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11th Feb , 7 pm
Memorial Hall St Ann's

**BIGBURY COFFEE
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Wed 2nd March
10.30 to midday

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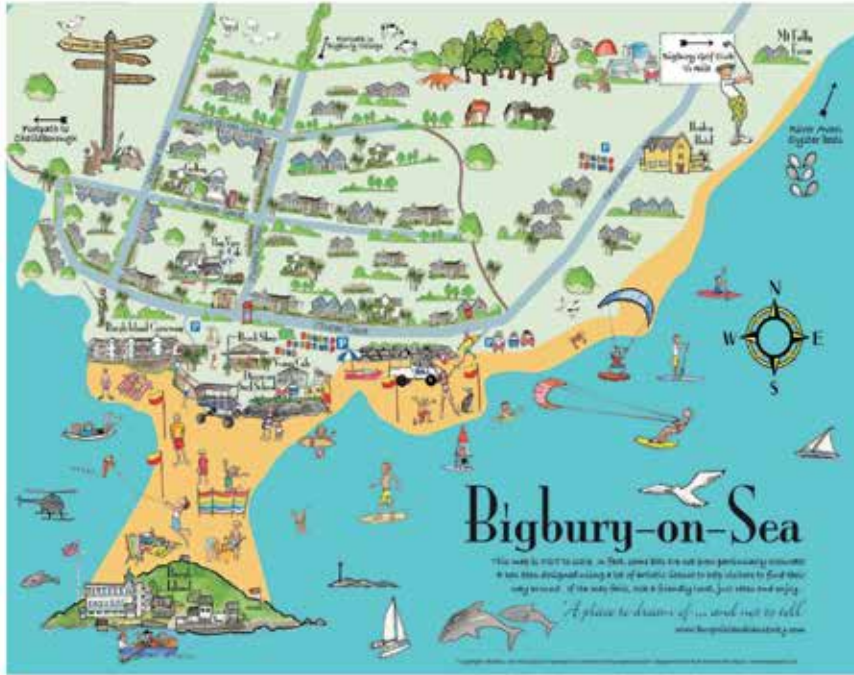
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Dear Readers,

This edition features many 'calls to action' and also celebrates the people in our community who are continuing to support others in their volunteer roles as service providers and club/event organisers.

We also recognise the huge contributions to our community given by Helen Smith and David Gaye during their lives (pages 8 & 9). I am sad to inform you that Easton resident, Cris Dixon, also passed away recently after a long illness and his funeral will be held at St Lawrences.

Life is short and time is short. This edition focuses on the importance of collaboration as we face the biggest challenge to life on our Earth. Climate change is already responsible for catastrophic weather events throughout the world and the extinction of species.

Boundaries between parishes are irrelevant to wildlife and we need to work together to increase wildlife habitat. What can we do to make sure

the River Avon is not polluted? What can we do in our many gardens to help wildlife - rewild the lawn, create a hedgehog street??

If you feel you need to be better informed about climate issues, why not enroll on the **Carbon Ambassadors Course** (p22 and 27).

Do you want to **start a community group** aiming at increasing wildlife habitat, growing your own food or setting up an EV charging point... why not put a call out for help through **Sustainable South Hams** (p 28).

If you have a holiday let, please make sure your visitors have the **Holywell Stores On line Shopping** link so that they do not have to use supermarket deliveries and support our local shop. (see back page)

Please email the organiser for an Eventbrite invitation to the **Golf Assembly** on 24th Feb (p 5), numbers limited to 50.

There are some new clubs starting up in Bigbury and we hope even more will come out soon. So, be brave - start something new. We need to build more resilience into our communities so that we can help each other when the going gets tough. It helps us all feel part of something important - Bigbury.

If you have a second home here, we would love it if you could spend even more time here if you can work from home, why not work from Bigbury? Anyone out there want to start an **Internet Cafe** here to help make this happen whilst we wait for Airband to sort out our digital isolation?

Keep posting on **Bigbury TV** if you have some uplifting news about **Nature in Bigbury** or highlight what we could do to help restore natural habitats etc.

WE  BIGBURY

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Snowdrops and daffodils are already forcing through the ground.

New Years Resolution? Join in more?

Louise & Henry Wainwright

Bigbury News Production Team

Louise & Henry will be responsible for **Bigbury News** until the Dec/Jan issue when **Jan Davies** and her new team take on the helm. Louise is still doing 'Bigbury Drums' (the email newsletter) and it will focus on Climate and Nature news but still have local social events posters.

Contributors: *Marlene Johnson (Nineteenth Hole), Steve Comely (Charterlands United) Gary McGuire (McBars Jars), Vic & Jill Gubbins (St Lawrence Matters & Inspired Appeal), Louise Wainwright (various).*

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Agendas, Minutes and Notices of all Parish Council meetings can be viewed in the three parish **Notice Boards** at **Holywell Stores, Unwind Salon** in Bigbury and the **bus shelter Bigbury-on-Sea.**



BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Bringing the
Community Together

Since the date of my last report we put on a couple of events to bring down the curtain on 2021. The first, in November, was a Film 'n Food Night. This drew a rather disappointing attendance of 15 people, mainly due to bad weather and, of course, covid but those who did come enjoyed the film, Peter Rabbit 2, and the food. This time, instead of using outside caterers, people were asked to bring plates to share and this seemed to work very well.

In December we staged the latest of our regular Wine Tasting Evenings. This had a healthy attendance of 25 people, who were treated to six lovely wines presented by local wine dealers Barrel & Still, accompanied by delicious home made nibbles. Look out for the next one, probably in June.

BIGBURY COMMUNITY EVENTS



Our next event is our ever popular annual New Year Quiz Night. This is slightly later than usual, due to the pesky omicron variant, but it will be held on Friday 11th February at 7.00 p.m.. Your Quiz Inquisitor will be Geoff Ross, who's drawn up a list of questions suitable for all age groups and interests. As regulars will know, this event is great value. There's a free pasty for everyone and a bottle of wine per team, all in the ticket price of only £6 ! Teams can be any number from one to six. Don't worry if you've not made up a team beforehand; we can arrange this on the night. Tickets can be obtained either from Holywell Stores or just by giving me a ring or email. I look forward to seeing you there.

Charles Harrington
Chair Memorial Hall Committee
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BIGBURY COFFEE MORNING

What a wonderful Coffee Morning on Wednesday 1st December it raised a fantastic £1100 for St Lawrence Church. Many thanks to everybody who supported us and gave so generously.

During 2021 we raised £3089 for local charities and we look forward to seeing you between 10.30 and noon on Wednesday 2nd March when we will be supporting Children's Hospice South West. On Wednesday 6th April we will be supporting Hope Cove Lifeboats.

Keep safe and healthy.

Jean and Yvonne.
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BIGBURY QUIZ NIGHT 2022



We'll supply the questions, a pasty each and one bottle of wine per table of 6 people; you provide the glasses, brain power and any extra drink required.

**Bigbury
Memorial Hall**

7.00pm Friday 11th February 2022

**Tickets £6 from Holywell Stores or
Tel. 810023**

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BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Calendar of Events for February/March 2022

<u>Day & Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Organiser</u>	<u>Contact no.</u>
Mon. 9.30 – 10.30	Pilates	Jill Gubbins	810651
10.50 – 11.30	Strong & Steady (plus tea and chat)	Jill Gubbins	810651
15.45 – 17.00	Table tennis	Angie Bond	811131
		Janie Grace	811122
17.30 – 18.30	Creative-X	Kate Webb	714712
	Children's Workshops		
Wed. 10.30 – 12.00	Community	Jean Wright	810029
(1 st Wed. of month)	Coffee morning	Yvonne Klidjian	810971
(2 nd Wed. of month)	Parish Council	Ian Bramble	855712
19.30	(clerk)		
Thurs. 9.00 – 10.30	Creative-X	Kate Webb	714712
(3 rd Thurs. of month)	South Hams Filling Station	Gilbert Snook	810017
4.30 – 5.30	Line Dancing	Sue Trendwell	550348
Sun. Mornings	Yoga	Becky Hickman	
		www.beckyhickmanyoga.co.uk/bigburyclasses	

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9 to 5 The Musical, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick, is based on the seminal 1980 hit movie that starred Dolly Parton, Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin. Set in the late 1970s, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic. a high-energy show with a jubilant score and easily relatable characters perfect theatrical escapism!

**Wednesday March 23rd to
Saturday March 26th 2022
At 7.30pm
Malborough Village Hall**

Tickets kats-kingsbridge.co.uk
Kingsbridge Information Centre
:01548 853195



NEW DATES

Island Artist Experience

31st March 2022

10th October 2022

10th November 2022

£105 per person

Includes coffee, all materials and lunch

Available to residents and non-residents.

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One night Murder Mystery break

Wednesday 23rd November 2022

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SOUTH HAMS FILLING STATION
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southhamsfillingstation@gmail.com
for a Zoom invite

**7:30pm
Thursday
17th March
2022**

Join us at our next meeting
as we welcome speaker

**Rosemary
Piercy**
This months talk

The Power of Forgiveness

evangelism faith joy hope refreshment

Bigbury Memorial Hall, St. Ann's Chapel, Bigbury, TQ7 4HQ

Bigbury History Society
An illustrated talk by Henry Wainwright on

**Shipwrecks
around
Bigbury Bay**

Tuesday 29 March 2022; 7 pm for 7.30 pm
Bigbury Memorial Hall
Entrance £ 2.50; includes glass of wine
Raffle in aid of Hope Cove Life Boat

SOUTH HAMS FILLING STATION
Come in person on the night or email
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for a Zoom invite

**7:30pm
Thursday 17th
February
2022**

We welcome speaker

**The Rev.
Stephen Beach**
This months talk

How to live by the Spirit

evangelism faith joy hope refreshment

Bigbury Memorial Hall, St. Ann's Chapel, Bigbury, TQ7 4HQ

FRIENDS NEEDED!

Historical St Lawrence's Church relies on the ongoing support
of the community to ensure it's here for future generations.

By joining **Friends of St Lawrence's Church (FOSL)**, you will help
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Please get in touch:
Contact FOSL Secretary,
Gill Cook, on 01548 810 156

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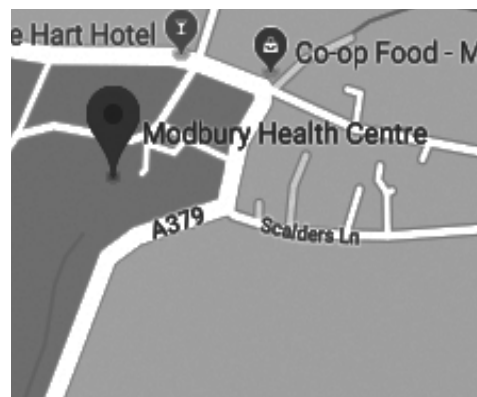
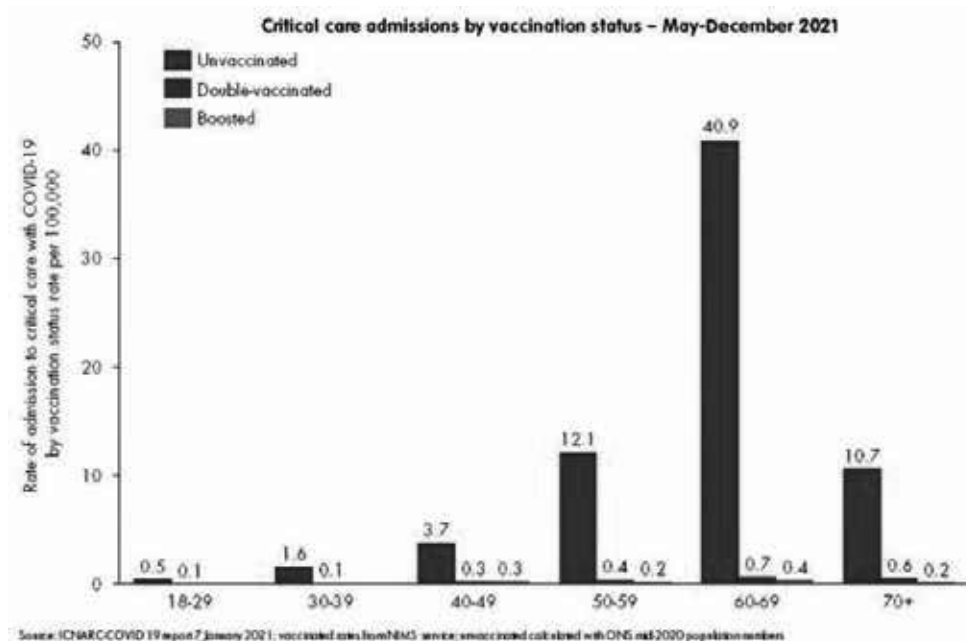
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PLEASE CHECK IN WITH JILL BEFORE ATTENDING SESSIONS IF
NEW TO ACTIVITY. THANK YOU!



WELL BEING

Follaton House is now only open on a Saturday morning for covid vaccines and will do walk-in appointments.



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Poundwell Meadow
Modbury PL21 0QL
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www.modburyhealthcentre.co.uk

Modbury Pharmacy
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For the latest coronavirus advice in Devon:
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UNWIND UPDATE

Three months have passed since we welcomed our new Stylist and Barber Kirsten to Unwind Hair.

Appointments are steady but as we are now offering a full time service i have plenty of space to offer new clients a regular spot with us or even a one off appointment on the day. Please don't hesitate to call the salon to check last minute availability 01548 810000

I recently had a client say that they had not booked with her yet as they were waiting to hear from others how she was getting on.

Here are just a few reviews that I have received since Kirsten started from our very happy clients:

Thank you to Kirsten for an amazing colour and cut. She has great attention to detail, it felt like a lovely pamper session. The spacious salon with one to one set up is amazing especially during current covid times. Parking on site is also a big bonus. I wouldn't hesitate in recommending Kirsten. N

Please tell Kirsten that both my mom and I love what's she's done with our hair!!!

Mom is super pleased with her cut. My colour is perfect ... the best I've had and

the real test of a new cut for me is when I wash & style it myself ... did that yesterday and it's perfect!! Please let her know how pleased & grateful we are. J

I wanted to let you know just how pleased I am with my new hair cut, I think it's the best I have ever had and I feel like my old self again. J

I LOVE my new colour & Kirsten is so lovely. Worth the wait! L

Thank you so much for my hair style today, it looks beautiful. I feel great. C
 COVID - we would also like to remind clients that we are still doing our utmost to keep Unwind a covid safe environment- masks are worn at all times, appointments are offered on a 1-1 basis meaning that you will be the only person in the salon at any time.

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Looking forward to seeing you soon

Louise Pitt

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NINETEENTH HOLE

Introducing and Welcoming Bigbury Golf's Professional Sam Edwards

Bigbury Golf is so happy to be introducing Sam Edwards, its new resident Golf Professional. All at Bigbury Golf were delighted to warmly welcome Sam, with many members knowing him from when he joined Bigbury Golf Club as a seven year old member of the Junior's section. Sam has multiple Honours Board wins recorded at Bigbury, he represented Devon County under 14's, Captained Devon Golf Under 16's, represented England with the under 18's. Sam was able to have a thorough hand over with departing professional, Adam Keates, who was leaving to follow a further exciting stage in his career.

With joining Bigbury Golf, Sam starts a new and exciting stage in his career as its

full time Club Pro and he says - "Having been at Bigbury for a couple of months now I have thoroughly enjoyed my start in the pro shop and I feel very excited to be part of the Bigbury Team. I've had such a lovely warm welcome from all of the members and it's been great to meet so many new people and to catch up with the familiar faces I grew up with at the club. I was very fortunate to have a successful amateur career at Bigbury and I'm really looking forward to helping others to improve their game. Having already given a few lessons it's been very rewarding to hear the progress people have made in their games and I'm looking forward to seeing the handicaps tumble during the season! Bigbury Golf Club is a really active club and the improvement over recent years has been outstanding; members and visitors alike are always commenting on the excellent condition of the course, the friendly nature of the club and how they've thoroughly enjoyed their day. I'm proud

to be part of the team that puts all of this together and I'm really keen to play my part in going from strength to strength with this club.

Finally, if any golfer would like to sharpen up their game, Sam would be delighted to hear from you. He can be contacted by telephone on 01548 810557 or E:mail. Golfshop@bigburygolfclub.co.uk. Similarly Sam will be pleased to hear from any budding golfers considering taking up golf."

Jason Pheasant, General Manager, adds that Sam has achieved so much since winning the Club Championship at only 14 years of age, and indeed he is still the course record holder! We are fortunate to have Sam as our Professional.

Photograph: Sam is welcomed by Jason Pheasant, Bigbury Golf General Manager

Soup and Puddings 2022
in aid of local Cancer Research and Dementia

9th March 2022

Bigbury Memorial Hall,
St Ann's Chapel TQ7 4HG



Serving from 11.45am to 2.30pm

Homemade soups and puds

£6.95 per ticket – from Bigbury Golf Club Bar

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Have some windows and doors open for ventilation
Most important all enjoy this charity fundraiser.
Masks to be worn (unless exempt) into the hall
until sat at table



GOLF ASSEMBLY

Bigbury Net Zero is most grateful to the **Board at Bigbury Golf Club** and MD **Jason Pheasant** for their continued support for the efforts being made by our local community to reduce our communal carbon footprint.

Jason Pheasant will be contributing to the discussions at the **Island Assembly** on 21st February (see page). Because space on the island will be strictly limited there may be many interested parties within Charterlands who will be disappointed not to be able to participate in the Island

Assembly. There will be a follow up opportunity at the **Golf Assembly on Thursday 24th February** (evening) . This will be an invitation only event as well in order that we can restrict the numbers to 50 people. If you would like to be sent an Eventbrite link so that you can register an intention to attend the Golf Assembly - please contact the BNZ Secretary **info @bigburynetzero.org**

There will be a key note talk from international climate lawyer and Chair of Bigbury Net Zero, **Farhana Yamin**. You

will learn what **Devon Wildlife Trust** is planning to do to enhance biodiversity in the Avon Valley. You will learn how to measure your carbon footprint and meet other like-minded local people who want to 'do' something now to halt climate change and enhance nature on our doorstep.

We hope to see you from Ringmore, Kingston, Bigbury, Modbury and Aveton Gifford. If there are more than 50 people wanting to attend, additional evenings will be allocated. L.W.



As many of you know, long term Bigbury resident Helen Smith died at the end of November, and her well attended funeral was one of two in December at St Lawrence. Helen was a church warden and supported St Lawrence in many ways over the years. She will be much missed in our congregation and parish.

Just when we thought it was safer and the church was getting back to its usual rhythm of services, omicron struck and with it, new restrictions. Services are unaffected but we have to worship in masks, and the post services refreshments have been suspended to avoid unmasked close contact.

On the building front work is well and truly underway! The church has taken on a pagoda like appearance with the scaffolding, and the contractors, Barley Manor, are busy raking out the old cement mortar pointing in preparation for re-

pointing in lime mortar. Lime mortar is now specified for heritage buildings, as it allows the joints between the stones to 'breathe' and being softer than cement mortar it means that slight movement can be taken up, rather than producing cracks as has already happened in the tower.

Representatives of the bell-hangers, Nicholson of Bridport, have visited and we now know the internal work on the tower required prior to bells removal, programmed for 14th February. (See the photo of rep, looking at bells from above). We are still looking for volunteers to assist with the bells removal (keeps the costs down!) – you need to be fit and have your own safety footwear (steel toe-capped), all other PPE will be provided.

On the money side we are negotiating further funding from the Heritage Stimulus Fund through the good offices of Historic

England and the National Churches Trust – this is to cover overruns due mainly to inflation and the unexpectedly high cost of the scaffolding. The snag is that any funding will need to be spent by the end of March – the end of the financial year. Much depends on the weather and the ability to use lime mortar. In an ideal world we would wait for warmer weather but we do not have that option, so we have to press on and hope the South Hams winter is kind to us.

If you can offer any help on this project, and in particular would like more details about helping with removing the bells, please do contact me. Many thanks and until the next time

Vic Gubbins

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The 'inSPIRED apPEAL'

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

Thank you to the many who came along at the start of December to a wonderful Christmas themed Community Coffee morning, as ever superbly organised by Jean, Yvonne and team. It was a really festive social occasion at the hall, from the windows of which the scaffolding tiers could easily be seen, and which coincidentally chimed with the first day of work on St Lawrence's tower, as outlined in Vic's report!

The event raised a record breaking £1100 which has been split equally between the church Common Fund and the Tower and Bells Fund. Matt and the PCC are immensely grateful to all involved! Huge thanks go out to Jan Davies for her work throughout 2021 in researching people's family trees, often as unexpected gifts, and with fascinating discoveries, and resulting in donations totalling over £600. Jan is taking a break for a bit but hopes to continue with this delightful fundraiser in Spring. 'Bigbury Past and Present' contributed a further £35 to the appeal at the year's end. Books are still available, please contact me if you would like one (soft cover copy at £7). Many thanks too to Venus Company cafes, continuing with their support, via the 5p per cup of tea donations; last quarter's update to come next time, but please do give our local business your support in these tough times. Sadly, no-one entered a coloured in Xmas card from December's issue of the News, so no display nor prizes from Santa! However, the card itself raised £215 from participants – lovely, and thank you!

that the restoration will progress well and covid decrease, with some more community events to look forward to and join in with hopefully! On **Sunday 20th March 2022** at 3 p.m. the **Pedigree Jazzband** will return to St Lawrence for a 60 - 90 minutes without interval concert of well-known and newer gospel jazz songs and music! Last summer 45+ people thoroughly enjoyed hearing and singing along with the band in the church; do come again and spread the word so others don't miss them this time! It's

certainly not too early to contact me for details and tickets, £10 per person.

Other ideas/plans are under discussion so please keep an eye out on Drums and the next News, and any help/ideas are always very welcome, please just get in touch! Stay safe,

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LETTER from MINISTER at ST LAWRENCE



Modbury Mission Community

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
February 6 th	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship
February 13 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion (BCP) (8 am) ----- All Age Service	Village Service
February 20 th	Lay Led Service	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
February 27 th	Communion	Evening Prayer (4 pm)	Village Service	Sunday Worship	Communion
March 6 th	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship
March 13 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion (BCP) (8 am) ----- All Age Service	Communion
March 20 th			Communion (11 am)	Communion	
March 27 th	Sunday Worship	Communion (BCP)	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion

Meaning

The five church buildings which are linked together in the Modbury Mission Community are all buildings with varying sizes of spires. Over the many centuries some of these spires have been struck by lightning, repointed and rebuilt, hidden vicars on the run in the English Civil war and one of them hit by a Luftwaffe bomb.

At the moment the tower and spire at St Lawrence's Church, Bigbury, are covered in scaffolding, as work is ongoing to make it watertight and re-hang the bells so they can once again ring out across the parish.

Last year someone showed me an original sea chart from around the late 17th century. The part of the map they showed me was the coast around Bigbury bay. And on this chart was marked St Lawrence's spire, so seafarers on their boats in the Channel could mark where they were and safely make their way through the seas along this coast and onto their destination.

And in many ways that is what these church buildings represent. The church is a place for the community in the past, the community at the present and the community in the future, to help us make our way through this life in the company of God's love and into eternity. At its best a church building is a place where the big questions of life can start to make sense.

Don't you find that life can be utterly perplexing at times? Isn't there a distinct scarcity in substantial, proven wisdom in this world - truth that makes life work, that cracks open the puzzle of the meaning of life and destroys the fear of death? Where would you look for that? Maybe the Christian church is the last place you'd look. Or maybe it's the place to start to look.

The Revd Matt Rowland
Vicar

Vicar: The Revd Matt Rowland (830260: every day except (normally) Saturday)
Readers: Joyce Howitt (07929 117397), Michael Tagent (810520)
Website: www.modburyteam.org

LAST WORDS for HELEN SMITH



One cold, bright day in March 1982, a woman could be seen fighting her way through the brambles and nettles that had all but engulfed the Rectory in Bigbury. She was trying to look in through the windows and imagine herself living there.

The Rectory had been empty for some time, and was to be put up for sale by the Church of England. Helen Smith had been fascinated by the particulars, and although her husband had already said he did not want to live in Bigbury, she was determined to have a look at the house. It seems that some Bigbury magic, that we have all felt from time to time must have touched Helen, because she convinced her husband Roland that this was the place they should buy as their retirement home. Within a year they had moved in, having had people in to sort out both the house and the garden - including adding the beautiful pink exterior paintwork which Helen so loved, and which somehow came to be a hallmark of the Smiths' residence there.

The house is spacious and welcoming,

and the garden a delight, and for some forty years they have been the venue for a multitude of get togethers, such as dinners, garden parties and the loved Victorian Tea party, nearly all held to raise funds for St Lawrence Church and other local causes.

Prior to this, Helen had retired from her role as Bursar of Training for Lloyds Bank in Hindhead, initially so that she could provide support for her own mother and Roland's mother, in their dotage. She performed the roles of carer, homemaker and gardener with the same gusto that we all came to expect from her in her many and varied roles in Bigbury over the years. She was once described, with great affection, together with Mary Smallwood and Sally Mitchell as one of the village's matriarchs.

Initially, Helen and Roland divided their time between a home in Cyprus, and the Rectory. During one of their stays in Bigbury, Mary Smallwood invited Helen to take part in the annual summer show, and compete in the flower arranging and cookery sections.

That was the beginning of Helen's committed support of the parish of Bigbury and all its many events and groups of kindred spirits. She was soon co-opted on to the committee, and before long was its chairman. The same happened with the WI in Bigbury (sadly no longer functioning), and she was for many years Chairman of the local Conservative group, and was highly respected by the group in the whole South Hams. She was a long time member of the St. Lawrence Church parochial council, and latterly one of its Church Wardens. The current Bigbury Ladies group came about years ago when Helen's Bigbury on Sea friends complained they did not see her often enough, so she set up, through the Parish Magazine, a monthly Bigbury Girls coffee morning, hosted at her house. As ever, all were welcome. It has since evolved into the current Bigbury Ladies, largely run by Pam, Rita, Chris and Jean. This is just one example of Helen's gift for getting people together and engendering a genuine sense of community.

After Roland died, these strong links with the community, and her involvement with so many of the movers and shakers meant that Helen never planned to leave. It is well to remember that she was nearing 90 when she began to hand over the reigns of these groups. She was an inspiration to us all, a true 'pillar of the community', and very dearly loved. She will be sadly missed by us all.

Note: A fuller, more formal obituary can be found in both the Times and the Telegraph at the time of her death in December.

Photo: Helen enjoying the Church Fete in 2019 with young people of the parish.

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LAST WORDS for DAVID GAY

David Gay was a much loved member of the community in Bigbury-on-Sea. He enjoyed so many aspects of life here. As a member of both Torbay Symphony Orchestra and the Britannia Naval College Band, David was delighted that so many of us attended the concerts. How well we recall the superb Christmas concerts at the College in Dartmouth.

Loving the outdoors, David was an enthusiastic gardener who opened his delightful garden in aid of a variety of charities during many summers. For many years David was also the much-respected and admired Editor of the Bigbury News, with Sandy an excellent proof-reader by his side.


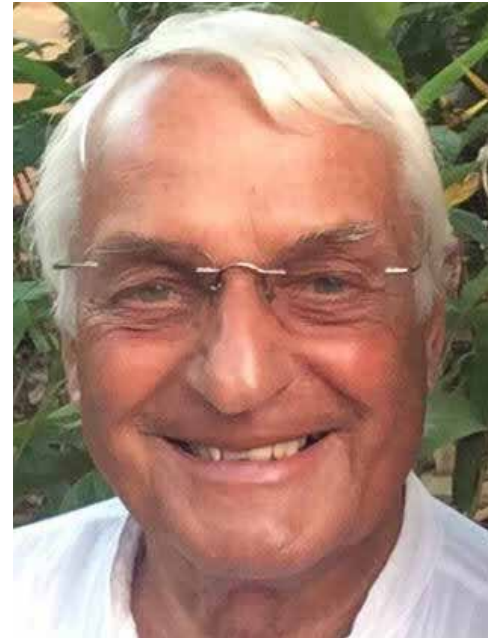
I have such happy memories of David at the Causeway Club where he was a much

loved member. He and I used to meet on summer mornings for a swim round the buoy and back for coffee. Such very happy days.

Then there were the Wednesday morning breakfasts at the Causeway which seemed an excellent start to the day after a swim in the sea on hot summer mornings or in the pool when we felt less energetic!

That of course is without even a mention of David's delightful walks, which we all tended to moan about when he invited us – and all thoroughly enjoyed once we were walking. David was such a talented person. He's already much missed here in Bigbury on Sea and will be most fondly remembered.

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Dear Fellow Coasters,

Happy New Year to you all. Just imagine! In a few short weeks, I shall be retrieving my frisbee and my kite from the pawn shop and sallying forth onto our golden beach again. My old friend Bunny Vavasour informs me that our marvellous gem of a hotel lives to fight another day and awaits those with pockets, both large or small, to come and enjoy the delights which Bigbury has to offer. As long as one doesn't have to take a PCR test to take a PCR test although by summer I'm sure we'll be over all that malarkey.

I must say, I'm feeling refreshed after my holiday but it grieved me to discover that someone had been sleeping in my room while I'd been away. I discovered some top secret naval documents and a Walter PPK automatic pistol under my bed. I had to chuckle. It's almost as if James Bond had been here or something. Even the Palm Court Bar was awash with vodka and gin bottles - empty of course - which did make me think of the Vesper Martini: Bond's favourite. You should try it; Into a shaker filled with ice, add three parts vodka to two parts gin (in as large or as small quantities as you like) and splash in a small amount of Lillet vermouth. Stir the mixture twenty times anticlockwise and strain into a Martini glass. Decorate with a green olive and drink it while it's still smiling at you. Voila! The Vesper Martini.

Only two days ago, while having a lunch of Chicken Catchatori in the Morley Arms at Laira Bridge, I chuckled at the thought of one of the guests who came to the hotel just last month. Already accomplished at a young age, young Greta Thunberg came to stay. Her reputation as an activist is well documented, we all remember the fire crackers in Piccadilly. The traffic was jammed from Bond St all the way to Swan and Edgar's. Then she was jailed after breaking that bus window and shouting "Votes For Whales". Even in imprisonment, she set fire to a wing of Holloway.

I must say that things for young Greta were quite different last month. She arrived from Newquay by private helicopter and enjoyed daily jaunts to local beauty spots in an old diesel van. The lights in her suite were on all the time and so was the heating. The room was boiling. Marta complained about how hot it was. She also enjoyed her favourite meal of steak and chips, three times a day at breakfast, lunch and dinner. It kept the chef busy. Supper consisted of takeaways from the local Chinese restaurant in Modbury. She really knew how to party and fairly made Caligula look



like a nun - with big hands of course. Then she was off. She took a taxi up to Glasgow for COP 26. A real 60 fags a day gal. We loved her!

Greta loved downing her Jaegerbombs too. Lethal. She loved mine. As you well know Dear Reader, DO NOT have any more than three of those things. Or trouble is in store. As usual, the Devil had me singled out for particular attention and there was nothing I could do. I had the requisite capacity for deceit. I had been flooding the money markets with counterfeit money or "slush" as it's known in my circles for quite some time. They were after me again.

Not that I can move that fast anyway, I'm getting too old. So there I was, back in Jug. Me? A collector of Hepplewhite furniture? An heir to the hideous family jewels? I was back in and sharing a cell with Crusher Watson again. My heart sank but Cupid can appear in many guises and we've become very very good friends. You'll meet him, I hope.

Don't forget where you heard it first and until we meet again, Fare Thee Well my Friends. From your long suffering retired barman cum author,

Gary McBar xxx



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2021 was a huge year here at Discovery and we're looking forward to another busy year with bookings already coming in from keen holiday makers and school groups too. It's so positive to feel we are emerging from a 'normal' season. We have been busy behind the scenes sorting out equipment, planning courses and getting all of our logistics ready.

We're open weekends and throughout the half term week for equipment hire and surf lessons, and we're available everyday for enquiries and bookings - please contact us via phone/email/social media. We've got surf lessons and SUP lessons as well as different courses available - so there's always something to suit everyone.

Our super popular week long child surf courses start from Easter and are on every week of school holidays, and we also have Fast Track surf courses, which are aimed at people aged 14 and over - a great way to develop your surf skills quickly.

The Surf Club courses begin from the 5th of March and we also have a couple one off sessions in February. The surf club is immensely popular and we had around 100 local children join us throughout last year developing their skills and making new friends. The surf club is such a big part of Discovery with many children going on to

become coaches themselves.

To train new instructors this year we will be offering an ASI (Academy of Surf Instructors) Apprenticeship way of learning, this course is the first step in becoming a surfing instructor and will enable the participant to instruct beginner level surfing lessons and activities.

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ISLAND ASSEMBLY



We estimate that 500 people assembled on the sands in front of Burgh Island for Bigbury Net Zero's **Beach Assembly** in November 2021. It is very easy to enjoy our stunning scenery and believe that all is well with the world. We wanted to raise awareness of the impending, irreversible climate change and catastrophic loss of biodiversity. Our outreach following this event though newspapers and social media has continued to build momentum and support. More events such as this are being planned for 2022.

Local towns and villages are already coming together under the umbrella of **Sustainable South Hams** to share resources and ideas. Their ambition is to reverse the decline in nature in our parishes and investigate how we can improve from being islands of 'non-sustainable villages' into wider 'sustainable' communities.' Parish boundaries now appear insignificant when the impact of failure to reduce fossil fuel consumption and reverse the loss of natural habitats, affects us all. The need to cooperate has never been more important. Our financial and human resources are limited and there is very little time left to act and make meaningful reductions in our parish footprints.

We are delighted to have the support of **Giles Fuchs** and the Burgh Island Hotel, who are sponsoring the **Island Assembly on Monday 21st February**. The purpose of this event is to inspire cooperation between groups which have the potential to design and develop ambitious community-led projects to increase natural habitats and reduce our carbon footprints.

The invitation-only Island Assembly is a gathering of interested parties which will be recorded and delegates will be interviewed by **Andrew Kay** of Bauer Media. Recordings will be shared on social media. These videos will allow thousands more people 'into the room' to see, hear and feel what happened at the Island Assembly.

A follow up event at **Bigbury Golf Club** on **Thursday 24th February** will provide an opportunity for 50 more people to come together the meet other players, form alliances and take more steps in the right direction. (see p 5)

With the media interest that we have gathered, this is likely to prove to be a ground-breaking model for 'Community COPs' encouraging communities to work together to complement local government initiatives. By joining forces we believe we can make the progress needed to 'keep 1.5 deg alive'.

Inspirational speakers of international note will be amongst the delegates and we are inviting Devon's local government (**Devon County Council, District Councillors** and **SHDC Parish Councillors**) to attend. Leading South Hams businesses and regional organisations (South Devon **AONB** and **Devon Wildlife Trust**) will be there to showcase their successful climate and nature projects within the South Hams. The Directors of **Carbon Savvy** and the **Farm Carbon Toolkit** will launch their parish focused initiatives and promote their carbon footprint calculators. Delegates will write their **Letters to the Earth** before they attend the Assembly under the management of **Kay Michaels**

<https://www.letterstotheearth.com/about-us>

Key phrases from these letters will be constructed into a light bulb message on the island and be on display for three nights. This is will be constructed before the end of the day by the art group, **Still Moving** that did this for the Mayflower event at Plymouth and at COP26. **John Tucker** will be making his mark on the beach again. The **Modbury town crier, David Scott**, will open proceedings with his usual flair.

This promises to be an excitign event.

Louise Wainwright
Secretary Bigbury Net Zero



Photo above:

A site-specific Installation, SPEEDWELL was a 67m long illuminated text work on Plymouth's Mount Batten Breakwater designed to provoke reflection about the human impulse to explore new worlds, and the repercussions of this behaviour.



Photo above:

The 'NO NEW WORLDS' installation moved to Glasgow for the duration of COP26.

ISLAND MURMURATION

Many people will have seen the stunning murmuration of starlings this year at Bigbury-on-Sea. Each evening just before dusk, smaller flocks began congregating over the island, swooping elegantly above the causeway, racing past the Pilchard and resting on the field above the hotel. As new flocks arrived they seemed to melt into the larger flock with amazing ease. No collisions. How does that happen? Thousands of birds, without rehearsal, seem to be able to choreograph such incredible aerial acrobatics. Finally they would all roost together in one or other of the cedars outside the hotel.

Why do starling murmurations form?

Starlings are known as 'partial migrants': birds that migrate in some places but not in others. Our own starlings tend to stay put while those from colder countries in eastern Europe head to our shores, swelling our numbers during autumn and winter to form seriously impressive flocks.

Scientists believe that murmurations offer safety in numbers; protection from predators like peregrine falcons that are attracted by the sheer number of birds. After all, it can't be easy to single out just one starling from a whirling group of hundreds or even thousands! Experts still aren't completely sure how each starling knows which way to turn without bumping into the others.

Murmurations always form over the birds' communal roosting site. As the number of starlings reaches its peak and the last of the daylight begins to fade, an unspoken signal seems to tell the group to funnel towards the ground with one last sweeping motion and calming whoosh of wings. Roosts can be anything from a reedbed to a seaside pier where the group can huddle together for warmth and chatter about the best feeding grounds.

Ref: www.lancswt.org.uk/blog/charlotte-varela



RIOTS, ROYAL WEDDINGS and BOMBINGS

Forty people, including several from Bigbury, attended the talk given by our **Bigbury Watch** team, **Eamonn and Lynda Brynes** at the Ringmore WI Hall in January. Eamonn and Lynda gave an inspirational and very personal talk about their lives in the Metropolitan Police Force during the Maggie Thatcher years. They were in the front line and were both courageous and committed to helping others. Linda was a runner in her youth and described a selfless act of bravery when she chased off 15 youths in the Nottingham Riots until a squad car pulled up along side her and ordered her to jump inside for her own safety! Eamonn and Linda not only lost friends, who were their colleagues, in the Harrods Bombings but Eamonn narrowly escaped with his life.

There were several former police in the audience that night as well as family members. We were all so very grateful to people like Eamonn and Linda who go the extra mile and their only explanation (given by Linda in her talk) is that "I wanted to help people".

The marshals at our Beach Assembly last November were mostly retired police force people, who still keep giving and still want to help people. Eamonn and Linda had no trouble getting a six strong team together from neighbouring villages and towns.

Thank you to everyone who keeps giving.



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What makes some people step forward and volunteer to fill important roles in our community, whilst other feel unable to contribute? If more people joined in local activities, came to events or started new societies and brought ambitious community projects to the discussion table, - all our lives would be enriched. Future generations in Bigbury would live in a Sustainable Parish.

Could we work towards making our Parish Sustainable, rather than accept the definition in our Neighbourhood Plan that St Ann's Chapel is the only sustainable village in Bigbury? The Climate Change gauntlet is down on the table - we need to work towards sustainability in all aspects of our lives. Communities willing and able to work together are more likely to make a difference - in time.



FIREWORKS ALARM

A few of us were on the terrace of The Club at The Causeway, just after 00.30 on 1st Jan, winding down after letting off a few celebratory fireworks of our own down on the beach.

We noticed a burning plastic/rubber smell coming from the public car park. Looking out of the slipway gate, there was a lively orange glow up around the ice cream hut at the top of the slipway.

Quick inspection found one of the two council bins in full blazing glory. To our eyes it looked like it could maybe spread before burning out so, while fire brigade was called, Nigel and I got into the club and grabbed an extinguisher. Using that, followed by two buckets of water it was nearly out.

We'd just got 3rd & 4th buckets up to the smouldering mess when the fire brigade turned up, dowsed it properly, looked at it with a thermal camera and dowsed it some more!

We could see the remains of one of those single ignition firework boxes. Someone (not us we hasten to add!) must have let it off, thought it was fully out, and put it into the waste bin. We were thanked for our efforts and for calling them and we were grateful for their prompt attendance.

A new bin definitely required!

All the very best,

Kevan Debonnaire



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LOCAL FIRE CREW



In spite of the Kingston fire engine being nearby, this crew was not able to attend the fire described in **Kevan Debonnaire's** letter (opposite).

Paul White explained that two of the crew had injuries from their normal 'day jobs' which meant that the Kingston crew had insufficient members to provide a service. Currently there are only four crew members. Ideally the crew should have a team of about 7 volunteers from whom to draw in an emergency call out.

Our local communities fought long and hard to stave off the closing of the Kingston fire service in 2019 because fire spreads very fast and needs the emergency services to attend quickly. Holiday traffic and narrow lanes mean that we have suffered many traffic jams on the way to Bigbury on Sea.

Volunteers can work/reside in St Ann's Chapel, Kingston, Bigbury, Bigbury-on-Sea, Ringmore, Challaborough or Easton.

Being part of the local on-call Fire Crew is an exciting and practical way to help our community. Please call Paul or Mike for more information. Check out the general requirements and training course details on line.

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BIGBURY DIPPERS

Following the article in Bigbury News Issue 469, inviting second home owners to participate more, I as one myself, would love to meet up with other swimmers in Bigbury, as I often travel to the Hoe to swim there.

If you've never tried open water swimming, that's not a problem. With it being winter and the sea continuing to get colder right up to the end of March, now's the ideal time to meet up for a chat and a coffee to discuss everyone's swimming backgrounds and aspirations, cold water acclimatisation, water safety and just to generally get to know one another.

Types of swim, as a starter, but definitely not limited to:

- A 2 minute dip, a few photos, then cake and coffee
- Some gentle breast stroke, head out of the water, then cake and coffee
- A few strokes of front crawl, getting used to brain freeze and learning to breathe in cold water, you get the idea now – cake and coffee afterwards is part of the pleasure
- A swim from the causeway ramp to Burgh Island
- A swim between Bigbury and Challaborough (and optional return)
- A swoosh from Bantham on an outgoing tide
- Around the island*
- A swim from Averton Gifford*
- Exploring Dartmoor pools and rivers
- And more

* kayak support required

I've created a new Facebook group called **Bigbury Dippers**. Please join in.

First meeting at **Bigbury Tea Rooms at Bigbury-on-Sea on Saturday 26th February at 2.30 pm**. Just a chat but bring dipping gear just in case!

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'Yes, we were part of the showpiece to celebrate the grand official opening of the Devon County Football Association 3G artificial grass pitch in Newton Abbot. HM Lord lieutenant of Devon opened the facility.

The day started at 11am with a short presentation from Devon County FA staff followed by a buffet lunch and opportunity to watch concluding at 1pm. Sue Hough MBE and Chair of the FA' National Game Board and a number of local football clubs, leagues and partners were also in attendance.

We currently play at Newton Abbot on Tuesday mornings. Thanks to Modbury Recreation (MARS) we are also now playing on grass in Modbury on Thursday mornings. Modbury Health Centre have started referring persons seeking more exercise for health reasons whilst Age UK are planning to get behind the initiative in the next month or so

We are looking for new players. All are welcome no matter what your ability, experience or current level of fitness. This new game is designed to provide you with the health benefits of being active again whilst having fun and making new friends. No commitment just turn up and play when it suits.

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Farhana Yamin
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BIGBURY TEA GARDEN UPDATE

The Bigbury Tea Garden has been the most amazing success since it opened in September 2020! The wonderful chef, Charlie, and her team serve the most delicious home-cooked cakes, scones, soups, lunches and fantastic barrista coffee which have continued to delight many local residents and visitors.

This popular former cafe was empty for a number of years but was able to open again following an approach from **Beth Huntley** to **Giles Fuchs**, the owner of the Burgh Island Hotel, which owns the site.

Giles kindly agreed to allow the community to reopen the Tea Garden as a local asset and a team from the village got working on redecorating the cafe and bringing the kitchen up to scratch.

Mike Hirschfield set up the legal necessities to enable the Tea Garden to trade and did the administration for the first year. Most importantly, our brilliant

chef, **Charlie Murray**, was recruited to run the cafe, bringing with her the ability to create fantastic cakes, frittatas and mezze, among a wide range of delicious dishes.

Early on it was decided that all profits would go to deserving local causes and in the first year large donations were made to the Bigbury church tower fund and to a Plymouth-based charity supporting injured military personnel, with further donations to the Kingsbridge Food Bank.

Mike decided to step back at the beginning of October and now there is a new volunteer board in place comprising **Charlie**, **Jo Gregory**, who has experience in catering management, **Tom Vaughan** with a background in marketing and **Denis Chatterton**, who brings the vital accounting skills.

We would like to invite thoughts from the community as to which local good causes we should support in 2022. Do come to

the cafe one day and share your ideas, perhaps at the same time as you enjoy a delicious lunch or coffee and cake whilst taking in the spectacular view from the cafe and garden!

In this winter season, Charlie is also preparing a winter warmer menu every Friday evening- either to eat in the cafe or as a take away treat. (Order by popping into the cafe or on the Bigbury Tea Garden Facebook group).

The cafe is open 10 until 5, Wednesday to Sunday in winter.

So do support your local Tea Garden - where you will have amazing food and drink in the knowledge that all the money earned goes back directly to benefit the local community.

Tom Vaughan
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CLIMATE & NATURE PROJECT GRANTS

Climate Change and Biodiversity Locality Fund

Just like the **Sustainable Community Locality Fund**, this fund provides each District Councillor with a budget to enable them to support a wide range of projects to help us tackle our Climate and Ecological Emergency Declarations. The project should meet one of the objectives in the South Hams Climate Change and Biodiversity Strategy. These are

- Reducing carbon emissions from households, businesses or organisations, including community and voluntary groups
- Supporting behaviour change and sustainable living
- Projects which will result in removal of carbon from the atmosphere through nature-based solutions or supporting improvements in biodiversity
- Providing education and awareness of the Climate and Ecological emergency through direct engagement with hard to reach groups and individuals
- Projects which aim to help communities and species adapt to the effects of Climate Change
- Projects to help reduce organisational carbon footprints

Each Councillor has a budget of £3,000 until March 2022 to help not for private profit groups or organisations to deliver community projects that benefit their Ward or the wider local area.

Applications

If you would like to make an application to this Fund you will need to contact your local District Councillor to gain their support for your project before completing the application form.

D Cllr Bernard Taylor
cllr.Bernard.Taylor@southhams.gov.uk

Once you have spoken to your local councillor, you can proceed with your online application.

<https://southhams.gov.uk/article/3854/Community-Grants-Funding>

Crowd Funding

Crowdfunding is a great way to raise funds quickly online from a wide range of funders. SHDC has joined forces with Devon County Council, Devon and Cornwall Police and other local authorities to provide dedicated crowdfunding. To find out more about the funds on offer see Crowdfund Devon.

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/crowdfund-devon

Crowdfund Devon supports community groups and charities across the county to raise money from the crowd and unlock extra funding from our partners.

If your project makes a positive impact in your community, supports wellbeing, works towards a better environment or rewards innovation then we want to hear from you.

Crowdfund Devon partners could match-fund your project to help you reach your target.

Further help and support is also available for community projects in Devon.

Devon County Council and Crowdfunder have teamed up to support local projects that make communities stronger, more connected, capable and inclusive; helping communities have more control to achieve the things that matter most to them, in the ways that they choose.

The Devon Community Chest Fund will be closing and will only match fund eligible projects that reach their crowdfunding target by the **28th February 2022**.

Devon County Council Locality Fund

Each of our county councillors has an annual locality budget fund of £10,000 that they can use to respond to local needs within any financial year (April to March). Councillors can, if they wish, make grants to support projects or activities that benefit the communities they represent.

Cllr Rufus Gilbert
rufus.gilbert@devon.gov.uk

Locality budget funding is available to projects that are beneficial to local communities and should be in line with the Council's objectives and priorities. All projects should include some other financial

contribution(s) and/or local support. DCC priorities include:

- Care for the environment and help tackle the climate change emergency by becoming carbon neutral with sustainable growth that both protects and makes the most sustainable use of natural resources
- Care about jobs and economic prosperity by unlocking potential to help grow one of the strongest, greenest, and smartest regional economies in the UK as part of the wider economic region

Devon Environment Fund <https://devonenvironment.org/>

The DEF supports projects that seek to conserve and restore Devon's diverse natural habitats – via initiatives such as regenerative agriculture, agroforestry, rewilding, tree planting, meadow restoration, peatland conservation and restoration, eco tourism, wildlife safaris, and much more.

DEF particularly welcome projects that aim to share learnings and best practice to replicate their successes and scale their positive impact to other areas, to maximise the benefits to nature.

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HEAT Devon - works on energy efficiency and offers carbon saving opportunities through the provision of GRANTS and the INSTALLATION of: Solar PV, First Time Central Heating Systems, Loft and Cavity Wall Insulation, External Wall Insulation, Boiler Upgrades (to renewables only), Air Source Heat Pumps, Hybrid Heat Pumps and Fuel Cell Boilers



LOCAL JOBS

On a visit to Burgh Island recently to see the amazing starling murmuration, I met Vlad on the slipway. He explained that the island was keen to recruit local people for the various jobs on the island. He explained, that to make it easier for locals to join the team, the management are able to offer flexible terms in exchange for reliable, regular commitment. If you only have one day per week available but want to find out more - you should contact Vlad who will meet you to talk through the options. They would also dearly love to source as many of their ingredients from local sources. If you know of a local baker who would like to supply the island - please get in touch.

Vlad@burghisland.com

Have a look at their website for full information but here are some extracts of the types of jobs currently on offer.

www.burghisland.com/work-with-us/

Burgh Island Hotel is a bucket list destination for many, but what is Island life really like? We're totally unique, beautifully eccentric, we love creating memorable experiences, and we also remain a little bit of a mystery! Above all, we are here for our guests and we thrive on delivering the best service possible. If our description and your description match, a future at Burgh Island could be in the offing.

Many of our talented team live and work in this beautiful location and, whilst we all work really hard, we also know the very best ways to spend our free time. From paddle boarding to kayaking and from cosy nights in The Pilchard to reading up about our many famous historical guests, it's definitely a lifestyle career at Burgh.

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The Pilchard Inn is looking for a Chef de Partie to assist the Executive Chef in the delivery of the highest standards of food preparation and presentation.

As Chef de Partie, you'll have a genuine passion for food as you'll be working as part of a team in the preparation, cooking and garnishing of meals.

You'll be able to give feedback and recommendations to the Executive Chef to continuously improve the menu, assist in monthly stocktakes, place food orders and check the quantity and quality received.

You will also be responsible for the food safety of the outlet, as well as ensuring that

all legal requirements are followed.

Vacancy Details - Job Type Permanent; Job Hours Full-time; Salary from £9.50ph plus bonus scheme and tips. Benefits - Competitive salary, Uniform, Live-in accommodation available (subject to availability) Expected start date: Immediate

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You'll have been working as a spa therapist for a minimum of 12 months and have hands-on experience of massage techniques, manicures, pedicures and face and body therapies.

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You'll be responsible for the upkeep and cleanliness of the entire property, including guest rooms, public areas and back-of-house areas.

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The role also involves cleaning public areas and deep cleaning to the standards required,

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Vacancy Details

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The course features special guests from diverse fields who share their own experiences of low-carbon lifestyle choices and their insights on how to approach climate action. Guest speakers will include Satish Kumar, editor emeritus of Resurgence & Ecologist, and others to be confirmed.

Course presenter Mukti Mitchell is a sailor, a carpenter, author of 'The Guide to Low Carbon Lifestyles' and founder of Mitchell & Dickinson period insulation services and Carbon Savvy. He is known for sailing around the UK in a hand-built eco yacht to promote low-carbon lifestyles, endorsed by the Prince of Wales and the prime minister.

Who is the course for?

Councillors, sustainability officers, teachers, decision makers and individuals who wish to learn more about CO₂ emissions and be fully empowered to make decisions and communicate with others on this vital topic.

What you will learn

- How the carbon cycle works
- Global, national and individual footprints and how contraction and convergence links these
- Key elements of a UK carbon footprint and the fastest ways to reduce it
- How individual footprints drive system change
- The five major lifestyle areas and how to save CO₂ in each
- What psychologists say makes us happy and how this links to saving CO₂
- Why a positive, guilt-free approach is more effective and how to make it fun

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About Carbon Savvy

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– **Tim Smit,**

Co-founder of the Eden Project

Course format

Times: 09:00–11:00 BST on Fridays, 6th
May to 24th June 2022

Schedule:

09:00–09:50 Presentation
09:50–10:00 Break
10:00–10:20 Guest speaker
10:20–10:25 Guest speaker Q&A
10:25–10:40 Exercise
10:40–11:00 General Q&A

A Carbon Ambassador certificate will be awarded to participants who attend all eight sessions. Sessions will be recorded and made available for viewing on catch-up.

See page 27 for course content



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Home Scheme To Cut Bills and Carbon Is Still Available

18 January 2022

A £900,000 scheme to reduce home energy consumption in the South Hams is underway. The first installations of measures including air source heating systems and external insulation are now being carried out through South Hams District Council's Green Home Grant. Further funding to help home owners improve the energy efficiency of their home is still available, however time is limited and funding is likely to stop in April.

90 eligible homeowners across the District are having the energy- and money-saving work carried out over the next few months. Insulation, such as solid/single wall external insulation, is one of the measures being installed as well as fitting air source heat pump central heating systems (a kind of renewable energy technology that takes the warmth from the air outside, even when it's freezing and uses it to heat the home). As well as being better for the planet, it's estimated that using an air source heat pump could cut as much as £900 a year from energy bills. External wall insulation also brings significant energy bill savings, up to an estimated £415 a year.

The cost of the eco-friendly work is fully-covered after the Council obtained funding from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). To make it easier for local people to access the

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money and reduce their carbon footprint, the team at the Council has taken control to oversee the whole process, from the initial application to connecting homeowners with contractors. As well as letting people know about the grant in the media and on social media, the Council team also wrote to everyone living in suitable properties with an EPC rating of E or below. Cllr Jonathan Hawkins, South Hams District Council's Executive Member for Leisure Health and Wellbeing said:

"We're committed to doing everything we can to help our residents to reduce their carbon footprint and save money whilst staying warm. We know that not everyone enjoys filling out forms and we were concerned that local people could miss out on this great opportunity. That's why we decided we would take the lead and take steps to make sure the maximum number of local people can benefit from this scheme."

How do air source heating systems work?

Air source heat pumps use the same type of technology that keeps your fridge cold. A liquid refrigerant that has a very low boiling point is pumped on a loop between two heat exchangers. This refrigerant takes on heat energy from the outside ambient air temperature and turns into a gas as it warms up. This gas is then compressed back into a liquid, which increases its temperature further. The warm refrigerant then goes through a heat exchanger, which transfers the warmth to a separate body of water for circulating round the

central heating system. During the final stage the liquid refrigerant goes through an expansion valve reducing the pressure and temperature and the cycle repeats. As heat pumps transfer heat rather than produce it, their efficiency can be greater than 300%.

Who is eligible for the grant?

To be eligible for the Green Homes Grant, you must meet the criteria below:

- Owner Occupier (sorry this scheme is not open to housing association tenants)
- EPC of E or below (please speak to us if you do not know or not have one)
- Be on either means tested benefit or a net household income of less £30,000 a year (this is after household expenses such as mortgage, Council tax, utility bills)

Further funding to help home owners improve the energy efficiency of their home is still available, however time is limited and funding will stop in April. If you think you may be eligible for a grant and are interested in finding out more, please contact

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CLIMATE AMBASSADORS TRAINING COURSE

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Session 1: Carbon footprints

What is the carbon cycle? What is contraction and convergence, and how does it link global, national and local carbon reductions? What are top-down and bottom-up carbon footprints, and why is bottom-up more useful? What role can councils, businesses and individuals play? What are the ten biggest actions to we can take to save CO₂, and can they improve our quality of life?

Session 2 – Transport

How will we get transport to net zero? What are the merits of different power sources? How do different types of transport compare? How much difference do size and fuel make in cars, and how long should I keep my car? What's so amazing about e-bikes, and how can we make our journeys better for health and wellbeing?

Session 3 – Shopping

How can individuals influence manufacturing? How can we reduce the footprint of products by 80%? What is embodied energy, and how important are product miles? What are the rules of thumb for low-carbon shopping, and what is the ancient Indian BUD factor? How do the products we use affect our quality of life?



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Session 4 – Holidays

How can we get the most out of our holidays? What are the most common holiday objectives, and how can we achieve them with a small carbon footprint? How far can I travel by different forms of transport on a tonne of CO₂? What are the carbon footprints of different kinds of holiday and activity? How can low-carbon holidays raise our quality of life?

Session 5 – Quality of life

What do we mean by quality of life, and how does it connect to saving CO₂? How can we monitor our quality of life and track it over time? What do psychologists say makes us happy and doesn't make us happy? How can lowering your footprint raise your quality of life and save money? What does Happy Planet Indexing say about happiness and sustainable living?

Session 6 – Heating

What are the principles of a carbon-neutral home? How does the UK government plan to get Britain's homes to net zero? How much heat is lost through each area of a typical home, and how can we conserve heat in buildings old and new? What does 'ready for retrofit' mean? What are the merits of new heating systems such as biofuel boilers and air-source heat pumps?

Session 7 – Food

What kind of food supports the highest quality of life? Why does an organic carrot from Kenya have a smaller footprint than a non-organic carrot from the UK? What is low-carbon meat, and why is UK meat better than international meat? How can I buy low-carbon food? Why is farming going to avert climate change, and how will carbon farming increase nutrition, sequester CO₂ and earn farmers more money?

Session 8 – Carbon offsetting

What is carbon offsetting, and how does it work? Can offsets help us out of the crisis, or do they only contribute to the problem? A brief analysis of genuine versus false offsets, and how to make offsetting work for you by using appropriate time frames. Why supporting a variety of projects whose offsets will vary over time makes more sense.

RECOMMENDATION

When Bigbury Net Zero had its inaugural meeting at Venus Cafe, a participant explained that we **“need to be better informed, so we know what the problems are and how we can do our bit to solve them”**

I went on the Carbon Savvy's **‘Carbon Ambassadors Course** last year because I felt the same inadequacies. I was sponsored to go on this course by **Bigbury Parish Council**. Two other parishioners were also able to attend that course. It was a live, face-to-face, Zoom training course. If you cannot attend the actual course as its during the day on Fridays - this is not a problem. The course is recorded and you will be sent a link so that you can watch it at your leisure. You can also watch the topic several times (so it sinks in!).

It is a complex issue and you often hear very conflicting views about topics such as renewable energy and de-carbonisation. There is also a lot of jargon involved.

If you would like to help organise a community group to work together on a particular theme, or to promote and encourage parish-wide or inter-parish action - but don't feel 'qualified' to do this....then the Carbon Ambassadors' Course is just right for you.

Do you know someone on another parish who might be interested in this training? Please let them know about it. The more people who feel confident about the facts, - the more likely we are to make a difference before 2030 - only 8 years away.

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