

**ENRICO TOMASSO  
QUARTET**

Fishermans Rest AG  
Tues 4th June (p9)

**BIGBURY  
COMMUNITY COFFEE**

fund-raiser in MHall  
Wed 5th Jun 10.30 - Noon

**THE WAVE PROJECT**  
folk music

Sat 8th June MHall 6.30 pm  
tickets £5 from Eventbrite



**SUMMER MARQUEE  
@ FOLLY FARM**  
for Royal British Legion  
75th Anniversary D Day Landings

Sun 9th Jun - from 4 pm  
hog roast, vegan pies, cakes,  
music & sea views - BYO drinks

Tickets £10 & £2.50 Holywell Stores

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Wednesday 12th June at  
7:30 p.m. MHall



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River Trip (p2)  
Kingsbridge to Salcombe  
Tues 18th June

**BIGBURY LADIES**

River Trip (p4)  
Totnes to Dartmouth  
Wed 19th June

**DARTINGTON  
MORRIS DANCERS**  
Pilchard Inn, Burgh Island  
Fri Jun 28th - 8 - 9.00pm



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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

The holiday season is starting to blossom, which is good news for our local businesses who need this income to enable them to 'Keep Bigbury Busy' all year round. We now have new owners of the **Beach Shop**. **Hannah Getley** says her farewells to us (p 11). A warm welcome is extended to **Jamie and Elly**. Also a fond farewell to Hannah who made a great success of the Beach Shop and did alot to help us through her contributions to the Bigbury Parish Council. Why not call in and say hello to Jamie and Elly?

There are alot of improvements underway at **Holywell Stores** (p11), which confirms that the Kooner family are investing in their future at St Ann's Chapel. It might be time to consider how we can give them as much support as possible to make this all worthwhile. If you are a second home owner and come here for holidays -or have a holiday home that you let - perhaps you could get in touch with Holywell Stores to deliver a 'welcome pack' of groceries for you or your guests?

Our front cover features photos at **Turtle Farm**, where Linda's polytunnels are brimming with lovely plants for your garden and the spring lambs are frolicking in the field. Why not go for a walk there with your guests and have a coffee or icecream as a reward? The kids would love to see the animals. The summer opening hours are Wednesday to Saturday 10.00 am to 6.00 pm

**Trish Bagley** and **Norman Botton**, our footpath wardens, together with **Hilary Vanstone**, are waiting to hear form you about their proposal for a **Big Bigbury Walk** around all our footpaths. If you are interested, please call Norman 810385. It would be a local fundraiser event in the summer. As far as I know, it's a walk not a run. All will be revealed. Please call and register your interest.

We are beginning to receive more **Bigbury Stories** and these have been most welcome insights into the past. If you have some Bigbury Stories and do not have email facilities - please feel free to write them down and post them to the Editor.

Alternatively, please give the Editor a call and we can arrange to meet up for a chat so that you can dictate your story. We are keen to hear more about our social history so your stories are worth sharing. Please get in touch.

The other picture on the front cover is of the new Chairman of Bigbury Parish Council, **Beth Huntley**, giving **Bryan Carson** a gift from the BPC to thank him for his many years of local service. See the BPC pages p 29 and 31. We are lucky to have had such dedicated support from Bryan over the many years he has worked to help keep the wheels turning at Bigbury. We are also grateful to all the newcomers to BPC who have come forward to volunteer their time and expertise to the Parish Council. It was mentioned in several speeches at the last BPC meeting, that we all appreciate the excellent services of the Parish Clerk, **Richard Matthews**. I noticed that this was not mentioned in the minutes. Thanks to all of you from all of us.

The piece by **Matilda Pitt**, in the May Bigbury News, has attracted the interest of local people interested in encouraging more young people to write. It has been suggested by Monty the Pub Cat, that we have a **Bigbury Young Writers Competition**. Perhaps this will be something to work on over the summer holidays? More about this in the July issue of Bigbury News.

Please keep in touch with Bigbury through Bigbury News and Bigbury Drums.

**Louise Wainwright**

*Editor*

*Bigbury News & Bigbury Drums*

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# BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Bringing the Community Together



At the end of April our Winter programme was brought to an end in very enjoyable style when around thirty people attended an evening of jazz with the Charlie Hearnshaw Trio. Charlie and his colleagues delighted the audience with a mixture of jazz classics – such as ‘Take Five’ – and other lesser known pieces. On July 8th at 7.00 p.m. we’re holding the Hall’s AGM – see the agenda opposite. This is your chance to raise anything you like with the Committee and comment on any aspect of the Hall’s activities and organisation, so do come along.

After the AGM the Committee are taking a break until September when this year’s **Garden Produce Show** will take place in the Hall on **Sunday 8th September**. The theme this year is **Plants, Plastics and Pollution** and as well as the usual classes (Class A *Best Fruit and Vegetables*; Class B *Flowers*) our Miscellaneous Class C will include lots of items to make using recycled plastics etc. More details next month but start planning now to ensure your flowers, fruit and vegetables are in tip top condition by the beginning of September. Any queries please contact Angie Bond (811131) or Sally Watts (810373). Work is still going on behind the scenes, though, and we’re submitting our requests for one or two Villages in Action events, to take place over the next twelve months. Hopefully we’ll be successful and I’ll keep you informed through Bigbury News and Bigbury Drums. Finally, in a previous issue of Bigbury News I asked whether anyone might be interested in forming a table tennis group, which would meet on a regular basis. Several people have got in touch so we’re planning to hold an “open” evening in the near future to gauge the level of support. Watch this space. Have a great Summer. **Charles Harrington**. Tel. 810023. Email charles\_harri@yahoo.co.uk

## MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS (June 2019)

St Ann’s Chapel TQ7 4HQ

Day & Time	Activity	Organiser	Contact no.
Mon. 9.30 – 10.10	*Aerobics	Jill Gubbins	810651
10.15 – 11.15	*Pilates	Jill Gubbins	810651
11.20 – noon	*Strong & Steady (plus tea)	Jill Gubbins	810651
Tues. 17.30 - 19.30	Youth Club	Juliette Jackson	810307
Thurs. 9.15 – 10.15	*Pilates	Jill Gubbins	810651
10.15 – 10.30	*Bones Bonus	Jill Gubbins	810651
19.30 – 21.30	South Hams Filling Station (3rd Thurs. of month excl. Dec & Aug)	Gilbert Snook	810017

\*See Jill’s separate notice (below) for details of sessions from June onwards.  
June events: **Wed. 5th June Bigbury Community Coffee** morning 10.30 – 12.00 in aid of **Devon Air Ambulance**.  
50/ 100 Club. Promoted by **Dane Vanstone**. April’s winners were **Jill Cook** (£20) and **Vic Gubbins** (£10). 50% of the money goes in cash prizes and 50% to the Hall.

**SUMMER MARQUEE**  
@ FOLLY FARM  
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**SUNDAY 9TH JUNE FROM 4PM**

TICKETS HOLYWELL STORES  
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**SALCOMBE ESTUARY**  
**RIVER CRUISE**

**TUESDAY 18TH JUNE 2019**  
Leaving 5.30pm from the Ferry Steps, Kingsbridge.  
£16.00 per head with pasty provided onboard.  
Bar and Raffle

CONTACT Jill Cook 810156

**OUR ATLANTIC ROOTS**  
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**THE WAVE PROJECT**

**AN EVENING OF FOLK MUSIC**  
Supported by Lea Jones

Saturday 8th June | 6:30pm | Memorial Hall  
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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 STRONG & STEADY 10.15 - 11.00 + tea	THURSDAYS at BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL PILATES 9.15 - 10.15 BONES BONUS 10.15 - 10.30
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup>	May 9 <sup>th</sup>
May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup>	May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup>	June 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	June 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>
June 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>	June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>		

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



## BIGBURY COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

On Wednesday 1st May we raised **£256 for Children's Hospice SW**. It was really good to see so many people supporting us so generously and socialising.

Many thanks to Maggy who told us about the wonderful work at the 3 Hospices- Little Bridge House in Barnstaple, Charlton Farm at Wraxall and Little Harbour in St. Austell. They support all members of the family through their difficult journey with a terminally ill child and continue if needed through their bereavement.

On **Wednesday 5th June** we will be raising funds for **Devon Air Ambulance** and look forward to seeing you between 10.30 and noon.

Then on **Wednesday 3rd July** we will be supporting the **Women of Cambodia** who provide our lovely silk goods.

*Photo: Jean Wright calling out the winning numbers of the raffle.*

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.

**Jean & Yvonne.**



This local coffee morning is very popular and a great way to meet up regularly with friends and neighbours as well as to meet new people. It's a lovely way for Bigbury people to show that they care about others by raising funds at the same time.



## WAVES CAR WASH FUND RAISER

Well done kids!! You were all amazing.. thank you so much to everyone that came along. Huge apologies to those that turned up and couldn't get in! We raised an incredible £120 for the youth club.

### THANK YOU

It would deffo be worth while doing it again as there was great demand and the children did enjoy it for the first hour.. but after about the 10th car they, understandably, became a bit cold and tired. So maybe in a few months. We will keep you posted. For now that will keep us a float!

**Louise Pitt** Youth Club Organiser

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### SOCIAL GROUPS

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Hazel Osborne (temporary contact)

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#### BIGBURY COMMUNITY

##### COFFEE MORNING

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#### NOTICE

### Bigbury Memorial Hall A G M

Monday 8th July 2019 at 7.00 p.m.  
at Bigbury Memorial Hall

#### AGENDA

1. Notice of meeting
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of 2018 AGM
4. Matters arising from Minutes of 2018 AGM
5. Management Committee/Trustees' Report and Financial Statement for year ended 31st March 2019
6. Appointment of members of Management Committee a. Members standing for election/ re-election b. Other nominations\*
7. Open Forum
8. AOB

\*Please send any nominations with names of a proposer and seconder to the Chairman by Friday 5th July.

**Charles Harrington** *Chairman.*



### BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

We met at Lyn's house and discussed our May book which was "On The Beach" by Nevil Shute. Most of us had read this a long while ago and had seen the 1960's film starring Gregory Peck and Ava Gardner. All agreed it is a simple, very well written book but we found it very depressing and somehow still topical.

Lynn has chosen for this month's book "Circe" by Madeline Miller. This is her second book about Greek Mythology, the first being 'Song of Achilles' which, without exception, we all very much enjoyed.

Our next Meeting will be on June 5th at Erica's house.

**Hazel Osborne**



### BIGBURY LADIES

On Wednesday 15th May a few of us visited Dartington Hall for a tour around the grounds. Chrissie very kindly agreed to drive us there and we arrived in glorious sunshine. Starting off in the cafe there, we sat drinking cups of tea, coffee etc and then decided that as the room was filling up quickly, it would be better to have a bite to eat whilst we had still got a table to eat on. Good move – by the time we were ready with our plates of food, the place was quite full. The selection of various salads reminded me very much of the old Cranks outlet that used to be at Dartington (and also Totnes to come to that) – for those of you who remember Cranks!

Having had our fill, we started ambling around the grounds which were absolutely beautiful. The perfume from the various blossoms was amazing and we finished off with a look in the magnificent Grand Hall with its beautiful minstrel gallery. We didn't have time to visit the shops so maybe we might consider that for another occasion.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 19th June when we will be taking the boat trip from Totnes to Dartmouth and back (return trip after some time in Dartmouth. For meeting arrangements please contact one of us nearer the date:- Pam on 810791. Chris on 810 482. Rita on 8104792

**Pam Trundle**

### DCC MOBILE LIBRARY

#### Bigbury-on-Sea

Cleveland Drive  
25th June  
Arrive: 12.40  
Depart 13.25

#### Bigbury Green

**Arrive: 14.00**  
**Depart: 14.30**

### ARTS SOCIETY KINGSBRIDGE

ARTS SOCIETY KINGSBRIDGE  
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.

June 2019 Weds 26th/Thurs 27th  
Pleasure and Sensation in 18th Century France...

Speaker Andrew Spira This talk will focus on the golden age of French art and interiors, exploring how new sensibilities among the Parisian nobility required a new style of living, a development that gave rise to some of the most delicious and fanciful pieces of furniture and porcelain ever made.

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

### BIGBURY LADIES PROGRAMME 2019 \*

- |          |  |
|----------|--|
| 19th Jun | River trip Totnes to Dartmouth               |
| 17th Jul | Mt Edgcombe<br>(via Cremyll Ferry)           |
| 21st Aug | Helen Smith's:<br><i>Bring a plate lunch</i> |
| 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 welcome. Very informal group of ladies who like to meet up for a natter once a month.



## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

### NINETEENTH HOLE

The weather is proving so very changeable. In the early May Bank Holiday our players were in short sleeves; for the late May Bank Holiday they were back in fleeces and woolly hats. There have been good entries for the competitions even though some have been played in very blustery, cold conditions. There has been an easterly wind and I recall there's an old saying; When the wind is in the east, 'tis neither good for man nor beast".

**Twenty Two Club Competitions** are taking place during May, Ladies, Men and Juniors. There have been good entries, good scoring and a few handicap reductions, even in this early part of the season. There have been several two's recorded and many of these have been on the **St. Austell Brewery sponsored 10th hole**; any of our players with a two on this 10th hole also win a Keg of Beer.

Our **Bigbury Juniors** are playing this season in the **Knock Out Tamar Cup** and the **Devon Golf Basil Steer Knock-out**, and will enjoy the challenges they face. On a very positive note, our Junior Captain **Jessica Leach**, continues to play her part in representing the **Devon Girls**

**Squad** in matches and has also had a trial for the **Devon Ladies** second Team, which is fantastic news.

The **Veterans Emerton Court Team**, captained by **Mike Heath**, had a very tough draw against Royal North Devon (RND). Anyone who has played at RND will know how difficult a course this is; indeed it is often referred to as the "St. Andrews of the South" because of its tough links layout. Mike reports that our team acquitted itself well, but were beaten by a very strong RND squad and on the day of the away match, the course was especially difficult with both strong winds and driving rain.

Our qualifiers for some of the whole of Devon competitions have been travelling around the County. **Cathy Harrington** and **Vanda Irish** have played at Churston Golf Club; Vanda was so nearly in the prizes but as sometimes happens she was pipped by a person playing at the end of the field. **Dawn Egan** has travelled to the Bridport and West Dorset Golf Club to represent Bigbury in the **England Golf Medal Regional Final**. Whilst not finishing amongst the winners, Dawn did enjoy her day. Our pairing of **Melanie**

**Adcock** and **Faye Pannell** were delighted with their win against strong opponents, Wrangaton Golf Club, in Round 1 of their **Doris Willes Little Trophy** competition. We wish them all good luck in their Round 2 match which is against Sidmouth Ladies. These matches are always played on neutral courses and at this time, I am not sure where Melanie and Faye will be playing.

The **Bigbury Mens Palaret** team were very pleased with their first round match win against opponents Boringdon Golf Club. The Team Captain for this Match, **Rob Luckens**, was assisted by the Lady Captain **Jane Wain**. Rob reports that with the match at level two all, it took 21 holes of golf for the fifth deciding game. Thankfully, our final pairing of **Steve Inch** and **Darren Mutton** took this game on the 21st hole, meaning a Bigbury win of 3 and 2. Again, this Devon wide competition is played on neutral courses and our opponents for the next match will be our neighbours from across the river, Thurlestone Golf Club, and it is to be played at Boringdon Golf Course. Again, we wish our Palaret squad and team all good luck for this match.

**Marlene Johnson**



Photo (left) **The Bigbury Winning Palaret Team**, with non playing Captain, **Rob Luckens**, second from the left in the top row.



Photo (right) **The Veterans Emerton Court Team**, captained by **Mike Heath**,



# BIGBURY DRUMS

FOR THE COMMUNITY BY THE COMMUNITY

## WHAT'S ON NEARBY

### ST LUKES HOSPICE

#### OPEN GARDENS in June

**Rattery Village** is opening their gardens on Sunday 16th June (11am-4pm)

**Somerswood Lakes** near South Brent will be opening on Saturday 22nd June (2pm-5pm).

For details see website:

[www.stlukes-hospice.org.uk/open-gardens](http://www.stlukes-hospice.org.uk/open-gardens)

### RINGMORE WI

13th June 7.30 pm

"A police surgeon's lot" Dr Pete Moore. Contact Jackie Tagent 810520

### KINGSTON HISTORY SOCIETY

29th June - 10.00 am

Guided tour 14th Century farmhouse on Dartmoor, then lunch at Tavistock Inn, Poundsgate.

For more information, please contact Margaret 810358 or Vanessa 810497

EVENTS ORGANISERS ARE INVITED TO

GET IN TOUCH WITH THE BIGBURY DRUMS EDITOR [bigburydrums@gmail.com](mailto:bigburydrums@gmail.com)



# BIGBURY DRUMS

FOR THE COMMUNITY BY THE COMMUNITY



## NATIONAL TRUST NEWS

Orchids are also about this month keep an eye on grass verges for pyramidal, and common spotted orchids. The other exciting thing to keep an eye out for on your late night walks is glow worms, the female lighting up to attract a mate. Our Devon hedges are perfect for them, the darker the night the better and away from any artificial light sources if you find any you can record the details here:

[www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/glow-worm](http://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/glow-worm)

**Open Farm Sunday, Scobbiscombe Farm, Kingston. June 9th 11-2pm** A fantastic day out for all the family to explore, with a chance to meet some of the farms animals, fun farm trails, pond dipping (a brand new pond dipping platform has been constructed), raft making and lots of other activities on offer. Tea and homemade cakes are also available. Please bring a picnic and dogs are welcome on leads.

**The Rock, Watersports weekend, South Milton Sands, 8th and 9th June.** On or off the water, enjoy a weekend of beach fun, lots of exciting activities including rockpooling, and kite making and the opportunity to try out some new sports such as SUP yoga, Kayaking, windsurfing and snorkelling (some sessions will involve a small fee).

For those people up for after a challenge we also have a SwimRun, trail run and 2 mile sea swim, for more information and to book a place go to [wildrunning.co.uk](http://wildrunning.co.uk)

### Jessica Tatton-Brown

Area Ranger

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## CHALLABOROUGH CHAT

### SOAP BOX DERBY

This Years Theme 'Go Wild!'

**Saturday 8th June** Stalls Open at 1pm Karts to arrive at Reception at 1.30pm Race to start at 2pm at the Waterfront To register your kart or to book in to have a stall contact Chloe Hodges in the Sales office. Call 01548 810881 or email [Chloe.hodges@parkdean-resorts.com](mailto:Chloe.hodges@parkdean-resorts.com)

Challaborough Bay Holiday Park was also awarding the Blue Flag Beach award this month. It's really hard to obtain the Blue Flag award and we are very proud. Our maintenance team spend lots of time in the early hours on the beach picking up litter and raking the beach. Our Staff and Holiday Home owners also carry out the great British beach clean every year. A big thank you to everyone who gets involved.

Mark, our Park services manager/bee keeper, is selling **Challaborough Honey and Honeycombe for £5 each.** The Bee hives are located at the Nature Reserve at the back of the park and they enjoy attending the wild flowers that are growing there. All the money raised from the honey sales goes towards the up keep of the bees. Local honey has been known to help hay fever sufferers as the honey contains the pollen from the area. If you would like to purchase a jar of our honey please call reception.

We have a limited number of lodges available so call to find out further information or to arrange your viewing today Call 01548 810771

### Gem Coltman

Sales Manager Challaborough Bay

T: 01548 810881

## WHAT'S ON in JULY

BIGBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

### COLETON FISHACRE OUTING

JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> 5.30 p.m.

We've arranged an exclusive out of hours tour round the house and gardens of this iconic National Trust property, together with drinks and a light finger buffet.

contact Charles Harrington  
01548 810023  
[charles\\_harri@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charles_harri@yahoo.co.uk)




*Friends of St Lawrence's, Bigbury*  
Invite you to attend  
**A VICTORIAN TEA PARTY**  
Wednesday 17 July 2019 at 3 pm  
£ 10.00 (Friends £ 8.00)  
At The Old Rectory, Bigbury RSVP 01548 810864 (Alice)

**Community Coffee Mornings**

December 2018\* £685  
*Church Restoration*  
 Wednesday 6th March £242  
*Modbury Caring*  
 Wednesday 3rd April £267  
*Hope Cove Lifeboat*  
 Wednesday 1st May £256  
*Children's Hospice SW*  
**Macmillan Mammoth Quiz**  
 February 22nd  
 Fiona Dukes & team £1,103



**SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE**

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion*	Communion	Communion	Sunday Worship
9 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion* (8 am) All Age Service	Sunday Worship
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Village Service
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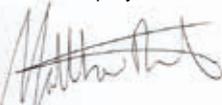
**The Vicar writes**

There is a photograph from the White House taken during John F Kennedy's time as the President of the United States of America. The photograph shows JFK working at his desk in the Oval office at the centre of the White House. The office and the desk he is working at are symbols of all the power and authority of the most powerful position in the world. In this photograph one of Kennedy's small children is in his dressing gown playing under his father's desk before his bedtime.

Imagine having that access to the President of the United States. Imagine being able to pop in whenever it suited you to see the most powerful person in the world - to chat with him as a child to a father and to know that he will not just be available to see you, but be happy to listen you anything you say and willing to help you out in any way he can.

In the Lord's Prayer Jesus teaches his disciples to approach God, the King of kings and President of presidents, as Father. Jesus taught his disciples that they can approach the Supreme creator and ruler of the world not in trepidation but as Father because he has reached out in love and offers to wipe away our sins and adopt us as his own children.

Over May and June the churches of the Modbury Mission community are going to be thinking about the Lord's Prayer in our Sunday services. Why not come along to hear how you can get started in prayer or revitalise a wilting prayer life.



Matt Rowland

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**John Hawkes**  
*Songwriter*

How many of us as teenagers bought or borrowed guitars, learnt to play a few chords and hoped to become the next big sensation on the music scene?

This was the case with **John Hawkes**, a welcome new permanent resident with his wife **Joni** of Bigbury on Sea. He kindly agreed to talk to me about how song writing became an important part of his life.

John described how he and a friend bought guitars in a music shop in Luton, which were duly tuned for them and on which they learnt to play chords and eventually played in pop groups at school. John soon realised that he was more interested in songwriting than performing and through the years has travelled through all genre, probably now being closest to country music.

I asked him where the starting point was for writing a song, words or music? In reply he said that "The initial inspiration could be prompted by a glimpse of such as a passing sailing ship, local history or local events, but that the relationship between the lyric and the music are inextricably intertwined, both melding to communicate the whole song. The lyrics need to hug the contours of the melody and can take some time to develop"

He likens it to the writing of a play, as it designed to be performed and therefore by that time the song has moved to a different place. The key to success in writing is knowing when to stop, he states somewhat ruefully!

How did John's song writing career develop? He had an interview at EMI, where he was encouraged, by advice to persevere and develop an obvious talent but a 'proper job' in marketing intervened and it was not until later and retirement that he had more time to explore his love of songwriting.

The influences on him have been varied but perhaps the greatest is that of James Taylor and the simplicity of his writing, but also that of Neil Sedaka, Elton John, Tim Rice, and the Beatles.

It became apparent that to achieve the perfection of lyric writing was what really drove John and he mentioned Sammy Kahn and lyrics in such shows as "Oklahoma" as being wonderful examples. Remember "Oh what a beautiful morning" and "The Surrey with the fringe on the top"?

John has been lucky enough to spend time in Nashville and, at the Kenny Royster Studios, he heard professional musicians undertaking three hour sessions (all while off tour) but important to them as they fed off each other and saw the time as a break of fresh air.

He recorded four of his songs, including 'Just Drive', featured by Taxi Music on their Top Ten favourites and 'Lovers Lane', which was featured in the 2015 finals of the **UK's National Songwriting Competition**.

Milton Keynes was lucky to have a song written by John about the people who love living and working there and the charity single for the Willen Hospice 'I'll be There', is a most moving tribute to the Hospice Movement and those involved, being beautifully performed by the daughter of one of the patients.

Moving back to the South Hams, John's songs celebrate the **Legend of Tom Crocker**, say **Farewell to The Bay Cafe** at its closing party in 2015, where he performed with **Jack Grace**. Sadly, Jack is no longer with us, but we will remember him singing there and at the Causeway Club in 2018.

(photo - John playing at the Bay View Cafe Farewell 2015 (right)

Music is a unifying force, particularly in a changing world. Just remember the singing at events such as John Tucker's hog roasts! We are lucky to have such a songwriter in our midst.

John invites any local singer or band needing original material to contact him via his website: <http://www.hawkesmusic.com> and his email address is:

[john@hawkesmusic.com](mailto:john@hawkesmusic.com)

You can hear clips of some of John's songs at:  
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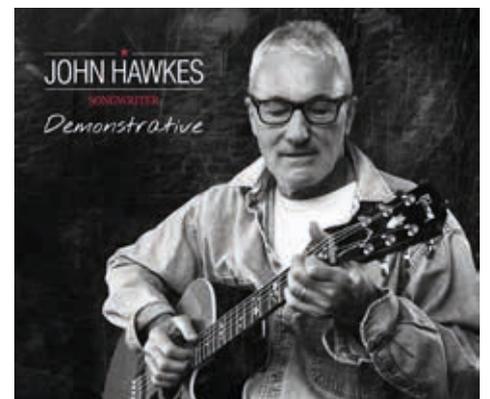
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**Dilys Doughty**

*Sub Editor Culture Club*



John supporting Jack Grace at The Club in Bigbury on Sea in 2018



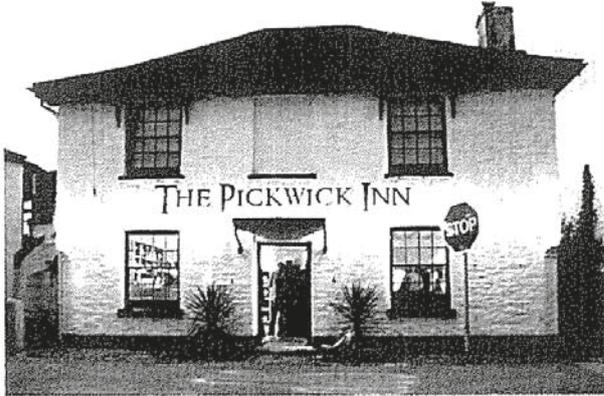
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## Holywell Stores Revamp!

It is now more than six months since the Kooner family moved their home, lives and business to Bigbury. It was 'in at the deep end' for them as the Vanstones stepped down to allow them to develop their dream.

Even behind the scenes, the Kooners have been working with architects, planners, builders, the Post Office and shop fitters to redesign and extend the premises. This has represented a significant additional investment in the future of our much loved village store. There seems to be no doubt that the new owners are very much at home here and plan to be here for many years. The support they have received from their staff, customers and suppliers has provided them with the confidence needed to make these investments. This responsibility and management time, on top of the seasonal build up in business, has meant that they

have had to rely heavily on their experienced staff to keep the show on the road. Jas explained "There will be a lot of changes in June. The Post Office part of the store will move more towards the end of the area where the serving tills are now situated. This is why the Post Office has had to close down for a month and will reopen at **1 pm on 13th June**. The **new post office hours** will be from **9.00 am to 5 pm Monday to Saturday**." Local people have always used Holywell stores as a drop off point and many will be pleased to hear that the Kooners have plans to develop the store more as a meeting place in the future. "We are having a really good coffee machine installed along with an ice-cream maker and a slush machine." says Jas. It does not stop there. "The shop fitters are coming to completely revamp the shelves and layout in the store. This means that we will, unfortunately, have to close the main store from 2nd to 7th June - reopening the main store on 8th June. However

during this period, we are planning to have a serving hatch at the back of the store, opening onto the car park, where we will be able to serve customers. We hope that somehow we will manage and regret any inconvenience caused."

I am sure we all wish them good luck with the re-vamp and look forward to seeing it all in operation.

### Louise Wainwright

Any updates will be highlighted in **Bigbury Drums**. Have you signed up yet?



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Photo (left) Sharon, Jaswinder and Jas - left to right - Holywell Stores

Photo (below) Hannah, Jamie and Elly - left to right - The Beach Shop



## ALL CHANGE AT THE BEACH SHOP!

### Exciting news!

The Bigbury Beach Shop is now in the hands of its new owners Jamie and Elly and Neo the dog! Hannah and Adrian would like to thank everyone for their custom and support over the years.

Please continue to support the Beach Shop as it moves into an exciting new future. Hannah will now be spending her time in her art studio at her home in Salcombe.

Bigbury News welcomes the new owners and gives a big hug to Hannah who embraced local life through her contributions to the Bigbury Parish Council. Looking forward to seeing those paintings!

### Louise Wainwright





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## Bigbury History Society SS Great Britain Visit

On its recent visit to the SS Great Britain, members of the Bigbury History Society were treated to an amazing private guided tour of the ship which now sits magnificently restored in the original dry dock in which she was built by Isambard Brunel. For us to appreciate the history of the ship and the scale of the achievement in bring her back to life, we were provided with some fascinating and important background.

We were firstly reminded of Brunel's early life with his father, Marc – also an engineering genius – and his mother, Mary Kingdom, a Plymouth girl, providing an interesting local connection. As a teenager, Isambard worked with his father on the hugely ambitious Thames Tunnel. A serious accident led to him convalescing in Bristol where he entered and won a competition to design what was to become the Clifton Suspension Bridge.

His appointment as Chief Engineer for the planned Great Western Railway led to one of his greatest triumphs, linking London to Bristol and beyond. Why not, he said, go further and link Bristol with New York and the result was the Great Western, a wooden hulled paddle steamer and the largest ship in the world at the time. It was a huge success setting new standards for comfort and speed on the increasingly important transatlantic route.

A sister ship was required but Brunel was determined to do something vastly different and so was born the SS Great Britain – launched in 1843 – it was the world's first iron hulled screw propelled ocean liner, twice the size of the Great Western and full of innovation and technical genius. She was a marvel to behold.

In the beginning there were many transatlantic crossings before being converted to carry emigrants to Australia. After 30 years as a passenger ship, she was converted to carry cargo – transporting Welsh coal from Penarth to San Francisco. But, in 1886, she was badly damaged and forced to seek shelter in the Falkland Islands. Deemed too costly to repair, she was sold to the Falkland Islands Company and used as a floating warehouse for coal and wool.

But, after nearly 50 years she was towed to Sparrow Cove, a remote windswept bay, scuttled in shallow water and left to her fate. And that would have been the end of her but, in 1969, a letter in the Times led to the creation of a company whose improbable aim was to bring her back to Bristol and restore her.

The cost of getting her back was a massive £150,000 but an approach to multi-million-



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aire British philanthropist, Sir Jack Hayward, resulted in him declaring "I'll see the ship home!" And so he did.

The Great Britain by this time was just a rotting hull; nevertheless, she was patched and refloated long enough for a submersible pontoon to be placed under her and she was then lifted out of the water. Astonishingly she was successfully towed all the way back to Bristol and, after further patching she was again floating on her own hull and then towed up the Avon from Portishead. Quite extraordinarily the dock in which she was built was vacant and there she came to rest and she is there to this day. So began the seemingly impossible task of restoring her and of course the enormous challenge of raising the necessary money.

As we toured the ship the scale of the achievement in renovating her became increasingly apparent. She has been restored to how she would have looked in the 1840s and we marvelled at the attention to detail and quality of finish that has been achieved. A priority was to stabilise the condition of the hull and we were taken below the ship to see the massive dehydration equipment which operates below a false "ceiling" representing the waterline. Here a constantly warm and dry environment is maintained which prevents further corrosion.

The main deck is utterly authentic with all five masts in place together with all the rigging and ancillary equipment. We strolled the deck just as passengers did 150 years ago! The cabins have been accurately created and show how the different class of travellers were accommodated. The overriding impression is the lack of cabin space particularly for steerage passengers. Bunks were tiny and there was little natural light but government regulations ensured that minimum standards were set for the amount of space, weekly rations and medical care. Despite the cramped conditions, we saw how passengers personalised their space making it as comfortable and homely as possible.

First class passengers were provided with considerably more space and luxury. They enjoyed sumptuous food in the dining saloon, relaxed in the opulent promenade saloon and strolled on their own private deck area. All of their accommodation has been faithfully recreated allowing us to really immerse ourselves in the reality of first class travel on the SS Great Britain over a century and a half ago.

Also faithfully recreated are the various galleys, the butcher's workshop and the dry goods store and other "below stairs" functional areas. A real treat were the massive engines built to the exact scale of the originals but now electrically powered. Their operation was quite mesmerising and left the visitor with a real feel for how much

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energy needed to be generated to power this enormous ship.

One could go on but suffice to say that everyone's expectations were absolutely fulfilled. The ship is a marvel and sits in a dockyard also faithfully recreated to reflect the way things were 150 years ago. Apart from the ship there are two magnificent museums one dedicated to displaying items relating to the SS Great Britain whilst the other focuses on Brunel's legacy involving railways, ships, bridges and much, much more.

To visit the SS Great Britain in 2019 is to be amazed. Amazed at the genius of Isambard Brunel, amazed at the extraordinary story of his ship and, not least, amazed at what the SS Great Britain Project has achieved in recreating this iconic vessel. Isambard would be astonished if he could see it today!

**Mike Baker.**

*Footnote*

One of the many visitor attractions on the SS Great Britain is the opportunity to climb the rigging of the main mast and then venture out to the end of the top spar – just as the crew would have done all those years ago. Those who know him will not be surprised to learn that Vic Gubbins took on the challenge – scaling the rigging with speed and sure footedness. He was soon waving to us some 50 feet above the deck – that too was amazing!

*Photo: History Society members on board SS Great Britain.*

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## The Voice of Reason

I see from 'The Times', canine edition, which is regularly delivered to my HQ at Bone House, that it reports on its front page the sad demise of a creature known as 'Grumpy Cat'.

Readers of these columns will know that I am not given to complacency, lack of sympathy or indeed any other of those ungenerous characteristics we attribute to human beings. Indeed my heart goes out to Grumpy's owner, with a helpful thought: If in her sadness she would care to make another creature happy, perhaps she isn't aware that dogs are very fond of good quality cat food, and if not I draw her attention to this useful fact.

It has occurred to me that that the late 'Grumpy' aka 'Tardar Sauce' would have been the recipient of considerable quantities of free food, simply in return for scowling at millions of her foolish feline friends. 'The Times' claims she was sponsored by an agent, and had contracts with cereal suppliers, and was a brand ambassador for 'Friskies'.

Should this be the case, Ms Bundesbank, Grumpy's owner may wish to contact the editor of this organ, who I am sure would be pleased to forward my address.

I trust you have read about this, Monty. It is a tale with a deep moral meaning and shows what may happen to cats who leave their true stations (alleyways) and aspire to greatness. 'The Times' has even sought to compare 'Grumpy' with HM The Queen. (Page 11: Saturday May 18th). This would be a treasonable remark were it not so foolish.

On another matter, I recently attended a pets church service at which animals were offered the blessing from the local vicar. Unfortunately my fellow household pet, Millie, a Jack Russell terrier also attended. She has developed a deep mistrust of people wearing white coats. Normally these are vets who use invasive procedures to check her health, but when the said vicar tried to lift her up to receive his words, Millie suffered an identity crisis (his, not hers) and bit him. As a result she will have to take her chances in the world to come.

The service finished with a hymn. Since I only know the words of "O Come All Ye Faithful" I struggled to join in. Other attendees included several cats, a tortoise, and a donkey.

Have a happy month  
Rusty




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## Making Scents of Spring

We're all used to seeing the sights of spring. The blizzards of blossom and little green buds, full of leafy promise. Inky dark skies suddenly breaking into unexpected but very welcome sunshine. The taste of spring brings tender asparagus stalks, the delicate dusty jackets of Jersey Royal new potatoes, beautiful purple sprouting broccoli, peppery radishes, the fresh zing of sorrel and spinach, spring onions and watercress.

Is your mouth watering yet? Contemplating a veggie meal is never so appealing as is spring. The sound of spring is early morning birdsong and rain against the window pane. And the feel of spring is the touch of the first warm rays of sun on your skin and the soft fur of magnolia buds.

But what about the smell of spring. Poor

smell; the Cinderella sense. Always present, but never acknowledged. Those people unfortunately enough to suffer from anosmia (loss of the sense of smell) can attest to how important smell really is for bringing our world fully to life. People sometimes think about what it would be like to lose their sense of sight or hearing but smell is truly the sense that you don't appreciate until it's gone.

Spring is about the heavy, sweet, earthy smell that comes after a sharp shower. It's about the delicate floral scent of blossom and the intoxicating smell of the first cut of mown grass. This is what green smells like.

So, what's going on? All of these sources of scent are giving off light, volatile molecules that evaporate easily and waft on spring breezes. Some of these molecules might make their way up your nose when you breathe in. At the top of your nose, there is



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## Meadowsweet

We watched *Wind In The Willows* recently and I was so taken with it that I decided to read the book again. I have a lovely copy which was given to me in 1964 by a Great Aunt. One of the things which doesn't come across in the film is Kenneth Grahame's acute attention to detail of the wild life. All of this is a preamble to the *Wild Wood Chapter*:

*"But when meadowsweet, debonair and odorous in amber jerkin, moved graciously to his place in the group, then the play was ready to begin".*

The Latin name, *Filipendula ulmaria* describes it so succinctly – from filum meaning "thread" and pendulus meaning "hanging". Ulmaria means "elmlike" referring to the leaves, which are dark green on the upper side and whitish and velvety underneath. The beautiful creamy frothy flowers form in clusters and have a wonderful heady perfume.

As with other hedgerow plants on "my walk" this only grows in one small patch. It normally likes wet places and this stretch of the road is often full of puddles! Historically it was used to strew on floors, masking unpleasant smells (it was Elizabeth I's favourite), making it an ideal potpourri flower, and it can be used to flavour wine,

a patch of sensory receptors which is covered in little hairs in which the molecules can get caught. When they do, it triggers a nerve impulse which is perceived as a particular odour according to the shape of the molecule. Smell is the only sense where the receptors are in direct contact with the outside world (albeit hidden away up your nose).

The second amazing thing about smell is that it is very strongly linked to memory. Just smelling something can be enough to evoke a rich cascade of remembered sights, sounds, tastes and feelings.

Why are the molecules there? They're part of nature's communication system. In spring, plants are waking up and shouting out messages to the wider world of other plants, insects and animals. They're saying 'come and pollinate me!', 'eat me!' or 'keep away'.

This month I urge you to get outside. Perhaps you could visit one of the sites overseen by the Devon Wildlife Trust or just get out in your garden. And inhale. Breathe in the intoxicating smells of spring which truly bring to life the promise of summer to come and feel part of the chatter and excitement.

**Fiona Barker**

beer and vinegar, much like elderflower.

It contains salicylic acid – the old botanical name is *Spiraea ulmaria*, and it is from this that aspirin was initially derived, hence aSPIRin.

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**Alice Taylor**



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Our volunteer Coastguard crew are un-sung heroes who train hard and are always on call to help rescue those in trouble. The current team is often too busy to slow down enough for an interview so that we can thank them for the work they do. Whilst we wait to hear from them, I came across this archive article (**Farmers Weekly Jan 2012 - by Olivia Cooper**) which I thought you might be interested in reading. It celebrates the life work in the Coastguard of local farmer, **John Tucker**. Now retired from the Coastguard, John continues to rescue people on a regular basis from the rising tides that encircle Burgh Island (photo page 21)



Photo credit: Farmers Weekly - Jan 2012

**Louise Wainwright**

**Working the land, guarding the seas.**

*Olivia Cooper*

Standing on the top of a cliff in gale-force winds, with the sound of giant waves thundering below, I decide I could not be in better company. For I am meeting the crew of **Bigbury Coastguard Rescue Team** in South Devon, and if anyone is qualified to be out in those conditions, it's this group of people.

But these are not full-time employees of the **Maritime and Coastguard Agency**, they are volunteers who give up their time to keep our coastal areas safe. Responsibilities include rescuing people and animals from cliffs or distressed boats, searching for missing persons and providing rapid response and communications in conjunction with emergency services, lifeboats and helicopter rescue teams.

It seems that farmers make up the backbone of the 362 rescue teams and 3,500 volunteers working around our coastline. With expert local knowledge and a can-do attitude,

farmers make up six of the 10-strong team at Bigbury, headed up by vegetable producer **Jeremy Gilbert**. Other members include agricultural contractors, sheep farmers, an oyster farmer and, until recently, John Tucker, a mixed farmer with 49 years' service as a coastguard.

Recently retired from the service, John has been involved for as long as he can remember. A farmer's son from East Prawle, he and his four brothers followed in their father's footsteps and signed up to the coastguard team as soon as they could.

*"My father and grandfather would haul the equipment to the site using a horse and cart – I have vivid memories of the spare cart wheels lying around – six foot high so it could go into the sea. In the 1950s my friend John and I would ride on the tractor and trailer with our fathers to the training sessions. There were 20 members, split into four teams."*

Each team had its own job, setting up a

tripod and rope pulley system, ready to fire across to the training ship's mast and ferry people or equipment back and forth in a lifebelt called a breeches buoy.

*"We would watch them set up at speed and get ready to fire the rocket – it was very exciting. We would run out for a ride in the breeches buoy – that was a real highlight."*

Officially only allowed to join at the age of 18, John signed up at 17. *"Everyone joined up – if you're in a close-knit community you all join up when you come of age. We'd been to practice sessions so many times we hardly needed training – we knew the drills inside out, and in the first year I joined we won the cup for the quickest and best team in the South West."*

*"My parents didn't have a car when I was young, so we were quite marooned in respect of our social lives. But we knew the cliffs inside out, so would know where to go courting with girls. The first time I went to Burgh Island I was taking a girl home at 2am – we had to wait for the tide to go out."*

Back then a maroon, or loud rocket flare, would signal any emergency, and the team would scramble to the rescue station. In the case of a shipwreck, they would erect a tripod and rope system, fire a rocket to the ship's mast to take over whip ropes and a hawser to ferry the breeches buoy across to the ship. This could then be used to carry people or equipment back to land – similar to a zip wire or relay system today.

When not busy with the coastguards, John and his brothers worked on the family farm growing sheep, beef, cereals, potatoes and cauliflowers. The farm expanded year-on-year to cater for the growing families.

*"We had many fields which were right beside the sea, and that made them great for growing cauliflowers as there was less risk of frost due to the salt air,"* he says. As the cauliflower enterprise

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## CREWS THAT KEEP US CRUISING

grew, the brothers started delivering to markets as far afield as Oxford, earning sufficient profits to reinvest in the business.

In 1970 John married his wife **Jane**, after meeting her at the Young Farmers' Club Christmas party, and moved away to farm at nearby Chillington. *"Exactly 12 months before the Penlee lifeboat disaster, a china clay boat ran aground in a Force 11 gale. We couldn't get the lines over to her, and the Penlee's sister lifeboat got the lines caught in her propeller and had to be cut free. A helicopter came out and, while it was hovering, a wave hit the boat and went straight up into the engine. It coughed and nearly stopped, then caught again. There were four or five people on the boat and it got them all off. The boat wasn't there the next day and we were all thanking our lucky stars."*

The family moved to Mount Folly Farm, Bigbury-on-Sea, in 1983, and steadily expanded it over the years to its current 650 acres with cereals, sheep, beef, camping, car parking and self-catering cottages. *"We stopped growing potatoes and cauliflowers in the late 1990s when supermarkets took over from the nation's corner shops."*

Jane and John's daughter **Cathy** does all the paperwork and administration, leaving John to run the farm alongside his coastguard duties. *"When they increased the number of practices from four a year to 10, my brothers came out of it, because they weren't going to leave a field of hay to attend a practice. But if the maroon goes off you just drop everything and go – it has to come first."*

The team attends about 20-30 call-outs a year, rescuing people and animals from cliff faces, tourists with broken ankles and wind-surfers stuck on the rocks.

*"It's very different at Bigbury – at East Prawle there were lots of container ships running aground – here it's more about small yachts and land rescues because of the holidaymakers. I'd never done a cliff rescue until I came here. A lot has changed over the years – we don't fire the rockets any more, radio communications are brilliant and we have proper protective clothing and safety gear."*

Even though he is now officially retired, John still has binoculars set up looking

across the estuary, and he has seen his share of tragedies. Through those binoculars he once witnessed a small boat going out in rough conditions, which capsized.

*"I called the Hope Cove lifeboat but it was too late, and two men drowned. Another time, two girls fell off the cliff at Burgh Island after a party – we got them away but one must have been brain damaged and didn't survive. In 1991 four girls went to the pub and only three came back – the fourth fell off the cliff leaning into the wind. You do get affected by that – every time I go fishing in that spot I have a thought about that girl – she would have a family by now. It takes a long time to get over anything like that."*



Photo credit: Farmers Weekly - Jan 2012  
John Tucker's Queen's Jubilee and Long Service Medals

However, John has also saved hundreds of lives and received the **Queen's Jubilee and Long Service medals**. *"Doing a good job is a highlight – we're not in it for the glory. When you complete a rescue, you feel as if you've done some good. I never get cross with people – the people we rescue are not foolish, they have just made a mistake. I would urge other people to join up for the training, the job satisfaction and to save lives. When a farmer saves a lamb or a calf it feels good, and this is the same. As farmers we don't stand back – we just jump in and help."*

**Olivia Cooper**



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John Tucker - sheep farmer



John and his tractor rescue many cars every year from the rising tide

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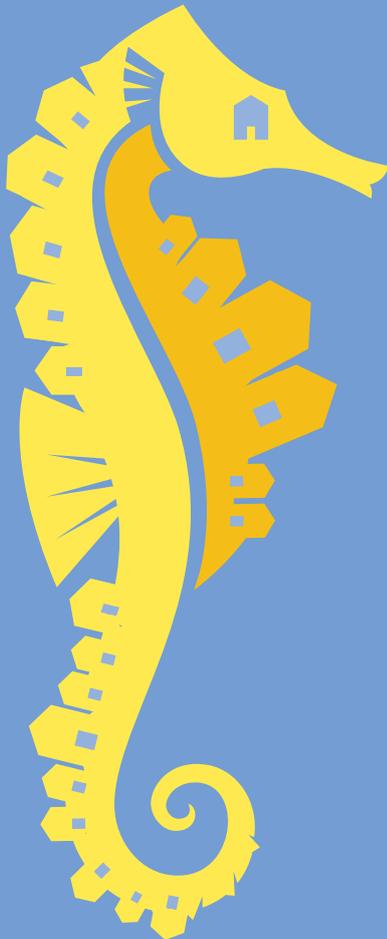
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## BIGBURY STORIES

I read with interest & amusement David Ellis memoirs and in particular the run-away bulldozer.

This caused me to recall that when I was old enough to explore the woods of Combe and Challons Combe, I came across the armour plated shell & the tracks of a WW2 Bren Gun Carrier. It appeared to have run away, down over the very steep field below St Ann's Chapel and into a bog. The engine had been removed along with the rear superstructure.

I salvaged the long fuel tank and dragged it all the way back to Combe. My intention was to cut the top off and use it as a canoe, but that was not a success.

It was for many years used as a cattle feeding trough. I wonder if anyone can recall just how it got there?

Many years later, a man from Plymouth managed to remove it for his own enthusiasm for all things military. I just wonder if George Cocker had anything to do with the running away?

Noel Thornton



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Last month I noticed a group of people in the carpark at Modbury listening to a guide, who happened to be a Bigbury parishioner. When we next met, I asked her what was happening and discovered a 'Walk and Talk' scheme promoted by Modbury Health Clinic. It is really aimed at people who are generally less mobile but it is open to anyone. It seemed a nice thing to do and Dawn Trower put me in touch with Sue Rogers, one of the organisers. Sue sent me the following information.

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- help you achieve better mobility
- help you make new friends and get to know your local area

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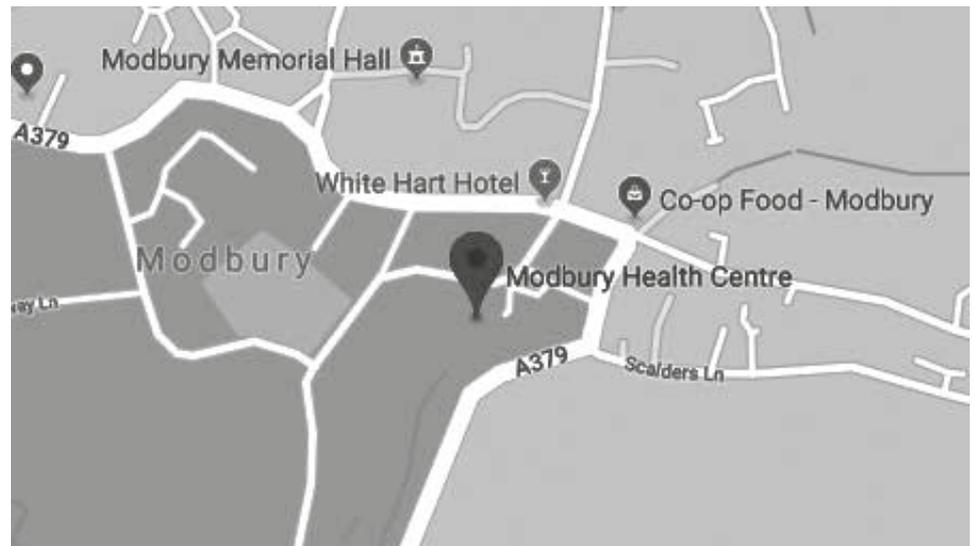
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**Sue Rogers**

*Modbury Walk & Talk Leader*



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**Louise Wainwright**

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Photo below: Walk and Talk group out on a blustery day (courtesy Sue Rogers)



### LATEST NEWS

Congratulations to the Team who put together the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan and developed the Affordable Housing Proposal.

They have put in many long months to research, plan, devise and review this scheme. They have held public meetings and done a lot to seek the views of local people. Thank you for all this hard work.

We have all had the opportunity to find out what has been proposed and to make our views known. Bigbury News, Bigbury Drums, The Community website and Charterlands Chatter have all done their best to inform parishioners of the process and outcomes.

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE May 2019

MINUTES BIGBURY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING MON 29th APRIL

PRESENT: **Cllr Valerie Scott** (Chairman), **Cllr Bryan Carson**, **Cllr E Huntley**, **Jean Wright**, **Jill Gubbins**, **Simon Bronstein** and **Jo Simes**.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from **Karen Lawrence**.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the last meeting held on 1st April 2019 were circulated to all present and these were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING: All matters arising were covered by other items on the agenda.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME: Valerie Scott advised that the planning application was still due to be considered at the on 22 May Development Management Committee. She said that the detailing of the road surface was still under discussion.

A revised layout plan was circulated.

The **Hext family**, **Bryan Carson** and **Valerie Scott** had been to look at a couple of houses designed by **Andrew Kirby**, one near Ilsington on Dartmoor and one at Blagdon. These were both Passiv Haus designed with the one at Ilsington being very contemporary in design and the other being more like a timber barn. Bryan and Valerie had both liked the Ilsington dwelling but not the one at Blagdon. However the Hext family were concerned about the weathering of the timber cladding and had since decided to change the cladding on the bungalow, unit 4 in the affordable housing scheme from timber, stone and render to just stone and render. They might also want to change the cladding of Unit 1 which will be the agricultural dwelling but this could be done as a minor amendment in due course if necessary.

A paved surface was preferred but the Architect was to send details of the proposed treatment to WO for her further comments. It would however have to be impermeable to be adopted by Devon CC Highways.

It was proposed to clear a pathway and the vegetation around the Holy Well to see the condition of the well and to decide whether there is a need to do anything further. Valerie Scott. It would seem unreasonable to expect SHDC to pay for the refurbishment of the well as it was not part of the scheme and not under their ownership. However this was something which the Parish Council might want to contribute to in due course having regard its interest and importance to the parish.

Devon CC had originally asked for 12 month monitoring of the ground water but we have now been advised that monitoring up to May 2019 only might be sufficient.

There have been no objections to the scheme from any local residents. The objection on planning grounds of **Mr Lesley Pengelly** have been addressed with a revised Planning Statement prepared by Valerie Scott now sent to SHDC.

COMMENTS FOLLOWING REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: Prior to the meeting the comments following the Reg 14 Consultation and responses to these comments were circulated. A discussion was held about the proposed amendments to the policies. It was agreed that for Policy BP5: Housing for the elderly there should be no exception clause added following the objection from **Cllr Cathy Case** who had stated that a development of this type was unlikely to be achieved unless it was built outside of the settlement boundaries. It was agreed that under Policy BP6: Residential care homes and nursing homes, there should be a 12 month marketing test relating to the loss of a care home and again no exception clause for the siting of any new care or nursing homes in places outside settlement boundaries or on a previously developed site. However it was agreed that in response to objections by Cllr Cathy Case an exception clause could be added to Policy BP9: Agricultural Development to allow agricultural buildings to be located away from farmsteads if very special reasons can be provided. The other minor amendments were agreed.

The next stage was for Karen to prepare a revised plan with the amendments as discussed included and to aim for submission under Regulation 15 by early June.

**Valerie Scott** said that she would update the responses to the consultations and send to the Parish Council for their approval at the meeting on 8th May 2019.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: no other business was raised.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting to be held at Glen Cottage was arranged for **Monday, 3rd June at 2.30pm**.

Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan Policies Vision

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### Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan Policies

#### Vision

*'To conserve and enhance the unique and special character of our rural and coastal community retaining its heritage significance and its outstanding natural beauty, whilst considering sensitive enhancements for the benefit of residents and visitors'*

#### Objectives

- To conserve and enhance the outstanding natural beauty of the countryside, coastline, beaches and the Avon estuary.
- To conserve and enhance the designated and non-designated 1 heritage assets within the parish.
- To conserve and enhance existing woodlands, trees, hedgerows, Devon banks, green spaces and other important features of our natural landscape which are important to the overall environment and have important biodiversity value.
- To support the agricultural economy of the parish and to encourage environment friendly farming methods which support biodiversity and which retain existing field boundaries and hedgerows
- To conserve and enhance the biodiversity value of the area and to protect and enhance the Green Infrastructure of the parish.
- To restrict new housing development to that which is essential to meeting local needs and only on sites within the existing village settlement boundaries or on the allocated site at St Ann's Chapel.
- To maintain the vitality and viability of existing villages within the parish by retaining existing and encouraging new community facilities.
- To promote a healthy and socially inclusive community by maintaining and enhancing our open space, recreation, leisure and sporting facilities.
- To retain existing and provide new tourist facilities, if appropriate, ensuring that any new facilities are provided in a manner which preserves the beauty and unspoilt nature of the countryside, the coastline and the beaches.
- To retain existing employment uses and to provide new facilities for local employment, providing this does not cause harm to the AONB and is in a sustainable location.
- Any development should be of high quality and sympathetic to the character of the local area.
- To retain the existing network of local roads and footpaths and encourage the provision of new footpaths, bridleways and cycle ways to provide better access to the countryside and increased safety for pedestrians, cyclists and horseriders.
- To seek opportunities for improving infrastructure to make the parish more sustainable.

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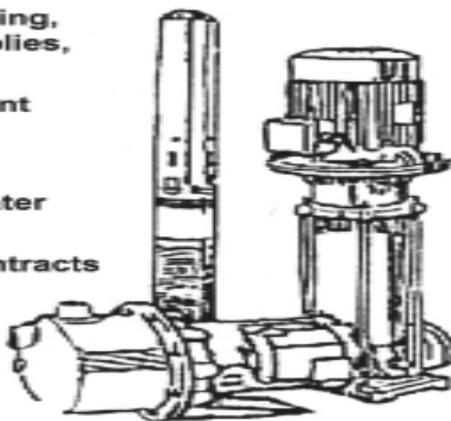
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The marathon involves 2 estuary crossings, one at Burgh Island and the final one racing The Tide at 19.9 miles. over the Erme Estuary before finishing at Mothecombe.

This is the 4th year of the races and the new date is Sunday 10th May 2020. Start time 11:20am. Entries now open - see website for details.

The 15.5 mile half-marathon involves racing the tide at the Erme Estuary 8 miles into the race. Start time 2:20pm.

The 8.5 mile race is within the private Estate on beautiful woodland trails but still races The Tide at mile 8. Start time 2:20pm.

**Louise Wainwright**



Thanks to **Beth Huntley** for sending in this definitive map from SHDC defining the area on the causeway between Bigbury on Sea and Burgh Island - where dogs are not allowed 24/7



Louise - you might like this map for the BB page. It identifies the (shaded) area where dogs are NOT allowed on the beach 24/7 from 01 May until September.

A plethora of previous notices was deemed to be confusing so this is the definitive SHDC answer.

**Beth Huntley**

## THE WAVE PROJECT

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## BEACH BANTER



Giles Fuchs, co-owner Burgh Island, features on the front cover of Boutique Hotelier in May.

[www.boutiquehotelier.com](http://www.boutiquehotelier.com)

**BURGH ISLAND  
RECRUITING STAFF**



Following recent articles and photos of the Burgh Island Tractor and its supposed 50th Birthday, I attach photos from the **Ringmore Historical Society** archive of the tractor dating from 1949 (below) 70 years ago. and its eventual demise. (photo in archive, not published here)

These and many more photos of Bigbury, (1300), Challaborough and Ringmore may be accessed on line at:

[www.ringmore-historical-society.co.uk](http://www.ringmore-historical-society.co.uk), [reproduction by permission of the society for local use and knowledge but not for commercial use. Copyright retained]

The island also used a "Terrapin" amphibious vehicle for a time (bottom right photo below)

**Richard Baker**  
*Ringmore History Society*



## DISCOVERY SURF

Early season has been glorious in Bigbury on-Sea, and having had a super busy Easter weekend the momentum has continued into May. As I write this we are busy preparing for what promises to be another busy school holiday - we've had deliveries of new kit throughout the month, with new boards/wetsuits/paddleboards/bodyboards in the mix and ready for the season ahead. We've also got a range of new hoodies, as well as hats and beanies - something for all weather!

The shop at Bigbury is now open every-day for the rest of the season - so if you're keen to get out on the water yourself, be it

on a surfboard or paddleboard come and visit and we can sort you out. Our shop at Challaborough is open for the duration of Half Term and then again early July.

We have already hosted numerous groups and individuals for surfing and SUP lessons, and we've had some great conditions, and now the water is warming up too. Surf Club has been as popular as ever, and membership for this year is now full! It's wonderful to see so many keen children out there perfecting their surfing skills and having lots of fun at the same time. Our surfing with **The Wave Project** is going from strength to strength, and it's

wonderful to see so many children getting an opportunity to surf. The volunteers have worked so well with our instructors to provide amazing sessions.

As ever, we document a lot of our activities via our social media, so if you haven't already, give us a Like on Facebook and a follow on Instagram and stay up to date with the action.

**Annika & Martin Connolly**  
*Discovery Surf*

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## Bigbury Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report 2019

Whilst the intention is for this just to be the usual annual report, I'm sure that you all know that it will be my last report as chairman. Therefore, I would like to begin by saying a very big thank you to all my fellow councilors for all their help and hard work, not just for this last year, but also for the four years of this term of office.

I am very pleased to say that the Neighbourhood Plan has progressed well this year under the expert leadership of Val Scott, who I am delighted has become a member of the Parish Council. The Plan is nearing completion and will be submitted to SHDC for final consultations in the near future. Part of the plan is the affordable housing scheme at St Ann's Chapel, which is now awaiting approval from the planning department, and hopefully work will commence in the autumn. It is important that local people who are interested in these houses be sure to apply as soon as possible. I would like to thank all the members of the NP committee for their dedication and hard work.

We have had a change of ownership at Burgh Island which has been very good news for the community. We are now welcome on the island, and we all need to get back into the habit of supporting this unique local business as much as we can – I used to be a very frequent visitor myself, and have very fond memories of enjoying the facilities of the Pilchard Inn which has now had new kitchens fitted and does an excellent range of food. Added to that, the owners of Burgh Island also acquired the Bay Café, which we are assured will be reopened in the near future. At this juncture, I should mention that we owe huge thanks to Beth, who in her role as District Councillor worked so hard to ensure that the plan to build four houses on the site was overturned, which enabled the café to continue as a community amenity.

Last summer, our local shop changed hands, and we are pleased to welcome Jaz and Jaswinder to Bigbury. We wish them all the very best for a successful and happy tenure at the shop, and hope that they are now feeling settled in the parish. At the same time, on behalf of the parish I would like to thank Dane and Hilary for their many years of hard work to enlarge and create such a community friendly business. I am sure that we are all delighted that they still like us enough to decide to retire here.

We are sorry that the Korniloff has now closed as a residential home at Bigbury on Sea. Like our other businesses, it was part of the community, not least because of the

monthly charity coffee mornings that were held there. Recently these coffee mornings have moved to the Memorial Hall, and have been very successful so far. I would like to congratulate Jean and Yvonne for all their efforts in supporting such worthwhile causes.

Whilst on the subject of the Memorial Hall I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work, both in looking after the building and in laying on such a wide variety of entertainment and events for the community. Also thanks to all those who hold regular classes and activities here.

I am very pleased with the continued success of Bigbury News, run by Louise, which must be one of the best parish magazines in the area. Recently Louise has introduced Bigbury Drums, a linked email newsfeed which gives up to date information about all sorts of local events. You will find details of how to be part of it in the magazine if you are not already signed up. On the subject of local communications, we are also very grateful to Stuart for his years of excellent work on the community website.

I would like to finish by thanking all the parish councilors, Beth, Sharon, Cathy, Val, George, and also Hannah for all their support whilst I have been chairman, and to wish the new parish council and chairperson every success for the future.

**Bryan Carson**

*Retiring BPC Chairman*

## Bigbury Annual Parish Meeting 08/05/19 Police Report

Bigbury (Kingsbridge West) continues to be Policed by PC Ryan Hayhurst under the supervision of Inspector Tapley and Sergeant Dave Green. PCSO Warren Palmer has now retired.

In the last 12 months 16 crimes have been recorded in the parish, out of a total of 853 for the whole of Kingsbridge and Salcombe areas. This is against 10 for the same period in the previous year 2017/2018 in Bigbury.

Of the 16 crimes recorded in the last 12 months between 24/04/18 – 08/05/19, the breakdown is as follows:

Assaults 3  
Outraging Public Decency 1  
Criminal Damage 2  
Theft offences 2  
Possession of Class B drug 1  
Offence relating to Dogs 1  
Burglary 4 (Garage/RNLI hut/Caravan/Dwelling)  
Harassment 1\*

## NHP POLICIES

The Neighbourhood Planning Committee advise us that the comments made to the Plan and proposed amendments to the Plan, as agreed by the Parish Council on 8 May 2019, are now available on the community website:

[www.bigburycommunity.co.uk/groups/neighbourhood-plan/documents](http://www.bigburycommunity.co.uk/groups/neighbourhood-plan/documents)

As a summary, below is a list of the headings covered by the policies.

Policy BP1 – Housing Allocation  
Policy BP2 – Other housing development  
Policy BP3 – Subdivision of existing plots  
Policy BP4 – Principal residence  
Policy BP5 – Housing for the elderly  
Policy BP6 – Residential care and nursing homes for the elderly  
Policy BP7 – General design principles for new development  
Policy BP8 – Existing and proposed employment  
Policy BP9 – Agricultural development existing farm unit.  
Policy BP10 – Conversion of Farm and Rural Buildings for Residential Purposes  
Policy BP11 – Tourism related development  
Policy BP12 – Catered holiday accommodation  
Policy BP13 – Camping and caravan sites  
Policy BP14 – Community facilities  
Policy BP15 – Local Green Spaces  
Policy BP16 – Open spaces and recreation  
Policy BP17 – Footpaths and cycle tracks  
Policy BP18 – Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty  
Policy BP20 – Woodlands, trees, hedgerows and Devon hedgebanks  
Policy BP21 – Wildlife sites and biodiversity  
Policy BP22 – Coastline, beaches and the Avon estuary  
Policy BP23 – Views and vistas  
Policy BP24 – Built heritage  
Policy BP25 – Transport and highways  
Policy BP26 – Car parks  
Policy BP27 - Air Ambulance Night Landing  
Policy BP28 – Parking provision more bedrooms.on the type of use and location of the site.  
Policy BP29 - Connectivity

Offence relating to the Communications Act 1\*  
\*Linked

(These figures do not include recorded non crime domestic incidents, traffic offences and safeguarding enquiries including identifying vulnerable persons within the community and signposting them to the relevant agencies).

**PC 6486 Ryan Hayhurst**  
Kingsbridge Neighbourhood Team.

## **BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Annual meeting of Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 8th May 2019 at 7:30pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs: B Carson, V Scott, E Huntley, S Smith, C Case, G Rosevear, S Pratt-Edwards, S Watts and Clerk R Matthews. D. Cllr. Taylor was also in attendance along with twenty five residents.

**1.0 Appointment of Chair for forthcoming term of office** Cllr. Carson opened the session and welcomed all present to the Annual Parish Council Meeting. He advised that only one nomination paper had been received by the Clerk for the office of Chair and as a result Cllr. Huntley would be appointed to this position for the forthcoming term of office. He offered his congratulations to Cllr. Huntley and thanked her for past contributions to the community as both a District and Parish Councillor.

Having appointed Cllr. Huntley as Chair, Mr. Carson stood down from the Parish Council seating area and all further participation from him was as a member of the public.

**2.0 Declaration of Appointment to office - Chair** Cllr. Huntley read and signed the declaration of office which was duly witnessed by the Clerk. Cllr. Huntley took this opportunity to thank Cllr. Carson for his thirty plus years of service to the community and paid tribute to his dedication adding the number of residents present at this meeting was a reflection of this.

Cllr. Case provided a more formal overview of Cllr. Carson's contribution and presented him and his wife Angie with gifts as tokens of thanks from the Parish Council members.

Cllr. Carson thanked all for the kind words and gifts, stating he had enjoyed his time serving as a District and Parish Councillor and was hoping to attend some future meetings and was always available to offer advice if requested.

**3.0 Apologies for absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from C. Cllr. Gilbert

**4.0 Declaration of Appointment to office – Councillors**

All Councillors signed the declaration of office documents which were duly witnessed by the Chair. Clerk advised the full and updated list of Councillors and contact details would be published in the near future. Action Clerk

Cllr. Huntley also took the opportunity to introduce the new District Councillor – D. Cllr. Bernard Taylor and the Clerk advised that both D. Cllr. B Taylor and C. Cllr. R Gilbert would be invited to all future meetings.

At the request of Cllr. Huntley each Councillor gave a brief overview of their background. This was important as there were two new Councillors serving for this term of office and there were many people in the audience who attend these meeting infrequently.

**5.0 Annual Police report**  
PC Ryan Hayhurst gave an update on policing in the community over the past year and answered questions raised. Details given by PC Hayhurst (**page 29**)

**6.0 Appointment of Vice Chair for the forthcoming period of office**  
Cllr. Huntley asked all Councillors if they wished to be considered for the office of Vice Chair. Cllr. Rosevear stated he was prepared to serve in this role again and no further such offers were received. Cllr. Smith seconded this proposal which was agreed by all Councillors.

**7.0 Appointment of Councillors to local Committees**  
The following appointments were discussed and representatives agreed: Bigbury Memorial Hall (Cllr. C Case) Devon Playing Fields Association (Cllr. C Case) CPRE (currently Cllr. G. Rosevear) DALC (currently Cllr. G. Rosevear)

**8.0 Councillor registration requirements**  
SHDC Clerk reminded Councillors of their obligation to complete both the Register of Interest and register of election expenses within 28 days of the election (May 2nd) SHDC hold these records. Clerk to provide Councillors with the link to SHDC systems. Action Clerk

**9.0 Annual general report – Mr B Carson**  
Mr Carson provided an overview of the past year's Parish Council activity – ( see **page 29**)

The meeting closed at 08:20 pm.

## **BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **- meeting minutes**

### **8th May 2019 at Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel**

PRESENT: Cllrs: E Huntley, V Scott, D Rosevear, S Smith, C Case, S Watts, S Edwards-Pratt and Clerk R Matthews. D. Cllr. Taylor was also in attendance along with twenty five residents.

**1.0 Declaration of Interest**  
Cllr. Watts declared an interest in the History Society topic (covered in finance section)

**2.0 Apologies for absence:**  
Apologies were received from C. Cllr. Gilbert

**3.0 Minutes of previous meetings held on April 10th 2019** Cllr. Huntley proposed the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of this meeting. Cllr. Scott seconded the proposal and all Councillors present at that meeting voted unanimously to accept the minutes, which were duly signed by the Chair.

**4.0 Open session**  
The Chair asked that this section be moved up the agenda.

**Louise Wainwright** advised that a visit had been organised to the **Waste for Energy centre in Plymouth on May 28th** at 10:30am. There were twenty places available and anyone interested in joining this trip should contact her directly.

**John Simes** raised the **Parkdean Holiday Park planning application** – to extend their opening by three days at New Year. Although this is partly situated in Bigbury Parish, the application documentation is historically dealt with by Ringmore Parish. John stated that the Park is an essential part of our community and is a significant contributor to the local economy. As such he feels that the Council and residents should take a positive view on the proposal.

**Norman Botton** advised a walk around the village would be organized for the end of the summer.

**Jill Gubbins** raised issues concerning the re-advertisement of the Southway development stating it was clearly overdeveloped with five houses now proposed as opposed to the original three. This should clearly be a new application and NOT a re-advertisement. Jill added these would all become second or holiday homes and that there were issues with draining, sewage, parking and access. Bigbury-on-Sea did not have the infra-structure to support this.

**Peter Cook** raised the ongoing topic of the poor state of the telephone boxes adding that the verges and hedges around the Ma-

## BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL - meeting minutes 8th May 2019 at Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel

rine Drive box in particular needed urgent attention. Action Clerk

**Rose Owen** raised the condition of the Warren and the damage being caused by vehicles. D. Cllr. Taylor is to review this. Action D. Cllr. Taylor

**Gina Phillips** raised question in respect of the consultation timetable and objection process for the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Scott responded and full details relating to the Neighbourhood Plan can be found both on the Bigbury Community Website and in the appendices a, b and c provided with these minutes.

5.0 Matters arising from previous meeting held on April 10th 2019

**Phone boxes** at the St Ann's Chapel and Bigbury-on-Sea 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

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

Clerk stated **new notices boards** had been delivered and were awaiting installation. Action Clerk

6.0 **Planning related topics** (applications and update)

**0999/19/HHO Hillcrest, Warren Road, Bigbury-on-Sea.** Application for a first floor balcony and timber clad studio in the garden. The Councillors had visited this site and considered it to be primarily a landscape based application of a good design. The Council unanimously support this application. Proposer Cllr. Rosevear, seconder Cllr. Case.

0953/19/HHO Clanna Cottage, Ringmore Drive, Bigbury-on-Sea. Application for a front and rear single storey extension and alterations including extended verandah and balcony. The Councillors had visited this site and noted the extension was fairly small, the terrace low, the glazing an extension of existing and there was no impact on adjacent properties. The Council unanimously support this application. Proposer Cllr. Rosevear, seconder Cllr. Scott.

**3743/18/FUL Southway, Marine Drive, Bigbury-on-Sea.** Re-advertisement of previous application with new design and layout. The Councillors consider this 're-advertisement' to be wholly unacceptable not least of which it is so far removed from the

prior application that it should have been submitted as a new application and there are far too many concerns in respect of its design. The Council unanimously object to this proposal. Proposer Cllr. Case, seconder Cllr. Rosevear.

### Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr. Scott provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and full detail of this can be viewed **page 23 & 29**

**7.0 Finance:** Approval of payments to be made and presentation of finance statement Cllr. Huntley proposed the financial statements and recommended payments presented be accepted which was seconded by Cllr. Watts and all councillors agreed. Clerk was to raise the following payments: **£803.97 Notice Board Company** (payment to be made to R Matthews who paid for the three notice boards on a personal credit card)

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Clerk showed a slide of the current cash book and bank reconciliation statement showing a balance of £29,075.63 as at April 30th 2019. Clerk showed a statement of restricted and reserved funding with a balance of £11,998.93. Clerk showed details of S106 funds held by SHDC - £162,771 for affordable housing projects and £24,194 for OSSR projects. Clerk shared the annual report from Bigbury History Society (appendix d) advising a request had been received for funding towards a lap top. It was agreed to discuss this further before allocating any funds. Action Cllr. Rosevear

### 8.0 Post box, telephone box and bench at Holywell Stores

Jas Kooner stated the post box relocation was agreed. Clerk would work with Jas in respect of the phone box and notice boards. It was agreed to defer a decision on the size and location of the bench until all surrounding work had been completed.

### 9.0 Play park update

Cllr. Case advised that consultation within the parish and the adjacent council of Aveton Gifford was ongoing. Carry topic forward to June meeting. Action Cllr. Case

10.0 Correspondence received  
The annual report from Bigbury Memorial Hall had been received and is provided with these minutes as appendix e.

Clerk advised that a BBQ was to be planned for **Sunday June 9th 2019** to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D day landings. The intention was to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. More detail is to follow.

11.0 Agenda Items for next meeting  
Communication - Bigbury News, Community website, Bigbury Drums etc.  
Report from Tree Warden / Footpath Warden  
Report from St Lawrence Church

It was also agreed to invite, over the course of the year, representative from bodies such as Bigbury Golf Club, Burgh Island, History Society etc. to the meeting  
NOTE All supporting documents are shown in full within the 'Information file' uploaded to the Bigbury Community Website (Parish Council / Meeting Minutes)  
The meeting closed at 09:35pm.

The next meeting is to be held on  
Wednesday June 12th at 7:30pm



As many of you will know I have now retired from Bigbury Parish Council after many years. I would like to say a big thank you for the lovely send off I had at the AGM, and for the very generous present, which I will thoroughly enjoy in my retirement! Angie was also delighted with her beautiful bouquet.

At the same time, I would like to say how much I have appreciated all the support I have received from so many people in the parish in my role both as Parish Councillor and during my time as District Councillor. It has been an honour to represent you, and for the majority of the time I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Of course special thanks go to all the members of the council past and present, who work so hard on your behalf. I am delighted that I am leaving the Parish Council with a full complement of dedicated and enthusiastic members. I also want to say a huge thank you to our excellent clerk Richard Matthews who took over from Pam Trundle after all her years of dedicated service. Richard has been invaluable in modernizing our council by introducing all the IT communication and presentation that has so enhanced our meetings. This has brought the parish council up to date, and has enabled us to cope easily with the new communications that are now in place at South Hams District Council, which is well on the way to becoming a paperless council.

Finally, I would like to say how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful part of the country, and I wish the Parish Council all the very best in their role of looking after it.

**Bryan**



## BIGBURY GROUP VISITS ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITY

At half term, many of us were involved with grandchildren and children, but a few of us were able to take up the opportunity to visit the **Energy from Waste Facility** at Plymouth. We were hosted by **Jane Ford** Community Liaison Manager, MVV Environment Devonport Ltd and **Lucy Mottram**, the Waste Education Officer from Devon County Council in Exeter. The achievements are incredible. We all have a part to play to make this work. There will be a full report in the July issue - with tips on how to make a difference.



## EXHIBITORS AT THE DEVON COUNTY SHOW 2019

Bigbury residents, **Juliette Jackson** and **Luke Bateman**, were exhibiting again at the Devon County Show. Marine biologist, Juliette, was sponsored to present an educational marquee about marine conservation and conservation in general. We will feature some of the experts in her exhibition in future issues. In the photo below, **Henry Wainwright** is meeting an expert, who provides free advice to anyone about how to reduce energy bills. Luke's business (**Auto Cut** and **Greenkeepers**) was featured in an earlier Bigbury News. Luke is exhibiting in 18 shows in 2019.



## BAGPUSS AND FRUITCAKE

Well, hello once again my fellow feline-fanciers! It's soon to be June, with the eye-watering prospect of leaving the European Onion. About time Teezer Maybot and Jeremy Catflap got this sorted, with a little help from the Liberal Democats leader, Vince Bagpuss and the Greengrocer Party's, Caroline Fruitcake.

My friend Bruce, a very fine Persian blue, says we should just put our paws over ears and ignore the whole shebang. Apparently, the next James Bond film is going to last 30% longer with scenes of 007's passport being more heavily scrutinised between exotic European locales. And Bruce reckons it will be a case of saying goodbye to croisants. Delicious croisants. We're going to be stuck with crumpets FOREVER!

Which brings me to a very alarming headline I saw in the Sunday Times. Seemingly all the rich people are leaving Britain because they are worried about

Jeremy Catflap stealing all their catnip. This is very distressing news for cats. WE LOVE rich people, we are their benefactors, their companions, their soulmates, their guiding lights in times of trouble... and we are also very happy to dispose of a little of their wealth on the odd indulgence. My friend Lavinia – a pure blue oriental longhair Siamese, of svelte appearance – travels everywhere, darlings, and she has a diamond studded 'Beluga' collar – just like Blofeld's Persian mouser in You Only Live Twice (Nine times for cats, of course!). How nice it must be for a rich person to have something so adorable to spend all that pesky money on!

And did you know that Siamese cats have a very important crook in the tail? The Thai Princess of Suphanburi chose her beautiful Himalayan cat to look after her gold and diamond rings – the feline would slip the rings on to her tail and developed a kink to prevent them from falling off! How clever is that!

Finally, Bruce and I were completely enchanted by **Matilda Pitt's** magical piece

My Beach, and her encounter with the spectacular and playful dolphins – those wonderful sea-jesters. Perfectly described and such drama! The Oreo milkshake sounds purrrfect. So, three purrs and a tailwhisk to Matilda. More pleeeeeease! We did wonder whether Louise and her favourite moggy Henry would fancy a writing competition in the Catbury News, with the prize of a Parker Pen - and a paw-signed photo of Yours Truly - for the winner...and a bottle of wine for the parents! Ha! Ha!

We also loved Rusty's clever and delightful version of If by that marvellous poet Mr Kipling – the one who makes the exceedingly good cakes! Thank YOU, Rusty. A special Miaow for you!

Enjoy the sun, pusspots! It's 'Love Your Cat Month'!...well, isn't it always?

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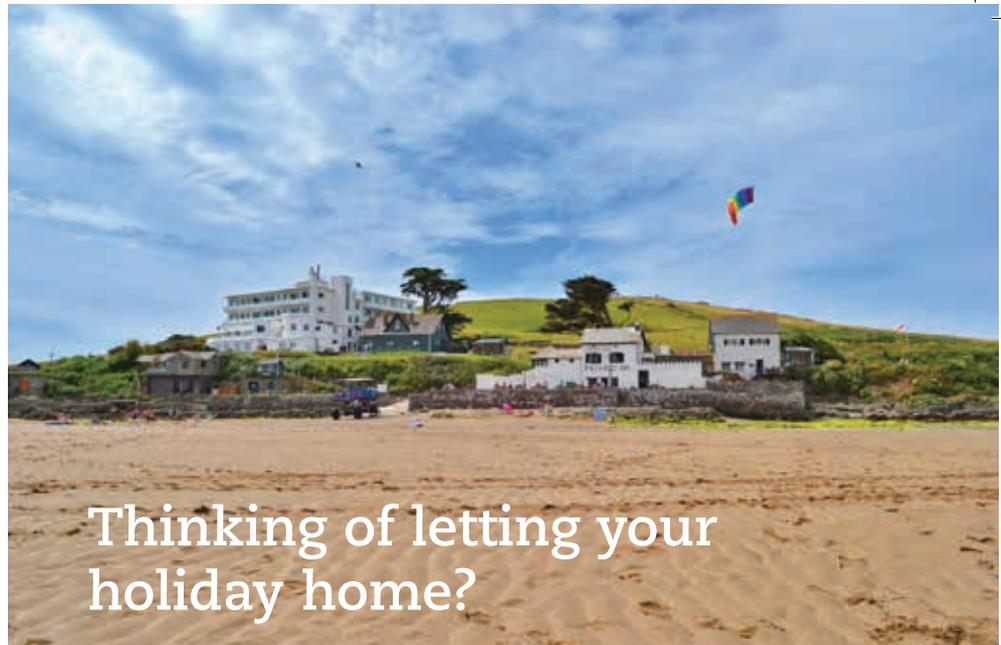
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