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PARISH COUNCIL
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7:30 p.m. MHall

**AGM & announcement
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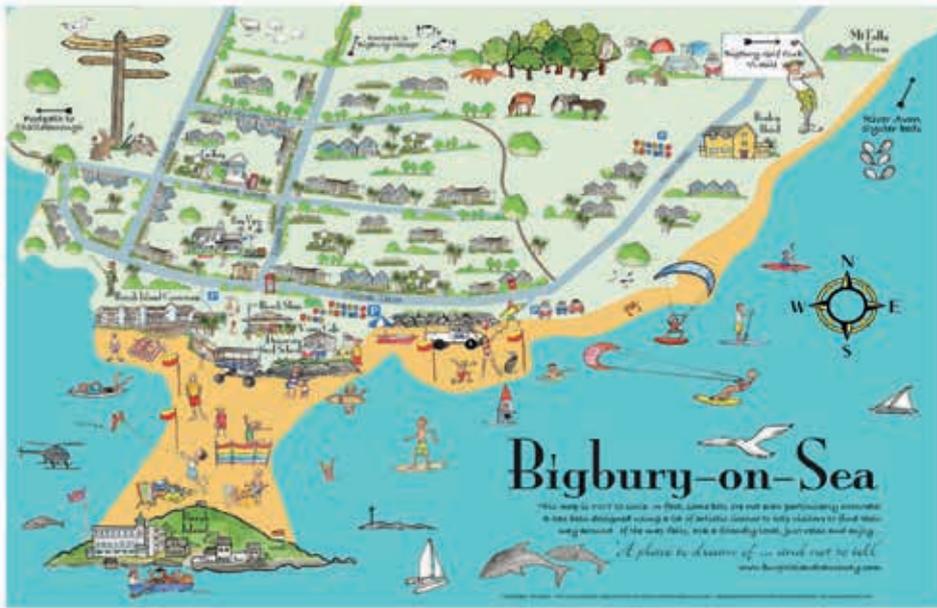


**SS GREAT BRITAIN
History Society trip**
Thursday 16th May

BIGBURY ON SEA HOLIDAYS

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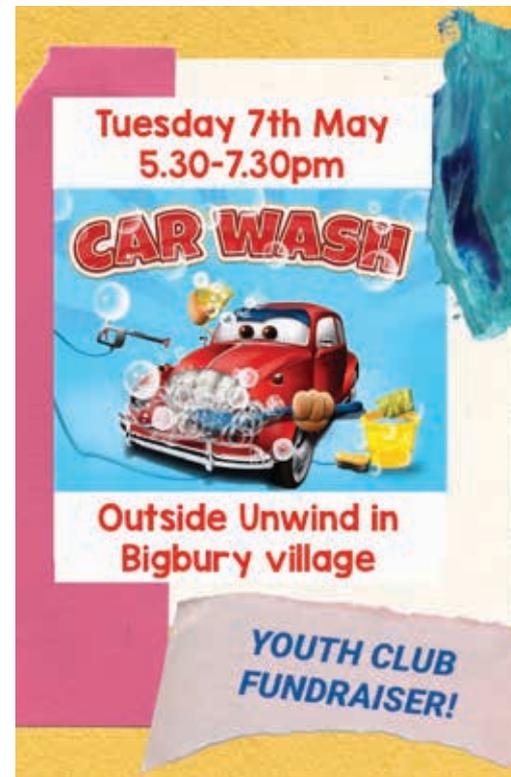
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

There is to be no formal 'election' for parish councillors in Bigbury because **Bryan Carson** graciously decided not to throw his hat into the ring. Bryan has been a stalwart supporter of the local parish council and has served our community in many ways for some thirty years. All councillors generously donate their time, and much effort, free of charge, to make things happen in Bigbury. Bryan made an extraordinary contribution. Thanks from all of us. The new team are announced in the BPC minutes of this issue (p 30 & 31). Thanks are due to them too, for their continued support of Bigbury Parish.

The better weather is bringing in the annual migration of visitors, a welcome boost to our local economy, in spite of all the issues that are linked with 'more people'. There is plenty for them to do when they get here. Burgh Island Hotel has just announced the launch of their seafood restaurant. **The Nettlefold Restaurant** is named after the Hotel's founder, theatre producer Archie Nettlefold. The hotly-anticipated seafood restaurant will use locally-sourced produce and is now available to non-residents and guests from 14 May 2019.

Just around the corner, **Steve Chapman** and **Hans Van Der Heiden** are spruced up for the season and have begun serving a wonderful 'seaside menu' in a cosy bistro style restaurant in Challaborough.

Although the **Memorial Hall Committee** have almost packed their bags for the summer months - The **Bigbury Community Coffee Morning Team** are setting up

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their stalls every month at the Memorial Hall in St Ann's Chapel - first Wednesday of every month (10.30 am to noon). They raise hundreds of pounds most months for local charities. It's a great way to socialise over a coffee and cake, catch up with friends and make new ones. Please call in on 1st May.

The **Bigbury Drums Events** email list of subscribers is growing, as are the local organisers sending in their events posters. Please continue to spread the word. Thank you. Sign up by just sending your email contacts to: **bigburydrums@gmail.com**

The **Bigbury Parish Council** generously agreed to help pay for the paper used by Bigbury News, to help us cover our costs. Many thanks for this support.

We have many local supporters who help by giving their time. See the lists of *Contributors* and the *Distribution Team*. We would welcome more annual donations from Readers who value the hard copy Bigbury News and the Bigbury Drums emails/website. All of this is donated without charge. Thank you to those who have already sent in their welcome donations.

We are delighted to have the **Bigbury Stories** from **David Ellis**, now retired in America. I hope more readers will follow his lead and share their Bigbury Stories.

Louise Wainwright
Bigbury News & Bigbury Drums Editor



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BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Bringing the Community Together

The Hall's Winter programme was brought to a close in April with an evening of jazz, featuring the Charlie Hearnshaw Trio. Unfortunately this took place after the date of writing but, no doubt, a great time was had by all.

This Winter was one of our busiest for several years and included the Bigbury Produce Show, a wine tasting, a Film & Food Night, a great folk band (the Churchfitters), a Puppet Theatre, a Science Show for children and, of course, the jazz evening. After this, the Hall Committee are shortly to take a well earned rest over the Summer, although our AGM will take place in July. Details of this will be included in next month's issue of Bigbury News.

There is a possibility of one more event in the Summer – another of our ever popular Wine Tasting Evenings, Again, more will be revealed next month.

We're also already planning events from September onwards and, if possible, we hope to equal or exceed the number of events that took place this winter.

Charles Harrington.

Tel. 810023.

Email charles_harri@yahoo.co.uk

MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS (May 2019)

St Ann's Chapel TQ7 4HQ

<u>Day & Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Organiser</u>	<u>Contact no.</u>
Mon. see poster	Aerobics Pilates Strong & Steady (plus tea)	Jill Gubbins Jill Gubbins Jill Gubbins	810651 810651 810651
Tues. 17.30 - 19.30 19.30 - 21.30 (closed for the time being – more members needed; contact Dee for information)	Youth Club Bowls	Juliette Jackson Dee Fitzgerald	810307 811191
Thurs. see poster	Pilates Bones Bonus	Jill Gubbins Jill Gubbins	810651 810651
19.30 - 21.30	South Hams Filling Station (3 rd Thurs. of month excl. Dec & Aug)	Gilbert Snook	810017

May events: Wed May 1st: Bigbury Community Coffee morning 10.30 - 12.00 in aid of Children's Hospice South-West

50/ 100 Club. Promoted by Mike and Rita Baker. The April draw was made after this edition went to print. Join before the end of May (£10) for you to have a chance of winning the monthly draw. 50% of the money goes in cash prizes and 50% to the Hall. Tickets can be obtained from Holywell Stores.



BIGBURY COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

At the coffee mornings there will be a raffle, guess the weight of the cake or number of sweets in a jar. Sale of books, Phoenix cards, bric-a-brac, jewellery, silk wares, homemade cakes and savouries.

On Wednesday 3rd April we raised **£267 for Hope Cove Lifeboat**. Many thanks to everybody who came and supported us so generously. It was good to hear all the community banter.

Unfortunately Graham had to rush off early but updated us about the lifeboat and how they now have a younger crew in training!

On Wednesday 1st May we will be raising funds for the **Children's Hospice (SW)** and look forward to seeing you between 10.30 and noon. Then on Wednesday 5th June we will be supporting **Devon Air Ambulance**.

Jean & Yvonne.



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PLEASE NOTE SUMMER CLASS DATES BELOW!

MONDAYS at
BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL
AEROBICS
9.30 - 10.10
PILATES
10.15 - 11.15
STRONG & STEADY
11.30 - 12.10 + tea

TUESDAYS at
BURGH ISLAND CAUSEWAY
LEISURE CLUB
AQUA FITNESS
(Club members only)

WEDNESDAYS at
MARS PAVILION, MODBURY
AEROBICS
9.15 - 10.00

THURSDAYS at
BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL
PILATES
9.15 - 10.15

STRONG & STEADY
10.15 - 11.00 + tea

BONES BONUS
10.15 - 10.30

April 29th

April 30th

May 6th, 13th

May 7th, 14th

May 1st, 8th, 15th

May 9th

June 10th, 17th, 24th

June 11th, 18th, 25th

June 12th, 19th, 26th

June 13th, 20th, 27th

NO CLASSES AT ALL DURING JULY & AUGUST - LOOK OUT FOR RESTART DATE IN SEPTEMBER 2019

BIGBURY HISTORY SOCIETY – SS GREAT BRITAIN

We are running an outing to see this iconic ship on Thursday 16th May 2019. This will include a guided tour of the ship, a tour of the Brunel Institute and lunch. Please contact Charles Harrington on charles_harri@yahoo.co.uk or 01548 810023 for further details.



WAVES YOUTH GROUP

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TUESDAYS THROUGH TERM TIME
5.30-7.30 ages 7+
BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL.



We are raising funds for new equipment at youth club by offering a village car wash!

**TUESDAY 7th MAY -
5.30-7.30pm
outside UNWIND**

If this is a success we will make it a regular thing!

Oxford Dictionaries for Children has once again teamed up with BBC Radio 2's 500 WORDS – the nationwide competition to find the most talented young writers! **Matilda Pitt** entered herself. We won't find out how she got on until July but we are very proud of her all the same. Her story is printed opposite.

Louise Pitt
Waves Coordinator

WELLBEING SPOTLIGHT

Bigbury News welcomes Dawn Trower from Modbury Health Centre, who will be keeping us informed of the initiatives of our local clinic aimed at keeping us well. Dawn writes below:

Are you struggling to find help to enable you to stay independent at home?

Are you aware of any Benefits you may be entitled to such as Attendance Allowance that might help fund assistance at home?

Do you wish to find out about alternative housing options such as Assisted Living, Care Homes etc.?

Then please ask at Reception about the Monthly Social Care Clinics held on the first Thursday of the month at Modbury Health Centre.

CARERS' ASSESSMENTS

If you are an unpaid carer to a family member or friend you can request a Carer's Assessment which can be held at the Health Centre. A Carer's Assessment will focus on your well-being as the Carer and assist in finding ways of reducing the impact your caring role may have on your health and well-being. Please ask at Reception for details of how you can book your Assessment.

Dawn Trower
Modbury Health Centre

My Beach

I woke up and I saw the blue, shimmering sea glistening in the dawn light. As I struggle to squeeze on my wetsuit (using the plastic bag trick), my black and yellow squeaky clean wetsuit slides on.

I get a ride from Dad to get to the club. I jump out of the white shiny van then wave my Dad goodbye. I run with my surfboard as fast as a crocodile to join my surf group running quickly down the steps right to the clear, gorgeous, clean ocean.

I jumped into the sea and fought the waves as they crashed in to my face. I had to be careful of jelly fish because it was summer time. Suddenly some gorgeous silver dolphins glided through the waves right past me. It was..... AMAZING!!!! I had never got so close to a wild sea creature like this before! I quietly tried to stroll through the water which felt as stiff as a swamp. It was so magical I just couldn't contain myself! As I got closer and closer I saw the shiny fin, then its face, then its beak, flippers and I shrieked!

I think I may have scared it so the beautiful dolphin swam away into the horizon. By then the waves started to get bigger so with all my strength I paddled and then.... I caught it! I thought it was the wave of the century but then more came and more until I was out of breath.

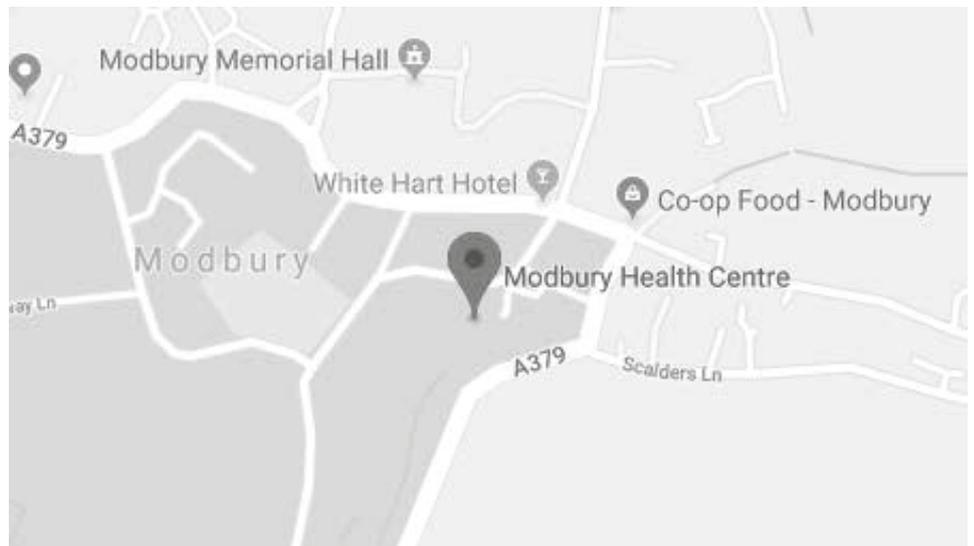
I ran back up the surf steps and sat by the little beach cafe. I had planned to meet my friends there for some lunch. I already knew what they would want to eat since I had known then my whole life! Ellie: regular fries and strawberry milkshake, Zoe: lettuce salad and banana milkshake, Olivia: chicken sandwich with fries and a lemonade, Lizzie: carrot cake and a blueberry milkshake (of course) And me... regular fries and an Oreo milkshake! I know my friends well! When everyone arrived we sat on the rocks with our beach cafe food. As the gigantic waves crash in front of us we watched children and parents play.

In the evening Dad took me and my friends to our little cove. You can only get there by boat so it is hard to get to but I am lucky my Dad had a big blue boat. He took me, my older sister and friends together. The cove was crystal clear with unbelievable reefs. Spider crabs as big as fluffy cats, Under water caves with secret passages leading into the deep, dark mossy rocks.

At about 7pm we all go back to the beach and get in to the van. We drive a rocky country road into a field. We always camp here! We open the tent and put out our sleeping bags. We light the fire and roast our squidgy marshmallows and watching the sun set prepare for a fresh cold and clear night.

By **Matilda Pitt** - age 10.

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CLUBS & SOCIETIES

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BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

Hazel Osborne (temporary contact)

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BRIDGE @ The Memorial Hall
Tuesdays 13.30 - 15.30
Jan Lucas 01548 831244

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Meetings in Kingsbridge Methodist
Hall, 100 Fore St TQ7 1AW
Weds 7.30pm Thurs 10.30am
Visitors always welcome on payment of
£10 which includes tea/coffee.

May 2019 Weds 29th/Thurs 30th

Inn Signia: Art Work and stories behind
Peculiar Pub Names
Speaker **John Ericson**
Pubs and their signs are a fundamental
part of our history and cultural heri-
tage. John shows some of the interest-
ing, distinctive signs then explores the
stories behind the origin of some of
their peculiar names. 'The Bucket of
Blood', the 'Cow and Snuffers'

May 21st' Special day event at **Thurles-
tone Hotel** 'Meet me at the Waldorf'.
Mary Alexander brings to life the
Gilded Age of opulence and Jazz Age
glamour. A visual feast of art and de-
sign, set in a dramatic context of social
and cultural history.

Further details from **Gill Markham**
at gill.markham@talk21.com or
01548714364



BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

Because several members were away,
either on holiday or ill, we met for
lunch at the Oyster Shack this month.

As the book for the month has still not
been read by everyone, we will discuss
it when we meet on May 1st at Lynn's
house.

The book chosen by Julia for next
month's reading is "On the beach" by
Neville Shute.

Hazel Osborne



BIGBURY DRUMS
FOR THE COMMUNITY BY THE COMMUNITY

WHAT'S ON NEARBY

Salcombe Crab Fest

Sun 5th May
10.00 am to 5 pm
www.salcombecrabfest.co.uk

Modbury Fair

Fri 3rd - Sun 12th May
See Programmes in Modbury
Shops.

Devon Rural Archive Exhibition

(Shilstone, Nr Modbury)
Mon, Tues, Thur, 11.00 am 3 pm
(except bank holidays)
*How South Devon farmers rose to the
challenge of World War 1.*
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BIGBURY LADIES



BIGBURY LADIES PROGRAMME 2019 *

15th May Dartington Hall
19th Jun River trip Totnes to
Dartmouth
17th Jul Mt Edgcombe
(via Cremyll Ferry)
21st Aug Helen Smith's:
Bring a plate lunch
18th Sep Overbecks, Salcombe
16th Oct Avon Mill for lunch
20th Nov Sloop Inn, lunch
11th Dec Christmas lunch at
St Elizabeth House.

* Subject to change

Bigbury Ladies usually meets up at
Helen Smith's home in Bigbury (about
10.30 a.m. - 11.15) and then proceeds
on the outing in shared vehicles. All
ladies from the Bigbury area most wel-
come. Very informal group of ladies
who like to meet up for a natter once
a month. Contact any of the usual
members for more information:
**Helen Smith, Chrissy Curgenvin,
Rose Owen, Lynn Hiscock etc.**

Pam Trundle Tel: 801 719



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la's contacts: **07554 997140** or **mod-
burycaring@gmail.com**. You can
also drop in to see her on Wednesdays
from 11.00 - 12 noon at the Modbury
Parish Office by the Co-op in Galpin
Street, Modbury.

<http://modburycaring.org.uk>

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

NINETEENTH HOLE

In April, our Club hosted the first of the prestigious Devon County Competitions to be played on our course this season, the **Devon Schools Championship**. There were 48 boys and five girls, as well as six primary school juniors who played at the end of the field.

The conditions were tough, being both cold and windy. The winning score for the boys was 42 points, and 36 points for the girls, which were very good in such tough weather. Our very own Junior, **George Inch**, with a handicap of 27, finished a very creditable tied 7th, and we are all very proud of him.

Our team of green keepers worked tirelessly to showcase the course superbly, and there were complimentary comments from both the competitors and the Devon officials. Also, thanks must be recorded to our many Bigbury members who came along to help on the day.

Our Ladies, Seniors and Gents County Competitions have all started. The matches played have all been away from home, and on courses that are rather tricky. Our teams were beaten but will be looking to reverse the results when we have the home matches.

A 'get into golf' event was arranged recently by **Tracy Loveys**, our Club Professional. Tracy has been holding group lessons for people keen to start playing golf and a 'Texas Scramble' competition took place. Each new player was teamed up with our Bigbury Lady members, and taken onto the course for this informal competition; thankfully the weather was kind. It was a memorable introduction to the course for **Elaine Gilbert**, with her drive on the third

hole being just some 12 inches from the pin. Although it was a Texas Scramble, Elaine was given the pleasure of putting out to experience the joy of getting a two. If there is anyone reading this who is considering taking up golf, then please do get in touch with **Tracy (01548 810557, option 2)**.

Our **Ladies Winter League Final** has now been played, and as expected it was a most competitive match. **Jane Wain (20)** and **Cathy Harrington (11)** played this match in glorious weather, both in shirt sleeves and cut offs, and it took 19 holes to find the winner. They both thoroughly enjoyed this very tight match, which though competitive had an aura of camaraderie but there can only be one winner. Cathy won this Final and says the golf was very good match play as she was down loads, then levelled, then down then levelling the match on the 18th hole. Jane played very good golf and one faulty shot by her on the approach to the green when playing the 19th hole cost her the match.

The Men's Winter League (the **Lawson Cup**) has also been finalised, and again this was a very close match. The Men's competition is played as a fourball, and the finalists were **Dave Moulding** and **Steve Ryder**, both with a handicap of 8, and **Martyn Scarterfield (5)** and **Diggory Vowles (7)**. Again 19 holes were needed to find the winners. Dave and Steve had a chance to win on the eighteenth hole, but three putted meaning going down the first again. Martin and Diggory won this hole with a par, to retain this Trophy as they had won it in 2018.

Marlene Johnson

HISTORY SOCIETY



Bigbury on Sea from 1900 to World War 2

Over 40 members and friends of Bigbury History Society attended this presentation at the Memorial Hall, which was preceded by the Society's AGM.

Chairman Charles Harrington reported on the varied programme of talks and outings throughout the past year, plus this year's planned visits to SS Great Britain on 16th May and Dartmouth Museums (following a history walk with the Town Crier and the now customary club lunch) on 26th September.

With no other nominees the existing officers were re-elected:- **Charles** as *Chairman*, **Peter Cook** (*Secretary*), **Alan Best**

Photo: Ulrich's cottage circa 1910



Photo: **Cathy Harrington** (on the right) and **Jane Wain**, our Winter League finalists



Photo: **George Inch**, Bigbury Junior, with his Dad and Grand Dad

HISTORY SOCIETY (continued)

(*Treasurer*), **Mike Baker** (*Visits and Social*) and **Norman Botton** (*Resident Historian*). A comment was heard that this motley bunch, with no female involvement, appropriately hinted of a bygone age!

The AGM was followed by a 'slide show' of photographs from the Society's Archive depicting the early development of Bigbury on Sea from the purchase of the land by the Bigbury Bay Development Company in the early 1900's. Overview plans were shown of what was hoped would be the 'Bournemouth of the South Hams' with its own railway link.

A handwritten conveyance indenture was passed around with the seals of the seven members of the company, mainly professional people from Plymouth but including **Priscilla Parker** after whom the road is named. The Parkers were an influential Plymouth family who lived at Boringdon Hall and Saltram House during the Elizabethan period.

The slides showed how most houses were of a fairly simple 'colonial style' wooden construction, ideal for seaside holidays of the middle classes during the 20's and 30's. There were also four hotels on the mainland, plus of course, The Burgh Island Hotel, built in 1929, which was the subject of a presentation two years ago. Things changed of course at the outbreak of war in 1939.

The discussion around individual houses was of much interest, and of course information centred on quotes from **Roger Grimley**, the Society's Honorary President, who was given a customary vote of thanks.

Peter Cook
Secretary



If you have any old photographs or Bigbury Stories to share with us - please send your contributions to The Editor.
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East Warren and Folly Hill in distance 1920



Photo above: Plymouth bus arriving (1930)

Photo below: Barden's cart (1935)





BIGBURY CARES CHARITY UPDATE 2019

Community Coffee Mornings

December 2018* £685

Church Restoration

Wednesday 6th March

Modbury Caring £242

Wednesday 3rd April

Hope Cove Lifeboat £267

Macmillan Mammoth Quiz

February 22nd

Fiona Dukes & team £1,103



NOTE DATE CHANGE (Filling Station)

FILLING STATION

In need of spiritual fuel? Top-up here.

Thursday 9th May
at 7.30 to 9.00 pm

Speaker: **John Elliott**

Topic: **The Gospel - the greatest message you will ever hear.**

The Filling Station is a new informal way of expressing the Christian faith using local mid-week monthly celebration meetings in a cafe-style setting. In a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with tea, coffee and cake. We have a worship time and a speaker. Prayer Ministry is always available.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Filling Station is an inter-denominational fellowship which hopes to benefit the local church.

Gil and Kate Snook
01548 810017



LETTER from MINISTER at ST LAWRENCE



SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
5 th	Sunday Worship	Communion*	Communion	Communion	Sunday Worship
12 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion* (8 am) May Fair Service	Sunday Worship
19 th	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion Living Room (6 pm)	Village Service
26 th	Sunday Worship	Communion	Songs of Praise (6 pm)	Sunday Worship	Communion*

* Service in traditional language.

LABELS

How often do we form a mental picture or image of someone before we meet them for the first time just by the way they speak or sound on the telephone? How often do we make sweeping statements like 'all Scots are mean' or 'all red haired people have fiery tempers'? How often do we feel uncomfortable when we discover that someone we haven't seen for a long time is no longer the same as we remember them to have been? Perhaps we are taken aback, surprised, or even shocked, or have difficulty in accepting them as they are now. It's as if we hold them in a time warp from which we are reluctant to let them go, because we still want to perceive them as we would like them to be, rather than as they are now. Putting labels on people is a part of human nature, but it can be a dangerous thing, for none of us fit easily into neat categories. Each one of us is a complex mixture of nature and nurture, including the way that we have responded or reacted to the things that have happened to us throughout our lives.

Today there are probably many people in all walks of life who are feeling hurt because of incorrect assumptions that have been made about them, their circumstances, their beliefs, their values, or their needs. However, the existence of prejudice is not a modern phenomenon, for the Scriptures show that throughout his ministry Jesus was also faced with prejudices against him. These arose out of people's preconceived ideas about individuals and types, and were often expressed in questions like: 'can anything good come out of Nazareth?', or 'is it possible to love a Samaritan?' or 'why does Jesus eat with tax collectors and sinners?' Yet in spite of the way that he was treated, Jesus never classified or labeled anyone, or allowed prejudices or expectations to cloud his perceptions. He didn't assume anything about anyone for he was interested in the individual, and accepted each person for who and what they were. Maybe his example could be a reminder to us if we are ever tempted to try to make someone conform to our image of what we think they should be.

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Monitoring Our Mammals

Mammals. I'm not talking about Middle Aged Men In Lycra; that frequent sight on our roads at the weekends. I'm talking about furry animals. And specifically, small furry animals. The ones that often go unseen as they scurry through the undergrowth, often coming out at dawn or dusk. I'm talking about some of the most unspeakably cute animals we have; dormice, voles, field mice, shrews, bats. The stuff of Beatrix Potter's dreams! We should treasure and nurture them.

Small mammals form an integral part of our ecosystem. They contribute to overall biodiversity and play a vital part in the food chain, forming as they do a significant part of the diet of larger 'more obvious' creatures such as owls. This makes them very cautious and consequently the closest some of us will get to one of our native small mammals is when the cat brings one in.

So, given the reclusive crepuscular habits of many of our native small mammals and their diminutive size, how can we find out more about them? Live trapping is an option but you do need the correct equipment to ensure your little beasts of interest are not damaged by the experience. It's therefore quite expensive and labour intensive as you need to check the traps regularly.

There are also situations where it's not possible to lay live traps. If you're interested in doing this locally then get in touch with

Devon Wildlife Trust who will put you in touch with an expert.

Other methods include analysing owl pellets to see what mammals they've eaten. If you get the opportunity to do this then do take advantage. It is a truly satisfying experience, if a little macabre, to tease through a pellet, uncover the bones of a shrew or vole and rebuild a complete skeleton.

You can put up nest boxes for animals such as bats and dormice so that you can monitor their activity. Dormice are in my top 5 list of favourite animals. It is my dream to meet one in real life but be aware that special licences are required to handle such animals and disturbances should be kept to an absolute minimum. Hair and footprint tubes are a great, non-invasive, way to record whether your garden is being used as the small mammal equivalent of Piccadilly Circus.

Even using a combination of these methods, you have to accept that you are only sampling the population. It's impossible to capture every small mammal in a given area to count them one-by-one, no matter how hard your feline friend may be trying to round them all up.

If you are interested in becoming involved in mammal survey in the UK, take a look at the Mammal Society website where you will find information on local recording groups, training opportunities and the latest mammal-related research.

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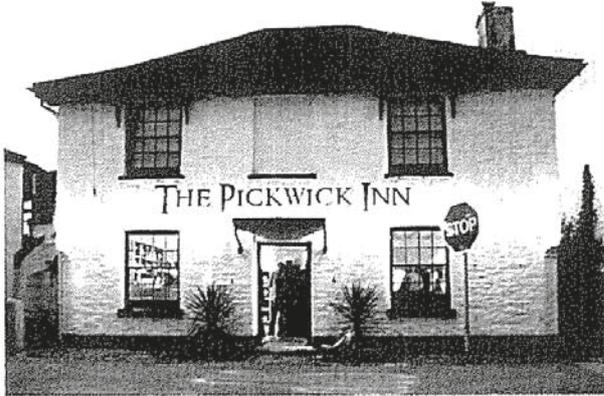
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TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Trish and I decided that our last walk for Bigbury News would be the long one around the parish. The idea was to walk it and propose it as a route for the potential fundraising village walk suggested by **Hilary Vanstone** a while ago.

We did it in two halves, starting at St Ann's Chapel and stopping for lunch at Bigbury on Sea before completing the clockwise loop back to St Ann's.

From St Ann's we walked down the road through Easton to Dukes Mill where we turned right along **FP1** to the Tidal road. **(pic - opposite top left)**

Crossing the road we headed up the field to the top of Doctors Wood (**FP 3**) which offered wonderful views of the Avon Valley. **(pic - opposite top right)**

Carrying across the field beyond the wood we turned left (at 669461) along the permissive path which follows the road and joined **FP 5**, which is Lincombe Lane, again offering pleasant views through the woods to the river.

Just before the Boat House Quay at Villa Crusoe we turned up right towards Hexdown and the golf course (**FP 17**). At the top turn left on the road following the footpath signs down to Cockleridge Ham (**FP 6**).

We raced along the beach to beat the tide and crossed to the island for a well earned rest. This first part of the route had taken us two and a half hours but reckon on three hours at a comfortable pace with view stops.

The second half of the journey is shorter but tougher, made even more so as it started to rain when we did it. From the top of the island we followed **FP 10** across the slipway, up Parker Road and on to the old lookout. Then left along the difficult **FP 7**, up and down and then up and down again before crossing the wooden bridge heading towards Ringmore.

Before the village we turned right along **Ringmore's FP 11**. We then turned left across the bridge over the stream and crossed the muddy field to enter the wood on **FP 19** which was delightfully full of spring flowers at the time. At the top we turned left (**FP14**) and hugged the edge of the field until we met the path by the road from Ringmore to St Ann's. However we kept to the path (**FP 28**) until we got back to the car park.

Although this section was completed in well under 2 hours it was arduous. An alternative route might have been to go

down to Challaborough (**FP12**) then up the coast path to Toby's point before turning right to Ringmore then back to St Ann's via the permissive path and then **FP 26 and 27** which go round the back of Houghton. Probably a little longer but only one climb and it does offer better views of the coast and distant Dartmoor as well as two other watering stops!

We would welcome your opinions about such a village walk. We reckon it would be about 11-12 miles in total and should be completed in around 5 hours.

Trish and Norman

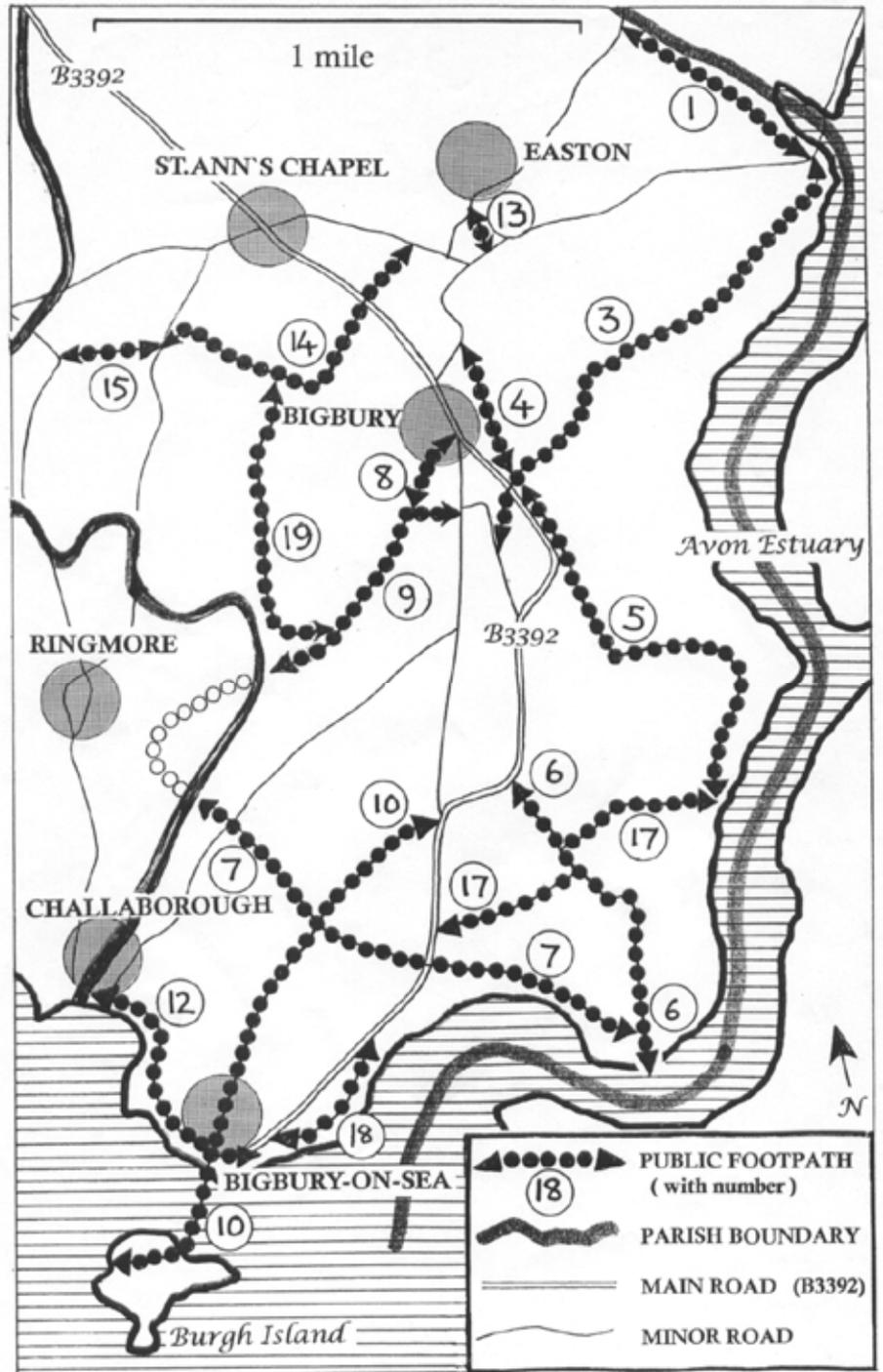
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Note from Editor:

We intend to work on a revised footpath booklet with maps, photographs, stop-offs at local refreshment points, wildlife and historic points of interest en route.

Not sure how long this endeavour will take, but it's a goal.





Selection of magnificent views from our footpaths (courtesy Trish Bagley). See text for information (opposite).

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Owner of Fryer Tuck's charming water-side seafood restaurant, **Steve Chapman** (left), warns his right hand man, **Hans Van Der Heiden**, that he can see hoards of visitors approaching. They are ready to receive us and I, for one, have already taken three excellent meals down at Challaborough since they reopened

a couple of weeks ago. The view from the cosy restaurant is wonderful and the food is freshly cooked and unpretentious. Hans, makes everyone very welcome whilst Steve bustles about in the kitchen in his pinny. Although they look a little concerned in the picture above, They soon regained their composure (right).

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Gem Coltman, the Sales Manager at Challengorough Bay has sent in some information about what is happening in Challengorough in the next few weeks.

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CHESTNUT APPEAL

This is the information about the Burgh Island Swim that I told you the other day. <https://helmtickets.com/events/2921/burgh-island-swim-2019>

I am raising money for the Chestnut Appeal on behalf of Challengorough Bay Holiday Park by carrying out the Swim around the Island. The Chestnut Appeal is a local charity which is raising money for new technology for scanning cancer in Derriford Hospital. If anyone would like to sponsor me my just funding page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gem-coltmanswim>

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David writes:

Food

Food rationing led to shortages of most things. Dad supplemented by keeping chickens and growing vegetables. The whole of the back garden (about 80 ft. by 70 ft.) was cultivated with a small strawberry patch on the north side of the house, behind the chicken run. (A garage has now been built over that spot.) About 20% of the garden was for potatoes. In the early spring he would cut tubers so that each had

only one or two 'eyes' and put them under the sink until they sprouted before planting. He always planted Savoy cabbages and purple sprouting. Either Brussel sprouts, cauliflower or curly kale were alternated. There were several rows of peas and runner beans, both started by soaking them in jars of water till they sprouted. He had rows of carrots and parsnips. There were a few radishes and lettuce, although we only used lettuce on sandwiches - Shiphams' bloater paste. Mum rarely bought vegetables until the winter months and through early spring.

The garden was fertilized with chicken manure. This was composted for at least a year before he spread it. In addition, there were sheep in the field beside us and we gathered the droppings for fertilizer. I and my brother were paid by the number of buckets. I recall it was about half an hour's work to earn a penny. We also got a penny for picking caterpillars off the cabbages. Fifty caterpillars in a jar got you one penny, and he would count them to ensure no cheating. Dad's chickens kept us in eggs. During the laying season he would preserve some in A water glass for the winter months. When a chicken stopped laying we had roast chicken. We also had roast chicken when a cockerel attacked Mum while she was getting the eggs. Rabbits supplemented the meat ration. There were a lot in the field beside the house. Before the Myxomatosis infestation of the early 1950s, rabbits were extremely plentiful and comparatively easy to catch. Rabbit stew with dumplings, carrots and parsnips was a favourite.

Clothing

Boys younger than about age fourteen were always dressed in short trousers. Full length was not acceptable in schools before that age. I don't remember ever seeing jeans. My mother knitted cardigans and sweaters as well as some of our socks. At one time, I was shown how to manipulate three steel needles to knit socks, although I've long forgotten how. Mum used to buy sewing patterns that could be ironed onto cotton or fabric and sewn into blouses. Someone in the village used to sell wool, patterns and some fabrics. I think the shop was either next door to Mrs. Wallace, who cut Mum's hair, or may have been Mrs. Wallace herself. It was on the main road, near the green and opposite the end of the house with a thatched roof.

All women that I saw wore skirts. Any other form of leg covering was unacceptable. Nylon stockings were worn whenever a woman went out in public. The inevitable snags that cause a small hole were repaired with nail polish to stop a 'run'. Although it was not totally universal in the 1940s it was unusual to see a woman in public who was not wearing a hat or head scarf. My mother

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was a strong follower of that tradition. Mum did not like hats. She used a headscarf – nylon or cotton, brightly coloured and meticulously ironed. Even just a trip to the village shop could not be accomplished without a headscarf. She even wore it when we went to the beach. I find it ridiculous that western society makes such a big deal over Muslim women wearing head coverings when we had similar traditions until the comparatively recent past.

Childhood Activities

We played outside unless it was wet. There were no televisions, no mobile phones and no computers. We had a radio but I do not recall ever listening to it.

I only recall the names of a few of the children. **Jessie** and **Fritzie Wakum** lived next door. Jessie was about ten years older than myself and she baby sat for us. Their father worked on the farm at Houghton and used to walk the footpath to work from the top of the hill every day. **Jimmy Woodmason** lived across the street but his mother did not allow him to play outside with the rest of us. I think it was because we were usually playing in the dirt. I played with him on days when we were indoors. There were one or two others, older than myself, whose names I forget. Usually, it was just myself, Fritzie and my brother with Jessie checking in on us. I had brothers four years, five and half years and seven years younger so their participation was age limited. A common outdoor activity was riding our bikes around the house. We had created a dirt track of sorts. In the spring we gathered tadpoles and newts that usually died within a few days. There was a small pond with frogs and newts on the northeast side of the road at the northwest end of the terrace of houses. It appears to have dried out and been ploughed over. It also had a bit of watercress that we used to pick.

Dad built a two seat swing at the rear of the house that was probably the best I've ever come across. During the war the Government had used a huge number of two inch scaffolding pipes as beach defences. After the war these were cleared away and a lot showed up in various home projects and businesses around the area. The swing was one of those projects. The steel scaffolding was totally rigid and was about eight or ten feet high. A local blacksmith had made chains to hold the seats that were strong wooden planks. The whole thing worked extremely well with a great pendulum action. It would probably be outlawed today for safety concerns.

We spent a lot of time sitting on top of the bank in front of the house. I think the gateway may have been moved a bit farther northwest, making the bank shorter. The



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driveway used to run from the southeast end of the house, where the garage was, almost directly to the road with a path through the front lawn to the door. Petrol was unavailable during the war and severely limited afterwards so that very few people had cars. Farmers had TVO for the tractors but it was illegal to add it to petrol for a car. It was basically diesel so when someone tried mixing it with petrol it gave off a very distinctive smell. Doctors and so forth got petrol for their car but private use was very unusual. As petrol rationing was relaxed we started seeing cars in the summer with people going to the beach. There were not many but enough to attract attention. We used to 'collect car numbers'. I had an exercise book and would write down the number of each car I saw. At the end of the summer the one with most numbers sort of won, although by then we had usually forgotten why we were doing it. Typically we got a few hundred cars during the

summer holiday season - three or four pages worth. You could hear a car coming from St. Anne's Chapel. It typically sounded the horn so anyone coming the other way would wait at the wide spot at the bottom of the hill. When we heard the horn we would rush out to the front bank and record the number.

Both indoor and outdoor play usually involved Dinky toys (die cast cars and lorries, a bit bigger than Matchbox ones). A few months in the garden and the axles got bent and the rubber tyres fell off but we made them work anyway. Around September the worst of them slowly disappeared from the toy cupboard. Dad removed them, took them into the garage and worked on them. They were repainted by hand, axles were straightened and tyres from the worst of them were used to replace those on the less damaged. Finally they would re-appear at Christmas.

I also had an erector set similar to Mechano. It had previously been my father's when he was a child. There were mild steel metal strips and 1/8 inch rods about a foot long. They could be cut to length with a small hand guillotine/shear about eight inches high that looked like a small drill press with a hole-punch and rod cutter on the side. There was a die to thread the ends of a rod and a tap that would put a thread in any of the holes. It was a lot slower than Mechano but much more versatile, although the results were usually more haphazard.

Mum used to take us to the beach in the summer. Our usual spot was just at the bottom of Folly Hill, the first entrance to the beach. There are a pair of rocks where the water used to collect in a dip between them, although when I last visited some twenty years ago, the sand was much higher, had filled the dip and just about buried one of the rocks. We would also walk out to the rocks at the east end of Burgh Island. The incoming tide brought prawns into the channels between the rocks and we could often net enough for a small meal when we got home. It's unclear if it is still there, but we used to play around an old concrete shed where the fishermen used to keep their gear. It was near the old lobster pound that is still visible in Google. Sometimes the tide would bring a shoal of mullet across the sands. They would swim around your legs but we could never catch any. They were just too quick.

The trip home after the beach was tortuous. Everyone was tired. Mum had my brother in the pram (two after 1949) and I was on a tricycle or bicycle. Occasionally Jessie Wakum came with us and helped. At the top of Folly Hill, if it had been dry, we could use the short cut down the dip and along the road directly into the village but usually we had to stay on the main road. There was often wet mud by the farm that prevented the pram and tricycle.

School

Aveton Gifford was my first school. I was aged between about 6 and 8 when I first attended. The local school had closed and I was told that and Dad and some other villagers had to pressure Devon County Council to get a school bus to take the children to Aveton Gifford. The bus pickup started just after the blizzard which was in 1947 so it would have been sometime in 1948. When it picked me up, it came from St. Anne's Chapel, along the B3392. There were already several children on it when it got to my home so I think it had picked up at Houghton and maybe Ringmore. Then it went on to Bigbury, then back to St. Anne's Chapel by the back road, stopping at Easton on the way. After St. Anne's Chapel it followed the B3392 out to the road that



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goes through to Ashford. It picked up two or three more children at Combe. That was the last pickup and the bus then went through to the A379 and into Aveton Gifford (now a C. of E. Primary School).

The school playground was behind the school. The big room just behind the large front window was where lunch was served. That was mostly particularly disgusting and came in from Plymouth or Modbury I believe in large steamers. The stew was predominantly meat fat. Desert was usually a milk based pudding like rice, macaroni, sago with a dollop of jam. Sometimes we had stewed dried apricots or prunes, which I did like, although the apricots always had a few dead ants in them. Because of food rationing, we had to sit there until every plate was cleared no matter how unappetising it was.

St. Lawrence Church

Mum liked to attend St. Lawrence on Sunday but only for evensong as she thought the morning was too formal. In the early days Dad went as well but he was not strongly religious and he stopped after a few years. Our route to church was up the road to the crest of the hill. At that point there were two footpaths. One starts out as a lane and leads westwards to Houghton. On the opposite side of the road was a second footpath that cut across the corner of the field and came out at the back of the church. If Google can be trusted it looks as though the gap in the hedge still exists, although no one seems to have used it in a long time. The main service for us was harvest festival. Dad could be persuaded to attend that. We rarely attended the Christmas service as the family was too hectic that day. Mum sometimes took me to the service on Christmas Eve (my brothers were too young). I attended a Sunday school that ran in the afternoon. We each had a little booklet and were given an adhesive stamp with a religious theme to stick in it for each attendance. You needed a minimum attendance to participate in the annual party.

Conkers and Guinea Hens

There used to be a lane that led to the rear of the church from the main road. It no longer seems to exist. It was part way down the hill, on a slight bend. From Google I believe it was across from a field gate on the opposite side of the road. Some buildings seem to have been added near the west end of the church, where the lane was. The lane was lined with horse chestnut trees and obviously popular in the autumn. There was a small farm on the south side of the lane that kept guinea fowl. Mum would sometimes buy some of the small brown eggs as a treat. (She would also buy duck eggs from the Chapelcombe Farm.)

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The Brabazon

After the war there was a huge focus on air travel. England was a world leader at that time. The largest were De Havilland at Hatfield and Hawker Siddeley at Boreham Wood. Every new aviation endeavour was in the newspapers and Dad used to talk about each of them. The Bristol Aircraft Co. was developing a huge new trans-Atlantic aircraft with eight engines called the Brabazon. They had to build a special runway at Bristol just to be able to take off. A year or two before my father was moved from Bigbury to Woodbury, it was announced that it would be making a test flight that would go across the South West. A lot of us went outside to watch when it was due to pass over. It was clear and sunny day and at first you just heard the engine noise. Then it appeared as a small silver airplane in the far distance and flew over a bit north of us. It was probably flying to the navigation beacon at Plymouth airport. It looked to be very high but as piston engines do not do

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well at high altitude it was probably about 20,000 ft. Most aircraft that we saw (not very many) typically flew at about 10,000 to 15,000 ft. so it looked to be very high by comparison. The Brabazon was never put into service. I think the jet age forced its demise.

George Cocker

George Cocker was my god-father and a close family friend. He owned a farm in Easton. He loved bulldozers and cleared hedges and anything else that might form a bump on the landscape and hinder his farming. He was responsible for removing several hedges to enlarge the fields where I lived and also a small tumulus that used to be in the field behind our house. It had no remains or anything as it had supposedly been dug into many years before but it was a favourite play spot until he flattened it. George immigrated to Australia using one of the financial incentive programs that Australia was offering at the time. My parents joked he was going to bulldoze his way across Australia.

My mother used to take myself and my brother over to visit George's wife when she wanted someone to socialize with while Dad was on duty. (I have three brothers but only one was born before George left for Australia.) George had created a huge mound of sand and dirt near the road. He was always building or clearing something. We used to get a couple of sheets of corrugated steel and slide down the pile of dirt on them. George was my mother's 'go to' person to kill snakes. In the autumn, there were a lot of very productive hazel nut bushes on the south side of Stakes Hill. At weekends, mother would take us down to pick them during an approximately two week period between them ripening and the animals consuming the last of them. There

was usually at least one other family doing the same thing as there were a lot of nuts on Stakes Hill. On the north side of the road was a steep bank that went up to a bracken covered hill. (Google shows it has now been cleared and cultivated.) The bracken was full of grass snakes and occasionally an adder would be found on the bank, usually hiding between some rocks. My mother did not like snakes. She would tolerate grass snakes. Adders were a whole other thing. As soon as one showed up she would rush us around the road to George and demand he go out and kill it immediately.

My mother never learnt to drive. Dad, who could be politely described as 'traditional', felt that women should not drive and Mum reinforced his world view on the few occasions that she tried. George thought he could teach her but his vehicle of choice was a bulldozer. On this occasion he had left the bulldozer over in a field on the south side of Stakes Hill. He persuaded Mum to try it and put her in the seat. He was standing right behind her to supervise. A bulldozer is steered by two levers that control the tracks so it is unclear to me why he thought this was good training for driving. Off they went and she was doing pretty well in a straight line. Then he stepped off the back without telling her. Not knowing, she sped up and was soon heading for the river. I was told he had to run like the dickens to catch up and stop it going over the side of the hill.

George did own a car. A bought large black Ford V8 Pilot. It towed a small trailer with a rectangular tank to fetch TVO for the farm. The registration was DDV 800. It was destroyed in a crash coming from Yealmpton to Modbury. The TVO caught fire and burnt the car.

Dad's Police Work and a Bicycle

Dad was stationed at Bigbury from 1944 to 1951. I have a document that shows he passed his Sergeant's exam the same year that he started at Bigbury and was given a raise to £4 per week, although he was not promoted until the late 1950s. The Police Constables did not have cars in the 1940s. There was one that was used by the Sergeant to coordinate with the Constables but there were none at the local Police Stations. The Police Force issued bicycles instead. These were made by Rudge Whitworth, they had 28 inch wheels with a hub three speed and a hub dynamo for the lights. Dad rarely used his bicycle, except for those few occasions when he needed to get somewhere in a hurry. He usually walked his regular beat and he was also a competitive walker in the Police Athletics, held each year at Torquay. (His nemesis was a Sergeant Rose who he claimed cheated by 'lifting' his heels while walking.)

From things overheard, I know a little about the operation of the Devon Constabulary in the 1940s. Older persons may recall seeing a lonely looking Constable standing at some road intersection with nothing going on except squirrels and birds. This was called 'Point Duty'. In addition to specific assignments, Dad had to walk (or ride) 'beats' to check on the well-being of the community. The general routes were determined by his supervising Sergeant but they were not completely fixed. Some did have fixed 'Points'. The Constable was supposed to arrive at a 'Point' ten minutes before the assigned time and remain until ten minutes after the time. One of Dad's most frequent 'Points' was Harraton Cross. His supervising Sergeant might show up, within the allotted time, at any one of the 'Points'. This ensured the Constable was performing his job and allowed them to conduct any other business they might have. Typically, once a week Dad would get his beat assignments for the next week at one of these 'Points'. I think his Sergeant was based in South Brent as Dad talked about that town most often. However, he also had to go to Totnes from time to time. Once a month Dad attended 'Pay Parade'. Usually the Sergeant would pick up the remote Constables at a 'Point' and drive them, but Dad would sometimes ride his bike to South Brent.

The Police Station was our home. It has been modified since we lived there. The garage was at the southeast end of the house and also doubled as an emergency lockup. It had a door from the kitchen. I only recall the lockup being used once in the seven years we lived there. Dad's office was near the front door. Directly over the front door was a storage room that held his uniforms and other police supplies.

The following is hearsay from my mother, so the details are uncertain. After the war,

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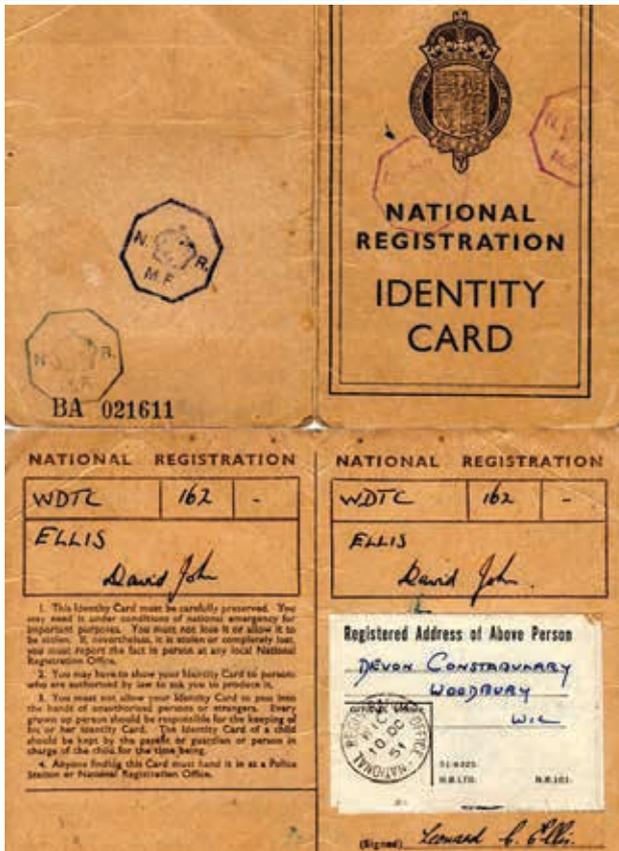


while awaiting repatriation, some prisoners of war performed outside work. One day, Dad was informed that someone had escaped from a work detail. The escape was clearly a matter of urgency so Dad set off on his bike. The escapee had been seen heading for Stakes Hill and was spotted crossing the field on the south side of the road, going down to the river. Dad put his bike beside the gate and set off in pursuit. When he got to the river, footprints in the mud showed the escapee had gone towards Aveton Gifford. Dad followed. When he lost the trail he decided to return to his bike. Back at the gate – no bicycle! The escapee and bicycle were both recovered soon after that. According to my mother, this was a source of considerable amusement in the South Brent Police Station.

The matter did not end with that. It was Christmas Eve. They could not arrange to pick up the prisoner that day so he had to be held overnight in the temporary lockup. There was a portable cot and Mum provided blankets and sheets. Christmas Day was also problematic. No one could be located for a pick up until the afternoon and I think it may have even been delayed into Boxing Day. My mother was an excellent cook. Dinner was roast chicken with just about every vegetable type in the garden. That was followed by traditional Christmas pudding with a sprig of holly. There were still some silver thrupences in circulation and one would be somewhere in the pudding for the lucky winner. We always ate at 12:45 at a large table in the kitchen. At about 12:40 Dad started to prepare a plate for the prisoner. I was already seated. My mother rarely questioned Dad but she suddenly asked what he was doing. He explained and she explained in no uncertain terms that the person in the lockup was not going to be eating alone on Christmas Day. Luckily the prisoner had a good command of English. Dad got his promise that he would not repeat the escape and he was brought into the kitchen. Handcuffs were used to secure his ankle to the chair. We all ate together and, from his look, I think it was the first decent meal he had eaten in quite a while. We had Christmas crackers with paper hats in them and he pulled one with me.

David Ellis


Do you have a Bigbury Story to share with us? Please follow David's lead and send in your memoirs - long or short. If you have any old photographs or documents that you would like help in scanning - Bigbury News is keen to help out.



Post Script:
(Description of ID Card (left))

The white label for 'Woodbury' was added when my family moved from Bigbury. I never carried this card while at Bigbury. My parents probably just kept it with theirs. I do recall having to carry it for a short while when I first started secondary school. I think they were cancelled shortly after that.

The original issue date is on the bottom line – March 13th, 1942. That would have been at Kingsbridge where my parents lived at the time. Shortly after that would be a label and reregistration at Lifton (NW side of Dartmoor near Launceston). Then Dad came to Bigbury and another label would have been added. Finally Woodbury (near Exeter/Exmouth). The date I was re-registered at Woodbury is in the middle of the stamp and was October 10th, 1951. If you look closely at the white label you can see the edge of one or more of the earlier labels sticking out. D.E.



Reply from
Roger Grimley

In the archive there is a sketch of and plan for the police house when it was built in 1934. I copied this from police records. There are also later sale particulars showing how it has changed.

The family of Mrs Wallis, who cut his mother's hair, are still here in Sea View Cottage. Jean Wright (nee Wallis) is the latest generation. The shop where she got wool was actually the shop/post office which was in our house on the green. It was run by Mrs Mahala Radford from the late 1920's until the late 1960's.

The gate leading to the footpath from the B3392 near the police house to the church is still there and the farm to the south of it was Court Barton, now Bigbury Court Farmhouse.

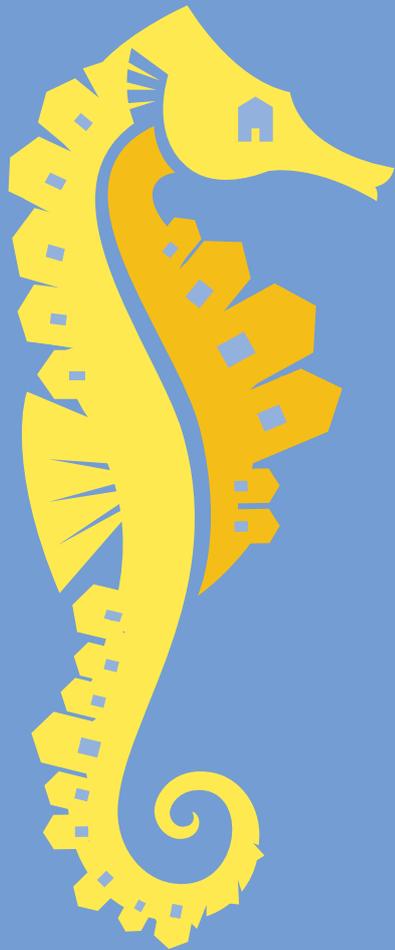
Unfortunately George Cocker did quite a lot of damage to the iron age site in the fields behind the police house. This was part of the old Swallowbury settlement.

The reference to petrol rationing was interesting to me as my father was the District Officer for the Ministry of War Transport and so was in charge of supplies of fuel. He decided who could have what.

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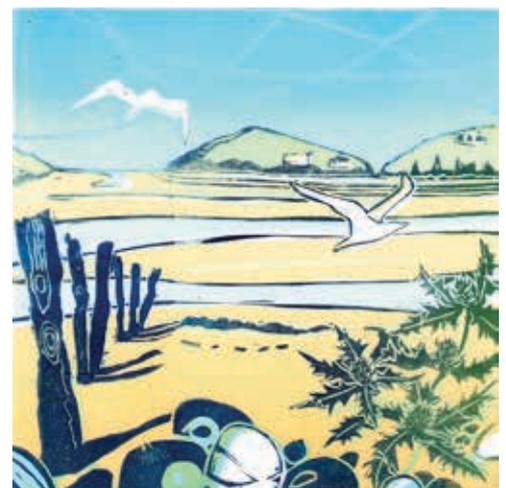


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CULTURE CLUB

THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH HAMS THROUGH THE ARTIST'S EYE

I was delighted to be invited to visit the studio of local printmaker and calligrapher, **Caroline Barker**. After I was greeted at the green door of the cottage by Caroline and her small dog, we quickly ascended the steps to the rear, moving through a delightful garden, full of spring flowers and plants, the unusual nature of some, betraying the fact that here was the home of a botanist.

The studio, filled with the equipment of a printmaker and calligrapher, and overlooking the garden, gave further evidence of this, as the subjects of the prints were those of someone absorbed by things natural. I asked Caroline when her interest in Art had begun and she described how it had always been with her, but as was often the case in education in her youth, expectations were that she would study academic subjects and so she graduated with a degree in Biology!

However this is strongly reflected in her art, as she says that she has to represent the correct number of petals, sepals or anthers in her plants! She likes her depictions to be correct, but with character and it is fun to recognise familiar places in her prints and cards.

She enjoys finding the movement and flow in her art which fleshes out the accuracy and she particularly seeks to include birds. Caroline has her own small press and has been printmaking for twelve years. She makes linocuts and prints in both relief and intaglio, although the latter less frequently, as she admits it is very messy! I was grateful to Caroline for helping me with the terminology and I happily share it with you! Relief is when the image stands out in outline as in a cameo. Intaglio is when the image is hollowed out or countersunk.

Caroline is part of **Pressgang Printmakers at Salcombe Art Club** and they meet regularly at the **Loft Studio**. She has had work shown at the RWA in Bristol, Topsham and Torre Abbey and has had prints in five books by Alan Marshall showing the work of British printmakers.

The small handmade books, which she creates, have linocut illustrations, some are pop-ups and have written quotes in calligraphy. Some of these have been exhibited at BABE at the Arnolfini in Bristol in 2015 and there are photos of them in the book **Bristol Artists' Book Makers**.

Some of her cards are on sale at Tate Britain and, of course, they are sold locally and we now have the opportunity to see

her work in Kingsbridge. With fellow artists, **Diana Booth** (oil), **Jill Cooper** (textiles) and **Ani Upland** (sculptress), Caroline will be showing her work at:

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I am really looking forward to visiting the exhibition and enjoying the many aspects of our beautiful landscape seen through our artists' eyes. I hope you do too!

Dilys Doughty

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Dear Editor
Please forward the enclosed to Ms Doughty.

I should like to be considered for membership of the Bigbury Culture Club, and append for her consideration one of my most recent works. It is based on a well known poem but has a broader appeal than simply to human-kind.

Yours faithfully
Rusty.



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*"If you can keep your cool and wag your tail
When all around they're cursing and alleging it was you
Who stole the unprotected sausages they'd left
And ate them hoping that they were a gift
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And for fun a lady's magazine or two
And still be up for walks in rain or hail
Or wait, wet and faithful in a queue
If unashamed you sally forth to chase the neighbour's cat
Sitting quietly in the evening sun
Pretend it was a game - no real harm in that
A simple bit of anti feline fun
And should a friendly nasal gesture cause anger or a snarl
If you run and hide behind your master
Let him protect you from the teeth and growl
If foolishly you chew your mistress' slippers
And never be in sight when she finds out
And should you gobble down her breakfast kipper
(Then if caught don't hang about)
BUT
If in your last breath you'd still leave your basket
Because you'd always been a ball of fun
There'd never be much point in trying to mask it
You must have been a best friend for someone"*

Rusty.
April 2019.



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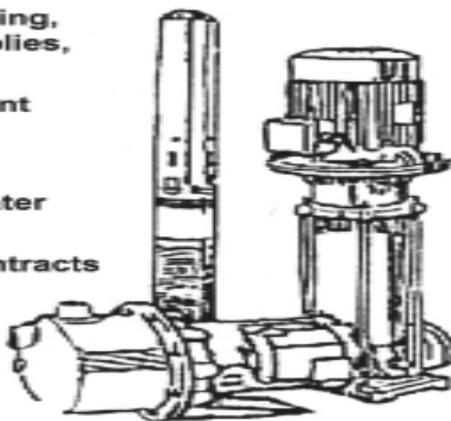
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BEACH BANTER



The long awaited blue skies are now becoming more frequent visitors.....along with the many people who visit our beaches each year to share the delights offered from a day by the seaside.

Our local RNLI Team will once again begin their patrols everyday from:
4th May to 29th September (10am-6pm).

Here is a timely reminder of the RNLI **Beach Safety Tips.** (* notes from Editor)

1. Check tide times before going to the beach. (*Available Holywell Stores & The Beach Shop)
2. On arriving at the beach, read and observe warning signs.
3. Supervise children at all times.
4. After low tide, keep an eye on incoming tide to ensure you don't get cut off. (*Vlad, from Burgh Island says it is usually possible to walk to the island three hours either side of low tide)
5. If you are walking on the beach, keep well clear from the water if there are large breaking waves as you might get swept in.
6. If there are no lifeguards at the beach, only enter the water if you are an experienced swimmer or surfer.
7. On beaches with lifeguards, only swim, surf or use inflatables where directed by lifeguards or flags.
8. Do not use inflatables when windy or wind is blowing offshore. On some beaches there will be an orange wind-sock which indicates offshore winds.
9. Do not swim or surf alone.
10. Do not enter caves.
11. Do not dig deep holes in sand or dig tunnels in sand. They might collapse. (*They may also cause problems for the Sea Tractor)
12. On the beach keep well clear from cliff base.
13. On cliff tops, keep well clear of cliff edge.
14. If the path to the beach looks dangerous, find another route or find another beach.
15. Beaches can also be dangerous for dogs. If there are large breaking waves or dangerous currents, do not allow them to enter the water.
16. There are occasional reports of substances such as palm oil being washed up on beaches. Some substances are poisonous to dogs.

RIP CURRENTS

It is important that our visitors know where the rip current is in Bigbury Bay and what to do if they get caught in the rip current. Please bring the following information to the attention of guests, friends and family visiting Bigbury.

Tips about rips

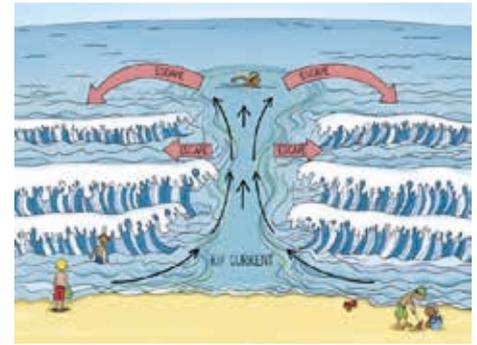
Rips are strong currents running out to sea, which can quickly drag people and debris away from the shallows of the shoreline and out to deeper water. Note that rip currents usually do not go out too far from shore and weaken the further out from shore you are. Rip currents do not pull you under, rather they pull you away from the shore. Rip currents can appear even on a calm day, but they are more dangerous when waves are high

They tend to flow at 1–2mph but can reach 4–5mph, which is faster than an Olympic swimmer.

Rips are especially powerful in larger surf, but never underestimate the power of any water. They are also found around river mouths, estuaries and man-made structures like piers and groynes.

How to spot and avoid a rip current

Rip currents can be difficult to spot, but are sometimes identified by a channel of churning, choppy water on the sea's surface. **Not all rip currents look the same and although some are well formed, most are difficult to see. That said there are a couple of visual cues to look out for: Calm water in the middle of white-capped waves is most likely a rip current.**

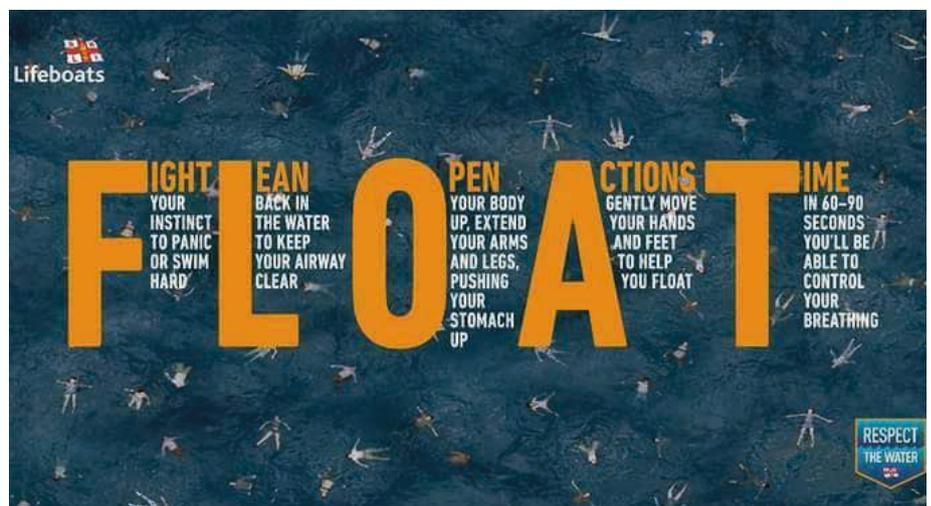


Even the most experienced beach-goers can be caught out by rips, so don't be afraid to ask lifeguards for advice. They will show you how you can identify and avoid rips.

The best way to avoid rips is to choose a lifeguarded beach and always **swim between the red and yellow flags**, which have been marked based on where is safer to swim in the current conditions. This also helps you to be spotted more easily, should something go wrong.

If you do find yourself caught in a rip:

- **STAY CALM** - Don't try to swim against it or you'll get exhausted.
- If you can stand, wade don't swim.
- If you can, swim parallel to the shore until free of the rip and then head for shore.
- Always raise your hand and shout for help.
- Stay with your surfboard or inflatable and keep hold of it to help you float.
- If you see anyone else in trouble, alert the lifeguards or **call 999 or 112 and ask for the coastguard.**



BEACH BANTER

BURGH ISLAND SWIM

There will be more information in a later edition of Bigbury News about the annual Burgh Island Swim which will be held on **Sunday September 22 at 08:00 —14:01**. It is being held to raise funds for the Chestnut Appeal for Men's Health

The Burgh Island swim is suitable for those who can swim a mile in the pool and have experience of Open Water Swimming and be confident swimming in various sea conditions. Perhaps you would like to put in some training for this event by doing some extra laps in the pool. Remember to inform a Lifeguard if you are doing any Open Water Swimming **before you set off**. Never swim on your own.

Registration for the swim is £30. Your entry fee covers the cost of organising the event, but it's the money you raise that helps Prostate Cancer patients and their families across Devon and Cornwall.

So we ask all our Burgh Island swimmers set themselves a Sponsorship target of at least £50. To date the Burgh Island swim has raised over £120,000 for the Chestnut Appeal. If you cannot swim that far yourself - perhaps you will consider sponsoring one or more of the swimmers? Please see the request for sponsorship from Gem Coltman in Challaborough Chatter (p12).

Your £30 registration includes
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The 2019 Burgh Island Swim has been very kindly sponsored by Marchand Petit and the Burgh Island Hotel.

Louise Wainwright



Do you have any old photographs or stories to share about the sea tractor in the last 50 years?

The Editor would be pleased to share these in the next Beach Banter. Thank you.



'THE NETTLEFOLD' Restaurant opens on Burgh Island

The iconic Burgh Island Hotel is pleased to announce that it will be opening **The Nettlefold Restaurant**, named after the Hotel's founder, theatre producer Archie Nettlefold. The hotly-anticipated seafood restaurant will use locally sourced produce and is now available to non-residents and guests from 14 May 2019. The opening of the restaurant is the latest initiative in the Island's multi-million-pound refurbishment.

The Nettlefold will serve high-quality, locally sourced seafood, infused with a range of British, French and Asian inspired flavours, to the Hotel's guests and visitors. The menu will reflect seasonal changes and will be varied to ensure that guests staying more than one night will have the opportunity to sample contrasting culinary themes, flavours and produce. A celebration of Devon's coast, The Nettlefold will serve food sourced within 30 miles of the Island, including lobsters and scallops caught in Beesands some 10 miles away, kept fresh in the Island's Mermaid Pool, as well as seabass and sole caught from the day boats in Brixham 28 miles away.

Serving as an alternative to The Ballroom, the Hotel's main restaurant, The Nettlefold will be led by **Executive Head Chef Tim Hall**, who has been at the Hotel for more than 15 years. Tim started his career at a Michelin star restaurant in Brittany, and he brings that level of culinary skill and expertise to his role at the Burgh Island Hotel.

New dishes announced include; sole veronique, a classical French dish of

pan fried sole (landed in Brixham), with Vermouth butter sauce and white grapes fresh oysters from the estuaries of Devon and Cornwall served with grannysmith & wasabi, ginger, soy and spring onion or shallot vinaigrette smoked cod croquette, poached egg sourced locally from Cuckoo Farm, Modbury. There will also be plateaus de fruits de mer, dressed Brixham crab, oysters, Falmouth mussels, razor clams, clams and prawns and for dessert, apple tarte tatin- the classic French 'apple pie' made with British Bramley apples and served with Devonshire clotted cream.

Tim Hall, Head Chef of The Nettlefold Restaurant commented: "The Nettlefold restaurant will make a great addition to the hotel's dining option for guests and it's been an exciting experience designing the new menus focused on locally sourced seafood of extraordinary quality and bursting with flavour. It will be an authentic seafood restaurant offering a more relaxed atmosphere compared to the fine dining at The Ballroom and I'm confident the excellent food will match the beauty of the view."

Giles Fuchs, Co-owner, of Burgh Island, commented: "I'm really pleased to be opening the new Nettlefold Restaurant, as it represents a further link to the Hotel and the Island's history and heritage. It was thanks to Archie Nettlefold's foresight and vision that the Burgh Island Hotel was built and it's great to have his role remembered and reflected in the service and hospitality that we offer to our guests today."



THE SURF IS UP!

We scored some pretty epic surf over the Easter break! The weekend was full of sunshine and waves too and heralded a fabulous start to the main season.

Moving forward we've got loads to get stuck into, with several of our **After School Clubs** starting this week, including the **Discovery Surf Club** on Wednesday evening, and at the end of the week on Saturday is the first of our Locals Discount Lessons in conjunction with the AONB. There is still availability for the 1.5 hour lesson on Saturday afternoon at 2pm. It costs £19 and all equipment is included. Please contact us to book your space.

If you're keen to get in during the week, the shop is open most days for kit hire or give us a call and we can make sure we're available when you come down. There is also availability on surfing lessons. The Wave Project are more than half way through their first course for the season with us and there have been some wonderful sessions going down. We've shared a lot of their pictures etc on our social media, so check them out.

All the best -
Annika, Martin and the Discovery Team

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Affordable housing scheme at St Ann's Chapel

A meeting was held with the case officer, **Wendy Ormsby**, on Friday, 22nd March. Various matters were discussed including the road surface treatment and the timber cladding on several of the units.

Wendy advised that she would also like the road surface to be permeable but understood that Devon CC would be unlikely to adopt this and accepted that a non-permeable treatment might therefore be necessary. She was concerned that a paved treatment might look too urban but was willing to give this some further thought once she was given further details of the type of paving proposed.

Whilst SHDC were now discouraging the use of timber cladding in the rural areas of the South Hams she had discussed this with the conservation officer, **Richard Gage** and he had suggested that the timber cladding should be removed on three dwellings only (Units 5, 8 and 9). It was agreed that the loss of the timber cladding on these three dwellings would be acceptable.

There have been no objections to the scheme by anybody living or working in the Bigbury or any of the adjoining parishes. There has however been objection from someone who lives in Kingsbridge who had challenged some of the statements relating to the planning policy context and advised that the **Joint Local Plan** no longer identifies St Ann's Chapel as a 'Sustainable Village'. It was however still identified as a sustainable location in the adopted Core Strategy. As the Joint Local Plan was about to be adopted it was decided to submit an **Addendum Planning Statement** to update the planning policy as well as the position regarding the **Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan**. This is now ready to submit.

There has also been correspondence from **Historic England** regarding the **St Ann's Holy Well** and pointing out that this is an **Ancient Monument** which is on the **Buildings at Risk Register** and asking if something can be done to avoid any further damage to the well and to restore the well if possible as part of the proposed development. This is being investigated further.

Regulation 14 Consultation of Neighbourhood Plan

The **Environment Agency** has now responded to the consultation and have suggested some minor amendments to the

Neighbourhood Plan.

The Regulation 14 Consultation expired on 8 March 2019 and the **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** has now prepared a schedule setting out the comments received and recommending some minor amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan, where appropriate, to address these comments. This schedule was circulated to **Parish Councillors** prior to this meeting and we would like the Parish Council to advise whether they agree to the amendments that are proposed.

Once the amendments have been agreed we will then be able to **submit the Plan under Regulation 15** to obtain the District Council's final comments on the Plan prior to arranging an **Examination of the Plan**.

The **District Council** will also carry out a further consultation and comments made to this will be sent to the **Examination Inspector**.

Strategic Environmental Statement

To date we have had no objections to the Strategic Environment Statement on the Neighbourhood Plan, which is now available for inspection on the community website.

Cllr Valerie Scott

Chairman, Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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HEDGEROW NEWS

FERNS, GLORIOUS FERNS!

I thought I would write about ferns in time for the May issue of Bigbury News. Last year I was taking pictures of croziers unfurling on 27 April. And what do you know? This year I started seeing unfurling on 16 March. What a silly year again!

Ferns don't seem to belong to any normal plant group – not grasses, not flowers, not shrubs, not trees. They are vascular, reproducing via spores. They first appear in the fossil record about 360 million years ago in the very aptly named Devonian Period.

Here in Devon we have many ferns and one of the most prolific is the **Hart's Tongue fern**, a big single fronded plant. Also we have the **Male Fern**, and then there is the dainty **Maidenhead Fern**.

Fronds are often called croziers (no prizes for guessing why!) and they look like weird animals opening up to look at the

world through their beady eyes. It's all in the fronds and how divided they are.

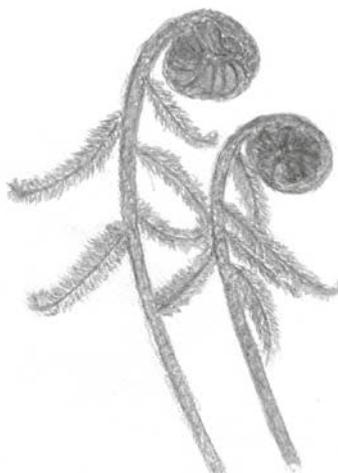
Like many other plants ferns have had extensive use medicinally – mainly for expelling tapeworms, but also their powdered roots were used as a cure for rickets in children.

There is much folklore attached to ferns, much of it revolving around the feast of St John The Baptist, around the time of the Summer Solstice. If you grow ferns inside your home it will protect you from lightning strikes, and if you grow them outside you will be protected from spells and incantations. If you break off a piece of fern growing from a tree, put it in your purse and your lover will never leave you. Happy thoughts!

Alice Taylor

Hedgerow Correspondent.

Photos: Cover page and below courtesy Alice Taylor.



BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL - meeting minutes

10th April 2019 at Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel

PRESENT: Cllrs: B Carson, V Scott, E Huntley, S Smith, C Case and Clerk R Matthews. C. Cllr. Gilbert was also in attendance along with seven residents.

1.0 **Declaration of Interest:** The Chairman read out a statement in respect of Declaration of Interest – no such interests were declared.

2.0 **Apologies for absence:** Apologies received from Cllr. Rosevear

3.0 **Minutes of previous meetings** held on March 13th 2019: Cllr. Huntley proposed the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of this meeting. Cllr. Smith seconded the proposal and all Councillors present at that meeting voted unanimously to accept the minutes, which were duly signed by the Chairman.

4.0 **Matters arising** (actions) from March 13th 2019 meeting and not covered in this month's agenda:

Clerk to contact the charity owning the phone box outside the 'Old Post Office' to establish if it could be used for anything to benefit the community. Outstanding

Action Clerk

Clerk had contacted BT about the condition of the three functional phone boxes – BT are basically refusing to paint these boxes. Clerk to consider other options before next meeting.

Action Clerk

Clerk confirmed the phone box on Bigbury Green had now been adopted by a local resident. The phone had been removed and power disconnected.

Warren – reseeding and future plans – defer until new District Councillor is appointed – pending

Millennium Steps – one quote had been received and a second was needed.

Action Clerk

Refreshing of the white parking bay lines at **Sedgewell Slipway** was needed and DCC Highways confirmed they were not in a position to complete the work. Alternative options needed to be considered, including adding to County Council wish list or the Parish Council agreeing to finance the repainting.

Action Clerk

Clerk provided options for new notices boards. Notice Board Company option was proposed by Cllr. Smith, which was seconded by Cllr. Scott. To be ordered and installed.

Action Clerk

5.0 **Challaborough Holiday Park** – update from Mr. **Steve Radford**

Mr Radford kindly attended the meeting and updated the audience on the activities from the Caravan Park as follows: * **Blue flag status** applied for and expected to be

awarded with the third successive year of excellent water quality * New recycling signage had been installed and Mr Radford shared his experience of a recent visit to the main recycling centre * The site had been tidied and all drains cleared thanks to a favourable weather conditions * The Park advertised in **Bigbury Drums** *

Aqua aerobics classes were open to local residents, although this depended on the numbers already attending from the Park visitors * RNLI cover from May 18th for the entire season was now paid for fully by the Park * The surf shop was open and the main shop was now open between 08:00 and 18:00 * The Park expected to receive the **David Bellamy Gold nature award** * Two new bee hives had been installed in the meadow * A new **Site Security Manager** had been employed * The beach was being cleaned daily, which would increase to twice daily in peak season * The **Waterfront restaurant and bar was open for locals to use** * Sports channels were being screened (£600+ per month cost) * Two movies under the stars events were planned * The Park would support the round the island swim and Bigbury fun run, although numbers for the latter had dropped dramatically * Air Ambulance charity event was planned for later in the year * Caravan movements would continue to be monitored to ensure disruption was minimised.

Mr Radford asked to be advised of any significant roadworks in St Ann's Chapel (new road) that would have an impact for visitors and movement of goods in and out of the Holiday Park.

6.0 **County Councillor's report**

C. Cllr. Gilbert advised that DCC were unlikely to approve the road surface requested by the Parish Council on the Holwell Farm development. Cllr. Scott felt this was contradictory to the information she was receiving from SHDC and would pursue the matter further.

C. Cllr. Gilbert queried why there was no car park charging option for a six hour stay and has written to Cathy Auberton to ensure this is discussed/included in next year's calculations. He also indicated that signs relating to Venus Café and a cash changing service would be displayed shortly.

In respect of roads in general, he shared that fact that the Highways budget was £1million per week for road repairs only.

He indicated that just two parishes in the South Hams would be contesting elections on May 2nd – Thurlestone and Totnes, adding that all South Hams Wards were being contested with a good cross section

of parties represented.

Finally, he gave his apologies in advance for the May meeting, which he was unable to attend.

7.0 **Open Session**
No points were raised.

8.0 **Planning related topics**
0464/19/HHO **Stargazy, Folly Hill, Bigbury-on-Sea, TQ7 4AR** – re-advertisement of application for a replacement front and side protective balcony and new bi-fold door system to front elevation. This change included the installation of a privacy screen. Cllr. Smith proposed this be supported, which was seconded by Cllr. Case and agreed by all Councillors.

0645/19/HHO **Long Easton, Bigbury, TQ7 4AN** – application for construction of garden greenhouse. This was discussed – Cllr. Case proposed this be supported, which was seconded by Cllr. Carson and agreed by all Councillors.

4214/18/FUL Land at **Holwell Farm, St Ann's Chapel, TQ7 4AP** - Residential development to provide #13 dwellings with associated access, car parking, public open space and landscaping. This was discussed and agreed.

Clerk shared the update from SHDC in respect of changes implemented to the communication of planning applications, specifically the cessation of sending hard copies by post. It was agreed to continue sharing information locally in a timely manner. When new notice boards were installed a Councillor would take part ownership with the Clerk for maintaining displays. Holywell Stores – Cllr. Smith, Bigbury – Cllr. Scott and Bigbury-on-Sea Cllr. Edwards-Pratt

Neighbourhood plan.

Cllr.Scott updated as follows: Meetings were ongoing with Wendy Ormsby (SHDC) relating to the consultation process and as referred to earlier (C. Cllr. Section) there seemed to be differing views in respect of the road surface. Similarly the issue relating to cladding was being proactively resolved.

An objection had been received from a resident in Kingsbridge and Cllr. Scott would be making changes to the wording of the statement to address this concern.

Historic England had raised a further objection relating to the 'Holy Well' and more discussion / investigation was required to close this topic.

A number of further issues had been raised at the 'last minute' and Cllr. Scott agreed

to review and discuss these at the next Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee meeting on April 29th.

Cllr. Scott further assured the owners of **Korniloff** that their concerns were registered and taken into consideration. Cllr. Scott apologised if this had not been formally acknowledged.

9.0 Bigbury News request for funding

In the absence of the Editor of Bigbury News, **Henry Wainwright** shared the following update: Review of past year * New A4 format introduced * More colour content * Advisory Committee set up to help overall management * Increased level of contribution * More volunteer helpers in place * Circulation now 450 * Bigbury Drums event based communication platform introduced. Mr Wainwright gave detail of the financial numbers for the past year and details of this can be found on the Bigbury Community Website (Parish Council/meetings/2019_04_10 information). Mr Wainwright shared the challenges facing Bigbury News as: * costs of printing higher than estimated, compounded by some software recording and charging issues * reduction in advertising revenue of £1,000 * donation fatigue * finding new sources of revenue * lower than expected reserve funds being held as contingency. Cllr. Case proposed the sum of £600, agreed as part of the Parish precept, be made available to Bigbury News and that in order to assist the cash flow, the Parish Council purchase key consumables on their behalf. Cllr. Huntley seconded this proposal which was agreed by all Councillors. Bigbury News would be offered further opportunity to review the situation again later in the calendar year.

10.0 Finance: Approval of payments to be made and presentation of finance statement Cllr. Carson proposed the financial statements and recommended payments presented be accepted which was seconded by Cllr. Smith and all councillors agreed. Clerk was to raise the following payments:

£748.52 Clerk £540.00 Salary for quarter ended 31st March 2019
£208.52 Office expenses
£570.00 PCC Bigbury Grant for grass cutting Annual cost £1200.00 less surplus £630
£180.00 Grasshopper Services (fee for two years)
Maintenance of Bigbury Green
£143.45 DALC Annual membership fee
£ 33.48 BT – line rental and broadband access Memorial Hall Paid by direct debit £350.00

Clerk showed a slide of the current cash book and bank reconciliation statement showing a balance of £30,448.19 as at March 31st 2019

Clerk showed a statement of restricted and reserved funding with a balance of £9,928.93

Clerk showed details of S106 funds held by SHDC - £162,771 for affordable housing projects and £24,194 for OSSR projects.

11.0 Play park update

Cllr. Case confirmed some work including consultation within the community had taken place but a proposal was not yet available – carry topic forward to May meeting. *Action Cllr. Case*

12.0 Toddler Group

Cllr. Case advised the Toddler Group was potentially being re-formed and that funding may be needed in the form of payments for Hall rental. Further updates would be given as the concept developed.

12.0 Local elections

Clerk confirmed that membership of the **Parish Council would NOT be contested on May 2nd elections** as seven nominations only were received. The Returning Officer has confirmed this. The Parish Councillors for the next four year term (alphabetic order) are: Cathy Case, Sally Edwards-Pratt, Elizabeth Huntley, George Rosevear, Valerie Scott, Sharon Smith and Stuart Watts Clerk outlined the process for election of Chairman and officers and further details of this can be found on the Bigbury Community website (Parish Council/meetings/2019_04_10 information). Clerk also confirmed this process would take place as part of the **Annual Parish meeting to be held on May 8th 2019 at the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel with a starting time of 7:00pm.**

13.0 Correspondence received

Three documents were presented:
Modbury Caring – letter of thanks for donation
Letter from **South Devon Estuaries Partnership**

Letter received from Lynne Miller relating to an incident in the main car park. Response needed *Action Clerk*
All documents are shown in full within the 'Information file' uploaded to the Bigbury Community Website (Parish Council / Meeting Minutes)

14.0 Agenda Items for next meeting Opportunity to include items in May was very limited because of the Annual meeting. It was agreed to defer the discussion on **communication** (Bigbury News, Community website, Bigbury Drums etc.) until June.

It was also agreed to invite, over the course of the year, representative from bodies such as **Bigbury Golf Club and Burgh Island** etc. to the meeting

NOTE The supporting file is shown in the Parish Council section of the Bigbury Community website.

The meeting closed at 09:35pm.

The next meeting is to be the Annual meeting held on Wednesday May 8th at 7:00pm To be followed immediately by

The monthly meeting held on Wednesday May 8th 2019 at 08:15pm



THE PUB CAT SPEAKS

Ciao! My dear kittens and fluffy cat fanciers! I am walking elegantly into April, and I must thank you all for the FABULOUS support for my election campaign

'YES, WE CAT!'

It's all sooo exciting! My friend Bruce, a very fine Persian blue, has been busy typing our moggyfesto on his cattop. But we face some serious challengers who will do anything to get into power, including that awful Nigel Fishface, and his Biscuit Party. Apparently, he is more than a little miffed that Teezer Maybot and Jeremy Catflap have been having tiffin together. Probably jealous!

Bruce and I went for a stroll on the Chalabrough cliff path and we were rather taken aback by the preponderance of canines we encountered, and there seemed to be literally hundreds of four-legged Fidos on the beach. They were haring around, fur-flying, barking and howling and hurling themselves into the briny. It was a sunny, peaceful day but the noisy dogs drove the gently tweeting birds from the trees. May 1st is approaching but, as we nibbled our sardine sandwiches in the Waterfront bar, Bruce and I decided that something must be done.

We could not fail to notice that the **Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan** has failed to include a section on Cats! This is a serious omission. Cats comfort the elderly and infirm and entertain children; cats catch vermin – something that our fluffy-wuffy friend **Rusty the Dog** signally fails to do; and cats bring culture and refinement to the human world. And, more importantly, cats are QUIET! A cat is a blissful, peace-loving creature, who can attractively grace any chaise-longue.

Bruce and I therefore propose that a new section on Cats be included in the Neighbourhood Plan, with the following proposals:

1) All houses in Council tax band D or above shall provided a dedicated fencepost



THE PUB CAT SPEAKS (cont)

with small platform and a mat, where cats may comfortably clean their paws, watch television through the window, and aggravate our barky friends.

2) All gardens must be safely fenced off from dogs so that cats may 'poop' in peace. Cats are – as you will surely know – cultural cousins of the French who similarly prefer to 'do their business' in someone else's garden.

3) Gardens containing vegetables and flowers are particularly pleasant environments for cats, where a freshly dug piece of ground should always be available. Rabbits are welcome - as are fishponds!

4) Electronic dog-collars – designed to open dog flaps – discriminate against the rights of cats to steal food – hunting is a, after all, rather tiresome.

5) Noise pollution from barking dogs is a serious environment problem. All barking after 6.00pm should be banned (unless the dog is part of a performing troupe providing entertainment.

6) The netting of fishponds should be prohibited to permit cats to watch the movements of aquatic life unhindered – culling is vital to maintain a healthy pond.

Finally, Bruce and I do think that the Oyster Shack provides an invaluable service to our community. We merely ask that any leftovers are placed in a blue ceramic pot on the bar, in order that Bruce and I can provide a recycling service!

Psh! Pish!

See you next month Pusspots!

PS. What do you get if you cross a cat with a lemon.

A sourpuss! Ha, ha!
Monty the Pub Cat



Do you have any thoughts on how to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle?

The Editor would be pleased to share these in the next Bigbury News. Thank you.



We live in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and many local residents are keen supporters of the regular Beach Clean operations. Is there more that we can do to help the planet in general and South Hams in particular? Bigbury News will host a new column - **Recycle - Re-Use - Reduce** to provide a platform for local people to share their ideas and promote initiatives that can help us to:

Recycle - Re-Use - Reduce

SHDC posted the following request for your support on the SHDC website. Let's see if we can do even more to help. The real issue is that all recycled materials must be CLEAN and require washing before recycling. If they are greasy (pizza boxes) they cannot be recycled. Aluminium foil must be washed and clean. Jars and tins also need to be washed before putting them into the recycling bags.

I will be taking a trip to the **Energy from Waste Facility** in Plymouth in May. If anyone else wants to join me - please get in touch. Groups can make appointments to tour the facility and learn about the waste hierarchy (how to recycle properly) and how Plymouth makes energy from waste. If you are a member of a local club or society - would this be something they would like to learn more about?

Louise Wainwright

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What goes in your clear sack?

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- ✓ Food tins and drink cans.
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- ✓ Clean aluminium foil.



Empty rinsed cans, wash and squash plastic bottles.

- You can take other plastics, such as trays, yoghurt pots and plastic bags to your local recycling centre. Please see find your nearest recycling bank.
- Remember, your sacks and bins must be at the boundary of your property by 7am on collection day.

Message from SHDC:

Did you know that putting the wrong items into your clear and blue sacks is costing a fortune as the offending items have to be removed before recycling can take place? The problem is costing South Hams District Council around £10,000 every month, effectively throwing away money. This is a direct plea by South Hams District Council to all residents. They are asking residents to take a closer look at the list of items that can and cannot be recycled.

The top offenders include **pizza boxes, crisp packets, black plastic trays, food and unwashed tins and bottles.**

Helen Dobby, Group Manager for Commercial Services, said: "I am sure that many residents are just unaware of the impact that this has on recycling. Items such as greasy pizza boxes, and dirty milk bottles, cannot be recycled. Like many of our residents, we want to recycle as much as possible. However not only can these items not be recycled but they can contaminate the rest of the recycling too. It's such a waste to collect and transport the recycling to the re-processor, only to have some of it rejected. While the cost of dealing with this is alarming, we can really make a big difference and recycle more just by being a little more careful about what we put into the sacks. Please, can everyone help us to recycle more by checking the service guides or visiting our website at

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to see what can and can't go into the blue and clear sacks? We recognise that our residents are keen recyclers and may be frustrated with the current service. We are therefore currently planning improvements which will include collecting more recyclables from households. These changes are due to happen next year when the recycling vehicles are replaced. In the meantime, we need to recycle as much as we can with the existing system and this means putting the correct items into sacks."



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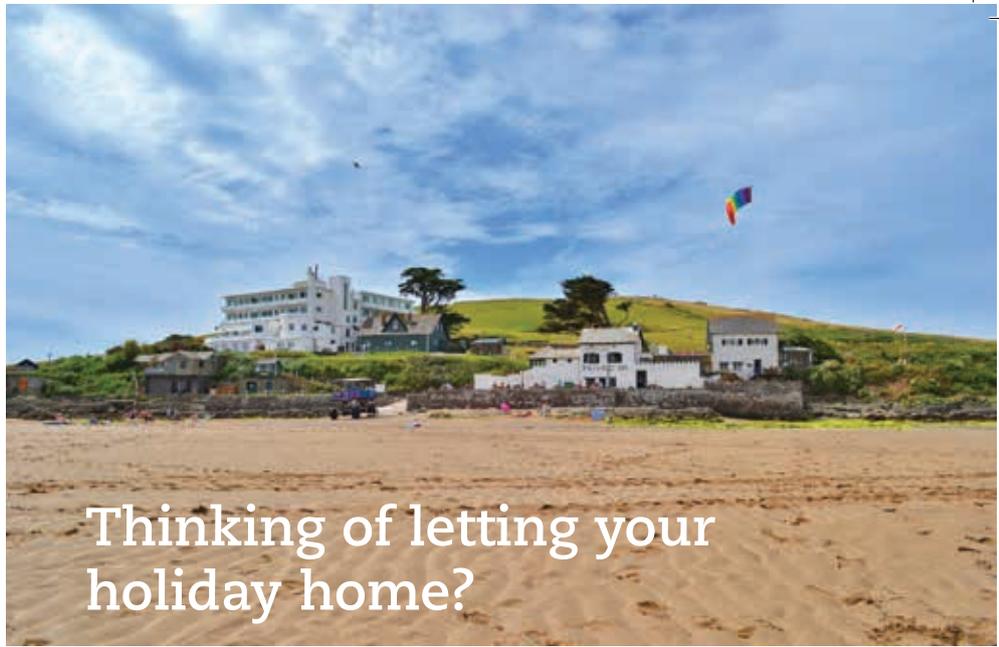
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