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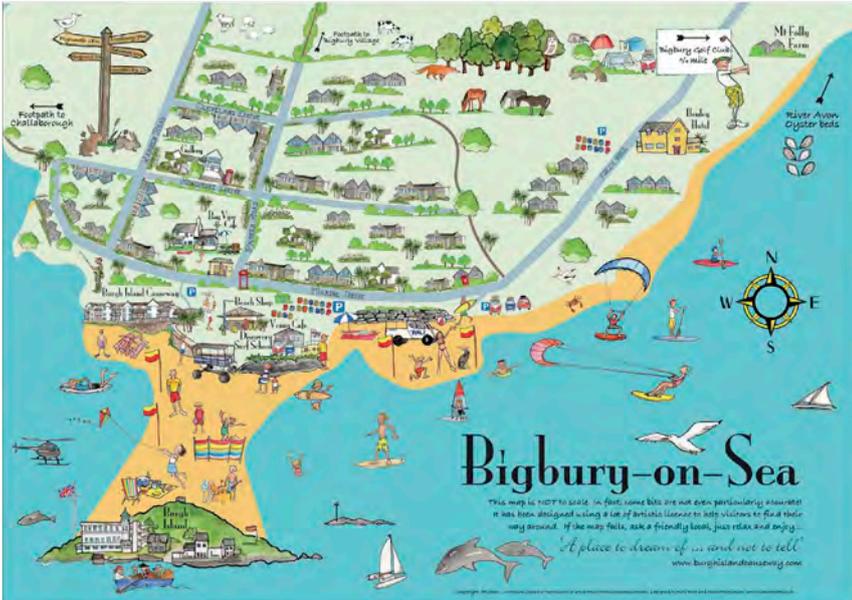
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Readers,

Holywell Stores and homes in Bigbury were decked with bunting for the Royal Wedding in May and most of us will have seen this spectacular event as it happened. Something to be cheerful about!

With some excitement, Bigbury News reports that our very own **Hannah Getley** was one of three finalists in the Venus Awards to recognise the achievements of women in business. Hannah's full story about her career and the setting up of the Beach Shop at Bigbury on Sea, will appear in a forthcoming "Keeping Bigbury Busy" feature. That is Hannah on the front cover with the crown on her head.

The new team at Burgh Island are introduced in this month's "Keeping Bigbury Busy". I hope that **Giles Fuchs** and **Duncan Gray** can achieve their ambition to make Burgh Island once more the 'best hotel west of the Ritz' and also become part of the community. We wish them well.

We have launched the new look **Beach Banter** with sponsorship from Burgh Island, and Venus Cafe. More sponsors welcome. I will interview the local beach businesses every month to find out what is happening. The beach, sea and river are very much part of our lives and dreams - even if we don't have the energy to swim, skim or dive in. If you have any fishing trips or surfing stories to share - please get in touch with the Editor and we will weave it into Beach Banter.

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Two of our parishioners had exhibitions at the Devon County Show in May. For Easton resident, **Luke Bateman**, this is the 6th time he has exhibited at the County Show. More about his lawn care business in a future 'Keeping Bigbury Busy' feature. **Juliette Jackson** from St Ann's Chapel is a self-employed marine biologist and she too will soon reveal what her business involves in Keeping Bigbury Busy.

I have enlisted the help of Juliette who has kindly offered to help me with the Bugs Life BBQ on Saturday 30th June. Juliette has two microscopes linked to large TV screens so you can see the live bugs close up and amazing! Biobest UK Ltd and Agralan have kindly sponsored the event by providing bug samples for us to view. You can order some of these bugs on the day for your garden. All profits will go to Bigbury News production costs and any surplus will be shared with local charities at the end of the year I hope you will all come. Free entry but please stay and pay for your BBQ lunch. I need six energetic volunteers to help with the BBQ and as kitchen warriors. Please get in touch.

Louise Wainwright

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POST BAG

Bowls Cross to St Lawrence Church

When we moved to Easton, about ten years ago, we walked to Ashley's shop in Bigbury on most days to fetch a morning paper.

In Spring, we were bowled over (no pun intended) by the wild flowers -- and among them, just before St Lawrence, was a single common purple orchid. About four years ago the Council saw fit for the flowers to be cut back, including the orchid. And the beauty of our walk was diminished.

This year, to our amazement and joy, the orchid flowered again, having survived the Council's cutting. And now a vandal/thief has dug up the whole plant leaving only earth -- a memorial to a beautiful wild flower.

Lucinda Ellis

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Whilst I was waiting in the art deco sun lounge for the new owners of Burgh Island to join me after their breakfast, I glanced through the cocktail list. The descriptions made me smile, as intended. **Boudoir Bombshell:** when she was good she was very, very good – the tippie of a goddess. **Miss Margaret:** our frightfully proper margarita, served straight laced – with or without a salt rim. I wondered what the cocktail list would have been like in the hotel's heyday back in the 1930's and 1950's when **Agatha Christie** is said to have made it her second home and **Noel Coward** stayed there 'to meet the right people'. **Edward Prince of Wales** and **Wallis Simpson** reputedly came to this island sanctuary to escape the attentions of the press.

I reviewed my notes, which included the press release from the new owners, **Giles Fuchs** and **Duncan Gray**. The island is one of our most well-known businesses in Bigbury and I had come to find out how they intended to "Keep Bigbury Busy". Giles had written in their press release that his ambition was to initiate a renaissance for Burgh Island so that "*Once again, the Burgh Island Hotel will be known, as it was in the fifties as the best hotel west of the Ritz*".

Giles joined me first and shared the reasons why he had invested in the Burgh Island venture. "*First and foremost,*" he said, "*I fell in love with the island and wanted to make it our family getaway.*" Giles and his wife visited Burgh Island as incognito guests as soon as the investment opportunity was beginning to come together under the direction of co-investor, **Duncan Gray**. Giles's wife knew the coastline well from childhood holidays here. "*Secondly, the investment complimented our existing high-end, serviced office business. Our clients from Office Space in Town would, like the elite luminaries of the 1930s, enjoy the tranquillity afforded by an island getaway. Thirdly, a 24-acre island with an iconic art deco hotel, is a good investment opportunity. We are developing a refurbishment programme that will evolve over the next two years to bring the facilities up to the standards expected by clients wanting a luxury island experience*". Giles looked me in the eye and said, "*I can't believe we now own Burgh Island. I feel more like a custodian than the owner.*"

By now Duncan had also joined us and it very quickly became clear that Duncan too had a sense of the importance of balancing the roles of the custodian and investor. As they revealed their plans I recognised that they had a refreshingly positive attitude towards local business opportunities and the importance of becoming part of the local community. The tides would gently dictate

the presence of other beachside holiday makers and local residents, allowing the hotel guests the isolation they sought from Burgh Island when the tide came in.

Both bars at the Pilchard Inn, which proclaims it existed in 1336, would, with immediate effect, be open to everyone. Previously the top bar had been for the exclusive use of hotel guests.

Duncan would personally be overseeing the refurbishment and development plans which included re-opening the café on the sea terrace below the Pilchard, developing a luxury spa in part of the existing building whilst upgrading and refurbishing the services and structure of the hotel within the constraints of a Grade II listed building. The shoreline of the secluded Mermaid Pool would be lined with sand for non-mermaids to recline upon. This sea water bathing pool was created by sluice gate built in WWII which is also in need of renovation.

One thing Duncan firmly does not have on his list is the avant-garde, award winning, pool house suite, which would have bridged the gap between the island and a sea stack in Mermaid Pool.

The anticipated increase in both local and foreign tourists at the Pilchard and the Hotel will require a larger team to service their varied needs. "*We estimate that we will need about 14 new members of staff and hope that we will be able to recruit locally*" explained Duncan. The hotel operations will be overseen by a specialist company, Inn-Telligence, headed up by **Penny Brown** with regular site visits by Sales & Marketing executive, **Diana Dzhiganshina**. This arrangement will allow Duncan and Giles to concentrate on the vision and character of the investments.

Black tie dining, live music and cocktails in the Palm Court in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Perhaps it will soon be "*The best hotel west of the Ritz!*"

Louise Wainwright

**COPY DATE for July issue
is June 21st
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to help the Editor**

We are hosting the South West Outdoor Festival (SWOF) on the 5-7 October at East Soar near Salcombe. It is a weekend-long festival of outdoor activity and entertainment: trail running, cycling, multisport, small-group guided pursuits (walking, kayaking, coastering, open-water swimming) and individual challenges (climbing, axe throwing, archery), right through to more relaxing alfresco experiences, such as stargazing, wild-food foraging, campfire cooking, bush-craft and much more.

Come and enjoy top-quality local produce, food and drink, from locally brewed beer to delicious dairy delights. Entertainment includes inspirational talks by explorers, authors, nature experts and outdoor ambassadors, plus adventure films, campfire storytelling sessions and live music. SWOF attracts campers and day visitors from across the country

SWOF is organised by the National Trust in partnership with Cotswold Outdoor and supported by the South West Coast Path Association (SWCPA), Ordnance Survey, the South Devon AONB and Devon Wildlife Trust. There will be a range of pursuits to suit every age group and level of fitness. Early-bird tickets from website discounted (20%) until 4 June.

Volunteers needed to help at the festival for 2 shifts (each shift is 4 hours) over the festival period to qualify for a free ticket - see website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/SWOF Follow @NTSWOF on Facebook and Twitter for updates.

Other events coming soon
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events

Sunday 10th June, 11am – 2pm – Open Farm – Scobbiscombe Farm, Kingston. Farm animals, farm trail, craft and colouring activities with the Rangers, pond dipping and more! Bring a picnic, dogs on leads welcome
16th & 17th June, 11am – 5pm – The Rock, Watersports Weekend – South Milton Sands. Stand up paddle boarding, sit on top kayaking, windsurfing, mono fin swimming sessions, tutored SUP taster sessions, beach yoga and SUP yoga, snorkelling and more. Beginner's sessions and activities for the more experienced. Rock-pooling sessions, children's activities, beach games and stands on the beach to enjoy. Some activities have a charge between £3 - £7, please bring cash we can't take card payments. Refreshments at the Beachhouse Café and BBQ on the beach with Holsome Park Quality meats. **Lorna Sherriff**
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TAKE A WALK on the WILD SIDE

Trish Bagley and Normon Botton, our Footpath Wardens, have another wonderful walk on the wild side to offer you.

Starting off at the Tidal Road car park, this walk takes us up past Doctors Wood towards Bigbury Court, then across to Easton, back down to Dukes Mill to return to the Tidal road. It will take about one and a half hours and covers footpaths 3,4,13 and 1 with some side road walking.

Photo 1. Cross road to footpath 3 having parked in Tidal Road lay-by near St Milburg's Oratory (map ref 683468)

Photo 2. After a few yards climb up steps and cross the stile to join footpath across fields above the river Avon.

Photo 3. Take a breather to admire the view of Stadbury Wood from the second metal gate. Then cross the field to hug hedge on the right and look for next gate in top corner. Keep dogs on lead if there is livestock in the fields.

Photo 4. Head through gate and be prepared to turn immediately left to follow path through the top of Doctor's Wood.

Photo 5. At end of wood head straight and aim to go up over the open field to the road. More fine views of both river and the moors.

Photo 6. Just before the road turn right on to new footpath and hugging the hedge behind Bigbury Green head around the field to Bigbury Court. Now turn right on the side road. An easy way is to keep aiming for the spire of St Lawrence church. This is worth a stop to admire inside the building the brass rubbings, lectern, stained glass and even the old stocks.

Photo 7. Bowls Cross marks the end of the side road, then cross the road to find the next footpath which takes you across the field, then turn right down the road through Easton.

Photo 8. At the bottom of the hill turn right before the bridge on to the track at the old Dukes Mill, once the traditional place for basket weaving in the village.

Photo 9. Walk 1/4 mile on track before turning left on to the path **through the woods**.

Photo 10. You soon reach the end of the walk where you have to negotiate the stepping stones that will take you back to the car.



**Trish Bagley
Norman Botton**



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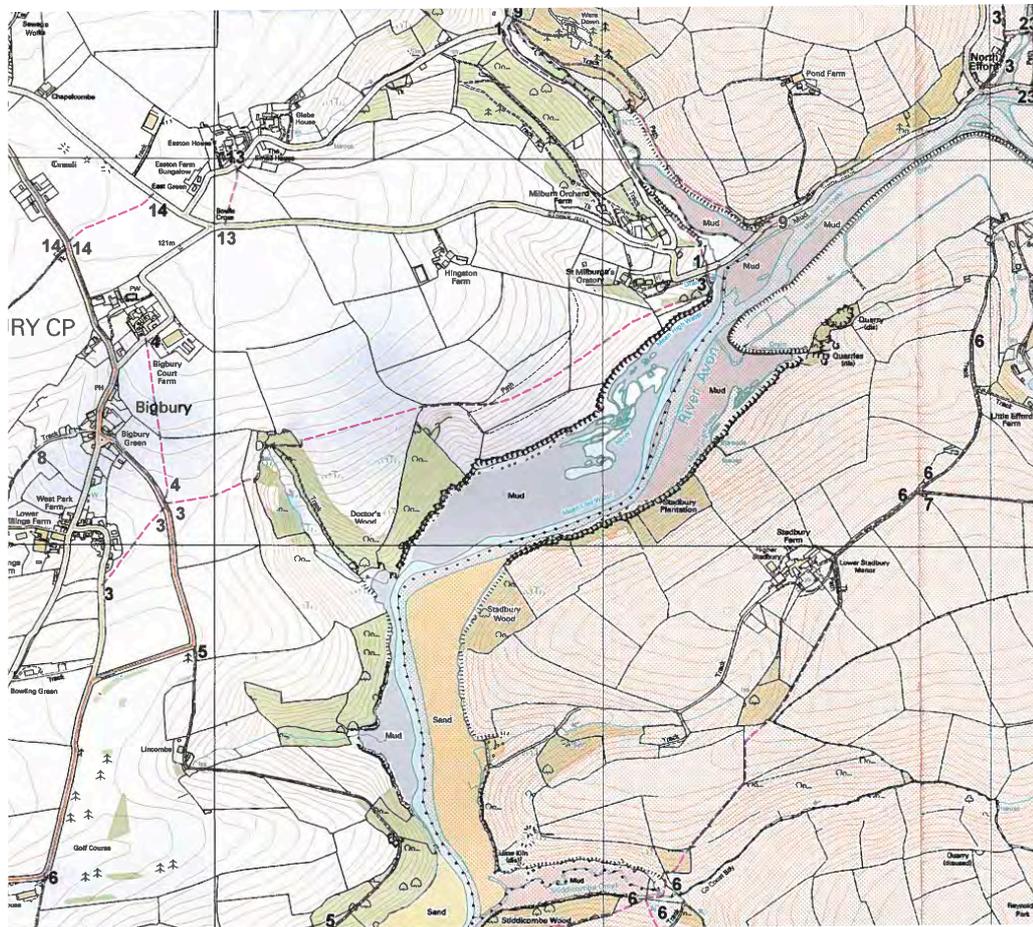
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CIVIC DAY



Sadly Bigbury will not be busy on June 8th as hoped, as there was NO response to the call put out last month. The decision was made at the last Parish Council meeting therefore not to go ahead with the Civic Day, and to consider the idea again for next year.

Jill Gubbins



HELP at BUGS LIFE BBQ

Six helpers needed for the fund-raiser for Bigbury News. Sat 30th June at Memorial Hall. Duties: Setting out tables & chairs, cooking the BBQ, kitchen duties, crowd control, cleaning up afterwards, taking the money for the BBQ, taking orders and cash for live bugs to be posted to customers. Contact: **Louise Wainwright** bigburynewseditor@gmail.com



SUB EDITOR for CULTURE CLUB in BIGBURY NEWS

New feature in Bigbury News to promote local authors, artists and photographers - needs a sub-editor to discover our creatives as well as explore and promote the cultural activities on offer locally. Estimate a minimum of 2 hours per week. Contact: **Louise Wainwright** bigburynewseditor@gmail.com



BIGBURY BACK UP CREW

Would you like to join in and help with community efforts occasionally but don't want to commit to a lot of hours?

Why not be on the 'Back Up Crew list? If any of the fund raisers or volunteers need a helping hand we would have a list of names to call on. Email **Louise Wainwright** bigburynewseditor@gmail.com and she will let you know if there are any calls for assistance. Your contacts will not be shared without your permission.



SHRIMPS LEADER

Organiser for Shrimps, toddler group needed from Sept 2018. For more information please contact: **Becky Phelan** 01548 811179 07789 111200 Or find Shrimps toddler group on Facebook



CREWS that keep us CRUISING



David Green, Neighbourhood Team Leader for 100 square miles of South Hams, took thoughtful sip of coffee in my kitchen and remarked, "In the UK we aim to deliver policing 'by consent', without arms and with the support of the neighbourhood". He had come with **Ryan Hayhurst**, our Neighbourhood Beat Officer to explain how the neighbourhood style policing worked. I had first met Ryan at the AGM of Bigbury Parish Council meeting when he provided an annual report on crime in Bigbury. Ryan said reassuringly, "The crime rate in Bigbury is negligible".

Our neighbourhood police are approachable and involved in local events. I met our Neighbourhood Policeman, **Warren Palmer**, at the CPR Training in Ringmore a few weeks ago, organised by the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator in Ringmore, **Steve Comely**. Ringmore residents have managed to get Steve to carry on as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for the time being. More will be reported later on this.

Ryan explained that Neighbourhood policing was designed to provide a sounding board for concerned parishioners about security and issues that may cause a breach of the peace. 'We provide counsel about the prevention of crime.' said Ryan, "We are a conduit to other professional services for vulnerable people at risk such as the elderly, sick, depressed, those with financial problems, young people and those being assaulted verbally or in writing by Mr or Mrs Angry."

'We would rather parishioners got in touch about issues that are of genuine concern than refrain from making contact in case they are deemed to be wasting police time.' explained Ryan.

If there is an obvious crime in process or about to be committed, then the number to call is still 999. If a crime has been committed the number to call is 101 or report the crime on line at alerts.dc.police.uk Although the online Alerts platform claims to have largely replaced the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for keeping people informed - Ryan states that nothing really works better than good neighbours watching out for each other.

The Alerts Scheme allows individuals or businesses to register the areas of interest to them (boat watch, garage watch etc.) and their preferred channel of communication (email, text). The control room will then automatically send out tailored information. Subscribers can unsubscribe at any time.

Community police have a network of 'go to' people within the community who are more likely to be aware of what is happening locally - for example, shop keepers, cafes, pubs, garages, communication teams, club leaders etc. An important local 'go to' person would be a Neighbourhood Watch coordinator. Whilst the Community Police will provide back up for Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, they cannot run them. Volunteers are needed to run these schemes.

The Alert scheme is a two-way community messaging system operated by Devon and Cornwall Police. There is a 'report' tab on the website if you have an issue that concerns you.

Crime trends are now more cyber related, on line frauds, trolling, false text messages requesting personal or banking information. If in doubt the advice is to check first and do not be rushed into taking action of any sort by a faceless person. Neighbourhood Police are there to provide a visible, contactable presence in the community. They aim to help resolve neighbourhood disagreements and avoid festering resentments before laws are likely to be broken.

Community police are awaiting the outcome of Project Genesis which will be fundamental to the way in which Community Policing will be carried out going forward. More on this in a future Bigbury News.

Evening All!
Louise Wainwright

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BEACH BANTER

BREAKFAST TV STARDOM

Of all the patches of sand in the British Isles, on May Bank Holiday, the BBC chose to focus on Bigbury on Sea. Annika Connolly at Discovery Surf was interviewed just after the sun rose and asked to describe what the day had in store. Every summer, thousands of visitors descend upon Bigbury on Sea, Challaborough and Bantham. What they do has an impact on the environment and the local economy. Surfers, dog walkers and swimmers come and go each day like a tide in reverse.

CHILLING

Breakfast on the Beach is a great time for locals to have the beach to themselves, and a parking space. Holiday makers tend to have a lie in - and why not! Venus offers a hearty breakfast bap - and why not? The new owners of Burgh Island have begun renovating the Pilchard Inn Terrace Cafe - update in July issue!

CALM WATERS TOO

The Saturday Surf Club was in for a treat one weekend when the surf was on holiday and on a still, balmy day 16 children were accompanied on a surf board paddle around Burgh Island. They explored the rocky coastline and watched as spider crabs scrambled beneath the waterline and kelp moved to and fro to the rhythm of the sea.

QUEUES for TOILETS

Visitors may not have been quite so relaxed as they waited for their turn to use the toilets at the Bigbury on Sea carpark. There are plans to begin charging 20p per use with the privilege of long queues. Is that 'buy one - get one free'?

SIGNAGE

At long last the signs for the toilets are now up and people can join the toilet queues without a frantic run around the upper car park and the Beach Shop beforehand looking for them.

The dog poo problem is ever present particularly along the coast paths where owners can ignore their dog's activity because they are less observed than on the open beach. Dogs can't read but their owners can! Perhaps better orientated signage about fines and rules would reduce this problem too? Would more poo bins for the hundreds of dogs that visit the beach each day - 'bin the problem'?

Beach Banter is Sponsored by Burgh Island and Venus Cafe - thank you.

More page sponsors needed please. Any funds surplus to production costs of Bigbury News will be donated to local charities at the end of the year.

ROCK POOL ADVENTURES

When the tide pulls back the curtain from the rock pools around Burgh Island, a myriad life forms are exposed to our view. It's a chance for us to glimpse the underwater world without even getting wet. Anemones, tiny crabs, limpets, seaweeds and little fish are all living in the space between the open sea and dry land. Our rock pools are extraordinary places. The **National Trust** has published this **Seashore Code** worth sharing with young rock pool explorers:

Handle me with care: Poking or squeezing soft-bodied animals like sea anemones can harm them.

Buckets: Keep one animal at a time in your bucket and not for too long - sea creatures get stressed too!

No nets: Use a bucket and your hands to catch rock pool creatures rather than a net.

Nets can rip seaweed off the rocks and animals like crabs can lose their legs and claws if they get tangled up in the net.

Don't make me homeless: Only collect empty shells.

Put me back: Always replace animals, rocks and seaweed as you found them.

Hey! I'm down here! Watch where you walk - you can easily dislodge or crush small sea creatures.

I don't like litter: Take your rubbish home - litter is a killer.

Look after yourself: Rock pools are wonderful places but be careful - the rocks can be slippery; the cliffs are high and the tides change quickly.

THE PUB CAT SPEAKS!?

Well. Hello. I have been purrrusing the strange behaviour of humans on the beach, now that the sun has finally decided to beam down upon my magnificent tortoiseshell tresses. As you may expect, like most cats, I avoid getting my fur wet, and generally regard swimming and bathing as spectator sports. I prefer to lick myself all over at least twice a day, an act of self-worship you may think. In truth, it is. But why is it you humans behave in such a strange fashion. One odd fellow spends the first three months of summer looking at the sea, cajoling his grandchildren to jump into it while he disports himself like a beached whale with a floppy hat flung on his hairless head.

As July approaches, I purrrceive a restlessness begins to take hold. He stands in the sea's edge, his ankles barely covered, clutching a child's hand, while bobbing up and down and going 'Ooh' and 'Ah' and casting anxious glances in the direction of the memsahib who has now lost all interest. Finally, the moment arrives. Overwhelmed by guilt, he realises that the time has come for him to show a modicum of courage. And so, it begins. A slow shuffling walk into the grey briny, and as he walks, the sea's chill fingers slide up his legs and finally they invade his tartan Speedos; he shivers and trembles, casts one more hapless look in the direction of his disinterested family, before he gallantly plunges in, skulls about like a basking shark that has lost its radar and emerges blowing and triumphant in his folly.

Maori families have a totally different approach. My friend, Bruce, a very fine Persian Blue, sent me a video on MewTube. They arrive as a family, and all plunge in together fully clothed. But the purrrpose of going in the sea is fun - basically to see how far you throw your children. One little boy had a green bucket, which he used to repeatedly tip water over his almost submerged mother. She endured this patiently before finally rising from the blue waters like a giant; she seized her little boy's hand and hurled him into the mouth of a voracious wave; he bobbed up like a cork and was grabbed again by his brothers who flung him like a toy between themselves. Other children launched themselves off the shoulders of their bigger siblings, while relatives transformed into sea monsters and sprang up from the foaming breakers to startle aged aunts and older folks. Finally, they all lay on the grassy bank together and steam dry in the sun.

Let us match this ebullience! What joy it would be to see uncles with dodgy knees sent hurling into the foaming waves, maiden aunts spinning into the air, their parasols being snatched by the wind, and fearless children relentlessly dousing their curmudgeonly elders, flinging their flipflops into the sky, and dismantling the ridiculous beach furniture of inflatable sharks, plastic kayaks and folding chairs. What fun it would be! I, of course, will just sit and make - erm - dry observations. Purrrfection.

Monty - the Pub Cat.



Queues for free toilet (above)



Toilet signs are up at last (above)
Annika on breakfast TV (below)



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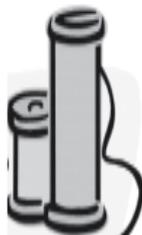
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HISTORY SOCIETY OUTING

On a glorious 17th May morning, 15 members gathered at the Bus Museum in a wonderful (but little known) farmyard setting near Loddiswell. We were welcomed by the proprietor **Colin Billington** and his wife **Helen** into the lecture theatre which was full of memorabilia including uniforms, posters and photographs - all too familiar to the majority of the party!

Colin gave a marvellous presentation on Public Road Transport in the Great Western Corridor, used ostensibly as feeder buses to the GWR railway network. He explained that The Omnibus Trust maintains collections of vehicles, a library and archives in Maidenhead and Loddiswell, which he went on to cover in detail. GWR Road Motors was started in 1903 and was heavily involved with carrying parcels as well as people; it was a pioneer in the building and use of double deckers. A network of routes was developed, including of course the ubiquitous summer outings to Bigbury on Sea.

Bus construction was illustrated, much use being made of timber framing especially ash, and Colin explained that this and metalwork was replaced rather than refurbishing during restoration, as it would have been during the vehicles' working life cycle. We then had a tour of the garages and an up-front view of the 35 buses, then an hour-long trip around the local countryside in a beautifully restored 1935 Bristol-engine H-type Western National. During this we made its first trip over Gara Bridge - with only inches to spare to the side and below, as can be seen in the photograph.

For those not lucky enough to make the visit Colin said that all was not lost. An important date in the calendar is the highly-acclaimed Kingsbridge Running Day on the 15th September, where last year there were 6,550 passengers (and 93 dogs) in 43 buses on 24 routes.

The Society's next outing is a history tour of **Tavistock on July 5th**.

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POST BAG REMINISCENCES

LOST IN THE SANDS OF TIME

There used to be a time, when Burgh Island, that "jewel, set in a silver sea" wasn't quite as it is today.

When I first visited, in 1970 something, it was run by the Waugh family, presided over by the matriarch, Sue, a lady of gargantuan proportions, "spooof" playing, hard drinking, and mainly friendly. To say she dominated the Island is a bit of an understatement, but my memories are fond.

The hotel wasn't exactly five star though. It was visibly falling apart. It needed investment, but substantial first aid would have been more appropriate. I used to visit with my cricket club. We would arrive on a Sunday afternoon, and then tour Devon, with matches at Tavistock, Exeter and Paignton, before leaving the following Friday to go home for a rest.

The Island had a magnetic pull. We would return to The Pilchard after the match, drink until what passed as closing time (difficult to indict for law breaking at high tide...!), and then embark on a whole new evening in The Ganges Bar, until 3, 4 or even 5 in the morning.

Mrs Waugh would supervise these exercises in decadence with enthusiasm. Money rarely changed hands at the tills, and at the end of the week, an account would be presented, when a small committee would estimate what everyone owed, based on a subjective assessment of individual drinking capacity. An interested group of locals would watch this transaction with interest and make recommendations on individual bills.

And the characters! Jim, who drove the sea tractor, never a reliable mode of transport, and who operated on a liquid lovage diet; Gerald, the lobster man who didn't really approve of it all; and the feminine help, all someones' daughters, who mainly successfully fended off the advances of young men who found life on an island a bit of an emotional challenge.

Catering was something of a lottery. "She" would start the week with solid intentions, a conflict between the economics of cash flow shortages, customer taste (if any), and whether she could prepare it. It was an uneasy exercise, doomed always to eventual failure and eventually open Waughfare.

A dead seagull discovered late one night in the kitchen, caused something of a crisis. The debate was about whether it had flown in by accident, stopped for a rest and then died of natural causes, or had dined on the same fare as the rest of us, and become a feathered martyr to the cause of hygiene.

It couldn't last of course, and in six years, the story came to an end. The last night was memorable. "She" had concocted a celebratory cocktail called a "Burgh Island Special", a mixture of Cointreau, Vodka, Galliano and orange juice. If she could have marketed it she would have stolen the yet to come Ecstasy market, and rendered such substances pointless. When I close my eyes and think of it, I still go dizzy.

But it was all a yesterday. We grow up and grow older. I hope you are somewhere, Sue, and not lost in the sands of time.

Andy Sargent



COMMON GROUND

PIG'S PARADISE

Perhaps not so exotic as collecting elephants but over the past thirty odd years I have been collecting pigs. I now have 125 pigs!

It all started when my daughters were young and we used to host French students. In my disastrous efforts to speak French, I often got words mixed up, such as the French for champion and pig - much to the delight of our guest. Subsequently, our lovely French student Emanuel, with whom we are still in touch, bought me my first pig and the collection began.

My daughters and I used to compete to see who could make the smallest pig out of Fimo. They adorn my collection as can be seen from the photos attached. Does anyone else collect pigs? **David Gay**

WRITE IN

If you have topics for COMMON GROUND - please write in. Meditators, acrobats, artists, magicians, dancers, jugglers, ramblers, nudists, head standers, bicyclists, swimmers, surfers, climbers, paddlers, fishermen, gardeners....surely you have something in common with someone?



Society members getting back on board after crossing Gara Bridge (top) **Colin Billington**, owner and extraordinary bus driver (centre left) Tight squeeze over Gara Bridge (centre middle), David Gay's happy pigs (centre right) and work in progress (bottom left). Skilled volunteers wanted to join the restoration teams at Loddiswell workshops - carpenters, metal workers and engineers.



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Noel and Ursula Thornton - retired farmers at Combe now busy grand-parents and distributors for Bigbury News - Thank you!



This painting of the old Combe Farmhouse was painted by **Sylvia Sommers** prior to the house being sold in 1986. *Courtesy N Thornton.*

Refs: Roger Grimley's earlier article on 'Bigbury – the Nelson Connection', Noel Thornton's memoirs and log books and photographs from the family albums. Thank you.



GARDEN GATE

The hedgerows are ablaze with beautiful wild flowers at this time of year.

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Can you name the wild flowers opposite?
Answers in July issue of Bigbury News.

Please send in your photos of wild flowers and we will add some of them to the new Bigbury footpaths booklet 'Walking on the Wild Side' which will be published next year
Louise Wainwright





FARM GATE

It is a little-known fact that Combe Barton was once owned by **Josiah Nisbet**, stepson of **Lord Nelson**. Horatio Nelson married Josiah's widowed mother, Fanny Woolward, having met in the West Indies on the island of Nevis. Josiah's naval career began at the tender age of thirteen and flourished under the patronage of his step father, whose life he saved during a fateful attempt to take Santa Cruz in Tenerife. By the age of 18, Josiah was already a captain but fell afoul of his step father when Horatio began an affair with **Lady Hamilton** the wife of the Ambassador in Naples. Many years later, in 1800, Josiah was ordered back to Portsmouth and never given another command due to his drunkenness and reports of women aboard ship. He was by then a wealthy man and bought Combe Barton, then a 200-acre farm which he rented out to a naval family called the Lauzuns.

In 1948 **Norman Pilditch Thornton** brought his young family from Hope Cove to Combe when he purchased Combe Barton from the **Wroth family** who had owned the farm since the mid 1800's. A charming account of the Wroth's farming life at Combe and the country holidays of their relations, the Adams family from London, in the early 1900's, can be found in "From Rocking Horse to Thoroughbred" by **E.M. Adams**. The hardships of the war years and the loss of many young men, meant that the farm had been somewhat run down by the time Norman Thornton took up residence.

With him was his son, **Noel Thornton**, then seven years of age. I met with Noel and his wife **Ursula** to hear the tale of their life in the Combe Valley and learn more about the history of the farm and its owners. Noel and Ursula, now in their late seventies, distribute Bigbury News to about thirty homes at the head of the valley that runs up from the Stakes past Dukes Mill off the road to Ashford. They still own some 47 acres surrounding the hamlet, which they rent out as pasture to local farmers in order to retain the rural landscape.

Noel recounts with affection his youthful years spent working the farm with his father. "I went to Aveton Gifford School and then on to Kingsbridge Grammar School. Dad wanted me to give him a hand on the farm and that's what I did from 1956 to 1988, when he retired and had moved to Modbury. At that time, the big farm was sold and the farm buildings were developed as dwelling homes." relates Noel. "During my time at Combe Farm we saw many changes. In 1948, there was no electricity at the farm and all milking was by hand. South Devon cattle were the popular breed,

producing excellent beef but low milk yields. Over a period of years, the herd was expanded & gradually changed from about 20 South Devons to 60 Friesians plus beef cattle." he explains.

Noel described the small pig enterprise, "We kept about twelve pigs, mostly large white or saddlebacks, which would root around in the orchards. In those days, there would be special bins set out in the City of Plymouth for residents to throw out their food waste for pig swill. It would be collected, boiled and delivered to rural farms. This was phased out after the foot and mouth outbreaks up country when the disease arrived in England from Argentina. With the increase in cattle, the pigs were first to be phased out followed later by the sheep as we increased the acreage of barley to feed the cattle with our own mill-mixed concentrates"

"My father was one of the first to have a Charolais bull put to some of our older and larger cows using artificial insemination" explained Noel. "He was interviewed on TV about this innovative move that produced excellent cross bred beef calves. As a boy, one of my tasks was to cut the huge bunches of stinging nettles, with a scythe, & root out the thistles with a small digger. I was the companion to **David Hodder** who was the nephew of **Jack Stone** a master craftsman in all aspects of farm labouring in those days. He spent all his school holidays with **Uncle Jack & Aunty Hilda**. We also stooked the thistle ridden sheaves behind the binder & later raked the gleanings with "Flower" the cart horse pulling a 12-foot-wide rake. Jack built the ricks in preparation for the threshing machine."

Noel recalls that, "Harvest time was excessively busy and always needed extra labour, provided by men from neighbouring farms, who were keen to earn some extra money

from evening work. A pleasant task was trying to catch the rabbits, hiding in the last few cuts of the barley, in the middle of the field. Also, catching rats that abounded in the cavities of the thick walls of the barns. I well remember when a rat was hiding in a pile of mangol-wurzels. I was asked to stand in a corner, to make the rat run out nearer to an adult. But the rat ran up me, then realizing his mistake, jumped off! In the spring, after the corn had emerged, the cart horse was used to pull a granite roller, to press the stones into the soil, so that they did not damage machinery at harvest time"

"After my father retired I ran the farm with Ursula and one man - feeding the calves and helping with the harvests, loading the bales & spreading the silage in the self-feed silage pit." explained Noel. In 1975 and helping with the harvests, loading the bales & spreading the silage in the self-feed silage pit." explained Noel. In 1975 Noel joined the Special Constabulary as a public service in the light of terrorism and in 1988 he built on this experience by working for SE-CUREWEST, a company of former police officers. It was during this time that Noel would sometimes work as an Enforcement Officer after the Customs Officer had served the writ on 'arrested ships. Noel tells how, "I and a colleague would remain on board. My reports of this era relate to many boardings, adventurous arrests, disgraceful living conditions and a mutiny!"

As have other farmers in Bigbury, Noel has begun recording his memoirs of a life lived to the full, on the land and on the sea. I hope this short piece has whet your appetite for the full story?

Louise Wainwright

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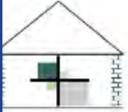
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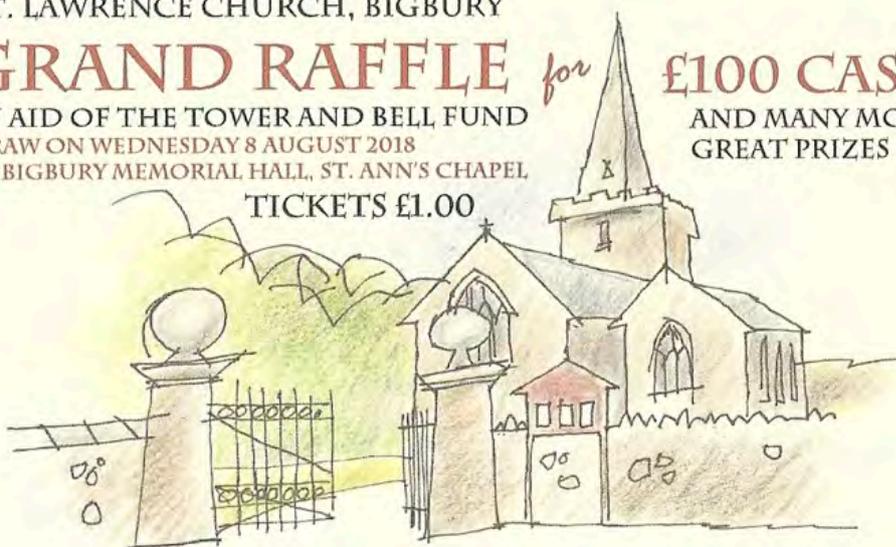
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One individual rose	Heaviest Onion
A vase of garden flowers of your choice	Most unusual shaped fruit or vegetable
Three identical flowers	Tallest Sunflower
	Limerick with a sun, sea & sand theme
	A sun, sea & sand picture
	A sun, sea & sand decorated egg
	A cup cake with a sun, sea & sand decoration

Entry forms on the day

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BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Bringing the Community Together

Not all that much to report this month.

We're shortly to take a Summer break from organizing events. The last one before this will be our **AGM at 7.00 p.m. on July 12th**. This is a chance to hear what's been going on at the hall and ask any questions of the Committee that you wish, so do come along.

At the moment, we're putting together our Autumn and Winter programmes. Hopefully these will include an event part funded by Carn to Cove (formerly Villages in Action).

We've put our selections to them and are waiting to hear which, if any, we shall be granted. We're hoping to get something suitable for the October half term.

Finally, the building work that I mentioned in last month's Bigbury News, the replacement of fascia and rain water goods and the new rear extension roof have now been completed. The next job is the cleaning of the exterior walls.

Charles Harrington

Tel. 810023.

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BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL (JUNE)

<u>Day & Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Organiser</u>	<u>Contacts</u>
Mon. 9.15 – 10.00	Aerobics	*Jill Gubbins	810651
10.05 – 11.05	Pilates	*Jill Gubbins	810651
19.00 – 20.15	Yoga	Fi Baker	07880 498914
Tues. 11.00 – 12.00	Exercise	Valerie Chapman	07584 885259
17.30 – 19.30	Youth Club	Louise Pitt	07786 860440
19.30 – 21.30	Bowls	+Dee Fitzgerald	811191
(2 nd & 4 th Tues of each month)			
Wed. 9.30 – 11.45	South Hams Shrimps	Becky Phelan	811179 07789 111200
Thurs. 9.30 – 10.00	Fast Fit	*Jill Gubbins	810651
10.05 – 11.05	Pilates	*Jill Gubbins	810651
11.15 – noon	Strong & Steady (plus, tea & chat)	*Jill Gubbins	810651
19.30 – 21.30	South Hams Filling Station	Gilbert Snook	810017
(3 rd Thurs. of month excl. Dec & Aug)			
Friday	Zumba	**Hannah Winzer	550712 7454 003091

*Jill's classes summer break from end of June. Restart in September.

+ Short Mat Bowls summer break from end of May. Restart October.

**Hannah's classes in summer break. Restart in July (see next Bigbury News for date)

Future Events: Sunday 2nd September Garden Produce Show. Theme is 'Sun, Sea and Sand'.

Wednesday 24th October Paddleboat Theatre's 'Rustle' – half term entertainment for children and families. More details next month.



BIGBURY LADIES

The Bigbury Ladies Group visited De-lamore House at Cornwood for their May Meeting. The wonderful gardens of this house are opened to the public each year for the month of May only and hosted an Art Exhibition for charity.

The Gardens were at their best with magnificent rhododendrons and azaleas and interesting sculptures were dotted around the grounds, the paintings were housed in two separate rooms. We started off with coffee in the cafe at Delamore then when we had spent an hour or two looking at the exhibition and walking in the grounds, we went to the Cornwood Inn for lunch. This was a most enjoyable outing.

June's meeting on the 20th will be a visit to Coleton Fishacre and we will meet at Helen's house at 10.30.

Lynn Hiscock



BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

The Bookworms have moved to the new **BIGBURY CULTURE CLUB** page (p25)

AGM MEMORIAL HALL

Thursday 12th July 2018 at 7.00 p.m.
at Bigbury Memorial Hall

1. Notice of meeting
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of 2017 AGM
4. Matters arising 2017 AGM
5. Management Committee/Trustees' Report and Financial Statement for year ended 31st March 2018
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 6th July**.

Charles Harrington – Chairman.

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KORNILOFF COFFEE MORNING

We all raised £152 for our South Hams Shrimps on Wed. 2nd May. It was lovely to see the toddlers of the parish with their mums and grandmothers. They enjoyed playing with the toys at Courtlands.

Our District Councillor, Beth updated us on the proposed plans for the Bay Cafe and Burgh Island. Many thanks to all who came and supported us so generously.

On **Wednesday 6th June** we will be supporting Children's Hospice S.W. and we look forward to seeing you between **10.30 and noon at MARINERS Ringmore Drive Bigbury on Sea.** * Please note the change of venue.* **Wednesday 4th July** we will support Devon Air Ambulance. Our grateful thanks to all who continue to support us.

Jean and Yvonne

TAKE TIME OUT

By the time you read this, half the year will have almost gone, and the longest day will be approaching. Our thoughts are turning to sunshine and hopefully holidays which allow us to go places and do things we enjoy doing without having to worry about work and routines. Hopefully we return refreshed and ready for the hustle and bustle of work and our other activities. We live in a world where it is often assumed that doing something is better than doing nothing even though we know that constant activity can leave us overtired and stressed.

In the book of Genesis, we read that God took six days to create the world and rested on the seventh. It is said that the ancient rabbis used to teach that it was on that day that God created tranquility, peace, serenity and repose, and that it was then, and only then, that creation was complete. The Gospels show that Jesus too would often make time for himself away from the crowds who constantly followed him around, eager to listen to his teaching and to witness his miracles. Although he was always ready to respond to anyone who was in trouble, he knew when it was time to stop, to reflect, rest, pray and spend time alone with God. Then he would look for a quiet place where he could be on his own, for he knew that the effectiveness of his ministry would be reduced if he was physically, emotionally and spiritually exhausted.

Maybe Jesus' example could be a reminder to us the next time that we are rushing around trying to cram as many things as possible into a short space of time. For we too need to take time out from the normal rhythms of life, to rest and relax, and renew our physical and spiritual strength.

Joyce Howitt

CHARITY UPDATE to end of May

Macmillan Cancer Care	£1,033
<i>Fiona Dukes</i> 01548 811188 fiona@fionadukeshr.co.uk	
Motor Neurone Disease Ass.	
Multiple Sclerosis Society	£5,516
<i>Cllr Beth Huntley</i> 01548 810385 Cllr.Huntley@swdevon.gov.uk.	
Blood Bikes	£750
Golf Captains Charity Team <i>Cathy Hamilton & Marlene Johnson</i>	
Friends of St Lawrence	£680
<i>Alice Taylor</i> (Treasurer) enquiries@silchestercellars.co.uk	
Modbury Caring	£213
Korniloff Event (March)	
Hope Cove Lifeboat	£224
Korniloff Event (April)	
South Ham Shrimps	£152
Korniloff Event (May) <i>Jean Wright & Yvonne</i>	
Memorial Hall	£500
50:50 Club <i>Dane Vanestone</i>	
BIGBURY TOTAL to May	£9,068

Surplus funds from donations and printing projects carried out by Bigbury News will be allocated to the above charities in accordance with the percentage of the total raised by the end of 2018.



Vicar: The Revd Matt Rowland (830260: every day except (normally) Saturday)
Readers: **Joyce Howitt** (01364 73093), **Michael Tagent** (810520) www.modburyteam.org

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES JUNE 2018

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
3 rd	Sunday Worship	Family Communion	Family Communion	Holy Communion	Sunday Worship
10 th	Communion by Extension	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Songs of Praise (6.00 pm)
17 th	Lay led Service	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Holy Communion	Village Service
24 th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion*	Village Service	Sunday Worship	Family Communion

* Service in traditional language.

50:100 CLUB

Promoted by **Dane Vanstone**. Tickets for 2018 are all sold! 50% of the money goes in prizes & 50% to the Memorial Hall.

Do not miss out in 2019. Get your tickets early. Watch out for the advert in Bigbury Life at the end of this year.

50:100 CLUB MAY WINNERS

- Louise Wainwright** (£25)
- Cathy Harrington** (£15)
- Mike Baker** (£10)

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June 1900

Rector – Rev A.B. Simeon M.A.

The glorious news of the relief of Mafeking reached us on Saturday 19th, and at 12.30 we arranged two peals in honour of the long-desired event. It looks as if the end of the war is in sight and that the prayers of the nation for 'peace with honour' is being already answered.

On Wednesday, the 9th, after ten years of acute suffering, Mrs Crimp, widow of Capt. Crimp, passed to her rest. Although she has not left her house for three years, and consequently has not been seen apart from her intimate friends, there is no one in the parish who will be more missed. She took the greatest interest up to the last in everything that was going on, while her sunny nature, kind heart and patience in her terrible suffering won the respect and affection of everyone. She will not soon be forgotten. The quantities of flowers sent and the number of people attending her funeral, testify to the multitude of friends whom she made by her unselfishness and goodness – May she rest in peace!

At the visitation of the Archdeacon of Totnes, held at Kingsbridge on Monday 21st, Mr Benjamin Hoopell and Mr John Sparrow Wroth were instituted to act as Churchwardens through the ensuing year.

GRAND SUMMER RAFFLE

St. Lawrence Church Bigbury is going to run a Grand Summer Raffle to raise funds for the tower and bell fund which are in need of significant works. Tickets (£1) can be purchased from Michael Holness. The draw will take place on Wednesday 8th August St Anns Chapel, Memorial Hall. We need generous donations please A.S.A.P – and also lovely prizes!

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June 1903

Rector – Rev A.B. Simeon M.A.

BAPTISM – Minnie Bardens April 26th
BURIAL – Sarah Rendle aged 65, May 17th.

At the Archdeacon's Court, held at Kingsbridge, on May 22nd, Messrs. B. Hoopell and J.S. Wroth were sworn in as Church Wardens for the ensuing year. Mr Fred Hancock has been appointed as Sexton in place of Mr R. Terry.

During the Rector's absence, the parish will be under the care of the Rev. J.W. Nutt M.A., Rector of Harpsden, throughout June. For July, the Rev F.E. Summers, Vicar of St. Johns, Newport, will take his place. Both Clergymen will reside at the Rectory. The Rector hopes to return home on July 30th.

Mrs Bastin has entered on her duties as schoolmistress in place of Miss Rew.

Subscribers to the magazine are informed that they are not to pay for the magazine in June or July, but are to pay 3d. in August. The magazines will be sent out as usual during the Rectors absence.

Extracts courtesy of Bigbury History Society
Louise Wainwright



Fondly remembered, Mary Smallwood, left a rich artistic legacy in St Lawrence church, including this charming watercolour of local wild flowers in a book commemorating the Queen's Silver Jubilee.



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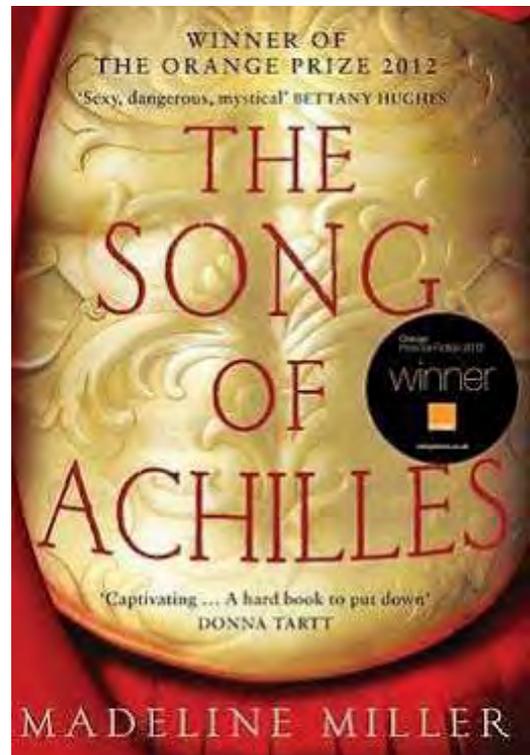
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BIGBURY CULTURE CLUB



BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

We met at Lynn's house on 2nd May and the book discussed was "**The Last Mazurka**" by Andrew Tarnowski which was a rather harrowing tale of passion and loss before and during the 2nd World War. We all thought it very well written, although one comment was that it was written through the eye of a journalist and not a novelist. None of us knew very much about the happenings in Poland at this time in history and felt very sorry for the peasants who had a dreadful time, although many of them had friends with money who were able to help them.

Next meeting is at Julia's house on **6th June** when we will discuss the book chosen by Lynn - "**The Song of Achilles**" by Madeline Miller.

Hazel Osborne

New members are welcome.
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NOT JUST WORDS

Was there a eureka moment when the penny dropped about something important to you - because of a book that you read? Please tell us about that book. For me it was:

SILENT SPRING

Rachel Carson

In June 1962, a lone, female, spinster scientist, took on the gargantuan might of the chemical pesticide industry and the vast teams of well-funded scientists sponsored by the chemical industry. Rachel Carson published Silent Spring. It caused an earthquake because it was based on published scientific data, fully referenced in this eloquent book. The President of the USA read the book because it had caused such a stir when it was serialised in the New York Times. Then he kicked arse!

Birds and fish were dying all over the world due to persistent, widespread use of extremely toxic chemicals. Human health and the future of our planet was at stake and no one was doing anything about it because of the billions of dollars of vested interest that turned a blind eye to the atrocious vandalism of the balance of nature.

Her passionate, extremely well researched and beautifully written book provided the evidence needed for the US government to ban DDT and it provoked such an outrage that it spurred on the global environmental movement.



The gravy train was slowed down but in the process, **Rachel Carson** was vilified by the scientists that she criticised and the chemical industry that she had exposed. Rachel Carson died of cancer two years after she published her book.

The words Rachel wrote resonate with me. My husband, Henry, and I spent the last 18 years in Kenya producing alternative biological solutions to chemical pesticides. Well done Rachel - where ever you are.
Louise Wainwright

COMING SOON

Profiles of our local artists, authors, photographers and musicians



BIGBURY ART BEAT

Exhibition space available

Mike and Ali Hayes, proprietors of the California Inn, are looking for local artists who would like to display their works for sale in their Family Room just off the main lounge area.

Mike Hayes
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Alphabet Poster

How are you getting on with the Bigbury Alphabet Poster? Here are some more suggestions about the subjects for you to paint as your contribution to the Bigbury Poster.

- Z for ZUMBA**
- S for SANDCASTLE**
- D for DOG WALKERS**
- F for FISHING**
- O for OWL**
- P for PHEASANT**
- D for DEER**



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SEPT Wed 26th/ Thurs 27th 2018

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CULTURE CLUB SUB EDITOR

Would you enjoy getting in touch with local artists, writers and photographers to find out about their backgrounds, ambitions, events, exhibitions and works?

Can you write up a monthly piece (about 500 words) on this and send it, with some photographs, to the Bigbury News Editor to layout in the magazine?

This role could be filled by a second home owner wanting to contribute to local life as it can be done by email and phone, topped up with visits when you are down here.

I would love to hear from you.
Louise Wainwright
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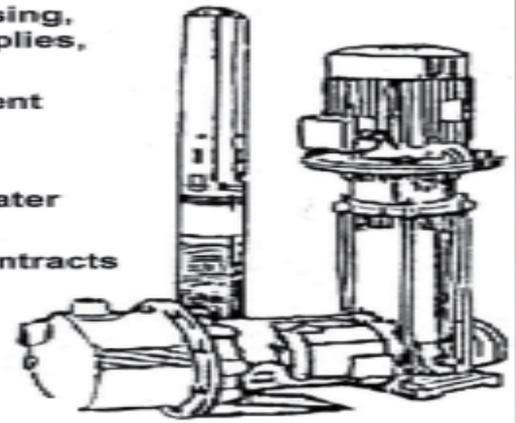
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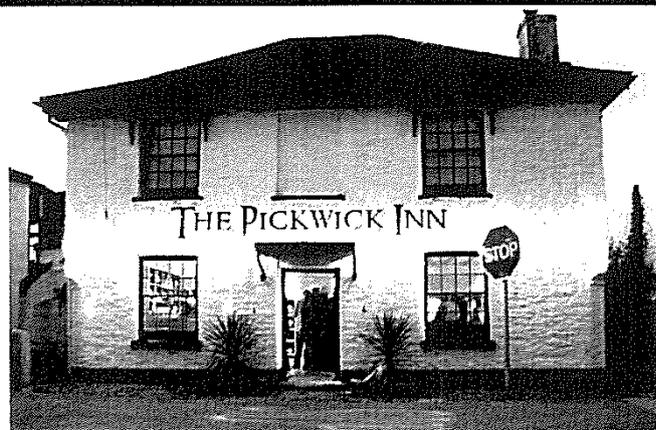


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CALIFORNIA CROSS

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The steadfast face of the last coach driver beams down from a painting on the wall in the California Inn. The last coach left California Cross in 1926. Local resident **Mike Andrews**, now 58, was born in front of the fireplace when the coach house was a family house. It re-opened as a pub in 1988. The same fireplace with King George's mark on the wrought iron hood, still graces the pub lounge.

In February 2017, **Mike and Ali Hayes** took over the inn and re-named it the Cali Inn, as it is known by the locals. Ali is a Plymouth girl and Mike left the Royal Air Force, having flown jaguars for 25 years. They have refurbished the restaurant which is well served by award winning chef, Tim Whiston. There is space for dancing and they will be hosting the Summer Ball on 27th July (7pm to midnight). Mike is keen to hear from local artists who may wish to exhibit their works in the Family Room at the Cali Inn. Quiz and Jazz add to the great ambience at the **Cali Inn**.

Louise Wainwright



Mike & Ali took over the Cali Inn in Feb 2017

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PRESENT: Cllrs: **C Rosevear** (Vice Chairman and in the Chair), **S Smith, E Huntley, C Case, H Getley** and Clerk **R Matthews**. Seven residents in attendance.

1. DECLARATION of INTEREST

2. ABSENT: Cllr Carson (Chairman), Cllr Scott and C.Cllr Gilbert.

3. MINUTES of previous meetings held on April 11th 2018 were unanimously accepted.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Carry forward - Mr Radford asked if it would be possible to use the side wall of the bus shelter as advertising space for the holiday park. SHDC planning restrictions may apply: **Action Mr Radford**

Carry forward – Cllr. Carson agreed to look into the option of installing a Variable Average Speed camera / sign.

Action Cllr. Carson
Carry forward - Cllr Getley enquired about the possibility of installing a Ringo system at the Bigbury-on-Sea car park. C.Cllr. Gilbert stated this should be referred to the District Councillor.

Action D.Cllr Huntley

5. Election of Chairman for the forthcoming year Councillors voted unanimously in favour of re-election of Cllr. Carson as Chairman. There were no other nominations.

6. Election of Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year: Councillors voted unanimously in favour of re-election of Cllr. Rosevear as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations.

7. Appointment to outside bodies: Councillors agreed unanimously to maintain the appointments as previous year. These were: Memorial Village Hall (Cllr. Carson), CPRE (Cllr. Rosevear), DALC (Cllr. Rosevear) and DPFA (Joint responsibility Cllr. Case and Cllr. Getley).

8. OPEN SESSION

Future of Shrimps Toddler Group
Due to work commitments, the current leader of the **Shrimps toddler group** needs to hand over to another volunteer. Attendance at toddler group is declining and may not be viable beyond September, when the Parish Council would review membership and decide if Shrimps would be suspended until membership picked up. Shrimps would continue in its current format until July (summer holidays). The Parish Council agreed to hold any Shrimps surplus funds in the Parish Council bank account – these would be marked as restricted funds and held until such time they could be reallocated to Shrimps, should the group start up again, or potentially used for a community project in the future. To be reviewed at the September Parish Council meeting.

Action Clerk

Avon Estuary Patrol Boat

Resident B raised concerns over the decision taken by SHDC to scrap the Avon Estuary Patrol boat, which was used in the summer and bank holiday periods to monitor and deter misuse of the river by speed boats, water skiers and jet skis. The cessation of this service is a safety issue for those using the water in a sensible manner. SHDC are to be approached with a view to reinstating this vital service.

Action Clerk

Beach Litter

Resident C raised the annual concern about litter on the beach and in the car park areas after busy weekends. Although the mess was cleared by a worker from SHDC it would be a more cost effective solution to install bigger bins with improved signage in respect of both where to deposit rubbish, not to leave rubbish on and around the beach and car park area (take it with you) and clear signs informing visitors not to feed the seagulls. All these things had been raised in previous years but the problem always comes back. Resident C felt the Parish Council should be proactive, proposing a sticker be placed on all Venus Café packaging requesting said packaging be disposed of in a responsible manner.



Resident D added that the Clerk had already been provided with examples of 'do not feed the seagull' signs from other beaches. Resident D further added there was an increasing trend of using disposable BBQs on the beach - these were difficult to dispose of when still hot.

Resident A commented that it didn't feel SHDC were working for the good of the community. D. Cllr Huntley would have further discussions with Cathy Auberton from SHDC on this topic and it was agreed the Clerk would draft a letter to SHDC outlining all the issues. **Action Clerk**

9. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

(D.Cllr. Huntley) SHDC considering building own affordable housing. **Council Tax to be increased by 5%** Car parking charges increased by 2%, withdrawal of weekly parking tickets. **Change of ownership for Café** – sealed bids by close of business today Café design – potential proposal for two or three houses to rear. Car parking still an issue. Beach rubbish – **ongoing discussions with SHDC**. Burgh Island hotel seeking **14 new staff**, intend to keep bars open, will serve food from a new kitchen in the pub with outside seating area, intend to be more accommodating in terms of the relationship with the local community whilst respecting the fact that this an exclusive destination that guests have paid a significant amount of money to visit. **Clematon Hill – new signs** are being erected this week but need to be at both ends of path. Visitors still walking in road which remains a safety issue **New legible car parking signs** have been installed at Bigbury on Sea In ongoing discussion with Cathy Auberton (SHDC) to improve how **beach waste and rubbish** is removed.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

0819/18/FUL **Bigbury Parish Council** application for an **Air Ambulance night landing site / mast** at Bigbury Golf Course Clerk confirmed permission had been granted. Next step was a meeting with Parish Council Chairman, **General Manager of Golf Club** and **Toby Russell** (Devon Air Ambulance Trust) **Action Clerk**

1285/18/FUL **Ringmore Parish** application for an **Air Ambulance night landing site / mast** at Westbury Field, TQ7 4HL This is a Ringmore Parish application. Bigbury Parish Council fully support this initiative, it was agreed to provide a letter of support to SHDC. **Action Clerk**

1414/18/COM 3 **Pickwick Cottages** 28 day (1 month) communication PD application - notification under electronic communications for erection of 9m pole (7.3m above ground) This was described as 'permitted development' Cllr. Rosevear proposed the Parish Council object to the proposal on the grounds of 'not in that location and not in that manner'. An underground approach would be more acceptable. All Councillors objected. **Action Clerk**

Proposal for footpath in St Ann's Chapel

It was agreed to defer discussion on this topic to a future meeting **Action Clerk**

Proposal for road surface change in St Ann's Chapel.

Cllr. Rosevear stated there had already been a great deal of e mail communication on this topic between the Councillors and that Cllr. Scott was asking Jubb to provide quotations for scoping out the current concept. It was hoped

this would provide a solution moving forward. Cllr. Smith raised concerns over the cost, asking who would fund it, remarking that repainting the 'SLOW' signs on the approach roads would have a similar effect at no cost to the Parish. Carry forward to a future meeting. **Action Clerk**

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Community-led housing scheme

Further discussions have been held with the landowners of Site 4 and it is hoped that the land option agreement being prepared by SHDC will be signed shortly allowing us to be able to progress the proposals for the site and to carry out a further consultation with the community.

Following the Heritage Assessment by Oxford Archaeology Historic England have now confirmed that they do not consider that the proposed development will result in significant harm being caused to the St Ann's Holy Well, which is a listed building and a Scheduled Ancient Monument. An initial Landscape Assessment by The Rathbone Partnership has also now been prepared.

Views, vistas and local heritage list

We will shortly be doing a consultation regarding the Views and Vistas. A Draft Local Heritage List has also been prepared. Roger Grimley, our local historian has assisted in providing dates for many of the assets on the draft and checking the description of these assets. We are in the process of refining the list prior to consultation with the community. We are still proposing to ask the local youth of the parish for their input and this could include in due course preparing some local heritage trails.

Draft Neighbourhood Plan

We have had extremely useful feedback on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan text and policies from Devon County Council's Heritage Team. They have also asked to be consulted on the **Local Heritage List**.

We have had an initial response from the AONB Unit but are waiting to have a site meeting with **Roger English**. We have not as yet had feedback from the SHDC officers. We are still waiting for AECOM to complete their Sites Assessment and the Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Principal Residence Policy

We have decided that we need to expand our evidence base to support a policy of having a restriction on new housing (apart from replacement housing) being used as a principal residence only. A policy of this type was supported by about 80% of those who responded to the Questionnaire but we do need more evidence to convince the Examination Inspector that a policy of this type is required. A similar policy is set out in the Thurlestone Neighbourhood Plan which has just gone through examination. The Examination Inspector has generally supported all of the policies of the Thurlestone Neighbourhood Plan, including a principal residence policy. He has suggested some minor modifications to the Plan and if these are agreed by Thurlestone Parish Council and by SHDC the plan will then be subject to a Referendum. In considering the principal residence policy the Inspector did note the very high house prices in the Parish of Thurlestone, which he considered would not be affordable to most of the local residents, and also noted the high proportion of homes that were not occupied when doing his site visit. For our own evidence base we are currently preparing a list of property prices in the area. These include

properties that are currently for sale and those sold in the last three years. It is believed that the price of properties for sale, particularly those at Bigbury on Sea, is influenced by the number of people who wish to own second homes in the parish or to use properties as holiday lets. In many cases developers are seeking to buy properties on larger plots with a view to redevelopment to provide more housing on the plot and in most cases to provide housing which is particularly suitable for second homes and holiday lets. We are also doing a survey of all dwellings in the parish to establish, as accurately as possible, the percentage of properties used as principal residence, second homes and holiday lets.

Community Website: Most of the published reports regarding the Neighbourhood Plan are now on the community website. The Neighbourhood Plan documents can be found by first looking under the heading 'Groups', then clicking on 'Neighbourhood Plan' and then clicking on 'Documents'. The website also has a separate heading on the front page called 'Neighbourhood Plan' on the front page under the title 'News Categories'. This provides recent news on the Neighbourhood Plan but to find all of the published Neighbourhood Plan documents it is necessary to go through the heading of 'Groups' first as referred to above. A direct link to the Neighbourhood Plan documents is given below. <http://www.bigburycommunity.co.uk/groups/neighbourhood-plan/documents/>

We are in discussion with Stuart Watts who administers the website to see if we can have a separate heading on the front page to access all documents of the Neighbourhood Plan and then having the documents arranged under various headings such as 'Minutes of Steering Group' or 'Community Engagement'.

Cllr Valerie Scott, Chairman of Bigbury Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

11. PLAYGROUND

Cllr. Case told the meeting that a team from SHDC had been working in the playpark over the last few days and had carried out repairs to the equipment previously damaged by excessive strimming of the grass. They had also removed equipment that was unserviceable and unsafe. The matting was still an issue and Cllr. Case confirmed she was in ongoing discussion with suppliers in respect of new equipment. Discussions were also ongoing with SHDC in respect of funding and grants that may be available – the National Lottery for example.

12. CIVIC DAY PROPOSAL

General housekeeping of Parish. Jill Gubbins confirmed that neither herself, the Parish Clerk or the Editor of Bigbury News had been contacted by anyone wishing to volunteer for this concept. It was agreed not to pursue this in 2018, perhaps coming back to it in future years.

13.0 SIGNAGE BoS Car Park

Cllr. Getley had taken a number of photographs of the signs in and around the beach / car park. However many of these are under the direct control of the District Council. It is hoped the Officer responsible at SHDC for this could visit at a busy time when signs are hidden behind parked cars. **Action D.Cllr Huntley**

The issue of why the Venus Café had no flags on their flag poles was discussed – this would help visitors locate amenities. **Action Cllr. Getley**

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Finance: Approval of payments to be made and presentation of finance statement

Clerk presented the following for payment. Cllr. Smith proposed this be accepted which was seconded by Cllr. Rosevear and all councillors agreed. Clerk was to raise cheques.

£201.50 – SHDC – maps for Neighbourhood Plan

£420.00 – JFA Ecosystems – knotweed report – replacement for missing cheque

£50.00 – Devon Communities Together – fee for Neighbourhood Planning course

£159.66 – V Scott – expenses relating to Neighbourhood Plan

£20.00 – Bigbury Memorial Hall – Hire of hall

£38.28 - BT group – rental cost line and broadband Memorial Hall. Paid by direct debit

Clerk showed a slide of the current cash book and bank reconciliation statement showing a balance of £22,593.72 as at April 30th 2018.

Clerk showed a statement of restricted and reserved funding with a balance of £3,090.06.

Clerk showed details of S106 funds held by SHDC - £97,578 for affordable housing projects and £24,194 for OSSR projects.

Clerk showed a communication from SHDC relating to the decision to not accept cheques which provided the District Council with a saving of £35,000 per annum. This necessitated a shift to internet banking at it was agreed that, as with the current cheque based system, two individuals needed to approve payments. Cllrs. Rosevear, Smith and Gertley agreed to be registered for the internet banking system.

15.0 External audit – changes to procedures
Clerk confirmed GFK-Littlejohn had replaced Grant Thornton as the external auditors. Steps to be taken are a) complete internal audit by qualified accountant, b) present to Parish Council with all supporting documents by June 13th, provide information to external auditors, publish notice – Exercise of Public rights between July 2nd and July 13th, external audit completed and results published by September 30th.

16.0 GDPR
Clerk outlined that new legislation was being introduced at the end of May. It was agreed the Clerk, Cllr. Rosevear, Mr Stuart Watts (Bigbury Community website) and Louise Wainwright (Bigbury News) would meet to agree the wording of the Privacy policy and ensure a joined-up approach across all channels of communication within the local community. Action Clerk

17.0 Hire and placement of a waste skip

Cllr. Rosevear confirmed the earliest this could be put in place was September. The location was still to be confirmed.

18.0 Celebrations to make the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day 11/11/1918

After discussion, it was agreed to organise a cream tea for the entire community at the Memorial Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 11th November. The cost of this community activity would be covered by Parish Council funds. Cllr. Smith suggested that the event includes a quiz, adding the Royal British Legion could provide a suitable option for this event.

19.0 Correspondence

Planning application 4120/17/FUL Land at St Ann's Chapel would be discussed at the next meeting and Clerk received a request from the Architect to address the meeting. It was agreed this was to be arranged. Action Clerk

SHDC – information relating to increased ferry prices – Dartmouth

Police and Crime Commissioner – National Crime Survey

Surfers against sewage – beach clean – location to be confirmed Action Clerk

20.0 Dates of upcoming Parish Council meetings

June 13th - July 11th - September 12th - October 10th - November 14th - December 12th

21.0 Agenda items for next meeting

Carry forward from this meeting - Playground, Signage, Planning application 4120/17/FUL, Rubbish clearance from beaches and surrounding areas, progress Air Ambulance night landing site, new footpath, change to road surface, neighbourhood plan and GDPR update

The meeting closed at 9:20pm

Date of next meeting is
WEDNESDAY June 13th at 7:30pm



SHRIMPS LEADER

Organiser for Shrimps, toddler group needed from Sept 2018. For more information please contact:

Becky Phelan

01548 811179

07789 111200

Or find Shrimps toddler group on

Facebook



POST BAG

SHRIMPS

Firstly, I'd like to thank, on behalf of everyone associated with Shrimps Toddler Group, the ladies from the monthly Coffee Morning. On Wednesday 2nd May, they donated £152 to Shrimps - a very generous contribution. The children have made a thank you card to all who donated!

Secondly, I just wanted to let everyone know that due to a change of work commitments I will no longer be able to run Shrimps on a Wednesday. **Mary Wilson** and **Antonia Page** have volunteered to keep it running until the end of the summer term in July, but will not be able to continue the group come September. Really, I would love to see the group continue, and be there for all mums, babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers in the area, but unless we find a willing volunteer to take over the weekly running, this will not be able to happen.

Perhaps it would be best for the group to close in the short- to mid-term and when there is a new 'wave' of youngsters in the area, then someone could restart it then (with my assistance if needed). We have such a huge stock of toys etc that if we closed permanently we would need to find a home for them, and as community donations, I feel it would nice for them to be available in the future when needed.

I'd appreciate your feedback and would dearly love to hear from anyone who felt this was something they'd like to help with

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NINETEENTH HOLE

The **Bigbury Juniors** recently competed for the coveted Presidents Trophy. This is always the first Juniors competition played in each year, and this year the weather thankfully held good for them. **(photo right (top))**.

The competition was won by **Graham Smith-Mayger**. Graham plays off a handicap of 25 and won the **Presidents Trophy** with an excellent nett 77. Joint second were **Jessica Leach** (the Juniors Captain) and **George Inch**.

Jess is a member of the **Devon Girls Squad** and on 20th May was one of the team playing in the Tyler Trophy. The **Tyler Trophy** is an annual competition between the Devon Girls and the Devon County Ladies 2nd team. It is a coveted Trophy and the match is always played in the best of spirits. Jess was pleased to be one of the winning tea, with the Devon Girls winning the match 4 and 2. The competition took place at the Dawlish Warren Course and the weather held dry, but was unfortunately overcast.

Ladies

The Ladies County Stableford 3 & May Rose Bowl 1, was won by the Juniors Captain, **Jessica Leach**, by a convincing 6 shots. As a result Jess has reduced her playing handicap by two shots, from 18 to 16. Very well done, Jess. Jess has enjoyed occasionally playing with the Ladies Section as a Junior for a few years now. In second place overall was **Jane Rickman**, who made a 2 on the 3rd hole. The Division 2 winner was **Faye Pannell**, and the Division 3 winner was **Anne Fowler**. Congratulations to them all.

On the Bank Holiday Saturday, 5th May, the Ladies held their DCVLGA **Killard Leavy Qualifier**. The weather was lovely and sunny, with little wind. Ten pairs played and going to Axe Cliff on the 10th September to represent Bigbury are Cathy Harrington and Maggie Best.

The Sheelah Creasy team travelled to Ilfracombe on Friday 11th May and a tough match was expected. In winds reported to be gusting at some 30mph, the Ilfracombe team, with its home advantage, won 4 games to 2. The match was played in a competitive and at the same time friendly way.

Mens

The Bigbury men started their **Dartmoor League** fixtures on Saturday 12th May, another local Derby against neighbouring club, Thurlestone. Playing at its home course, Bigbury won this match convincingly and are pleased to be off to such a good start in this League.

There were some close games that could have gone either way, but Bigbury won the match 3 and 2. However, the Thurlestone Captain, **Tony Adams**, and his team did have cause to celebrate as one of his players, **Jon Ingram**, scored his first ever **Hole in One** on the 17th, so the 19th was full of cheer.

Any Golf Club wanting to enter The Dartmoor League has to be able to actually see Dartmoor from somewhere on its course.

Mixed Golf

A mixed team was entered for another Dartmoor League competition which took place at Wrangaton on Sunday 13th May. Whilst enjoying the Competition and playing the Wrangaton Golf Course in lovely golfing weather, the Bigbury Team did not make it into the prizes.

The winners with home advantage were Wrangaton with an excellent combined score of 114 points.

New Member

Bigbury Golf Club welcomes **Ivy May**: At just 8 days old, Ivy May was introduced by her enormously proud parents, our Club **Captain Liam Kimber** and his wife **Nicola**. It seems this is likely to be a "First" for Bigbury Golf Club with the Gents Captain having a child in his year of office.

See photo on right (bottom)

I am sure we will be seeing the gorgeous Ivy May with her parents at the club, and they will be so pleased when you say hello. Liam and Nicola married on a very memorable date, 7.7.2007. With gorgeous Ivy May being born on Friday 13th, they now have another most memorable date.

Marlene Johnson
Lady Captain
Bigbury

BIGBURY LADIES GOLF COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to all the local people who came along on the 25th April through the thick sea mist to support our Ladies Coffee Morning. There were the usual stalls, as well as some amazing hats by the golf club's milliner, Gabrielle, as well as cards and paintings by some local artists. Those who came along enjoyed a jolly atmosphere and a super amount of £580 was raised. Thanks again. **Marlene Johnson**

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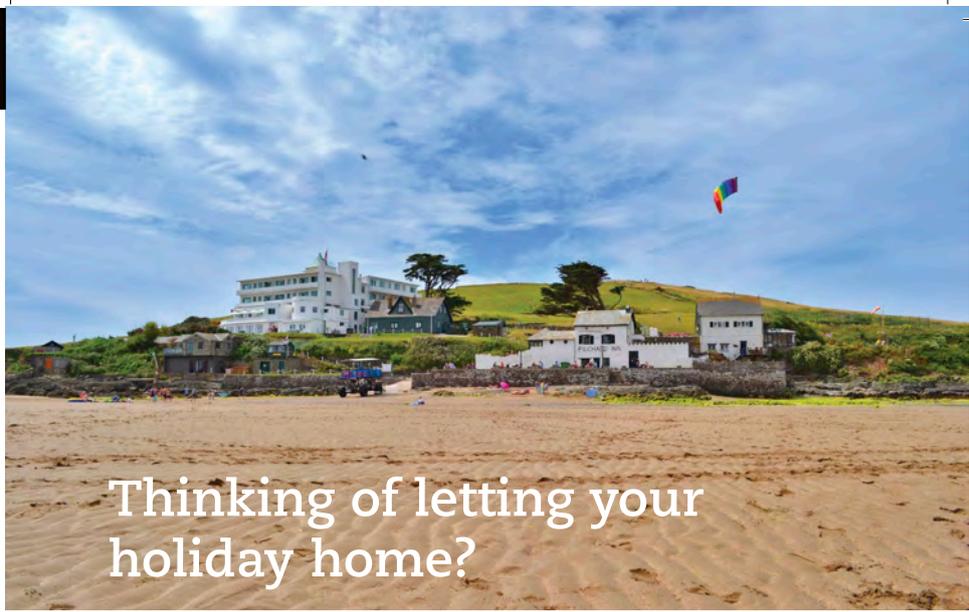
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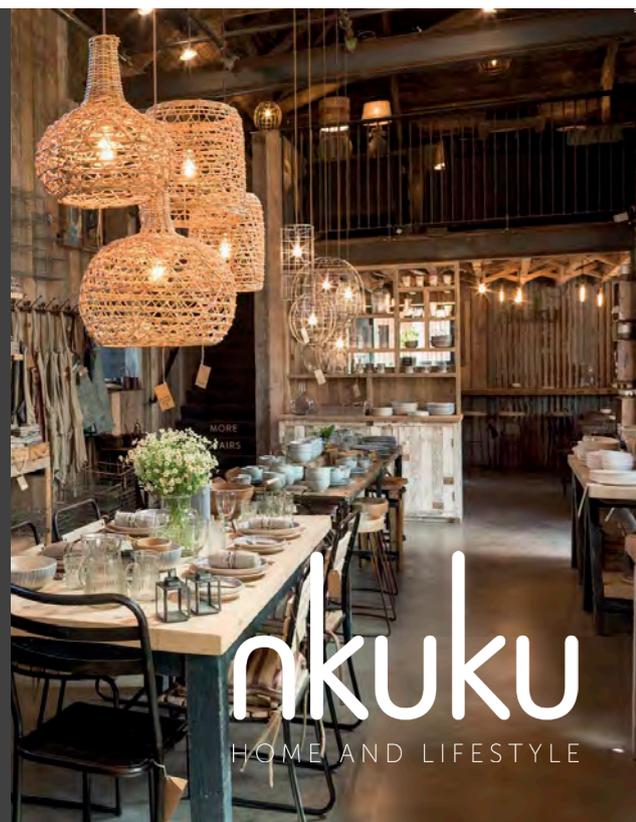
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