the contacts needed to phone, message or email to book lesson or hire and pay [www.discoverysurf.com](http://www.discoverysurf.com)



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#### Bigbury Golf Club

The golf course has been open for a few weeks. See the Nineteenth Hole feature for update. The **Snack Shack** will be open in July for anyone to enjoy Take Away snacks and drinks. [www.bigburygolfclub.co.uk](http://www.bigburygolfclub.co.uk)

#### Unwind Hair Salon

Opens on 6th July. The Covid Secure guidelines for customers are posted on Bigbury Drums (Monday's Keeping Bigbury Busy).  
01548 810000 / 07808 645981

#### Holywell Stores

Our village shop has been open throughout the pandemic. They have been amazing!  
Mon - Sat 7 am to 7 pm Sun 8 am to 5 pm  
[holywellstores@outlook.com](mailto:holywellstores@outlook.com)  
01548 810308

#### Pickwick Inn

The Pickwick Inn will be reopen with an Outdoor Bar on 4th July to order drinks, food and bar snacks. Take Away Menu and delivery service to local villages. Wednesday Pizza Deal and Sunday Roasts. 01548 810310

#### Oyster Shack

The Oyster Shack will open from 4th July with limited dining space. Tables were fully booked until the end of July within a couple of days of their social media post.  
[www.oystershack.co.uk](http://www.oystershack.co.uk) 01548 810 876

#### Fryer Tucks

Fryer Tucks has been open for Take Aways from June. Further announcements in Bigbury Drums. Call Steve to book your takeaway and find out when the **Driftwood Diner** is opening. 01548 810425

#### California Inn

Open from 4th July 11am - 11pm daily with food available 12-2pm and 6-9pm. Table service only both inside and outside the pub. Entire menu for takeaway during meal service. Full take away service from Fri 3 July. 01548 821449

#### Journeys End

For updates please watch Bigbury Drums Monday postings or email the pub [thejourneysend@btinternet.com](mailto:thejourneysend@btinternet.com)

#### Challaborough Bay

For updates please call direct  
**01548 810881**

#### Nkuku

Life style store reopens on 1st July and the opening of the cafe will be announced soon. [www.nkuku.com](http://www.nkuku.com)

## ST LAWRENCE MATTERS

It's been twelve weeks since St Lawrence was locked down, but we now have the real prospect of the church coming back into some sort of use as the restrictions are eased. By the time you read this we should know more. The irony, of course, is that the quality and sophistication of Revd Matt's virtual services are increasing as the weeks go by, only to be potentially cut off in their prime by a return to something resembling normality! Inside the church not much is going on, although I'm sure adjustments will need to be made to accommodate social distancing – hopefully without making the church look like a crime scene.

Maintenance continues outside of the church, and recently work has been done in the churchyard to comply with health and safety regulations. Now you may say that health and safety is a bit irrelevant for the churchyard residents, but not so for their visitors. The potential hazard is injury caused by falling headstones – yes,

you read it correctly, falling headstones. To mitigate this possibility, a programme has been put in place to consolidate loose headstones – those that are leaning but nonetheless secure have been left untouched.

Funding efforts for the tower and bells restoration continue. The good news is that the Wolfson Foundation has agreed to give us £5,000 towards the refurbishment project. The bad news is that our funding requests to two other organisations have been put on ice by them until we can increase the contribution we can provide ourselves – hence the importance of our local fundraising activities.

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, and contact Bryan Carson (01548 810296) and myself, on the PCC Building Sub Committee, to discuss the project and any financial and practical help you can offer.

*Until the next time,*

**Vic Gubbins** (01548 810651  
vic.gubbins@homecall.co.uk)



<b>DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST</b>	
Jan 2020	£4,000
<b>SOUND &amp; VISION 6.5 EVENING</b>	
March 2020	£ 272
<b>'inSPIRED apPEAL'</b>	
March	£860
April	£110
May	£300
June (to date)	£52
<b>PILGRIM TRUST</b>	
May 2020	£1,800
<b>WOLFSON FOUNDATION</b>	
June 2020	£5000
<b>TOTAL TO DATE:</b>	<b>£12,394</b>

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

## The 'inSPIRED apPEAL'

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

This is my 6th report on the inSPIRED apPEAL and I think it is time to re-iterate what this is all about, especially for our second home swallows and holiday visitors. The ring-fenced appeal is to raise about £175,000 to repair the Grade 2\* listed church's tower, where water ingress has damaged internal wood and steel structures, making it unsafe to ring the bells for many years now; these will also be restored as part of the long overdue works. Please do take a look at [www.bigburynews.com/church](http://www.bigburynews.com/church) where you can find more details about the project, the church itself and how to donate, or contact me as below. I got involved as my husband Vic, a PCC member, started to undertake the arduous task of applying for grants, and we realised that the community has to show itself committed to the project if outside organisations are to award the substantial sums needed. Bigbury is a widespread rural/coastal parish, with only a small regular congregation. St Lawrence itself does not sit in the centre of housing, as in Ringmore, Kingston and Modbury, so visitors have to seek it out a little. So, the work of raising interest to contribute to the restoration was likely to be tougher than elsewhere, and needs to involve everyone who loves, appreciates, and feels connected to our beautiful parish.

I don't now have to ask you to imagine the church standing there, simply a closed building – Covid-19 has given us a taste of that scenario, and it has shown it is not about the building being there, it is about the people it brings together for all sorts of reasons – for not only worship but

other ceremonies, memorials, family and local history, architecture, nature and not least personal well-being. The restoration will provide opportunities to expand the communal activities the church can offer. With any luck, by the time you read this the church doors will be open again even if with limitations – please do go and spend some time looking around there.

What this health crisis has also done is drive a coach and horses through the fundraising for the tower and bells. Exeter cathedral has put out an £800,000 appeal to cover their £5,000 per day running costs shortfall during lockdown; they received £695,000 in March from the Heritage Lottery for restoration work there. By comparison, St Lawrence is small fry (running costs £20,000 per year) but is just as central to our parish and community as the cathedral to Exeter, and if we don't support our heritage we cannot expect the Lottery and other grant givers to back us. I am extremely grateful to the four people who this month to date added £52 and gift aid to the update box on these pages; every pound has had to be earned and people's unexpected generosity is touching. However, the overall fund in hand for the restoration stands at about £40,000, and we need to raise a good deal more to attract support from the organisations Vic has been and is applying to for funds. The fete, usually the church's main fundraising event, is unlikely to be held in early August now, and holding something similar in late August/early September depends on you know what – the fate of the fete is under review!

Some of you will be saying by now, 'why no mention of the book?'. I wanted to save some cheering news for the end: Henry Wainwright's inspired idea to support the appeal is now a reality and already over 100 copies of 'BIGBURY PAST & PRESENT' have been snapped up by locals, swallows and visitors alike! The roughly £1000 sales profit generated so far is not yet shown in the funds update box, as Bigbury News and the PCC are waiting for an opportunity to present an even bigger cheque to the fund at a social event later in the year. 'Bigbury Past & Present' is an ideal 'gift' for yourself, family, and friends, (think ahead to Christmas perhaps), and a perfect coffee table book for guests to read whilst staying in our varied holiday accommodations. Please purchase copies directly from Holywell Stores and The Beach Shop (thanks to Jas, Jaswinder, Ellie and Jamie), or contact Louise or me. All profits from the book sales will go into the Tower and Bells fund, so please do buy a copy – or more! I know it seems like there are always demands on your money, but your generosity will make all the difference to this restoration happening or not. Please get in touch with any ideas and offers of help you can give to the appeal, especially if you wish to discuss a significant donation and how it could be recognised.

*Take care and thank you!*

**Jill Gubbins**  
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jill.gubbins@homecall.co.uk t



## SOCIAL GROUPS

### BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

Liz Edwards 01548 810657

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Charles Harrington 01548 810023

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### MEMORIAL HALL CHAIRMAN

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### FUND RAISING EVENTS 2020

(to be confirmed)

FRI 30th OCTOBER

Friends of St Lawrence Musical  
Evening in the church

NOV – DEC

Community Christmas Card

WED 2nd DECEMBER

Community Coffee Morning, Bigbury  
Memorial Hall

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## STOP PRESS:

The Wolfson Foundation have just awarded a most welcome grant of £5,000 for the tower repairs – if only more such amounts were forthcoming, how inspiring that would be!



## 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)

We hope to be able to re-open soon: watch our website

### Certainty amidst Uncertainty

Benjamin Franklin, one of the founding fathers of the United States, once said, “in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.” The events of the last few months, as the coronavirus has spread across the world, have taught us how uncertain are the things we rely on. Companies with full order books are suddenly unable to trade, holidaymakers are trapped abroad, the nation is plunged into lockdown. We may have the privilege of gardens and open countryside, but those living in flats in a high-rise city building are trapped indeed. Simple tasks like shopping become queues to maintain “social distance” (whoever dreamt up that phrase?).

Most contagious is the deep-seated fear of catching the virus, which leads in some people to an upsurge in mental illness. Doctors, nurses and other front-line workers work long hours caring for those suffering from infection; many are saved and recover, but sadly many do not, and for their families, life is changed for ever. We long for the day when everything will be back to normal, but what is “normal”? Is it going back to how things were before we even heard the word “coronavirus”? Does it mean changing what we have begun to get used to doing now? The reality is that the world has changed and we cannot turn back the clock. But we need some certainties to enable us to move on wisely and successfully.

In an uncertain world, people look for something safe to cling on to. In Henry Francis Lyte’s hymn “Abide with me”, first sung at his funeral in 1847, he wrote “change and decay in all around I see” and provided the antidote “O Thou who changest not, abide with me”. He recognised that God is unchanging, and that his promises are eternally true. He promises forgiveness for every failure and wrong-doing. He promises to guide and strengthen all who follow him. And he promises an eternity of joy and peace with him when this life ends.

There will be many challenges in the future; old ideas will become redundant as new ideas spring up. There will be many competing voices, some prophesying doom and others peddling the latest fad, and it can be hard to know who to believe, what to follow. When we are anxious about the future, or feel weighed down by the burdens of life, the Lord Jesus calls us to come to him, to turn all our worries over to him, and in this way to experience his peace, a “peace which passes all understanding”. It’s not an escape from life’s problems, but the ability to overcome them.

Christianity is not a crutch to prop people up, but a firm foundation on which to build a full life, enabling us to face the storms of life with confidence.

**Michael Tagent**

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We now have 87 subscribers and more than 40 videos made by local people have been shared.

### What is Bigbury TV?

This is a YouTube Channel which was set up at the outset of Lockdown and it is monitored by Bigbury News to ensure that content is acceptable. If you see any content that is inappropriate please alert the Bigbury News Editor who will remove it. You can watch Bigbury TV by subscribing. There is no charge.

### Why subscribe?

By subscribing you will enjoy a new dimension to the community of Bigbury. With social distancing likely to be an important aspect of life for the foreseeable future, this will be another way of keeping in touch. It is important for a resilient community to keep in touch.

### How do I subscribe?

You can subscribe by clicking on the Bigbury TV link on the Bigbury News website - (see screen shot at the top of the opposite page)

[www.bigburynews.com/bigbury-tv](http://www.bigburynews.com/bigbury-tv)

Once you have located the Bigbury TV YouTube channel, simply click the **SUBSCRIBE** button.

### How do I watch the videos?

Once you have subscribed you can scroll through the UPLOADS and choose something of interest to play, just by clicking on the image of the video. The videos have been organised into categories: **Community Uploads; Music; Local Authors' Works; Exercise & Stretching; Historical and Funnies.**

### How do I make a video?

The easiest way to do this is with a smart phone and simply save the video to your Photos directory.

### Want to load the video onto Bigbury TV?

Once you have a video on your Photos directory you can upload it to the Bigbury YouTube Channel from there. **Phil Shea** has kindly provided a simple guide to how to view and add content to the Bigbury TV Channel. Please see the two guides (left and lower right images).

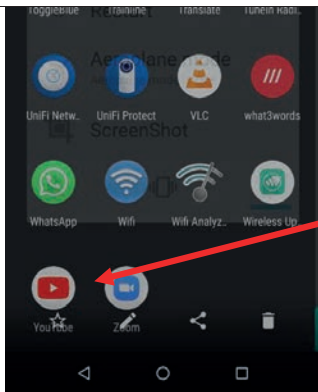
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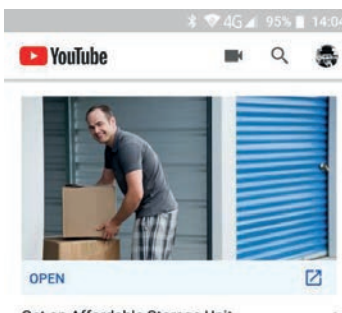
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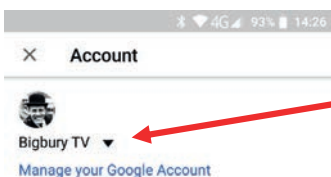
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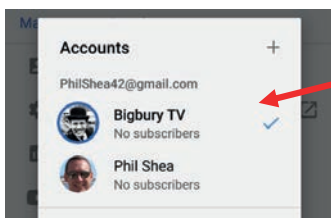
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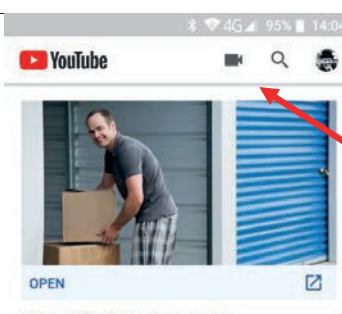
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Tap the small drop-down arrow next to the account name

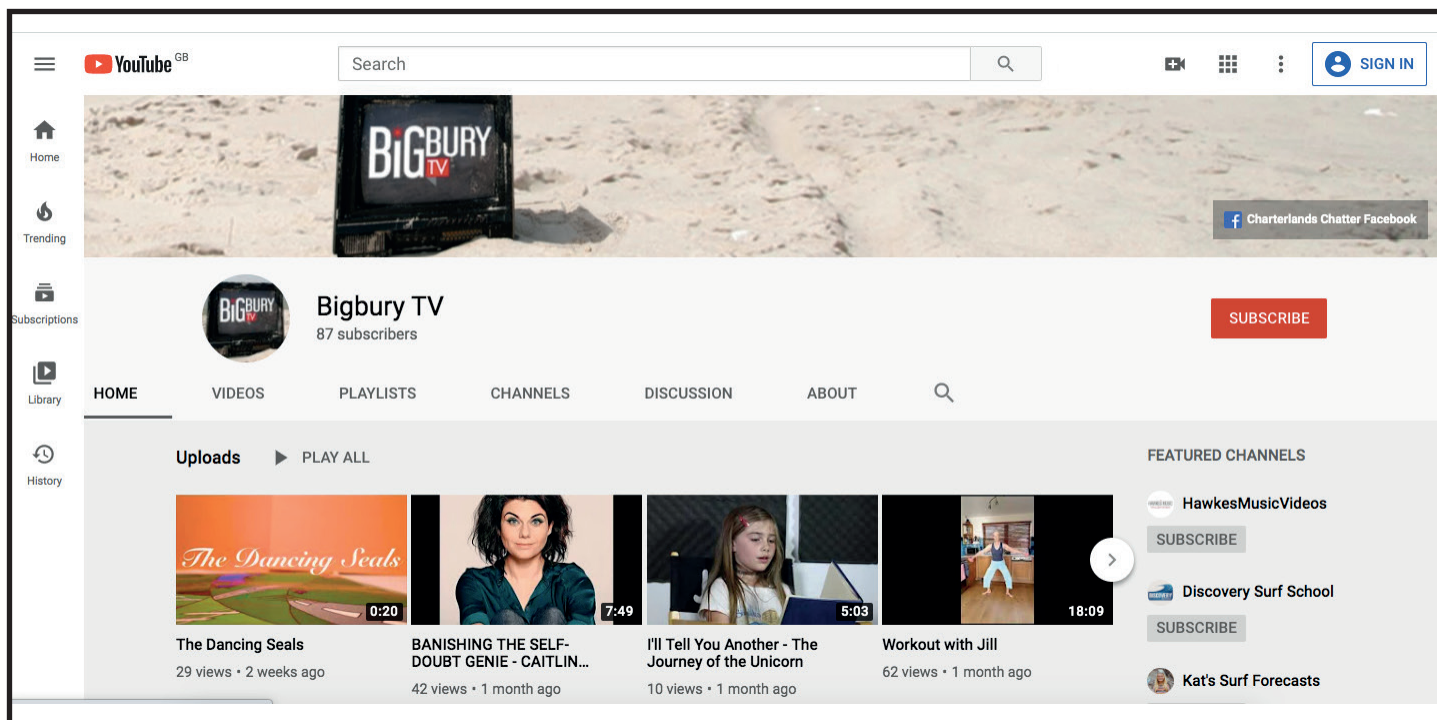


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You will now see the Bigbury TV user icon in the top right.  
Tap the camera icon to the left of it.





	<p>Tap 'Record' (or go live should you so wish). If you have already made the video you can choose it from the thumbnails below.</p>
	<p>Record the video as you wish</p>
	<p>You can now edit the video. Swipe upwards to add details- Title, Description, et al then tap 'Upload'. They will appear in the channel almost immediately (connection speed allowing!)</p>



## BIGBURY TV

### Bigbury History Series

Bigbury News is inviting local historians and families to make contact if you are interesting in sharing some of your knowledge about the area in an informal 'garden interview' to create a series of videos for Bigbury TV. We already have some interested volunteers but would like to hear from anyone who has something to share. The Editor will make a plan with you by phone and arrange to meet outside on a day when it is not windy and the sun is shining. We will film a discussion about the topic agreed and (hopefully) with very little editing, we will post this on Bigbury TV. Each new recording will be promoted in Bigbury Drums. Below is a non-exclusive list of suggested topics.

Original coastline before Burgh Island Vikings  
 Irish Invaders  
 Iron Age Fortifications  
 Royalists  
 Limekilns and Dukes Mill  
 Dukes of Cleveland  
 Ancient Farming  
 Modern Farming  
 Bigbury Court  
 St Ann's Chapel  
 Easton  
 Combe  
 Bigbury-on-Sea  
 Burgh Island  
 Pubs and Shops & Cafes  
 Old Bigbury Families  
 Church  
 The Fun Run  
 Other Topics?

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## LIVE FACEBOOK EVENTS

We are all hoping that it will be possible for clubs and social events to begin to feel more normal again. As government guidelines evolve the way towards this goal will become clear. Although we are currently on a Level 3 Covid Alert, this could change if we experience a second peak. Patience and cooperation is needed.

Some people who have been Shielding may be more anxious about attending public events even when this is allowed. This represents a serious issue for Events Organisers who need to attract a reasonable size group to an indoor event to make it viable.

One way to overcome this dilemma is to host an on-line event. The Kingston Community have organised several Quizzes this way and we could do more of this in Bigbury.

Several Bigbury residents are members of **Kingsbridge Jazz Club** which has not been able to meet. Many of the members are in groups which will be reluctant to attend public events inside, even when this is permitted. To address this issue KJC has been working with some of the bands who played at KJC gigs to develop an on-line alternative.

Inspired by the success of The Ben Holder Trio's Live FaceBook gigs, local band **The Vintage Jazz Collective** made a

first attempt at a live gig on FaceBook on the Summer Solstice. There were a few technical hitches but the group have now got together with some Techies to make a Plan B on equipment and protocols.

**Karen Lawrence** helped us out by making this beautiful poster (below) and the gig took place in Louise & Henry Wainwright's garden - without an audience.

It could be possible to have a 'hybrid' event with a small live audience and a live 'on line audience. To join a **Live FaceBook Event** you do not need to have a Facebook account if the Organiser makes it a Public Event. The link to the **Public Event** can then be shared via social media and the on line audience can click to say they would "Like to Attend". They then get an Alert from the Organiser just before the Event to remind them to join in the Live Event. **Bigbury Drums** (weekly Mail Chimp) can help to promote these links.

The Live Event is simultaneously recorded and this can then also be posted on a You Tube Channel - maybe **Bigbury TV**? This link can be further shared on social media such as **Charterlands Chatter**.

Performers and Organisers usually make the live event 'free of charge' but invite the audience to make a donation via PayPal or some other means. This concept



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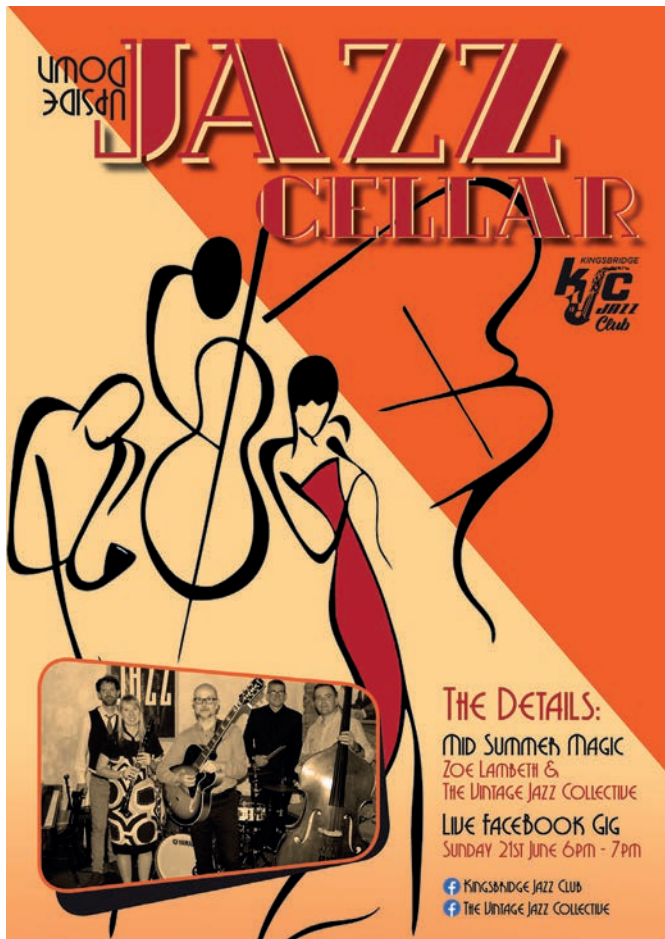
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could be applied to other types of Events - *Produce Shows, Fashion Shows, Comedians, Magicians, Exercise Classes, Art Exhibitions, Cookery Demonstrations* etc. etc. !!

Let's start thinking outside the box and make sure that everyone can join in our Events - especially those who are Shielding. Could the Memorial Hall offer this service? It could be the way we run Events in future as there are many isolated people in our Community who never went out - even before the pandemic.

**Louise Wainwright**



**JAZZ CELLAR**

**THE DETAILS:**  
MID SUMMER MAGIC  
ZOE LAMBETH &  
THE VINTAGE JAZZ COLLECTIVE  
LIVE FACEBOOK GIG  
SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 6PM - 7PM

KINGSBRIDGE JAZZ CLUB  
THE VINTAGE JAZZ COLLECTIVE



**Zoe Lambeth and The Vintage Jazz Collective**

**Zoe Lambeth** - clarinet, sax and vocals  
**Steve Dow** - guitar and vocals  
**Martin Jenkins** - piano  
**Jim Rintoul** - bass  
**Gary Evans** - drums





The Covid pandemic has clearly demonstrated the importance of connectivity, both physically and virtually, to the well being of individuals, the local economy and the Bigbury Community.

The majority of us will have kept informed and stayed connected via Mail Chimp, FaceBook, Whats App, YouTube, Zoom etc . Those of us who were having to work from home needed good connectivity. How was it for you?

Connectivity should be high on everyone's Agenda. There are several local Service Providers and the strength of the signals vary between villages and even streets and houses - depending on the signal shadows and the distance away from boosters. There are solutions for some of these problems and we would all benefit if they were proactively identified and reviewed by a competent authority.

The topic of **Connectivity** will feature in the next **Bigbury News (August/Sept)** issue. Readers are invited to score their current **Service Providers** and provide this information together with their physical location to The Bigbury News Editor. The purpose of the survey is to provide a baseline study to inform local organisations (Bigbury Parish Council, SHDC), Events Organisers and Fund Raisers of the status quo.

Individuals may then be able to change Service Providers or upgrade equipment to optimise their signal.

The issue of 5G and it's safety was covered in a previous issue of Bigbury News. Here is a brief summary with the Facts about why 5G is safe.

## CONNECTIVITY

### 5G or Not 5G?

Radiation is a scary word and everyone "knows" that radiation causes cancer so anything that emits radiation must cause cancer right? It reflects the poor understanding of science in society.

The wireless spectrum/radiowave spectrum sits at 3kHz to 300GHz (below even infrared). **5G (600MHz to 6GHz)** is indeed near the upper end of that spectrum, but still well below visible light.

Visible light (430-770 THz) is actually pretty famous for not being able to penetrate very far through skin, which is why we can't see through people.

Ultraviolet ( $7.5 \times 10^{14}$  to  $3.6 \times 10^{16}$  Hz) is the first point at which meaningful human tissue penetration occurs, or as most people call it - sunburn. This can potentially cause skin cancer over prolonged excessive exposure, but not any other types of tissue cancer as it can't penetrate beyond the skin.

If you want to see inside the body, you need to use X-rays ( $3 \times 10^{16}$  to  $3 \times 10^{17}$  Hz) and these are definitely carcinogenic and can lead to tumours anywhere within the body with long-term exposure.

Ionising radiation where short-term exposure can cause significant cellular damage leading to radiation sickness and early tumour development is that in the gamma range and higher ( $> 3 \times 10^{17}$  Hz).

So essentially you need a frequency **100 million times greater than the top band of 5G to be able to penetrate human skin to the same effect as a sunny day.** To get through skin (to cause brain cancer) it would need to be 10 billion times higher frequency.

The reason you need lots of masts in cities and far fewer in the countryside is because they the radio waves can't penetrate things very well.

False stories are 70% more likely to be spread on modern social media than true stories and you can always find support for your point of view online.

The risk of cancer is always (toxicity x dose x duration) for anything. (e.g. one cigarette as a kid versus a 40 a day habit for 40 years) It is undeniable that duration for a 5G mast is pretty continuous, but both toxicity and dose are incredibly low, to the extent that you'd probably have to live for thousands of years to have an impact.

## BIGBURY SIGNAL SURVEY

**Name**

**Physical Address**

(relating to the reception of the signal)

**Service Provider**

**Name** of company providing the signal  
**Contacts** for Service Provider

SCORE 1 - 10

10 = Excellent 1 = Extremely Poor

**General Signal Strength** (Score)

**Reliability of Signal** (Score)

**Cost of Setting Up** the Equipment needed

**Cost of Service** thereafter

Please provide any other information which you believe to be helpful to others

Please email responses by 15th July to:

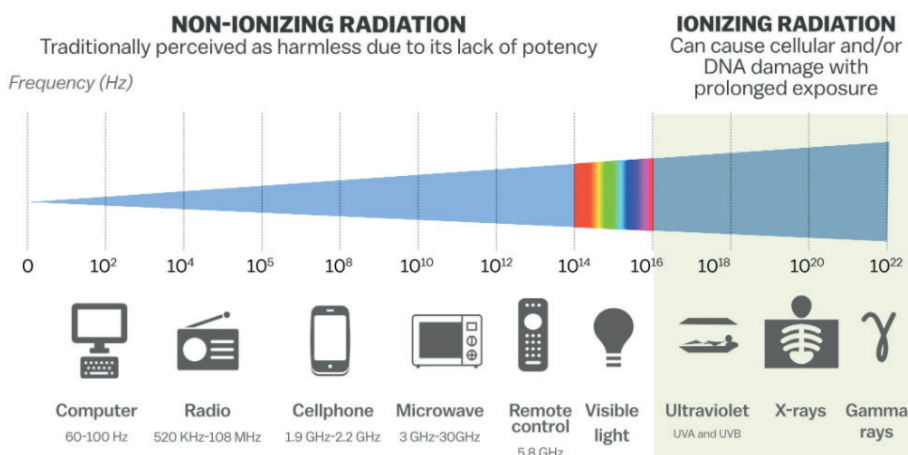
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*Let's try to get better connected.*



Have you got a plan?  
Have you some Information?  
Please write in.

## Our exposure to radiation on the electromagnetic spectrum





Some people cannot stand by when things need to be done. Here is a report about some of our **Local Heroes** who have been keeping us safe during and beyond Lockdown.

The swell of the sea and the predominant south westerly onshore winds attract an almost all year-round migration of neoprene warriors and kite surfers to the South West of England. The entire coast line is punctuated with deep river estuaries bejewelled with flotillas of sparkling boats and river craft. Thousands of families flock here during the holiday periods. It is not surprising that over half of holiday trips to the South West are to the seaside.

Bigbury Bay in the South Hams could easily be described as the Jewel in the Crown of all the seaside staycation destinations in the British Isles. Bigbury-on-Sea has the accolade of being Britain's 'Number One Beach' with its tidal sandy isthmus and iconic sea tractor.

Here, **Discovery Surf** and the Wave Project provide surfing lessons and equipment hire for people of all ages and abilities. Bantham Beach, just across the mouth of the River Avon from Bigbury-on-Sea, has been home to generations of surfers who have shaped British surfing. The **Bantham Surf Life Saving Club** was started in 1960 and is still the local hub for Bantham surfers. When self-catering holidays and campsites begin to open up after Lockdown, a wave of visitors is expected.

In their excitement to revel in the sea after the boredom and anxiety of Lockdown, comes the real risk of fatality as children

## CREWS THAT KEEP US CRUISING

and adults find themselves sucked out to sea by hidden rip currents or crushed and drowned on unforgiving rocks.

No one can be more aware of this peril than expert, champion local surfers who have the experience and intuition to assess the probability of danger so they can stay out of trouble themselves. Their ability is born out of the passion they share for the sport which demands countless rides and fathomless energy to perfect the moves that make for awesome surfing. These were the people whose blood chilled when the perfect storm arrived on the 11th May. The UK government allowed people onto the beaches and into the sea before any official RNLI life guards were able to be on station. This coincided with a period when the winds were blowing off-shore and the swell in the sea was high. Inexperienced adults and children on stand-up paddle boards and inflatable toys, unaware of the risks, could very easily find themselves drawn out to sea by rip tides and would battle against both wind and current to get back to shore.

**Loic Doison and Luke Lane Prokopiou** launched a FaceBook group (**Community Life Saving South Hams**) to "Share ideas and information on how to reduce the risks of incidents (of injury or drowning) on the South Hams coastline from Wembury to Blackpool Sands." They asserted that **"Together we do not want anyone to drown on our patch."**

Within a few days they had the support of local stakeholders and within two days over 200 people had joined the group. Members of the group set about ensuring that life-saving equipment and

communication systems were functioning and that signage about the risks of rip tides and how to escape them was posted in all the access points to popular beaches.

This social media platform encouraged members to share reports of rescues, raise concerns, provide photos of hazards and propose ideas on how to make the beaches safer for all users. During the four weeks between the beaches 'opening up' and the RNLI teams returning to provide their much-valued safety net, there were many rescues undertaken by other beach users who saw the danger to life and acted impulsively to save life.

Posts on the CLSSH FaceBook pages illustrate the catalogue of near disasters which would normally have been picked up quickly by the RNLI crews on station. **Ed Morris 24th May** "Well done ex lifeguard **Ben Howey** for a rescue using his longboard getting a body-boarder off the rocks at low tide in Bantham today. Those who know the rip know how strong it was. Good job he was there to help. Later a group of five body-boarders drifted into the rip and needed further assistance. We all knew something like this was bound to happen and highlights the need for a service ASAP. **Marcus McCheyne 27th May**: "If anyone sees life rings or marine safety equipment which is missing or damaged please contact me and I will repair or replace where necessary. Some equipment may belong to private land owners who I can contact directly." **Luke Lane Prokopiou 27th May**: "Today off duty lifeguards and surfers performed a mass rescue and multiple assists at Bantham. Not only that but surf instructors and ex life guards were advising



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### THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

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members of the public of the dangers on the beach and shepherding people. Fantastic effort by everyone in the current absence of life guards. **Richard Boughton** 28th May: "This strong off shore is fairly dodgy. I was out windsurfing this morning and herded six people back to shore who were drifting out on various kayaks and SUPs. There is a strong argument for at least some signage advising on conditions until the RNLI is back". **Mark Taylor** 28th May "A busy day for Hope Cove Lifeboat. Six shouts, multiple casualties but only one injury."

During this critical time, anxious 'unofficial lifeguards' who were present on the beaches are known to have given advice about the possible dangers of the rip currents and the off-shore winds to families and groups coming to the beaches in the South Hams. Following the many sea rescues performed by these vigilant members of the public, I met up with **Loic Doison** on Challaborough Beach. He was training new lifeguards for the **Surf Lifeguard Award** to ensure competent, safe rescues around the country. Four trainees from as far away as Worcestershire, listened intently as he shared his knowledge and experience with them. The sea was calm and there were a few families enjoying their newly acquired Stand Up Paddleboards on a wonderful summers day in June. I asked Loic how difficult it had been giving people advice on the beach when he was not wearing his usual RNLI uniform. He looked a little dismayed and said "Advice is not always well received from strangers. The uniform introduces you in some way to the people you want to keep safe and they are more

likely to take advice from someone who looks official." I wondered if he had a sixth sense about people who are likely to find themselves in a dangerous situation. "Yes," he sighed. "I do get a sense of who I need to keep a careful watch on for a variety of reasons. They may seem to be unfamiliar with their equipment and how to use it. Parents may not be closely supervising their children. We know there is a likelihood of at least one event per day that needs our intervention. If conditions are difficult, there can be many incidents in one day."

As Bigbury News goes to print, yet another serious incident has occurred at Bantham Beach. This is the post from the RNLI FaceBook page on 26th June. "Lifeguards have been back for just one week on #Bantham + #Sedgewell Cove and have dealt with several incidents. Wednesday kept lifeguards busy with swell, offshore winds, spring tides and thousands heading down to the beach lifeguards responded to multiple incidents. Due to the dangers of the day and multiple rescues lifeguards stayed on after hours to ensure the safety of the public. On Thursday at #Bantham, lifeguards dealt with a water based spinal injury. Senior lifeguard's **Luke Lane Prokopiou** and **Loic Doison** aided the casualty, getting her out of the water and

placing her onto a spinal board. This was the first time our team have had to use our new #COVID-19 PPE. **Bigbury Coastguard Rescue team** were also on scene to help with transferring to the awaiting ambulance. It's been a busy week to start the season, and our entire team is doing us all proud."

The RNLI have now started serving many of the beaches in the South Hams but there are still beaches, including private beaches, which do not have lifeguards. For the latest update on which beaches are manned by lifeguards – check this website link:

[www.rnli.org/find-my-nearest/lifeguarded-beaches](http://www.rnli.org/find-my-nearest/lifeguarded-beaches)

**Loic Doison** also heads up **Coast to Coast Water Safety**, a private, professional water safety business based in the South Hams.

[www.coasttocoastwatersafety.co.uk](http://www.coasttocoastwatersafety.co.uk)

Coast to Coast offers guided swims around Burgh Island for small groups of people. Best not to do this on your own. We would all do well to **Respect the Sea** and take advice when it's offered. Thanks to these valiant and selfless people who are our Local heroes.

**Louise Wainwright**



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# BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL - meeting minutes

Wed. June 10th 2020 at 7:30pm. 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), C. Cllr. R Gilbert (RG), D. Cllr. B Taylor (BT), Clerk R Matthews (RM) and three members of the public.

## 1.0 Declaration of Interest

GR declared an interest in agenda item 9a – Herb Heaven. CC declared an interest in planning agenda items 9a – Cockleridge and 9b Fryer Tuck. No further declarations of interest were noted at this point.

## 2.0 Apologies for absence:

No apologies received

## 3.0 Approval of Minutes of previous

monthly meeting held on May 13th 2020 GR proposed these Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. SS seconded this proposal which was duly agreed to by all Councillors.

**‘4.0 Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting held on May 13th 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 EH

## 5.0 Appointment of Parish Clerk

EH advised the meeting that interviews had taken place to find a replacement for the current Clerk (RM). EH was pleased to announce that the Councillors were unanimous in appointing **Ian Bramble** to this position and highlighted Ian's background and experience in Local Government as being a major contributory factor to his appointment. Ian will be in post from July 1st but will be supported by RM through to the end of September. All Councillors offered Ian best wishes for success in this role.

## 6.0 County Councillor's Report

RG provided the following update:

- \* DCC has been made a Beacon Council, one of only eleven in the country for community services during Covid-19,
- \* Devon's economy has been badly hit by Covid-19 and things were not good before due to the Flybe and Appledore closures etc.
- \* Recycling centres are now opening as normal with quite long waits at peak times.
- \* Pot-hole defects are under 1000 in Devon which is the lowest for a long time. Good weather and less traffic has helped.
- \* The government has given Devon Highways an extra £27M to help improve

the network. This is on top of the £50M DCC budget for this year.

\* I have sent you various bits of information over the last month which I hope you've found helpful.

\* A huge well done to Stuart and all for getting the car park closed signs sorted. They could also be useful in the future..?

In response to a question from resident A, RG to check on status of road repairs at Edmiston. Action RG

## 7.0 District Councillor's report

BT provided the following update:

\* SHDC were working towards building a new platform for 'the new normal', post Covid-19.

\* Solid levels of financial reserves are in place, however all capital expenditure had been placed on hold and the council needed to find ways of recovering lost income from leisure centre and car park closures.

\* Planning meetings (DMC) were due to start in July (virtual). \* £37,000 had been paid to 180 businesses from SHDC Covid-19 support fund and twenty applications were being processed each day.

\* A new fund to support local shops had been established and £5,000 was available for large towns with a lower level of £2,500 for smaller towns such as Modbury.

\* A new Chief Executive had taken up his post at SHDC – Andy Bates.

\* Parking permits were now being issued.

\* The toilets had re-opened at Bigbury-on-Sea.

\* A waste management meeting was scheduled for later this week and EH asked if three/four new waste bins could be placed around the beach area. Action BT

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

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

£33.48 British Telecom - line rental and broadband (direct debit)  
£250.00 C Lane renovation work in St Lawrence burial ground  
£250.00 S George renovation work in St Lawrence burial ground  
£25.00 E Huntley – contribution towards high phone usage (community related) Covid-19 related (Minute 13)  
£193.84 Community First – Public Liability Insurance  
Council agreed to a three year commitment at a rate of £193.84 as opposed to an annual renewal of £204.04

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 £35,929.53  
Working surplus £18,861.44

## 9.0 Planning related matters

### a) 1224/20/HHO Cockleridge TQ7

4BA. Construction of deck and external seating area adjoining existing boathouse. Associated landscaping.

EH confirmed that four Parish Councillors had visited this site (socially-distancing) and that the changes proposed were well suited. EH proposed this application be supported but requested the following condition be put in place – no external lighting to be installed without prior discussion with the Parish Council and approval by the District Council. VS seconded this proposal which was supported by all Councillors.

### b) Fryer Tuck - Licensing application

VS confirmed the rationale behind this application was reduced food sales as a result of seating being occupied for excessive time periods by customers who bring their own drinks. VS proposed this application be supported and all Councillors agreed.

**c) Merrylees** – update from owner  
Owner was not able to join the meeting – therefore no update was offered.

### d) Herb Heaven

SW reminded the attendees that this fell within the remit of Aveton Gifford Parish Council but was of interest as it had a visual impact on Bigbury. GR confirmed discussions were taking place with the architects and that SHDC Enforcement Officers were involved.

### e) Crosstream

BT confirmed this was still live with the SHDC Enforcement Officers

### f) Neighbourhood Plan

VS provided the following brief update:  
**Neighbourhood Plan** - The minor amendments to the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan as reported to the last Parish Council meeting have been approved by South Hams District Council and copies of the plan have been sent to Patrick Whymer, Head of Planning, Cllr Judy Pearce, Leader of the Council and Cllr Julian Brazil, Chairman of Development Management Committee.

**Community-led Housing Scheme** - The Section 106 Agreement for the community-



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led (primarily affordable) housing scheme at St Ann's Chapel is still awaiting final agreement and signature by all parties.

**Planning Applications** - The first application to be submitted following the making of the Neighbourhood Plan is that relating to a new terrace at Cockleridge House (Ref: 1224/20/HHO). This included a Planning Statement which included relevant policies of the Joint Local Plan but failed to consider the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.

### 10.0 Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) – Dog Control

RM confirmed that agenda items 10 and 12 were the same topic. Councillors have reviewed the consultation document and considered its implications. Resident A also stated that she had submitted an objection.

The consultation document covers two topics and Parish Councillors support introduction of new order stating that a) dog walkers MUST carry dog bags or other containers to collect dog waste and b) restrict the number of dogs that can be walked to four at a time.

The consultation document also refers to changes in the hours to which the beach at Bigbury is closed to dogs. This is a relaxation of the current restriction allowing increased access. BT confirmed that, as an economy, the Dog Warden role had been abolished by SHDC some time ago

Councillors voted to object to this change in the ratio of five to one.

Further discussion took place about the perceived inadequate signage advising dog owners of where and when they could exercise their animals but no conclusion was reached.

### 11.0 Police and Crime Commissioner – Councillor Advocate Scheme

GR proposed EH take on this role as she was already undertaking this task. EH agreed

### 12.0 Update on Bigbury Coronavirus

Support Group (BCSG) activities  
SW advised there was little to report by way of update. All volunteers had been invited to submit any out-of-pocket expenses to the Clerk for consideration and payment. No claims had been received, to date.

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

GR proposed a sum of £25.00 be awarded to EH as a contribution towards the high

phone charges incurred in dealing with community related Covid-19 activities. SS seconded this proposal and all Councillors agreed. RM advised the balance left in this fund was now £141.70

SW suggested this outstanding sum be allocated towards the cost of a waste skip as households have experienced a significant build-up of waste during the lockdown. It was agreed to review this again in September.

### 14.0 VJ day celebrations

It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting.

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

It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting.

### 16.0 Bigbury News Funding

As a means of reducing cost RM suggested the Parish Council take over payment of the monthly licensing fees for Adobe software needed for the publication of Bigbury News. The annual cost equates to £600 and the resultant saving on VAT would be £100. SS proposed this be adopted. GR seconded this proposal which was unanimously supported by all Councillors  
Henry Wainwright (Bigbury News) thanked the Council for their ongoing support adding that generation of advertising revenue had been particularly challenging during lockdown.

RM advised that lockdown had brought challenges in paper deliver for Bigbury News as larger vehicles were banned from residential areas. GR and Jason Pheasant (Bigbury Golf Club) offered their premises as potential future delivery points.

### 17.0 Waste skip placement

It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting. See also item 13.0 above.

### 18.0 Open Session

Resident A observed that parking lines at Sedgewell Slipway had still not been re-painted. RM raised concern in respect of liability insurance should the Council appoint a contractor locally. It was agreed that RM would contact RG to establish cost from DCC to undertake this task.

Action RM

In response to a question from the public, EH confirmed that notices had been posted in respect of the closure of footpaths on Burgh Island.

### 19.0 Agenda items for next meeting

VE/VJ day celebrations  
Waste skip placement

St Lawrence burial ground  
Herb Heaven  
Crosstream  
Bigbury News  
Sedgewell Slipway parking  
Playpark

NOTE Supporting information is uploaded to the Parish Council section of the Bigbury Community website.  
The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

**The next meeting is to be held on  
WEDNESDAY July 8th at 7:30pm**



**NEW PARISH CLERK**

#### *Editor's Note:*

Welcome to **Ian Bramble** our new Parish Clerk who takes on the role from 1st July. I invited Ian to briefly introduce himself to us.

"Now retired I have recently served two years as a South Hams District Councillor, sitting on the Audit Committee and Development and Planning Committee and two years as Vice Chairman and then Chairman of the Council.

My professional background was in commercial television media sales and marketing and most recently with my own small financial services company and have lived in the South Hams, in Kingsbridge for the last 21 years, having left London for south Devon in 1987".

#### **Ian Bramble**

*Bigbury Parish Clerk  
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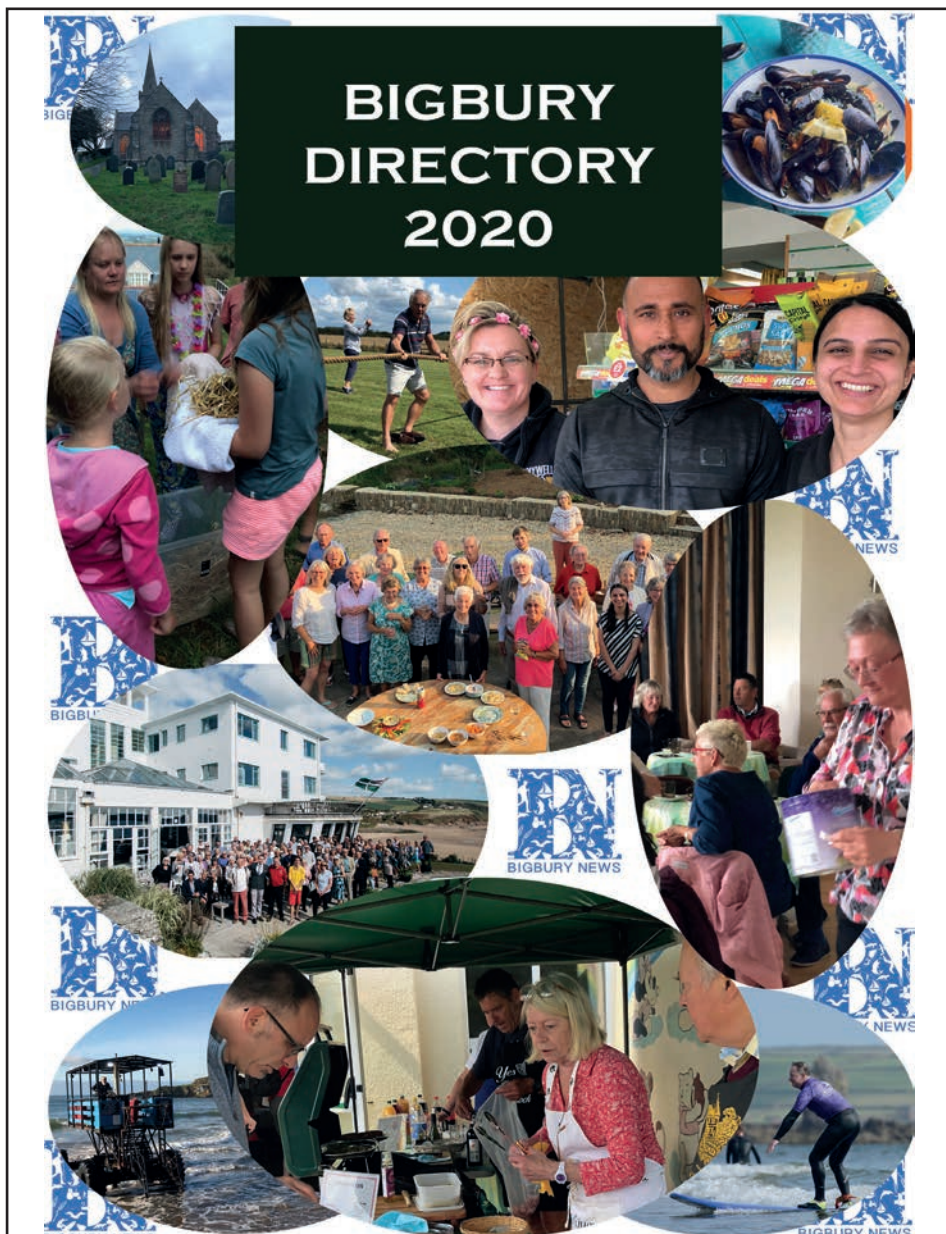
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