

BIGBURY COMMUNITY COFFEE

fund-raiser in MHall

Wed 4th Sept 10.30 - Noon

PRODUCE SHOW

Sun 8th Sept MHall

BIGBURY QUILT

Upper Granary, Easton

Tues 10th Sept 2.30 pm

PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 11th Sept

7:30 p.m. MHall

KINGSTON FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

Sat 14th Sept 1.00pm to 5.00pm

FILLING STATION

Thurs 19th Sept

7.30 - 9.00 pm MHall

DEADLINE KINGSTON STATION

20th Sept 2019

HUNGRYTOWN

USA Folk Group

Sat 21st Sept 7.30 pm MHall

BURGH ISLAND SWIM

Sun 22nd Sept 10.30 am

HISTORY SOCIETY DARTMOUTH TRIP

26th Sept



Charterlands Chatter





LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Readers,

The hottest August Bank Holiday on record brought thousands to the South Hams beaches, rivers, coastal and country walks, pubs, hotels, pubs and shops. It's now September and local businesses will be assessing their season as will the farmers who have had mixed bag of very wet weeks and super hot ones.

Bigbury News is inviting farmers and other businesses to write into the **Post Bag for the October** issue and reveal all. How was it for you? Now that the holiday makers are leaving the beaches - what can local people look forward to from you in the autumn and winter?

We are about to lose the services of the Kingston Fire Service unless we all pull together and **SAVE KINGSTON FIRE SERVICE**. There is not much time left to ACT. Please read the 999 call on page 10. Thank you to all businesses who are helping to distribute the *Safer Together* questionnaires. Thank you to the **Bigbury News Distribution Team** who have helped to get the *Safer Together* questionnaires to your doors. These must be returned **well before 20th Sept**. Please do something today.

It is the **70th Anniversary of the Kingston Fire Station**. There is an **Open Day at the Fire Station on Saturday 14th September** (1.00 pm to 5.00pm). Past and present fire fighters will be in attendance. Let's all go and show our appreciation of their voluntary efforts since 1949 and assure them of our support to keep them going for another 70 years!

Many of the Bigbury News distribution team, writers, sponsors and supporters attended our first **Bigbury News Social**. See back cover page. Thanks to everyone for their continued support.

It was announced at the social that **Ringmore News** has asked if they can merge with **Bigbury News** from the Dec/Jan bumper edition onwards. It is agreed that the new magazine will be called the **Bigbury & Ringmore News** with a combined circulation of 570 households. **David Vincent**, the Editor of Ringmore News will retire in December and the Ringmore News section of the Bigbury & Ringmore News will be managed by another Ring-

more resident who will introduce herself in the October edition of Bigbury News.

In 2019 the new Bigbury & Ringmore News will be published as a bumper edition, six times per year and will have an additional 8 pages to integrate the Ringmore content. In the months between the 'bumper' issues, we plan to publish a simple 'events & parish council minutes' in black & white.

The **Distribution Team in Ringmore** will be much valued by the new publication and we hope that you will continue to offer your voluntary services. We hope that this combined effort will also have benefits for local social events and that more Ringmore people will attend Bigbury events and vice versa

Many of the advertisers publish their adverts in both magazines. A new advertising rates card is under review by the Bigbury News Communications Team and the Ringmore Editor. We aim to offer good value for advertising to the new combined outreach.

Many thanks to all the contributors for the September issue. Please continue to **Write in and Join in!** Thank you.

Louise Wainwright
Editor Bigbury News & Bigbury Drums



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BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Bringing the Community Together

Only a few days to go before the annual **Garden Produce Show** which takes place on **Sunday 8th September** in the Memorial Hall (see posters for details). The theme of Plants, Pollution and Plastic should produce some imaginative exhibits. If you don't grow your own fruit, vegetables or flowers, why not write a limerick, create a picture or produce a decorated cup cake using the given theme? For children, there is an additional category – a decorated egg showing pollution. Hope to see you there and, if you are not entering anything, come and join us for refreshments and prize-giving from 2.30pm.

We have a great Autumn and Winter programme of events lined up at the Hall. This kicks off on **Saturday September 21st** with something of a coup for us when the American folk duo **Hungrytown** perform at the Hall as part of their 24-date UK tour. Their blend of original songs, lovely harmonies and instrumental skill has seen them perform all over the world in the last 15 years. Their last CD 'Further West' made the US Folk Charts top ten. This is a date not to be missed. Tickets, priced £10, will shortly be on sale at Holywell Stores but you can also get them by contacting me. See poster.

The next event will be the latest in our regular **Film & Food Nights**. This should be in the **week beginning October 28th**. The details are yet to be fixed but will appear in next month's Bigbury News.

There's more music on **November 22nd** when the Devon husband and wife duo **Harbottle & Jonas** bring their great brand of contemporary folk music to the Hall. "A really unique sound" – Seth Lakeman. This is a Carn to Cove (formerly Villages in Action) sponsored event, more details of which will appear in next month's Bigbury News.

The calendar year comes to a conclusion on **December 6th** when local wine experts Barrel & Still stage another **Wine Tasting evening**. Their previous one at a similar time last year proved a great success and is the ideal way to start the festive season. Again, more details in later issues of Bigbury News.

Charles Harrington.

Tel. 810023.

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MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS (Sept 2019)

St Ann's Chapel TQ7 4HQ

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

* Jill's classes are restarting Monday 9th September.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Wed. 4th Sept: Bigbury Community Coffee morning 10.30 – 12.00 in aid of St Luke's Hospice

Sunday 8th Sept: Bigbury Garden Produce Show: 10.00 am. See posters for further details.

Saturday 21st Sept : Hungrytown Folk Group. 7.30 pm Tickets £10. See posters.

SAVE the DATE

Friday 22nd November: Harbottle and Jonas – 7.30 pm see next month for details

Friday 6th December: Wine tasting – see next month for details.

50/ 100 Club. Promoted by Mike and Rita Baker.

July's winners were **Hilary Vanstone** (£20) and **Rowena Westalott** (£10)

2 August's winners were **Suzie Owlett** (£20) and **Michael Baker** (£10)

hungrytown
music that feeds the soul
www.hungrytown.nial

Bigbury Memorial Hall Saturday September 21st at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £10 adults £5 children from Holywell Stores or Charles Harrington (tel. 01548 810023)

BYO drinks and nibbles

BIGBURY HISTORY SOCIETY – DARTMOUTH OUTING SEPTEMBER 26TH

We've arranged a guided walk and talk around historic Dartmouth, followed by lunch at the Royal Castle Hotel and group visits to the Town Museum and Newcomen Museum.

Places are only £6 (plus lunch).

If you'd like to reserve a place please contact Peter Cook on 01548 810156 or petercook@btinternet.com



Bigbury
GARDEN PRODUCE SHOW
on
SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2019
at
Bigbury Memorial Hall

Class A
BEST FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Class B
FLOWERS:
A basket of flowers showing pollution and plastic from the beach
One individual rose
A vase of garden flowers of your choice
Three identical flowers

Class C
MISCELLANEOUS:
Largest Marrow
Longest Runner Bean
Heaviest Onion
Most unusual shaped fruit or vegetable
Tallest Sunflower
Limerick with a plants, plastic & pollution theme
A plants, plastic & pollution theme picture
A decorated egg showing pollution
A cup cake with a plants, plastic & pollution theme decoration

Entry forms on the day



BIGBURY COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

On Wednesday 3rd July we raised £237 for the Women of Cambodia. Many thanks to our faithful supporters who came and supported us so very generously.

Pauline was unfortunately unable to be with us but sent some interesting facts about the Tabitha Project. It has a sewing programme which encourages the families to save their money and break the cycle of poverty which takes an average family 5 years. Moving from poverty to middle class rural Cambodian lifestyle. 99% of the families do not have access to clean water. A water well eliminates many illnesses and allows families to increase their income through raising livestock and growing crops all year round. It is the gift of life.

Tabitha employs silk weavers, embroiderers and seamstresses all of whom were previously street women without work or hope. Buying Tabitha products helps support these workers achieve a life of dignity and respect.

They are now in the process of building the Nor Tep's Women's Hospital which will change the lives of women in Cambodia, making education, health services, screening and modern gynaecological procedures accessible to women regardless of their ability to pay. The things we here all take for granted.

On **Wednesday 7th August** we raised £265 for the Kingsbridge Triangle Centre. Many thanks to everybody who gave so generously. It was good to see several holiday makers and family visitors sharing the village chatter and banter. Unfortunately there was not a volunteer available to come from the centre but Kingsbridge operates a drop in day on Tuesdays from 10 to 16.00 hrs at South Hams Hospital.

The Triangle Centres are staffed by experienced cancer nurses, therapists and trained volunteers. They help cancer patients and their families navigate through their treatment and recovery.

On **Wednesday 4th September** we will be supporting St Luke's Hospice and look forward to seeing you between 10.30 and noon.

On **Wednesday 2nd October** we will be supporting the Plymouth and Cornwall Cancer Fund.

Jean and Yvonne.



BIGBURY'S ANNUAL GARDEN PRODUCE SHOW

Sunday September 8th 2019 in the Memorial Hall

'PLANTS, PLASTIC and POLLUTION'

GARDEN PRODUCE SHOW RULES

All fresh produce must be grown in the Parish of Bigbury. Bring your exhibits to the Hall on 8th September from 10.00– 11.00 a.m. Only one exhibit per person in each class. Cost will be 50p per exhibit up to a maximum of £3 per person for any number of exhibits. The judges will do their work from 11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.; viewing of exhibits and refreshments will be available from 2.30pm.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES 3pm
JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL

Queries to: **Angie Bond** (811131) or **Sally Watts** (810373)

Class A Fruit and Vegetables

	Number in display		Number In display
1. Beetroots, tops trimmed to 7cms	3	10. Leeks"	3
2. Carrots, tops trimmed to 7cms	3	11. Squash"	2
3. Courgettes (any colour)"	3	12. Peppers (any colour)	2
4. Runner beans"	3	13. Tomatoes	5
5. Other beans" 3		14. Apples (dessert)	3
6. Onions, white; trimmed and tied"	3	15. Apples (cooking)	3
7. Onions, red; trimmed and tied" 3		16. Chilli plant in pot	1
8. Cucumbers" 2		17. Any other vegetable	3
9. Potatoes" 5		18. Any fruit	3

Class B Flowers (to be presented in a vase unless otherwise stated)

1. A basket of flowers showing pollution and plants from the beach
2. One individual rose
3. Vase of garden flowers of your choice.
4. Three identical flowers

Class C Miscellaneous

1. Largest marrow
2. Longest runner bean
3. Heaviest onion
4. Most unusual shaped fruit or vegetable
5. Tallest sunflower (sunflower itself or a photo showing plant and height)
6. A limerick with a plants, plastic and pollution theme.
7. A plants, plastic and pollution themed picture
8. A decorated egg showing pollution.
9. A cupcake with a "plants, plastic and pollution" themed decoration.



GET YOURSELF

'FIT TO GO'

WITH JILL

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

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

WEDNESDAYS at
MARS PAVILION, MODBURY
PILATES
9.15 – 10.15

STRONG & STEADY
10.30 – 11.10 + tea

THURSDAYS at
BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL
PILATES
9.15 – 10.15
BONES BONUS
10.15 – 10.30
(for bone density, £1 per session)

Experienced qualified teacher. Equipment provided.

Locals & visitors, all welcome in friendly, mixed, good value, pay-as-you-go classes!

For more details, please call JILL on 01548 810651.

FITNESS SO CLOSE TO HOME!

ALL CLASSES RESTART WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2019

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SOCIAL GROUPS

BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

Hazel Osborne (temporary contact)

BIGBURY LADIES

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HISTORY SOCIETY

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BIGBURY COMMUNITY

COFFEE MORNING

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ARTS SOCIETY KINGSBRIDGE

2019/20 Lecture Season Starts

Methodist Church Hall, Kingsbridge
TQ7 1AW

Wednesday 7 for 7.30 pm.

Thursday 10 for 10.30 am

SEPTEMBER

Weds 25th/Thurs 26th 2019

Tony Rawlins: Art and Advertising

'Mad Men and the Artists – how the advertising industry has exploited fine art'

Fine art has provided advertisers and their agencies with a great deal of material to use in their creative campaigns. Tony describes some of the processes by which these advertisements have been created and why the works of Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael and Michelangelo have been a particularly rich source.

OCTOBER

Weds 30th/Thurs 31st 2019

Chris Alexander: Carpets and public art from Central Asia

'A Carpet Ride to Khiva'

This is a narrative approach to the revival of 15th century carpet designs from illuminated manuscripts in Khiva. The lecture will examine the traditional role of carpet weaving and embroidery in the social lives of Central Asian women and how social and political influences led to the decline of textile production.

Visitors welcome with payment of £10 includes tea/coffee before lecture.

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



CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S LIFE LINE

Can you remember the Chernobyl disaster in 1986 ?

The populations of Belarus and Ukraine can. They developed thyroid cancer, leukaemia, brain tumours, kidney, liver and heart problems. Many people who were children at the time have altered DNA. Their plight is worsened by a shortage of medical facilities and medicine, poor living conditions, poor nutrition, contaminated food, unemployment, challenging family circumstances as well as long harsh winters.

We are the South Hams Link to:

Chernobyl Children's Lifeline,

a national charity formed to help children by boosting their immune systems and offering them respite from the relentless exposure to radiation. To date Links have hosted over 50,000 children in the UK. Children also travel to other countries for respite. Each year we invite 10 nine year old children from Kamarin in Belarus, 40 km from Chernobyl, to the South Hams.

We have much local support and the children enjoy the holiday of a lifetime. Their programme includes surfing, swimming, sewing, a boat trip, riding, beach days, singing, reflexology and much more before ending with a farewell party.

One month eating clean food, breathing clean air and drinking clean water greatly reduces caesium 137 in their systems. They receive dental treatment and spectacles as required, sometimes for the first and only time in their lives. The children return home stronger, more confident, pain free and able to study. We also send medical equipment and supplies to their hospital.

We welcome people to join our group.

There are many ways to help.

Please call **Sue Wyeth on 01548 561783** for a chat if you are interested. We are happy to talk to any group about our Link. We are constantly fundraising, the more money we have the more we can help. Every Penny we raise stays with us to spend on our visiting children and on future projects in Belarus.

Sue Wyeth

DCC MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday 17th Sept

Bigbury-on-Sea

Cleveland Drive

Arrive: 12.40

Depart 13.25

Bigbury Green

Arrive: 14.00

Depart: 14.30

Only recently moved to the area my wife, Sherry, and I were keen to get involved with local voluntary work and jumped at the chance to be a host family for the CCLL. A little daunted at first by the prospect of two young Belarusian children living at our house we were soon assuaged of any concerns by an incredibly supportive team here in South Hams. In the months leading up to the visit Russian lessons were a great opportunity to meet other host families and the team led by Sue Wyeth. This support meant we were well prepared when our two boys arrived in July. We had an incredible month of activities - provided to a large part by the amazing generosity of local individuals and businesses. The children very much enjoyed our 'free' days which usually meant spending time with the other host families and their children at the beach. These children live 500 km from the sea and most of them have never been on a beach before! We felt privileged to have helped a little to improve the health and well-being of these children, it was a full filling experience and one of fun and friendship.

Peter & Sherry Furber

Denis & Nikita are 9 yr old boys who arrived happy but tired to be our guests for 2 weeks. The boys were kind, helpful, and tidy. The first night we turned the shower on and they were amazed at the hot water, we later discovered that they have only had a cold tap. Although not speaking English soon they were chatting away using the "Say Hi" translation App and gestures we were able to communicate, the boys visibly grew bigger and healthier during the stay eating significant amounts of fresh food. The ice cream was also a big favourite! We all enjoyed football on the beach playing for hours with lots of laughter. The boys joined in with our grandchildren and dogs and became members of the family. A lot of activities had been pre-arranged with organisations who kindly gave their time free and made extra efforts to ensure the kids had a great time. From visits to Dartmoor Zoo, Dartmouth Castle, boat trips, BBQ's. Practical things were sorted such as eye tests, dental checks and fitting out in new clothing for each member of the group, also clothing for their siblings. Reflecting on the visit it was a worthwhile experience Linda & I would recommend others consider hosting. We had a great experience, we have 8 new friends who shared fun times at outing. We felt the overwhelming kindness that we encountered from everyone who met the boys, many acts of generosity by the local communities which we were very proud

Eamonn & Linda Byrnes

CLUBS & SOCIETIES



The young children gave their hosts a wonderful song and dance show to demonstrate their thanks.



Memories for the hosts of a gift worth giving and memories for the children of the many gifts of kindness received them. They will not feel so forgotten now! Thanks to all concerned.

www.ccll.org.uk/totnes



BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

Our September meeting will be on Wednesday, 4th. September with Liz, at 3.30pm We will be discussing Jo's choice, **Education**, by *Tara Westover*. This was our summer read

Julia Stuchfield



BIGBURY LADIES

Bigbury Ladies usually meets up at Helen Smith's home in Bigbury (about 10.30 a.m. – 11.15) and then proceeds on the outing in shared vehicles. All ladies from the Bigbury area most welcome. Very informal group of ladies who like to meet up for a natter once a month.

18th Sept Overbecks, Salcombe
16th Oct Avon Mill for lunch
20th Nov Sloop Inn, lunch
11th Dec Christmas lunch at St Elizabeth House.

* Subject to change

NINETEENTH HOLE

Bigbury's golfers enjoy golf galore over the Summer months

Our Bigbury golfers have enjoyed an absolute plethora of golf during the summer months. Many players have received handicap reductions and some of the major trophy competitions have taken place.

Notable Trophy winners include *Ladies Club Championship* **Amanda Burchill** and the *Men's Club Championship* **Paul Kingwell**. Paul was also the winner of the *Oakleigh Memorial Trophy* with his playing partner **Keith Williams**. **Hamish Macchlachlan** won the *Bogey Par* and *Pickwick Bowl* and **Melanie Adcock** the *Balkwill Trophy* (again a *Bogey Par* competition). The ladies High Handicap players *Rabbit Trophy* was won by **Linda Austin**, and Linda will have her name on the Honours Board. **Adam Burgess** was the winner of the *Bigbury Cup and Medal*.

There have number of successful Opens and thankfully, they were all played in good weather. Hundreds of golfers visited our golf course from way up north, down into Cornwall. The Juniors most successfully ran the *Mixed Texas Scramble* and in **Jess Leach's** absence on holiday, their **Vice Captain Graham Smith** stepped up. Graham made a great speech for the prize giving ceremony and, along with his team who helped on the day, a sterling job was done. The Juniors also ran a raffle on the day, alongside selling home made cakes, and more than £200 was raised for their funds. This is going towards their eagerly anticipated visit to the Celtic Manor Golf Resort at the end of the summer.

Our Club Captains, **Rob Luckens** and **Jane Wain**, both enjoyed their *Captain's Days*. Both had great weather and raised a lot of money for their chosen Charities for their years. Rob raised in the region of £1,000 for the **Kingsbridge Triangle Centre**, and a raffle by Jane raised some £390 for **Macmillan Cancer Support**.

Finally, **Bigbury**, our puppy in training as a *Hearing Dog for Deaf People*, must be given a mention. Many local people may well recall supporting the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People Annual Charity Days, hosted over the recent ten years at Bigbury Golf Club. One of our Bigbury members, **John Bowers MBE**, organised these days and during the last decade John raised in excess of £40,000 for this important charity. Before his retirement in 2007, John was a local vet and for many years had enjoyed seeing hearing dogs and their recipients. When asked on his retirement to join the Charity's Board of Trustees he was most pleased to accept and be part of this wonderful charity. Being a keen golfer, John decided it would be a good fund raising opportunity to host a golf competition at his club, and Bigbury Golf Club was very pleased to support him. There was also terrific support over the years from many local businesses and people, enabling the annual fund raising day to be most successful.

In recognition of the mammoth £40,000 raised through John's efforts, one of Charity's most recent recruits has been named "Bigbury". The puppy is one of a litter of nine born to Mum **Delphi** and Dad **Thriller**, both new to the Hearing Dogs family breeding scheme. We hear that "Bigbury" is a lively and intelligent chap who is taking very well to his basic training attending puppy classes with his brother, **Draco**. The specialist training will continue until he is one year old, and on completion "Bigbury" will become both an invaluable helper and great companion for a deaf person.

John has now retired from the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People's Board of Trustees but he is so delighted to be able to keep contact through the very special puppy "Bigbury".

Marlene Johnson

WINTER SHORT TERM LET in centre of St Ann's Chapel TQ7 4HQ

1st Nov - 31st March

Fully Furnished 2 bedroom mid terrace property with small courtyard. Walking distance to Holywell Stores and the Pickwick Inn and 7 minute drive to the beach. In immaculate condition. References will be sought.

Non smoking, no DSS.

For further information ,
please contact 07708 166364



WHAT'S ON NEARBY

KINGSTON

Fire Station Open Day
Saturday 14th September
from 1.00pm to 5.00pm

Flicks in the Sticks
Saturday 28th September at 7.30 pm.
'Fighting with my Family, Cert 12A,
Comedy about a family that fights.....a
little differently

DEVON RURAL ARCHIVE
Thursday 5th September at 7pm
**A Rural Legacy Lost: Salmon Fishing
on the Dart** An illustrated talk by **Nick
Baker**, *Net salmon fishing on the River Dart was
way of life, with its own associated dialect. Talk covers:
tradition of harvesting salmon, salmon migrations, re-
production; salmon population decline and social impact
in Stoke Gabriel where Nick Baker was born.*

Tickets £5 or £30 to attend all 6 lectures
remaining in 2019. Contact **Abi Gray** on
01548 830832 or **office@dra.uk.net**.

BIGBURY QUILT

Angie Carson and **Karen Freeman**
are inviting as many sewers as pos-
sible to join the team who will be
making the **Bigbury Quilt** to raise
funds for the **Bell & Tower Resto-
ration Fund**.

The first planning meeting will
be held at Angie's home (**Upper
Granary, Easton**) on **Tuesday 10th
Sept at 2.30 pm**. Come along and
learn more. Perhaps volunteer to
appliqué one of the rectangles - you
do not have to be an expert. Ready
cut pieces of material and training
will be provided. There will be
about 20 rectangles in the design
which will be made from Liberty
fabrics. Karen will complete the
quilt from the various completed
rectangles.

Organisers need sponsors for the
purchase of materials for a rectan-
gle (about £20 tbc).

The Bigbury Quilt is likely to be the
main Prize in the Church Raffle in
2020 to raise funds for the **Bell &
Tower Restoration Fund**.

Recollecting collecting

Activities for small boys growing up in Big-
bury in the 1940s were somewhat limited.
I previously described some, one of which
was "collecting" car numbers in the sum-
mer. In fact, that was only one of several
collecting activities.

Many manufacturers used to build brand
loyalty by including things that children
could collect. There's nothing as effective
as a pestering child to persuade Mum to buy
another whatever it was! Picture cards were
usually the item included. Things like cars,
trains, airplanes or personalities.

Shortly after I left Bigbury, Brooke Bond tea
included cards of British birds, wild flowers
and animals. My father gave us several
partial collections of cards that came with
cigarette packets that he had collected as a
child. He also had some silk flags that came
from Kensitas cigarettes.

Robertson's jam had golliwog stamps from
the labels that could be exchanged for a
metal pin version when you had collected
enough of them. (I don't know how they
are viewed in the UK now but they would
be totally unacceptable in the USA.) My
daughter has had to store her favourite
childhood golly in box away from view by
any of her American friends.)

When Ferguson introduced a new tractor
in the late 1940s they ran a competition
for collecting the most registration num-
bers of that type of tractor. We visited my
grandmother at St. Albans that year so I
got numbers from Hertfordshire as well
as Devon. My father helped by getting the
numbers from most of the farmers in the
Parish. I got enough to win a plastic scale
model tractor that was assembled from parts
using glue.

Smoking was far more socially acceptable in
those days. My father smoked a pipe when
I was very young and my mother smoked
cigarettes till she died. Most cigarette
companies had stopped including cards but



BIGBURY NEW BEES

Laura and Pete Keohane and their daugh-
ters, **Olive & Iris** moved to the area from
Southampton about a year ago and have
now settled in Easton.

We are delighted to welcome to Cleveland
Drive, **Dan and Keely** and their family
Sonny, Ezra and Bo. We hope they will be
very happy here.

we used to cut out and collect the fronts of
the packs. I'm sure most modern parents
will be shocked by the idea of encouraging
children to collect tobacco products but
times have changed a lot.

Most cigarettes came as either packs of
ten or twenty in a cardboard pack. Wild
Woodbine and Craven A Cork Tip (with
a black cat picture on the front) were the
more common brands and I believe were
probably the cheapest. As well as the
regular packs of ten or twenty, Woodbine
and I believe one or two of the others, also
used to sell packs of five in a small paper
pack. My mother smoked Park Drive. She
used to limit the amount she smoked and
would buy a pack of ten at the store in the
village and then ask the owner to give her
five and hold the other five till she came
back in a few days. (Park Drive did not
come in fives).

Anyway, I collected a fair number of
different kinds as Dad used to watch for
any uncommon ones that were discarded
at the Pickwick Inn or Royal Oak. He paid
fairly regular visits to check on adherence
to closing times and probably also to the
other pubs in the Parish, although I only
recall him mentioning the first two.

One brand that was very uncommon at the
time was Passing Clouds – rather expen-
sive I believe and oval shaped rather than
round. (I tried them myself once as an
adult.)

Besides just collecting different brands, my
uncle Nick, who lived at St. Budeaux al-
most underneath Brunel's bridge, smoked
Player's Navy. He was in the Navy in the
war and got them cheap at the Navy store.
He showed us how to cut the lifebelt
logo off the front and cut around the
sailors head to make long chains with the
result.

David Ellis
*USA Correspondent
Childhood Resident of Bigbury*



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Wednesdays from 11.00 – 12 noon at
the Modbury Parish Office by the Co-op
in Galpin Street, Modbury.

I have been following the discussions about this thing called “Brexit” with great interest. Some observers seem to think that we dogs have no sense of discernment, that we cannot sense unease in the human psyche.

At first I mistakenly thought “Brexit” might be a brand of dog food. After all, you will admit, the expression does have that “sound”. But a visit to Pets at Home quickly put that theory back its basket. Subsequent research has shown that this is an unsolvable mystery. Nobody knows quite what it means.

“Free movement” for example? Many much cherished dogs cross our borders from other countries. Are we to ban chihuahuas? Lasso Apsos? French bulldogs? German Shepherd Dogs? Pekingeses? One of my best friends is a Schnauzer. Am I expected to ostracise him on racial grounds? Yet this is what some humans are recommending for humans, although so far such intolerance has not yet extended itself to dogs.

I put it all down to who holds the lead, if I may use a canine analogy. Until recently the well meaning Mrs May only had a husband and a cat to whom she might turn for advice. I say nothing about the husband, but....a cat? How can any right minded person, politician or not, believe that a cat can or should make any contribution to political wisdom. Dog may not eat dog but politicians certainly eat themselves do they not?

But hope is here in the shape of Mr Boris who among his early policy decisions has opined that Downing Street should possess a dog. Not before time I say.

No less than eight American presidents have drawn comfort and inspiration from their dogs. The expression “First Dog” has found familiarity amongst American people.

Our own queen has always owned Welsh Corgis, a breed to which I am distantly related, and there have been numerous instances of puppies being presented by political leaders as tokens of peace. Even the president of North Korea is said to be a dog lover although it is not always clear whether his motivation lies in walking them or eating them. I hope not the latter.

Of course Adolph Hitler also owned a dog but how many famous political cats have there been. I only ask the question, Monty.

Rusty

The Voice of Reason

FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME 2019/20

Leaves are beginning to take on a golden hue and early mornings have a decidedly nippy edge – autumn is on its way, as, rather more prosaically, is the NHS flu immunisation programme! Not as much fun we appreciate as kicking your way through autumn leaves but essential to good health this winter for many of our patients.

Clinics for flu jabs will be held from **11 September onwards at Modbury Health Centre**. This year we will be able to offer vaccination to the following groups –

- All those aged two and three on 31 August 2019 (date of birth on or after 1 September 2015 and on or before 31 August 2017). Note: all primary aged children will be vaccinated in a school-based programme.
- Those aged from six months to less than 65 years of age in “at risk” groups - for example those with conditions such as asthma, heart disease, diabetes, Parkinson’s, learning disability, splenic dysfunction, weakened immune system (plus the household contacts of immuno-compromised individuals). If you are in any doubt about your eligibility please ask to speak with one of our very helpful Practice Nurses (Helen, Lizzie and Jan).
- People aged 65 years or over (including those becoming age 65 years by 31 March 2020).
- All pregnant women.
- All carers.

Confirmed house-bound patients will be visited by one of our Practice Nurses to administer their vaccination at home.

It is good news for patients that the types of flu vaccination have been extended to ensure they are even more effective over all age ranges. If you do not fall within any of the above groups, you can of course pay to have flu vaccination in most local pharmacies. Meanwhile we all need to be aware of the following simple precautions which can help

REDUCE THE RISK OF SPREADING FLU -

- **wash your hands often with warm water and soap**
- **use tissues to trap germs when you cough or sneeze**
- **bin used tissues as quickly as possible**

For more information on the symptoms and home treatment of flu please visit the NHS website www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu.

COME AND JOIN THE TEAM AT MODBURY HEALTH CENTRE

We currently have an exciting vacancy for a **Receptionist/Medical Secretary** (hours negotiable).

If you are interested in joining our highly dedicated and professional team please visit our website and look under “Staff” for further details and an application form.

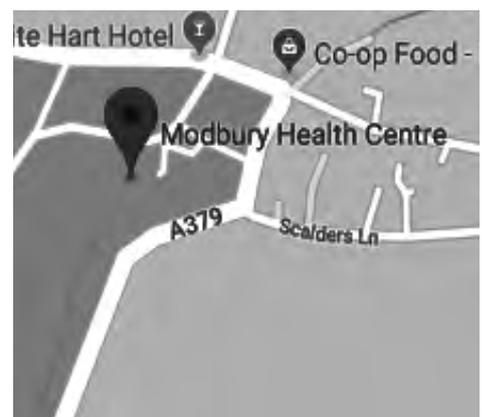
Completed applications are required by the end of September.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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If you are NOT eligible for a free flu jab from the NHS, they can be purchased from Boots Chemist, Kingsbridge from 30th Sept. Boots also provide NHS (free) jabs from 25th Sept for eligible people. Call 01548 85235





VICTORIAN TEA PARTY

17th July 2019

2019 was a record year for the Victorian Tea Party in aid of the Friends of St Lawrence's. There were 49 of us all enjoying the delights of Helen's lovely garden on a wonderfully sunny afternoon. So many delicious sandwiches and cakes had been made and kindly donated by the usual suspects, who all know who they are, and huge thanks to them all.

Many of the guests arrived suitably attired for the occasion, the tables were bedecked and the cake stands laden very decoratively with all the goodies. Matt opened the proceedings and many thanks to him for this. By amazing luck there was a small shower just after we'd all packed up. Divine intervention or what?

The total raised was just over £1,000 (50p over!). That's more than any previous Victorian Tea Party.

Alice Taylor (*Treasurer*)



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CHURCH SUMMER FETE

August 2019

The Church Fete made £1,703. Not only was it a good result, but the event was a lot of fun with a very good atmosphere.

Peter Walton
PCC Treasurer



LETTER from MINISTER at ST LAWRENCE



In September, we will be especially blessed to welcome Dr Jeffrey Stephenson from St Luke's Hospice, speaking to us as an active Christian.

"Finding God in Worship" South Hams Filling Station



Thursday 19th September @ 7:30pm

Bigbury Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel

No advance booking or entry fee is required for this monthly Christian event.

Don't miss an amazing evening of worship, praise and an inspirational talk.



BIGBURY CARES

CHARITY UPDATE 2019

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS

December 2018* £685

Bell & Tower Restoration Fund

Modbury Caring (March) £242

Hope Cove Lifeboat (April) £267

Children's Hospice SW (May) £256

Devon Air Ambulance (June) £240

Women of Cambodia (July) £237

Kingsbridge Triangle Centre (Aug) £265

Macmillan Mammoth Quiz

Fiona Dukes & team £1,103

Royal British Legion

Tucker family & friends £1,200

St Luke's Hospice £120

Motor Neuron Disease Assoc. £120

Family & Friends Iris McSherry

East Dorset Marching Band

John Tucker & friends £240

RNLI (Tom Crocker Day)

Burgh Island £400

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH FUND RAISING 2019

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS

December 2018* £685

Bell & Tower Restoration (March)

VICTORIAN TEA PARTY £1,000

Friends of St Lawrence July 2019

CHURCH SUMMER FETE £1,703

Bell & Tower Restoration (August)

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
1 st	Sunday Worship	Communion*	Communion	Communion	Sunday Worship
6 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion* (8 am) All Age Service	Communion
15 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Village Service
22 nd	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship Living Room (6 pm)	Communion*
29 th		Team Communion (10.30 am)			

* Service in traditional language.

REMEMBERING TO SAY 'THANK YOU'

Joyce Howitt

'Thank you' is one of the first words that we learn to say as children, and possibly one of the first words we forget to say as Christians. Often our prayers are littered with the word 'please', but sparse on the words 'thank you' as we ask God for this, that, and the next thing. But when he answers our requests, how often do we remember to say 'thank you'?

There is a story about the vicar of a small seacoast town, who at the end of each year, used to write a report in the parish magazine of what had happened during the year. One year his parishioners noticed an unusual entry, for among the facts and figures about the church membership, there was an entry which said, 'nine missing at sea'. They were puzzled about this, because they couldn't remember even one person, let alone nine, being lost at sea, so someone asked the vicar what this meant. He replied that during the year eleven people had asked for prayers for family members who were going to sea to be included in the intercessions. And he said that since only two of these people had later expressed thanks to God for the safe return of their loved ones, he was assuming that the other nine were still missing at sea. He said that few of us would dream of not saying 'thank you' to someone for a kindness they had done, so why should it be any different when it comes to God?

The hymn 'Now thank we all our God', was written during the 30 Years War when its author, Martin Rinkhart, was conducting as many as 40 funerals a day for the victims of the war and the plague. And in spite of his own personal sorrow in losing his wife, he had still been able to give thanks to God for all the wonders of life. Just as Henry Francis Lyte, the author of the hymn 'Abide with Me' had written his hymn 'Praise my Soul the King of Heaven' even although he had been suffering with ill health for much of his life.

There are many different ways of saying 'Thank You' to God, ranging from prayer, to worship and to loving and caring for others – thanking Him for his countless blessings and for listening to us when we pray to Him for ourselves and for others.

Joyce

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Readers: Joyce Howitt (01364 73370), Michael Tagent (810520)

Website: www.modburyteam.org

Bigbury News hopes to publish more detailed information in October about the budgets and plans for restoration of the Church Tower and bells from **Friends of St Lawrence** and the **Church Committee** handling the restoration project.

It is hoped that there will be a total budget figure and a figure for current funds available, so that a Church Fund

barometer can be devised to encourage donations and fund raising.



If you have any questions for the Church Committee or FOSL please write in to our POST BAG

Editor

Minutes matter - not size!



Unless enough people support **Option 7** to retain **Kingston Fire Station** by completing and returning the *Safer Together* Questionnaire **well before 20 September** - the Fire Station will close by about April 2020.

This closure would affect all our local villages in South Hams - not just Kingston! The Kingston fire-fighters have attended shouts in Dartmoor and Paignton this year and at the time of writing, have been out 17 times in 2019.

The crew is frequently needed to back up the other engines and the team of four, highly trained and experienced crew are all - volunteers. They have 50 years of experience between them. Consisting of three local farmers and an electrician, this team is willing to risk their lives to save people and property in Bigbury and beyond. They get paid, in my view, a pittance for this valiant service and then only when on a shout!! They do this because we matter to them. They stop what they are doing IMMEDIATELY to DO SOMETHING NOW to save property and lives. It is now time for US to do the same NOW.

REASONS TO KEEP KINGSTON

1. *The Kingston is the nearest 4-wheel drive fire engine capable of getting across to Burgh Island and other difficult farm terrains.*
2. *It is already nearby and does not have to struggle to get here through holiday traffic from the retained stations at Ivybridge, Plymstock, Kingsbridge or Modbury.*
3. *The availability of the engines at the retained stations is not guaranteed as a back up - they could be on another mission or not have sufficient firemen available to take their fire engine out.*
4. *High risk of fast spreading wind-fanned fires in this exposed coastal area.*
5. *High percentage of absentee homeowners and elderly residents incapable of raising alarm or tackling fires whilst we wait for the fire engines to get here.*

ACTION

Call **01392 872347** and request a consultation document and a questionnaire.

Go on line to complete the same questionnaire. www.dsfire.gov.uk

GUIDELINES

If you want to save Kingston Fire Station this is how to complete the Questionnaire:

Circle the ZERO score for Questions 1a, 1 b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f. = refers to Options 1 to 6 which we do NOT want. Then answer Question 1g (Option 7) and state that we want to KEEP KINGSTON FIRE SERVICE Then answer questions 2 and 3 and the 'Information About You' section. If all the questions are not answered it may invalidate the questionnaire. There is a postpaid envelope in every questionnaire.

THANK YOU

The **Bigbury News Distribution Team** helped to deliver Safer Together questionnaires with September Bigbury News. Thanks are also to the **DSFRS Communications Team** who provided 450 copies of the Safer Together Questionnaire to Modbury Fire Station to be collected from the **Modbury Fire Station Watch Manager**, by the Bigbury News Editor. **Sharon Smith** kindly laminated Notices which are pinned up around Bigbury. Thanks to all **Bigbury Drummers** who completed and sent in questionnaires. We are 'Safer Together'. Thanks to all the **Parish Clerks** who put this on their September Agendas, including Bigbury and Modbury Parish Councils.

Louise Wainwright



BIGBURY HEDGEHOG HUNT



POST BAG

7 weeks ago I was walking up the road to pick the boys up from the school bus and something wiggly caught my eye right next to my feet. Two tiny hoglets floundering on their backs on the road. Looked like they had fallen from the bush/bank and were lying there all dusty in the baking hot sun. Sadly a sibling had already been squished. Looked like this had only literally just happened so was a bit gutted I hadn't been there a couple of minutes earlier!!

Anyway, knowing about our youth club hedgehog I assumed they would be the babies from her. I had a good look around to find mum but sadly nowhere to be seen and following a Google search learnt that if hoglets are out like that in the daytime without their mother it normally means mummy has died.

They were definitely going to die there like their sibling so I scooped them up and following advise from Stephanie Hutton at South Devon Hedgehog Hospital in Newton Abbot she said to bring them to her, even though she was at capacity, and she would try and keep them alive. I had

to keep them warm with a hot water bottle as apparently they lose heat very quickly.

The boys named them **Dusty** and **Jam** and I dropped them to Stephanie, who does an amazing job on her own and works just out of her garage at home. She said they were about 6 days old and would need antibiotics and syringe feeding until they were old enough. She said if it goes well she may even contact me to arrange release back in Bigbury as it is better if they are released in their area as their immune systems cope better that way. Fingers crossed. Last I heard she was trying to get their weight up enough to move solely onto solid food.

Realising that Stephanie does this without much help and needs funds to keep doing this I gave her a good donation to see them through and really hope to get the call that they can come back to Bigbury when they are ready. Will keep you updated!

Update Sept issue Bigbury News

Good news from Stephanie. Dusty and Jam are at a good weight and are now ready to be released! She said this week is good as the weather is good. A few things to mention before we pick the spot.

1. *No badger activity within a mile. Obviously this is impossible to know but if we know of a set then not to put very close.*
2. *No slug pellets.*
3. *If there is a pond a ramp should be placed.*
4. *Males travel up to 2 miles so they will need to be able to roam and not be confined.*
5. *They can go in a hedgehog house together if we have one but a temporary rainproof box which she has could be used initially.*
6. *We need to leave water out for them which is an ongoing thing.*
7. *She can send us a link to a feeding station should we want to continue to feed them. It is not 100% essential that we continue feeding them but will give them the extra help they may need.*

What are your thoughts, does this sound doable? She said to give her a call if any questions on the above. Happy to get involved with anything that needs making etc, I can pick them up from Stephanie and I know the boys would love to be there when they are released. So happy they made it! Dusty was a bit touch and go. Will be great to get some hogs back to Bigbury. Look forward to hearing Bigbury Hedgehog lovers!

Georgie Andrup (Milford)



2019 is the **70th Anniversary** of the foundation of **Kingston Fire Station**. We are proud of who we are and of what we have done since 1949.

OPEN DAY
Saturday 14th September
 1.00pm to 5.00pm
 at Kingston Fire Station

We warmly invite you all to come along to meet the crew past and present, see the photos and listen to the stories. There may even be cake!



Linda Clements, a recent holiday maker in Easton, has sent us her story about 'Rubber bands and hedgehogs'.....

The Hedgehog with the rubber band

One evening one of my friends arrived with a large hedgehog held between her coat sleeves, she did not have gloves and their spines really hurt! Penny had seen the hedgehog in the car headlights by the side of the road and stopped to pick it up.

The hedgehog was an adult with one leg stuck out in front, this usually means that the leg is broken because it can't be pulled back inside when they roll up. There was an ominous smell coming from it so that meant that there was an infection somewhere. If that was the case there would also be maggots present.

I have a spray that kills these horrible things and the eggs so I sprayed this on the back and asked my daughter to spray underneath as I held the hedgehog up. My daughter immediately exclaimed, my goodness there is a rubber band under her armpits, it was so tight that we had not seen it over her back under the spines.

This was the reason that she could not move her leg properly. With some difficulty Lindsay cut the band and I carefully removed it. We could then see that in trying to get herself free of this thing that was stopping her walking she had pulled the skin with the prickles away from her shoulder by about 2 inches and that is where a whole lot of large maggots were. I sprayed that area well, it was a horrible wound. We then checked under her other front leg, it was also sore where the band had chaffed and there were more maggots although a lot smaller. Having treated everywhere with my spray, I then gave her a pain killing injection and put her on one of my heat pads. Once she was warm I then gave her an injection of fluid, she was very thin and dehydrated. Even though I thought her injuries were too bad for her to survive, I still did everything I could in case there was a chance. Carefully I took her out to my shed and put her in one of my hutches with a heat pad and a blanket. Just in case she also had some food and water. Later on I went out to check on her, I was quite surprised to see that she had walked the length of the hutch and had eaten some food, but I was still quite sure that I would find her dead in the morning. The next day was Sunday, I went out to my shed and looked into the hutch, she had eaten more of her food and was lying on her heat pad and was still alive! This hedgehog obviously had a will to live so I decided to do as much as I could to help her that day if she was going to see my vet on Monday. We began with another painkiller and regular injections of fluid also a little gentle worming. By

Monday there was a definite improvement so I wrote down all that had happened and asked my vet if she thought that there was a chance to save her as she seemed to want to live.

Paula gave her an anaesthetic, cleaned out the wound and packed it full of Manuka honey agreeing with me that we should give her a chance. The hedgehog had to go to see Paula twice a week for the next two months to have the wound dressed, the worst part was the top of her elbow, the skin is thin there and the leg had to be bandaged to get it to heal. Maggots had been there as well. During all this time the hedgehog had put up with all this treatment amazingly well, she enjoyed her food and had put on a lot of weight.

Eventually the top of her leg healed, she was able to curl up completely and you would never have known that she had gone through so much. We released her in a garden in Lapworth, an area as safe as possible where a lot of the residents put out food for the hedgehogs that visit. This was an expensive hedgehog to cure, but I felt so sorry for her as this was not her fault, a human had dropped a rubber band on the ground and she while searching for food at night had walked into it and become tangled up. My vet does not charge for the operations but each time she does any procedure I give her a donation. I do not want to take advantage of her, as without her help we could not save as many hedgehogs as we do.

Linda Clements
Bigbury Holiday Maker

The Editor caught up with our relief postman, **Tom Farley**, who says that the local post office team have all been alerted about the safety issues surrounding rubber bands and hedgehogs!



Above: 7 day old hoglets saved from certain death at St Ann's Chapel in July.



Above: Two months of intensive care by Stephanie at the Hedgehog Hospital

Please report hedgehog sightings to the local youth group leaders:
Louise Pitt (louiseapitt@gmail.com)
Juliette Jackson
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McBAR'S JARS



LIVE JAZZ
Tues 3rd Sept

Dear Fellow Coasters,

It's been an interesting time of late. And no mistake I'm sure as eggs is eggs, there we were, two months ago, with a Tory Prime Minister poised to bring off Brexit and fully revive the party's fortunes. Now here we are, two months later. How things have changed. I'm not called uncanny for nothing.

My, what a summer it has been. Another scorcher. I developed a water cooled hat of my own design which some of you may have seen me wearing up Stoggy Lane in July. A necessity I thought. The way things are going, the world may be burned to a crisp over the next two or three years and being carbon based, we'll all be reduced to the hardest mineral known to man, namely the crystal lattice of a diamond. Imagine. What a sight. There we'll be, in a couple of million years, swirling our way through the universe as part of a gigantic diamond dust storm. Rather romantic I feel. I may even wear my water cooled hat at a jaunty angle.

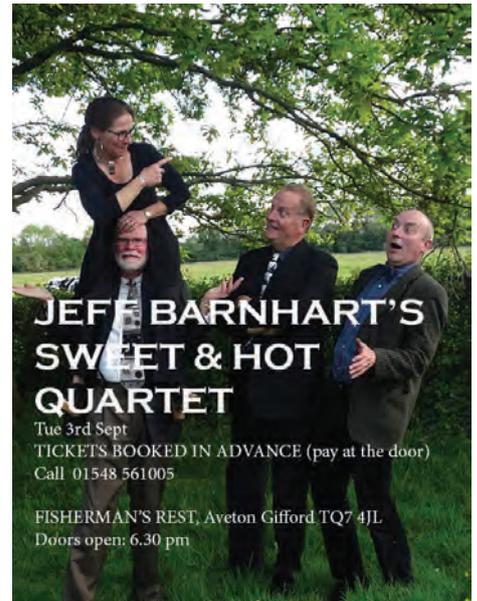
But I digress, as wee Ronnie would say. Please remember that before he was sacrificed on the profitable altar of hospitality, your very own barman was a close friend of Xerxes, the first Greek Emperor and of Dan Dare, Pilot of the Future, although not at the same time. Obviously. I'm older than I look. There was a war on too, if you read the history books. You couldn't get sushi. Mother used to make it with corned beef and then reduce it on the stove. Tasted lovely. Talking of reductions, another of my cocktail recipes came to mind yesterday while I grappled with my innuendo. A lovely thing called **A Lost Afternoon** which you can build easily in a champagne glass.

Make a pot of very strong sweet Earl Grey tea, pour it into a pan and reduce it on the stove. Let that cool and pop 25ml into the champagne glass followed by 25ml of Zubrowka Bison Grass Vodka. Top up with champagne, garnish to taste and Wow! Voilà! There you have it.

Don't have any more than three. I did and found myself involved in a racket fencing off stolen goods. In my case, it was half a million fags from the back of a Ford Zodiac in Stoggy Lane in early July. I ended up doing a stretch and sharing a cell with the flamboyant clothes designer Marc Jacobs. I'm so glad he took a shine to me or I have a feeling I wouldn't have been here today to share this with you lovely people. Me? A collector of antiques and Persian rugs? Languishing in chokey?

Heigh ho. Onwards and upwards. Don't forget where you heard it first. Until we meet again, fare thee well my friends.

Your long suffering barman,
Gary McBar xxx



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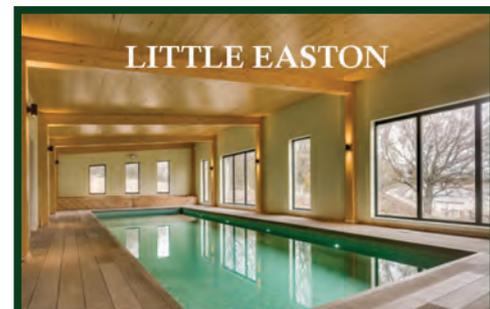
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southhamscab.org.uk

Janie Moor, CEO of Citizens Advice South Hams says “*We are a local charity, dependent on local funding. We are incredibly grateful to all the solicitors who are supporting us during Wills Week 2019 and to everyone who goes on to make a donation. We are looking to recruit and train another 20 volunteers to keep up with the demand for advice and every penny raised will help us do this.*”

“Everyone should make sure they have a legally valid and witnessed Will. If you die without making one, money, property and possessions will be allocated in a way defined by law and possibly not how you would have wished. Unmarried partners and partners who have not registered a civil partnership cannot inherit. Also any existing Will is no longer valid once you marry, so anyone wanting to leave assets to anyone other than their wife, husband or civil partner needs to make sure they have an up to date Will. We have seen heart breaking situations where someone has died and a Will hasn't been updated, leaving a close family member in very difficult circumstances”.

To make an appointment at one of the participating practices, ring them directly and quote Citizens Advice Wills Week. The offer is only available to those who wish to make a simple Will which would typically include basic gifts of cash, property, assets, or family heirlooms to beneficiaries.

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But suddenly it's September and children are back to school, the roads and beaches are quieter and the sea is still lovely and warm what's not to love? and our favorite autumnal events are back:

Big Night Out On The Beach at South Milton Sands 14th September 4pm – 9pm. This spectacular event is not to be missed with oodles of activities culminating in a beach lantern procession. Remember to bring your own glass jar to decorate.

Marine Conservation Society Great British Beach Clean at Wembury, 20th September 9.30-3pm. All the data collected at the beach clean events is submitted to the Marine Conservation Society and will contribute to their research and future recommendations. All equipment provided.

Ringmore Apple Day, at Barnford Paddock, Ringmore, on **Sunday 13th October**, 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Join us to celebrate the **Ringmore Community Orchard**, with fun and games for all the family. Learn more about the apples and see apple pressing in action; have fun with some apple related activities and sample some of the freshly pressed juice and tasty “appley” bakery.

Please bring a clean glass or plastic container to take some juice home, especially if you have some apples of your own that you would like to bring along to press.

Calling all bakers, we need you, we need your skills, to add a little sugary joy to the event. All the baked finery will be offered with proceeds from going to the All Hallows heating system replacement fund. So if you have any apple based recipes you have been waiting to try, or even an old family favourite, please bring them along.

Vandalism is unfortunately an issue at the moment, could visitors and residents be vigilant and if you do spot any vandalism or witness anyone fly tipping please inform the police, we would prefer to spend our funds on conservation and improvement works and not on clearing up after these anti-social actions.

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Community charity launches new trading arm LOVE Devon

LOVE Devon has been officially launched as the new trading arm of the independent community development charity **Devon Communities Together** following a successful two-year campaign.

LOVE Devon was set up in 2017 to raise awareness of the work of **Devon Communities Together** which makes a significant and positive impact on the lives of many people living in the county. From rural and coastal communities to more urban areas, it provides support across a wide variety of areas including delivering **affordable housing** for people who want to stay in their home villages, supporting **local schemes to keep essential services operating**, creating local **employment opportunities**, tackling **rural isolation** and funding the creation of **nature projects**.

Through the LOVE Devon campaign it has successfully engaged with people and businesses across the county, encouraging them to become champions for its communities by fundraising, volunteering, and donating. As the official trading arm LOVE Devon will now be able to commercialize its work and become more entrepreneurial in its approach, thus achieving greater awareness of the charity's work and gaining further support from across the county.

LOVE Devon's first-ever chairman, **Chris Coward**, said: "We have appointed a board of trustees who are all huge supporters of Devon Communities Together and the way it is run by its Chief Executive officer **Elaine Cook** and **Nora Corkery**, who heads up business opportunities here. Through the LOVE Devon trading

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HEDGEROW NEWS

ROSE HIPS

Rose hips are one of the prettiest fruits to result from very pretty flowers. They are a lovely welcome splash of colour amongst the autumn tones and the birds love them.

We are lucky in having two types locally: *Rosa rugosa* – the **Beach Rose**, and *Rosa canina* – the **Dog Rose**.

The Beach Rose, with many other names including Hedgehog rose, has hips which are like little cherry tomatoes and are deceptively cruel to pick. Their sharp prickly stems can really scratch your hands, and the hairs on them are so irritating. You can see these aplenty at Bigbury-on-Sea

Dog Rose hips are longer, more slender and come in smaller clusters. Be careful as they have wicked little spikes.

During World War II rose hips were collected as a Vitamin C substitute. They are also considered to be good for their laxative and diuretic properties, and can help with urinary infections.

Both can be used to make extremely good jellies and jams, rich in Vitamins A, B & C.

But beware of the seeds. Many of you will remember making itching powder from these lovely little fruits. The seeds can pass right through the digestive tract causing problems all the way. No wonder the French call them "gratte-culs" – butt scratchers! Amerindian tribes called this the "itchy bottom disease". Anyway, these will be sieved out in the jelly making!

Alice Taylor
Hedgerow Correspondent



arm, we will be able to support them, and help them facilitate more projects through our fund raising activities. We will also bring a voice to the invaluable work of Devon Communities Together."

Chris went on: "Devon is a wonderful place to live but this can often gloss over areas of real need, and we hope that with the passion and commitment of local business leaders, organisations and the people who live here we can work together to make a positive difference in the areas that need it."

The trustees include **Bill Martin**, editor of the Western Morning News, **Duncan Currell**, former South West Media Group Regional Managing Director, broadcaster **David Fitzgerald** and senior legal counsel **Tony Jaffa** on the board.

Elaine Cook commented: "LOVE Devon is all about bringing individuals and organisations in Devon together to raise money for excellent community causes and raising awareness of everything we do. We have a special care for those individuals and communities for whom living in Devon can be a challenge - low wages, high cost of housing, loss of local services and a growing older population are some of the challenges we face. LOVE Devon is a great way for the general public to get involved with our work and help us do even more. [full stop needed] It is about people like you who are passionate about Devon."

LOVE Devon is calling on all Devonians, whether they are born and bred here, new to the county or love holidaying here, to put their pounds where their passion is and pledge to support Devon Communities Together. Why not become a **Friend of LOVE Devon** in return for a regular pledge, support a fundraising event & volunteering.

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Over 90% of ash trees in Devon are likely to be infected with the disease. 448,000 ash trees are within falling distance of a highway in Devon. 99% of these trees are the responsibility of private landowners.

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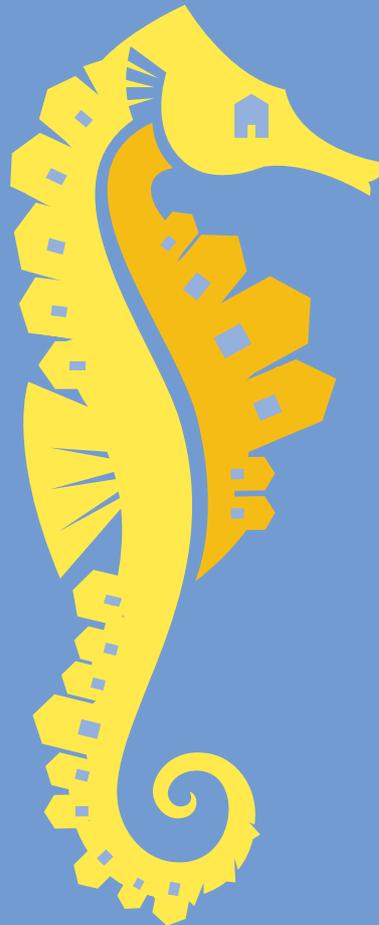
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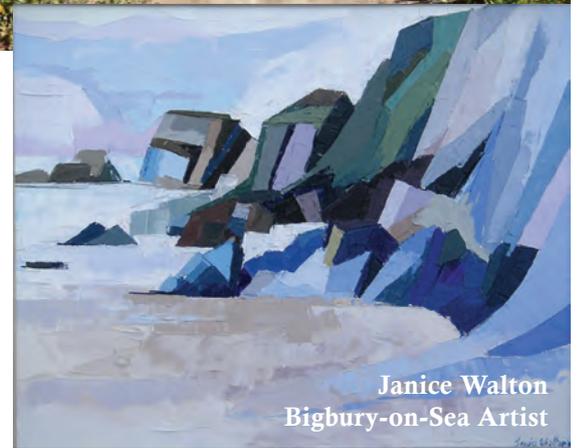
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Janice Walton
Bigbury-on-Sea Artist

Below: End of term Pool Party for Youth Club.

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We look forward to hopefully meeting some new faces from Bigbury on sea and Easton. You will be made welcome! **Louise Pitt**



At the end of July we had a 'parish ladies' get together. It was a good opportunity to meet Keeley who had moved in to B-o-S with her family and Katie who is in Bigbury and is running the 'Wave Project.' Twelve of us indulged in afternoon tea and wine in the sunshine before the children broke up from school. It was a lovely Monday afternoon treat!

Louise Pitt

CULTURE CLUB

Janice Walton Artist

It has always been an intriguing question to ask what motivates an artist and while talking to Janice Walton, a creator of fine art and resident of Bigbury on Sea, I hoped to gain some insight into this. It soon became clear that there is no obvious answer, as Janice says that she cannot remember a time when drawing and painting have not been central to her world, from the time of decorating her primary school hall with cartoon figures, until today where her work aims to create a vision beyond realism.

Of course there has been a challenging journey between these two and from naive and simplistic beginnings, she has moved through her creations to reflections and emotional responses, where resolution often seems just out of reach. There is no end to the inspiring subjects just as there is no end to her journey.

Janice trained at Dundee's Duncan of Jordanston College and Edinburgh Art College. There drawing was all and still is to Janice. Through her experience in teaching, she observes that one can teach to draw by teaching how to see proportion and perspective etc. However no-one can teach how to paint but only indicate what is wrong not what is right!

It is obvious that art is intrinsic to Janice's life and through the years of living in different locations, rearing three children, trav-



**Chazzagate!
Cat Flap hero!**

My dear friend, Bruce – a very fine Persian Blue – and I want to start this month's epistle by expressing most heartfelt thanks to our dear friend Denzel 'Knuckles' Trebilcock.

As you may know, there was the sudden erection of a most unseemly set of prison railings that threatened to prevent the poor unsophisticated souls of Ringmore from experiencing the glorious culture that we all share in Challaborough. Why on earth that peculiar Mr Caravan from Newcastle felt moved to block what has been a free-flowing thoroughfare since time began allowing people, canines and moggies unrestricted access to the architectural delights of this peaceful valley I cannot imagine.

But there it is. However, seeing our plight, 'Knuckles' took it upon himself to run full tilt at the railings and insert his head between the bars to create a special cat flap

elling, private teaching, painting to commission and for solo shows, her subjects have ranged through portraiture/figurative, scenic landscapes and wildlife.

Her life and portrait work evolves the human form by using line supported by colour (after many hours of exploratory drawing) and uses different techniques and styles such as pastel on glass paper and oil on canvas. These result in a fragmented image, often fore-shortened with light reflecting on the form.

The location of Janice's studio, facing Burgh Island Causeway and the sea, offers her the challenges of shifting sands, changing seas and skies and the relationship of the iconic architecture of the hotel to its environment.

A body of work very special to Janice is her interpretation of wild-life in South Africa (her second home) especially the elephants, whom she adores, while the zebras, flamingos and more recently the flower seasons in The West Coast National Park have been inspirational.

She explained that her early flower painting was in water colour but now she is applying oil so thickly with a palette knife that the painting is almost three dimensional! The flower painting is leading Janice into more abstraction but she says she is never sure what she is about to paint! No doubt an imminent visit to the Kruger National Park (where she will draw-what else?) will provide the answer.

THE PUB CAT SPEAKS!

for his feline chums. Isn't that the sweetest kindness, dear friends? If you visit him in Derriford Hospital (Muppet Ward), do pass on the gratitude of the entire community.

This is a great relief to Bruce and me.



When we first approached the gate, we were almost set upon by this ferocious and terrifying guard dog called 'Dusty' – Rusty's cousin.

There was also a young man in a black security uniform who sat in a deckchair and kept looking at his phone in a most threatening fashion. It made our little hearts go pit-a-pat!

Spare a thought also for the departed Prime Ministerial Pusscat, Teezer Maybot – ousted by that white Turkish Tomcat, Bozza, who is determined we will leave the Emew on the 31st October for some reason. But the leader of the Greenery party, Caroline Fruitcake, wants to form a new government composed entirely of

So who are the artists who have influenced her most? She answers without hesitation. Rembrandt and Cezanne. She also named her favourite piece of art as the Pieta by Michelangelo. Who could argue with that?

Janice states that she paints for herself and admits that it is a lonely occupation as a studio artist but declares "you have to like your own work."

Other people like it too as is evident in the many exhibitions she has given. In Surrey, London, Oxford, Devon, the Netherlands, Germany and collections of her work in Great Britain, South Africa, Germany, Japan and the U.S.A. There are also many examples in the South Hams, in people's homes, the installation 'The Bathers' at Burgh Island hotel and the new sign for the Pilchard Inn.

What pleases Janice most is to hear people comment that they see something new every time they study one of her paintings.

Where to next? "Evolving, moving, a resolution just out of reach." Perhaps that journey is all the motivation that a creator of fine art needs?

Janice is happy to welcome people to her studio but would appreciate a phone call to check first. Her website details are as follows;

www.janicewalton.co.uk

Dilys Doughty

Sub Editor, Culture Club

cats! What a marvellous idea! After all, as a clever French man with a funny name, Hippolyte Taine, so rightly said, "*I have studied many philosophers and many cats. The wisdom of cats is infinitely superior.*"

By the way, did you hear about Smokey, the cat. A grey and white tabby from Northampton, has been officially recognized as the world's loudest purring domestic cat. Smokey's purr peaks at a booming 67.7 decibels, and she has been known to purr as loudly as 90 decibels — that's as loud as a lawnmower. Holy Smokey! Most domestic cats purr at around 25 decibels. Her human friend says that Smokey purrs almost all the time, except for when she is sleeping! Ha, ha! Smokey for Prrrrrime Minister!

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Monty

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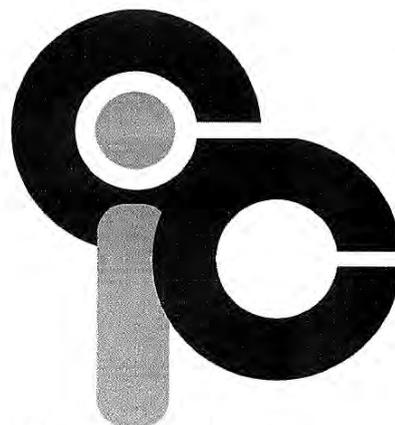
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BANTHAM SWOOSH REPORT

Saturday 6th July

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Over 740 swimmers joined us on Saturday 6th July for the annual Bantham Swoosh, another incredible swim in exceptional conditions. The sunrise that greeted swimmers as they awoke from their tents at Bantham or arrived from far and wide set the tone for the day, a beautiful swim in a beautiful location.

Perfect conditions

The weather and water once again didn't let us down this year, with perfect swimming conditions and a balmy 15.2 degrees in the water, wetsuit or no wetsuit, it was lovely.

The first swimmers came in at just over an hour, with the first four swimming together in unison for the majority of the

swim. As the tide dropped the swimmers swooshed their way to the finish beach, smiling and laughing as they were greeted by happy volunteers and cheering supporters.

Mini Swoosh

The Mini Swoosh returned again this year with double the numbers of young swimmers enthusiastically jumping into the water ready to be swooshed! We had 76 mini swooshers enter the water from the Bantham Sailing Club and swim, float or splash their way to the finish line. It was amazing to see so many excited children of all ages enjoying the thrill of the open water.

That triumphant feeling

The feeling at the finish beach and in the finish village was that of pride, happiness and togetherness, it was clear to see that most didn't want the day to ever end! The finish beach was packed with swimmers,

families and beach goers enjoying the atmosphere while soaking up the sun, and the catering village became a central hub for post swim refuel, Sudocrem applying and story sharing.

We're already excited to see you in 2020!

Erin Jeffery

Outdoor Swimming Society

Lindsey Cole (OSS Swim Champ) adds:

*Our charity swimmers did an amazing job fundraising, with our **Level Water swimmers** collectively raising £100,000. This money will go towards providing disabled children with 1-1 swimming lessons in their local community.*

As massive thank you must go to all of those that made the Swoosh 2019 so amazing; swimmers, volunteers, Event Water Safety, our charity partners and supporters. Special thanks Alpkit, Clif Bar, Red Paddle Co, Clipper Teas, Swim Trek, Tideford Organics, Bantham Estate and Aveton Gifford Parish Council.

The Pub2Pub aquathon – The Smugglers' Revenge

Devised in Dubai and Held in Hevon

In 2014, the Round Burgh Island swim was cancelled, and this left a crowd of friends from Dubai Masters Swimming Club feeling let down, so they decided to organize their own event. Over quite a few glasses of overpriced and indifferent wine (that's what you drink in Dubai), Patrick, Ruth and Humph set their minds to creating an event that was slightly eccentric, competitive (for those who wanted that sort of thing), not vulnerable to British weather, which ended with a party, and so the Pub2Pub was born.

We describe the Pub2Pub as a 2.5km swim from The Pilchard Inn with a very fast stream to The Quay, Bantham, followed by a short sharp run up the hill to The Sloop where there is a free pint and pasty waiting. However, non-runners need not be put off - only the first few participants actually run to The Sloop, most people walk up the lane chatting.

Initially we wanted to start the Pub2Pub with everyone downing a tot of rum but common sense prevailed and we decided to hold off the drinking till swimmers arrived at The Sloop. In the first year, Hurricane Bertha blew through and we proved it was possible to hold the Pub2Pub in all conditions. Over time the Pub2Pub has grown in popularity and raised nearly £14,000 for **Bantham Surf lifesaving Club** (BSLC) and **Bantham Sailing Club's** (BSC) *Community Learn to Sail Scheme*.

To ensure everyone feels included, each participant chooses a village to represent and so as well as prizes (highly coveted



Pub2Pub mugs) for the fastest three men and women there is a prize for the best village (a large tin of chocolates). The trophies for the fastest man and women were made by Pete Lawrence, a volunteer lifeguard at BSLC, he used 3,000 year old wood retrieved from a bog in Ireland, these gorgeous trophies are kept on display at The Sloop along with the slightly OTT Village Cup. We're proud that top swimmers and triathletes swim alongside more recreational participants, including one year a guy in pink shorts with an inflatable crocodile. Each year we aim to improve the event, last year we introduced a drone video courtesy of Tim 'the butcher' from **Lidstones**. This year we helped The Sloop keep track of how many pints and pasties they had given away by handing out gold doubloons to each finisher. Next year we hope to introduce the shorter Bar2Pub for less strong swimmers.

You may ask why people living in Dubai created this event? between us we have holidayed here for over 100 years in total. **Ruth and Humph** now live in Istanbul, **Patrick** is still in Dubai but for all of us, Bantham, Thurlestone, West Buckland and Bigbury are part of our souls and where we call Hevon.

Do join us next year, the swim is fantastic but the party at the Pub is even better, and none of this would be possible without our sponsors **The Sloop**, **TriOcean Surf** and **Lidstone Butchers** plus all the lovely volunteers from **BSC** and **BSLC**, and the support of **The Bantham Estate** so many thanks to each and every one of them.

Ruth Hatton

Loving Devon from Istanbul



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Regulation 15 Submission of Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan

The Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan has now been formally submitted to South Hams District Council under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and a copy of all of the submitted documents is now included on the community website as follows:

- (a) A map showing the extent of the Bigbury Parish, which is the area to which the proposed neighbourhood plan relates;
- (b) A consultation statement;
- (c) The proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- (d) Statement explain how the proposed development meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the 1990 Act (Basic Conditions Statement);
- (e) Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan, Environmental Report prepared by AECOM.

One hard copy of the Neighbourhood Plan will also be placed in the Holywell Stores.

The next stage is for SHDC to do a final check of the plan. SHDC will then carry out a further consultation of the Plan and an Inspector, to consider whether the Plan meets all of the statutory requirements, including being in accordance with the Joint Local Plan, will then be appointed. If the Plan is approved by the Inspector, with or without further amendments, it will then go to a referendum where the community will be given an opportunity to vote on whether they would like the Plan to be adopted.

Cllr. Valerie Scott
Chairman, Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
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See **Bigbury Community website** for Appendices

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

No Declarations of Interest were received from the Parish Councillor. Apologies were received from Cllr. Case Minutes of previous meetings All Councillors present at that meeting voted unanimously to accept the minutes of held on June 12th 2019 and June 28th 2019 which were duly signed by the Chair.

4.0 Matters arising from meeting June 12th

Phone box and bench, St Ann's Chapel - deferred to a future meeting

White lines – parking bays – Sedgewell Slipway remained outstanding (see 5.0 below)

Millennium steps painting – quotes needed – outstanding Action Clerk

Notice boards – outstanding but in process Action Clerk

Bigbury History Society request - after debate and considering various options, Cllr. Smith proposed a donation of £200 be made to the History Society. Cllr. Rosevear seconded the proposal which was agreed by all Councillors, although Cllrs. Watts and Scott did not vote as they are members of the History Society. Cheque raised – see minute 11.0

The **level of sewage pollution** in and around Challaborough Bay. Clerk showed a slide from the Environment Agency indicating that water quality levels were excellent.

Replacement of Play Park - deferred to a future meeting.

5.0 County Councillor's report

C. Cllr. Gilbert repeated the brief overview of his remit given at the last meeting adding that traffic and roads would be the main topic for this evening. Chair gave dispensation for public interaction as this was the purpose of the discussion. He stated there was an effective on line system for residents to report pot-holes adding that there was a clear definition of what constitutes a pot hole.

The reporting of speeding appeared to be increasing and could be related to the increased volume of traffic in the summer or simply the perception of those observing. He confirmed that a recent SCARF exercise concluded that speeding on the approach to St Ann's Chapel was not an issue.

Resident A stated **foliage was overhanging** from properties on **Folly Hill** as well as from **National Trust land** and requested that this be addressed. C. Cllr. Gilbert advised it was the **responsibility of the land owner** to cut back the foliage and asked the Clerk to write to the appropriate people adding that if this was not dealt with in thirty (30) days, the matter would be dealt with by Devon Highways and the individual land owners would receive an invoice for the service provided. Action Clerk

Resident A raised a similar issue in respect of a property in **Parker Road**. Action Clerk

Resident A also repeated a previous request for a **hand rail** to be to be placed on **Tom Crocker slipway** to aid access. It was confirmed this would require discussion

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with the land owner and the Clerk would write accordingly. Action Clerk

Overgrown vegetation also existed in the **Car Park** and D. Cllr. Taylor stated that he would ask the team at SHDC, owners of the car park, to address the matter. Clerk requested this be built into a regular maintenance schedule. Action D. Cllr. Taylor

Cllr. Scott added there were just two **disabled parking spaces** in the top car park, both restricted by overgrown vegetation. Action D. Cllr. Taylor

It was noted that the **life-saving ring** situated on **Sedgewell Slipway** was now behind four to five feet of foliage and not easily accessible in the case of an emergency. C. Cllr Gilbert stated that a review had taken place of all such equipment and asked D. Cllr. Taylor to discuss responsibility for maintaining this with the **Cathy Aubertin** (SHDC). Action D. Cllr. Taylor

C. Cllr. Gilbert reminded the audience of a future **major road closure between Modbury and Edminton**. Further details would follow but added the diversionary route was significantly longer.

Resident B raised concerns about the traffic related hazards and dangers that existed on the back road from Challaborough, commenting that the nature, speed and volume of traffic had increased significantly over years but nothing had changed with the road infrastructure. A series of slides were shown to demonstrate this and these can be found as appendix (a) to these minutes (see *Bigbury Community website*)

Resident C asked that **'slow' signs** on the road surface be **re-painted** as they had

faded and could not be seen

Resident B stated that an expert opinion was sought to help address some of these issues, which were highways, land owner and footpath related. In response to this and the other issues raised, C. Cllr. Gilbert asked that the Clerk contact **Adam Keay (Highways)** to request he visits the area to review the issues and identify solutions.

Care need to be taken to ensure that solving one problem did not create another. **Cllr. Watts** added there was a potential risk of making the smaller communities more isolated by restricting vehicles or imposing size limits. Action Clerk

Resident D raised the issue of the recently **installed gates at the Parkdean Holiday site** adding this stopped pedestrian access from the Bigbury Caravan Park and all foot traffic was now forced to use the already dangerous road access, increasing the risk of an accident. **Cllr. Huntley** acknowledged the depth of feeling but commented that this particular issue was within the boundaries of **Ringmore Parish** and as such it was inappropriate for Bigbury Parish Council to make any comment. Cllr. Huntley added that this topic would be discussed at next week's Ringmore Parish Council meeting.

6.0 Cllr. Watts update on Avon Estuary and AONB including proposal for **AONB village signage**. Cllr. Watts stated he had researched the option to purchase AONB style village name signs that could be located at strategic points on the access roads to the respective communities. Currently they included a slogan relating to speed, which was a good fit with the previous discussion. The cost of each sign was £250

but there was an AONB grant available for 50% and C. Cllr. Gilbert stated some of his funds could be allocated to help with installation. C. Cllr. Gilbert added that it may be possible to purchase plastic overlay stickers for the existing signs as a means of reducing cost. To be investigated. Action Clerk

Resident E added that the Bigbury Village sign had been specially made some time ago after DCC has lost the original whilst it was being renovated.

Cllr. Watts gave an overview of Avon Estuaries and AONB activities and further can be found in appendix (b) to these minutes. (see Bigbury Community website)

7.0 Planning related matters

1914/19/HHO Marashina, Parker Road, TQ7 4AT – Application for internal refurbishment and replacement of single storey rear extension. Members had visited this site for a pre-meeting inspection. Cllr. Smith proposed this be supported, which was seconded by Cllr. Watts and agreed to by all Councillors.

1503/19/FUL Venus Café, Marine Drive, TQ7 4AS – Addition of pavilion to create indoor seating area in the existing outdoor seating area of takeaway. Resubmission of 0265/17/FUL. Members had visited this site for a pre-meeting inspection. Cllr. Watts proposed this be supported, which was seconded by Cllr. Smith and agreed to by all Councillors.

Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr. Scott shared an update in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan see appendix (c) on Bigbury Community website.

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Cllr. Scott added that SHDC had checked this document and two minor designation changes were needed. It was now moving to the stage of **Regulation 16**. D. Cllr Taylor commented that this process should be completed by **end of 2019 / early 2020**.

Cllr. Huntley thanked **Cllr. Scott** for her contribution to this and the excellent quality of output. **Cllr. Watts** made further positive comment in respect of Cllr. Scott's contribution.

8.0 Open session

Resident C asked for clarification of the terms of approval given to **Venus Café** to serve hot food. Action Clerk

9.0 Communication within the community – specifically the purpose of BigburyCommunity website, Bigbury News, Bigbury Drums, Parish Notice Boards and Charterlands Chatter. This agenda item was raised to review and take stock of and the changes in communication means within the Parish over the prior three to five years; more specifically to consider the use of social media sites including Charterlands Chatter. Documents were shared to aid this discussion which can be seen in appendix (d) (see Bigbury Community website)

It was agreed that the Bigbury Community website, Notice Boards, Bigbury News and Bigbury Drums all provided a valuable source of information. The website and Notices boards both serving a statutory purpose. In discussing the social media site, Charterlands Chatter, it was agreed that this was NOT to be used for Bigbury Parish Council related matters in any circumstances and Cllr. Huntley stated she may have crossed this red line in the past but now understood the reason behind this ruling and would ensure no further such breaches arose. D. Cllr. Taylor added that such breaches would bring the reputation of the Council into disrepute. Further discussion continued on managing Charterlands Chatter. Was its name suitable? Was monitoring of content satisfactory? No conclusion was reached but as stated above it is NOT a vehicle for sharing Parish Council matters, therefore this is not in the control of the Parish Council.

Resident E wished to thank all the volunteers that maintained and managed these channels of communication.

10.0 Annual audit and reporting – approval of annual governance statement

Clerk stated the Parish accounts had now been sent to the external auditors for review and approval

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

Cllr. Huntley proposed the financial statements and recommended payments presented be accepted which was seconded by **Cllr. Edwards-Pratt** and all councillors agreed, although **Cllr. Rosevear** registered the fact that **Alan Tanner** was a personal friend Clerk is to raise the following payments:

£ 204.04 Community First – Public Liability Insurance (0% increase over last year)

£ 85.00 Alan Tanner – Internal Audit fee (0% increase over last year)

£ 30.00 Bigbury Memorial Hall – hire of hall for Parish Council meetings

£ 200.00 Donation to Hope Cove Lifeboat (last increase July 2013 from £150)

£200 is precept approved – propose review for increase in precept 2020/2021

£ 200.00 Donation to Bigbury History Society (C Harrington)

£1071.74 R Matthews - £540.00 Salary for three months ending June 30th 2019, **£236.70 A3 paper for Bigbury News** – processed on personal credit card, £295.04 Expenses for three months ended June 30th 2019

£ 33.48 BT – line rental and broadband access Memorial Hall - Paid by direct debit

Clerk showed a slide of the current cash book and bank reconciliation statement showing a **balance of £29,982.83 as at June 30th 2019**.

Clerk showed a statement of **restricted and reserved funding with a balance of £11,788.93** Clerk showed details of S106 funds held by SHDC - £162,771 for affordable housing projects and £24,194 for OSSR projects.

12.0 District Councillor's report

D. Cllr. Taylor stated a **new kerb-side refuse collection service** would start in **November 2020**. There would be an opportunity for the Parish Council to be briefed on the new service later in 2019.

D. Cllr. Taylor advised that the **planning application for Auncliffe** had been turned down by South Hams and that he expected new plans for **Land adjacent to Southway** to be submitted soon.

12.0 Correspondence received

Clerk shared correspondence received (ref information file located in Parish Council

section of tBigbury Community website.)
13.0 Agenda Items for consideration at future Parish Council meetings

Report from Tree Warden / Footpath Warden

Report from St Lawrence Church

Improved Parish signage – AONB sponsored

Parking and bench in vicinity of Holywell Stores

Update on new kerb-side refuse collection service

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

NOTE All supporting documents are shown in full within the 'Information file' uploaded to the Bigbury Community Website (Parish Council / Meeting Minutes)

The meeting closed at 09:45pm.

The next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday September 11th at 7:30pm**

UPCOMING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Full details of the following applications can be found on the **Bigbury Community website** and the **SHDC Planning Portal**.

2614/19/FUL Mr Timothy Draper Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with two 3-bedroom detached dwellings with garden amenity space, shared parking and storage (Resubmission of 3833/18/FUL)
Nantucket, Parker Road Bigbury On Sea TQ7 4AT

CONDITIONAL APPROVALS

1914/19/HHO Bigbury Marashina Parker Road Bigbury On Sea Devon TQ7 4AT
Mrs Karen Gilbert - Householder application for internal refurbishment and replacement single-storey rear extension.



Dear Editor



PLANNING and THE AVERAGE DOG

I have noted certain signs of human dissent over something called "Planning". Since I myself was not exactly "planned" and grew up in poverty, unwanted as I was, I have a certain sympathy with victims of bad or poor Planning. We dogs are unable to discuss these things, being of little brain as we are. But we are sensitive souls and hate to see you fighting each other over kennel disputes. With this thought in mind, I attach these simple words of advice:

*There's no more certain way to altercation
Than a planning application
In order to avoid "Le Rage"
Do remember to "engage"*

*Which simply means before you sue
Cos someone wants to spoil your view
It's not a bad idea to ring
And your neighbours praises sing
And simply ask them to discuss
The thing that's causing all the fuss*

*And remember simple flattery
Is better than assault or battery
Often simple consultation
Brings peace not war to many nations
It won't be easy to prevent
But you might influence consent.
Using words and ears and eyes
Can sometimes lead to compromise
And sometimes wise and cool debate
Will find the path to moderate.*

*You may think this worth a try
Before you move or say goodbye
Or go to court with words and threats
All of which just lead to debts*

*Of course I'm just a simple dog
Knowing nothing of this fog
In which humans may get lost
Shedding tears and counting cost
Then have to turn the other cheek
Just because they failed*

"TO SPEAK"

Try it. It worked for me, when my people met me they weren't going to get another dog, but a few meetings solved that problem. They didn't know what they wanted until they met me!

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS SIMPLIFIED

If you are considering a home extension or perhaps building your own 'Grand Design' you will probably need to apply for planning permission. The prospect of applying can be a complex and confusing process but it doesn't have to be if you get good advice.

There is a useful guide '*Plain English Guide to the Planning System*' available through the government's planning portal website www.gov.uk/planning or you can get help from any number of architectural practices or planning advisors. South Hams District Council also offer an advice service with their Pre-Application process where the outline principals can be discussed.

The first step of the process usually involves talking through your ideas with an architect/designer in order to get something on paper for further discussion. At this stage a sketch scheme is usually all that is required showing the proposed development in context to the existing site. Any design will need to be considered in context to the local planning policies for your area. This includes **National Planning Policies, the Joint Local Plan (JLP)** and your **Neighbourhood Plan**. These policies have been developed to

help protect your area from inappropriate development and to preserve the positive attributes.

You will then need to decide how best to progress your development either as an Outline planning application (which establishes just the principals of the development) or as a Full planning application where all design details are defined. A simple extension might be allowed within '**Permitted Development Rights**' which would allow alterations without a planning application. You will need to establish which planning route is best for your requirements.

Each of these paths requires varying amounts of form filling, design drawings, surveys and supporting reports. The quantity of documentation will depend on the type of application submitted and also the sensitivity of the site to be developed. There will be the inevitable fees and costs for the local authority, the architect/designer and any other specialist consultants necessary.

Whichever planning route you take you need to be aware of your responsibility to ensure all necessary permissions and consents are granted or you may face enforce-

ment action or have difficulty selling your property in the future.

The planning process will typically take eight weeks to be determined and if accepted an approval notice will be issued with conditions attached.

This will be the start of your journey. The next stages will include the necessary **Building Regulations** application for which you will need more information with additional design details and structural calculations. These additional details will also form a pack of tender documents for **building contractors** pricing the work and for the eventual construction process. Try not to be put off by the complexities of the process and think about the end results and the pleasure you will have when it's all done.

If you are interested in looking at what you might be able to achieve with your property I offer a free first consultation when we can explore the possibilities. I am proud to have been involved with many local projects including the recent improvements at Holywell Stores.

Simon Bronstein

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No one can possibly have missed the tsunami of concerns about the appalling plastic pollution on our planet! It's in the sea, in the soil, in drinking water and in the food chain! Beach Cleans alone will not solve this problem. We must do more. We are corporately and individually, personally responsible for this mess.

Poorly sorted green bin waste, which also contains plastic, is one of the reasons why plastic has reached the food chain because this waste can be used to make animal food pellets and organic compost for farm crops. **Do you diligently sort your green waste correctly?**

What can we do as individuals and as a community to reduce the amount of plastic we put into the environment? It's time to take this personally. We need to reduce the amount of packaging we personally cause to be put into the environment.

Here are a few ideas about how this could be achieved.

- Choose to buy fruit, vegetables and meat which is not packed in a plastic tray and sealed with plastic film on the top.
- Grow more of your own fruit and

TIME TO TAKE IT PERSONALLY?

- vegetables. Perhaps, get together with friends, neighbours and family to do this as a joint venture? Share an Allotment? Start an Allotment?
- Take your own **very CLEAN** containers to shops and put your meat, fish, vegetables into this instead of accepting more plastic with your purchase.
- Choose to buy from shops that allow you to do this and encourage other shops to consider offering this option.
- Take your own shopping bags to supermarkets so you do not have to ask for more plastic bags. Perhaps leave some in the boot of the car?

Types of plastic

If you have to accept plastic packaging - make sure you understand how to dispose of this correctly. There are three types of plastic - **PLASTIC DRINKING BOTTLES** (any colour) ; **HARD PLASTIC** (eg food trays etc.) and **THIN** crinkly/easily squash-able plastic (not recyclable)

How to dispose of plastic

- **PLASTIC BOTTLES** - go into the clear sacks from SHDC and are collected from the kerbside every two weeks. (no plastic bags, yoghurt pots)

- **HARD plastic** (e.g. food and fruit trays and plant pots) must be **washed** before being disposed of at the **DCC Torr Quarry Recycling site** (in the white bins currently near the parking bays).
- **The THIN plastics** cannot yet be re-cycled and must be put into the **black bin** and disposed of as general waste. In South Hams this will not go into landfill but is burned to fuel energy production. Some supermarkets accept old plastic bags for re-cycling.

Preparation of plastic waste

Plastic that goes into the recycling chain must be **CLEAN** and free of all contaminants (paper labels, staples, absorbent pads) - otherwise it will contaminate plastic that has been cleaned properly by other people. This will then have to go into the incinerator instead of being recycled. What a waste!

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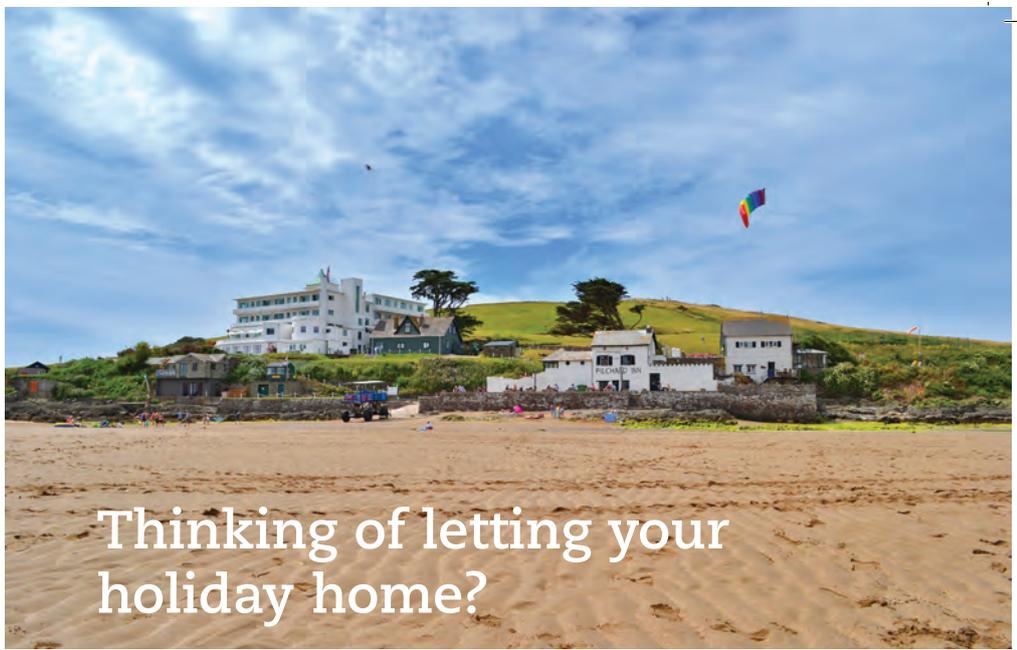
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BIGBURY NEWS SOCIAL

It was great to see so many of the Bigbury News Distributors, Sponsors and Writers at our first Annual Social on 1st August.

Bigbury News is a big team of local people and a great community effort.

Perhaps next year we will have the event when more people can join in. Almost half were away on holiday and some were really busy with family visits or business.

There is still 'more room'
for your thoughts and
Bigbury Stories - so please

WRITE IN and JOIN IN.