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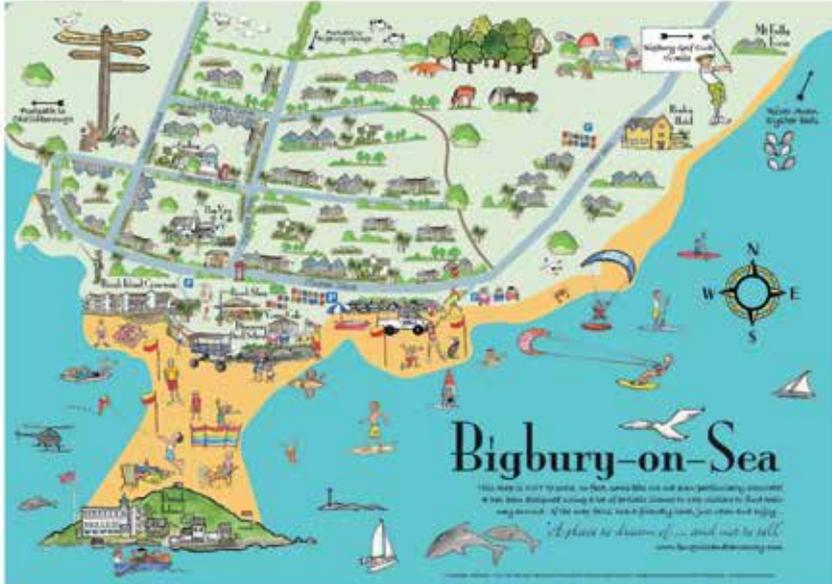
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It is so sad that we have not been able to get together properly. When we can manage risks better, later in the year, it will make the local events even more enjoyable.

As 2021 sets off to discover what is in store for us all, we should take courage and reassurance from the fact that there are a lot of amazing people in Bigbury for whom Community is very important. Bigbury is not just a Beach.

Living in an AONB is a always blessing, in spite of the fact that it also brings more visitors here. We need visitors to make our businesses and local economy resilient and create local jobs. The councils work to help manage the fallout of that by collecting rubbish and providing facilities. We should remember that they are also 'people' trying to do their jobs in difficult times when both money and the workforces are limited.

Some people will be coping with the pandemic better than others, and it is important to be the 'good neighbour' and keep an eye out for those who may be more vulnerable.

Our local businesses are struggling and if you can do something to help support them, by buying gift vouchers or ordering take aways - please do this. Just having a kind word to say or thanking people for keeping the show on the road will make a difference.

I am sure I have stated the obvious. But don't be shy to reach out to others to ask for or offer help. Unprecedented times, means some families are in unusually difficult situations. **Kingsbridge FoodBank** is there to help with essential supplies and **Holywell Stores** is an outreach post to help supply food to the Bank for re-distribution.

If you can help by buying one (or more) food bank parcels from Holywell, they will be collected and re-distributed from the Kingsbridge Food Bank. Please see the poster in this issue for contact details if you need help or know of someone who may need help.

Even when we have had the vaccinations, we will still have to be very cautious. Immunity takes weeks to develop and may not provide 100% immunity. But have the vaccine. Remain vigilant and don't change your habits too quickly. Spikes happen. Spikes Hurt. HM Government will provide us with appropriate guidelines as the situation becomes more clear.

If you have an event that you think will lend itself to an alternative way of organising, Bigbury News will try and help with on line events and promotion. Just get in touch. We managed to keep the Produce Show and Carols on the Green alive by doing things differently and it's possible to do more of this type of event.

Please support the **Bigbury TV** channel by posting your videos. Have a look at the **Bigbury Tree People** and **Bigbury Gardeners** features in this issue.

Most importantly, please read the **Bigbury Climate Change Emergency** feature and take some time to consider what you might be able to contribute to the debate or action plan. The spike in carbon emissions is the Big Spike we may never recover from. It needs to be on our Agenda.

Stay Safe, be kind,

Louise Wainwright

Bigbury News and Bigbury Drums Editor

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BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

ALERTS

We now have dates for **3 skips** to be sited in the Memorial Hall - to be delivered on **Friday 12 and picked up on Monday 15.**

They will be for general waste, mixed general waste and green and garden waste. However these cannot/**must not be used for fridges, TVs and hard core.**

Sedgewell Slipway is planned to be closed on **March 2 and 3** for white-lining of parking spaces

Ian Bramble

Parish Clerk

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Fake Text re - Covid-19 Test

A dangerous fake NHS text has been circulating, telling people they're eligible to apply for the COVID-19 vaccine. Here's what it looks like.

Wednesday, 30 December 2020

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NHS: We have identified that your are eligible to apply for your vaccine. For more information and to apply, follow here : uk-application-form.com

This URL takes you through to an extremely convincing fake NHS website that asks for your personal details

NEVER give out your personal details.

With the recent approval of multiple vaccines in the UK, these types of scam attempts are likely to continue as fraudsters look to take advantage of the rollout to so many people.

Cold calls regarding the vaccine are also beginning to take place – we've already had reports of scammers asking people to pay for it over the phone. If you receive one of these calls, hang up.

Protect others by reporting incidents like this. If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by this fraud or any other scam, report it to **Action Fraud** by calling **0300 123 2040** or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

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Covid-19 has destroyed jobs and left some people without the income to get through these unprecedented times.

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£2 or £4 Bags

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**DO YOU NEED HELP?
DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO MAY NEED HELP?**

Contact the Food Bank Manager, Gerrie:
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Please drop off Christmas Gift donations at Holywell Stores

NINETEENTH HOLE



Photograph:
Dot Kenneth
(right) presenting
Jane with her
commemorative
gift

Well, 2021 started with yet a third lockdown with all golf courses closed for the foreseeable future. A petition calling for allowing golf to be played in lockdown with 'Appropriate safety measures' was very quickly organised and submitted to the Government, but as with an earlier petition by golfers and England Golf, no action was taken to lift the ban on golf being played. This is a huge disappointment for golfers as it is acknowledged that golf is a sport that, with the appropriately enforced Covid prevention measures in place, golf can be played in a safe manner. Indeed golf clubs across the country that have been open during the two earlier lockdowns have already introduced such measures.

The following link shows the Government's formal response, https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/557167?reveal_response=yes

Our **Seniors Captain 2020, Mike Heath**, pursued throughout the year his Section's Charity fundraising and just prior to the current lockdown, he was able to arrange for a **Devon Air Ambulance (DAA)** representative to go along to the club to receive a cheque for £500. Mike enjoyed being able to present **Rex Brown** of the DAA, with the cheque.

The money was raised through the generosity of the Seniors, and was a good amount as they have been denied many of their money raising opportunities this year because of the pandemic. Receiving the cheque, Rex said that all donations are understandably well down this year, and the DAA Charity was very grateful for the donation to help with keeping the helicopter in the air for the people of Devon.

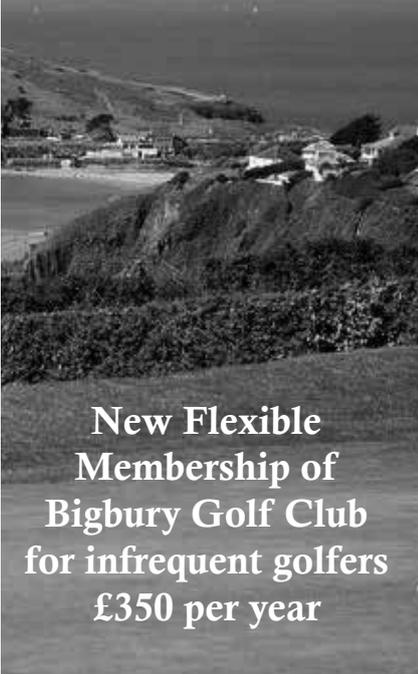
Jane Rickman, our 2020 Lady Captain, also through her year enthusiastically pursued fund raising for her chosen Charities and again wishes to thank all those who have donated and supported her with these efforts. There are some final dotting of the i's and crossing of the t's to be made and then Jane will be able to enjoy presenting cheques to the two Charities, one local and one national. More in the next Bigbury News.

New Year at Bigbury Golf Club has always started with the "**Captains' Drive In**", a celebration for all members and a special day for the year's Captains. Unfortunately this year the event has been necessarily postponed and long standing members of our club do not remember this ever happening before. But it is scheduled for the Spring and will be eagerly awaited.

Our **Lady Captain 2021** is long standing Bigbury Golf Ladies Section member **Dot Kenneth** and Dot awaits seeing what her year will bring. But just prior to the current lock down, Dot was pleased to present her predecessor, Jane, with a commemorative gift of a specially engraved water carafe. Again this was different for Jane as the presentation would normally have been made to her at the **Ladies Annual General Meeting**, but this year the meeting was held "on line". Jane has had a very different, but nonetheless, memorable year as our Lady Captain, and thanks everyone who has supported her throughout. Also the Ladies Section for her gift.

The Gents (**Paul Kingwell**), Seniors (**Mike Heath**) and Juniors (**Graham Smith**) Captains are continuing for a second year and, like Dot await seeing what this year holds for them.

Marlene Johnson
Golf Correspondent



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Jill 810651



BIGBURY COFFEE MORNING

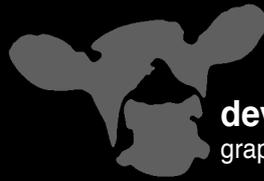
The December coffee morning raised
£500 for St Lawrence Tower & Bell
Restoration Fund. Thank you to all
who gave and donated so generously .

During 2020 we raised an amazing
£3029 for local charities.

As soon as the Memorial Hall is
COVID secure again we will resume
the coffee mornings and we very much
look forward to seeing you all again
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Jean and Yvonne.



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You should call 111 when you need advice or medical treatment quickly, and you cannot wait for an appointment to see your doctor.

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SOUTH HAMS HOSPITAL LEAGUE of FRIENDS

In these difficult times the hospital is still dealing with the fallout of Covid-19. There are currently 6 extra beds, making a total of 19, in use by patients discharged from Derriford. The hospital is being kept Covid free. Sadly, this has meant that not all previously available clinics can operate at the hospital at the moment. Hopefully they will return when the crisis is over. University Hospital Plymouth (UPH) have asked us to pass on the following information:-

Your Specialist healthcare appointment could be carried out from the comfort of your own home. Derriford Hospital, like GPs and other health and care services, is currently offering some outpatient appointments by video or telephone. These appointments are being offered where it's safe and appropriate for the patient to see their doctor, nurse or therapist in this way and please be reassured, if your healthcare professional needs to see you in person, they will invite you to come in.

The vast majority of patients who have used alternative types of appointment tell us they are happy to use them again. They asked more than 400 patients who had a video consultation with a hospital healthcare practitioner at Derriford about their experience. 95% of patients rated communication as very good or good in a video or telephone appointment, and 80% said they would be happy to continue using remote appointments in the future. Key advantages patients gave included:

- Not having to travel
- Not having to wait in a clinic
- No parking costs
- Easier to talk
- Not having to take time off work

Having a video or telephone appointment also means you can have your partner or family member with you if you wish, at the moment that is not possible because of COVID restrictions. For a visual appointment you would be sent a link to click on at the time of your appointment. It really is a simple process, and you would be given step by step guidance and reassurance if this is appropriate.

UHP have been working with Digital Health Devon who can provide help for people who want to access healthcare but need support with IT skills. Anyone interested can call via Freephone 08000 520 029 for more help or go to their website:

www.digitalhealthdevon.co.uk

Feedback from 2 local patients who have used the system.

Patient 1) During my serious illness, I had specialist care at Derriford and some continuing care at South Hams Hospital. In addition, I had remote 'electronic' consultations with my specialist team in the hospital which was easy and very reassuring talking to the team I knew. I avoided the drive to Plymouth and the parking at Derriford! Brilliant. Expect more in the future

Patient 2) Visits to Derriford were a great misery before Covid. Clinic visits involved long car journeys, difficult and expensive parking and waiting up to 3 hours to be seen, often to be told nothing needed to be done - come back in three months! Then the hospital started video or telephone consultations, which are so much better as you can receive them in the comfort of your own home. Also, another person can be present, which is not possible in hospital due to social distancing. There is useful guidance available from Derriford for those unsure about using Zoom for video conferencing. Hopefully this information will help to reassure patients and show the advantages of having some appointments from home.

"At the request of the hospital we have just purchased a Pulse Oximeter, which is an electronic device that measures the saturation of oxygen carried in the blood. Mr. Mitchelmore's family donation has been used as a contribution towards this equipment, and again, our thanks go to them."

Something to look out for in the future is a survey being done by some of the 6th form students at Kingsbridge Community College. It will give people of the South Hams a chance to give their views on the importance of the hospital to them, how they use the hospital, and whether they are aware of the facilities available locally saving them the long trip to Derriford. We will be issuing more details of this in due course

We would like to wish all our followers a Happy New Year and we are hoping for a better 2021 for everyone.

Daphne Jefferson
 South Hams Hospital League of Friends
www.shhlof.co.uk

SPORTS ON THE BEACH - A BYGONE ERA

I suspect a number of you have very happy childhood memories playing impromptu seaside games wherever your summer holiday was taken. Nowadays we can admire windsurfers, body boarders and surfers from the Bigbury beaches, we can even be taught the skills by the excellent team from the Discovery School. However, over a hundred years ago, while we were still only taking tentative steps in the water, here at Bigbury-on-Sea we did have an organised Annual Sports Day on Sedgewell Beach.

The information for this primarily comes from the Rector's monthly report in the Deanery Magazine. Initially the Rev Harold Bowden-Smith was not in favour of the games, perhaps because they were organized by the steward of the Land Company that was developing the seaside bungalow village he despised, or perhaps it was because it was out of his control. He encouraged games at the Harvest Festival but it took him a couple of years to warm to the events arranged by Mr. J. J. Chubb.

The **August Sports Day** was started in 1909 and was a planned annual event up to the start of the Great War in 1914. The details are sketchy initially as the Rector hardly mentions the first Games because "so much has already been written about them in the local newspapers". Of greater interest to him that month was the 14 lb salmon that had leaped into the Harris sisters' boat at the mouth of the Avon, thumping one of them on the back in the process! They had the last laugh though as they took their prize home for supper! There also is grudging mention of the 1910 events, when the weather was fine, the attendance large and the "highlight" was Bigbury's loss to Ringmore in the **Steeplechase**, a race around the beach and up to the top of Burgh Island. This prompted the Rector to plea "Wake up young men of Bigbury", an exhortation that was to become more persistent and more serious by him after war broke out.

The fun and games were well supported and we are fortunate to have pictures and even articles from **The Weekly Mercury** for the events of both 1911 and 1913. The Rector seemed impressed by the huge gathering in 1911, perhaps attracted by the presence of the **Royal Marine Band** from Plymouth. There was also the added spectacle of the Bigbury children dancing around the **May Pole**. The Rector even competed and actually won the long jump – if you cannot beat them join them I suppose.

There is no record of the Sports occurring in 1912 but only the comment that nothing much happened that August, except for rain and yet more rain – so wet summers



are not just a feature of our times. The Sports Day did take place in 1913 despite an overcast sky and a heavy downpour postponing events later in the day. The Band was again present, the steeplechase to the top of the island was won by a **P. Neve** and a dance was held in the evening in the **Assembly Rooms**.

The newspaper gives the results which provide interesting insights about Bigbury and English society at that time. Some races were just for the residents, owners or visitors to Bigbury-on-Sea itself, while there were separate races for the children of cottagers from the other parts of the parish. There were Open races where anyone could compete and the Rector's daughters performed well in these as well. But there were fun and games that were never to be seen at the Olympics – the Leap Frog, Skipping, Three-legged, Egg and Spoon and Sack races, which must have entertained the crowd. I would have loved to have seen the "Walking the Soapy Pole" and "Musical chairs on horseback" competitions, the mind boggles. Most telling of all was the Smoker's Race in which each competitor had to have a lady to light his cigarette and then he had to run the course while smoking!

There were no Sports in 1914 for War had already broken out and the village's attention turned elsewhere. There is no evidence that they were resumed in 1919. This is perhaps surprising as the newly appointed Rector, **William Pollock-Hill**, had been an outstanding athlete as a young man. At the **Queens Club** in 1890 he had won both the 3 mile race and the 1 mile race on the same day, setting a new World Record of 4 minutes 20.6 seconds in the Mile: This achievement was never matched. Pollock Hill, with his 9 foot running stride, was Harold Abraham's hero - that great man, immortalised in the Chariots of Fire film, told the family as much when he attended the Rector's

funeral in 1951. Bygone eras indeed.

Footnote;

I am indebted to **Roger Grimley** for explaining that the grand sounding Assembly Rooms was actually a not so grand room in the fish cannery. He also told me that this is the only mention of Robertson's Field in the archives and the location of it appears to be on the right near the bottom of Folly Hill where the cul-de-sac now is.

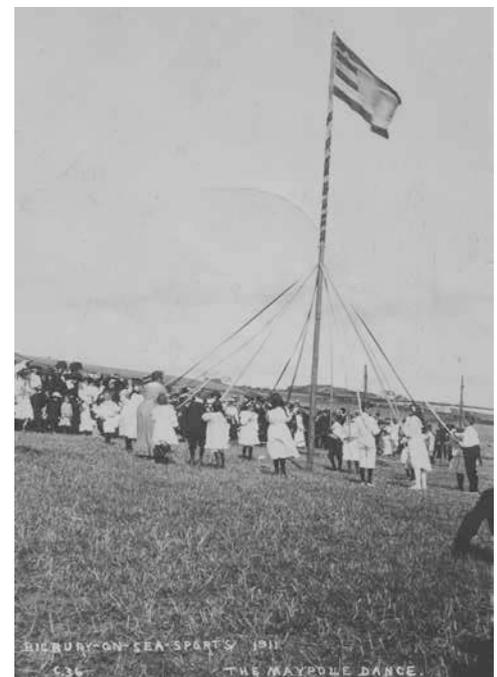
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BIGBURY REMINISCENCES

Back in the summer last year **John Brathwaite** and **Alan Bavage** came round for coffee and reminisced about life as children in Bigbury-on-Sea in the 1950s and 1960s. Here are a few snippets heard by the editor and apologies about any mistakes in the transcribing.

Alan's father (Jack) drove the Western National bus between Bigbury-on-Sea and Plymouth for 35 years from 1946. The bus was parked at Bigbury-on-Sea and Alan lived with his family at the Rest. The bus would make four trips in the summer and three in the winter per day. Alan moved to Bigbury-on-Sea as a 3 month old baby in 1946. John was a similar age and he was brought up in the house called Tara. As children they got into a few scrapes most of which will not be mentioned here. They emphasized that there were fewer holiday homes, more winter residents and no street lighting.

Miss Dunston lived in The Ventry (no longer exists) up near the top of Warren road on the left. She took care of oiled sea gulls and as lads they were rewarded by bring in oiled birds they found on the beach. This was the time of the Torrey Canyon and sea pollution was much more common than today. Miss Dunston's living room was full of sea gulls in recovery. The fish van would make regular visits with surplus fish waste for the birds.

Making their own amusement included playing pirates on the **Jolly Roger**, a boat in front of Burgh Island Hotel and learning to swim by jumping into the sea at high tide of **Fisherman's Steps**. These steps can still be seen today carved into the rocks just below and to the West of the Causeway Apartments. Further round there was the **Spy Glass Cave** below Warren point (now they thought this cave had collapsed).. Learning

to play table tennis at Brigadier Austin's house (Southways) which John thought then the loveliest house in Bigbury-on-Sea. Going fishing with Gerald, the fisherman, who lived in the summer in the pill box on Burgh Island now known as Fisherman's cottage, a privately owned house mostly used as a holiday let. Alan, later in life as a builder, helped Gerald upgrade the pill box. Of course there was the occasion when they shot a policeman in the leg with an air gun. A fine of eight guineas and a caution. Now those were the days in Bigbury on Sea!

Henry Wainwright



Please write in to the Bigbury News if you have Bigbury Reminiscences to share with Readers.

Have you got a cupboard full of old photographs, postcards or letters that might shed some light on what it was like here in the 'old days'?

Readers would love to hear what you have to offer.

If you would like to discuss your offerings with the Editor, just give Bigbury News a call.

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If Lockdown has made you think more about the importance of "Community" and what you could do to contribute to this important aspect of our lives - perhaps you should consider volunteering to expand the team. Ideally they would have a crew of six volunteers.

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2020 was a funny year. At the start, we at St Lawrence were looking forward to a year of fund raising and, maybe, the start of the work on the tower and bells. It didn't turn out like that but in spite of everything we have had a great year of fundraising, and the generosity of the community has been impressive and heart-warming. We have also received promises of money from those organisations listed in the table, for which we are very grateful, but we will still need a grant from the National Heritage Lottery Fund, and this will be our major applications thrust this year. Last year our application to the fund was cancelled as the fund closed to new applicants, so that it could concentrate on existing beneficiaries which required funding to keep afloat. This year a new fund will open, and when it does, we will be applying. There is no specific heritage fund for churches, we will have to compete with all other heritage sites, be they houses or steam engines. It is

therefore essential that we can demonstrate community relevance and potential for community use. Hence, I am going to bang on about the questionnaire seeking your views! If you have not filled one in yet, please make the small effort required and drop it off in the box in Holywell Stores (by the coffee machine). If the church and its heritage are of no interest to you, let us know that too; do not be indifferent. Further forms are available from me if needed and thank you in advance!

Against this background, routine maintenance continues – the slate steps leading into the tower had partially subsided and work has been done to reset them, to ensure rainwater runs away from, rather than into, the church wall. Two potholes outside the graveyard entrance have been filled, this work has been generously paid for by a parishioner who tripped over one! We are also looking now for stonemasons

to quote for the work to rebuild the leaning pillar at the graveyard entrance; this work will be funded by a Parish Council grant and the Friends of St Lawrence.

Please do contact Bryan Carson (01548 810296) and me on the Parochial Council Building Sub Committee to discuss the tower and bells restoration project, and any financial and practical help you can offer to our precious Grade 2* listed church.

Until the next time,

Vic Gubbins

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Grants available when work starts:

Devon Historic Churches Trust	£4,000
Pilgrim Trust	£1,800
Wolfson Foundation	£5,000
Total:	£10,800

The 'inSPIREd apPEAL'

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

Well, what a way to round off 2020's Tower & Bells fundraising! Late November a very welcome donation of £4,000 arrived from **Allchurches Trust** following an application by Vic. The first weekend of December saw the community coffee morning morph into a **Christmas Fair**, the first event held in the Memorial Hall since March. Huge thanks to the small team who worked so hard to stage this event, and to the 42 people who supported it, who really appreciated seeing others socially but safely, masked and distanced! Along with **Jean Wright's** usual Xmas baking, (fab Malteser log Jean!), a very satisfying £728.30 was added to the funds.

in such a poor year, imagine how much better we can do this year, as hopefully vaccinations help improve the situation, and allow more social interaction. Dare we think we may raise enough to get the work going this autumn, so it's not a project that rumbles on?!

The 'apPEAL' donations came from just 33 individuals or couples – THANK YOU! - a very small percentage of our population. Think what faster progress could be achieved if the majority of folk in the parish contributed. Perhaps for example, savings from not eating and drinking out much last year could be donated to the Tower & Bells?

please contact me with any thoughts (you don't have to put them into action, although that would be helpful!), and if you would like to join in a brainstorming session in February – all welcome.

This IS an achievable project which will create other opportunities for the community – can we do this? Yes, we can!

Jill Gubbins

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A fantastic £2098.70 sales profit from **Henry Wainwright's** book, **Bigbury Past & Present**, was presented at the fair; **Jan Davies'** genealogical research has made lovely family gifts and raised £890 so far; and **Venus Company's** super sponsorship, through cups of tea sold at all sites, produced £276.85 in its first quarter! These, and the sales of parish maps and artwork, are all ongoing fund raisers, so do please continue to support these activities in 2021!

Like last year's Bigbury Quilt, Bigbury Past & Present, and Family Tree research, fundraising ideas are needed for this year –

Louise & Henry Wainwright present a cheque to Vic Gubbins for the Tower & Bells Fund

There were also generous donations in November and December totalling £2,110, from permanent and swallow BoS residents, and people with very long-term connections with, and love for, the parish - bringing the 'inSPIREd apPEAL' donations total to £7,594!

So, the overall total raised in 2020 for the Tower & Bells Fund was £20,471.35, a remarkably good sum despite all the Covid difficulties faced. If we can raise that



LETTER from MINISTER at ST LAWRENCE



Modbury Mission Community

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
February 7 th	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship
February 14 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	All age service	Lay led service
February 21 st	Lay led service	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
February 28 th	Communion	Evening Prayer (4 pm)	Lay led service	Sunday Worship	Communion
March 7 th	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship
March 14 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	All age service	Sunday Worship
March 21 st	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
March 28 th	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion

Details about church are being continually updated. For the very latest information, please access any of the following media platforms:

Our website: [Home - Modbury Mission Community \(modburyteam.org\)](http://Home - Modbury Mission Community (modburyteam.org))

Our Facebook Page: [Modbury Mission Community | Facebook](#)

If you would like to receive the very latest updates from the church, you can subscribe to our newsletter by emailing the Vicar's PA: vicarspa@modburyteam.org.

If you don't have access to a computer please call 01548 831126 to request a paper copy of our latest news.

The greatest story ever told

I guess for many of us Lent has the connotations of taking on something difficult as a Lenten discipline, like giving up chocolate or alcohol, something we thankfully lay down on Easter Sunday.

However Lent is an invitation. An invitation to find ourselves in the greatest story ever told.

Everybody has a story. Your story includes the things you have done, the places you have lived your life, the experiences which have made you who you are, the people who have been most important to you. Your story is not yours alone, but is also part of lots of other stories – the story of your family, your group of friends, your town or village, your place of work, even your country.

At Lent and Easter, Christians celebrate the true life story of Jesus. This is the story of God's real loving and creative engagement with the world, which finds its high point in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. From one perspective, to be a Christian is to be someone who lives their story in the light of God's true story and then invites others into His story with us.

To find out more about what our parish has on offer for Lent and Easter this year see our website: www.modburyteam.org

Matt Rowland

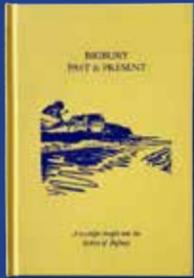
Vicar: *The Revd Matt Rowland (830260: every day except (normally) Saturday)*

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

Website: www.modburyteam.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS in support of THE TOWER & BELLS FUND

New Fundraising Book 'Bigbury Past & Present' Available to order now!



A nostalgic collection of over 100 photographs from c1890 to the present day, accompanied by a descriptive narrative.

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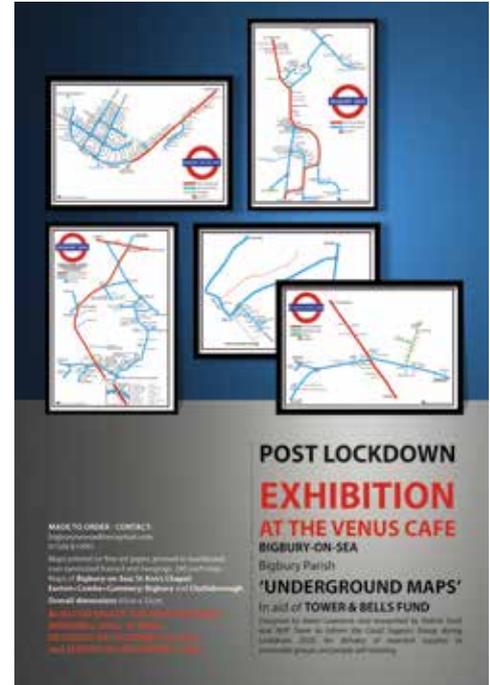
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These funds are ring-fenced and can only be used for maintenance and restoration.

Gill Cook 01548 810156

Our thanks to Michael Smith of Venus Cafe who is hosting a Post Lockdown Exhibition of the famous

Bigbury Underground Maps (£40) and fine art prints from local landscape photographers (£50). To order contact: bigburynewseditor@gmail.com 01548 810991



BIGBURY PAST & PRESENT

We are now on our third print run for Bigbury Past & Present. Many thanks to all those who have purchased a copy. Some people have bought several copies for family members. Thanks also to The Beach Shop, Fryer Tucks and Holywell Stores for helping us to sell copies to raise funds for the Tower & Bells Fund.

Copies are now in the
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I ❤️ BIGBURY

If there is something you could create or a service you could provide that might help in the Bigbury Community effort to raise the funds needed to restore St Lawrence Tower & Bells - Bigbury News will help promote your efforts.

Please contact Jill Gubbins if you would like to talk through your ideas,

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Stargazy Pie – John Simes's new short story set in Bigbury



I really hope you enjoy reading my new short story, Stargazy Pie. It is about a ten year old boy, Zak, who lives in Challaborough. He loves astronomy and astrology. He has a very close friend, Izzy, who has moved to another country far away. Zak misses her very deeply. But they still communicate via Instagram. Izzy is a bit of a rebel!

Zak wants to see the eclipse, so he walks up to Mount Folly, with his loveable Labrador, Dixey. When he reaches the point where all the footpaths intersect, he gets an extraordinary live message from Izzy and he does something rather remarkable.... Stargazy Pie is being published this year in my next collection of stories 'The Upperthong Thunderbolt'. Sales from the books will raise money for the chosen charity Refuge -

We will be having a special book launch event in Bigbury – funds from this will go to the charity, Refuge and to the Tower & Bells Fund.

Zak and Izzy also feature in another story, Hurricane Taranis, set in Challaborough. Stay safe everyone. Summer will bring us all together again!

John Simes



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Stargazy Pie will feature in John's forthcoming collection of short stories, **'The Upperthong Thunderbolt'** (Collingwood) to be published in July 2021 *Editor.*



Stargazy Pie

Zak climbs Mount Folly in search of Izzie and the Eclipse “Don't forget to polish the oji, Zak.” Elaine looked up from her computer. “We don't want to upset the Iroko man!” Elaine smiled and turned back to her thesis. Jerry was in the greenhouse.

“OK, mum.” Zak sighed and wandered through the kitchen into the garden, plucking the can of cumaru oil and a rag from the shelf. The waves in the bay plashed gently as Zak mounted the steps on to the lawn. The crimson block of oji wood glimmered in the afternoon sun on its granite plinth. Zak knelt down beside it. If he really stretched his arms he could just reach the furthest edge. Zak lay his head on the surface and imbibed the sweet scent of cinnamon and saffron, and marvelled at the textured architecture of the grain. He breathed deeply and eased his body on to the plane, his arms gripping the ends of the slab. Could he feel movement, a perceptible breathing and motion within the sacred tree, the soft beating of a pulse?

Zak turned his head and squinted up at the sun. He closed his eyes again and lay, arms and legs akimbo, feeling the planet's slow turn and rotation, and sensing the new moon travelling as a satellite in the constellation, and the stirring of animals and insects and birds around him. The eclipse. It was happening, shifting, moving. Zak could sense his body stretching and growing and regenerating. How come he knew this but no one else seemed to? Izzy knew. That's why she Instagrammed him. She knew and wanted to be with him. Zak listened to the ocean, bathed in light, feeling the energy on his hands and face. It was time.

Zak had persuaded his reluctant father to rescue the square slab of iroko oji from the sea. Its dense flesh was blood red. As they were dragging it from the water and the waves crashed about them, Zak felt the sea surge and thunder of the African shore. The wood block – big as a treasure chest – was hauled back to their modest seaside bungalow by a tractor. Dad had mounted it on a granite slab and gave it pride of place in the garden. One of Zak's chores was to stroke cumaru oil into its smooth surface; he could see his reflection in the sheen. On one side, there were several long slits in the wood skin. “Dad,” said Zak, as his father slumped into the armchair feeling his back. “Can I keep it in my room?”

Jerry grinned painfully and shook his head. “That wood is centuries old. People used to believe there's a spirit in the tree. It's a good spirit, but you must not look it in the face.” He winked at Elaine. “So we'll keep it in the garden.” Jerry and Elaine worried about Zak. “Don't you want to play football with the village lads, Zak?” Or “Alice is having a sleepover. You like her don't you?” And Zak would pull a face and take a reluctant Dixey – the family's somnolent black Labrador - for yet another walk. “He's seeing too much of Miss B,” said Elaine. “Oh, she's harmless,” said Jerry. “Just a bit eccentric, that's all.” “Eccentric! She's as mad as...” Said Elaine. “Playing Wagner all day, and those weird paintings of ghosts and spooks and angels and stuff. She keeps talking to him about magic and the stars and all that rubbish. And Zak just laps it up!” she snapped.

Jerry sighed. “Well, she is your aunt.”

“I just wish he'd join in, that's all. He's ten years old. Do what other boys do.”

“Look, Zak has a world in his head he likes exploring. And he loves music. And he misses Izzy.”

“That can't be helped. Why don't you take him to watch some football? Or rugby. Go to a match?”

“I've tried that. He kept asking me when it was going to finish, and why they were all wearing stupid shorts. Mind you, he did scoff a Big Beast Double Cheeseburger with Fries on the way back.”

“Miss Prism, his tutor, is worried about him. Doesn't go in the playground. She says he sits on his own and reads or sketches all day. He can't – or won't – do Maths. Just draws and writes mad stories. Other kids think he's weird.” Elaine turned and faced Jerry. “I think there's something wrong. He's got As... Asp... that thing.”

“Asperger's. Look. He's different.”

“Where is he now?”

“Out with Dixey, I think. Poor old dog.”

“He's taken his phone and that leftover sausage.”

Jerry smiled. “Did he indeed. Well, I don't rate Dixey's chances of getting the sausage. Look. I'll go and find him.”

“I'll come with you, said Elaine. “We've got to get this sorted.

Where will he have gone?”

“That's easy. Mount Folly. He said today would be an eclipse and full moon at twilight. He's probably up there doing a howling duet with Dixey.”

The tide had retreated so far out. As Zak slowly ascended Mount Folly, each time he turned to look, the ocean - kissed by the sun's western fire - had drawn back further as in awe of the emerald coast. The shoreline was left stripped bare, sand sucked out to sea, and the beach festooned with rocks and, Zak imagined, debris from sunken ships. At daybreak, Zak had roused Dixey and they had explored below the beachline; he had peered down through the sliding wavelets and glimpsed ancient timbers, embedded in the seafloor, and dark beds of peat that underlay the old marshland. Now as twilight descended, he and Dixey climbed the grassy track that ran along the edge of the vast fields that swept up to the crest of the mount. Evening mists formed above the Avon river; a full moon, ghost-white, slid into the eastern sky. As he walked, Zak clutched the silver sun and moon Zodiac pendant – a gift from Miss B, Zak's cheerfully eccentric aunt. He held it up to catch the sun's dying rays.

For Zak, this vivid day had brought an energy and excitement for change that he could see around him but seemed invisible to his bewildered parents. Jerry and Elaine would stare fondly at his freckled animated schoolboy face over breakfast, and wonder at his collections of coloured glass, exotic stones and pebbles harvested from the beach that he would arrange in bewildering rows and patterns. Some he would give names to. Or he would come stumbling up from the seashore, dragging a gnarled tree-branch, and sit cross-legged in the garden talking with the silent timber about how it floated from the heart of darkest Africa, or fallen from a whaling ship, or had been lifted by a storm into the sky before plunging like an arrow into the depths of the ocean. Zak knew mum and dad fretted about him not liking football. Enjoying his own company. What was wrong with that? It wasn't normal. And other kids didn't get it. Only Izzy got it. And she wasn't here. Yet she was. Izzy had gone to a place far away, and she had taken with her a portion of Zak's young heart. He looked at his phone again. That same cheeky grin and smile, the flick of blonde hair. Was this 'love'? Was this what it was all about? But love meant you had to live with someone for ever. Zak doubted he could do that with Izzy. Anyway, she liked horses.

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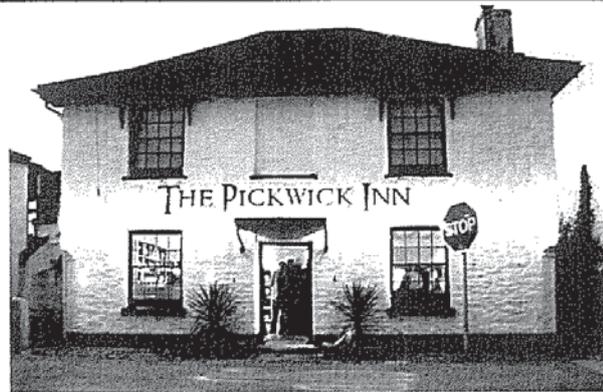
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McBAR'S JARS

And a Good New Year indeed to one and all. Life can be easy. It's the way you look at it. Spare a thought for Her Majesty on Christmas Day - how does the poor woman start to give a speech on last year's events? Where does one start indeed?

And as if it wasn't enough, we're all furloughed again. Cries of "how much will you give me on this?" are heard in pawn shops up and down the country. They're doing a cracking business. It's amazing what we can find hidden in old drawers around the house: granny's old fountain pen may turn out to be a Mont Blanc and thus will keep the wolf from the door for a short while.

For the first time since New Year 1987, the hotel stood dark and silent. Empty. Not looked upon by any reveller. Not even a squeal from the bagpipes to be heard in the Entrance Hall - probably to the relief of the building.

We hope to be up and running again by March but I think there's as much chance of that happening as there is of Scotland getting to Round 2 of Euro '21 if you ask me. We will just have to wait to see how things develop. I'm sure the turnaround will happen soon, what with the vaccine and all that so keep the faith everyone. The gorgeous and delightfully level headed Gemma Coltman: Sales Manageress of Parkdean Holidays at Challaborough is fed up with transferring her lovely bookings forward so let's hope there's an end to this by April.

Time flies, doesn't it? As I sit here, waiting for my bibelots to dry, I cast my mind back to the guests we've had visit us in the hotel over the years. I recall a time, some fifteen years ago when we had Lady Gaga come to stay. Not the American pop singer you understand. This was Lady Effie Bassington Gaga - one of the Staffordshire lot. I think their place was Dingwell Hall - all footmen behind the chair at table and green baize doors. They made their money from lawnmowers if I remember correctly. They were hard hit with death duties and I believe Effie's great grandmother married a second cousin which would explain her twitch. No relation to the Shropshire lot or the Hampshire branch who were mad gamblers - always gambling away their rivers and estates. Mind you, when Effie saw her bill, she did look rather poker faced. Probably not much left in the kitty.

But I digress. I put my spats into Johnson's last week to be re-elasticised and as I sat there enjoying my Tournedos A L'Etranger at Morrison's in Plymouth, I thought it was about time I gave you the recipe



for a real morale booster and this month I've decided to give one of Vlad Krupa's wonderful cocktails an airing. This is his classic **V Malone**.

Into a champagne flute, drop a white sugar cube, soaked in lavender bitters. Add in 25ml of Bols Apricot Brandy. Top up with champagne and add a sprig of thyme. Beautiful.

Dear Reader, you know what I am going to say. Have no more than three. My second visit to the spaghetti factory at Wrangaton ended again in disaster: I accidentally

dried the leader of the local Hell's Angels to death. He stumbled into the vermicelli oven and was brought out two hours later - completely flat and on a tray.

So here I am in Stir again. To think that I once played cricket with Her Majesty the Queen. Softboard Pete, another gentleman of our fraternity and my cellmate could easily procure a key to get us out but Life is easier in Jug. I like the self isolation.

Until we meet again. Fare Thee Well my friends. Remember where you heard it first.
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Locked down again! We very much hope that the Bigbury Produce Show will be hosted as usual in the Memorial Hall in Sept 2021. Last year we could not do this but we held the event on line and gardeners exhibited their produce by taking photographs and sending them in to the Judges. We now also have certificates for the winners and runner ups in each category - something to hang up in the potting shed? The categories will be announced later in the year. But there is a strong chance that the old favourites will be included: *potatoes, longest runnerbean, tallest sunflower etc.* Even if they are not on the list - we can all have fun growing these.

The **Chelsea Flower Show** has now been postponed until September, but if you have not entered for the Chelsea Show - why don't you decide now - to **enter the Bigbury Produce Show 2021**. More people than ever have been watching Gardeners World during 2020 - 2.7 million people were tuning in every week. Did you tune in? Have you started growing something in your garden? If you want to join the Bigbury Gardeners Whats App group - please send you mobile number to Louise 07980 525663 and then you can share your successes and failures with the rest of us! You may get some helpful tips? Or give advice?

JOBS TO DO

February and March are the busiest seasons for gardeners. Here are some suggestions about what you could be getting on with..... depending on the weather. Good luck.

FEBRUARY

- Start chitting potato tubers
- Buy less expensive bare root trees and cane fruit and plant them now.
- Plants are still dormant so if you are planning to re-arrange the garden - do it now.
- Prune back roses to a healthy outward facing bud and remove weak or diseased stems. Add composted manure around the base.
- Finish all winter pruning of shrubs and ornamental grasses. Check on line for guidance.
- Get rid of the overwintering weeds in your borders.
- Prepare vegetable beds with composted manure, remove weeds.
- Order vegetable seeds, dahlia tubers

MARCH

- Sow broad beans in compost-filled toilet rolls and grow on in a greenhouse or windowsill
- Plant out chitted early potatoes

- Plant transplants of tomatoes, peppers, chillies and cucumbers in a greenhouse.
- Set up your slug traps with jam jars of diluted beer mixed with molasses. Place near around the edge of your veg plot or susceptible plants. Cover the trap with a raised roof tile to stop the rain getting in.
- Apply general purpose fertiliser around shrubs
- Make modules of UK wildflowers by planting up seed trays indoors on a light windowsill or greenhouse - ready to make your own wildflower meadow.
- Plant summer flowering bulbs
- Sow seeds of hardy annuals outdoors - Californian poppy and nasturtiums.

Enjoy your gardening.
Louise Wainwright



LETTER from AMERICA

Guided by Jo's Royal Navy career, the Halfords moved from Bigbury to New England in Jan 2020. It's hard to believe that we have been living in the USA for a year already ... and what a year it's been!

You will undoubtedly have noticed that I steadfastly avoid the taboo subjects of religion and politics in all my letters, but after the storming of Congress last weekend (it's still January as I write this) it's hard to ignore current political events. By the time you read this, President Trump should have left office and President Biden and VP Harris should be well into their 'first hundred days' and a presidency that will hopefully be characterised by positive bridge-building politics.

Unfortunately, the Coronavirus prevented us from fully immersing ourselves into the American way of life during 2020, but we have tried our best. As I think about our environment and current habits, I have noticed behaviour changes, some more welcome than others.

The Truck. We own a big truck (Google RAM 2500) – my head barely reaches the wing mirrors! We chose a big truck partly so that we can slide a pop-up camper onto the truck bed and explore further afield and partly just because we can. At 24 feet long, the truck wouldn't be much use on the Devon lanes and with low miles per gallon, running it in the UK would almost certainly break the bank, so it will remain here when we leave.

During lockdown we have; to our eternal shame; adopted the leisurewear (pronounced leejurewear) philosophy at home. Most recently I bought some 'sweatpants' or 'jogpants', which is ironic, given that I

neither sweat nor jog in them. Perhaps they should be called couchpants? However, in our defence we are probably currently at our fittest, which is largely due to a strong desire to be out in the natural beauty that surrounds us. Westerly and Rhode Island, are characterised by a long coastline of endless beaches and the National and State Parks offer wilderness access that just isn't possible in the UK.

We have fully bought into American sport, with basketball (Boston Celtics), ice hockey (Boston Bruins) and American football (New England Patriots) dominating our attention. Surprisingly, we have both struggled with baseball – it just takes so long (and don't get me started on the 'World Series'), yet we both love cricket! "Go figure", as my neighbours would say.

Our accents won't change, but our vocabulary is already flexing! We don't queue, we get in line. We go to the store and the gas

station. We scoot past people. We put out the trash. We use our cell phones and read our mail. We put bags in the trunk and pop the hood. However, we definitely still run in trainers, no sneakers for us!

We have been able to travel a bit, and on reflection we were lucky to have visited Washington DC, New York and Boston early on, before Coronavirus emerged. Since then our travels have been restricted to five of the six New England states, with Massachusetts' Cape Cod and Vermont's Green Mountains both deserving a special mention for their incredible beauty. The camper that I mentioned earlier arrives at the end of this month, hopefully coinciding with a lifting of travel restrictions, so I look forward to reporting back to you from further afield in 2021.

Stay well friends.

The Commander & the Cabin Boy



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BIGBURY CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY?

How will Bigbury collectively as a parish and individually as householders help to meet Devon's Net Zero carbon emissions by 2050?

Bigbury News will be running a regular feature on the Climate Change Emergency and is keen to make contact and report on parishioners who have already begun making changes to their lifestyles and household management in order to reduce their carbon footprint.



Devon Climate Declaration

On the 6 June 2019, the members of **South Hams District Council** voted to declare a **Climate and Biodiversity Emergency**. As part of this decision, the Council became a signatory to the Devon Climate Declaration which states:

1. This Declaration has been prepared by a consortium of public, private and voluntary organisations collaborating through a **Devon Climate Emergency Response Group**. It sets out an ambition to tackle climate change that covers all of Devon, including those people who live, work in and visit our county, and those businesses who are based or operate here.
2. We are aware of the significant implications of climate change for Devon's communities; it is already affecting our

environment, infrastructure, economy and health & wellbeing. If not addressed, the impact on future generations will be profound and the ability to meet the **United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals** will be severely compromised.

3. We understand that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has advised that **carbon emissions must reduce globally by at least 45% by 2030 from 2010 levels and reach net-zero by 2050** if we are to avoid the worst effects of climate change by keeping warming below 1.5 degrees.

4. We will lead in the global response to climate change through our collective action, innovation and influence.

5. Individually, we will review (within 6 months) our plans to reduce our organisation's carbon emissions to meet or exceed these targets, including ensuring the people we do business with are doing the same. We will publicly report our carbon emissions annually in accessible formats.

6. In collaboration, we will engage Devon's residents, businesses and visitors to develop and implement a plan to facilitate the reduction of Devon's production and consumption emissions to meet IPCC recommendations at the latest. We will openly report progress on its delivery. We know this transformational change will be challenging and will include:

- Deploying more renewable, decentralised and smart energy systems
- Retrofitting energy-efficiency measures into our existing buildings
- Constructing zero-carbon new buildings
- Travelling less and using improved walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure more often, and using electric and hydrogen vehicles
- Changing our consumption to use less, re-use more and choose low-carbon options
- Challenging all economic sectors to review their practices and the values of those they do business with
- Divesting from fossil fuels
- Changing our dietary patterns and reducing food waste
- Changing agricultural practices to reduce emissions associated with farming operations, manage soils sustainably and replenish soil carbon
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CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY (cont)

with the knowledge and skills to act collectively.

7. Additionally, we will work to understand the near-term and future risks of climate change for Devon to plan for how our infrastructure, public services and communities will have to adapt for a 1.5-degree warmer world.

8. Local organisations and communities cannot do this alone as national government plays a key role in many of the policy areas that are vital to reducing emissions and adapting to climate change. We call on government to prioritise decarbonisation and adaptation within decision making and work with us by using its powers to provide the resources and funding necessary to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon and resilient economy and society.

9. We challenge every organisation, business, community and individual to do the same.

For more information see:
www.climatechange.southhams.gov.uk/climate-declaration

HOW WILL CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECT BIGBURY?

The following information was taken from a feature run by the BBC in collaboration with the Met Office. You can enter your postcode in the link below to get a prediction on local climate change expectations if we do not take action to reduce emissions now.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/idt-d6338d9f-8789-4bc2-b6d7-3691c0e7d138>

By Becky Dale and Nassos Stylianou
7 December 2020

BIGBURY

The **warmest winter day** of the past 30 years near Bigbury was **17.3C**. If global average temperatures increase 2C above pre-industrial levels, the warmest winter day could be about **18C**. If global temperatures rise by 4C, it could be about **19C**.

The **hottest summer day** of the past 30 years near Bigbury was **29.3C**. If global average temperatures increase 2C above pre-industrial levels, the hottest summer day could be about **32.1C**. If global temperatures rise by 4C, it could be about **36.3C**.

The hottest day recorded in the UK came in July 2019, with 38.7C measured in Cambridge.

Human activity has increased carbon dioxide (CO²) emissions and caused rising temperatures worldwide since the growth of industrialisation in the 19th Century.

If global average temperatures rise by 2C above pre-industrial levels, days at least as hot the 2019 record could be more frequent and widespread.

And with a 4C rise, parts of the UK could see temperatures above 42C.

Urgent cuts in emissions are needed to keep the rise in global average temperatures in check. Governments that signed the Paris Agreement, in 2016, pledged to cut emissions and keep temperatures well continued on page 25

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CONNECTIVITY UPDATE

The online meeting organised by **Connecting Devon & Somerset** on 13th January revealed that we are likely to be informed about the exact households in Bigbury and possible connection timetable for fast broadband connections by their contractor **Airband** - by the end of March 2021.

For more information you need to register an interest with AirBand. Even if Bigbury is to be the first area that Airband will set up in Devon & Somerset, it is unlikely that connection will be effective before Nov/Dec 2021. Currently Airband's offer is:

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By the time of publication of this Bigbury News, residents Near Dukes Mill and in the hamlet of easton have already been advised by Airband that these residences will NOT be included by Airband in their service provision. If you hear anything from Airband (either way) please let Bigbury News know what is being offered,

Bush Broadband (aka Radio Fibre) have now been awarded a contract by the **Gigabit Voucher Scheme** to provide broadband to 76 premises in Bigbury-on-Sea (from Folly Hill to the coastline) There are only 30 business vouchers and 46 residents vouchers available. Deadline for applications is 21st March 2021.

For more information check the Radio Fibre contacts page and enter your

postcode. Contracts are for 12 months and will not compromise your ability to subsequently benefit from the Airband system if it is available in your street.

In addition to this offer, Bush may be able to offer a Fixed Wireless Access service to other parts of Bigbury. For more information and to register an interest see the Bush Broadband website.

During the on line meeting, the topic of **GigaClear** was brought up. Road traffic signs had appeared in the road leading from Bowls Cross to St Ann's Chapel, emblazoned with the GigaClear logo. No one present seemed to know what this meant. It could not be ruled out that GigaClear was still considering offering a service using the cables laid underground in the roads. GigaClear were never paid for any of this work and own the assets underground. In late 2019 someone (no one could confirm who) had marked GigaClear junction boxes outside households in the road down to Easton, with a cross and a large yellow arrow.

It might be useful to enter your postcode in the inquiry box on the GigaClear website and proceed to Register an interest even when they reply that you are not in the 'Zone'. www.gigaclear.com

Here is an update from a **Cumery** resident. "Eight Outreach engineer visits this year and essentially an old and long copper wire connection to Modbury just cannot cut the mustard any more. Being fair to BT they clearly cannot replace the whole line just for a few houses in Cumery.

So after a bit of research I have fitted a 4G router on my gable end pointing towards Aveton Gifford, bought a 4G router and a data SIM and currently we are getting download speeds of 20 + MN and reasonable upload speeds. I went for a good aerial and router which I am told makes a big difference. Thought this might be of interest to you and others"

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Louise Wainwright



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Thanks to **Tony Wilson**, who sent in these Howlers to keep us smiling. *Editor*

- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Thursday night - Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- The choir will meet at the Larsen house for fun and sinning.
- Miss Charlene Mason, sang, "I Will Not Pass This Way Again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a good chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Next Sunday is the family hayride and bonfire at the Fowlers. Bring your own hot dogs and guns. Friends are welcome! Everyone come for a fun time.
- The pastor would appreciate if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for pancake breakfast next Sunday morning
- Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- Tuesday at 4:00 PM there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
- Wednesday the ladies liturgy will meet. Mrs. Johnson will sing "Put me in my little bed" accompanied by the pastor.
- Thursday at 5:00 PM there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All ladies wishing to be "Little Mothers" will meet with the Pastor in his study.
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.
- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- The Reverend Merriweather spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
- The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7:00 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- With a smile on his face, the pastor listened as the church choir sang the traditional hymn, "How Great Thou Art", as the rather large casket of the over 500 pound parishioner was wheeled out of the church.
- The Senior Choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.
- The Associate minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday - "I upped my pledge - up yours!"
- Next Sunday, Mrs. Vinson will be the soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."
- A song fest was held at the Methodist Church Wednesday.
- The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on Oct. 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in school days.
- Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
- The concert held in the Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who laboured the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell on her.
- Today, Christian Youth Fellowship House Sexuality Course, 1 pm-8 pm. Please park in the rear parking lot for this activity.
- The church is glad to have with us today as our guest minister the Rev. Green who has Mrs. Green with him. After the service we request that all remain in the sanctuary for the Hanging of the Greens.
- The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- Today's Sermon: HOW MUCH CAN A MAN DRINK? with hymns from a full choir.
- 22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, 'The Lord Knows Why.'
- The 1997 Spring Council Retreat will be held May 10 and 11.
- 8 new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some of the older ones.
- The peace-making meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.
- Tonight's sermon-"What is hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.
- Next Thursday, there will be try outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- The agenda was adopted...the minutes were approved...the financial secretary gave a grief report.
- Barbara C. remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.
- The 'Over 60s Choir' will be disbanded for the summer with the thanks of the entire church.
- Missionary from Africa speaking at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Name Bertha Belch. Announcement: "Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa."
- Announcement in a church bulletin for a National Prayer & Fasting Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting & Prayer conference includes meals.

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BIGBURY CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY?

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below a 2C rise by the end of this century, but the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) says even a 1.5C rise could be devastating.

Summer days in UK

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) defines any day with a maximum temperature above 25C as a "summer day".

In the past 30 summers, even the warmest places in the UK, located in the South, had no more than **seven days a month above 25C on average**.

If global average temperatures rise by 2C, southern parts of the country could see more than 11 days per summer month go beyond 25C.

If the rise is 4C, those places could have 20 or more summer days per month, and higher likelihood of hot spells triggering public-health warnings.

Bigbury Summer days

In the past 30 summers, there was **1 day** above 25C per month on average near Bigbury. If global temperatures rise by 2C, there could be **3 days**. With a 4C rise, there could be **11 days**.

Average day time temperatures

The average daytime temperature in the UK in summer currently ranges from about 14C in northern Scotland to 22C in southern England.

But summers have been getting warmer, with four of the 10 hottest summers recorded in the past two decades. Even if countries cut emissions and the world warms by 2C, the whole UK could see higher summer temperatures.

In some northern locations, the increase could be small. In southern areas, average summer temperatures could reach 24C. If emissions continue to increase and average global temperatures rise by 4C, summers will be even hotter.

Nearly a third of the UK could see average summer temperatures above 25C.

The Met Office climate projections for the UK indicate significant temperature rises in the decades ahead for both winter and summer, with the greatest increases in the already warmer South.

Extreme weather could become more frequent and intense.

Not every summer will be hotter than the last – but temperature records are expected to be regularly broken, while heatwaves are likely to be longer and happen more often.

Rainy days in Bigbury

In the past 30 years, there were **11 rainy days on average per month in summer**. If global average temperatures rise by 2C, this could be **10 days per month**. At a 4C rise it could be about **7 days**.

In the past 30 years, there were **15 rainy days on average per month in winter**. At both 2C and 4C rises, the number of rainy days per month could be roughly the same.

As the world warms, fewer rainy days in summer are expected. Currently, over a quarter of the UK has 20 or more days without rain each summer month. This could grow to more than half the country

if we reach 4C global warming.

Winter rains could remain as likely as they are now. The number of days will vary from year-to-year, but rainy days in a warmer future could be wetter than today with total rainfall expected to rise.

Wettest days in Bigbury

On the **wettest summer day** of the past 30 years, **56mm of rain** fell in the Bigbury area. At a 2C rise, this could be about **74mm**. And at a 4C rise, it could be about **65mm**, which is 17% more than now.

On the **wettest winter day** of the past 30 years, **60mm of rain** fell in the Bigbury area. At a 2C rise, this could be about **68mm**. And a 4C rise, it could be about **72mm**, which is 18% more than now. The UK

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BIGBURY TREE PEOPLE

In 2019 a few of us formed a group called **Bigbury Tree People**. If you would like to join us, please contact Louise.

As part of the Bigbury response to Climate Change it is worth considering the benefit to the climate and biodiversity of planting more trees, and shrubs in Bigbury. It is still not too late to plant a bare root tree or cuttings for trees such as willow or poplar. Later in the year you will only be able to plant containerised (more expensive) trees.

The **BBC Countryfile** programme is encouraging us all to **Plant Britain**. If you go on their website you will see there is a postcode interactive map where you can add your planting information. This will measure how much tree planting is going on in Bigbury compared to other areas.

Please can you also give Bigbury News the numbers so that we can record how many trees are being planted in Bigbury.

If you plant over 20 plants, you'll be forwarded onto a separate form and a member of the BBC production team will be in contact.

Countryfile has joined forces with the **Woodland Trust** to give you the chance to plant a tree at one of twelve **Woodland Trust** sites across the UK with one of our presenters. Planting will take place in the spring and autumn of 2021. Fill in your full contact details if you want to register an interest. Closing date for registration is the **Monday 1st February 2021 at 10am**. Entries will be selected at random and contacted by the BBC production team. You must be 18 or over to enter.

You can also video your planting sessions and share your videos and photographs with **Countryfile** or **Bigbury TV!**

It has never been more important to plant more trees to enhance biodiversity and mitigate climate change. Why not join in the **Avon Valley Project** and join up both areas with trees and wildflower meadows? www.bbc.co.uk/programmes www.devonwildlifetrust.org/what-we-do/our-projects/avon-valley

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AUNE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (ACA) – January 2021

Our group activities this year have been even more sparse than of late, thanks to COVID-19, but behind the scenes we continue to maintain the contacts that are essential for conserving our wonderful estuary.

Early in 2020, I wrote that the estuary waters had been quiet but I did not foresee the explosion of interest in outdoor, water-based activities that the various Lockdowns would bring with them. A similar pattern has been observed throughout the SW – partly driven by the powerful influence of social media.

Locally, the problems start with the poor availability of parking space for visitors' vehicles, in particular at Aveton Gifford and along the Tidal Road, but they extend onto the water where access is unrestricted except for the by-laws covering use of the water-ski zone. Whilst it is good to see the estuary being enjoyed and appreciated by more of the public, the unusual intensity of the recreational traffic has highlighted the need for **Codes of Conduct** because the waters are becoming increasingly crowded with users of varying degrees of experience; some users are complete novices and may pose a nuisance or even a danger to themselves, to others and to the environment.

I have received reports about grossly overloaded boats full of passengers without life jackets; unmarked and nearly invisible swimmers in dark wetsuits; stand-up paddleboards (SUPs) carrying various mixtures of adults, children and pet dogs; picnic parties snacking on private foreshore - to name but a few examples of bad practice.

In contrast, the better organised or commercial user groups tend to have their own codes of behaviour and compliance: if agreed, this could become a standard requirement for commercial use of the estuary.

Safety issues are paramount, of course, but bio-security is also an ever-present concern with the threat of introduction of invasive species from other waterways by contaminated craft or wetsuits. As a first step, I have suggested some suitable Codes of Conduct on our website incorporating the South Devon AONB Unit's Biosecurity Code.

auneconservation.org.uk

The increased popularity in outdoor swimming and in the use of readily available SUPs, canoes and kayaks was a source of detailed consideration at November's **Avon Estuary Forum (AEF)**, which took place via Zoom. Nobody expects any diminution of these recreational activities during 2021. To date, no universal solution has been agreed to the overcrowding problem but I have started to take some action, as above, and to discuss other options (e.g. for extra buoys and/or signage around the water ski zone) in consultation with other AEF attendees.

It has been generally agreed that we need to use social media outlets and various local influencers (e.g. water-based clubs and businesses) to get our message across to the relevant publics. So far, the **Outdoor Swimming Society** has been very helpful. If you have any novel ideas in this respect or can help, please let me know!

As most local people appreciate, the estuary is a priceless environmental asset. It is both a **County Wildlife Site** and **Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)** with its shallow waters, extensive mudflats, and salt marshes. All of these features are of exceptional ecological value to important populations of fish, invertebrates, migratory birds and waterfowl. It is vital these habitats remain undisturbed. The education of new estuary users is an essential step in managing these areas for the benefit of all.

Historically, the Avon Estuary has always been highly valued as a place for quiet contemplation and reflection on natural beauty. We would ask all users of the estuary to respect these values: in these difficult times, they are more priceless than ever.

Lastly, a gentle reminder and shameless seasonal request for help. To make a difference in 2021 you can donate to the ACA via SHDC's SeaMoor Lotto: visit

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In warmer winters the heaviest rains are likely to get more intense. If global average temperatures rise by 4C above pre-industrial levels, **half the country could expect at least 20% more rainfall on the wettest winter days.**

Summer rains may also become heavier in many places, although total rainfall is expected to decline.

Of course, not all of the heaviest rains will necessarily fall in these two seasons. **The current wettest day on record was 3 October 2020, when enough rain fell across all four nations to fill Loch Ness.**

Total winter rainfall, UK

Currently, the wettest areas of the UK dominate the west coast, with nearly all of

Wales and western Scotland receiving most rain in winter months. So how much will change in future winters? With a 2C rise, very little compared to what we've seen recently.

But winters over the past 30 years have been rainier on average than previously, and the pattern of wetter winters could continue.

The exact amount of change in rainfall at 2C global warming will vary across the country. Most places could have slightly wetter winters than in the 20th Century. If global average temperatures were to rise by 4C, more than half the country could see at least 10% more rain over the winter months.

The UK climate projections suggest increases in winter rainfall in most parts of

the country, as well as drier summers. Rainfall measurements fluctuate from year to year, making projections challenging. Not every winter will necessarily be rainier than the one before, and not every summer will be dry, but both trends could have big impacts.

What difference will climate change make?

As the world warms, the UK is likely to have hotter, drier summers and warmer, wetter winters, according to the Met Office.

Extreme weather events such as heatwaves and heavy downpours could become more frequent and more intense. Many scientists are concerned.

"I think it's really frightening," says Dr Lizzie Kendon, a senior Met Office scientist. "It's just a wake-up call really as to what we're talking about here."



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We are already seeing the impacts of climate change, but the **level of global warming we reach and by when will depend primarily on the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.**

To some, warming weather may not seem like such a big deal. **But even the smallest incremental changes in climate can have far-reaching effects.**

Temperatures above 30C for two or more days can trigger a public-health warning. In the 1990s, this happened about once every four years for locations in the South. By the 2070s, projections suggest it could be as **frequently as four times per year** - 16 times more often, if we do not curb our emissions.

What about farming?

Agriculture has been described as being on the front line of climate change, the first to feel its impacts. 2020 was a bad one for British farms. And while **many crops suffered, wheat production faced its worst yield in at least 30 years**, according to Tom Bradshaw, deputy president of the National Union of Farmers. On one of the farms Mr Bradshaw oversees, he attributes bean-crop losses to extreme weather patterns, which "completely messed the crop up from the start".

A wet winter prevented his plants from developing healthy roots and a hot dry summer stunted their growth.

The Met Office projects **rainy winters, which keep the soil wet into spring, and dry summers of infrequent rainfall will become the norm.**

More floods, less snow?

Summer rain is likely to become less frequent but could be heavier. Without regular rainfall, the ground has a harder time absorbing water when it finally does

come, leading to a greater risk of flash flooding.

Floods will likely become a staple of warming winters as well.

Steady rain, which is currently a feature of winter months, will probably continue, and total rainfall is expected to increase. When the ground is already saturated, waterways tend to rise. **Bridges and sewers** designed for historical rainfall levels may come increasingly under pressure.

Warming temperatures could also mean cold spells become less frequent. And snowy UK winters could become thing of the past as climate change affects the UK, according to Met Office analysis shared with BBC Panorama. Temperatures below freezing during the day and areas with considerable amounts of snow on the ground may be limited to parts of Scotland by the end of the century if emissions continue to rise.

Are we too late to avoid dangerous warming?

Right now the world is about 1.2C warmer than it was at the end of the 19th Century, with significant impacts all over the planet. That warming has been caused by greenhouse gas emissions, that have ramped up over the last 50 years, from the **global growth in industry, transport and agriculture.**

The real problem is that gases like **CO² hang around in the atmosphere for centuries, warming all the while. Not even a pandemic could stop their build up.**

So where will all this warming stop? Well, **recent promises by major emitters** including China, the EU and others to

reach **net-zero carbon emissions by the middle of this century** are good news. Scientists believe that **if the pledges are kept, then warming could be limited to 2.1C.**

But **even that level of warming promises great danger, destroying all the coral reefs and threatening wide swathes of the world with flooding.**

If the promises aren't kept, then warming could rise to between **3C and 5C, with truly disastrous implications for our planet.** The level of global warming depends on a number of factors. The most important is the amount of emissions produced in the coming years. Emissions are greenhouse gases released into our atmosphere. The accumulation of these gases has a warming effect on the globe, which in turn leads to changes in climatic conditions. Governments around the world have pledged to reduce their emissions to limit the degree of warming. The most recent of these pledges was the **2016 Paris Agreement** in which world leaders committed to take action to keep a rise in global temperatures this century well below 2C above pre-industrial levels. In climate models, this 2C rise by the end of the century represents sizeable cuts in global emissions.

If no interventions are taken, global average temperatures could rise by up to 4C by 2100. This high-emissions future is highlighted in the most recent Evidence Report for the UK's Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) as possible, if less likely.

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Happy new year to you all, and despite the uncertainty and frustrating nature of these times we find ourselves in we hope that you are keeping well.

Discovery Surf has closed down our shutter for the lockdown, and it's sad we can't kit keen surfers out or carry on with Kids surf club, but we are full of optimism that it won't be too long before we can share the waves with everyone again. The Winter has brought some beautiful scenes and the best sunsets and sunrises of the year - check out our social media for the views.

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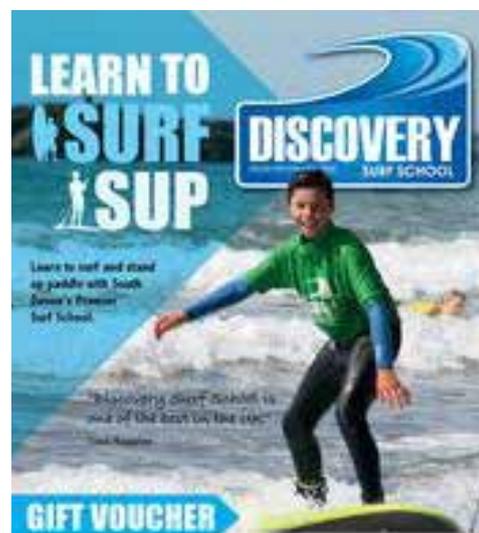
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Artist, Amanda Cotton says: "The sculpture's design is a metaphor for Bonny and Read's personality, Fire & Earth. Individually they are strong independent women but when Anne (Fire) & Mary (Earth) combine they are dangerously unstoppable. Anne's passion fuels Mary's determination, and Mary's patience channel's Anne onto a path. Together they erupt like an inexorable volcano, They are the: 'Inexorable' Hell Cats." Ultimately, the statue will show how the Sea (Water) is as much a part of Anne & Mary's story as fire & earth. The marine concrete the sculpture is made of will, over time, create a habitable environment for the surrounding wildlife, whilst being cast into the natural rock so that the two figures truly become one with their environment."

Professor Kate Williams, Historian says: "Mary Read and Anne Bonny were two of the most famed pirates in the eighteenth century, yet there is little said about them in our history books. They broke gender boundaries and stunned people at the time. It's imperative that we continue to unearth



Figure 4 - in-situ render of sculpture from rock face

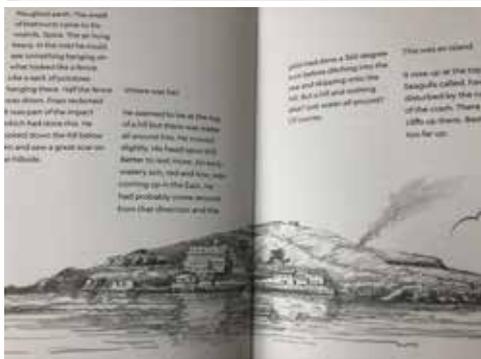


the hidden voices, histories of many women and LGBTQ+ persons."

We know little about Anne (born in Ireland 1697) and Mary (born in England 1685) as their story was largely overlooked by male historians. As the old sailor's adage goes, a woman on board invites bad luck, a superstition that turned out to be true for the enemies of notorious pirates Anne Bonny and Mary Read. As quick to draw their cutlasses as they were to fall in love, Anne and Mary sailed the Caribbean leaving a trail of looted treasure, outfoxed law enforcement, and treacherous ex-lovers in their wake. Born hundreds of miles apart, both Anne and Mary were disguised as boys in their childhoods

to escape poverty, propriety and disgrace, only to find freedom on the high seas. When Mary and Anne's worlds collide a love affair between the two ensues and adventure beckons.

Audible, the world's leading provider of spoken-word entertainment, will be launching Hell Cats, a new Audible Original audio drama which celebrates the cutthroat adventure and enduring love affair of history's most progressive pirates, Mary Read and Anne Bonny alongside this statue launch. Ultimately it is a story about the determination to live fully and freely without the limitation of gender, class or society – a life without restraint.



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THE AUTHOR: Gary McBar was born at St Andrews in Fife to a family of storytellers. After circumnavigating the globe he came to live in Devon thirty years ago. He enjoys chain reading, walking on Dartmoor and drinking beer in equal measure. He now lives in Tavistock.

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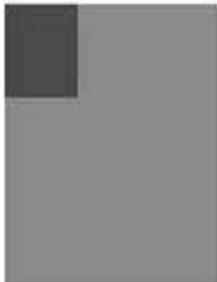
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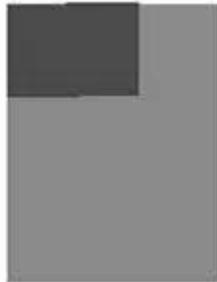
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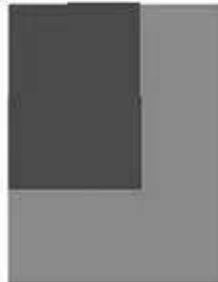
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STARGAZY PIE

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She watched that soppy programme Heavenland, about girls and ponies and boys, with that deep-voiced American dad with a droopy moustache, and that dim granny baking cookies all day, and barmy panting wolfhounds with cowboy hats.

Izzy's mischievous face and blonde curls peered up from Zak's phone as he walked. He sighed, dragging down his woolly hat over his ears as the chill north wind cut across the fields. On, on he walked, past the long dry stone wall that traversed the hillside, as Dixey loped and sniffed among the lines of turnips; there were hundreds – purple orbs topped by nodding clusters of leafy stems, quivering and swaying like the disorderly tresses of ragdolls. Zak half closed his eyes and saw the pleading multitude, the mad waving and trembling of limbs and hands, all reaching skyward. So many. So many. Zak always wondered how it would be possible for all these crops to be gathered. And yet he saw it every year. He had watched as one of the farm workers bent low and sliced a knife under a turnip. He then stood upright in the sun, chopping the leaf stalks, and nicking the side shoots from the purple globe. He had turned to Zak and said, "That's a good'un. You 'ave it, sunshine!"

The field swept on and up. Zak raised his eyes against the wind. There was a wide gap in the hedge, and it drew Zak's stare to the next field and beyond. On and on, the nodding lines of crops. Incredible. Life rising from the earth. He turned back to the island. That too seemed to be drifting, sliding imperceptibly from the land, as a spacecraft undocking from the mothership. Zak strode on towards the hill's summit. A muddy farm track veered through an open gate. Finger posts marked an intersection of footpaths and bridleways. Zak imagined himself at the top of the world, having to choose between these ragged routes or to float weightlessly into the sapphire-starred canopy of space. He knew instinctively, there would be a time to do that. But not now.

He was pondering the choice of routes when his phone pinged, and Izzy's smiling face appeared on the screen. Zak flipped open the video message.

"How are yer, lazy dude!" said Izzy beaming. "What yer doing, daft boy?" "Hi Izzy," Zak gasped. "I'm standing on Mount Folly." "Cool," grinned Izzy. "I gotta go to school, but I ain't gonna. I got a much better idea, bro' Zak. Let's dance like we used ta!" "Dance?" said Zak, as Izzy turned her phone towards the TV. He saw her hand reach for the volume control. "Hey, let's get down to these dudes. C'mon." A rock

band was at full throttle, the guitarist's flowing locks bobbing to the licks and riffs as the drummer laced and thrashed the drum set. "Tsh, tsh, tsh, boom, boom, funf, figgin' boom!" shouted Izzy into the phone. "Rock it Zak, and we don't care. Let me see yer!"

"Erm, yeah....erm!" Zak looked about him uncertainly and was rewarded only by a baffled look from Dixey.

"C'mon Zak, you don't dance, you don't love me and you don't really give a darn! Boom! Boom! Get that dumb dog to shake his hairy ass with these dudes. "Boompf! Boompf! Tish, Tish, Tish, Rock! It!"

And Zak suddenly felt his hips snaking, his shoulders gyrate. He mounted the phone on the gatepost, propping it into position with a rock, as Izzy's laughing face rotated across the screen. "C'mon, Zak! Tush, tush! Boompf! Boompf. Boompf! Boompf!"

Dixey wasn't the most exciting dancing partner, but Zak grabbed his front paws, and they managed a turn or two, as Dixey tottered on his hind legs and barked. But Zak had suddenly gone full on Jackson, Astaire, Swayze with a soupcon of Ninja. Boom, Zak drop-kicked a fence-post, rattling the barbed wire; a flock of Marino sheep instantly scattered. "Say it, Zak!" As Zak swooped and swirled and whirled, high-kicking the footpath post that shivered and promptly shed some of its digits. "Say it, say it, Zak!" By now, Zak had gone full Madonna and was sliding his back up and down the wooden paling, as Izzy urged him on. Finally, he stood in front of the phone and rocked for all he was worth. For him, Izzy was audience enough as he pranced and paraded and sashayed and posed and snarled and postured and thrust and strutted his goddam stuff. Even Dixey rose to the occasion, barking and cavorting chaotically.

Jerry and Elaine peeped fearfully above the dry stone wall.

"That's our son out there," said Elaine.

"With a hornet's nest in his pants."

"And he doesn't give a flying fig apparently!" Jerry grinned at Elaine.

"Up here, hopefully, nobody else does."

"The sheep weren't impressed. Perhaps we should take a leaf out of his book?"

"What? Not give a flying fig either?"

"Come on. Let's get back. Don't want him to see us." They scuttled back across the field and disappeared through the gate.

Zak wandered disconsolately from the field past the dry stone wall, through the swing gate and gazed out over the bay. The receding tide had drained his energy and spirit and left him feeling empty and abandoned. Without Izzy, he felt completely alone; a terrible and frightening space remained within his heart. The last embers of the sunset lay like a rim of fire on the horizon. The Eddystone lighthouse

blinked. Zak felt the urge to go, to run, to disappear among the flowing limbs of these gentle enfolding hills and valleys. To be gone. To discover a place that was the centre of himself. His world made flesh. That cottage of the soul where he could be truly who he was and not trouble or frustrate or bewilder anyone.

He returned to the warm glow of light from his home. Smoke spiralled up from the chimney in the moonlight, and the vegetable patch lay still and white, dad's garden fork plunged upright in the soil among the innocent winter brassicas and artichokes. Two bean sticks had been tied together in a cross and leaned at a drunken angle. Zak thought of his Tarot pack and the Hanged Man. But there was home. The backdoor opened, flinging a shaft of light across grass. Mum was standing motionless. "Are you there, Zak?" "Yes, mum." Zak walked down the path. Dixey scampered through the back door, gulped from his bowl, and flopped in his bed, Zak hung up his coat and hat and slipped off his boots and walked through to the kitchen. Mum and dad were sitting at the simple wooden table – she had laid the purple and gold tablecloth that Zak had made for her birthday. Zak's dad lit the tealights and dimmed the pendant. "Dad's made your favourite Zak." The odour of bacon, eggs and mustard was already warming him. Jerry bent down to open the oven.

"We know this is a special day, Zak." Cradling the terracotta pie dish as an infant, he placed it in the centre of the table on a wooden mat. "We thought you'd like this," he beamed. The heads of sardines poked through the golden pie-crust.

"Stargazy pie! Wow! Thanks, Dad." Zak wrapped his arms round his father and clung to him. Mum joined them and hugged each other. Zak sobbed gently. "Thank you, so much. I love you." "No," said Mum. "Thank you, Zak." "Yes, Zak," said Dad. "We get it now. We get everything." They held each other, as saplings clinging together in a breeze, swaying gently.

If anyone had passed the Young's bungalow that evening, they may have noticed the boom-boom of rock music, the much amplified voice of a young girl and swirl of disco lights through the beige curtains.

And yes.

Dixey was dancing.



See opposite: Extracts from the **GLOSSARY** prepared by Valerie Scott. Full Glossary available

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Glossary of terms used or relevant to the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan

Affordable housing	Housing for sale or rent, for those whose needs are not met by the market.
AONB Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	An area of countryside designated by a government agency as having natural features of exceptional beauty and therefore given a protected status. The whole of the Parish of Bigbury is within the South Devon AONB.
Building line	A line which relates to the positioning of buildings along a street frontage in front of which it is generally undesirable to provide any new building or extension.
CWS County Wildlife Site	Areas of land recognised as being of at least county, sometimes national, importance for their nature conservation value; this is defined by the presence of important, distinctive and threatened habitats and species. CWS are designated by a panel of experts assembled by the Devon Biodiversity Records Centre. These sites include the whole of Burgh Island, Clematon Hill, the coastline leading to and including Cockleridge Ham, Doctors Wood, and the whole of the Avon Estuary.
Devon banks or hedges	Normally these banks/hedges which line the roads and fields in Devon and are built with a stone or shillet base up to about a metre in height with a hedge planted on top which also infiltrates the sides of the banks. Most of the hedgerows within the Parish are already protected by national legislation but the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan seeks to protect all Devon banks and hedges wherever possible.
Heritage asset	A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest. It includes designated heritage assets and local heritage assets which have been identified by the local planning authority or as part of Neighbourhood Plans.
Light pollution	Light pollution is the presence of artificial light in otherwise dark conditions. It can relate to external lighting as well as artificial light indoors caused by excessive amounts of glazing. The Parish of Bigbury has dark sky status. Guidance in relation to appropriate external lighting is set out in Guidance Note 01/20 'Guide for the reduction of obtrusive light prepared by the Institute of Lighting Professionals'. Any appropriate development should meet the E1 standard for any outside lighting, including security lighting.
Listed building	A building mentioned in statutory lists as being of special architectural or historic interest under the Listed Building and Conservation Areas Act. There are different grades of listing to indicate relative interest.
Local green space	Local Green Space designation in the Neighbourhood Plan relates to sites which are considered to be special to the local community by reason of their beauty, historical significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of their wildlife. The sites need to be in close proximity to the community they serve and not an overly extensive tract of land. They include areas of private land, which is only accessible to the owners of the site, as well as areas which are accessible to the whole or part of the local community.
Locally distinctive design	Design which reflects the appearance and character of the area in which the development is located. In this respect regard should be had to the design guidance set out in the village studies set out in Appendices 7-10 of the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan.
Overdevelopment	An amount of development (for example, the quantity of buildings or intensity of use) that is excessive in terms of demands on infrastructure and services, or impact on local amenity and character. In many cases this refers to a cramped form of development with insufficient garden space for the size of the development.
Overlooking	A term to describe the effect when a development or building affords an outlook over adjoining land or property, often causing loss of privacy. Overlooking to the habitable room windows of neighbouring properties or to the private areas of the rear gardens of these properties, particularly those close to the house, should be avoided.
Permitted development	Development which is permitted under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 together with subsequent amendments. This relates to many changes of use as well several categories of new development.
Protected views and vistas	The Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan includes a number of protected views and vistas which are set out in Appendix 12 and also shown on the Policy Map 3. Any new development which adversely affects these views will not be supported.
Settlement boundary	A line drawn around the existing settlements of St Ann's Chapel, Bigbury and Bigbury on Sea beyond which any new development other than that related to agriculture or the enhancement of existing tourist, business and community facilities will be resisted. The settlement boundaries are shown Figures 6, 7 and 8 (page 16) of the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan and on the Proposals Map 2.

SETTING BIGBURY'S PARISH PRECEPT for 2021/22

Parish councils are responsible for managing their own budgets, which are financed through the precept. The precept is the parish council's share of Council Tax. Therefore, an important annual ritual of the parish council, usually undertaken in December, involves the setting of the parish precept for the forthcoming financial year.

This process involves a detailed consideration of the likely expenses and sources of revenue for that period, based in large part on the situation in the current year, together with any foreseeable exceptions. The precept demand goes to the billing authority, the District Council, which collects the tax for the Parish Council. The precept is converted into an amount per **Council Tax Band** that is added onto the **Council Tax Bill** and is clearly identified as such on every householder's bill.

This year, the parish council agreed a **Precept of £18,500, an increase of 2.8%** on last year's figure and, for the first time, it was agreed that the arguments underpinning the precept decision should be explained to parishioners by a public statement. It is worth pointing out that the total parish precept for 2021/2022 will amount to less than **£1.50/week/** household, on average.

Two exceptional projects within the parish have been under consideration for some years but have been held up partly by a shortage of funds. The parish council agreed to help fund both projects next year. Financial support from the parish council will help to leverage additional funds from outside the parish. Both projects are viewed as being in the public interest. Both will have an impact on the precept.

The first project consists of a **re-vitalisation of the play park**, which is adjacent to the Memorial Hall but quite independent of the hall's management. The concept, which is still open to public discussion, is to make this an area for all ages allowing for the future incorporation of some adult exercise apparatus, all weather paths, sports pitch/ tennis court (possible ideas) in addition to priority improvements in the children's equipment.

The COVID pandemic has driven home the need for outdoor exercise for all and it is felt that parents/grandparents, whilst supervising their young offspring, could welcome the opportunity to enjoy their own bit of exercise. We are looking at opportunities for the whole playing field area - not just the current designated park area.

However, our legal obligation to make sure the play park equipment is safe for use is the immediate priority. To this end, the parish council has agreed to transfer £5,000 from unrestricted reserves, and to ring fence an additional £5,000 in 2022/2023 to take the possible total budget at that stage to around £46,000. (Most of this money is held by SHDC on Bigbury's behalf for open space, sport and recreation projects and arises from Section 106 agreements linked to planning permissions).

The second project involves remedial work on the **stone pillars and gates at the entrance to St Lawrence Church**. The state of this entrance provides a highly visible and important demonstration of the value of the church to the community at large – not just to regular churchgoers.

However, the gateway's current dilapidated and unsafe condition is a poor reflection of that value as demonstrated, for example, in the surveys conducted for the Neighbourhood Plan. With the contribution of a new church architect, there is now a realistic opportunity to take this project forward and the parish council has earmarked £5000 to set against the costs.

In a similar way, the parish council routinely pays to maintain the burial ground and war memorial at the church for public benefit. Importantly, direct payments by the parish council towards the upkeep of the church itself are not allowed.

For BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL
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BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

- meeting minutes

held on WEDNESDAY, December 9th
2020 from 7:30 pm via ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllrs: E Huntley (EH) (Chair), G Rosevear (GR), S Smith (SS), C Case (CC), V Scott (VS), S Watts (SW), Cllr. K Holland(KH), Cnty. Cllr R Gilbert (RG), Dist. Cllr B Taylor (BT), Clerk I Bramble, (IB) Mr D Taylor(DT),SHDC and 5 members of the public.

1.0 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2.0 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3.0 Approval of Minutes of previous monthly meeting held on November 11th, 2020 EH proposed and VS seconded that these Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record, which was agreed unanimously.

4.0 Matters arising from Minutes of previous full meeting held on, November 11th, 2020 There were no matters arising.

5.0 County Councillor's report

RG reported on a site visit made by a DCC **Highways officer to Ringmore Drive** in B-on-Sea in respect of the condition of the highway following use by heavy plant used in the construction of a property at the end of the Drive. This damage, including potholes, has been logged on the DCC website and should be repaired. RG also reported there was no drainage off the highway at the end of Ringmore Drive at which point EH asked what happens to rain water flowing off a property onto the highway. RG believed that it is the responsibility of a landowner to install proper drainage to avoid damage to the highway. This question arose in respect of water flowing downhill off the driveway of a recently developed property onto Ringmore Drive. A member of the public present was an architect, who had worked on that development and he was invited to comment on the drainage matter. He advised that new drainage arrangements had been installed, in the form of a substantial, deep soak-away under the lawn plus an additional concrete drain at the end of the long drive concerned, that they met current regulations and were considered to be a betterment of what had existed previously on that site.

RG reported on the **'Scamnesty' initiative** DCC to encourage residents with elderly neighbours, friends or relatives to help them to avoid being scammed, something that is happening more frequently and causes untold harm and loss to victims.

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RG also commented that across Devon 32% fewer car journeys were being made than before the Covid outbreak.

Agenda Item 14.0 was brought forward to this point and in response to a request from KH to investigate the provision of a **Saturday bus from within the parish to Modbury** to enable parishioners who were unable to drive to then link to the Plymouth to Dartmouth bus route. RG suggested the parish writes to him to pursue the matter with DCC to try to obtain a subsidy from DCC. IB to write.

6.0 Challaborough Yellow lining and Parking Matters

VS reported that she had attended Ringmore Parish Council's recent meeting and advised Ringmore PC of BPC's proposals for further yellow lining on the road from Folly Foot, out of Challaborough to Ringmore. Further discussion of the detail was considered necessary before a final, mutually agreed proposal could be submitted to DCC before the February deadline for works to be considered in 2021/2020. VS suggested a further site visit by BPC before final detailed recommendations were formed. CC commented that the problems of parking during 2020 had arisen because of the of the closure of the Parkdean car park during the Covid lockdown and the loss of c50 spaces, which left residents and visitors no option but to park on the highway, therefore causing obstructions, particularly to emergency and heavy service vehicles and suggested that this issue might be unlikely to be repeated. GR proposed a site visit in mid January VS seconded and councillors unanimously agreed. SS asked that print deadlines for Bigbury News be checked so that notice of the site visit could be given. VS **confirmed that public consultation will be necessary**. IB will check for the DCC deadline date for submission of proposals and for other information about submission of the proposals to be made.

7.0 District Councilor's report

There is once again a waste collection disruption because there has been a Covid outbreak at the Ivybridge depot and crews have had to self isolate. Some new crews have been brought in from outside the area to help out, so the report function has been switched off and no complaints will have been picked up from this website. Customers are encouraged to take their bins in if they have not been collected within a couple of days and they will be collected on the next scheduled collection day .

To date £53 million has been paid to

holiday home owners nationally in respect of business rate relief, which under current legislation could not be avoided.

S.H and W.D have had 1183 applications for business grants and 547 has been paid totaling c£600,000. This figure applies to the last four week lock down. The discretionary grants is taking longer to sort out there have been 150 applications and up to last week none of these has been paid.

8.0 Finance – payments to be made and approval of financial statements
GR proposed that the following payments be approved subject to confirmation that donations specified had not already been made in this precept year. This was seconded by CC and agreed unanimously by EH,VS,SW,KH.

£ 37.14 **BT Memorial** Acct. by DD
£ 14.39 Mr I Bramble, **'Zoom' November subscription**
£ 2.28 Mr I Bramble, **November postage expenses**.
£200.64 Mr I Bramble, **Purely Paper, Bigbury News**
£660.00 Mr I Bramble, **Clerk's salary, Oct.-Dec.**
£755.00 **Churchyard grass cutting**
£ 20.00 **CPRE donation**
£100.00 **Modbury Royal British Legion**
£500.00 **Bigbury News**
£100.00 **Citizen's Advice Bureau**
£ 25.00 **SHDC CVS**
£ 50.00 **Devon Communities Together**
£350.00 **Chairman's and Councillors' allowances**
£240.00 **PKF Littlejohn, External Auditor**

The cash book has been updated to November 30th for uploading onto Bigbury Community Website upon BPC approval. Cash book and bank statements have been reconciled @ £42,426.64 and the working surplus stands at £27,427.19

GR and SW discussed a proposed public statement ref. the 2021/22 precept and IB suggested waiting until SHDC published its figures on the council tax base. GR believed it would be unlikely that those figures would significantly change the decision made and that in the light of the parish's present unrestricted reserve no changes would need to be made. SW concurred and that statement should be published. BPC councillors unanimously agreed.

9.0 Planning related matters
1996/20/FUL, 'Herb Heaven', Near Damerell's Combe, Aveton Gifford, TQ7 4NQ

SW expressed strongly that his concerns about the lack of a business plan remain, and also the absence of detailed proposals for foul drainage from the site and traffic movements on and off the site onto an already inadequate, badly maintained access road. GR proposed 'no support' for the development as it would be a commercial development in the local AONB; there was inadequate detail on drainage; there is disagreement on the likely scale of the business; concerns over increased traffic flows. CC expressed support for the development, believed the foul drainage issue could be solved i.e. with portaloos and that limited retail sales from the site would not contribute significant additional traffic. GR proposed 'object' to this development, SW seconded with EH and VS supporting the proposal while CC and KH did not support.

Burgh Island Proposal

VS advised that this is a proposal for new holiday accommodation in a prominent position, visible from the mainland. The island is not included in the Bigbury-on-Sea settlement boundary set out in the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan and this proposal in the undeveloped coastline, although not technically in the AONB, would affect the setting of the AONB. VS proposed 'no support', GR seconded and councillors unanimously agreed.

3867/20/ARC, Land at Holwell Farm, St Ann's Chapel.

VS advised that the parish is not a consultee in respect of this development but that there are 8 pre-commencement conditions involved, none of which VS believed to be contentious.

828/20/FUL, Barby Lodge, Cleveland Drive, Bigbury on Sea, TQ7 4AY.

This re-advertisement in respect of revised plans had been notified to BPC after publication of this meeting agenda. As BPC Standing Orders require 3 clear business days between posting of the agenda on the Bigbury website and on parish notice boards, and the meeting date, this application could not be discussed on this occasion nor could a proposal from BPC be made and voted upon. However the architect had asked to join the meeting. GR pointed out that PCs could listen under agenda item 16 'Open Session', but then proposed the council bring them forward and hear them under this agenda item 'Planning Related Matters', stipulating that they could not be discussed nor voted upon. This proposal was agreed unanimously.

The architect advised that these revised plans had been submitted after discussion 39

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with SHDC planners and addressed some of the concerns raised in objections by BPC and others to the original proposal, including those about glazing of the undercroft below the car parking area and excessive glazing in the south elevation. The developer believed the proposed ridge height was in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan(NP) and that the development was designed to be built as the family home, not for letting. A member of the public believed strongly that the proposed ridge height did contravene the NP. VS suggested an extraordinary BPC planning meeting be held later in December to discuss this and another proposal, which also had been notified after the publication of this agenda, so that BPC responses could be submitted before end of December and early January response deadline dates. IB will arrange this date.

10.0 Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan- Regulation 14

VS commented that this Plan had been very carefully considered and constructed and proposed support. CC considered the the plan was unexciting and offered very little opportunity for change i.e in respect of roads and traffic congestion about which Ringmore residents complained; nor in requirements for additional housing, including affordable housing. VS confirmed that a housing needs survey had been completed, which had not indicated a need for affordable housing and that BPC could propose 'support', 'do not support', 'object' or 'no comment'. GR proposed support, seconded by VS and unanimously by councillors.'

11.0 Modbury Neighbourhood Plan- Regulation 16

GR declared an interest before discussion took place. VS advised that Modbury is required by the Plymouth, West Devon and South Hams Joint Local Plan to provide for additional housing in its

Neighbourhood Plan(NP), which proposes new housing development on the east side of Modbury and that this would be acceptable to SHDC but this would have to go to referendum. GR commented on the strength of feeling in Modbury over this additional housing and that as a result SHDC had extended the consultation period to 16 weeks and believed two sites would be put forward as opposed one being preferred over another for another. An inevitable outcome of development will be additional traffic flow. However a housing need has been established. GR also advised of forthcoming changes to Palm Cross Green and availability of new parking spaces within the Bloor Homes development. VS suggested that Bigbury Parish Council make no comment and GR agreed.

12.0 Skip Hire

IB asked for definitive dates for the post Christmas installation of the proposed rubbish skip in the Memorial Hall car park. The suggested dates were the 1st or 3rd weekends in February. IB to confirm half term dates and book the skip for either of the suggested dates subject to availability of the contractor.

13.0 Sedgewell Slipway

IB asked for specific dates for the agreed white lining of car park spaces and January/ February were suggested but specifically to avoid the half term weekend.

14.0 Sat Bus to Kingsbridge

Reported above under 'County Councillor's Report'

15.0 Defibrillators

This issue has arisen because of a reminder to BPC of grants still available for the purchase of equipment. SS suggested this information almost certainly was from a company selling them. VS believed we have enough in the parish and SW agreed.

SS suggested one by the Venus Café and the Golf Club if there was not already one there. There was a question about the continued maintenance of existing equipment. It was believed that first responder regularly checked them. No further discussion took place .

16.0 Open session.

A member of the public suggested bringing forward this 'Open Session' in future meetings to the beginning of the meeting before it starts formally. GR advised that this is practice at Modbury PC and works well. Other comments were that it would allow parishioners to voice comments about planning issues before 'Planning Related Matters' were discussed and that it would allow parishioners to express views on parish matters and then leave the meeting early in the evening if they wished rather than having to wait until the end of meetings to do so. It was felt this might encourage more parishioners to join meetings and become involved.

IB was asked if he had been contacted by the Memorial Hall(MH) **Committee Chairman about the payment of BT broadband and telephone charges by BPC and that perhaps these should be taken over by the MH.** CC commented that the ability of BPC to recover VAT had been the reason for the present arrangement but that probably a compromise solution could found. IB to investigate.

KH said she had been approached about BPC arranging for **RNLI staffing at B-on-S.** and it was confirmed that this would be solely a RNLI decision. IB to contact RNLI to ask if such staffing at B-o-S. could be arranged.

16.0 Correspondence Received

PKF Littlejohn, external auditor for BPC, has completed its review of **BPC's Annual Governance and Accountability Return** for 2019/20 and reported on the issue of 'Exercise of Public Rights' which will require BPC's attention in future audits. No other concerns were raised and the review for 2019/20 can be considered successful and closed.

17.0 Any other business.

VS proposed that the planning decision notices published during the month for BP planning application should be included as an addendum to BPC meeting minutes and posted with the minutes. This was unanimously agreed by councillors. The meeting closed at 10:00pm.

**The next meeting is to be held via Zoom
TUES February 9th at 7:00pm and
WED March 10th at 7:30pm**

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