



**BIGBURY
COMMUNITY COFFEE**

Wed 4th Dec 10.30 - Noon
No events in Jan or Feb

WINES for CHRISTMAS

Wed 6th Dec 7p.m. MHall (sold out)

BIGBURY TREE PEOPLE

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BIGBURY LADIES

Elizabeth House Mon 9th Dec

BIGBURY QUILT

Tues 10th Dec & 14th Jan

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GENERAL ELECTION

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Thurs 12 Dec 7.00 am to 10.pm

FESTIVE CONCERT

Sat 14th Dec, 4.30 pm
St Lawrence Church, Bigbury

CAROLS on the GREEN

Christmas Eve 6.30 pm

BOXING DAY DIP

Sedgewell Slipway, 11.00 am

QUIZ NIGHT

Fri 10th Jan 7.00 pm MHall

FILLING STATION

Thurs 16th Jan
7.30 - 9.00 pm MHall
(no meeting in December)



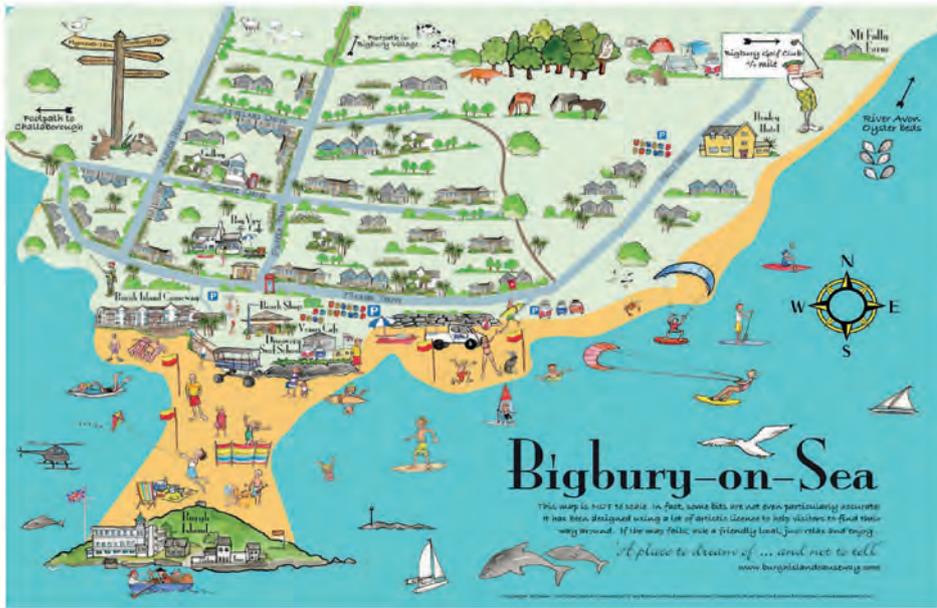
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It has been a pleasure to produce Bigbury News and Bigbury Drums this year. Many thanks to the huge team of local helpers and writers who contribute their time and energy to make this possible. Thanks to the dedicated readers who have contributed through sponsorship every year, Bigbury Parish Council for their donation and support and to our advertisers - without whom we would not be able to publish Bigbury News.

Bigbury is a wonderful place to live. It is a caring, vibrant community and it's spirit is infectious. We would like to engage more of our second home owners in local events and fund-raisers. We hope that some of you will one day be residents, so please start now and join in local events. Subscribe to Bigbury Drums so that you know when these events are planned and come and see us. I hope that Bigbury News has played a role in reflecting the character, history and sense of community that makes Bigbury - Bigbury.

This is your magazine. Please continue to support it in any way that you can. If you would like to join the team, please get in touch. *Many hands make small work.*

*Happy Christmas
and all the Best for 2020*

Louise Wainwright
Editor Bigbury News & Bigbury Drums

See *Beach Banter* for details of the **Boxing Day Dip** at Sedgewell Slipway!

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FEB/MAR (copy date 15 JAN)
No Bigbury News in January
Next SLIM black & white issue
MARCH (copy date 15 FEB)

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BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Bringing the Community Together

November has been a busy month at the Hall. On the 7th we staged the latest in our series of **Film and Food Nights**. It was great that over fifty people turned up - one of the highest attendances for this event – and they were rewarded with a highly enjoyable film (“Fisherman’s Friends”), preceded by a very tasty fish pie, courtesy of the Dinner Service.

The other two events are yet to happen at the time of writing. On the 19th we’re holding a **table tennis “taster”** session to assess how much interest there might be in having a regular evening. I’ll report on this in the next issue of Bigbury News.

On the 22nd we welcome Totnes based folk duo **Harbottle & Jonas to the Hall**. At the moment ticket sales are going well so a great evening is anticipated.

Our remaining event before Christmas is another regular - a **Wine Tasting Evening** on December 6th. Barrel & Still will be presenting eight wines, accompanied by delicious nibbles laid on by the Hall Committee. Numbers are limited for this and, unfortunately, it’s now fully subscribed.

The New Year kicks off in traditional style on 10th January at 7.00 p.m. with our annual **Quiz**. At £6 per person, including a pasty each and a bottle of wine per team, this is great value. Tickets are on sale at Holywell Stores – see poster for details.

Finally, the **50/100 Club** restarts early in the New Year. After several highly successful years, Mike and Rita Baker are handing this over to Peter and Gill Cook. Tickets are available at Holywell Stores or direct from **Peter and Gill on 810156**.

Charles Harrington.

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

MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS (Dec 2019 & Jan 2020)

St Ann’s Chapel TQ7 4HQ

Day & Time	Activity	Organiser	Contact no
Mon. 9.30 – 10.10	Aerobics	Jill Gubbins	810651
10.15 – 11.15	Pilates	Jill Gubbins	810651
11.30 – 12.10	Strong & Steady (plus tea)	Jill Gubbins	810651
Tues. 17.30 - 19.30	Youth Club	Juliette Jackson	810307
Thurs. 9.15 – 10.15	Pilates	Jill Gubbins	810651
10.15 – 10.30	Bones Bonus	Jill Gubbins	810651
19.30 – 21.30	South Hams	Gilbert Snook	810017
	Filling Station 3rd Thurs. of month excl. Dec & Aug		

Please contact the organisers for Christmas holiday dates for clubs.

DECEMBER events:

Friday 6th December: Wine tasting : 7.00pm. Barrett & Still.

FUTURE Events:

Friday 10th January 2020 7.00pm Annual Quiz – see poster in this issue for details. Tickets available from Holywell Stores later in December

50/100 Club. 1st draw will take place early next year. Tickets £10 from Peter and Gill Cook (tel. 810156)

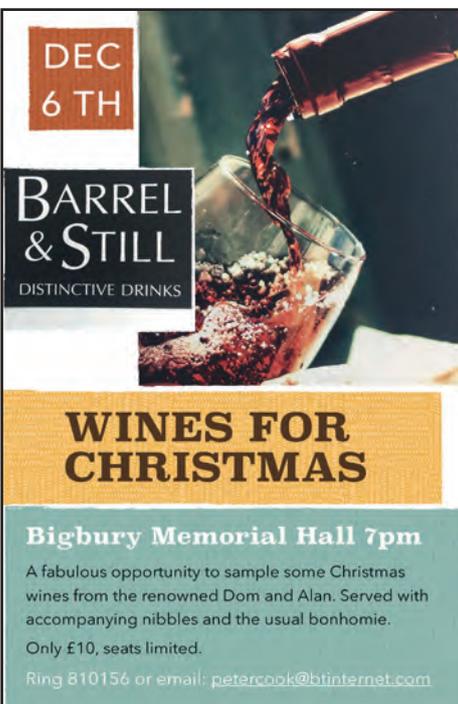


Bigbury Memorial Hall
50/100 Club 2020

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BARREL & STILL
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WINES FOR CHRISTMAS

Bigbury Memorial Hall 7pm

A fabulous opportunity to sample some Christmas wines from the renowned Dom and Alan. Served with accompanying nibbles and the usual bonhomie.

Only £10, seats limited.

Ring 810156 or email: petercook@btinternet.com



CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE GREEN

CHRISTMAS EVE, 6.30 PM
BIGBURY GREEN

YOU ARE INVITED

Traditional carols, mulled wine & mince pies

Contact Fiona Barker at fiona.barker@windsor-ent.co.uk or 0780 858 6430 or speak to Dane - if you have any queries or if you play a musical instrument (no audition necessary – the more, quite literally, the merrier).

Hope to see you all there on Christmas Eve in good voice and good heart!



BIGBURY NEW BEES

Do you know of any new arrivals, whether they are second home owners or permanent residents, in Bigbury? Perhaps you are the new Arrival? What ever the case, we would like to meet you. Please send in your details to Bigbury News Bees.

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On Wednesday 6th November we raised £240 for **South Hams Hospital League of Friends**. A big thank you to everybody who came and supported us so generously.

Many thanks to Kate and Mandy from the **Shop at the Top in Modbury** who came along with some lovely clothes and reminded us to recycle the clothes we no longer wear or need.

It was also lovely to have Bill with us and to hear his enthusiasm about all the good work that is carried out at South Hams Hospital. There are numerous clinics run by visiting consultants, X-ray facilities, and physiotherapists. There is a Minor Injury Unit and a Chemotherapy Unit. We are so fortunate to have these facilities saving us the long trips to Derriford or Torbay.

On Wednesday 4th December we will be supporting St Lawrence Church. On sale there will be homemade chutneys, jams and marmalade. Christmas logs, cakes, puddings and other Christmas fare.

South Hams Society are keen to come to Dec coffee morning. They will be happy to come in Dec and say a few words at the beginning(10.45 ish) and then mingle!

We do not hold coffee mornings in Jan or Feb. Please come and support our last coffee morning for this year between 10.30 and noon.

Jean and Yvonne.



THANK YOU to Jean & Yvonne and their loyal team of helpers who are always there to provide, not just a fund raising event, but also a great social event to meet up with old and new friends.

It's Christmas soon!
Let's say a big THANK YOU to them all by popping in to see them at their last Coffee Morning of the year.

Didn't they do well! They raised an impressive £2,699 in the last 12 months for local charities.

Ed

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS

December 2018*	£685
<i>Bell & Tower Restoration Fund</i>	
<i>Modbury Caring (March)</i>	£242
<i>Hope Cove Lifeboat (April)</i>	£267
<i>Children's Hospice SW (May)</i>	£256
<i>Devon Air Ambulance (June)</i>	£240
<i>Women of Cambodia (July)</i>	£237
<i>Kingsbridge Triangle Centre (Aug)</i>	£265
<i>St Luke's Hospice (Sept)</i>	£267
<i>Plymouth Cornwall Cancer Fund</i>	£240
<i>South Hams League Friends</i>	£240

£
£2,699
£

BIGBURY QUIZ NIGHT 2020




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

Bigbury Memorial Hall

7.00pm Friday 10th January 2020

Tickets £6 from Holywell Stores



NATIONAL TRUST NEWS

December is a fantastic month to get out and visit some of South Devon's stunning estuaries. With no leaves on the trees the views of these secret spaces are best at this time of year. Many birds visit Britain in the winter to escape from the cold further north. Look out for **Redshank**, **Curlews** and even a **Black-tailed Godwit**.

Thanks to everyone who came to Apple day in Ringmore, in October to enjoy the acres of stunning cakes and delicious mulled Ringmore apple juice. In Ringmore woods woodland management work is underway this season, creating a structurally and species diverse woodland, this means that some tree work has been done opening up the canopy, allowing sunlight to access the woodland floor, increasing the diversity of plants and understorey species, felled trees are left intact where possible to provide the greatest range of niches for invertebrates.

Thanks to a grant from the **European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development**, we have been working to improve access along the **South West Coast Path**, works have been conducted at 4 sites in South Devon. Along **Revelstoke Drive** extensive works have taken place to improve the surface of the track, it has been scraped back to its original width and multiple new drains installed to pipe springs under the track, whilst taking great care of the historical carriageway on this iconic section of the SWCP. We hope you notice far less mud and water underfoot this winter. It is important to ask users to respect that it is a public footpath - no bikes please, and dogs on leads around livestock.

15th December, 12noon – 3.00pm – Festive fun – East Soar Farm. Join the rangers at East Soar Outdoor Experience to start off your festive break. Make your own wreath or festive lantern to take away. Have a go at campfire cooking, and tick off some of your '50 things to do before you're 11 ¾' activities. All with the warmth of a campfire and refreshments from the café (charges apply for refreshments). It is just a gentle walk from the car park to the farm. Blue badge holders may drive down the track to park at the farm. Please wear sturdy footwear and warm comfortable clothing. Drive to East Soar car park then walk along the track to the farm. Postcode: TQ7 3DR Grid ref: SX 713375
Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year.

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BIGBURY LADIES

On Wednesday 20th November eleven of us went to the Sloop at Bantham and had an excellent lunch. It was very nice to see Ozzie working there – he used to work in the Golf Club till early this year. We were very happy to welcome a friend of Helen's, Emma who lives in Modbury and we hope that she will be able to join us on our future outings. We started off at Helen's and the very kind volunteer drivers shared out passengers. There was Helen, Emma, Jean, Rose, Rita, Lynn, Jane, Hazel, Jo, Valerie and myself.

Next month we are having our Christmas lunch at Elizabeth House, Plympton on MONDAY 9th December. Please remember that anyone is welcome to join us on our monthly meetings. We are an informal group – i.e. no chairman, secretary etc. Just a group meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Points of contact are: Pam on 810791. Chris on 810 482. Rita on 8104792

Pam Trundle



BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

We met at Hazel's for an enjoyable afternoon and discussed **Transcription** by *Kate Atkinson*.

Recruited as a transcriber and then spy in WWII this story travels back and forth in time. Years later she works for the BBC as a radio producer and the plot thickens.

As usual, there was a varied appreciation of the book, and was really enjoyed by most of the group.

The December meeting will be on **Tuesday, 3rd. December**. The venue is yet to be arranged.

Julia Stuchfield

FREE TO A GOOD 'HOME'

Full set of ladies clubs for a person who is 5ft 6inches and 65kg so would suit a lady or junior. We would really like them to go to somebody keen to take up golf. Contact is:

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All proceeds will go towards new resources for the DRA library and the on-going care of the archive's growing collection. If you are a book lover, you will not want to miss this event!

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Editor

Not all potholes that are reported to us meet the criteria required to instigate repair.

We will not ignore any reports, however, we have to prioritise our funding on safety. We cannot afford to fix all of the problems that are reported.

We will only repair potholes that are deeper than 40mm, wider than 300mm and have a vertical edge. Please see the images below which illustrate a pothole with a vertical edge:

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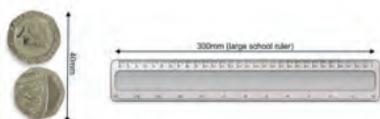


Diagram below illustrates when a pothole will NOT be classed as an actionable defect.



Overestimating the size of a pothole does not mean that it will be fixed but it does mean that we could end up being charged for a wasted call out. The impact of misreported potholes could ultimately lead to further reductions in the service we are able to provide.

Devon County Council



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NINETEENTH HOLE

I am sure we will all be crossing fingers and toes for a change in the rather unpleasant weather we have had in the recent weeks. The rain seems to be interminable. Thankfully, our course is managing to hold up well in these difficult conditions.

There were two very local winners of the **Bigbury Golf Club Mixed Knock-out** this year and congratulations to **Maggie and Alan Best**. This was especially pleasing for them as they have not been able to take part in the mixed competitions for a couple of years; Maggie and Alan say they were so glad to be competing together again. Their first match was against last year's finalists, followed by three more matches. Fortunately both were on very good form for all matches, securing a very good win in the final, when they played against two really good friends. It is always harder for friends to play against each other, but the final was played in good spirit. In the past Maggie and Alan have won the **Bigbury Gerry Cup** on four occasions, which is a competition for couples. This is a very difficult and not popular format but they are glad to say they have always still been speaking at the end of the matches. Well done Maggie and Alan, and you even managed to snatch a photograph recently when there was a bit of sun.

Another of the popular Knock-out Competitions has also been finalised, the **Bigbury Seniors**, which saw **Jason Holtom** (handicap 14) and **John Cocks** (handicap 18) win through to meet in the final. The match was played towards the end of October, on what can be described as a favourable day, and proved to be a fitting final after some hard fought earlier rounds. Our Seniors Captain, **Dave Bogue**, reports that after three holes, Jason had stormed into a three shot lead. But, John doggedly battled on, winning the 11th hole; John then birdied the 17th hole leaving Jason just one up as they stood on the 17th tee. Jason sunk a rather nervous five footer to halve the final hole, leaving him the Trophy Winner.

Our **Ladies Section AGM** was held during November when Jane Rickman was confirmed as our Captain, with Dot Kenneth as her Vice Captain, and sincere congratulations to them both. At the AGM, thanks were especially recorded to **Maggie Best** who has done a sterling job as our Section's Secretary for four years. **Janet Burton** has stepped up to take over the reins from Maggie on 1st January, and this is much appreciated.

All at Bigbury are again so very proud of our **Professional, Tracy Loveys**. Tracy was the **Captain of the Great Britain and Ireland (GB&I)** team for the inaugural Women's Professional Golfers Associ-

ation (WPGA) competition. This first ever competition was held at the Barton Creek Golf Course in Austin Texas, with an international field; the host country, USA, were joined by GB&I, Canada, Sweden and Australia. Tracy said that when she received the invitation to be the non-playing Captain of the GB&I team, you could have knocked her over with a feather; also that it was a huge honour, one she is so very proud of and without doubt the highlight of her career to date. Tracy's team of five came a very creditable third; they had a game plan for the final day to chase down their Canadian competitors, reel them in and take the second spot. However, the Canadians had other plans as they were putting up a real fight but were not successful in overhauling the American team.

Please remember our Clubhouse is a welcoming place for non-golfers and you will be assured a warm welcome. Whilst it may be a little early, on behalf of the Bigbury Golf Club all readers of the Bigbury News are wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Marlene Johnson



Below: Maggie & Alan Best





5G or not 5G - THAT IS THE QUESTION!

The airwaves have been humming locally about the failure of **GigaClear** to deliver high speed broadband and it seems unlikely that this will happen in the near future. There have been calls for our local MP to intervene.

There are alternatives, which already exist. Many homes in Bigbury may be able to benefit immediately from faster speeds, by simply upgrading their home router to accommodate a **data only SIM card** offering **unlimited data** from the mobile phone service provider (EE, Vodafone, etc.). This can be at a price at or lower than being discussed by GigaClear. We asked an independent IT specialist to visit us at Bigbury News and assess the network coverage. We found we can achieve 4G plus and download speeds of 30 MB. Enough to stream any movies etc. Therefore, no GigaClear connection needed.

Of course, as some readers are aware the mobile coverage in their location is limited and this would not be possible. Mobile

signals do not go round corners, over hills and through solid objects. See the explanation in the info panel (opposite). To improve our local network, the community would need to widen the coverage of our existing mobile signal (possibly with well-positioned repeater aerials).

In addition, should Bigbury upgrade their mobile system to 5G to achieve faster speeds than 4G? This would require planning permission. There is no doubt that local businesses and domestic households would benefit from higher internet speeds in Bigbury, and this would be something for our Parish Council to consider. It is alarming that Totnes Parish Council objected to local 5G infrastructure because of concerns over human health without any scientific evidence. Interestingly, the **World Health Organisation** and **Health England**, who are authoritative, science based and independent, have approved 5G.

Louise Wainwright

The FACTS about 5G

High voltage power lines and the original mobile phone masts were all accused of causing cancer when they started going up in the 1980s/90s. There has been no evidence of this in the subsequent 30+ years. Mobile phone usage has increased over +500% in the last 25 years. Brain tumours diagnoses have risen by 34% in the same period, which can be attributable to earlier detection (due to better investigative tools and screening), modern living and a whole host of factors.

Radiation is a scary word and everyone "knows" that some forms of radiation causes cancer. However not all forms of radiation cause cancer.

The shorter the radiation the more harmful it becomes. X-rays are one of the shortest wavelength radiations and these are only used in small bursts.

UV radiation, which has shorter wavelength than light, can cause some skin cancers and is the major component of sunburn of the skin.

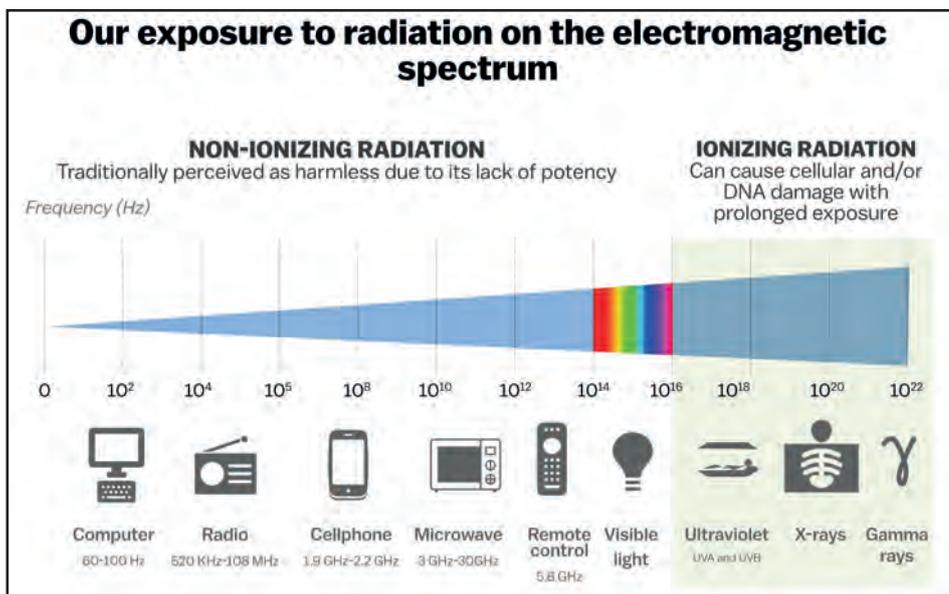
Visible light radiation does not penetrate most solid objects and does not penetrate or pass through people as an example so no risk of brain tumours.

Mobile phone signals, whatever G, are much longer than light radiation and do not penetrate any object. Typically, you need a frequency 100 million times greater than the top band of 5G to be able to penetrate human skin to the same effect as light on a sunny day.

The reason you need lots of mobile masts in cities and far fewer in the countryside is that the mobile signals can't penetrate things very well. For instance in hospitals there are currently often multiple repeaters put into every single ward to boost mobile signals otherwise doctors would not be able to be contacted when on call.

There is considerable evidence of many other things in modern life that are many more times harmful than mobile signals. These include, drinking alcohol, sunbathing, fumes emitted from car engines and aeroplanes, eating processed meat, using solid fuel fires in the home, and human hormone therapies - all of which will expose people to significantly higher cancer risk than a mobile phone mast is ever likely to.

Therefore, let the health experts like **WHO** and **Health England** be the judges on what is and is not safe.



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- 4 Has a rash that does not fade when you press it
- 5 Is very lethargic or difficult to wake
- 6 Feels abnormally cold to touch

MIGHT HAVE SEPSIS

Call 999 and ask: could it be sepsis?

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- 1 Is not feeding
- 2 Is vomiting repeatedly
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MIGHT HAVE SEPSIS

If you're worried they're deteriorating call 111 or see your GP

JUST ASK
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SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

You may have found a Bigbury Christmas card in this issue of Bigbury News. Thank you to all the sponsors who put their names in the card, which was organised by **Jill Gubbins**. Proceeds raised will be donated to the **Church Tower & Bell Restoration Fund**.

Jill invited young people of the parish to send in entries, which are now displayed in the church foyer. Well done all of you. Winning entry: Marianne Jackson.

If you want to join in next year please keep an eye open for the poster for 2020's Bigbury Community Christmas Card.



ST LAWRENCE MATTERS

"There are known knowns, known unknowns, and unknown unknowns" –

Donald Rumsfeld

This is the start of a saga, the saga of the restoration of the tower and spire of St Lawrence, which is a project we are about to embark on, and our intention is to keep you up to date with the saga as it unfolds. The church of St Lawrence dates from the 14th century but following a fire, which any self-respecting church or cathedral seems to have had, it was substantially rebuilt in 1872. From that date it has looked as it does today. St Lawrence is an important part of Bigbury. It is our parish church and central to the community. The church also forms an important part of the area's architectural heritage. As such it is a Grade 2* listed building – of all listed buildings, Grade 2* form a mere 6%. Thus, it falls on the current generation to ensure the church is in a suitable state to hand on to our successors.

Whilst the church has been maintained by dedicated volunteers over the years, the time has now come for some major work to make the spire and tower watertight, as well as restoring the bells. Rainwater runs down the internal walls of the tower, causing damage to internal floors and woodwork, problems which now need urgent attention. That is the *'known known'*.

Work is currently in hand to accurately assess the condition of the tower and the bells. This requires the involvement of specialist professionals – and for specialist read expensive – in particular, an architect approved by the Church of England and a structural engineer. Even to get this far has involved the removal of the damaged, asbestos containing, ceiling of the ringing chamber above the vestry to allow for a safer, closer inspection of the bell chamber and the inside of the tower. Once assessed, a works specification will be drawn up and costs estimated. These are the *'known unknowns'*.

All of this takes money, lots of it. There have been, and will continue to be, fund raising activities. We will be seeking money from grants, but it remains that we will need to ask for contributions from the community. This is a community project which will need to be funded by the community. Further updates about the restoration works, and the fund raising to finance them, will appear in the Bigbury News. In the meantime, all offers of help, practical or financial, are gratefully received by the Parochial Council Building Sub Committee: **Bryan Carson** 810296 and **Vic Gubbins** 810651. *Until the next chapter,*

Vic Gubbins

LEST WE FORGET

Thanks to **Cllr Sharon Smith** and her (former marine) husband, **Bob Smith** who laid a wreath of Remembrance on behalf of the **Bigbury Parish Council** at the war memorial at St Lawrence church.



THE BIGBURY QUILT

Designs by
Janet Farrage

Organisers
Karen Freeman & Angie Carson

NEXT MEETINGS
Tues 10th Dec 2.30pm
Tues 14th Jan 2.30 pm
Upper Granary, Easton

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Merry Christmas from South Hams Filling Station

Make your New Years resolution one of finding out how much God really loves you!



Join us the 3rd Thursday of every month at Bigbury Memorial Hall, 7:30pm

Often we are so concerned about the new stuff we receive at Christmas that we sometimes forget that Jesus is the reason for this celebration. Take time to ponder on his great love for us and be thankful that he came so we might live. Have a joyful Christmas

NOTICE

There will be no Filling Station this December but we'll be back again on Thursday 16th January with new exciting talks and special guest speakers.



BIGBURY CARES 2019

Macmillan Mammoth Quiz

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St Luke's Hospice £120

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Family & Friends Iris McSherry

East Dorset Marching Band

John Tucker & friends £240

RNLI (Tom Crocker Day)

Burgh Island £400

Devon Air Ambulance £1,000

Viv & John Yandell



FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE'S CALENDAR 2020

We have put together a calendar for 2020 in aid of the Friends of St. Lawrence's, Bigbury. As we live in this idyllic spot overlooking the church I have taken numerous photos over the years. Together with Richard's selection of quotes and witty ditties, and a couple of photos thanks to Helen's nephew, here is our visual tribute to St. Lawrence's. Copies available in the church, from Holywell Stores, or from us at silchestercellars@talktalk.net.

Alice Taylor



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH FUND RAISING 2019

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS December 2018* £685

Bell & Tower Restoration (March)

VICTORIAN TEA PARTY £1,000

Friends of St Lawrence July 2019

CHURCH SUMMER FETE £1,703

Bell & Tower Restoration (August)

MILBURGAS GARAGE SALE £250



LETTER from MINISTER at ST LAWRENCE



Vicar: The Revd Matt Rowland (830260; every day except (normally) Saturday)
Readers: Joyce Howitt (01364 73370), Michael Tagent (810520)
Website: www.modburyteam.org

Gilbert Snook a member of All Hallows church Ringmore, writes:

'Advent is the first season of the church year covering the month leading up to Christmas. It's a time to look forward to the arrival of Jesus, both his birth 2000 years ago and his promised second arrive which promises to be very dramatic.

I experience an advent at the start of 2019, i.e. retirement. For the last couple of years I'd be wondering and worrying about what I would do when retired. The usual dreams had come and gone like having a yacht in the Mediterranean; a second home somewhere warm; part time work. But to be honest all seemed a bit pointless compared to committing myself more fully into serving within the church. But then retirement arrived much sooner than I was expecting.

Soon after my new beginning I had a chat with Rev Matt and he was interested to know if I could help with a few things and of course I was well prepared for this conversation. After discussion it was concluded that it would really help Modbury Mission Community if I started a course that the Diocese of Exeter offers to equip people to help serve and led in the local church.

So I'm now doing the Foundation Course in Christian Ministry. But getting to the initial interview in Exeter was a challenge. On the day, the traffic in Exeter was at a standstill making me late. Someone ran in the back of my car in one of the traffic jams. I fell over when walking to the venue from the car park getting muddy in the process. The interview went well but I nearly fell over again destroying my umbrella on the way back to the car.

This was a very poignant reminder that being a follower of Jesus is often a challenge. This should be no surprise as we remember in Advent the challenges Mary and Joseph had to overcome. Mary pregnant while still engaged. Convincing Joseph that she was still a virgin. Having to journey to another town on the orders of the occupying troop for a census. Becoming refugees in Egypt to escape the murderous King Herod.

Following Jesus is a challenge in so many ways but that is a price worth paying as he makes sense of our lives and the world around. Find out more about following Jesus yourself this Christmas. He is God's gift to mankind



Modbury Mission Community

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
1 st	Sunday Worship	Communion*	Communion	Communion	Sunday Worship
8 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion* (8 am) Christingle (4 pm)	Sunday Worship
15 th	Lay led Service	Sunday Worship	Christingle (4 pm)	Communion	Carol Service (6 pm)
22 nd	Family Carols	Christingle	Carol Service (6 pm)	Carol Service (6 pm)	Communion
24 th Christmas Eve		Communion (11 pm)	Communion (10 pm)	Crib Service (4 pm) Communion (11.30 pm)	
25 th Christmas Day	Communion		Sunday Worship (10 am)	Communion by Extension (10 am)	Communion

On 29th December there will be a Team Communion in Kingston at 10.30 am

* Service in traditional language.

LIME KILNS

Tales of the Riverbank

The River Avon reaches into Bigbury and Aveton Gifford from the sea and has provided passage and safe haven for sea faring boats since time began here. As the tide ebbs and flows each day, it entices us to join in this ritual blessing of the river bank by trusting in its ability to bring us safely back to shore. On a warm weekend in August we did just that, and paddled a kayak from the Stakes down to Bigbury-on-Sea.

The feeling of tranquillity, and being in touch with times gone by, provided a perfect escape from the crowded beach on August bank holiday weekend. We pulled heartily on the paddles as we glided past the birds, trees and fish that call this their home.

The abandoned oyster beds and lime kilns on the shore line made us curious to learn more about the history of these old ruins. Who better to quiz about the history of the lime kilns, than **Roger Grimley**? He recently indulged our curiosity and told us about the role the lime kilns had played in local industry.

They were built to produce agricultural lime to improve the local productivity of acidic soils and make the mortar for buildings in the 17th & 18th centuries. These iconic remnants of a bygone era received the barges which brought limestone up river from the many quarries in Plymouth. There were so many quarries opened up near Plymouth that they needed to find other locations for processing it.

Wood and coke were required to fuel the lime kilns. Three of the lime kilns in the lower reaches of the Avon are sited in

wooded valleys, probably for this reason. There are remnants of a limekiln on Burgh Island below the fisherman's hut; one on New Quay at Villa Crusoe; one on the opposite shore to Villa Crusoe and a little further inland and one at the tidal road. Coal from South Wales would have been thrown off the boats onto Sedgewell Sands and Challaborough Beach and collected at low tide.

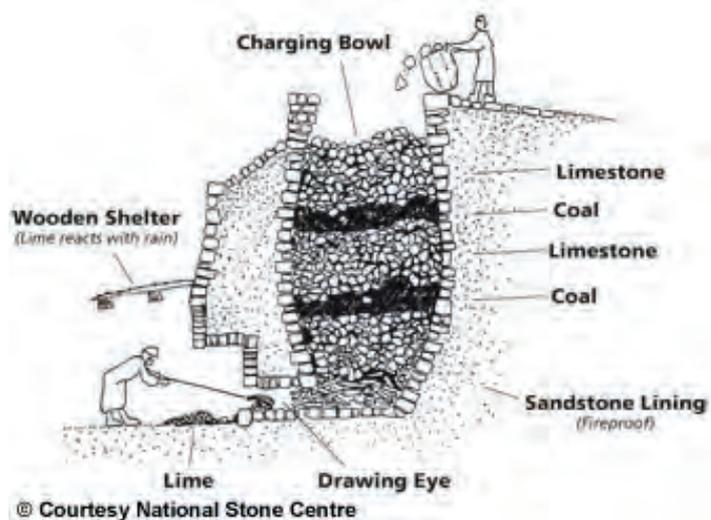
The limekilns were owned by the Duke of Cleveland. Tenants would have sold the products of the limekilns around the parish. This would have made an important contribution to the local economy until the became commercially non-viable due to the importation of fertilisers in the 1900s.

It would take about 7 days to produce the agricultural lime; one day to load the layers of limestone and wood; 2 - 3 days to burn and 2 days to unload. It was a skilled and sometimes dangerous job, as the layers had to be built properly to optimise the burn. During the burning period it would need to

be minded around the clock. Carbon monoxide is released during the process and several people are known to have died as they had huddled near the kiln for warmth at night and had fallen inside.

Roads suitable for hauling the lime from the lime kilns were needed to distribute the products. The products from **Burgh Island** were probably carted up, what is now, **Parker Road** to reach the farmland at the top of the hill. **New Quay Road** was cut to haul the wares from New Quay at Villa Crusoe. If you would like to discover more about our lime kilns - why not visit the **Devon Rural Archives** near Modbury?

Louise Wainwright



SAVE BIGBURY HEDGEHOGS



Good news: we continue to have sightings of our orphan hedgehog brothers on the night time camera. *Bad news:* we also have had sighting of the odd rat visiting the feeding station to help themselves the hedgehogs' supplementary food!

We did NOT want to use rat poisons or traps because this would undoubtedly have killed the hedgehogs as well. We discussed the problem with some of our neighbours and, together, came up with the following solution.

The hedgehog feeding station was moved from the hedgerow to a concealed site very near our front door. Hedgehogs are much less afraid of the 'smell' of humans than rats. Rats are less likely to visit a feeding station near the house. By not putting poison down, we were also protecting any feral cats in the neighbour-

hood who will continue to help reduce the rat population.

We will continue to monitor the comings and goings at the feeding station and report back to you on progress.

One of our neighbours has had considerable success in keeping vermin out of his garage by using an ultrasonic rat/mice deterrent. We will also invest in such a device if we find the rats are not as shy as we think they should be!

If you have a problem with vermin - **PLEASE DO NOT USE POISON.** Think of the hedgehogs' plight. They are an endangered species. Please try other methods such as: local hygiene; keeping feed-stuffs for other animals tightly contained in sealed units and clean up any spillage of food; use ultra sonic repellent devices, allow access to feral cats etc.

Please check for hedgehogs before using trimmers in overgrown areas this autumn as this could be a refuge for hedgehogs.

Please move bonfire and check for hedgehogs before lighting them.

Louise Wainwright



Please report hedgehog sightings for the **BIGBURY HEDGEHOG MAP** to:
Louise Pitt (louiseapitt@gmail.com)
Juliette Jackson
(jjackson@seadreameducation.com)

Limekiln near
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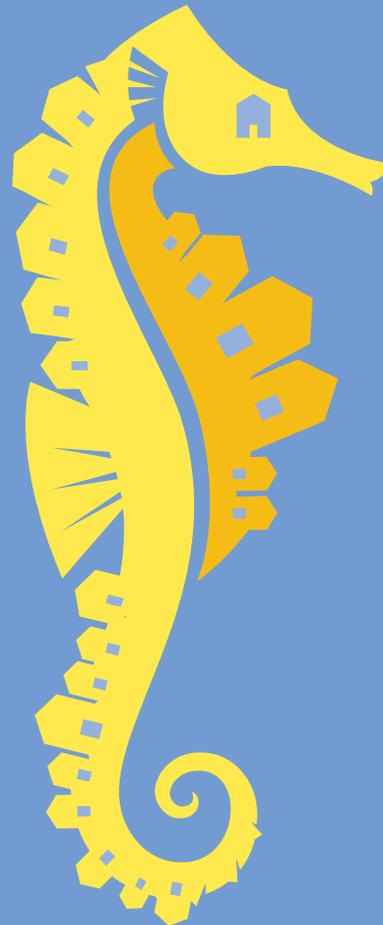


West Hoe Quarry,
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CONCERT - ST LAWRENCE CHURCH - Sat 14th Dec 4.30 pm

Bigbury youngsters are in for a treat as we have a gifted piano teacher in our midst who is passionate about helping young people to enjoy music and reach their full potential. Perhaps something to think about in 2020? Whilst you ponder on this by the Christmas fireside - why don't you come and listen to some of her students perform in public at **St Lawrence Church, Bigbury on Saturday 14th December** (see poster)?

Jo Highley moved from Combe to Bigbury a few weeks ago and is hoping to interest more local children in having piano lessons with her. Jo is an ex-solicitor who has re-trained as a piano teacher which has enabled her to spend time doing what she likes best, which is to play the piano! In her teaching she uses the **Suzuki Method** which is based on the "mother tongue" theory - that children are able to learn to play an instrument in the same way as they learn to speak - by using their senses to copy others. For this reason there is no music-reading for the first couple of years, and lots of listening to recordings. The marvellous thing about this method is that every child can learn to play, just as every child learns to speak.

In addition to teaching piano Jo helps youngsters to play other instruments, ac-



Jo Highley with one of her students at her home in Bigbury



companying them in exams and coaching them about practice methods, and how to maximise their potential.

Jo also gives piano duet concerts with her duet partner and friend, Sue, who leads the **Modbury Gospel Singers**, sings in a barbershop quartet, plays the organ in church and directs the music for the **Modbury Players**. She gains a huge amount of satisfaction from helping youngsters to play as well as they can.

At the concert on Saturday 14th December, Jo will be accompanied by **Clare Garton-Springer**, from Easton. Many of you will know Clare, who is equally as passionate about the cello. Clare studied cello at Birmingham Conservatoire, 1975-1979 with Antonia Butler, gaining recital and teaching qualifications with distinction. In her final year she was winner of Birmingham & Midland Institute String Recital Prize.

She lived both in London and West Berkshire following graduation, combining freelancing as cellist with some cello teaching. Whilst essentially still a modern cellist, she played with amongst other groups orchestra Oxford Pro Musica, she was a founder member and lead cello in the Newbury Sinfonia. Chamber music being her main passion, Clare was at this time also cellist of the Westbrook Piano Trio, which gave concert series covering the piano trio, quartet and quintet repertoire over a period of five or so years. This included the works of Haydn, Mozart, Schubert, Beethoven and Dvorak, also sonatas of Beethoven, Brahms Minor and Fmajor, alongside Rachmaninov and Delius; a wonderful period covering much of the chamber music canon.

A change to Baroque cello in the '90's led Clare to study with cellists Charles Medlam (London Baroque) and Jenny Ward-Clarke and took her playing in a new direction. She also studied with Jaap Ter Linden and Judy Tarling for performance style. It's in this area that she now finds her interest, and since moving to South Devon in 1999 with her family, she has played with Dorset Baroque, The Linley Band, West Barok and Devon Baroque. She teaches cello from home, and plays a cello by Klotz, dated 1753.

Clare and Jo will be playing some duets for your enjoyment. Hope to see you there.

Jo, Clare and Louise

A poster for a 'FESTIVE CONCERT' at St. Lawrence Church, Bigbury, on Saturday 14th Dec 4.30 PM. The poster features a dark blue background with white and yellow accents, including a stylized piano keyboard and musical notes. The text is centered and reads: 'FESTIVE CONCERT', 'ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH BIGBURY SAT 14TH DEC 4.30 PM', 'ADMISSION FREE*', 'Enjoy the delights of the newly-tuned church grand piano played by students of Jo Highley.', 'Nursery rhymes to sonatas, & surprise cello item', 'Refreshments & cake', and '* Donations to CHURCH RESTORATION FUND'.

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National Tree Week

You are either reading this item in National Tree Week (23rd Nov - 1st Dec 2019) or very soon afterwards. National Tree Week is the UK's largest annual tree celebration, marking the start of the winter tree planting season (November to March each year). National Tree Week is a great chance for communities to do something positive for their local tree-landscape.

The Tree Council

(www.treecouncil.org.uk) says, "trees do so much for us every day. They give us oxygen, store carbon, improve air quality, conserve water, preserve soil, support wildlife and are a key solution to climate change. They also make our communities more beautiful and improve our wellbeing".

The Woodland Trust

(www.woodlandtrust.org.uk) is currently offering part grants for woodland planting. This includes the wood to be planted in the field adjacent to the turning down to Easton from the Stakes Hill road (put this reference into Google maps to find the location: 50.306604, -3.869632).. If you would like to help establish this wood and would like to help plant some trees, then come to our tree planting week-end.

There are over a 1,000 trees to be planted and we are organizing a tree planting week-end (7 and 8 December 2019) so if you fancy helping please call Henry on 01548 810991. Henry will provide instructions on what to bring and when to come. If you are also planning to plant trees in Bigbury, please let us know, so that we can help get the message out if you need some help.

Henry Wainwright



Ash dieback disease is spreading throughout Devon

Losing one of our most abundant native trees will have a massive effect on our landscapes, hedges and the wildlife they support. Dying trees adjacent to highways and other public places also pose safety risks to people.

The time for action is now!

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



Letter from Devon County Council to Bigbury Parish Council

Ash Dieback

As I'm sure you will be aware, ash dieback is one of a series of diseases which pose a huge risk to Devon's trees. With the disease already widely distributed across the county, we expect over 90% our native ash trees to be lost over the coming years.

DCC is working closely with the **Devon Ash Dieback Resilience Forum** to promote awareness of the disease and to encourage timely action to address the public safety and environmental implications. If you would like more information, please take a look at the new web site at: www.devonashdieback.org.uk

Promoting Tree Planting

Never before has there been a more urgent need to promote new tree planting, particularly to help compensate for the millions of ash trees that will be lost across Devon, but also in response to the **Devon Climate Emergency**.

For your reference, we will be launching a '**Free Tree Scheme**' over the coming week, working in partnership with **The Woodland Trust**. Packs of native broadleaved trees will be supplied to property / land owners who are willing to plant and maintain these. Although only a small-scale 'trial' in the first instance, we will be working with the **Devon Ash Dieback Resilience Forum** to extend this over the coming few years.

We also hope to encourage a few Parish / Town Councils to plant a 'landmark tree' (i.e. specimen trees, intended to be planted in prominent locations with public visibility and access), by also making these available free of charge. Details of these schemes will be published on the ash dieback web (link above).

Finally, you might like to note that **National Tree Week** runs from 23rd November to 1st December and provides the ideal time to get involved in tree planting events. To help promote this, we will be staging a small tree planting event in the County Hall grounds on 29th November, involving representatives from the **Devon Youth Parliament** and a few pupils from St. Leonards School. If you require any further information on these issues, please contact either **Peter Chamberlain** or **Melanie Croll**.

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Some of you will be aware that we do a **Whats App for veg**. We let you know what is available and you can let us know what you want. If you are interested and you have a smart phone, then Trish can add you to the group when you supply your mobile phone number.

On a Tuesday we send out an availability list and you can reply by Weds eve with what you would like. We then pick the veg and bag it on a Thursday and it can be collected from various points. One of the collection points will be the farm shop building and hopefully others in Ringmore and St,Annes (not yet confirmed).

If you don't want anything you just don't reply. Therefore you only get veg you want. If you would like more info or to sign up please call **Linda (810923) or Trish (810053)**.

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High in chlorophyll, the leaves of the **Common Nettle** were collected for dyeing camouflage nets during the Second World War. They have also been widely used to make textiles, going back as far as the Bronze Age.

Apart from the well known nettle soup (a little too gritty for my taste), you can use nettles as a spinach substitute, or to make nettle beer, cordial, and tea.

Some brave (or you could say stupid) souls take part in the **Annual Marshwood World Stinging Nettle Eating Championship** in Dorset. Their tongues swell and go black, although they swear it is painless!

You have heard the phrase “grasp the nettle” – that is just what you have to do to avoid being stung. It is a gentle brush of the tiny hollow hairs on the underside of the leaves and the stems that does the damage, injecting histamine, amongst other chemicals, onto the skin.

Dock Leaves (*Rubex obtusifolius*)

Dock leaves are not the miracle antidote to nettle stings as we have all been taught. They are acidic, like nettles, and contain an alkali which neutralizes the nettle venom. They work because rubbing them releases a sap which cools and soothes the skin.

According to J de Cuba, in his 1491 Hortus Sanitatis, a much better remedy is goose dung, if you happen to have some to hand!

Dock leaves can also be used as a spinach substitute and to make tea. They have been used successfully as a cure for styes, spots, boils and pimples.

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Dock (above left) Nettles (above right)

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MONSTER MOGGIE ON THE LOOSE!

Hello Pusspots. It's yours truly again. I'm laying in front of a lovely roaring fire in the Artful Dodger pub typing this on my ne Pussus 'cat-top' computer! My friend Bruce – a very fine Persian Blue – is so excited – I have bought him a present for Pussmas. I will tell you, but you must keep it a secret! It's an adorable midnight blue velvet waistcoat that will go perfectly with the blue bowtie that I bought him for Christmas last year. It's such fun to indulge one's best friends. He will look purrfect.

I say darlings, did you hear about a 'monster moggie' that is 'on the loose'? According to a completely reliable newspaper, 'The Moon', a terrified mother had to pull her children - Anastasia and Xerxes - to safety as they were being circled by a 'leopard-spotted beast' in the garden of their humble Hampstead dwelling! It was showing its teeth and snapping at the children.

"I thought at first it was a cheetah, like Bozza Johnson — or something that had escaped from a zoo," said the terrified mother. The mum-of-four feared the children were about to be savaged, so she grabbed a toy horse and hurled it at the beast in a bid to drive it away. She added: "I screamed and threw a toy at it and pulled the children inside, shutting the glass behind me." Apparently, the 'monster cat' then chewed the toy horse!

Now darlings, let us all think very carefully. Was this really a cat? My friend Bruce thinks it was a Savannah 'cat' – a cross

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So what is on my Christmas list for Santa Paws? Well, I would like a nice big soft cushion, a self-warming cat blanket, and a lovely Spanish leather cat collar. Bill and Nancy always give us a Christmas Catnip Hamper – we can make the box into a playhouse, and Bruce always wears the lovely raffia bow on his head! Ha, ha!

Finally, Nancy read this from a book. It's all about Christmas. Bruce and I think it's lovely.

Yule, is when the dark half of the year relinquishes to the light half. Starting the next morning at sunrise, the sun climbs just a little higher and stays a little longer in the sky each day. Known as Solstice Night, or the longest night of the year, much celebration was to be had as the ancestors awaited the rebirth of the Oak King, the Sun King, the Giver of Life that warmed the frozen Earth and made her to bear forth from seeds protected through the fall and winter in her womb. Bonfires were lit in the fields, and crops and trees were "wassailed" with toasts of spiced cider.

The best gift for me is for all of you to have a truly happy Christmas.

Remember, God gave us our memories so that we might have roses in December!

See you in 2020, m'dears!

Monty

PS. Think of those sad, sad people who are setting off fireworks in the middle of October. One frightened Bruce so much he ran up the Xmas tree! Ha, ha!

PPS. And finally. What not to give a cat? It's simple.

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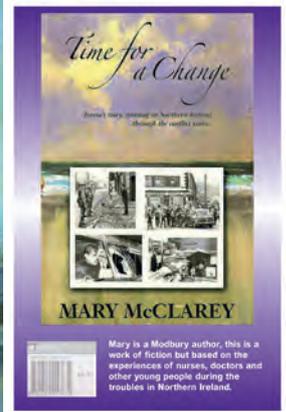
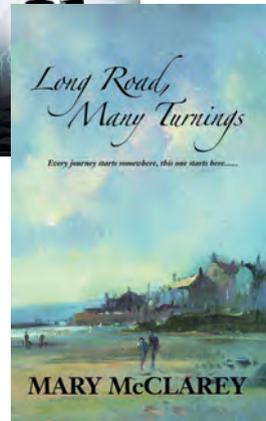
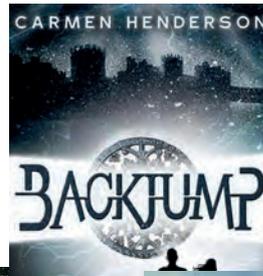
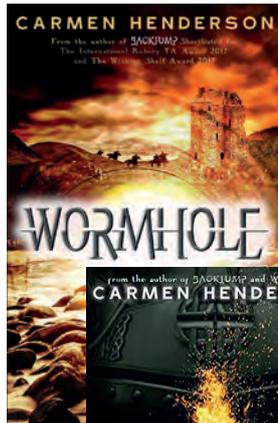
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I would like to send warmest Christmas wishes to the merry band of writers who have sought to entertain and educate us with their contributions this year. My time in the print room is much rewarded by their regular endeavours. I hope they will girdle their loins for more happy and interesting repartees in 2020.

If you would like to share some **Bigbury Stories** of times gone by or share useful information - please make yourself at home. Send your suggestions to the Editor.

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Louise Wainwright



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MY CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I am ending this year on a note of optimism which I want to share with you all. Opportunity springs from unexpected origins all the time, and generally just when one is not expecting it.

Only the other day I was idly doing a little canine surfing on my man's computer (he leaves it switched on in total ignorance of my digital propensities), when the invitation leapt at me from cyberspace.

“**DO YOU ACCEPT COOKIES?**” It said. Do fish swim? Does Boris Johnson vote Conservative? Do dogs like biscuits? Do I.....? Well I am sure you will catch my drift. But the invitation has anchored itself in my mind.

Why have we not accepted these cookies already? Why is there so much fuss about giving me treats, or about something they call stealing when I help myself - when free cookies have been available all the time at the click of a button? (There is a practical problem with this because my paws are very thick and I have to apply the necessary pressure with my nose, which is both time consuming and inconvenient. However when needs must the resourceful kelpie will always respond).

This of course is where my man has gone wrong so often. He fails to take opportunities, the consequences are costly. For example, when he adopted me, he thought about it for two days before making the five hour journey to the North Wales kennels in which I had been housed. Why? We ask ourselves!

THE VOICE of REASON

Apparently the reason lay in the distance. What did he expect me to do? Move to him? But in that ensuing period between thought and decision my sister was taken away from me and adopted by some people in a place called Liverpool, which, I trust, is as tasty as it sounds. And here's the thing: when I hear him discussing my life story, which he occasionally does, he always rambles away about my sister and how he would have adopted her as well, if only...(yawn!). Well, all I can say is that he had the chance, but he blew it. Just as he misses out on free cookies!

During my life so far, I have tried to make a contribution to a balanced society. “Only Dogs Allowed” is a simple enough concept, but if only more humans would take it seriously the world would be a better place. Of course I am not suggesting the elimination of felines but a policy which strays away from low tolerance is its own enemy.

Only last Christmas I rescued a miserable mewling creature from certain death from the waves on Bigbury Beach. I don't regret this gesture, although I had some explaining to do to my Board at Battersea, where Bone House, my HQ, may be found. Readers will remember I was moved to report the incident in a short poem.

So it most certainly is not my view that cats should be removed, only that they should be rehoused. I am disappointed that Monty has not responded to my suggestion that the Bigbury Kat Kinder should be accommodated in his pub, but since it is Christmas he may still repent and offer

them support. I had no idea that when I rescued that creature it would repay me by fathering unwanted kittens by the dozen. I should have taken the opportunity then of introducing one or two conditions relating to any future rescues.

Which brings me to the point of my Christmas message: whether it's cats, kittens or cookies, we should make the best of ourselves and take our opportunities. And with this thought I attach a picture below which sums it up. Next year I SHALL be magnificent. I hope you all will be too.

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As the information at the **Mothecombe Nurdle Control Centre** explains: nurdles are tiny pieces of plastic that are produced in countless billions to produce all our plastics. Many of them wash up onto our beaches because of spills or mishandling by manufacturers.

They are tiny - the size of a lentil. To find them, you will have to get down on your belly and search the sand for the nurdles. The Mothecombe Nurdle Control Centre provides sieves for nurdle hunters to use. Nurdles are difficult to spot and it is necessary to actually sieve the sand to pick them out. They provide a pot to place all your nurdles and encourage you to share your findings on the nurdle website:



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Wash your hands after you have been nurdle hunting.

We are already in the habit of taking our own bags to the supermarkets. Is it time to get into the habit of always taking a collection bag for beach rubbish when we go down there? **Louise Wainwright**



Mothecombe Nurdle Control Centre

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Poster designed by children at Holbeton Primary School

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Nurdles are often mistaken for food by animals, birds and fish. They get trapped in the animal's stomach making them feel full and stopping them eating real food. It is also very likely that toxic chemicals on the surface of the plastic transfer into the food chain.

HOW DO THEY END UP AT SEA?

Spills and mishandling by industry can mean nurdles end up at sea in worryingly large numbers. Nurdles do not go away – like other plastic they just fragment into smaller and smaller particles.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Help us remove plastics from our beach! The sieves below have been provided to help collect nurdles and smaller pieces of plastic. Please return them after use so that others can join in the effort. Nurdles can also be collected by hand, just remember to wash your hands after collecting beach plastic.

The best place to start your hunt is at the high tide line. Try lifting up pieces of seaweed and looking through the sand. Nurdles often blend in with beach, so hunt slowly and get close to the ground. **Remember, nurdles are hard to spot!**

SHARE YOUR FINDINGS

The good people at 'The Great Nurdle Hunt' are collecting information to push the plastic industry for a review of their processes. Please take a note of how many nurdles you have collected, taking a picture if you can, and enter the information at The Great Nurdle Hunt website - www.nurdlehunt.org.uk. Your findings are important evidence to show the plastics industry the extent of the pollution.

Infographics and content provided by The Great Nurdle Hunt (www.nurdlehunt.org.uk), created and co-validated by environmental charity Fife. The Great Nurdle Hunt is an international citizen science survey aimed at providing a global evidence base of plastic pollution, or 'nurdle' pollution. With kind thanks to Holbeton Primary School, Holbeton Pre-school and The Fife Youth.

BEACH BANTER



McBAR'S JARS



Dear Fellow Coasters,

My, what an interesting time it's been lately. And me with a bad leg too. It's almost a national sport at this time of the year for the media to carry dire warnings about how the coming winter will be long, harsh and far colder than usual, and imagine, with snow expected soon. Of course, these forecasts don't come true but no one is held to account for them. Snow after snow will appear - but there's not a shred of evidence about this.

Which leads me to Brexit. There's no evidence either that smoking cannabis relieves depression so Heaven help you if you're partaking in the stuff while watching Question Time on a Thursday.

Greetings from your very own barman. Winter is here now on our 1930s semi-detached island. What a joy to still be here, even at my advanced age. I still see the place as a posh car boot sale: we do it all for you when you get here and you can mix and match. You have the choice. Do what you feel is best for you. No pressure then.

Remembering who came here in the past, I chuckle at the fact that I've been here for so long now that what I don't know about the hotel, you could put under a postage stamp, chuck it away and I wouldn't miss it. What a week we had in 1930 when the one and only Greta Garbo came to stay. Mysterious and elusive, Bristolians might remember her as Gentle Garboh. Singer Steve Chisholm performed here then and remembers her. A little known fact about our Greta is that she had huge feet. Size 15! One night in the Ballroom, Orson Welles, the film director, remarked that the woman would be better off wearing the shoe boxes rather than the shoes contained therein. I thought that was a bit cutting but then Orson would know all about cutting. In reality, Greta had come to entertain us with her exotic burlesque act - under the pseudonym of Tassels LaVerne.

My, you can bet all the tea in China to a bad egg that none of us are ever going to die wondering! Neither was she. I certainly enjoyed the show and came to every one

of her 70 performances that week. Wow! Orson Welles was later to explode in Alicante while Greta's shoes were eventually requisitioned by the Navy.

Greta would go on about how she came to Burgh because she "wanted to be alone". I retorted that, if that was the case, all she need do would be to go to one of her matinee shows on a rainy Monday afternoon in Devonport and she truly would be alone.

Talking of Devonport, you youngsters may remember that's where I used to put on my Punch and Judy shows in the Sixties, but as there's not much call for them these days, I find my time's my own.

But I digress. A thought occurred to me as I was readjusting the sash on my crepe de chine lounging gown after falling off a dry stone wall and grazing my knee quite badly. We long for warmth now so I want to propose to you a lovely winter cocktail which will get you nearer to where you live. Greta loved it and so will you. Here is my **Winter Amethyst**;

Add some ice into a shaker and then add 25ml of Plymouth Gin; 20ml of Triple Sec; 10ml of Plymouth Sloe Gin; 10ml of Blue Curacao; 10ml of Lemon Juice and 10ml of Gomme Syrup. Shake and strain into a champagne glass. Voila!

Mind you, don't have any more than three. I did and came to grief. Of course, I'd seen the inside of a prison before. Always on the edge of incarceration, the police had been seeking me for quite some time, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. After Court proceedings, 26 other cases came to light. The lady I had taken up with in Aberdeen was forced to change her view of me. Me? A collector of rare Japanese intaglio prints? In the Can?

That's all for now. Enough of me wittering on. Joyeux Noel Coward to you all. Don't forget where you heard it first. Until we meet again. Fare Thee Well. Your long suffering barman,

Gary McBar xxx

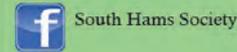


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Thank you to all our regular and new surfers who helped to make 2019 a great year for us. In case you did not know - we shut the Surf School from the 9th of December until the 10th of January.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - REFERENDUM

Great news. The examiner for the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan has now published his report and has concluded that the Plan should proceed to referendum, subject to the plan being amended in line with his recommended modifications, which are required to ensure that the plan meets the basic conditions.

The main modifications required are:

- Changing the plan end date to 2034. This is so that it is consistent with the plan period of the adopted Joint Local Plan.
 - Inserting the housing allocation site and viewpoints onto the Proposals Maps
 - Removing the design criteria relating to protecting neighbours' views as it is an established facet of planning practice that the planning system cannot protect private views across adjacent land. The Examiner has agreed that protecting neighbours outlook is acceptable, as outlook is much more related to the amenity of residents from development which takes place close to the site, such as the degree of enclosure experienced or the over dominance of a neighbouring building.
 - Include in the plan a definition of "previously developed sites".
 - Removing design criteria regarding zero emission buildings. A policy for the delivery of low carbon development is included in the Joint Local Plan.
 - Clarifying protection of employment uses to those within Use Class B.
 - Clarifying where tourist related development can be sited to include the hard-surfaced areas between the beach and Marine Drive at Bigbury on Sea.
 - Removing from the list of Local Green Spaces the open spaces which are proposed on land in St Ann's Chapel which is still to be developed. These can be added in when the Plan is reviewed, if these sites have been developed.
 - Deleting the policy on the Undeveloped Coast and Heritage Coast, as it merely duplicates a local plan policy.
 - Introducing text to cross reference to contributions required under the Joint Local Plan to mitigating the impact of residential or tourist development on European protected sites.
- The Examiner Mr Slater congratulated Bigbury Parish Council on seizing the opportunities presented by neighbourhood planning to allow the community to shape its planning policies. He stated that Bigbury is a parish in a stunning coastal location, whose protection will be enhanced by the policies in this plan. New housing is proposed in the most sustainable location to meet the community's own housing needs and provides controls to ensure that the new homes that are built will only be used as "principal residences".

Mr Slater considered that this was a locally distinct neighbourhood plan, which seeks to deliver on the expressed priorities of the residents of Bigbury and will deliver on its vision. He stated that the plan will provide a sound basis for dealing with planning applications in the Parish in the coming years.

Mr Slater said that he was delighted to recommend to South Hams District Council that the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan, as modified by his recommendations, should now proceed to referendum.

The Plan is now being modified in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations. If accepted by the South Hams District Council the Plan will then proceed to a referendum. This is likely to take place early in the New Year.

It is important that as many people as possible cast their votes at the referendum. Both Salcombe and Thurlestone had an excellent turnout for their referendums with Salcombe having a 33% turnout with 93% in favour of their Neighbourhood Plan and Thurlestone having an amazing 60.74% turnout with again 93% in favour. Can our parishioners in Bigbury do even better?

The Plan has taken nearly four years to prepare and has been through extensive consultations with the local community at each stage of the process. This is a plan prepared by and for the local community to reflect their views and wishes and we hope that the parishioners will turn out in force to cast their votes at the referendum.

The date of the referendum will be published on the village noticeboards, in the Holywell Stores, on the community website and a notice put out on the Bigbury Drums. Please do cast your votes when the time comes. If 50% or more of the voters are in support of the plan this then be adopted and will become a statutory plan. Once adopted, the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan will stand alongside the Joint Local Plan and will have equal, if not more weight, when considering any future planning applications. The voice of the local community needs to be heard when considering new development within the parish and the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan will help to ensure that this happens.

Cllr Valerie Scott

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PROPOSED DEMOLITION AT THE ROYAL OAK, BIGBURY (first two weeks of December)

On 1st Nov 2019 residents who lived close to the Royal Oak, Bigbury were sent a notice by Devon Building Control stating that the property was to be demolished. As expected, this did raise a few alarm bells with the notice suggesting that the whole of the building was to be demolished.

Valerie Scott telephoned **Devon Building Control** on 14 November to find out whether the notice was correct and was advised that they had been notified of the proposed demolition by the building contractors, **Bay Construction**. She then telephoned Bay Construction and was advised by them that only partial demolition was being proposed. in accordance with the planning permission for the change of use of the premises to provide three dwellings Application Ref; **2873/18/FUL**.

Valerie Scott advised them by email the same day that they should send a new notification to Devon Building Control to advise them of the fact that this was part demolition only and that they should ask Devon Building Control to send out a new notice, as this was causing a lot of anguish by neighbours and also in the local community.

Valerie Scott has been advised that a corrected notice will be issued in due course but at the time of writing this had not been received. Valerie would however like to reassure the local community that it is not intended to demolish the whole of the Royal Oak and she will keep pressing the contractors to send out a new notification to Devon Building Control so that a revised notice is sent out to the local residents.

South Hams District Council's Planning and Conservation officers are also aware of the error and are themselves taking action to ensure that only demolition of the approved parts of the building ie at the rear and set back section on the southern side, will take place.

The partial demolition is due to take place in the first two weeks of December 2019.

Report (21 Nov 2019) by
Cllr Valerie Scott



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

PRESENT: Cllrs: E Huntley (Chair), G Rosevear, V Scott, S Smith, S Watts, C Case and Clerk R Matthews. C. Cllr. R Gilbert was also in attendance along with fourteen residents.

1.0 Apologies of absence were received from Cllr S Edwards-Pratt.

2.0 No Declarations of Interest were received from the Parish Councillors.

3.0 Minutes of previous meetings held on October 9th 2019 : Cllr. Rosevear proposed the minutes of the meeting held on October 9th 2019 be accepted as an accurate record. Cllr. Scott seconded the proposal and all Councillors present at that meeting voted unanimously to accept the minutes, which were duly signed by Cllr. Huntley.

4.0 Matters arising from previous meeting held on October 9th 2019

Observations from visit of **Adam Keay (Highways)** are recorded as follows:

- Lose the free speed zone beyond Bigbury green to make tourists think 30mph persists? *No.*

- **Folly Hill by apartments**, how to stop cars crashing - paint strips, not rumble strips because may cause cars to veer into other side of road? *No.*

- Problems with exiting **SHDC car park** because visitors assume villagers will turn left into car park and therefore drive out without looking behind. Why no **STOP sign** in place? Write **SLOW on the road** going up the hill? Write to CATHY at SHDC *Action Clerk*

- Challaborough new by-pass road via first turn off to left after yellow B&B en route to Ringmore? *No money available for this.*

- Letter sent to Adam from Little Court re turning left. *Nothing can be done.*

- Person in second house on slalom near Bigbury green wants speed & vehicle numbers reduced. *Sorry but no.*

- POT HOLE top of slalom golf course end, *Adam will view*

- POT HOLE Bottom of Challaborough Hill. Cllr. Case will research this. *Adam will research.*

- POT HOLES galore - Easton lane - not mentioned.

- Would Highways allow tarmac of **Lacombe Lane** if development allowed there? *Maybe if for public use*

- **Challaborough Lane** - John Simes.

Adam says *if have access for big farm vehicles then have to have access for All vehicles of that size.*

- **Speed limit** please? *No because it is a rural road*

- *Passing places are not highways responsibility.* Locals create them and they expand over time.

- *No mirrors allowed on highways* exception at St Ann's Chapel

- Will look into *drainage issue at bottom of Challaborough Hill.*

- Adam will sanction **new St Ann's Chapel sign** if looks same shape as Bigbury village one - with or without AONB signage.

- Processes that are necessary before Highways can spend money: Need problem with speed or speed related accidents. First method of investigation is Speed investigated through SCARF, second method is counting accidents. If neither of these are pertinent, nothing can be changed. Will never be able to afford a highway/ by pass around Ringmore. County Council do not sign parishes, only villages. So no requirement for signs at entrances to Bigbury Parish. However, **Parish can fund new village signs**, colour shape & text. Small maintenance jobs – John Simpson authorised to buy white line marking paint and complete work on **Sedgewell Slipway and Lay-by.**

Last **new notice board** to be installed this week. Thanks to **Bob Smith and Bryan Carson** for agreeing to complete the installation.

Parish adoption of **Ringmore Drive telephone box** to be completed. Action Clerk

5.0 District Councillor's report

In the absence of C. Cllr Gilbert, who was late arriving due to prior commitments, Cllr. Huntley brought the District Councillor's update forward on the agenda. **D. Cllr. Taylor** stated SHDC were to employ a '**Climate Change Emergency Officer**' in the near future and this individual would liaise with Parishes, who in turn would be encouraged to appoint a responsible person. There was a further future consideration to introduce a '**Community Infrastructure Levy**' (CLI) on all new developments. 25% of this levy would be returned to the respective parishes for re-investment. There would be further updates in the coming months. With respect to Christmas, **D. Cllr. Taylor** stated **no Christmas wrapping paper should be re-cycled** as all such paper contains unsuitable materials. Re-cycling of **Christmas cards was possible provided there was no glitter on the cards.**

6.0 Planning related matters

3372/19/HHO **Courtlage Aveton Gifford** TQ7 4NN Proposal for single storey rear extension. It was stated that representatives from the Parish Council had visited this site and Cllr. Smith proposed the application be supported. Cllr. Huntley seconded this proposal with was agreed to by all Councillors.

3359/19/FUL **Lincombe, Lane to Hexdown Farm** TQ7 4BD Part change of use of field to garden and retention landscaping works to garden to ensure compliance with The Private Water Supplies (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2018, and ease

of maintenance for the future (Retrospective). It was stated that representatives from the Parish Council had visited this site and Cllr. Rosevear proposed the application be supported. Cllr. Huntley seconded this proposal with was agreed to by all Councillors.

TPO 1115393 **Land at Nantucket.** This was for information and it was confirmed this order had been put in place by the Planning Dept. to protect the tree during the construction phase of the development.

Update on **Neighbourhood Plan.** **Cllr. Huntley** stated that **John Slater** had been appointed as Inspector and went on to thank **Valerie Scott and everyone involved** in reaching this current milestone. **D. Cllr. Taylor** added his congratulations as well. **Cllr. Scott** gave an update on the current status as follows: **Examination of Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan.**

*Please see page 28 for
Cllr Valerie Scott's Report on
Neighbourhood Plan Referendum.*

Mr Smith also advised that the Neighbourhood Plan now has substantial weight in the decision making process since the Examiner's letter has been issued.

7.0 County Councillor's report : C.

Cllr Gilbert had arrived from a previous meeting and gave the following update: A new **Road Permit procedure** had been passed by DCC Cabinet and was designed to govern how Utility Company's worked within the region. Updated information on the **road closure between Edmeston and Modbury** would be made available to all as soon as more details were known. C. Cllr. Gilbert thanked those who had facilitated the visit of **Adam Keay** including the excellent presentation given by **John Simes**. As previously minuted the outcome is detailed in appendix 'a' but Cllr. Gilbert added there were many things already in place that could not be repeated or recreated under current guidelines and legislation. There was no reason that local farmers could not widen the road but if it involved the movement of a Devon Bank, planning application would need to be sought and approved. However, DCC would still not be in a position to maintain the road edges as these would effectively be on private land. Highways would only become involved if there was an identified safety concern, probably generated as a consequence of a number of accidents. Although not a wholly satisfactory approach, this was the over-riding system currently in place. C. Cllr. Gilbert advised that a **school bus consultation document** had been issued and this was to be circulated to all Councillors. Action Clerk

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In response to a question from Cllr, Case, C. Cllr. Gilbert stated he was not aware of any discussions to change school holiday dates. Clerk to follow up on **Gigaclear** role of Bigbury parish broadband roll-out. Action Clerk To conclude, C. Cllr. Gilbert stated he would not be attending the next meeting as it was scheduled for the day prior to the upcoming General Election and with that in mind wished the attendees **Merry Christmas**.

8.0 Open session

Resident A thanked the Councillor for providing an **old notice board** for use by the Church. Clerk confirmed this had no financial value. In response to a request in an earlier meeting **Resident A** confirmed the **heating in the Memorial Hall** could not be adjusted as the timer was very old with limited setting options. **Resident A** requested that a road sweeper be deployed in the Parish as had been the case in prior years. Action Clerk

In response to an open question, resident B confirmed the election on December 12th would not impact on the Parish meeting scheduled for December 11th.

Resident B asked if the **Post Box would be re-instated at the shop**. Cllr. Scott advised that this would happen.

Resident B raised concerns that a letter received by some local residents intimated the **Royal Oak was to be demolished**. This was NOT the understanding of the Parish Council. Action Cllr. Scott

*Please see page 29 for
Cllr Valerie Scott's Report on
Demolition of (part) Royal Oak*

In response to questions raised in respect of Hingston Rise by resident C, D. Cllr. Taylor stated the Enforcement team had reviewed the matter and **confirmed the street lights did not need planning permission**; a point **disputed by Cllr. Scott**, and the **street name sign was of an appropriate height**.

Cllr. Watts asked if the Enforcement Team had reviewed the Herb Heaven planning application. D. Cllr. Taylor said it had not been reviewed to date.

Cllr. Smith observed the **Parish notice boards were being misused** and **Resident A** kindly agreed to take this matter up with the owner of Holywell Stores.

Resident B asked when the **St Ann's Chapel planning application** would be discussed. Clerk confirmed this would be the December meeting. Action Clerk

9.0 Finance: Approval of payments to be made and presentation of finance statement. Cllr. Smith proposed the financial statements and recommended payments presented be accepted which was seconded by Cllr. Huntley and all councillors agreed. Clerk showed a slide of the current cash book and bank reconciliation statement showing a **balance of £33,577.93** as at October 31st 2019

Clerk showed a statement of restricted and **reserved funding with a balance of £11,248.93**

Clerk stated internet banking introduction was progressing.

Clerk to raise the following payments:
£187.96 P Bush Replacement wheel for beach wheelchair
£100.00 Royal British Legion Donation
£ 30.00 Bigbury Memorial Hall - Hall hire charges Q3 2019
£ 36.00 CPRE Annual subscription
£ 16.00 S Smith Wreath for Remembrance Day
£ 33.48 BT – line rental and broadband access Memorial Hall Paid by direct debit

Clerk advised Councillors that a date needed to be set for the **Precept discussion**. Action Clerk

10.0 Update on Parish signage

Following the visit of Adam Keay (Highways) it was suggested the ST Ann's Chapel gateway sign be replaced as it was in a poor state of repair. Cllr. Rosevear proposed this be completed, a proposal that was seconded by Cllr. Huntley and agreed to by all Councillors. Action Cllr. Watts

Cllr. Smith reminded the Council of a comment received for a parishioner last year – highlighting the lack of a **commemorative wreath at St Lawrence church**. Cllr. Smith felt the placement of a wreath would be appropriate and acknowledged the service was only held there once every three years. Resident I reminded the Council that the wreath should be blessed as part of the service itself and should not just be placed on the memorial.

Cllr. Huntley proposed the Parish Council meet the cost of this wreath. Cllr. Rosevear seconded this proposal which was agreed to by all Councillors. Cllr Smith is to arrange this. Action Cllr. Smith

11.0 **Royal British Legion – Remembrance Day wreath** Cllr. Watts thanked Cllr. Smith for her action in procuring a wreath and ensuring it was placed on the war memorial. Cllr. Rosevear seconded the proposal which was agreed to by all Councillors.

12.0 Correspondence received

In addition to items already covered in this meeting, Clerk confirmed a request had been received from **Bigbury Golf Club**, giving them the opportunity to give a presentation on the proposed development. Clerk confirmed there was insufficient scope to allow the presentation this month but it would be given due consideration for the December meeting.

13.0 Agenda Items for consideration at future Parish Council meetings
Report from St Lawrence Church, Update on kerb-side refuse collection service, Golf Club development proposal and broadband. It was also agreed to invite, over the course of the year, representatives from bodies such as Burgh Island, AONB, and the History Society etc. to the meeting. All subject to priorities determined closer to the meeting date

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

The meeting closed at 09:15pm.

The next meeting is to be held on
Wednesday December 11th 2019 7:30pm
Wednesday January 8th 2020 7.30 pm



D. Cllr. Taylor stated **no Christmas wrapping paper should be re-cycled** as all such paper contains unsuitable materials.

BUT - Holywell Stores sells brown paper in rolls - suitable for eco-christmas wrapping paper!! Decorate it yourself! If you want a lot of brown wrapping paper, it may be wise to ask Jas to order you some extra rolls.

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Recycling of **christmas crackers** is possible if they are not metallic or have glitter on them. Remove plastic items. Same goes for advent calendars.

Please take care when recycling Christmas packaging. Take time to sort it properly.



THE SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY

The South Hams Society is an influential and important local charity which exists to enhance and protect the South Hams Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). April of this year saw some changes at our AGM and a new Chair, Vice Chair and committed team of volunteers came on board with the aim of making the charity fit for purpose in the 21st century. Now we are seeking new members to join us and help us achieve our aims to protect the South Hams heritage and natural beauty, a task which is even more important today as we face strong external pressures. Since its founding in 1962, the SHS has built up a well-deserved reputation as the 'go to' charity for advice on local planning matters. We work to secure the protection and improvement of the landscape, features of historic interest and public amenity and to promote the conservation of the South Hams as a living and working environment. We encourage high standards of planning and architecture that respect the character of the area. Whilst our work on planning is perhaps what we're best known for, this is by no means all that we do. We also run a lively events programme. In addition to

monthly beach cleans, we've started a programme of Farm Briefings as part of our commitment to the South Hams as a living, working environment. We also hold wildlife events, talks on local heritage and we are hoping to develop a more diverse programme of social activities to appeal to a wider audience.

We are not against change and are keen to support genuinely appropriate development in the area. To this end we liaise closely with the planning department of the local authority who in return take our input and collective comment seriously. We have built an enviable reputation in this regard and our membership of over 250 people know that the SHS is always monitoring and responding to development proposals and breaches of the planning rules on their behalf.

Never has the South Hams been under greater pressure from the push for new housing. This year alone we have helped to prevent 'development creep' at various locations across the area. We can tell you more if we come to speak in person. We have also identified and followed up on numerous applications or works on trees

which should be protected by Tree Preservation Orders.

Obviously we are not alone. Wherever possible we work in partnership with other like-minded organisations. This year we have worked with the South Devon AONB Unit on Estuary health and the local Tree Wardens Network to strengthen and protect our beautiful woodlands and iconic trees.

Last but not least we are there for local residents, to help them navigate their way through an increasingly complex and often stressful planning process. You may be aware that we recently provided free, expert advice to Ringmore residents as they opposed a proposal on the edge of their village. This is an important role, we feel, to offer this service to those who need it. That's why feel that joining the SHS is a 'must' for anyone who cares about this area and wants to keep it special.

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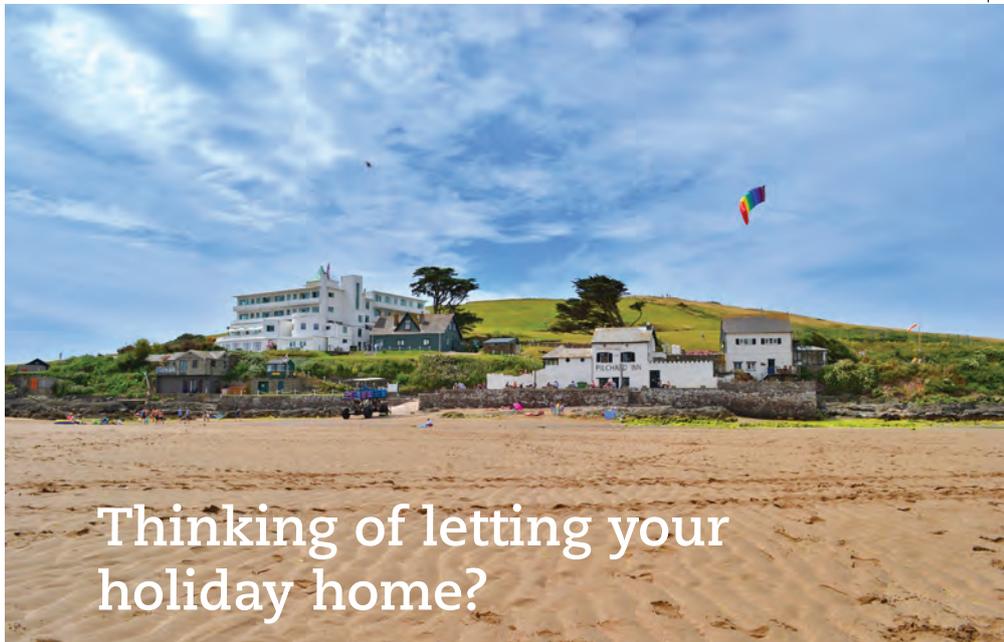
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