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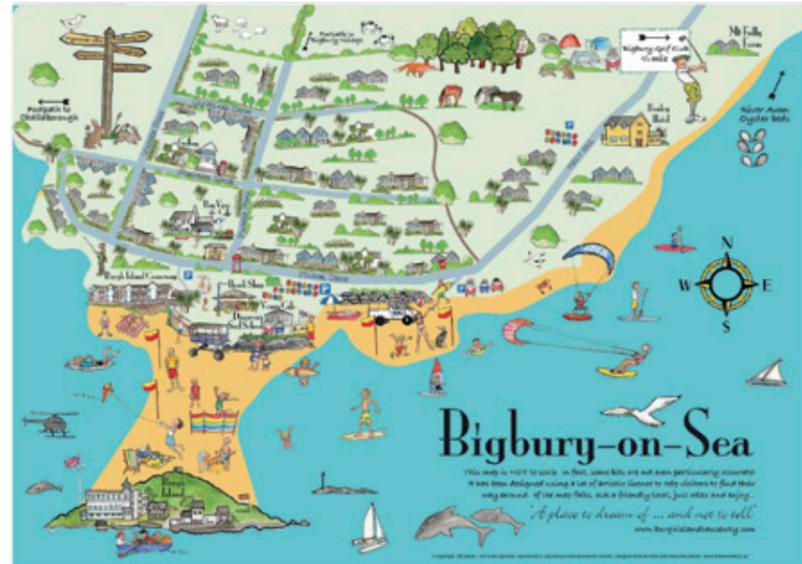
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Dear Readers,

There is a myth that the community is riddled with complacency. This was well and truly busted by **Beth Huntley**. She inspired us to support her endeavours to raise awareness and funding for debilitating mobility diseases afflicting two of our parishioners, Rose and Sandy. This shows what communities can do when they work together and that an individual's initiatives are worth the effort. See the report on the Himalayan Evening (p12).

There is a need for more volunteers to come forward to help the small teams that organise events that keep Bigbury ticking. Have you asked yourself whether you can do more to help keep our community vibrant? Some people have been valiantly donating their time over many years to help organise our lives and create the events that we so enjoy attending. They are all people who do it without the need for thanks and enjoy doing this. That should not stop others from offering their services as the **Back Up Crew**. Are you willing to volunteer?

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By being in the Back Up Crew, you are not committing to the same extent as those who have filled the role for years, sometimes decades. You are offering these wonderful people the chance to take a break without feeling guilty that they are letting the community down. Have we taken their commitment for granted? When did we last thank them?

Second home owners as well as residents are welcome to join the Back up Crew. Please get in touch with the Editor and provide your contact details. If the usual volunteers are not well or just need a holiday break they could contact the Editor who will put them in touch with the Back Up Team. Let's hope there is a Back up Crew! Please make this happen.

Current community actions that you might like to assist with may include: church events, youth group, toddler group, fund-raising in general, Bigbury News, beach cleans, Civic Day initiative, Neighbourhood Plan events, Bigbury Parish Council events, Neighbourhood Watch and more. Please - get in touch!

I am sure you will all join in thanking **Valerie Scott** for filling the vacancy for parish councillor that has existed since summer 2017. Her amazing contribution to the Neighbourhood Plan and the Bay View Cafe debacle, gives us every confidence that she will make an equally useful contribution to the parish council. Valerie is now a resident of Bigbury, having once been a second home owner. She is a wonderful example of how second home owners have much to contribute, particularly when they choose to retire to Bigbury.

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**Fiona Barker's** feature on Plastic, Plastic, not Fantastic (p 5) is a much needed reminder of the importance of our commitment to the environment and what we can do to make a difference. Fiona is also a second home owner. Do you have an idea for a news feature? Please get in touch with the Editor.

I am most grateful to the sixteen individuals who have made donations and the nine subscribers to Bigbury News. Thank you - your support makes a difference. I hope more of you will consider making a donation to help support Bigbury News production costs and keep this community endeavour, supported by volunteers, going strong! In the December issue, we will publish the full list of our donors and subscribers. I hope I have to do this in very small font size to fit you all in!

We are in the process of developing **Bigbury eNews** which will be delivered to subscribers by email on a weekly basis, via Mail Chimp. This is a simple flyer update on this week's events and any Neighbourhood Watch issues that you should be aware of. To receive it you **must subscribe by emailing bigburynewseditor@gmail.com and requesting to be on the emailing list**. You can unsubscribe at any time.

We are all watching the horizon with more interest as Burgh Island has changed hands. The new owners seem keen to be more involved with the local community and their ambitions will be reported in full in the June issue of Bigbury News under the feature 'Keeping Bigbury Busy' Brief report page 5.

Neighbourhood Watch needs a new coordinator as **Steve Comley** is stepping down. He has done an amazing job and we all thank him for his tremendous efforts. There are on-going discussions about how our contribution to community policing might evolve. This will be the focus of the feature 'Crews that keep us Cruising' in the June issue.

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I am sure a lot of us watching Blue Planet 2 were made aware of the terrible damage that plastic is doing to the marine environment. Plastic persists for years and even when recycled remains as a plastic. Every piece of plastic produced in the last 50 years still exists and will continue to exist for the next 400-500 years. And we're all adding to the pile every day.

Being so close to the sea in Bigbury we are probably more aware than most. It can seem like a huge, insurmountable problem and it's very easy to feel small and insignificant in the face of this tidal wave of plastic and blame it on the food packaging industry or manufacturers. But if we are to do something about this, then we must all own it.

And it turns out there is a lot we can do at an individual level. In June 2017 the Marine Conservation Society and Wise Oceans ran a plastic challenge encouraging people to stop using one source of single-use plastic per day. I decided to join in. And I'm still going!

Our house is free from straws, wet-wipes, balloons, clingfilm. I'm lucky enough to live close enough to a bakers, greengrocers

**Giles Fuchs** and **Duncan Gray** will soon become a familiar names to us because they are the main personalities of an investment group that has just acquired Burgh Island. Giles (left) is the co-founder and CEO of **Office Space in Town** and Duncan (right) is the major co-investor who is taking a very personal interest in the project.

OSiT, an award-winning company providing serviced offices, is leading an investment group aiming to 'upgrade the hotel whilst enhancing the Art Deco genre for which it is so famous'. Giles sees the exclusive Burgh Island Hotel as a natural compliment to the OSiT offer made to his high end, serviced office clients.

Bigbury News editor met with Giles and Duncan on Burgh Island at the end of April, to interview them for the June edition of 'Keeping Bigbury Busy'. More details of their plans will follow in June.

I met a passionate team with great empathy for both the art deco heritage of the hotel and a keen desire to encourage the local community to take advantage of the services offered by the Burgh Island Hotel.

## ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

Plastic, Plastic not Fantastic !

and butcher to be able to source most food plastic free.

Locally, there is **Save a Packet** in Kingsbridge which means it is possible to buy pasta, cereal, dried fruit and many, many other dried goods by weight in paper bags or your own containers. You only have to travel a bit further to Totnes to visit Devon's zero waste shop **Earth, Food, Love** where you can refill your own bottles with washing detergent etc too. You can also have a go with their peanut butter machine!

I've invested in a bamboo toothbrush, cream deodorant in a tin, shampoo bars and washable make-up wipes. We've all got stainless steel cups and water bottles. My supportive hubby has gone back to a traditional razor and razor blades for shaving.

In Kingsbridge we have our own plastic-free champion in **Amanda Keetley** who runs [www.lessplastic.co.uk](http://www.lessplastic.co.uk). Less Plastic campaigns locally and globally to raise awareness of the problem offering inspiration, strategies and products to tackle ocean plastic for individuals, organisations and businesses. They run regular South

## BURGH ISLAND CHANGES HANDS

Their multi million pound investment will see a renaissance of the hotel which may include an exclusive private members club and luxury spa. Giles revealed his dream that "Once again, the Burgh Island Hotel will be known, as it was in the fifties, as 'the best hotel in the UK west of the Ritz'."

To the relief of many, Duncan has made it very clear that they would not be investing in the previously proposed, controversial 'bridge building'. "Instead, we want to re-open the old cafe alongside the lower terrace of the Pilchard Inn" explains Duncan.

There are likely to be up to 14 new jobs created by the upgrade in the services offered which will be managed by Inn-Telligence, a specialist hotel management company.

The team at Burgh Island is said to be "Delighted to be working with the new owners to further improve the hotel's amenities and continue the journey to its rightful place as a national treasure as well as a top domestic and international leisure destination" according to the general manager, **Vladimir Krupa**.

Hams beach cleans in partnership with **Surfers Against Sewage**. There was a great turn-out for the clean at Bigbury-on-Sea last September. Follow '**South Hams Beach Clean Series**' on Facebook to find out when and where their next beach cleans are.

Amanda is currently working with a team of local activists to achieve Plastic Free Town status for Kingsbridge – part of the **Plastic Free Communities** campaign run by Surfers Against Sewage. The project involves gaining the support from Kingsbridge Town Council, persuading at least 5 businesses to give up single-use plastic, giving talks to community groups and running events. They hope to complete the project by summer 2018.

See opposite some of the materials developed by **Less Plastic** to help inspire behaviour changes among individuals, businesses and the community. You can order printed copies here: <https://lessplastic.co.uk/product-category/posters-postcards/> Start with one thing. Every small change is a win and means one less piece of plastic that will persist in the environment for centuries to come. **Fiona Barker**

No-one, who lives in Bigbury or comes here for their holidays, can fail to hold Burgh Island dear to their hearts. Over the years, owners have come and gone but the island remains loyal to the outstanding natural beauty of the landscape that surrounds it and the local history in which it has played its part.

I am sure the local community and those who love Burgh Island will join in wishing the new owners every success.

We live in hope that the new owners will be sensitive to the strong relationship we have with the island which is much more than just a holiday destination to the local community. **Editor**



## KEEPING BIGBURY BUSY

### How Unwind - Wound Up

The business women from this month's feature on businesses in Bigbury, certainly bust the myth that there are no young people in Bigbury. I admire both of them for making a success of the beauty business in Bigbury and keeping our spirits up with their joyful enthusiasm for their work!

**Louise Pitt** tells us how "When I was eleven my family moved to Devon. I had my first job washing dishes in the Sloop Inn at Bantham and managed to get some work experience at the hair dressing salon at the Thurlestone Hotel. I was washing hair, chatting to clients, booking appointments and making coffee. I loved it!!

Clearly Louise's energetic commitment and lovely personality was evident quickly as she says "After just 5 days I was offered a position working weekends and throughout the holidays in the hair salon, working as a chambermaid, waitressing and looking after the outdoor pool"

The enjoyable experience at Thurlestone Hotel made Louise determined to follow beauty as a career option and she enrolled on a 2-year course at South Devon College in Torquay. Louise explains, "After each course unit I was allowed to get to work on clients at the Thurlestone Hotel. It was there that I trained in the use of Clarins, Declor and Susan Molyneux products.

However, Louise says she was desperate to travel and really wanted to work on a cruise ship but was not old enough and did not have enough experience. As a 17-year old, she solved this problem by taking up a full-time job in Taunton at the Cedar Falls health farm. This gave her a full 12 month's experience and product training in many lines.

"At the age of nineteen" Louise explains, "I got a job on board a Royal Caribbean cruise liner based in Florida and the Bahamas. I loved the cruise ships but a year was long enough to be away as I was already engaged to, my now husband, Tom."

Louise did not have to wait too long before an opportunity arose at the Dartmouth Golf and County Club. She was able to rent a space in their leisure club.

"I ran this business for 12 years." she says "It saw me through having three of our four children. As the business had grown I was able to step away a little. I had five employees over this period. After assisting with their renovations for the new spa we moved to Bigbury village.

It was about this time that Ashley's shop came to a standstill. My husband, Tom gave it some TLC (under my guidance of course). The Unwind hair and beauty salon was born. Three years down the line and the rest is history"

As we know, this is not all that Louise does. She is a main stay of the Waves Youth Club, working with **Juliette Jackson** and **Geoff Edwards**.

**Krista Pickering** joined Louise less than two years ago and is already well known to the many loyal customers she has now.

An experienced hairdresser, Krista has a full 17 years' experience and clearly loves her job. Both Louise and Krista have young families and being self-employed makes it possible for them to balance family and work life more easily.

Krista trained in Kingsbridge. It seems to be a common theme because Krista too, had a spin on the cruise ships working as a hairdresser.

When I am not working, I run, when I can, in preparation for the **Plymouth half marathon on 20th May**. I will be raising money for **Angie Bond's** charity, The Jamie Proctor Foundation. If anyone would like to sponsor me, please come into the salon and sign the sponsorship forms.

Krista says, "In my spare time I take my 7-year-old son, Jayden, swimming or walking along the tidal road or out on the kayak.

Bigbury is a great place to bring up a young family and Krista and Louise have shown that it is possible to set up a thriving business in Bigbury at the same time as bringing up a young family.

If you have not already called in to see them, perhaps it's time to do so. Their salon is situated on the bend in the road near the Green in Bigbury. There is ample parking to the rear of the salon.

**Time to Unwind!**

**Editor**

## NINETEENTH HOLE

The Bigbury Ladies, Gents and Juniors competitions got under way the 7/8 April - hurrah! The clubhouse was buzzing on the 6th April, with the Circus, ladies and gents matches.

Gents: The gentlemen played their first match of the year against Exeter. The opening match of the Lloyd Rowett Trophy was at Bigbury on 6th April.

**Mike Rowett** was the Pro at Bigbury and **Simon Lloyd** was his assistant. Mike moved to Exeter Golf Club and Simon took over at Bigbury. Both men were very competitive and a challenge ensued between the two clubs which has been ongoing for more than 20 years. A home and away match is played and the scores are combined for the overall win. Bigbury have it all to do at Exeter in the return tie, having lost 4 to 2 at home.

The current Pros from both Clubs participate in this competition, welcoming the opportunity to play in this competitive and traditional match. Although Simon and Mike do not play golf at the moment, they both attend the dinner.

Ladies: The Devon Ladies League matches are under way. On Friday 6th April our Ladies played Dainton Golf Club. The Bigbury Captain for the match, **Jane Wain** (third from the right in the Bigbury Album photo), reports that the reports that the weather was kind and both teams enjoyed being able to play 18 holes of golf with the full course in play. The games were closely contested and played in good spirit. However, Dainton came out on top, winning 4 matches to Bigbury's 2, with the reserve game being drawn. Our Bigbury Ladies will be looking to reverse the result at the away match later in the season.

On the 23rd March, in not such good weather or conditions, the home match against Woodbury Golf Club took place. There was a better result for the Bigbury Ladies, with the match halved. Bigbury Juniors: On Sunday 8th April, the Bigbury Juniors competed for the coveted Presidents Trophy. Graham Smith with a handicap of 25 won the Trophy with an excellent 77. Joint second were **Jessica Leach** and **Gorge Inch**.

**Marlene Johnson**



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## CREWS that keep us CRUISING



“Bantham IRB, Bantham IRB, Bantham Base (over).” **Kate Doison**, South Hams supervisor for the RNLI, was calling up RNLI lifeguards, **Tilly Durant** and **Alex Tucker**, who had taken a yachtsman back to his stricken vessel aground on the sandbank at the mouth of the River Avon. It was the morning of Tuesday 10th April and Bigbury News had, by chance, organised to interview our local RNLI team for the feature ‘Crews That Keep Us Cruising’ - and found a rescue operation in progress!

The yachtsman had run aground on the falling tide of the previous afternoon and had been picked up by the RNLI Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB). He had spent the night at the Sloop Inn in Bantham awaiting the high tide the following morning. Two lifeguards were dispatched by **Loic Doison**, Senior Lifeguard, to assist the yachtsman to pull up his anchor on the rising tide and be on his way.

But things began to get more complicated, as **Loic** oversaw the operation from Bantham Mobile (a four-wheel drive pickup on the beach). **Loic** was also keeping watch on all the surfers and sea kayakers riding the waves as the rising tide pumped the swell. The same swell was causing alarm as the yacht began to breach sideways onto the waves because the anchor was stuck fast. **Tilly** had gone on board with the yachtsman to help bail out the yacht whilst he tried to start the engine.

‘Bantham Base, Bantham IRB’ **Alex** was replying to Kate’s radio request for an update. “We cannot get the anchor up and the yacht is dragging on the anchor. It is now about 20 meters from the rocks. Two Bantham Estate boats have arrived to assist. **Tilly** is in the water trying to put a rope behind the anchor so that the Estate boats can work together to pull up the anchor (over).”

Loic, watching and listening from the shore interrupts, “Bantham IRB, Bantham IRB, Bantham Mobile.” “Go ahead Bantham Mobile” replies **Alex**. “Make sure lifeguards are safe.” commands Loic, “Be prepared to take the yachtsman off the boat and bring him ashore if there is a risk of the boat going onto the rocks”

Within a very short time, the situation began to get serious. The swell was inc

reasing. None of the three boats had the power to pull the yacht away from the rocks, if the yacht’s engine would not start and the anchor could not be pulled up. It would take 20 minutes for the nearest lifeboat at Hope Cove, to get crewed, launched and arrive on the scene. In consultation with Loic and the lifeguards in the IRB, **Kate Doison** made the decision to advise the coastguard of the situation and request a lifeboat be launched.

Hope Cove lifeboat is not an RNLI lifeboat but there are some RNLI lifeguards who serve on the crew. It is mostly funded by the local community and won the Queens Award for Voluntary Service in 2017. The crew are all drawn from nearby and down tools at work when an emergency alert is called. [www.hopcovelifebot.org](http://www.hopcovelifebot.org)

Whilst the lifeboat was making its way to Bantham, the yacht’s engine was started and the anchor released. Although **Kate** advised the coastguard that the lifeboat could stand down, the coastguard decided to continue on its way to ‘speak’ with the yachtsman about safety issues. The yacht was already on its way to the River Yealm where it would take shelter.

Meanwhile the RNLI team resumed its watch over the sea and those in, on and near it. **Kate** explained that there were approximately 45 paid RNLI lifeguards manning the area covering Challaborough, Bigbury-on-Sea, Bantham, Sedgewell, Blackpool, South Milton and Hope Cove. Volunteers are welcome and there are now around 10 volunteer lifeguards.

The lookout used by RNLI lifeguards is owned by the Bantham Surf Life Saving Club. [www.banthamslsc.co.uk](http://www.banthamslsc.co.uk) The BSLC provides full lifesaving cover on Sundays in the summer season, whilst the RNLI covers the rest of the week from 10.00 am to 6 pm. If a member of the public sees an emergency situation they must dial 999 and ask for the COAST-GUARD.

**Kate** explains that funding for the RNLI operations is often a collaboration between local councils, businesses and individuals who regularly donate to the RNLI by becoming members. Members pay £3 or more per month towards the costs of running this essential lifesaving service. [www.rnli.org](http://www.rnli.org)

**Kate** gives the following local advice:

Swim between the red and yellow flags

At Bantham, watch out for the dangerous rip tide (calm water surface without waves -to the left side of the bay in the photo below). It is safer to swim where the waves are seen to the right of the picture. Lifeguards save about 15 swimmers per day from this rip in the peak season!

Do not try to cross the river at low tide between Bantham beach and Bigbury side, as the tide flows very fast in the narrow gap and the sand is very soft.

Inform the lifeguards if you go free diving, swimming or canoeing around Burgh Island and remember to tell them when you have completed your trip. Keep safe  
**Editor**

**DANGER**



### GENERAL ADVICE

Never use inflatables in strong winds or rough seas  
Check tide times before you go  
If you get into trouble, stick your hand in the air and shout for help  
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## CIVIC DAY - BUSY B DAY

Last year, local residents, on a visit to Modbury's twin town of Lanveoc in Brittany, saw their French counterparts participating in activities associated with an annual civic day, volunteering a little time to tackle a range of tasks to make their locality more attractive - things like weeding public flower beds, mending broken items, cleaning signs, redecorating a public hall, painting up a converted container for sharing books. Modbury Parish Council took this idea onboard, and Modbury Marigolds Day occurred on 14th April, with residents sprucing up the town after the winter, ready for visitors. The day was extremely successful, with a high community participation, and noticeable results seen about the town. Equally, Bigbury Parish Council is proposing the idea of a Civic Day in our parish, to tackle some of the niggling jobs that get raised by parishioners, but that just never seem to get to the top of the priorities list in these days of cutbacks! The parish is not only a beautiful home to many of us, but also a prime spot for tourism, which contributes financially to our local businesses. Keeping the area attractive helps sustain those businesses and in turn the residents - a win-win all round for our community. Bigbury Village and Bigbury on Sea at least, can have an activity occur that makes that community noticeably improved!

## DUTCH STUDENT PLACEMENTS

**Devon Communities Together** is once again working with **Wageningen University in Gelderland** on a residential rural research programme. We are asking those who are members of Devon Communities Together if they would like the opportunity to host a student or know someone they think would enjoy this opportunity. We would love to hear from new hosts in other towns and villages for students coming to Devon this year.

This year's visit will be from **Thursday 14th June – Wednesday 27th June** 2018. The students will be undertaking

The parish clerk has been compiling a list of tasks that might be done under the auspices of a Civic Day, such as clearing weeds in many areas, making the layby at Bigbury on Sea tidier, rubbing down and re-varnishing the parish notice boards, cutting back foliage to improve vision of signs. Do you have something in mind to suggest - a safe job on public land? Would you be prepared to volunteer a couple of hours or so to undertake a task, maybe with a friend or as part of a small group? Please contact the people below by the next Parish Council meeting, **Wednesday 16th May**. (NB this is a week later than the usual date for council meetings). A decision will be taken at the meeting on whether there is sufficient response to proceed, and on the precise organisation of **'BUSY B(igbury) DAY'**, which is proposed for **Friday 8th June**. It would be lovely if each part of the parish, or St Ann's Chapel, Bigbury Contact us if you want to help or have a civic job suggestion.  
**Richard Matthews** Parish Clerk, clerk.bigburypc@gmail.com 01752 896266 or 07967 130599  
**Jill Gubbins** jill.gubbins@homecall.co.uk 810651  
**Louise Wainwright** bigburynewseditor@gmail.com 07908 525663

local research as part of their second year university course in International Development Studies. They are encouraged to participate in both family and village/ community life, and there is 'modest compensation' of £350 to help with the cost of bed and board (usually breakfast, snack lunches, and most evening meals) for the duration of their visit. We have been asked to place students in different welcoming communities.

**Huw Edwards**  
Customer & Support Services Officer  
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## BIGBURY CARES

The monthly update for May has to be adjusted because the Macmillan Cancer Care was over reported. It was still an amazing fund raiser at £1,033!

Updates for beginning of May:

<b>Macmillan Cancer Care</b>	<b>£1,033</b>
<i>Fiona Dukes</i> 01548 811188 fiona@fionadukeshr.co.uk	
<b>Motor Neurone Disease Ass. Multiple Sclerosis Society</b>	<b>£5,516</b>
<i>Cllr Beth Huntley</i> 01548 810385 Cllr.Huntley@swdevon.gov.uk.	
<b>Blood Bikes</b>	<b>£750</b>
Golf Captains Charity Team <i>Cathy Hamilton</i>	
<b>Friends of St Lawrence</b>	<b>£680</b>
<i>Alice Taylor</i> (Treasurer) enquiries@silchestercellars.co.uk	
<b>Modbury Caring</b>	<b>£213</b>
Korniloff Event (March)	
<b>Hope Cove Lifeboat</b>	<b>£224</b>
Korniloff Event (April) Jean Wright & Yvonne	
<b>BIGBURY TOTAL to April</b>	<b>£8,416</b>

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.

**Editor**



## 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. The tickets (£1 each) 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!

**Michael Holness** 01548 810116



## LETTER from MINISTER at ST LAWRENCE

As the spring flowers come out, as blossom starts to fall and we look ahead to fruit growing on trees and bushes, it is hard to believe that all this life comes from seeds and bulbs that once looked so unattractive and dead.

The average sized apple tree will produce around 500 apples a year. Looking at a small and shrivelled apple seed it seems that it could never produce a tree let alone a crop of fruit. Yet a tiny seed can produce a bumper crop. One of the images Jesus uses for his death on the cross is that of a seed. His death on a cross like a seed looks unattractive and weak.

A God on the cross seems to be a weak and powerless God. Yet, like a seed, Jesus gets buried deep into the ground and the claim of Easter is like a seed. He burst out of the ground into a life that produces the fruit of forgiveness and a promise of life beyond the grave.

With such a fruitful offer, is it time to take a second look at the Easter story? The Easter celebrations may have ended, but there's still time **Matt Rowland**

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



## ORGANIST WANTED

Are you a piano or organ player? We are very lucky at St Lawrence Church to have regular players of the organ for our weekly Sunday services but like everyone there are the odd times when we may need someone to fill in.

We also have a lovely piano which could be used instead. If anyone would like to offer their help as a reserve player it would be much appreciated.

Please contact  
**Angie Carson** 01548 810296 or  
**Cathy Harrington** 01548 810023

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Family Communion	Family Communion	Holy Communion	Sunday Worship
13 <sup>th</sup>	Family Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	May Fair Service	Sunday Worship
20 <sup>th</sup>	Lay led Service	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Holy Communion	Village Service
27 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	Holy Communion*	Village Service	Sunday Worship	Family Communion

\* Service in traditional language.  
There is Holy Communion at the Korniloff, Bigbury-on-Sea at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

## THE FILLING STATION

In need of spiritual fuel?  
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Meets **3rd Thursday most months** at Memorial Hall TQ7 4HQ  
Next meet: **Thur 17th May 7.30 pm**  
Speaker **Jose de Silva**.  
Theme: "How to read the Bible for all its worth."  
The Filling Station is a new informal way of expressing the Christian faith using local mid-week monthly celebration meetings in a cafe-style setting. In a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with tea, coffee and cake. We have a worship time and a speaker. Prayer Ministry is always available. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Filling Station is an inter-denominational fellowship which hopes to benefit the local church.  
**Gil and Kate Snook**  
01548 810017



## BIGBURY LADIES

Our outing for April was to Torre Abbey In Torquay. Nine of us came for this visit.

Torre Abbey is interesting. It was an old monastery which was then converted in the 16th century by the Cary family into a residence. It is now owned by Torbay Council and they have successfully completed an extensive refurbishment.

There is a lift to all floors and lots of interesting nooks and crannies. All parts are easily accessible. There are exhibitions held in the building. The current one is the history of tattooing. There are other attractive paintings, well displayed, and the history of the house also includes speaking historical figures which is good fun.

There are attractive gardens and the usual tea room. Our visit also included a ride on the Land Train which goes round Torquay and stops at Torre Abbey which is most convenient.

The weather was fine and so it was a good day out and enjoyed by all. Our next outing will be to **Delamore House on the 16th May** where there is an annual art exhibition. All are welcome to come along.  
**Lynn Hiscock**

## BIGBURY LIFE



### BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Bringing the Community Together



On April 12th we put on a talk about the National Trust, which attracted around twenty people. The original speaker had to pull out at the last minute, so a longstanding volunteer, **Ken Beldham**, stepped into the breach and gave a very entertaining, illustrated talk on Coleton Fishacre. Ken is also an authority on Agatha Christie and so was able to answer a few questions from the floor regarding her.

The next event at the Hall will be the annual **Church Bazaar on Bank Holiday Monday May 28th**. All the usual stalls will be there and this event is in aid of St. Lawrence Church, so do try to come along.

The Bazaar may be the last event staged before we take a break for the

Summer. It's possible there may be something in June but this will be confirmed in next month's Bigbury News.

The Autumn/Winter programme will resume with the annual Bigbury Produce Show on **Sunday September 2nd**. The theme for this, together with further details, will appear in Bigbury News nearer the time.

Finally, the new revamped **Villages in Action** programme is being launched in the next week and, as always, we shall be pitching for the acts that we feel will go down well in Bigbury. Again, I'll let you know as soon as there is more information.

**Charles Harrington.**

Tel. 810023.

Email [charles\\_harri@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charles_harri@yahoo.co.uk)

### MEMORIAL HALL MAY EVENTS

Day & Time	Activity	Organiser	Contacts
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	Dec Fitzgerald	811191
(2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of month excl. Dec & Aug)			
Friday	Zumba	**Hannah Winzer	550712 07454 003091

\*\*Hannah's classes have temporarily stopped but will start again in JULY this year – the actual date will be in a future Bigbury News.

### 50:100 CLUB

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



Janie Grace (£25),  
Jean Wright (£15)  
Tony Wilson (£10)

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### HIMALAYAN EVENING

Sixty six people gathered together for a Himalayan Evening in the warmth of Bigbury to enjoy a supper cooked by the Nepalese chef at Royal Gurkha Spice Restaurant in Modbury.

That evening an amazing £2,157 was raised from the meal, raffle and auction to support those with MS and MND. The on-line donations window will be open for a little longer for anyone who has not yet rallied behind Beth; [Virginmoneygiving.com/ElizabethHuntley1](http://Virginmoneygiving.com/ElizabethHuntley1). Don't forget the '1' at the end.

We have shown what can be done when we work together and the importance of people who take the trouble to lead. We hope that Rose and Sandy also feel the warmth of community feeling towards them and our admiration for the way they are coping with these challenging diseases.

Editor

### COMING UP

**Friday 1st June 2018 - 7 pm**  
Barn Dance at Memorial Hall  
Friends of St Lawrence

**Saturday 16th June - 4.30 pm**  
Fun Run from Pickwick Inn  
Devon Air Ambulance

**Saturday 30th June - 12.30 pm**  
Bug's Life & BBQ  
Memorial Hall  
Bigbury News production costs

**Wednesday 11th July - 3 pm -**  
Victorian Tea Party Holywell Stores  
Friends of St Lawrence

**Friday 2nd November - 7 pm -**  
Musical Evening in the Church  
Friends of St Lawrence

For more information and updates on social activities go to:

CHARTERLANDS CHATTER  
<https://en-gb.facebook.com/Charterlands-Chatter-community>  
COMMUNITY  
[www.bigburycommunity.co.uk](http://www.bigburycommunity.co.uk)  
OR  
Check Notice Board outside HOLYWELL STORES



### BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

We met at Jo's house on April 4th and were delighted to welcome Valerie for the first time. This helped our numbers as, due to illness and the closeness of Easter, some of our members were unable to attend.

The book we discussed was "**Reservoir 13**" by **Jon McGregor**. Despite this book receiving rave reviews, those present did not feel these were justified. The book got off to an engaging start, but we thought it was rather repetitive and it did not have an exciting ending.

This month's read is "**The Last Mazurka**" by **Andrew Tarnowski**. He was a foreign correspondent for Reuters for thirty years and this is the story of his Polish family during the two world wars. Our next meeting will be at Lynne's house on **Wednesday May 2nd** when we can discuss this interesting book.

New members are welcome.

Call Iris on 810365.

Liz Edwards



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## BIGBURY LIFE



### KORNILOFF COFFEE MORNING

Korniloff Coffee Morning raised £224 for Hope Cove Lifeboat on Wednesday 4th April.

Many thanks to Sue and Helen for coming and circulating amongst us talking about the work and progress of the lifeboat. We were also delighted to listen to Abraham and Philip playing their violins whilst we enjoyed our coffee. Good luck in your exams boys! A big thank you to everybody who supported us and gave so generously. On **Wednesday 2nd May** we will be supporting **South Hams Shrimps** so we hope to see you between 10.30 and noon. Then on **Wednesday 6th June** we will support **Children's Hospice S.W.**

Our grateful thanks to Gina and Gordon, their staff and of course the residents for welcoming us into their lovely home and for their continuing support.

Jean and Yvonne



### KINGSBRIDGE ARTS SOCIETY

Kingsbridge Methodist Hall  
Wednesday 7 for 7.30 pm  
Thursday 10 for 10.30 am  
All welcome on payment/donation of £8. Tea/coffee available.

**MAY Weds 30th /Thurs 31st**  
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Speaker: *Chloe Sayer*

**JUNE 27/28** Elgin Marbles Steve Kershaw

Organiser: **Gill Markham**  
01548 714364 [gill.markham@talk21.com](mailto:gill.markham@talk21.com)

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		<b>STRONG &amp; STEADY</b> 11.15 - noon	

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Bands for the next 2 months are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> May ~ Storyville Jassband - 5<sup>th</sup> June ~ Frog Island Jazz Band

[www.aveton-gifford.co.uk/facilities/kingsbridge-jazz-club](http://www.aveton-gifford.co.uk/facilities/kingsbridge-jazz-club)

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## Bigbury Elephant Herd!

Strange but true - there are many more elephants in Bigbury homes than you would think! Here are some stories from some of the elephant lovers.

Our previous editor of Bigbury News, **Rose Owen** has a house full of elephants (see Bigbury Album photo). She says: "My love of elephants became something of a family joke and has snow-balled from insignificant beginnings!

The only reason I had elephants at all was started by a gift from my mother-in-law back in the early seventies of a group of five elephants, graduating in size, made of onyx. Since then, every time I went somewhere I tried to buy an elephant to commemorate the visit. It soon became the easy object for friends and family to purchase for a birthday or Christmas gift to me. They range from stuffed toys and books to minute and antique pottery / porcelain ones. I have for many years now only collected very small ones to fit into a small glass display cabinet. Without counting them, I would guess there must be 80 or so in there at the moment! They have to be very small, very cute or unusual to tempt me to buy another one!!"

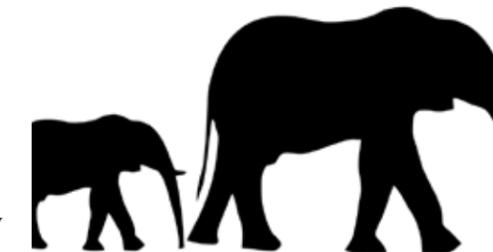
Another exceptional elephant lover is **Angie Carson**, who was born in Kenya, so her fascination is more understandable.

## COMMON GROUND

Angie says she has at least 100 elephants in her home at any one time. One of them goes with her wherever she goes! It is a tattoo on her ankle!

**Sharon Edgecombe**, who used to live in Zimbabwe, has 42 elephants in her home and her parents have at least 10 from their many visits out to Africa to see her. **Louise and Henry Wainwright** have only 8 elephants to show from their 18 years in Kenya.

I am keeping a running total - so if you have not had time to count your elephants yet - send me the numbers when you have them. Right now we are at - 220 ellies.



If you have topics for COMMON GROUND - please write in to the Editor. Meditators, acrobats, artists, magicians, dancers, jugglers, rambles, nudists, headstanders, bicyclists, swimmers, surfers, climbers, paddlers, fishermen, gardeners....surely you have something in common with someone? Write in.



## TAKE A WALK on the WILD SIDE

**Trish Bagley and Norman Botton** will be providing their next walking guide in the June issue, when the mud will probably have dried out.

In the meantime, here are some good reasons to walk regularly every day from experts at [www.prevention.com](http://www.prevention.com)

Regular walking is known to alter your nervous system and improve your outlook on life. Do you find yourself dwelling on annoying planning permission issues, potholes or dog poo - making you feel angry and hostile? A regular walk should help alleviate this stress - unless of course you step in some dog poo. Even better, is to walk with someone else and make it a social event. Talking and walking can help gain perspective on matters. Soak up the sunlight together and banish Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). You may even meet people on your walk and find an excuse to rest and catch up on the local gossip.

Scientists inform us that walking can stimulate creativity and help with problem solving. Perhaps an overflow of the creative juices will inspire you to paint something for the **Bigbury Alphabet Poster?**

The cold winter may have contributed to a little more residual 'Christmas' belly fat that needs to shift before your jeans need to go up a size. Apparently, regular walking can stimulate your body's response to insulin which helps metabolise fat deposits.

As we get older we can also suffer from muscle loss if we do not exercise regularly. The risk of cardio-vascular disease, varicose veins and diabetes can also be managed by at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise per day, for at least 5 days per week. Walking can keep us 'regular' in the poop department - which is important for our health.

With so many reasons to go for a walk on the wild side in Bigbury, those footpaths should be in constant use. Watch this space because Trish and Norman are thinking of organising a community walk around the full footpath network.

You better get fit-to-go. Over to you Jill!

**Editor** (not so fit - yet)

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Storm Emma and the Beast from the East has played havoc with the farming calendar and I hope to catch a moment of our farmers' time next month for Farm Gate. In the meantime, I have gleaned much from **Roger Grimley's** old articles in Bigbury News and in the archive, to set the scene for us about how our farming landscape has evolved since the Iron Age.

**Dr Eileen Wilkes** from the University of Bournemouth led the archeological investigations from Mount Folly Farm along the ridge to Challabourough revealing an extensive Iron Age coastal settlement. The site was first identified in 1989 by Devon County Council's aerial reconnaissance flight. More information from these studies will be included in the upcoming Farm Gate feature on Mount Folly Farm. These iron age settlements may have dated from 300 BC to 300 AD.

The abundance of fish, water on the tops of the hills, woodlands and slate would have provided all the ingredients for these settlements to establish here. An idyllic life? Probably not. Life was hard as it was also a tourist destination for the Irish raiders between 300 to 500 AD. The settlement withdrew up the hill out of sight to the area where Bigbury is now.

By about this time, a more organised community caste system developed, typical of the Anglo Saxon period. The early Lord of the Manor, **Ordulf**, would have measured land in 'hides' and farming was still the way of life for most people. The actual size of a 'hide' varied between counties but it was about 100 acres.

By the 1200's **Robert de Mortain**, half brother of **William the Conqueror**, owned Bigbury Manor, which would have been a wattle and daub building. He would govern different classes of people; some would provide him with free labour in return for being able to eek out subsistence farming whilst others would actually hold land in return for their labour.

After this time the Manor passed to the **Bigbury family from Plymouth** and the lord was known as **William of Bigbury**. The name 'Bigbury' was formerly 'Bichen Bury' (meaning 'little fort') and referred to the fortifications on Folly Farm. It later became known as Bickaborough and eventually as Bigbury. The Bigbury coat of arms can be seen in the Memorial

## FARM GATE

Hall. The last of the Bigbury men died in a dual with **Prideux of Modbury**, leaving the estate to his daughters. Since women could not own land, the estate passed to their husbands. This brought the **Paulet** family, who were the **Dukes of Cleveland**, into Bigbury. Their main seat was County Durham, where they owned Raby Castle. They were very wealthy land owners, having many estates Cornwall, Dorset and Hampshire. They probably would never have actually come to Bigbury but had a land agent who lived in Bath and came to Bigbury when needed.

During the 1400's the Manor was sustained by rabbits from the ancient warren in Bigbury on Sea. This is still the home of rabbits who have the most amazing view of Burgh Island from the banks of the Warren carpark. They would also have meat from the dovecot at Bigbury which is a listed 'building' and still preserved. They would also hold all rights for fishing salmon from the River Avon.

By the 1500's everyone was probably involved in production of arable crops with an increasing number of livestock. If a person had capital at this time, they could lease a piece of land for 99 years or for the lifetimes of three named persons. At the death of each person the owner would have to pay a tribute of the beast they owned to the Lord of the Manor. Bearing in mind they were very poor people, some leasing only 3 to 4 acres, this was a punitive charge.

The leaseholder also had to attend the Court Baron where he would pay homage by pledging loyalty to the Lord of the Manor. The Court also dealt with any failure to maintain buildings or unauthorised diversion of water and directed what action must be taken by the leaseholder. Failure to comply would lead to dispossession.

The hills between Turtle Farm and Folly Farm were designated as Common Land and the Manor controlled who was allowed access and what they were able to do there. By 1730 with the Enclosures Act, all common land was lost and the area divided. It is still possible to identify these fields from Google maps because they are a very uniform square shape. Small units became part of larger farms and, unable to eke out a living, many

left the parish for ever. The population halved. This made life much harder for the peasants as they had little opportunity for subsistence farming.

There are stocks in St Lawrence Church dating from about the 1700 to 1800's, which would have been used for minor offences. Death or transportation would have been the penalty for stealing an animal.

Everything changed by the mid 1800's when cheap corn was imported. This was used to feed animals which in turn required larger field sizes and larger farms.

In 1904 the last **Duchess of Cleveland** died and the estate was sold as freehold. This explains why some 500 year old houses have only had 5 owners on the deeds. This was the beginning of modern Bigbury.

There were some parcels of land that were not part of the Bigbury estate. **Hingston Farm** was a wooded enclave that had been given to a relation by marriage to the Lord of the Manor. Others include Holwell Farm, land between St Ann's Chapel and Easton, Challons Combe and Tuffland Farm.

As the grass ley rotations were brought in to accommodate the move from corn to horn, women bore the brunt of the hard work. So that valuable top soil was not lost, they were made to skimm off the turves of grass by hand, just below the roots. Children would ick off the stones from the field before the corn was sown. At the end of the corn harvest the peasants would glean the field by picking up the dropped ears of corn. This would allow them to make barley bread to stay alive until the next harvest and the gleanings.

This brings us to the modern farming landscape which is managed very differently. Farm Gate hopes to meet all these farmers to pick up the threads of this tale. Together we will weave the Bigbury Tapestry so we can all cherish our rich agricultural history. Coming soon: Mount Folly Farm, Hexdown, Lincombe, Hingston, Easton, Bigbury Court, Houghton, Holwell, Tuffland, Challonscombe, Combe, Knowle and Willings farms. **Editor**



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		YOUTH CLUB 17.30 -19.30 MH	BIGBURY BOOK- WORMS			
		KINGSBRIDGE JAZZ 6.30 pm Fishermans Rest	KORNILOFF COFFEE 10.30 - noon			
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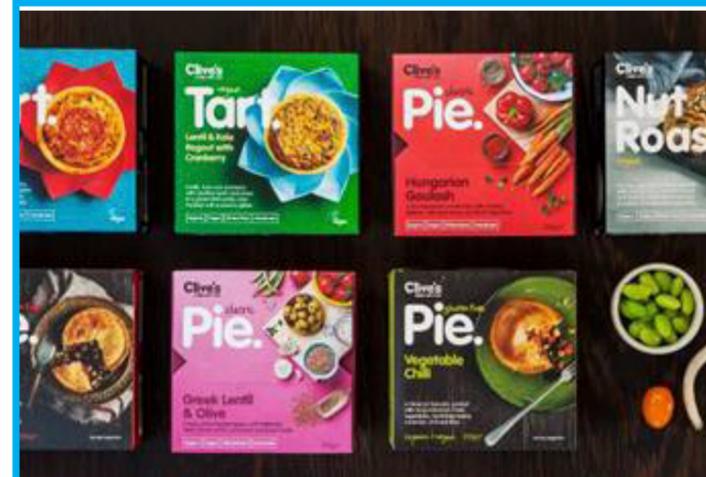
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## BIGBURY

### HISTORY SOCIETY

Thirty nine members were present for a meeting on 22nd March at The Memorial Hall which began with the Society's AGM. Chairman **Charles Harrington** reported the varied programme of talks and outings throughout the year. Early on there was a talk on the History of Burgh Island and a visit to Salcombe Lifeboat and Maritime History Museums.

We had guided walks around Ashburton in July and Exeter in September. All were well attended, as were the now customary accompanying post-visit group meals.

This year two group outings have already been arranged – to The **Vintage Bus Museum at Loddiswell on May 17th**, and a **Guided Walk Town Walk around Tavistock on July 5th**.

Charles explained that the Committee was still working its way through the archives, and expressed specific thanks to **Norman Botton**. He added that Monthly Village Reports dating back to 1900 had been given to Louise for possible "This month in..." Bigbury News articles.

With no other nominees the existing officers were re-elected:- **Charles Harrington** (Chairman), **Peter Cook** (Secretary), **Alan Best** (Treasurer), **Mike Baker** (Visits and Social), and **Norman Botton** (Resident Historian). In the interest of sexual equality The Chairman had requested more female involvement with the team – but there were no volunteers!

The AGM was followed by a slide show and talk on "**Bigbury Village Then and Now**". This included aerial views, paintings and photographs of houses and people from the central part of the village through the ages. Whilst the committee had put the presentation together what really made the evening "come alive" was BHS President **Roger Grimley's** anecdotes based on his in-depth knowledge of the area and the villagers. Needless to say there was no shortage of questions.

Roger's presence was all the more appreciated in that he had just been visiting his wife Barbara in Derriford Hospital. A bouquet of flowers was presented for her, with wishes for a speedy recovery.

**Peter Cook**  
Secretary  
Bigbury History Society

## OLD NEWS

Extract from the *Woodleigh Deanery Magazines* (1933 - 1941)

**BIGBURY June 1937**

Rector - Rev A.R.W. Law

*Our Coronation Festivities on May 12th were a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. They began at midday in Church with a crowded congregation for the Coronation Service.*

*Then immediately after the service all the children of the parish school were represented with a Coronation mug. And then to Mr Luckcraft's big barn for lunch. And what a lunch! Mr L. Ward and the ladies of the committee who arranged it are to be thoroughly congratulated. Everything was of the best and the service was all that could be desired. During the afternoon great interest was taken in the Sports, which were so well managed by Captain B. Hooppell and his helpers, who had no small amount of work preparing and laying out the ground. After another excellent meal at 5 p.m., there were more sports and then later on in the evening there was a Social in the barn with dancing and singing and also a display of fireworks.*

*The Social was ably organised by Mr George Kerswill and was a great success. Nor must we forget to thank all those gentlemen who worked so hard preparing and cleaning the barn and turning it into such an excellent room for the occasion, and also Mr Luckcraft for allowing us to use it. Unfortunately, during the afternoon there was also some rain and also two accidents. Mr J. Kerswill, when making a long jump, put out his knee and Mr S. Broom slipped and broke his ankle and is now in hospital.*

*We are all sorry to hear of the serious accident to Mrs Rendle, who fell in the fire, and got badly burnt. At first it was feared she would lose her sight; but, fortunately, it appears this will not be so, and we hope that in time she will be thoroughly restored.*

*Our hearty congratulations to Mr Charles Luckcraft and his wife, who were married in Diptford Church on May 5th. We wish them every happiness at Court Farm, and may they live there for many years.*



Do you have one of these Coronation mugs, a photograph or story to tell about this event? If so, please write to Our Post Bag. **Editor**

## ART BEAT

Thank you to those people who have got out their paint brushes during the bad weather and begun exploring subjects for the **Bigbury Alphabet Poster**. Here are some examples (opposite). Now it's your turn. If you can try to keep the dimensions in landscape format (an oblong with short sides at the sides - then they will all slot into the framework of the poster more easily without me having to edit them. Thanks.

If you are a hobby artist and would like to invite other **hobby artists to come together in a group** (like **Bigbury Bookworms**) maybe you could also have a good reason to socialise at the same time as getting on with that piece of artwork. You could get professional artists to come and give your group some lessons or go on visits together to artists studios. What fun. Can I come too?

Art is a great way to keep mentally fit, if you cannot get out an walk on the wildside. Check out this review:

[bebrainfit.com/the-health-benefits-of-art-are-for-everyone/](http://bebrainfit.com/the-health-benefits-of-art-are-for-everyone/)

Two myths that should be busted are: you need to be born with talent to be an artist and you need the help of an art therapist to get the therapeutic value of doing art. Bust the myths. Get together or just get on with it. Order some paints and paper from the internet and send in your alphabet topic. Do it before the mini wave of enthusiasm fades. Maybe it could change your life?

Maybe **Waves Youth Group** might take up the challenge and paint some letters? What about **Bigbury Ladies** making a contribution?

If a real artist or group wants to take over this ART BEAT feature each month - you are welcome. Just call me 07908 525663 and volunteer.

I am painting a lobster for the letter L. **Editor.**



Thanks to the **Smart Family** for the above contributions.



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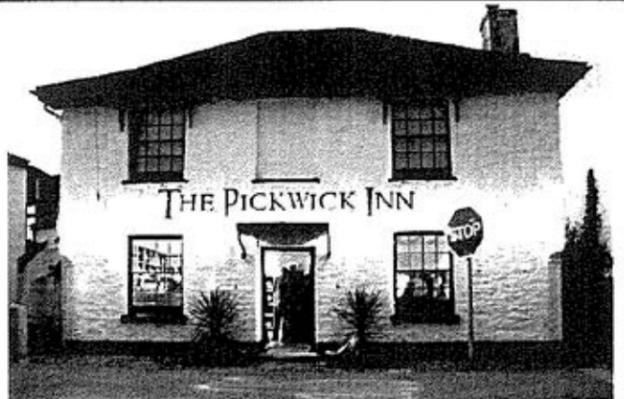
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PRESENT: Cllr B Carson (chair) D. Cllr. E Huntley, Cllrs. G Rosevear, S Smith, V Scott, H Getley and Parish Clerk R Matthews. Eight residents present. Apologies were received from Cllr. Case 2.0 MINUTES Cllr. Rosevear proposed 1 minutes accepted Cllr. Smith seconded Councilors unanimously approved them.

**3.0 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT.**  
We are now three quarters of the way through this term as a Parish Council. I would like to emphasise that I see the work as a team effort. I am very grateful for the support of the hardworking, reliable people sitting here with me as we try to do the best we can to represent the interests of the whole community. I thank you all for your contributions. I congratulate **Richard, our Parish Clerk**, who has done such an excellent job in bringing us into the modern world of communication technology. He deals with a large amount of information and correspondence, and we are all very grateful for the work he puts in. During this year **Rose Owen** has resigned as a councillor. Her contributions and knowledge were immensely valued, and we are very sorry to have lost her. After ten years she also retired as editor of the Bigbury News in December, and I thank her again for her tireless efforts in making such a huge contribution to the community as a whole. Others who have made valued contributions are **John Simes** who retired as the footpath warden after several years. **Trish Bagley** continues as our tree warden, and has also taken on the role of footpath warden with **Norman Botton**. **Stuart Watts** continues to run the community website, for which we are very grateful, and you will all have received the first copies of your new look Parish Magazine which has been produced by **Louise Wainwright** who has lived in the parish for just over a year. We are very glad to welcome her to Bigbury! Last year I reported on the loss of several businesses in the parish, and I am pleased to report that there have been no further losses this year. However we do continue to face the same challenges, and fight the same battles as before. We are still trying very hard to re-instate the Bay Cafe at Bigbury on Sea, where they wish to build four new houses which is an example of how we are still finding that we have to contest planning applications that are not sympathetic to the needs or character of our beautiful parish. We DO need affordable homes for local people who will make permanent homes here, and we

**ANNUAL BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 11th April 2018 at 8:10pm

DO NOT need expensive properties that will only be occupied for a few weeks each year. It is extremely disappointing that there will be luxury houses and a new road layout at St Ann's Chapel, after we fought so hard to prevent it. There will of course also be four new luxury homes at the Royal Oak site in Bigbury Village. **Valerie Scott** and the Neighbourhood Plan team have done an excellent job in producing the first draft of the document, which addresses many of these concerns. Hopefully it will be adopted this year, and it will strengthen our position in dealing with difficult planning matters in the future. We are very grateful for many hours of hard work put in by the team. Part of the Neighbourhood Plan is to provide some affordable housing for local people, and we are making some progress with this project. I would like to finish by again thanking all the businesses, organisations and individuals who make such sterling contributions to the vibrancy of this community. Included in this are **Holywell Stores, The Pickwick, Unwind Salon, the Golf Club, Parkdean at Challaborough, the Memorial Hall Committee**, and all those who run various activities and clubs here.

**4.0 ANNUAL POLICE REPORT**  
Bigbury (Kingsbridge West) continues to be policed by PC Ryan Hayhurst and PCSO Warren Palmer under the supervision of Inspector Tapley and Sergeant Dave Green. In the last 12 months 10 crimes have been recorded in the parish, out of a total of 790 for the whole of Kingsbridge and Salcombe areas. This is against 4 for the same period in the previous year 2016/2017 in Bigbury. Assaults 3 Theft offences (3) Offences relating to Public Order (2) Burglary of outbuilding (1) Drink Driving (1) PC Hayhurst advised that the VAS (Variable Actual Speed) indicators were a good device to help address the issue of speeding traffic. Installing locks to gates and outdoor buildings has a similar effect of deterring theft.

**5.0 FOOTPATH WARDEN'S REPORT**  
**Norman Botton** spoke on behalf of himself and **Trish Bagley** who took over as 'joint' Footpath Wardens in September 2017. He thanked **John Simes** for his support during the transfer of responsibilities. The Wardens have walked all 11.8 miles of the Parish footpaths, identifying areas that needed attention and their findings formed the basis of the Parish P3 submis-

sion to Devon County Council. In November they attended a training day where they met both Ros Davies and Peter Guy, the latter being responsible for fixing broken gates, replacing posts etc. Norman reported on a meeting with the representatives from the National Trust and stated the improvements to the path on Clematon Hill had been completed to a high standard. Norman and Trish have been clearing footpaths and emphasise the importance of receiving updates on footpath issues from the local community. Norman suggested that a Parish Walking Day could be organised and promoted in Bigbury News.

**6.0 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT**  
**Trish Bagley** reported: All three villages had been looked at regarding trees of importance that should be preserved for the future. There are four trees at Bigbury-on-Sea and two on Burgh Island waiting TPO assessment by **Alex Whish** (Tree Officer for South Hams) and on completion he will providing a written report (cc Parish Council). There are trees in Bigbury Village that are of importance, although these are in the conservation area so under protection already. The woodlands within the Parish are mainly mixed and have been assessed to the best of my ability, although some have poor or limited access. These areas could also be put forward for protection if the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Planners feel it is necessary, especially as Mr Johnson's shooting enterprise is expanding. Ash Dieback remains a big concern for the future along with acute Oak and Chestnut Decline (combination of rust and disease). Anyone having a concern over a specific or group of trees is encouraged to contact me and I will investigate further. Such issues were discussed in November 2017 at a South West tree forum which also looked at tree mapping and a new website called 'treezilla'. This meeting concluded with a walk around Dartington Hall gardens.

**7.0 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**  
Bigbury News - **Louise Wainwright** stated that 3 editions of Bigbury News had been produced in the new format, thanking everyone for their support through the start up. Special thanks were given to **Rose Owen** and **Trudy Smith** for their work undertaken for Bigbury News. She thanked all advertisers for their support adding the introduction of colour advertising and images was vital in attracting

revenues to meet the increased cost of production. Louise stated that the direct cost (materials etc.) amounted to £1 per copy. Both her time and that of other people involved in the distribution was in addition to this £1 figure and was effectively 'a labour of love'. Louise thanked the Parish Council for their annual contribution but was hoping to raise further donations to help support the enterprise as making money to support local good causes and charities was an aim. A committee had been formed to oversee the magazine's publication and other options were being considered as incremental revenue streams. Cllr. Carson thanked Louise for her input and effort, further emphasising the importance of the magazine to the community.

Bigbury Community Website - **Stuart Watts** stated the website complemented Bigbury News. The number of hits to the website was increasing, with the Parish Council pages attracting most attention. The site is hosted by 'Kingsbridge Websites' and some improvements / changes had been made to the log in. It could be a valuable source of information although there appeared to be a disconnect between itself and local Tourist Information Offices, resulting in Bigbury not being publicised as well as it may be. Cllr. Rosevear, as a representative of Modbury Tourist Information and Cllr. Getley, as a local business person showed an interest in developing these links for the long term benefit of the local community. It remained an important communication tool and means of ensuring full transparency on Parish Council matters.

Memorial Hall - **Charles Harrington** provided the following update: During the last twelve months we have continued contribute to the community life of Bigbury Parish and to increase cohesion between the various centres of population. We provide a venue for regular group activities such as fitness classes, yoga, the history society, Parish Council meetings and South Hams Shrimps. It is good to report that the Youth Club, which recommenced last year, is attracting decent numbers. Also, we have more regular activities in the form of Zumba classes and a Christian meeting group. We stage regular social events during the year. Events have included two wine tasting evenings, a quiz evening, the Bigbury

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESS REPORT April 2018

### Land Option Agreement for community-led housing scheme

SHDC are currently preparing a land option agreement in relation to the community led housing scheme on land which forms part of Holwell Farm to the rear of the Holywell Stores and the two new houses on the eastern side of the B3392 when entering the village from Seven Stones Cross.

Bigbury Parish Council will be involved in liaising with SHDC and the landowners on the layout and details of the proposed development and Option Agreement asks for a contact name to represent Bigbury

Parish Council. I would suggest that the Chairman of the Parish Council should be the main contact although I would continue working with Bryan with regard to the progress of development on this site. Until this agreement has been signed SHDC are reluctant to spend any more funds on the project but they have advised that they would be willing to make funds available to the Parish Council to fund any further work involved once this option agreement is in place.

When we have progressed that plans a little further and discussed these with the landowners we will then be in a position to hold a community event to obtain the

views of the whole community and to ensure that any future development on this site does accord with the aspirations of the community, provides for local housing needs, particularly affordable housing, and is a development that we can all be proud of.

The initial concept plan shows 12 dwellings, one for the use of the landowners, two for private sale to make the scheme viable and 9 affordable dwellings of mainly two with some three bedroom units. We are also proposing to include two bungalows or houses suitable for the elderly as part of this mix. The houses will remain affordable in perpetuity with preference given to people who already live in the parish or have direct connections through work or family.

The heritage assessment has now been completed by Oakford Archaeology and has been sent to Historic England and Devon CC Heritage Department for their comments.

The Initial Ecological Assessment has been completed and the initial Landscape Assessment is expected shortly. Views, vistas and local heritage list The closing date for suggestions re identifying important local views or buildings or structures of local heritage value has been extended to 20th April. The box for comments is at the Holywell Stores or suggestions can be sent straight to me at [valeriescott@bigbury.net](mailto:valeriescott@bigbury.net).

We will be doing the events with the local youth of the parish once I can walk around without crutches.

### Draft Neighbourhood Plan

I have sent to all Parish Councillors a copy of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. This has also been sent to SHDC officers, Historic England and the AONB Unit for comment. We also need AECOM to complete the Strategic Environmental Assessment and then we can carry out a wider consultation with the parish. Views of the Parish Councillors would be welcomed.

**Valerie Scott,**  
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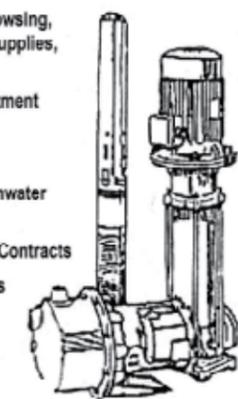
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Predatory mite, *Phytoseiulus*, (left) eating the spider mite (right).



Parasitic wasp (*Aphidius*) laying her egg in an aphid/greenfly (pest)



Slug being fed upon by *Phasmarhabditis*, a slug killing nematode.



Gardens are natural islands of wildlife and beauty within the rolling farming landscape. Gardens exist even without the constant gardener and the reference books. We are all gardeners.

Bees visit dandelions in the lawn and hedgehogs delight in snails that have made their home in the Hostas. Robins will peck at insects and worms, whilst goldfinches pull out the seeds from over blown thistle flowers. By moonlight moths may visit flowering weeds and cultivars alike, to sip nectar and lay their eggs. If you could hear everything that what was going on in the garden the sound would be deafening. Millions of tiny scrapings, sucking, biting and chewing actions happening all the time.

Whether you have a wildlife garden or a manicured wildness - all gardens are a haven to small insects and microbes that you may never have been introduced to by name - but you have been their landlord ever since you lived in the house overlooking their garden.

My husband, Henry Wainwright, and I spent the last 20 years working with farmers and gardeners to help them protect their crops and loved ornamental plants without having to resort to the use of excessive amounts of chemical pesticides. ([www.realipm.com](http://www.realipm.com)). One day we will also have a garden here in Devon, when the builders leave, and we will try not to use chemicals here at all if it can be avoided.

In a fund-raising bid for Bigbury News production costs I will be hosting a Bugs Life BBQ the last weekend in June (Saturday 30th June) at the Memorial Hall. It will start at 12.00 midday with a 30-minute presentation and demonstration of natural predatory mites and parasitic wasps that attack pests in your garden and greenhouse. There will be a couple of microscopes linked to TV screens and lots of hand lenses so you can get up close and personal with really tiny bugs and see them in action. You will be able to buy some bugs and then take them home to release in your garden to help combat pests.

These good bugs are produced by a number of UK/EU firms and I hope to have some samples sent by the regional distributor who deals with amateur gardeners.

## GARDEN GATE

Some of the predatory mites we will see could have been reared in the Real IPM greenhouses in Kenya as we export to these EU companies!

Dont be alarmed. The production, sale and release of these good bugs has been strictly controlled and regulated by the authorities and there is absolutely no harmful effect on non target organisms or people. The real harm is done by chemical pesticides. Here is a taster of what you can expect to see when you come to the **Bugs Life BBQ**.

### Slug it to the slugs!

The wet wet wet spring we have had is likely to have been most welcome to the slimey slugs in our gardens. That slime serves several purposes; it helps them move about on a slimey highway over uneven soil surfaces; it helps to protect them from dehydration and prevents invasion of its body by the many naturally occurring insect-killing fungi that live in the soil. That is why quite toxic chemical pesticides have to be incorporated into a bran bait to entice the slug to eat the chemical poison.

Chemical baits for slugs are also eaten by hedgehogs, birds and pets and are highly toxic to them. Ground beetles will also eat these toxic pellets. This pretty annoying as hedgehogs, ground beetles and birds also eat slugs and snails - if they are not killed by chemicals.

I noticed that **Avon Mill** garden centre does stock some environmentally friendly slug controls - so pay them a visit and please mention that you heard about it in Bigbury News.

In addition to the controls at Avon Mill, there are also some microscopic nematodes (very tiny worms) that can kill both slugs and snails. The nematode is called *Phasmarhabditis* and it kills the slug by entering its body through any natural opening. Once inside the slug or snail it regurgitates some symbiotic bacteria which lives inside the nematode. This bacteria, once inside the slug, will multiply and gradually decompose the slug from inside. The bacteria and nematode then feeds on this dissolving slug slush. Anyone for a slushie?

The slug biocontrol product comes in a

sachet which is emptied into a watering can and watered into the soil. Remember that the slugs you see on the surface, moving about at night, are just the tip of the iceberg. More than 95% of the slugs will probably be below ground. They can lay eggs at almost any time of year and can survive very cold winters by moving deeper down the soil profile.

### Spider mites

Anyone who grows plants in a greenhouse will have suffered from spider mite. It is a tiny pest mite that lives mostly on the underside of leaves and feeds by sucking the leaf sap. The leaves then look quite speckled after this feeding and, if not controlled, leaves will begin to fall off and the plant may even die.

One of the first biocontrols commercially produced was a predatory mite called *Phytoseiulus*. It was first used in the UK some 50 years ago on tomatoes and cucumbers grown in greenhouses. Growers could no longer control spider mite with chemical pesticides because the spider mite had become resistant to almost all chemicals.

*Phytoseiulus* put a stop to this and is now widely used on crops both inside and outside greenhouses. It is more effective than chemicals because it has legs and can search out the spider mites and eat them. You will see the *Phytoseiulus* in action at the Bugs Life BBQ and even be able to take some home for your greenhouse tomatoes or outdoor plants.

Also making their debut at Bugs Life will be *Aphidius* (parasitic wasp for aphid/greenfly control), *Encarsia* (a parasitic wasp that kills whiteflies), *Amblyseius* (a predatory mite for thrips control), *Cryptolaemus* (a predator of mealybug) and others.

Bring along some pests that you have found in the garden. We will try to identify them. You can put them under the microscope and see them wriggle.

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**Louise Wainwright**

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Devon Ladies League Bigbury Captain for the match, **Jane Wain** (third from the right)



**Hilary Vanstone** and **Dee Fitzgerald** practicing headstands at indoor bowls. Only two evenings left to come along before it closes for the summer - **1st & 15th May 7.30 - 9.30 pm** at Bigbury Memorial Hall. Join in this fun community event. No previous experience or talent needed!



**Norman Botton** addresses a packed Memorial Hall with 66 people supporting Beth Hunley's fund-raising Himalayan Evening which raised £2,157 for Motor Neurone Disorder and Multiple Sclerosis.

**David Gay** speaks on behalf of his wife, Sandy, who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis to thank the community for their support and to **Beth Huntley** for raising awareness of these diseases.

The total raised so far is £5,516.50  
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**Angie Carson** joins in training on CPR and use of the defibrillator organised by **Steve Comely** and our volunteer First Responder, **Nigel Toms** - held at Ringmore WI Hall.



**Rose Owen's** herd of elephants!

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Garden and Produce Show, the Church Bank Holiday bazaar, two film and food nights and two Villages in Action events. The Hall has been well used for private functions and this has increased markedly as a result of the building improvements made over the last few years. We have continued to upgrade facilities wherever we can and are about to refurbish the rear extension roof and replace all rainwater goods and install a new cooker.

RNLI – **Simon Crayford** provided this update: 107 people were aided by lifeguards at Sedgewell Cove and Bigbury North, this was made up of the following incidents: - 15 rescues and 7 mass rescues of groups of 3 or more - 13 assistances - 4 major first aids - 70 minor first aids - 3 searches In addition to the lifesaving activity undertaken the lifeguards remained busy undertaking preventative actions to help educate the beach users on how to enjoy their time on the beach as safely as possible. In 2017 they completed over 19,000 preventative actions, which range from face to face advice to erecting safety signage and making public address announcements. Having the lifeguard facility positioned above the beach for the second year was again invaluable, the view it provides ensures that whether the lifeguards are positioned at the water's edge or the at the facility they have a clear view of the beach and are easily identifiable to the public. There was a noticeable increase in the number of people swimming, kayaking and stand up paddle boarding around Burgh Island. This is something that he lifeguards at both Bigbury North and Sedgewell Cove were monitoring closely in 2017 and will remain a focus in the coming season as this is a potentially high risk activity due to the lack of visibility once they are behind Burgh Island. We have been encouraging people to check in and out with the lifeguards if they intend to go around Burgh Island so the lifeguards are aware.

### 8.0 CLOSING COMMENTS

Cllr. Carson thanked everyone for their efforts and time expended to both Council and Community matters over the last year. Meeting closed 9:25 pm

DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 2019

**The minutes of this meeting (2,500 words) could not be printed in full and have been summarised to fit the available space. For full minutes please see: [www.bigburycommunity.co.uk](http://www.bigburycommunity.co.uk)**

## BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 11th April 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. B Carson (in the chair), Cllrs: C Rosevear, S Smith, E Huntley, H Getley and Clerk R Matthews. C.Cllr Gilbert and ten residents were also in attendance. Declaration of Interest The Chairman read out a statement in respect of Declaration of Interest.

Casual vacancy: Mrs **Valerie Scott**, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee, had applied for the Parish Councillor casual vacancy and Cllr Carson proposed Mrs Scott be accepted to the position. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Rosevear and was unanimously agreed by the members. Mrs Scott read and signed the declaration of acceptance. A copy of the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish, which is a sub section of the schedule of documents, policies and procedures followed by Bigbury Parish Council is to be provided by the Clerk who is also to advise the Electoral Office of SHDC of the appointment. Action Clerk

Mrs Scott then joined the other Parish Council members for the duration of the meeting.

### 1.0 Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Case

2.0 Minutes meetings (March 14th 2018) Cllr. Rosevear proposed the minutes be accepted as being an accurate record of the previous meeting. Cllr. Smith seconded the proposal and all Councillors voted unanimously to accept the minutes, which were duly signed by the Chairman.

### 3.0 Matters arising

**Mr Radford** asked to use the side wall of the bus shelter as advertising space for the holiday park. He would ensure whatever was placed there would be suitable. SHDC planning restrictions may apply. Action Mr Radford

D.Cllr Huntley suggested this space may be needed to advertise the Bay Café but the Chairman advised this was in the future and needed further consideration.

### 4.0 Open session

Cllr. Carson agreed to the request from **Jill Gubbins** to discuss the Civic Day – Jill wished to leave in order to attend the annual meeting of the St Lawrence Church Council. "Last year, local residents on a visit to Modbury's twin town of Lanveoc in Brittany saw their French counterparts participating in activities associated with an annual civic day, volunteering a little time to tackle a range of tasks to make their locality more attractive - things like weeding public flower beds, mending broken items, cleaning signs, redecorating a public hall, painting up a converted container for sharing books. Modbury Parish Council took this idea on-board, and by the time you read this, Modbury Marigolds Day will have taken place, with residents sprucing up the town after the winter ready for visitors. Equally, Bigbury Parish Council is proposing the idea of a civic day in our parish, to tackle some of the niggling jobs that get raised by parishioners, but

that just never seem to get to the top of the priorities list in these days of cutbacks! The parish is not only a beautiful home to many of us, but also a prime spot for tourism, which contributes financially to our local businesses, so keeping the area attractive helps sustain those businesses and in turn the residents - a win-win all round for our community. The parish clerk has been compiling a list of tasks that might be done under the auspices of a civic day and if you have something in mind to suggest - please, a job on public land, and safe! - and/or would be prepared to volunteer a couple of hours or so to undertake a task, with a friend or as part of a small group, please do contact the people below by the next Parish Council meeting, Wednesday 16th May. (NB this is a week later than the usual date for council meetings). A decision will be taken at the meeting as to whether there is sufficient response to proceed, (Friday 8th June is the proposed / agreed date), and on the precise organisation of 'Busy B(igbury) Day'. It would be lovely if each part of the parish, or St Ann's Chapel, Bigbury Village and Bigbury on Sea at least, can have an activity occur that makes that community noticeably improved! The people to contact about helping with this novel community action are: **Parish Clerk, Jill Gubbins** or any **Parish Councillor**.

### 5.0 County Councillor's report

C.Cllr Gilbert reported on the County's progress in respect of road repairs and shared the following communications from earlier in the day:

"Dear Clerks, Councillors et al, I am just back from County Hall Cabinet and much discussion about highways pot holes, flooding etc. You will see from the below an email the backlog is building up, after the last months appalling weather and I suspect it will take all summer to catch up. Added to that, normally pot hole reports run at about 200/day. At present they are running at 600/700 per day. I and my fellow DCC Councillors are of course under some stress to get things fixed. I'm doing all I can, so please be patient.

'Dear Councillors, Some of you have recently been in contact with us to highlight defects needing action. Although we are willing to accept your reports, your NHO does not have (or has ever had) direct control of the contractors workforce and is unable to have these locations given preference above Skanska's own priorities. We do have a good working relationship with our local contractor so can pass these (cont page 32)

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requests on as supplemental if they complete their workload. However, due to the damage caused by the recent weather Skanska reported an increase in pothole reports. At the Devon Highways Board meeting they proposed to prioritise only defects recorded by the safety inspectors. This decision was approved but has led to a backlog of potholes reported by the public. Since the new year Skanska have increased the number of gangs tackling potholes on the highway network and are working hard to manage the workload but it is expected that the backlog may take weeks to bring under control. This is leading to the increased contact from your Constituents which is likely to continue. Devon County Council and Skanska are working to resolve the issue but currently there is no means for your NHO to intervene in the current working practice. We are aware of the difficulties this causes but appreciate your support through this busy period. It was agreed that Clerk would re-circulate details of how to report pot holes to DCC. This was to be sent to all Councillors and publicised on both the Bigbury Community website and in Bigbury News. Action Clerk

C.Cllr Gilbert advised that the issue of the broken mirror in St Ann's Chapel and the damaged Seven Stones Cross sign would be discussed with Adam Keay on his return to work next week.

The following was also shared:

- The cost of maintaining Adult Social Care was high and Totnes MP Sarah Woolaston was of a view this should be integrated back into NHS.
- On a grim note there were between 60 and 70 suicides in Devon each year.
- 95% of grey bin waste was being incinerated at the waste site in Devonport, Plymouth.
- The issue of the Slapton Line had been resolved.
- With the roll over into a new financial year, C.Cllr Gilbert confirmed that funds were available for investment. This would be from the 'Invest in Devon Fund' for capital projects and also through the Locality fund. C.Cllr Gilbert added he would be willing to support the civic day through purchase of cleaning items etc. Cllr. Scott asked whether the capital fund could be used to address the issue of speeding cars through St Ann's Chapel – perhaps through the laying of a different coloured road surface. This was to be considered further. Action Cllr. Scott Cllr. Carson also agreed to look into the option of installing a Variable Average Speed camera / sign. Action Cllr. Carson

• 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

### 6.0 District Councillor's report

D.Cllr Huntley shared the following:

- Burgh Island changed hands this afternoon – the new owner is Mr Fuchs (company OSIT)
- The Warren Cottage/Bay Cafe ACV challenge was withdrawn yesterday, so it was good not to have to fight this challenge in Leicester on May 25th. Latest update: I've met with two interested parties both speaking with Angus Mac, both with second homes at Bigbury-on-Sea. One would want develop cafe and cottage, the other same but would also build 2 houses on car park as well. Additionally met with 2 lease holders, one today and spoken to the other in the past, now potentially interested in running cafe, both of whom run cafes in Bigbury Bay.
- Waves Edge Challaborough. John Simes and Bryan Carson spoke eloquently in DMC, who took into account Council's written request from for consistency with their decision last time the application was discussed - which also mirrored that of appeal inspector. Decision was NO to design offered. Six Planning Committee members said yes they find this fresh design acceptable provided they submitted plans showing new roof reduced to original roof height. Two opposed this with one abstaining as they thought this design was too uninspired for such a beautiful location.
- The Warren car park overnight tariff has increased from £8 to £9, providing the necessary 2% increase required by SHDC.
- Joint Local Plan has finished inspection but is not yet sound and can't applied in planning matters yet.
- Colin Whybrow, a Modbury Parish Councillor is a qualified playpark inspector and will be introduced to Cllr. Case to offer advice on the Playpark project.
- Adrian from South Hams CVS is available to advise on grant funding for the Playpark project.

### 7.0 Planning applications and related matters:

**Waves Edge, Challaborough** – Covered in District Councillor's report above.

**Bay Café – application for demolition** – notices 1143/18/PAA and 1145/18/PAA Cllr. Scott advised this was a re-submission and related to the issue of Japanese Knotweed, more specifically a report provided by Acorn Ecology on behalf of Galion Homes. The Parish Council were opposed

to these applications and Cllr. Scott requested a further report be commissioned on behalf of the Parish Council by JFA at a cost of £350. Cllr. Rosevear proposed this be accepted, Cllr. Huntley seconded the proposal and the Councillors voted in support – with one Councillor abstaining.

**Warren Cottage, Marine Drive, Bigbury-on-sea** – 0828/17/FUL – application for development of #3 detached four bedroom houses and #1 three bedroom maisonette above 61.5 sqm mixed use D1 Use Class and A3 Use Class commercial unit.

All Councillors had reviewed the plans submitted prior to the meeting and the overall view was that there were no positive features in this proposal. The development was not at all in keeping surrounding area, it was impractical, the proposed café area was smaller than the existing facility, there was no kitchen space and it lacked a car park. Cllr. Carson proposed that the Council object to the proposal, this was seconded by Cllr. Scott and agreed by all Councillors unanimously. Clerk to prepare formal response. Action Clerk

### 8.0 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Scott, in the capacity of Chairman of the Bigbury Parish Neighbourhood Plan steering group, gave the following update: Land Option Agreement for community-led housing scheme SHDC are currently preparing a land option agreement in relation to the community led housing scheme on land which forms part of Holwell Farm to the rear of the Holywell Stores and the two new houses on the eastern side of the B3392 when entering the village from Seven Stones Cross. Bigbury Parish Council will be involved in liaising with SHDC and the landowners on the layout and details of the proposed development and Option Agreement asks for a contact name to represent Bigbury Parish Council. I would suggest that the Chairman of the Parish Council should be the main contact although I would continue working with Bryan with regard to the progress of development on this site. Until this agreement has been signed SHDC are reluctant to spend any more funds on the project but they have advised that they would be willing to make funds available to the Parish Council to fund any further work involved once this option agreement is in place. When we have progressed that plans a little further and discussed these with the landowners we will then be in a position to hold a community event to obtain the views of the whole community and to ensure that any future (continued p 34)

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development on this site does accord with the aspirations of the community, provides for local housing needs, particularly affordable housing, and is a development that we can all be proud of.

The initial concept plan shows 12 dwellings, one for the use of the landowners, two for private sale to make the scheme viable and 9 affordable dwellings of mainly two with some three bedroom units. We are also proposing to include two bungalows or houses suitable for the elderly as part of this mix.

The houses will remain affordable in perpetuity with preference given to people who already live in the parish or have direct connections through work or family.

The heritage assessment has now been completed by Oakford Archaeology and has been sent to Historic England and Devon CC Heritage Department for their comments.

The Initial Ecological Assessment has been completed and the initial Landscape Assessment is expected shortly. Views, vistas and local heritage list

The closing date for suggestions re identifying important local views or buildings or structures of local heritage value has been extended to 20th April. The box for comments is at the Holywell Stores or suggestions can be sent straight to me at [valeriscott@bigbury.net](mailto:valeriscott@bigbury.net). We will be doing the events with the local youth of the parish once I can walk around without crutches.

## Draft Neighbourhood Plan

I have sent to all Parish Councillors a copy of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. This has also been sent to SHDC officers, Historic England and the AONB Unit for comment.

We also need AECOM to complete the Strategic Environmental Assessment and then we can carry out a wider consultation with the parish. Views of the Parish Councillors would be welcomed.

Clerk confirmed that two grants given to the Parish Council by Groundworks UK had now been closed.

Details of these grants and how the funds were spent can be found in the Bigbury Parish Council pages on the Bigbury Community website –

'Presentation at April 11th 2018 Parish Council meeting (slides 21 and 23)

## 9.0 Proposal for a Civic Day

– general housekeeping of Parish Covered in open session

## 10.0 Playground

In the absence of Cllr. Case this was adjourned to a later meeting.

## 11.0 Signage in and around Bigbury-on-Sea car park

This topic was adjourned to a later meeting.

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

With reference to 8.0 above Clerk showed details of the cheques raised against the grants received.

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

£25.00 – R Matthews – reversal of cash paid into account

£96.00 – Allwood of Totnes – maintenance of war memorial

£120.00 – SHDC – payroll services

£140.24 – DALC – annual affiliation fee

£420.00 – JFA Ecosystems – knotweed report

£45.00 – SHDC – provision of maps for local plan

£965.83 – R Matthews – salary £540, expenses £425.83

£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 £16,240.04 as at March 31st 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.

## 13.0 Correspondence

Full details of all correspondence can be found on the Bigbury Community website but for reference the summary of documents received is as follows:

SHDC – permission in principle – changes to planning rules

Beach clean at Bigbury

Travel Devon transport awards

Council Tax road show at Bigbury-on-Sea

AONB communication

SHDC – SeaMoor Lotto update

Modbury Caring – thank you letter for donation given

SHDC car parking charges

Mrs Trundle – complained about pot holes and general maintenance

DCC – update on potholes and backlog of work

St Luke's Hospice Plymouth - seminar

14.0 Dates of upcoming Parish Council meetings

May 16th (Annual General Meeting) re-scheduled from May 9th

June 13th - July 11th - September 12th -

October 10th - November 14th - December 12th

15.0 Agenda items for next meeting

It was agreed to include Playground, Civic Day, Signage and 100th anniversary celebrations of the Armistice on the agenda of the May meeting.

Meeting closed 08:10 pm

**Date of next meeting is WEDNESDAY May 16th at 7:30pm (rescheduled from May 9th)**

## POTHOLE REPORTS GO POTTY!

Our Parish Clerk, **Richard Matthews** has provided us with the web link below so that you can report the location of potholes to SHDC for repair.

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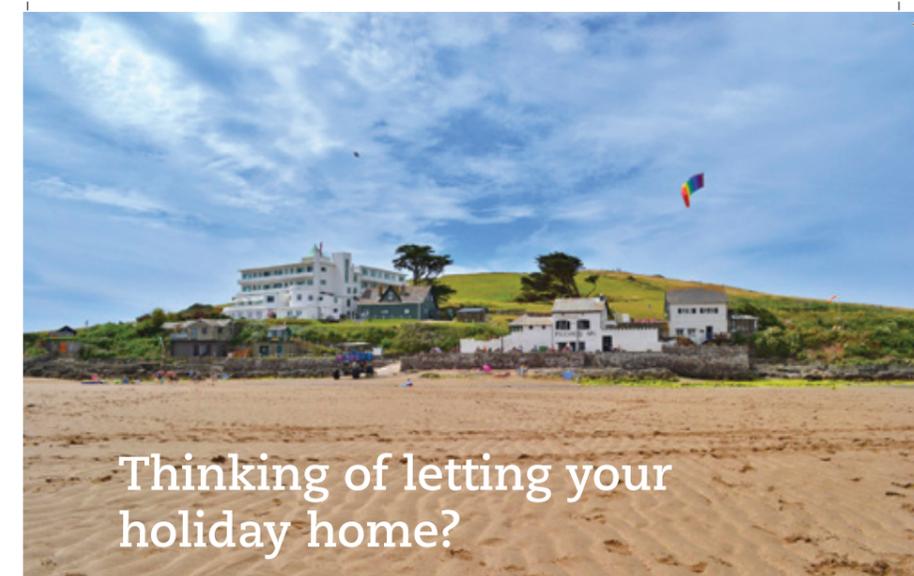
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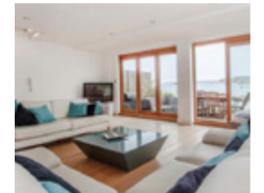


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