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Fri 5th April 7.30 pm

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St Lawrence Church

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2019 at 7:30 p.m. MHall

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CHURCH**
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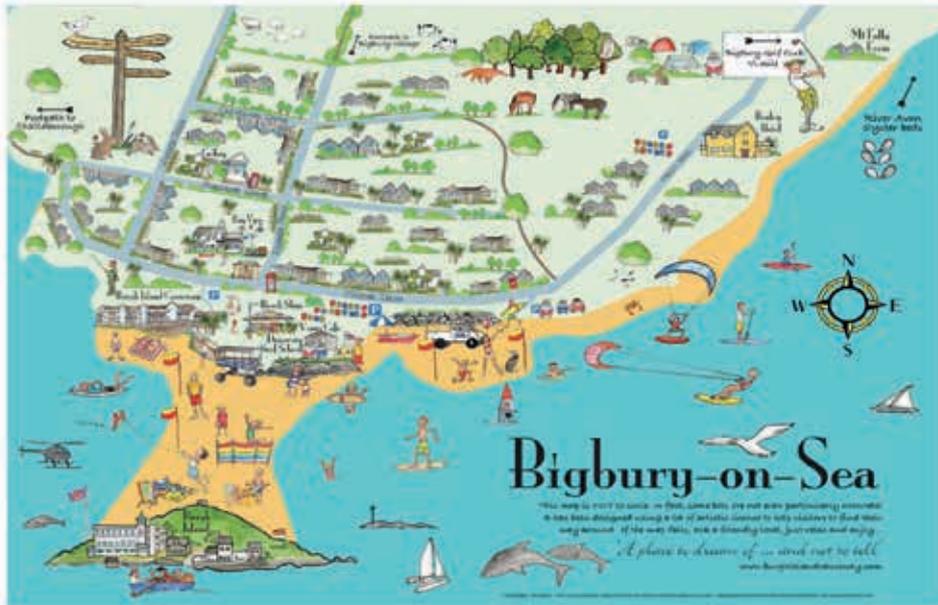
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Easter bonnets, Easter bunnies, Easter eggs, Easter Services and spring cleaning. Lots happening! An **Easter Cafe** held in the Memorial Hall on Maundy Thursday is designed to be a fun event. The Keep Britain Tidy campaign is promoting a **GB spring clean event** from 22 March to 23rd April and they are looking for organisers and support from parish councils.

Storm Gareth is just a memory, along with all those winter illnesses. Take a look at all the events on offer in Bigbury Drums and if you have not yet signed up - please send your email address to the Editor at bigburdrums@gmail.com

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providers to advertise in Bigbury News. Thank you for your support.

We are delighted to hear from **David Ellis**, who grew up in Bigbury and now resides in USA. Please respond to his missive if you know about that period in our history or know of any of the persons he mentions in this 'Letter from America'. Roger Grimley has suggested that stories like these are of great value to the community and should be collected in our archives. If you have any **Bigbury Stories**, please feel welcome - even obliged - to share them. We can scan your old photographs if you would also like to illustrate your story. Thank you.

Bigbury Parish Council Elections will be held on 2nd May and all applications must have been received by **4 pm Wednesday 3rd April**. Rusty and Monty have something to say about this and have put up fine manifestos to get you thinking about the Elections. Better get your skates on if you want to contribute to the BPC work over the next four years.

Very warm thanks to those who have kindly donated to Bigbury News this month. Thank you to our growing band of writers and contributors. Together, you make it all worthwhile for me. Much appreciated.

Louise Wainwright
Bigbury News &
Bigbury Drums Editor

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- All collections will run **one day late** during the week beginning **Monday 22nd April**



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BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Bringing the Community Together



It was wonderful to see so many happy and absorbed young faces during Coppice Theatre's Science Adventures Saturday morning performance in the Memorial Hall recently. Over 40 people, of all ages (see photo right) enjoyed the science and entertainment with some great audience participation. This was another successful Villages in Action sponsored event.

The next event, in what has been a busy winter programme at the Hall, is an evening of live jazz on Friday April 26th at 7.30 p.m.. The **Charlie Hearnshaw Trio**, featuring Charlie on clarinet and saxophone, Maxine Green on guitar and vocals and Mike Thorn on double bass, have a big reputation locally and have played all over South Devon. This will be swinging melodic jazz for both the aficionado and the ordinary music fan. Tickets are available from Holywell Stores or myself and include light refreshments. See poster for more details.

Charles Harrington Tel. 810023. Email charles_harri@yahoo.co.uk

MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS (April 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. 13.30 - 15.30 17.30 - 19.30	Bridge	Jan Lucas	831244
	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	Gilbert Snook	810017
	Filling Station (3rd Thurs. of month excl. Dec & Aug)		

APRIL EVENTS

Wednesday April 3rd: Bigbury Community Coffee morning 10.30 in aid of Hope Cove Lifeboat.

Friday April 26th: Charley Hearnshaw Jazz trio: 7.30pm. Tickets (£8 adult; £5.50 child; £24 family) from Holywell Stores. Light refreshments included. BYOB and glasses.

50/100 CLUB

50/ 100 Club. Promoted by Dane Vanstone. The winners of our March draw were Charles Harrington (£20) and Jane Tucker (£10). Join now (£10) to have a chance of winning the monthly draw. 50% of the money goes in cash prizes and 50% to the Hall. Tickets can be obtained from Holywell Stores.



 Bigbury History Society – PRE WAR BIGBURY ON SEA
Thursday April 4th at 7.15 p.m. Bigbury Memorial Hall

A fascinating presentation of slides from the Society's extensive archive of photos, showing the pre war history of Bigbury on Sea properties and telling their stories



Everyone welcome
Admission £2.50 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.



Live Jazz at Bigbury Memorial Hall
Bigbury, TQ7 4HQ

Charlie Hearnshaw
clarinet, alto clarinet, saxophone

Friday April 26th 7.30
Maxine Green
guitar, vocals

Mike Thorn
double bass

swinging melodic jazz at low volume

BYOB & glasses
Light refreshments included
Admission: £8.00 adult
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Bringing the Community Together



BIGBURY COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

At the coffee mornings there will be a raffle, guess the weight of the cake or number of sweets in a jar. Sale of books, Phoenix cards, bric-a-brac, jewellery, silk wares, homemade cakes and savouries.

On Wednesday 6th March we raised **£242 for Modbury Caring**. It was good to see so many people at the Memorial Hall to support us so generously. There was a lovely atmosphere of community banter.

Many thanks to Michael who told us about the car service and befriending which are provided by Modbury Caring.

On Wednesday 3rd April we will be raising funds for Hope Cove Life Boat and look forward to seeing you between 10.30 and noon. Then on Wednesday 1st May we will be supporting the Children's Hospice S.W.

Jean & Yvonne.

Macmillan Mammoth Quiz

There was a great buzz at Bigbury Memorial Hall on 22 February when 10 teams competed in the 3rd Mammoth Quiz organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care (Plymouth area). Over 300 venues around the UK hosted a Mammoth Quiz at the same time for the 11th year – using the same questions nationwide.

Peter Cook's role as Scorer was tested each time the scores were recorded since the potential winners were changing regularly but the scores built up to a crescendo in the end with 'River Dudes' taking 1st prize, and 'The Curious' taking 2nd prize..

Many thanks to the local businesses who donated a number of very attractive raffle prizes to augment our funds. Together with ticket money, the raffle and some generous donations we managed to raise £1103 (including gift aid) for Macmillan. Sincere thanks to my team of helpers who contributed their time to make the event a successful one and of course to all those who attended the event.

Fiona Dukes



Photo (right) Macmillan Quiz Night



50 :100 CLUB TICKETS AVAILABLE until end of May

You are invited to join in and contribute to the running costs of the Memorial Hall. If you purchase any of the remaining tickets your name will be entered into the monthly draw. Tickets will be available until the end of May. Half of the proceeds go to the Memorial Hall and half are used for cash prizes.

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Meetings in Kingsbridge Methodist Hall, 100 Fore St TQ7 1AW
Weds 7.30pm Thurs 10.30am
Visitors always welcome on payment of £10 which includes tea/coffee.

April 2019 Weds 24th/Thurs 25th

Zaha Hadid - Architectural Superstar

Speaker **Colin Davis**

Colin outlines Zaha's career from the visionary projects of the 1980's, through the years of frustration when her designs were considered not possible to build, to the prolific crop of successful projects built all over the world in the last decade of her life.

May 2019 Weds 29th/Thurs 30th

Inn Signia: Art Work and stories behind Peculiar Pub Names

Speaker **John Ericson**

Pubs and their signs are a fundamental part of our history and cultural heritage. John shows some of the interesting, distinctive signs then explores the stories behind the origin of some of their peculiar names. 'The Bucket of Blood', the 'Cow and Snuffers'

May 21st' Special day event at **Thurleston Hotel** 'Meet me at the Waldorf' .

Mary Alexander brings to life the Gilded Age of opulence and Jazz Age glamour. A visual feast of art and design, set in a dramatic context of social and cultural history.

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



BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

The Book Club met at my house on March 6th and we discussed "The Librarian" by Sally Vickers. Most agreed that this was a gentle, easy read (some thought too gentle!!!) and enjoyed it. The alternative book for the month was "The Couple Next Door" by Shari Lapena and this was a much more riveting book and it was not until the last page that you found out "who dunnit". The book I have chosen for this month's reading is "The Heart's Invisible Furies" by John Boyne. This was recommended by another book club as a book which will invoke much discussion.

For our April Meeting we have decided to have a lunch out, including guests, and we will probably go out to The Pilchard. Members will be notified of time etc.

Hazel Osborne



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FOR THE COMMUNITY BY THE COMMUNITY

WHAT'S ON NEARBY

AVETON GIFFORD

Tues 2nd April 7 pm

LIVE JAZZ

PEDIGREE JAZZ BAND

MODBURY

Thurs 4th April 7 - 9.30 pm

DEVON RURAL ARCHIVE

Illustrated talk - Dartmoor

Portrayed in Art

6th April 7.30 pm

MOZART'S REQUIEM

St George's Church

Tickets (£15) from Kingsbridge Tourist Information or Pickles in Modbury.

Tuesday 9th April, 2 pm

DEVON RURAL ARCHIVE

Guided Tour of Shilstone

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BIGBURY LADIES



BIGBURY LADIES PROGRAMME 2019 *

17th Apr Anthony House, Cornwall
15th May Dartington Hall
19th Jun River trip Totnes to
Dartmouth
17th Jul Mt Edgcombe
(via Cremyll Ferry)
21st Aug Helen Smith's:
Bring a plate lunch
18th Sep Overbecks, Salcombe
16th Oct Avon Mill for lunch
20th Nov Sloop Inn, lunch
11th Dec Christmas lunch at
St Elizabeth House.

* Subject to change

Bigbury Ladies usually meets up at Helen Smith's home in Bigbury (about 10.30 a.m. - 11.15) and then proceeds on the outing in shared vehicles. All ladies from the Bigbury area most welcome. Very informal group of ladies who like to meet up for a natter once a month. Contact any of the usual members for more information:
Helen Smith, Chrissy Curgenvin, Rose Owen, Lynn Hiscock etc.

Pam Trundle Tel: 801 719



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<http://modburycaring.org.uk>

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NINETEENTH HOLE

It has been a good few weeks at Bigbury Golf Club, with the weather lifting spirits, helping with the course conditions as well as the scores of the players entering our competitions.

There have been good entries for both the ladies and gents competitions, with some of the gents competitions having some 70 players. There have been very good scores recorded, leading to nine players having their handicaps reduced as a result of one competition. There have also been two's galore recorded by both the men and ladies. There have been several two's recorded on the 10th hole. This hole is sponsored by **St. Austell Brewery** and all these players have received an additional prize of a keg of beer.

Whilst there has been a lovely spell of weather, the weekend of the **Greensomes** competitions wasn't so good. The Greensomes format is played in pairs with both players driving off, then a choice is made between them about which ball is taken, and then it is strictly every other shot played. Twenty-four Ladies played on the Saturday and forty in the Men's competition on the Sunday.

The Tuesday morning **Ladies Vets Roll Up** continues to attract a good turn out. During the winter months, if the course is open, many of these stalwart lady vets turn out regardless of the weather. This roll up is played over 11 holes, with the ladies enjoying lunch and some social chat after playing, followed by an informal prize giving. All Bigbury lady vets are made very welcome to this roll up social golf, which is organised by **Sue Warren**, who is also our Devon County Lady Vets Association representative. Sue attends the Association's meeting and keeps our ladies well informed about all the things that are happening.

The outgoing Bigbury Captains had a

successful year fundraising for Charities, namely the **Devon Blood Bikes**, the **NSPCC**, and **Devon Air Ambulance**, as well as the **Bigbury Course Development Fund**. £1,780 was raised for the **Devon Freewheelers** (Devon Blood Bikes), as well as £400 for the **Devon Air Ambulance**, and thanks are recorded to the wider local community who contributed to the Charity fundraising.

Our Lady Captain, **Jane Wain**, hosted a "Soup and Puds" lunch recently at the Bigbury Memorial Hall to raise funds for her chosen charity for 2019, **Macmillan Cancer Support**; on the day Jane was assisted by eleven of the Club's Ladies. Some 50 people came along and very much enjoyed the home made soups and puddings, which had all been provided by the Bigbury Ladies. There was a jolly

atmosphere, and the total raised for the Charity was an excellent £632.54p. Jane thanks all the ladies who worked hard and with great enthusiasm, as well as everyone who supported the fund raising event in different ways.

Finally, golf course improvements and winter maintenance are ongoing at Bigbury, and our team of **five green keepers** have been battling the elements to ensure they keep on target. Everyone at Bigbury Golf Club appreciates the considerable effort that is needed, and thank the guys for their dedication. They also always have a ready smile for everyone playing the course.

Marlene Johnson



Bigbury's team of greenkeepers (left)



Bigbury's Lady Vets, with Sue Warren second from the left (right)



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INVITATION CORRECTION

The Parochial Church Council will be holding its AGM on

Tuesday, 9th April
(not 7th as published in the March issue)

It will be held at St Lawrence Church Bigbury at 7 pm. We will be voting in a new committee that evening. Please come along and find out what is happening. We look forward to seeing you there.

Refreshments provided.

Lynn Hiscock
Secretary Parochial Church Council



LETTER from MINISTER at ST LAWRENCE



A few years ago I was called up for jury service. When the judge made his closing remarks he said that we could only find the person guilty if the evidence that had been presented convinced us beyond reasonable doubt.

Many Christians down the ages and across the globe have believed in the actual and physical resurrection of Jesus from the dead because the evidence has convinced them beyond reasonable doubt. For example, the former Chief Justice of England, Lord Darling, said, 'In its favour as living truth there exists such overwhelming evidence, positive and negative, factual and circumstantial, that no intelligent jury in the world could fail to bring in a verdict that the resurrection story is true.'

Richard Swinburn, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the University of Oxford, in 2003 wrote a book called the 'Resurrection of God Incarnate'. This book was printed by Oxford University Press and was peer reviewed by his professional colleagues. Swinburn was not afraid to conclude that it is highly probable that Jesus rose from dead. The resurrection of Jesus stands up to rational scrutiny. Yet more importantly it speaks to our deepest longings. An old vicar I knew always used to say at funerals: 'Now, because of the resurrection, death is merely a gardener. You don't bury a Christian, only plant them.'

On behalf of all the churches of the Modbury Mission Community I wish you a Happy Easter. Come and join us over the Easter season to find out how the events of Easter turn the grave from a wall into a door.

Matt Rowland

Modbury Mission Community
Connecting people with God

Easter cafe church

Maundy Thursday
April 18th 3.00- 3.45pm
Bigbury Memorial Hall

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
7 th	Sunday Worship	Communion*	Communion	Communion	Sunday Worship
14 th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion* (8 am) All Age Service	Sunday Worship
18 th <i>Maundy Thursday</i>		Easter team family event (Memorial Hall) (3 pm)			Communion (6.30 pm)
19 th <i>Good Friday</i>	Procession (10.30 am)			Hour round the Cross and Procession (2 pm)	
21 st <i>Easter Day</i>	Communion by Extension	Communion	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Communion by Extension
28 th	Sunday Worship	Communion	Lay led service	Sunday Worship	Communion

* Service in traditional language.

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CHURCH NEWS

Bigbury News has been delighted to talk to our vicar, Rev Matt Rowland to learn more about him and the challenges and opportunities of rural churches.

This is what Matt had to tell us:

“To give you a bit of background about myself - my family are from Devon. My grandfather ran a market garden in Elburton on the edge of Plymouth and growing up I had many happy holidays on South Hams beaches.

My wife, Louise, and I met while we were students in Bristol. Before becoming a church minister I taught history in a secondary school just outside Bristol. This summer one of the guests at a wedding I took was an ex-pupil of mine! Louise has been working as a nurse. I was a curate (an assistant minister) in a parish in Exeter. We have two daughters (9 and 7) and a son (1).”

I asked Matt a few questions.

Why did you choose to bring your family to the South Hams and take up the offer of the role of vicar for the local churches?

“We wanted to stay in Devon to be close to family. I have lots of childhood memories of holidays in South Devon. When we saw the job description it looked like a good fit. The churches also wanted someone not just to ‘keep the show on the road’ but help them to move forward.”

What are the number of churches and average congregations that you minister to?

“I am the vicar of five churches and on average we have between 150-60 coming to church each Sunday across the churches. We have a mix of traditional and

more contemporary church services. For example, Book of Common Prayer Communion services through to a café style evening service. We have a youth group on a Friday night in Modbury School for 8-11 year olds. St George’s in Modbury run a Sunday club each week for 10-15 children. St Andrews in Aveton Gifford have recently started up a monthly Sunday club which has encouraged a few families to join us at the Sunday service.”

What are the challenges for rural vicars in general and your current role in particular?

“Rural vicars often have a number of parishes to look after which means you cannot get to know everyone as well as you would want to. I would like to be at every church every Sunday but that is not possible. We have five beautiful church buildings which show that Christianity has always had an important role to play in the heart of local communities but of course they need upkeep.”

What have been the highlights of your ministry to date?

“The highlights have been the people in the churches. Each of the five churches have congregations who want to be a visible reminder that Jesus is Lord in their local communities. We recently had a vision morning for all five churches where each church committed to two or three milestones to help them grow in their faith and life as local churches. Personally, I have enjoyed getting to know people who knew my grandfather and father through the market gardening business. It has also been good to meet those who regularly holiday in the area and like to keep up their links with churches like St Lawrence’s in Bigbury.”

BIGBURY ARCHIVES

The **Bigbury History Society** has made the following extracts from The Old Deanery News available so that we can learn how life was in Bigbury in times gone by.

April 1935: Rector - Rev A. R. W. Law

The services on Good Friday, April 19th, the most solemn day of the Christian year, will be at 11.00 am and 7.00pm. On Easter Day the services will be as usual, with the special Children’s Service at 3.00 pm when the usual offerings will be presented then afterwards sent to the **South Devon Hospital**. We hope that all who are confirmed will make their Easter Communion.

On Monday, March 18th, a parish meeting was held at the Institute, to decide how we

would celebrate the King’s Jubilee. It was decided that a Special Service of Thanksgiving should be at 3.30 pm, followed by a parish tea at **Court Barn**, by kind permission of **Mr Luckcraft**. After tea there will be sports. And then in the evening a Social in the barn. In order to be able to do this a collection is being made throughout the parish, and a tenth of the amount collected is going to be expended in prizes for the sports.

The following ladies and gentlemen were elected to form a tea committee: **Mrs L. Bardens, Mrs J. Bardens, Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Distin, Mrs Woodmason** and Messrs. **W. Burgoyne, J Bardens, T. Hollett, C. Luckcraft and L. Ward. Captain Hoopell, R.N.**, kindly consented to be re-

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Thursday 18th April 2019

at 7.30 to 9.00 pm

Speaker: **Jose de Silva**

Topic: **What it means to be a child of God**

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Speaker: **John Elliott**

Topic: **The Gospel - the greatest message you will ever hear.**

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Filling Station is an inter-denominational fellowship which hopes to benefit the local church.

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sponsible for the sports and **Mr J Kerswill** for the social. At the tea a Jubilee mug will be presented to every child in the parish.

If any readers have possession of any photographs or memorabilia in relation to events at the church or in the parish, we should be most grateful if you would allow Bigbury News to publish these.

Does anyone own one of the Jubilee Mugs mentioned in the Deanery News?



THE PUB CAT SPEAKS

VOTE MONTY! YES, WE CAT!

Well hello, Pussypots.

Fabulous February has given way to windy March and change is in the air. My friend Bruce, a very fine Persian blue, says that our Prime Minister Teaser Maybot is in doggy's doo-doo up to her twin-set and whiskers – which is no place for the Top Cat. And, by the time you read this, this funny BREXIT business may all be over, and Jeremy Catflap sworn is as our new chief moggie.

So, dear friends, it is time to take a stand! I am in receipt of a missive from one Rusty – a canine of this parish – calling upon me to join him in somewhere called 'purdah' and to stand in the forthcoming Council elections. Dogs are such dear, sweet, hopeless creatures – endlessly seeking attention, banding together in packs and running around in circles. Dear friends, let me ask you seriously: do you really think a dog is capable of organising anything? Have you not noticed that cats cannot be 'herded' into packs, and that we do not spend our precious time wagging our tails ridiculously, or running around panting, with our tongues hanging out?

Cats are reflective creatures. We stand back from the fray and look upon the world with an intellectual detachment that is the envy of human beings – which explains why we are so respected and even worshipped. Cats, quite honestly, do not need to be 'elected' – as you humans put it.

We are already in charge. Rusty, endearing little tail-wagger that he is, has simply not noticed.

However, to please our dear lovely, little, woofy friend, it gives me pleasure to accept Rusty's challenge and present my manifesto for Feline Freedom and Prosperity for All within the Bigbury parish.

1. The immediate opening of four new public houses within Bigbury and other parishes – the former Royal Oak Bigbury to be renamed 'The Cat and the Fiddle'. The 'Bay Café' to reopen as 'Cap'n Jasper's Fish Emporium' and the old 'Sun Inn' in Ringmore to be the 'Puss in Boots Alms'. The poor, culturally deprived and impoverished people of Stakes Hill and surrounds to have their own brand new pub – 'The Purr N' Furkin' – in the garden at Long Easton. All these joyous establishments to have at least two compulsory log fires to enable cats to exercise by walking from one fire to the other on wet winter evenings.

2. Dog Proliferation – we cats accept and enjoy the antics of our canine friends. We do believe however that they should be fitted with magnetised microchips. That simple device would enable a dog warden, suitably equipped with an electronic 'dog-rustling rod', to quickly round up stray beasts.

3. Any Bigbury citizen over the age of fifty-five to be allocated a cat as part of their Personalised Care Plan – cats play a vital role in contributing to pensioners' well-being and preservation of sanity.

4. A Wall for Bigbury – Bruce and I are

mystified by Rusty's obsession with building a wall around the parish. A wall has yet to be built that can limit the freedom of cats!

5. The immediate removal of all dog bins from across the parish. Their smell offends the delicate sensibility of cats' olfactory organs and simply panders to the irresponsible behaviour of dogs. I therefore propose to raise council tax on all dog owning households to Band F and require both the dogs and their owners to attend courses on Pooh Management at Further Education Colleges.

More next month, Pusspots!
And remember:

VOTE MONTY! YES, WE CAT!

PS. Talking of Brexit, did you hear that two cats – one English, one French - had a swimming race across the English Channel? The English cat was called "One two three", the French cat was called "Un deux trois".

Which cat won...?

The English cat. Why...?

Because Un deux trois cat sank...!!



CREWS THAT KEEP US CRUISING

NIGHT WATCH



Recently, I was talking to our neighbour and quoted a poem that I had written aboard a ship at anchor after a severe storm. She asked me for a copy and I left it in her letterbox. Since then, she said I ought to publish it. So having thought about it, I wonder if it is suitable for 'Bigbury News'. It is based on my experiences in the police & security, plus Ursula's as a nurse.

*Under a silver moon and a star studded sky
The lights of a 'tender' slip silently by
On the silk smooth sheen of a shimmering sea
To a slumbering shore and a silent quay.*

*The ship sleeps sound on the whispering wave
As the watchman guards his slumbering slave
Her motors hum and her lights shine bright
As she sits at anchor on this cool, calm night.*

*In the streets of the town, a policeman on duty
Finds a drunk, in the gutter, dishevelled and dirty.
His speech is slurred and his eyes are red
His bottle is empty, he has a cut on his head.*

*The ambulance men hear the phone in the hall
They pick up their coats and respond to the call,
It's nothing unusual
A drunk's had a fall !*

*The nurses are busy, (Less staff on at night).
They've settled their patients and dimmed down the light,
Then, one wants a bedpan, and an old man is dying
His wife at his bedside, sits silently crying.*

*The ambulance men push open the door
And bring in the drunk, dripping blood on the floor.
At the sight of the forceps he shouts out in fright.
(Who'd be a nurse at this time of night??)*

*By the first glow of daylight, the milkman's about,
Delivering 'orders' collecting bottles, left out.
The Postmen are busy sorting the Mail.
The town is awakening under a plane's vapour trail.*

*High in the sky, the pilot looks down
On the somnolent beauty of the small seaside town.
Off in the east, the sun is just peeping.
What will the day bring, when the 'Night Watch' are sleeping?*

Noel Thornton.





Playing Cards

Did you know that a traditional deck of playing cards are a strikingly coherent form of a calendar?

There are 52 weeks of the year and there are 52 cards in a deck. There are 13 weeks in each season and there are 13 cards in each suit. There are four seasons in a year and four suits in the deck.

The red cards represent day while the black cards represent night. There are 12 months in the year so there are 12 court cards (those with faces, namely, jack queen, and king in each suit).

If you let jacks = 11, queens = 12, and the kings = 13, then add up all the sums of 1 + 2 + 3... to 13 = 91. Multiply this by 4, for the 4 suits, therefore 91 x 4 = 364. Add 1 that is the Joker and you will arrive at 365, being the days in a year. Is that mere coincidence or a greater intelligence?

The spades indicate ploughing or working; the hearts indicate love thy crops; the clubs indicate flourishing and growth; and the diamonds indicate reaping wealth.

There is a deeper philosophy than just playing cards. The mathematical perfection is stunning!

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

South Hams District Council Election of Parish Councillors

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Ashpington	Seven	Kingsbridge (Kingsbridge Westville)	Three
Aveton Gifford	Nine	Kingston	Seven
Berry Pomeroy (Bridgetown)	Four	Kingswear (Hillhead)	Five
Berry Pomeroy (Village)	Three	Kingswear (Kingswear)	Five
Bickleigh (Bickleigh)	Two	Littlehempston	Five
Bickleigh (Woolwell)	Seven	Loddiswell	Ten
Bigbury	Seven	Malborough	Nine
Blackawton	Seven	Marldon	Ten
Brixton	Nine	Modbury	Twelve
Buckfastleigh West	Seven	Newton & Noss	Twelve
Buckland-Tout-Saints	Five	North Huish	Seven
Charleton	Eight	Rattery	Seven
Chivelstone	Seven	Ringmore	Seven
Churchstow	Seven	Salcombe	Twelve
Cornwood	Eleven	Shaugh Prior	Nine
Cornworthy	Seven	Slapton	Nine
Dartington	Eleven	South Brent (Brentmoor)	Three
Dartmouth (Dartmouth Clifton)	Ten	South Brent (Village)	Nine
Dartmouth (Dartmouth Townstal)	Six	South Huish	Seven
Dean Prior	Five	South Milton	Seven
Diptford	Eight	South Pool	Seven
Dittisham	Nine	Sparkwell	Eleven
East Allington	Seven	Staverton	Nine
East Portlemouth	Seven	Stoke Fleming	Nine
Ermington	Ten	Stoke Gabriel	Nine
Frogmore & Sherford (Frogmore)	Five	Stokenham	Thirteen
Frogmore & Sherford (Sherford)	Three	Strete	Seven
Halwell & Moreleigh	Ten	Thurlestone	Seven
Harberton (Harberton)	Six	Totnes (Totnes Bridgetown)	Six
Harberton (Harbertonford)	Six	Totnes (Totnes Town)	Ten
Holbeton	Ten	Ugborough (Ugborough East)	Ten
Holne	Seven	Ugborough (Ugborough West)	One
Ivybridge (Ivybridge East)	Eight	Wembury (Down Thomas)	Five
Ivybridge (Ivybridge West)	Eight	Wembury (Wembury)	Seven
Kingsbridge (Kingsbridge East)	Five	West Alvington	Nine
Kingsbridge (Kingsbridge North)	Five	Yealmpton	Ten

- Forms of nomination for Parish Elections may be obtained from Clerks to Parish Councils or The Returning Officer, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5NE who will, at the request of an elector for any electoral area prepare a nomination paper for signature.
- Nomination papers must be **hand delivered** to the Returning Officer, Civic Entrance, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5NE on any day (excluding weekends and bank holidays) from the date of this notice between the hours of 10am and 4pm but no later than 4 pm on Wednesday, 3rd April 2019.
- If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday, 2nd May 2019.
- Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes or changes to existing proxy voting arrangements must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5NE by 5 pm on Monday, 15th April 2019.
- Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5NE by 5 pm on Wednesday, 24th April 2019.
- Applications to vote by proxy at this election applied for on grounds of physical incapacity, where that physical incapacity occurred after 5 pm on Wednesday, 24th April 2019, must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5NE by 5 pm on Thursday, 2nd May 2019.
- Applications to vote by proxy at this election applied for on grounds of occupation, service or employment, where the applicant became aware of those grounds after 5 pm on Wednesday, 24th April 2019, must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5NE by 5 pm on Thursday, 2nd May 2019.
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FARM GATE

It has been bothering me for some time that I have to buy my milk in plastic bottles every week, as it is just one more nail in the coffin of the environment.

PLASTIC PLASTIC not FANTASTIC!

So when I found out that one of our local farms had begun a new venture selling milk in returnable glass bottles - I was over the moon. **Mary and Peter Fish of Challon's Combe Farm** began this venture this January, after their daughter, Rosie, kept the pressure on them to 'do something' to give people options. Rosie is studying Oceanography at Plymouth University, so she is well aware of the plastic pollution in our seas.

I met up with the Fish family to discover more about the challenges and rewards of this initiative, in the hope that more of us will support their endeavours and buy more of our milk in bottles from now on.

The Challon's Combe dairy herd of British Frisian crosses is currently about 36

milking cows and Peter is aiming to have sixty cows by the end of 2019. As Mary explained, "Moving from plastic to glass has been a much bigger hurdle than we anticipated. There is a lot more work involved in cleaning and hand filling glass bottles than the system we were used to with plastic containers. At the moment it takes us almost twice as long to do. But we have had such good feedback from people about the great taste of our milk that it makes it all worth while". Peter hopes that they will be able to speed up as they get used to the new system.

The Challon's Combe organic herd is entirely pasture fed from the 142 acres of the farm and about 50 acres of rented ground for rough grazing. Their milk is pasteurized but not homogenized so the cream will rise to the top of the bottle, even if the milk is semi-skimmed. I have been giving my milk bottle a quick shake or two to mix the creamier milk back into the rest of the milk. It tastes delicious.

When asked why they decided to feed their cows entirely from pasture, Mary

was quick to respond, "Really because most people said you cant do it!". It seems that to succeed in farming, requires that sort of attitude today - just get on with it and figure it out! Mary went on to explain "Animals fed a natural diet of grass pasture are less stressed (we particularly notice this when they calve, even heifers will stand quietly if their calf needs us to put it to suckle the first time). They fidget a lot less in the milking parlour too. Grass pasture fed animals have very good natural fertility and very rarely suffer from metabolic disorders. Milk and meat from these animals, not fed any grains, have more vitamins and minerals and a much better ratio of omega 3 to omega 6 fatty acids than grain fed animals. The other reason we decided to go to a pasture only system was the very high cost of organic concentrate feeds'.

They stopped feeding concentrates and began focusing on pasture feeding cows in 2012. Peter explained "Because no concentrates are being fed and the herd calves all year round, significantly more milk is produced in the spring and summer than in the winter when the cows are eating silage instead of growing grass. Producing top quality silage is key to making our system work well."

Organic fodder beet for the dairy herd is grown to supplement. Their son **Andrew Fish**, has developed a hog roast and sausage enterprise with the 3 sows that help to snout out the thistles and docks from the old fodder beet fields. He has 40 to 40 weaner pigs each year, mostly saddleback crosses. I can also testify that the sausages are great!

Sons, Andrew and Jonathan, both have part time jobs off the farm. Mary told me that "Jonathan does most of our machinery and technical repairs while Andrew does most of the fence and building repairs."

The new Challon's Combe glass bottled milk can be purchased at **Holywell Stores**, **Aune Valley** butchers and **Mackgills** in Modbury and the **Post office shop** in **Aveton Gifford**.

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RUSTY'S ELECTION PROMISES

1. THE ENVIRONMENT

There is a proliferation of new kennel building for humans, which is likely to cause even more litter and mess on our beaches. When elected, I promise to use my best offices to ensure unaccompanied humans are banned from our beaches in the summer months. My readers have already noted the success of ODA in achieving a cat-free Bigbury Beach (Monty excepted). My ban will ensure that only humans with dogs will be admitted in the summer months. Since humans are quite well trained in clearing up after their dogs but not themselves, this simple policy will aid our environment.

2. CAT PROTECTION

In the interest of public decency I promise to introduce a new era of tolerance. All cats will be allowed to reside in the parish free of restraint or pursuit. This will be subject to three reasonable conditions:

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C. Each cat must submit details of its ancestry and relationships, including names and addresses of parents and grandparents.

(To acknowledge his privileged position as pub cat, Monty will be granted temporary annually renewable canine status, and may be exempted from the licensing requirement.)

3. THE AGING POPULATION

I promise to extend the current facility for aging humans, to include provision for aging dogs. I have fully costed this benefit, (we dogs must pay our way and not be a burden). The expense will be covered by the introduction of "C.A.T." (Canine Assistance Tax). This duty will be exacted at local retailers, and food and beverage providers. I realise that the expression "C.A.T." may cause surprise or even irritation in some quarters, but I will not shirk responsibility. Too many dogs are neglected and unloved in their dotage. In the interest of fairness I shall be asking the well known "Demo-CAT", Monty, to design this charge.

4. A WALL FOR BIGBURY

I will have a wall built around Bigbury's perimeter to prevent the incursion of unwanted humans. This will address the question of proliferation, clearly the cause of much human debate.

Rusty.
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BIGBURY WATCH

This month Eamon and Linda, our Bigbury Watch team sent us a personal note which shows that we must all remain vigilant to avoid these telephone scams. I have also added (p 17) the Devon & Cornwall Alert on a similar scam. Don't be anxious - it's not rude to JUST HANG UP. If you are worried maybe a call to our Bigbury Watch team for advice would reassure you?

Here is Eamon and Linda's note:

Personal thoughts on the blight of internet & phone Fraud

Recently I was waiting for a BT engineer's arrival to turn the internet connection live at my daughter's house. He duly arrived and after 20 minutes left with me happily having WiFi.

A short while later I received an automated call from BT which I answered which then cut off. I then received another call this time from BT call centre to ask if my connection had gone fine. I replied it had to which I was advised that the speed as far as they were concerned was not acceptable and that they needed to access my IP address to speed it up.

I was asked what type of device I accessed the internet with PC or Apple. He wanted me to download 'Team Viewer' software that would allow him to access my PC remotely to make the necessary alterations.

I at this time believed it was a scam and asked for his telephone number so I could call back. He gave me a number that was very similar to BT's number but not the same. At this time I terminated the call and called BT who confirmed this was a scam they were aware of.

If I had gone a step further he would have gained access to my PC and then his software would be able to capture all my keystrokes and gain access to bank accounts and other sensitive info when I next went on line.

I was shaken! It certainly raised my guard when dealing with people on the telephone or on email who request sensitive information.

Eamonn and Linda Brynes
Bigbury Watch Coordinators



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Below is one of the Alerts sent by the Devon and Cornwall Alert scheme this month.

STOP: Police will NEVER call you and ask for your bank account details
 SHARE this advisory with relatives, friends or neighbours who will not see it on line and who may be vulnerable.
 REMEMBER: Police will NEVER ask for account details over the phone. They will NEVER ask you to withdraw money for "safeguarding". If you receive a call from someone claiming to be a police officer from the Metropolitan Police or any other force, saying that your bank or other debit card has been misused in the London area, HANG UP. This is a fraud.

Do not call back even though they are very convincing and ask you to call 999 to confirm: the fraudsters will stay on the line and that is who you will be talking to if you do. If you are still uncertain use a completely different phone to call your bank, or call a friend on their number to ensure the line is clear as the fraudsters won't be able to impersonate someone you know.

Report the scam call to 101 or at 101@dc.police.uk or to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

If the scam call is continued with, fraudsters will then ask for bank details and ask victims to go to the bank and withdraw money, which they will send a courier to collect so that it is "safe". If you know anyone who has done this, or if you have done this, call 101 immediately and also your bank

To receive crime alerts emailed directly to your in-box - subscribe to **Devon & Cornwall ALERT**.

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I've been browsing through your magazine and enjoying resurrecting memories and reading some of the History Society submissions.

My parents moved to Bigbury when I was an infant and by age ten they had moved again. My father was the police constable between 1944 and 1951. We lived at the Police Station between Bigbury Village and St. Ann's Chapel. It's now a private home and I see the garage has been moved to the other side of the house where Dad kept his chickens.

The village and hamlets have changed a bit - mostly things being used differently. The Pickwick Arms has a new name and the Royal Oak has gone by the wayside. A little bakery at St. Ann's Chapel is now a private house. The amusement arcade at Bigbury on Sea seems to be a local shop.

The war was ending when I first moved to Bigbury and I recall three or four times a mine broke free of its anchor and washed towards the rocks at Challaborough. At least one did explode with a deafening noise - even as far back as we lived.

Then there was the blizzard of 1947 when my father and three or four other men set out from the Pickwick Inn to get through to Modbury for help.

We had no bus service until about 1948 and petrol rationing meant most people did not have cars. Meat, fish and vegetables came by delivery van from Modbury and had to be ordered a week ahead. After we got bus service, my family got a free pass once a month to Plymouth in return for allowing the timetable to be erected on the front bank.

I went to school at AG Elementary but

only after about 1949 because there was no school bus service before that. Spending nearly all your time in the village meant you knew everyone. My baby sitter, **Jessie Wakem**, lived next door and a best friend **Jimmy Woodmason** lived across the road.

Every few weeks my mother got her hair done by **Mrs. Wallace** who had a small hair dressing business in Bigbury Village. Most summer days Mum took us to the beach and the poor woman then had to drag us all up Folly Hill. Two in a pram and me on a tricycle! No wonder her legs gave out in old age.

Thanks for the memories,
David Ellis
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The Editor was delighted to receive the above email in the Bigbury News Postbag and asked David if he had any old friends that he remembers. His reply is below. If anyone can share information about his old friends or would like to share their 'Bigbury Stories' with us...please write into the Postbag.

I'm afraid I no longer get back to England. My parents are both dead and only one of my three brothers still lives in the UK, the others having gone to France. The last time I visited Bigbury was about twenty years ago when I visited with my US born wife to show her where I originated. We stayed at Hope Cove overnight.

Old friends from Bigbury are very limited. In the 1940s, even going to the village shop was only a once weekly affair so we stayed in that little hamlet between the Village and St. Anne's Chapel. **Jessie Wakem/Wakum** and her brother **Fritzie** lived next door and **Jimmy Woodmason** lived across the road. Other than that I do not even recall any names. There was a girl (maybe **Pamela**) a few years older than me lived next door to Jimmy and two or three teenagers in the end house of the terrace, closest to St. Anne's Chapel, but they were at least ten years older than I so we rarely intersected. The one exception was on November 5th when Dad used arrange that everyone pooled their fireworks for a communal show in the front garden and he used to get permission from the Coastguard to test fire four or five shells from a Very Pistol that was issued to him during the war.

I wish I could get back to visit but advancing age makes air travel extremely unattractive.

David E.



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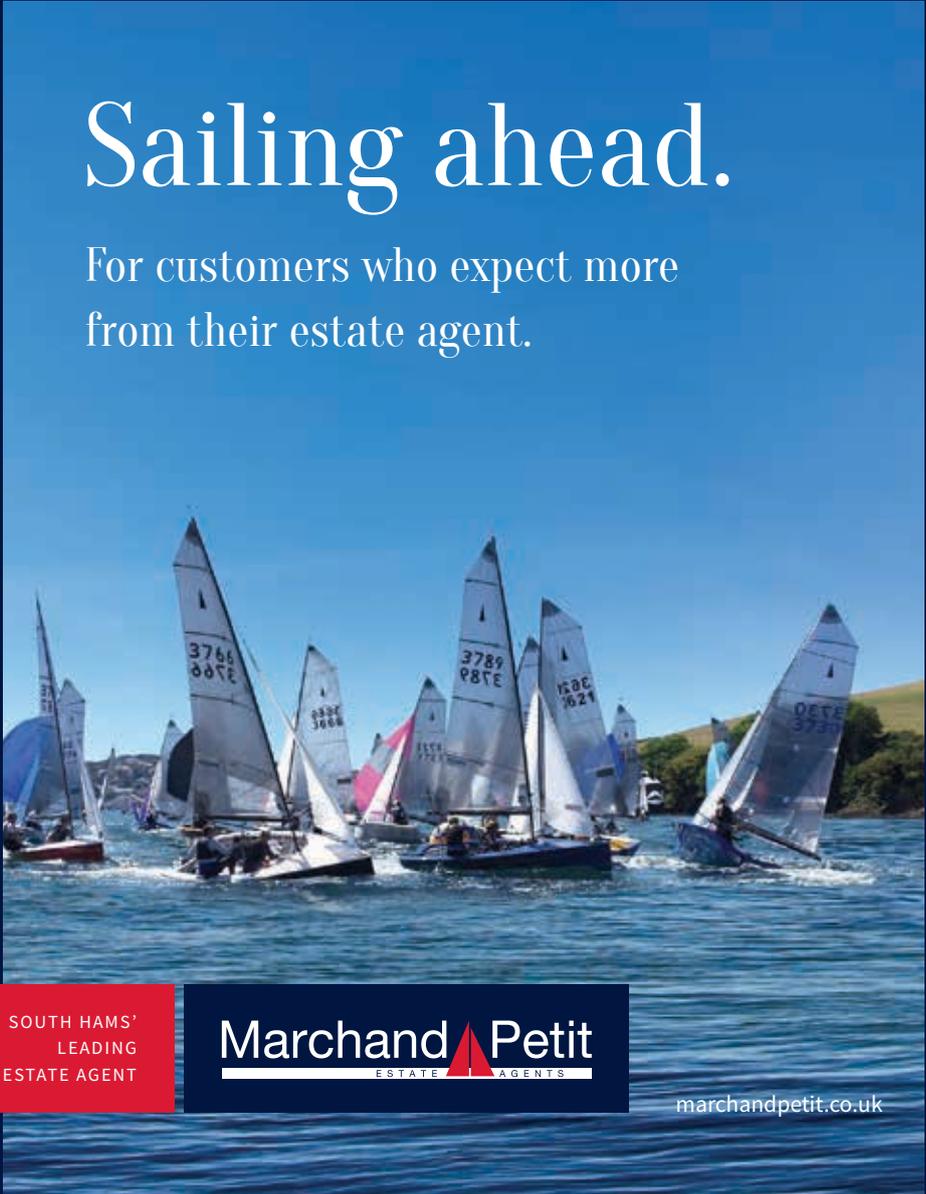
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South Efford Marsh

South Efford Marsh is a wildlife reserve at the upper end of the Avon Estuary; open to the public. Much of the information below was taken from the Aveton Gifford community website. The accompanying photograph, taken on 9th March 2019 was kindly provided by **Mike Wynne-Powell** of Ringmore and provides an interesting record of how the planned transition from a freshwater grazing marsh into a salt marsh is progressing. (See photo bottom of page 21)

South Efford Marsh was originally created in the 1780's by enclosing an area of foreshore and mud flats in the estuary with a banked retaining wall. Since that time it was used as a grazing marsh until 2009 when it was bought by the **Environment**

Agency (EA) as part of their **Habitat Creation Programme**.

After the installation of a tidal gate (visible at the bottom of the photograph) to regulate the flow of water into the marsh, this 17 hectare site is now an enclosed area of riverside pasture and developing salt marsh containing both fresh and salt/brackish water habitats.

Although the EA still owns it, the marsh is now leased and managed by the **Devon Wildlife Trust**. The EA continues to maintain a keen interest in the marsh, and monitors the tidal regulating gate, which controls the flow of water in and out.

Visitors are welcome and there is no entrance charge, but because of the sensitive areas of feeding and nesting birds on the marsh no dogs are allowed. A footpath from the entrance takes walkers around

the northern half of the perimeter; visitors are not encouraged to walk down the more open southern half of the site as this will disturb nesting and feeding birds.

A hide provides shelter from the weather and excellent views in two directions - not only of the marsh but, also, back over the estuary.

Cattle graze the fields for part of the year subject to a grazing agreement, and this helps to keep the grass short enough to encourage the growth of a more diverse variety of plants, and also to attract waders and wildfowl during the winter months.

At the northern end, reed- and willow-lined ditches run through the site attracting birds such as sedge warblers, reed buntings, and kingfishers, and in the winter the ditches also attract over-wintering water rail – seldom seen but often heard. The banks adjacent to the river are covered in gorse and wild flowers such as black knapweed and birds foot trefoil, and are a haven for butterflies. Amongst other species this area attracts linnet, whitethroat, chiff chaff, dunnoek, wren, goldfinch, goldcrest and the common lizard.

The tidal sluice creates pools and shallow areas of salt and brackish water; attractive feeding grounds for waders and wildfowl. Plants here include sea spurry, sea arrow-grass and sea club-rush, and in a survey done in the summer of 2013 new salt-marsh species were beginning to grow here – marsh samphire, sea aster, sea purslane and common cordgrass (*Spartina*) – whose seeds are brought from the river with the incoming water.

Visitors may see red shank, green shank, black tailed godwit, green sandpiper, oystercatchers and dunlin; and it is a regular feeding site for swallows, swifts, and house and sand martins. Wintering curlew also use the marsh for roosting and feeding at high tide.

Unusual and even rare birds may be seen – wood sandpiper, over-wintering water pipits, woodchat shrike, glossy ibis, spoon-bill, with sightings of osprey over the estuary. Otters are still on the marsh and the surrounding area.

South Efford Marsh is on the outskirts of Aveton Gifford at Bridge End, and can be reached by crossing the bridge and taking the lane to the right just before the hill. Parking near the site is very limited; the nearest car park is by the Timbers roundabout.

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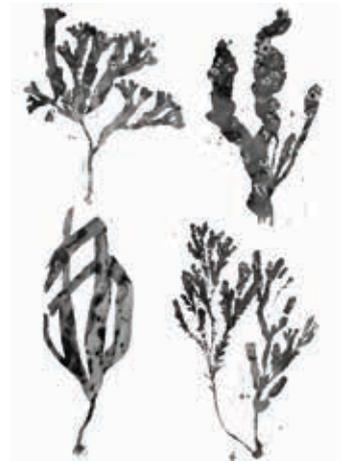
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Abigail Robinson (above)

My poems are about what nature brings to loss and alienation, sensual experiences that both comfort and illuminate. They come at a time in my life when I have lost much of what used to nourish me, body and soul: I have recently been diagnosed with a terminal illness.

Poetry remains. It reclaims and deepens my engagement with truth. What is important to me in poetry, as in life, is the wonder that exists in articulating the eternal presence that through its enfolding, transforms all.



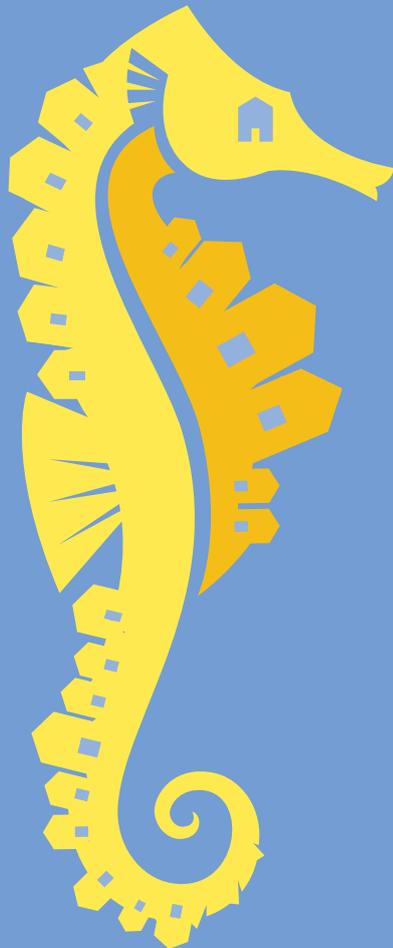
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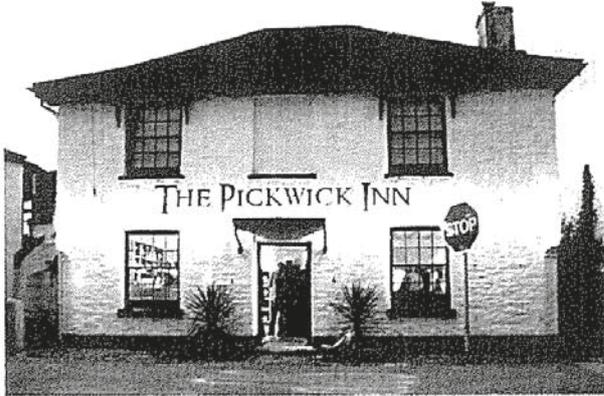
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If you have a mountain of autumn leaves to clear up - you could put them in a separate pile to form a moisture rich soil improver or as a potting mix and alternative to peat.

When your compost is ready to use, it will have become a black soil-like layer at the bottom of your bin. Spread this 'black gold' onto your flower beds to improve soil quality and conserve soil moisture. It will have beneficial fungi and bacteria in it which will also help to reduce the need to use chemical fertilisers and pesticides.

Louise Wainwright

OH DEER ME!

Newly planted trees and shrubs are very tempting treats for deer and rabbits. They will chew away at the bark, and may even kill them. We are just about to plant a number of magnolia trees in the garden and already have several rhododendrons recently planted. As spring bursts into song, I am expecting that these treats will not have gone unnoticed by the local roe deer and rabbits in this valley.

I am trying out an old remedy for this which was explained to me by an elderly person who worked at a carnation nursery with me when I was on my practical placement. He swore that it kept a persistent badger out of his strawberry patch. A French nursery stock producer (in France) also used this trick to keep deer away from his conifers and I know that this technique is used at RHS Wisley to keep deer away from roses. Strawberry farmers in Kent once used it successfully to keep foxes from pulling up drip irrigation lines during a drought.

The recipe for deterring these animals is: human hair stuffed into a pair of old tights and tied into a firm 'sausage' shape. This is then tied onto a cane - to make something that looks like a fishing rod with a weird sausage on the end. Ask a fine Bigbury man to pee into a bucket to provide a testosterone-rich 'liquid' into which you dip the 'sausage'. Soak overnight so that the sausage soaks up the chemical signals in the male pee. This will help you to mark out the territory that you wish to protect. Place the canes with the 'special sausages' on the perimeter of the fields or garden. If you can see where they come through the hedge - that's a good place to 'mark'. Wash hands and see what happens. Good luck! Do you have any home remedies for the garden woes?

Louise Wainwright

Waxing or waning?



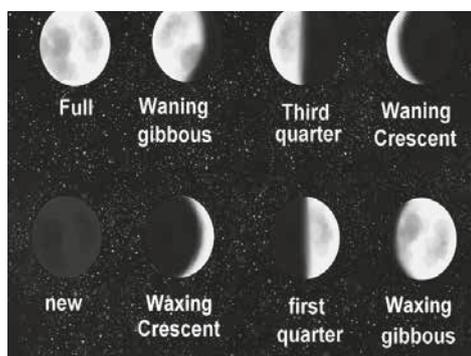
As you look up into the night sky and see that crescent moon, many a time the question occurs, is it waxing or waning and which way round is it anyway? So to clarify - when the moon is waxing it shows a gradual increase in brightness before coming a full moon. Whilst a waning moon shows a gradual decrease in brightness after the full moon.

These changes are associated with the meanings, as wax means to gain in strength and vigour whilst waning is the reverse. Then when the moon appears smaller than a quarter, the term crescent is used. When the moon appears larger than a quarter, then it is termed gibbous.

So how to tell whether the moon is waxing or waning? One memory aid is D. O. C. Since the moon always follows the same illumination pattern, you can use the shape of the letters D, O, and C to determine if the moon is waxing or waning. During the first quarter, the moon will look like a D. When it's full, it will look like an O and when it's in the third quarter, it will look like a C.

Another method to tell whether the moon is waxing or waning is that if the moon is dark on the right hand side it is waning and therefore you could call it a Wainwright moon - now where have I heard that name before. Of course if you are reading this in Southern hemisphere then the illumination pattern is reversed but that is another story!

The Old Cockerel



GARDEN GATE



Garden Gate is back as a regular feature and Bigbury Gardeners are invited to contribute photographs, questions and advice. If you have seeds or plants to swap please also write in to offer or seek them. Whilst we await these contributions, here follows some thoughts from the Editor.

'Peat' Marsh started our Garden Gate feature last year and reminded us of the importance of home produced compost. Download the March 2018 issue from Bigbury Drums website for his guidance on compost production. It occurred to me that if more of us made compost at home instead of 'throwing away' this gold dust every two weeks in the brown bins there would be a win-win. We would improve our soil in our gardens and reduce the cost to the Council of collecting this very heavy waste from our homes. Here are a few more compost tips.

Ingredients: vegetable and fruit waste, teabags and coffee grounds, plant prunings and grass cuttings. Nitrogen content of the compost improves with these materials and the moisture is well balanced. You can also add torn up cardboard egg boxes, screwed up paper and fallen leaves to improve the fibre and carbon levels in compost and aerate the compost. Crushed eggshell will provide useful minerals.

Never put meat or dairy products, diseased plants, dog poo or cat litter, or babies' nappies. They will cause a stink! Your compost could spread weeds if you include perennial weeds (such as dandelions and thistle) or weeds with seed heads. Of course - plastics, glass and metals are not suitable for composting and should be recycled separately.

Good compost will have a balance of 'greens' and 'browns'. If your compost is too wet, add more 'browns'. If it's too dry, add some 'greens'. Make sure there are enough air pockets in the pile by either turning the compost once a month or stuffing in bits of scrunched up cardboard.

CULTURE CLUB

Poetry at The Pickwick

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I came into contact with them when I was invited to the book launch at the Clipper Inn in Plymouth on the 9th of February. Sadly, I was unavailable, being abroad, but met Rosie Barrett on my return to learn more about the group.

They are; **Abigail Robinson**: a music thanatologist (one playing music to comfort in hospices) with an intense love of nature. She is sadly missed by the group after her death in December 2018.

Jane Slavin: former journalist and now communications officer at Plymouth City Council. She was National Poetry Award 2017 runner up and has been published in literary magazines.

BIGBURY BAKERS

for about 12 hours. The ratio of cream to buttermilk doesn't really matter all that much; add more buttermilk and you'll need less time for the cream to thicken (but it'll be less creamy). Add more, and it takes longer, but tastes better. We found one tablespoon of buttermilk per cup of cream (that's a 1:16 ratio) to strike the best balance.

This crème fraîche gets super rich and creamy at right about the 12-hour mark. You can also halt the process early by just refrigerating it to stop the bacterial action. This is useful if you want a thinner Mexican-style **crema agria** for drizzling over tacos or sopes. For those of you worried about cream spoiling at room temp, that's the idea: it's the good bacteria from the buttermilk multiplying in there that prevents the dangerous bacteria from taking over.

Jo Ball: an Integrative Arts Psychotherapist, she set up and runs the social enterprise Mums4AChange.

Melisande Fitzsimons: French, with a background in Fine Arts and translation. Her work has been published in anthologies and literary magazines world-wide.

Rachel Gippetti: Born in Boston, USA, now working at Plymouth College of Art. She has been published in the UK and USA and is the author of several children's books.

Rosie Barrett: a former radio reporter, whose work has been published in England and Tasmania. She is a resident of Bigbury.

These six women writers, based in and around Plymouth, came together attending the Poetry School's Plymouth Seminars. Some of their tutors, all poets of some note, were Hannah, Silva, Rebecca Gethin and Lucy Lepchani, whose **Crafty Little Press** published this book.

The poems have a wide range of themes from motherhood, family life, technology and Nature and each poet has a distinctive voice inspired by her background. The anthology's unique illustrations are by Tom Merton Jones, an artist, designer and print-maker based in Yorkshire. The anthology is concise, contemporary and witty, so as the poets say -

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Dilys Doughty
Culture Club sub-Editor

Faith (not hope)

*Intense sunlight burnishes moorland grasses
into wires of gold,
haloes stream white, white and larger than
the already luminescence of sheep.*

*A fuzzier radiance envelops the young fur of
wild ponies,
here, where nubs of mountains were born out of
volcanic fire.*

*The light, a ball, rolls along the horizon.
Radiance now upward and below.*

*Then darkness comes
under clouds suffused with gold
rainbow tinges fanning their light:*

beauty tearing at my grief.

*I turn to face into the dark.
There, I see a blackthorn tree
with a nest held aloft,
lifted like a chalice.*

*This winter nest, darker and stronger than
unbearable hope.*

Thorns cradle a far off birth.

*A void, pregnant
to the unseen,
the unknown
and the seemingly impossible.*

Abigail Robinson

Readers are warmly invited to contribute their recipes to **Bigbury Bakers**. Together with our celebrated local chefs, we may be able to collect enough recipes featuring local produce - to publish a booklet.

I have been motivated to try to make my own **yoghurt** and **crème fraîche** in the future to help reduce the amount of plastic containers in my weekly shopping basket! I was inspired by my visit to Challon's Combe Farm this week for the feature on Farm Gate. Mary and Peter Fish have begun offering a glass milk bottle product, which reduces a lot of plastic use from buying milk in plastic bottles.

PLASTIC, PLASTIC - NOT FANTASTIC!

This is what Mr Google has to say - I am going to have a go. What about you?

You simply combine cream with a small amount of **buttermilk** and allow it to rest in a covered container at room temperature

How to make buttermilk? They say all you need to do is add a tablespoon or two of lemon juice OR white vinegar into the bowl with one cup of whole milk. Stir to combine. Sounds easy!

Yoghurt making is very similar to making crème fraîche. Ingredients: 2 heaped tbsp organic yogurt, 500ml organic milk and 3 tbsp milk powder. Bring the yoghurt to room temperature; warm the milk to 46 deg C. Whisk in the milk powder then pour on to the yoghurt. Cover the dish and wrap it up in a thick towel before putting it in a warm place overnight. The next day, transfer to the fridge and let it chill thoroughly. Maybe even I should be able to make this.

Get brewing!

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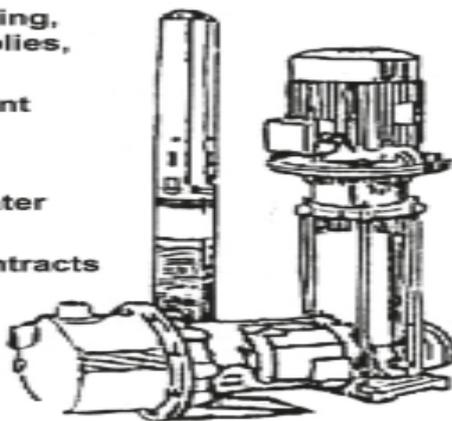
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BEACH BANTER

SEA TRACTOR'S 50th BIRTHDAY

In the days before the sea tractor was instated, to take visitors over to Burgh Island, the sea would close together across the sands and encircle the island twice a day. Of course that still happens, but the island is now not as cut off as it was in the old days.

Half a Century ago, Robert Jackson CBE, designed the first sea tractor in exchange for a case of champagne! He might just as well have designed a time machine, as the journey through the waves can transport visitors to another world entirely. Since then, there have been three other versions of the sea tractor but all based on the early engineering features.

Before the current model was commissioned, the previous owners had toyed with the idea of a cable car. This would probably have been a bit of an eyesore, rather like a large washing line across the water. Alternatives such as an underground train were also considered, along with the idea of using an ex-army amphibious landing craft. Fortunately, they settled on the much-loved sea tractor which has been part of many people's lives in recent times.

The **Bigbury History Society** archives reveal a few headline moments in the life of the Burgh Island sea tractor.

Extract from Bigbury Archives 15.4.1931
Sea Tractor Transport: 'In olden days a prolonged stay on the island might mean that the visitor would be cut off from the mainland by the tide and unless a fishing boat happened to be within call, or the weather was bad, he might be obliged to



stay until the next day. This hazard will be avoided under ordinary conditions of weather in future for as part of the development scheme (ref Archibald Nettlefold) a sea tractor will be ready to transport the guests to the new Burgh Island Hotel on the island'.

Maintaining the sea tractor has many challenges as it operates in a tough environment with, given its age, spare parts often needing to be custom made but recognising its significance, its unique craftsmanship, and its central place in the history of Burgh Island and its iconic hotel - a humble homage is paid to its glorious past and vibrant future.

Duncan Gray, Managing Director of Burgh Island commented: "When we bought the hotel last year, we knew it was really important to preserve the things that make visiting the island unique. Nothing fits that category more than the sea tractor, which is such a fundamental part of the island's history and heritage. It is a link back to the hotel's glamorous past as well as being an essential part of its future. We hope for many generations to come it will continue to provide a singular form of transport to one of the world's most sought-after and iconic destinations."

www.burghisland.com



Do you have any old photographs or stories to share about the sea tractor in the last 50 years?

The Editor would be pleased to share these in the next Beach Banter. Thank you.



Spring coming early this year has been such a bonus, particularly as it coincided with some spectacular surf, and at

Half Term too. Here at Discovery we got plenty of surfing and filming in and have also been keeping busy with lessons. The sunshine had certainly encouraged a few people to venture in despite the water still being very much on the chilly side! See a couple of pictures (below) from the recent run of good weather/waves.

We're currently decorating the shop down at Bigbury and getting all our kit ready for the main season, but are available for lessons and hire if you're keen to get in.

DISCOUNTS & OFFERS

We're working with the South Devon AONB again to provide discounted lessons for locals - the **1st lesson is April 27th**, and costs £19, so if you'd like to book in please get in touch. All the dates are on our website too. Surf Club is still running every Saturday for local children and membership renewal is 1st April.

We'll be open everyday throughout the Easter holidays so pop in and see us. As well as regular lessons we've got our special discounted Easter Course: Mon-Fri 8th-12th April and Mon-Fri 15th-19th April - it is aimed at 8-16year olds and the 5 lesson course costs £99pp.

It's still early season and there are no lifeguards on duty yet, so if you're unsure about the conditions or would like some advice we'll be happy to help. We keep our Facebook and Instagram updated with pictures and news, so please check them out.

Look forward to seeing you at the beach!

Annika & Martin Connolly



BEACH BANTER



Seadream are really excited to be organising the “Ocean Discovery Zone” for the second year at the wonderful

Devon County Show, which is 16-18th May inclusive at Westpoint Exeter.

We have organised a massive pavilion full of enthusiastic scientists, educators and environment specialists all with a passion for our oceans. In our “Ocean Discovery Zone” we host representatives from around 10 local groups, mostly charities such as the Marine Biological Association, Devon Wildlife Trust and Wembury Marine Centre - all with a shared passion for our ocean.



Sea Dreams pavillion 2018

Each group puts on a show or does some exciting interactive activity, all for free, to share awareness. Seadream will be having fun with bio-luminescence - The **British Divers Marine Life Rescue** will be doing seal health checks - **Till the coast is clear** will have their boat and showcase their great clean up effort and much, much more.

Our wonderful pavilion space is sponsored by **Devon County Show** itself, **Coastal Recycling**, **Havells Electrical**, **Brooklands Events** and hopefully a few others TBC.

If any local companies would like to get in touch to help us with travel expenses for volunteers and some of the activity costs we'd love to hear from you!

You can contact me, Juliette, by email jjackson@seadreameducation.com, Facebook (seadreameducation) or call 01548 810307.

Thank you.

Juliette Jackson



CHALLABOROUGH - AWARD WINNING BEACHES 2018

The enthusiasm with which local residents turn out for regular beach cleans, reflects their commitment to keeping our beaches beautiful. Businesses too play a strong part.

Park Dean Resorts won both the Blue Flag and the Seaside Award for the beach at Challaborough in 2018. This beach is more protected than Bigbury Beach from the outflows from the River Avon which flow past Aveton Gifford. For more information on this issue please read the Bigbury Bio Blog in the December issue (p 30).

All beaches are required by EU legislation to have bathing water quality tested twice per year. The two sides of Bigbury Beach were awarded an **Excellent** (Bigbury-on-Sea NORTH) and **Good** (Bigbury-on-Sea SOUTH).

DOGS ON THE BEACH

There have been many posts on the Charterlands Chatter Face-book page concerning the apparently ‘new’ rules about restriction for dogs on the beach at Bigbury.

It appears that dogs restrictions apply between:

1st May to 30th September.

Dogs are only allowed on the beach on any day:

Before 10.00 am and after 7 pm

See map for restricted zones.

The Fixed Penalty is £100 and if the penalty remains unpaid, a court can award a penalty of up to £1,000.



SUB EDITOR for BEACH BANTER

Beach Banter brings together news and views from the island, beach, sea, and riverside. Do you live in **Bigbury on Sea** and like taking photographs of what is happening down there? You would be ideally placed to be the roving reporter and send me the information needed. Perhaps it could be a group of friends who do this for Bigbury News? What Fun!

Beach Banter needs about five photos per month with no more than 150 words to go with each photo. You would need to talk to the sponsors, **Venus, Burgh Island and Discovery**, each month to check if they want any news items posted. Otherwise, just keep your eyes and ears open and give people a flavour of what is happening out there! Hope to hear from you!

Louise Wainwright



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Affordable housing scheme St Ann's Chapel

The application is now on the SHDC website **Ref: 4214/18/FUL**. The 3-week consultation period has commenced and the target date for determination of the application is **25 April 2019**.

The following responses have already been received:

Natural England – *No objection.*

Historic England – *No objection.*

Devon CC Historic Environment – *No objection.*

SHDC Trees – *No objection.*

South West Water – *No objection.*

RSPB recommends:

- Providing integral nest sites within each dwelling;
- Retained and new boundary hedges should not be included within peoples garden boundaries to avoid hedges and trees being excessively pruned or removed. A management scheme to be put in place.
- Retained and created hedges are planted and managed as hedges, rather than linear woodlands. This will also be more suitable for curl buntings and other hedge nesting species.
- Permeable garden boundaries, ideally via garden hedges. If fences are used these should include at least one 'hedgehog' sized hole.
- Recommend enhanced management of the remainder of the boundary hedges in the arable field i.e. hedges not cut annually and not so close to the bank/ground. This will help nesting opportunities for curl buntings and other birds.

Devon CC Highways:

1. The site junction visibility splay should be increased. DCC have evidence of 35mph speeds at the access point. (The need for the visibility splays suggested is currently being discussed with Richard Jackson, Devon CC Highways).
2. The road width should be widened from 4.8m to 5.5m. (Possibly only required for first section of the road).
3. A Section 38 Red Line Boundary is required so the Highway Authority can see how the layout affects what it will be expected to adopt.
4. The site access junction must have 10m radii as it meets the B Road.
5. A 10.2m refuse lorry should be tracked within the adoptable highway to demonstrate that it can turn around on site and enter and exit in a forward gear.
6. The road appears to be block paved. The preference of the Highway Authority is tarmac construction if it is to be offered for adoption. If the applicant or Planning Authority insist on a non-tarmac finish than concrete imprint would be a preferred

next option. (A concrete imprint finish is currently being considered as an option to tarmac).

7. Longitudinal section of road is required.
8. Further details required to show how the pedestrian route will tie into Holwell Lane. It is recommended that the route be 3m in width to allow cyclists to use this route. (He has since agreed to a 2.5m route).
9. Need to ensure that legally pedestrian/cycle access rights on to Holwell Lane will be achieved in perpetuity. (This should not be a problem as this road is public highway owned by Devon CC).
10. Give way lines and a centre-line to be shown at access.
11. Kerb heights and types need to be shown.
12. Devon Highway Authority does not accept permeable paving if the road is to be adopted due to maintenance issues. The drainage strategy will need to be amended if the road surface is to be non-permeable.

The development team are aware of these comments and will be responding to them in due course. However, it would be useful to have the Parish Council's views on whether they would prefer to see a paved road surface rather than tarmac and their views on whether a concrete imprint surface would be acceptable.

A meeting with the case officer, Wendy Ormsby, is to be held on Friday, **22nd March**. One of the matters that we will be discussing will be the use of natural timber cladding (larch currently proposed) as part of the mix of materials for the elevations. We know that she would possibly prefer a mix of stone and render only, although might accept some slate hanging. What are the Parish Council's views on the elevations as currently shown?

Regulation 14 Consultation of Neighbourhood Plan

The Regulation 14 Consultation expired on 8 March 2019 and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is currently considering the comments that have been made and what amendments should be made to the Plan. A Steering Group meeting was held on Monday, 11 March 2019 and a lot of progress was made although there is still a lot more work to be done.

SHDC have provided some very helpful comments and recommendations and a meeting has been set up with Duncan Smith, SHDC Neighbourhood Planning Officer for 19th March to discuss their comments.

We have also had comments from the following bodies:

Devon CC Historic Environment Team; Historic England; Natural England; Historic England; Woodland Trust; Marine Management Organisation; South West Water; National Grid; Devon Countryside Access Forum; and Highways England.

The comments from all of these bodies have been very positive.

We have not as yet had a response from the Environment Agency but they are often slow to respond.

Comments from the local community

There were in total 13 comments from people either living in the parish, or owning land/ businesses in the parish. Most of the comments were in strong support of the Neighbourhood Plan. There were some comments requiring minor amendments or recommending further matters to be considered. The Steering Group will be reviewing all of these comments and will recommend changes to the Plan where appropriate.

A lengthy report has been received from Edgars Ltd on behalf of the **Bantham Estate** which was generally very support of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Estate welcomes the proactive stance of the plan in seeking to find a comprehensive and sustainable long term future for the golf club. However, they have questioned whether it is appropriate for the **golf club** to be designated as a '**Local Green Space**'. SHDC have also questioned the appropriateness and need for this designation in relation to the golf club and it is something which we will be discussing with **Duncan Smith** of SHDC when we meet next week.

The **Discovery Surf School** has provided some useful information regarding the importance of this to the **tourism industry** as well as providing water sport based recreation activities for the local residents and many school children from Plymouth and the South Hams. We will be adding most of this information into the text of the Plan.

John Cullen, owner of **Hingston Farm**, has objected to a number of matters, mainly relating to land in his ownership, and the Steering Group are looking at all of the points, which have been made, and will be making amendments to the Plan where appropriate.

There has been an objection from the owners of **Korniloff** to the policy re-

lating to the retention of the care home use. One of the prospective purchasers of Korniloff, who does not live or currently own property in the parish, has also objected to this and other policies of the Plan. Further consideration is being given to the exact wording to **Policy BP6** relating to residential care and nursing homes but both the adopted and emerging policies of the District Council do seek to retain existing community uses (which include care homes) and the policy will need to accord to the adopted and emerging District Plans. The Steering Group will also consider and respond to all of the matters raised.

Strategic Environmental Statement

It was pointed out by **Natural England** that the Strategic Environment Statement on the Neighbourhood Plan was not on the community website. The Strategic Environmental Statement, prepared by **EACOM Ltd, Environmental Consultants** is referred to in the Foreword and the Introduction to the Neighbourhood Plan and copies of this could have been sent to anyone who had requested a copy. However, this is now on the community website together with the EACOM Site Assessment Report which is also referred to in the neighbourhood Plan. We have now sent copies of these direct to SHDC, Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency for their comments. The Strategic Environmental Statement will be the subject of formal consultation at the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan but anyone wishing to comment on this now is welcome to do so.

Cllr. Valerie Scott

Chairman, Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Tel: 01548 81033629 Email: valeriescott@bigbury.com

Schedule of Accommodation				
No of Sites	GIA ground floor M ²	GIA Total M ²	No of Units	
2	40.45 M ²	80.9M ²	5	
2 Bungalows	68M ²	68M ²	2	
3 Bungalows	98.8M ²	98.8M ²	1	
3	40.4 M ²	95.6M ²	5	
			13	

Based on OS Data Licence Number 10002422 ground heights are based on British mean sea level number 272

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**BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL - meeting minutes
13th March 2019 at Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel**

PRESENT: Cllrs: **B Carson, G Rosevear, V Scott, E Huntley, S Smith and Clerk R Matthews. C. Cllr. Gilbert** was in attendance along with fifteen residents.

1.0 No Declarations of Interest

2.0 Apologies for absence from Cllr. C. Case

3.0 Minutes meeting February 20th 2019
Cllr. Scott proposed the minutes be accepted. Cllr. Rosevear seconded the proposal and all Councillors present at that meeting voted unanimously to accept the minutes, which were duly signed by the Chairman.

4.0 Matters arising (actions) from February 20th 2019 meeting and not covered in this month's agenda:

Clerk to contact the charity owning the **phone box outside the 'Old Post Office'** to establish if it could be used for anything to benefit the community. Outstanding *Action Clerk*

Clerk had contacted BT about the condition of the three functional phone boxes – BT confirmed they were still awaiting agreement from the land owner in order to access the site – *pending*.

Clerk to make a proposal for replacement of the **three Parish notice boards**. *Action Clerk*

Warren – reseeding and future plans – defer until new District Councillor is appointed – *pending*

Millennium Steps – it was noted these had been repaired and it was agreed to paint these in an attempt to slow the process of decay caused by weather. *Action Clerk*

5.0 County Councillor's report

In respect of the **Neighbourhood Plan**, C. Cllr. Gilbert confirmed the **£106 funds** would be made available for the project and that Highways were actively involved in the review process.

It was acknowledged that the roll out of **Super-fast Broadband** was behind schedule but C. Cllr. Gilbert confirmed that Bigbury Parish was still at the front of the queue for go-live.

The **slippage and subsidence in the car park** is of concern and C. Cllr. Gilbert confirmed the District Council were in contact with the land owner.

C. Cllr. Gilbert expressed concerns on behalf of the Highways Dept. in respect of repairs needed to the **main road near Edmeston (Modbury)**. If it was necessary to close this stretch of road, the diversionary route would be tortuous.

C. Cllr. Gilbert kindly stayed longer at the meeting to join the discussion on the Neighbourhood Plan, which was moved up the agenda.

A question was raised about **rubbish, collected as part of beach cleans**, subsequently **left at Cockleridge**. C. Cllr. Gilbert commented that it would be collected by the refuse teams provided it was in a place accessible to the waste collection vehicles. Stuart Watts stated that in his opinion the best way of accessing this rubbish and removing it was by boat and he was prepared to talk to BE staff before a more complex solution was sought. *Action Stuart Watts*

6.0 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Scott gave a detailed update, the full content of which is distributed with these minutes (appendices aa-af).



BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL - meeting minutes

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Clarification was sought from the Parish Council in respect of their **preference for a road surface** following the response from Devon CC Highways to the application for the community-led housing scheme at St Ann's Chapel. **Richard Jackson of Devon CC Highways** had expressed a preference for a tarmac surface, if it was being offered for adoption, but had advised that if the applicant or planning authority insists on a non-tarmac finish then concrete imprint would be preferred the preferred next option. After much discussion it was agreed that the road should be adopted. The strong preference would be for permeable paving as currently proposed. If this could not be adopted the second option was a non-permeable paved surface. The concrete imprint would not be as attractive but would be better than a tarmac construction. It was pointed out by Cllr Carson that the estate needed to provide a child friendly area and a shared car/pedestrian road surface was required. Cllr. Carson proposed this be permeable block paving with the over-riding consideration that this be adopted by the County Council. Cllr. Smith seconded this proposal which was agreed by all Councillors.

Cllr. Smith also stated that Bigbury Parish Council should not be held responsible for the cost of any future maintenance of this road. C. Cllr. Gilbert agreed to discuss this matter with Wendy Ormsby.

Cllr Scott asked the Parish Council if they could indicate their preferences for the mix of materials to be used for the external cladding as it was known that SHDC were now preferring new houses in the local area to be rendered or stone. The current proposals have a mixture of render, stone and natural timber cladding. The Parish Council considered that the present mix of materials provided an attractive appearance in keeping with the rural character of the area and would not want the houses to be mainly rendered. In this location the use of some stone and natural timber cladding, together with some render, was liked and should be retained.'

7.0 Open Session

Resident A asked about progress in respect of **re-painting the white lines** in the parking area at **Sedgewell**. Highways to be contacted. *Action Clerk*

Resident A expressed concerns over the **debris left on the pavements and roadways after hedges** had been cut. SHDC were to be contacted to see if a road sweeper could be deployed to help with this. *Action Clerk*

Resident B expressed concerns over the **narrowing of roads around the 'Bay Café**

/ Parker Road area'. This was a result of a slippage of the bank etc. Owner is to be contacted. *Action Clerk*

8.0 Planning related topics

0464/19/HHO Stargazy, Folly Hill, Bigbury-on-Sea, TQ7 4AR – application for a replacement front and side protective balcony and new bi-fold door system to front elevation. No issues were identified with this proposal, which would enhance the property. Cllr. Scott proposed this be supported, which was seconded by Cllr. Carson and agreed by all Councillors.

4214/18/FUL Land at Holwell Farm, St Ann's Chapel, TQ7 4AP - Residential development to provide #13 dwellings with associated access, car parking, public open space and landscaping. This is the Neighbourhood Plan output and as such is already fully supported by the Parish Council. Clerk to establish if formal letter of support is sought by SHDC Planning Dept. *Action Clerk*

9.0 Finance: Approval of payments to be made and presentation of finance statement Cllr. Rosevear proposed the financial statements and recommended payments presented be accepted which was seconded by Cllr. Smith and all councillors agreed. Clerk was to raise the following payments:

£350 Bigbury Youth Club (funds previously held as reserves)

£75 D Hammett – P3 related work

£50 Modbury Caring – annual donation
£1184.13 David Rogers - Emergency repairs to Millennium steps £359.13 Materials £825.00 Labour cost

£7920 Defibrillators – South West Ambulance Trust

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

£120 SHDC – annual fee payroll services – Paid by direct debit

Clerk showed a slide of the current cash book and bank reconciliation statement showing a **balance of £31,410.31** as at February 28th 2019

Clerk showed a statement of restricted and **reserved funding** with a balance of **£13,713.06**

Clerk showed details of **£106 funds** held by SHDC - **£162,771 for affordable housing projects and £24,194 for OSSR projects.**

Clerk further confirmed the defibrillator replacement project was fully funded and the units would be ordered soon.

Action Clerk

10.0 Play park update

Cllr. Case was unable to attend this meeting – carry topic forward to March. Action Cllr. Case

11.0 Aune River Patrol update

Stuart Watts shared the update in respect of the important matter and appendix b contains all details shared. Further updates would be provided as and when they were available. (see page 32)

12.0 Church Gateway scheme

Clerk confirmed the information requested at the last meeting had been supplied to **Peter Cook**. A robust debate followed in respect of the cost of the various elements of the project. Cllr. Rosevear reminded everyone that at the previous meeting it had been discussed and agreed that the Parish Council would support this project. Cllr. Carson stated it was a requirement that the Parish Council support schemes that enhance 'the street scene' and make the area generally more attractive. Cllr. Rosevear added further detail to his proposal at the prior meeting – the Parish Council would provide financial support to the Friends of St Lawrence Church up to a total sum of £5,000.00 on the basis that this money is to be allocated to 'enhancing the street scene' through repair and renovation work to the walls and entrance pillars. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Scott and agreed by all Councillors present.

13.0 SHDC elections

Clerk shared the official SHDC document titled 'Local Government Elections – Timetable of Proceedings Thursday 2nd May 2019. This can be found on the website.

Clerk confirmed that notices relating to election would be posted on March 21st and that nomination forms would be made available to anyone who requested one.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday March 21st
Publication of Notice of Election

Wednesday April 3rd
Deadline for Receipt of
Nominations

For further information about your application to join Bigbury Parish Council - please contact the Parish Clerk, Richard Matthews.

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BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL - 20th Feb 2019 at Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel

14.0 Correspondence received

Three documents were presented:

Citizens Advice South Hams – letter of thanks for donation

SHDC Planning – re-advertisement **4119/18/HHO Little Court**. Confirmation that request made by Parish Council for timber cladding had been accepted. Received after agenda was published

SHDC Planning – Burgh Island 0437/19/CLE. Received after agenda was published

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

15.0 Agenda Items for next meeting

Play Park and funding for Bigbury News were to be included.

NOTE The supporting file is shown in the Parish Council section of the Bigbury Community website.

The meeting closed at 10:00pm.

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday April 10th at 7:30pm



The Parish Clerk has asked Bigbury News to publish this information from **The Rural Services Network**

It's Time for a Rural Strategy

We are writing to you as your authority is a member of the RSN, ahead of the launch of our public campaign on 1st March which calls on Government to develop a Rural Strategy.

As we have discussed many times over the years, we believe that rural communities are not a focus of Government thinking and are frequently overlooked in a policy environment dominated by urban think-

ing. As we all know only too well, there can be distinct challenges in delivering to small and spread out settlements or where economies of scale are harder to achieve.

We are asking all of our members to **sign up to our campaign 'Time for a Rural Strategy'**.

We have produced a document 'It's Time for a Rural Strategy' which sets out the rationale for our call on Government and our reasoning for suggesting that certain specific rural issues be included with such a strategy - we are asking you to **sign up to our call at this link:**

www.rsnonline.org.uk/time-for-a-rural-strategy

Please could you forward the link as widely as possible within your networks and key rural organisations and encourage them sign up to our call and to help us with the campaign. Signatories won't be agreeing to everything in the 'It's Time for a Rural Strategy' document, just the call on Government.

I attach to this email the key messages for the call on Government which simply sets out the issues in relation to key topics such as the Rural Economy, Rural Housing and Health and Welfare which supports our call.

It would be great if your Councillors were able to debate the call for a Rural Strategy at a Council, Cabinet or Committee meeting to lend support to our campaign. Please let us know if this does happen so that we can see how far the debate goes around the country and can include it in our evidence to Government of the need for the Strategy.

The public campaign starts on 1st March but we are working hard to gather signatures and commitments from our member organisations prior to this date.

As soon as we have cleared our national press release to launch the campaign we will send a copy to you PR Officer and hope that your Council would issue a press release in your local media.

Whilst we will be communicating with all MPs representing rural constituencies it would be really helpful if you could press your local MP(s) to support it themselves after the 1st March launch of the public campaign.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kindest regards
Graham Biggs
The Rural Services Network

THE FUTURE OF THE AVON ESTUARY PATROL

Meeting notes: 25th February,
Follaton House

Present: **John Coates** (AEF, Chair)
Judy Pearce (SHDC- Salcombe & Thurlestone Ward) **Ryan Hooper** (Bantham Estate, BE) **Cam Sims-Stirling** (Salcombe Harbour master) **John Horne** (AVSC) **Stuart Watts** (ACA)
Apologies: **Helen Dobby** (SHDC, Manager Commercial Services) **Tom Stratton** (Duchy of Cornwall)

1. RH will take over the role of Bantham Harbour master from Marsh Dawes
2. A 12-month agreement for the patrol will be set up for 2019/20, starting on May 1st 2019 Action: CSS
3. The total SHDC budget for the patrol has been set at £4000 for 2019/20
4. Current donors to pay £500 each (AVSC, DoC, ACA) or in kind (BE)
5. The draft SLA produced by SW was broadly welcomed as a framework but will be amended as necessary and authorised by lawyers at SHDC, DoC and BE Action: CSS
6. Any revised draft SLA will be circulated for discussion Action: CSS
7. The patrol will be operated by BE staff in a BE boat with the detailed level of service to be agreed within the budget Action: CSS/RH
8. TS to insert a section in the SLA to clarify roles and responsibilities of BE as patrol operator Action: TS
9. The water ski signs to be maintained by AVSC Action: JH/CSS
10. More effective zonation of water ski area to be considered Action: CSS/JH
11. Future funding models beyond 2019/20: seek contribution from parish councils or from mooring holders Action: SW/TS
12. Publicise new patrol arrangements at Spring AEF Action: JC

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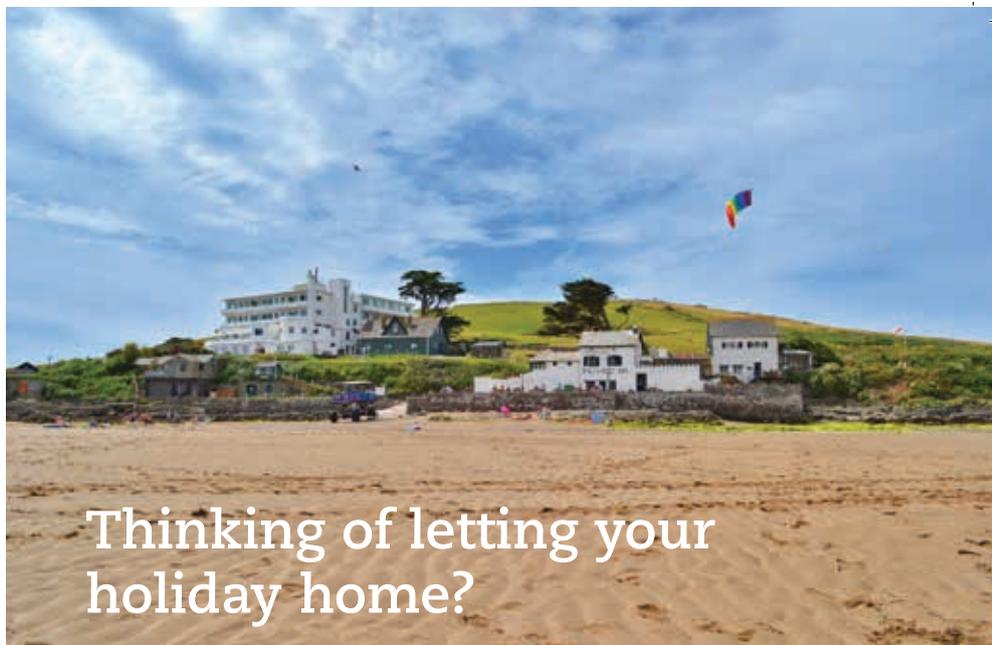


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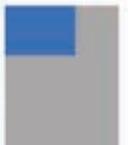
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