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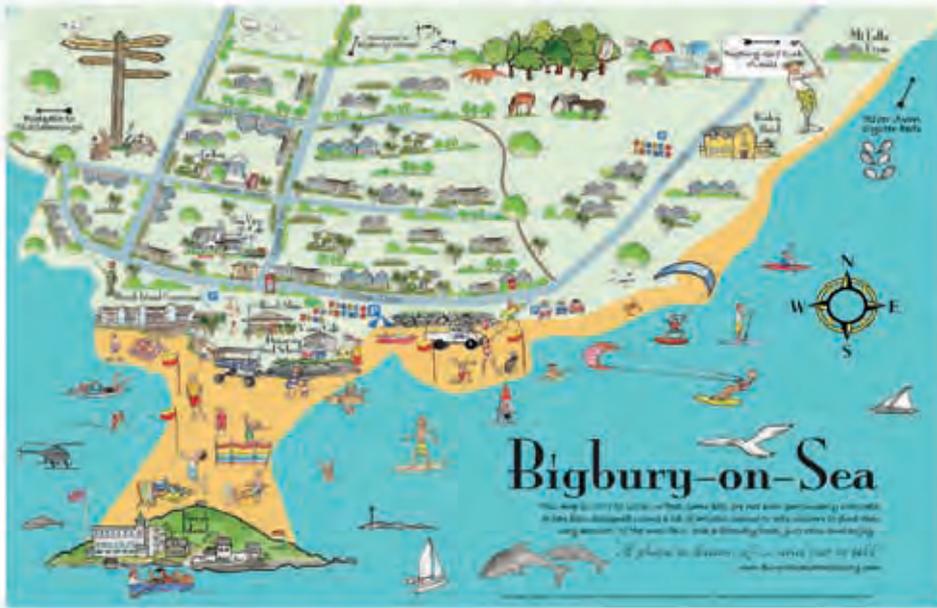
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Welcome to this BUMPER EDITION of Bigbury News for December and January.

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Please attend the events organised by our **Memorial Hall Committee** and other people who are trying to raise funds for charities or simply get people together. Second home owners are encouraged to plan their visits to coincide with these events - to meet neighbours and make new friends. You are part of our Community! Please join in.

Together Bigbury raised more than £22,000 for local charities in 2018. If you want to organise an event in the Memorial Hall you should contact the Chairman, **Charles Harrington**.

Thank you to our new volunteers and contributors for Bigbury News, who have added a lot of excellent new content and also taken some of the workload from my shoulders. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Bigbury News Editor. With a growing team of helpers, the quality of Bigbury News will continue to improve.

Finally, a great Bigbury Thank You to the advertisers, sponsors and those who have made donations, to keep Bigbury News pumping off the press every month. A special thank you to one anonymous donor who regularly pays us a monthly amount.

At this time of year, we should spare a thought for those who are no longer with us and for those who will miss them most. Let's be sure that in 2019 - we try to build bridges if needed, seek and give forgiveness, try harder and be even more generous with our time and charity. In a war-torn world, it's worth the effort to prove that Community Spirit is a powerful force for good if we make the effort to keep the candle burning.

*Happy Christmas and a Bountiful New Year*

**Louise Wainwright**  
Bigbury News Editor

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**Memorial Hall St Ann's Chapel on Wed 6th February 2019 at 6.30 pm.**

We encourage the community to attend. No need to book. Light refreshments provided. Further information contact: **Yvonne Klidjian** 810971, **Jeremy Gilbert** 810235 or **David Gay** 810146

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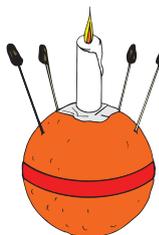
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# BIGBURY LIFE

## BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Bringing the Community Together

In October, we kicked off our Winter programme with the Paddleboat Theatre performing "Rustle", their wonderful mix of story-telling, music and theatre. The twenty or so children and parents who came thoroughly enjoyed it, particularly the children. Despite being scheduled for half term the attendance was, frankly, disappointing, so much so that we shall have to reconsider putting on similar shows in the future.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to hosting the Churchfitters and their unique brand of folk music on Sunday 18th November. This is one that has caught the imagination of the Bigbury public and we've already sold over fifty tickets.

Our aim is to stage an event every month over the Winter and December's is a **Wine Tasting evening on Friday the 7th at 7.00 p.m.** This will be presented by Barrel & Still of Kingsbridge (formerly The Wine Room) who will be featuring eight great but affordable wines, which will be accompanied by delicious home made nibbles. Tickets for this event, priced at £10, are limited to around 25 and we have already sold six, so, if you'd like to come, please get in touch with either myself or Holywell Stores. See poster (left).

January sees the return of our ever-popular **New Year Quiz**. This is on the **11th at 7.00 p.m.** It's a great value event; tickets are priced at only £6 and this includes a pasty each plus a bottle of wine for each table of six. Again, tickets can be obtained from Holywell Stores, myself or Sally Watts (810373). See poster (left) for further details.

Finally, a heads up for other events this Winter. These are a Film & Food Night in February, the Coppice Theatre performing their "Science Adventures" on March 9th and a Jazz Evening on April 26th. Watch out for further details in Bigbury News.

Don't forget that if you want to hear about upcoming Hall events direct to your inbox, just let me know your email address and I'll add you to our contact list. This is dedicated solely to the Hall and will not be used to contact you for any other purpose.

**Charles Harrington.**

Tel. 810023. Email [charles\\_harri@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charles_harri@yahoo.co.uk)

### BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 2018 – JANUARY 2019

<u>Day &amp; Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Organiser</u>	<u>Contact no.</u>
Mon. *9.30 – 10.10	Aerobics	Jill Gubbins	810651
*10.15 – 11.15	Pilates	Jill Gubbins	810651
*11.20 – noon	Strong & Steady (plus tea)	Jill Gubbins	810651
Tues. 13.30 – 15.30	Bridge	Jan Lucas	
17.30 – 19.30	Youth Club	Juliette Jackson	810307
19.30 – 21.30	Bowls	Dee Fitzgerald	811191
<small>(closed for the time being – more members needed; contact Dee for information)</small>			
Wed. 9.30 – 11.45	South Hams Shrimps	not currently functioning	
Thurs. 9.30 – 10.00	Fast Fit	Jill Gubbins	810651
*10.15 – 11.15	Pilates	Jill Gubbins	810651
19.30 – 21.30	South Hams Filling Station	Gilbert Snook	810017
<small>(3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of month excl. Dec &amp; Aug)</small>			

*Please contact group organisers for holiday dates for the different classes.*

#### **December events:**

**Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 7.00pm Wine tasting. Tickets (£10) from Holywell Stores or Charles Harrington 810023.

#### **Future events:**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January:** 7.00pm Quiz night – Tickets (£6 to include a pasty each and a bottle of wine per table of 6) available from Holywell Stores after Christmas.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March:** 11.00am Science Adventures for 5n- 12 year olds and their families. A Villages in Action/Carn to Cove event.



## KORNILOFF COFFEE MORNING

On Wednesday 7th November we raised £167 for the Kingsbridge Triangle Centre. It is staffed by experienced cancer nurses, therapists and trained volunteers who help cancer patients and their families navigate their journey through treatment and recovery.

Many thanks to everyone who came and supported us so generously, bringing donations and braving the rain showers!

On **Wednesday 5th December** we will be supporting St Lawrence Church with the Christmas Coffee morning at the Memorial Hall St Ann's Chapel.

On sale there will be homemade chutneys, jams and marmalade, Christmas logs, cakes puddings and other festive fare. Please come and support our last coffee morning for this year, between 10.30 and noon.

**Jean and Yvonne.**

## BIGBURY LADIES

For our **December** meeting, we will meet on the **second Wednesday** of the month instead of the usual third Wednesday. This will be our Christmas dinner when we will be meeting at Kitley. Anyone is welcome to join us, and hopefully, some gentlemen, for this enjoyable meeting. Helen Smith is taking £5 deposits for this and we would appreciate it if you could advise either Helen (810 386), or Rose (810815) or myself (810719) as soon as possible. There will not be a meeting in January.

**Pam Trundle**



## BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

We held our November meeting at Lynn's house when we discussed 'The Pinocchio Brief by **Abi Silver.**' Unusually we all enjoyed this very interesting book in which the characters were very well written and would recommend it. Lynn's choice of book for the month is 'Tombland' by **C. J. Sansom** and this will be discussed when we meet on December 5th at Liz's house.

**Hazel Osborne**

## Carols on the Green

December 24th 2018

6.30pm



Preparations are underway for Carols on the Green! Save the date in your diary and please do come along and join in some traditional carols, mulled wine and mince pies on Christmas Eve on the green in Bigbury.

As always, we're looking for musicians to help us so let me know if you are free. No audition necessary and no age limits (at the upper or lower end!) If you have any queries or would like to help out in any way please contact

This event has been running for over 25 years and is well supported by residents and visitors alike. Hope to see you all there on Christmas Eve in good voice and good heart!

Contact:

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## WAVES YOUTH CLUB

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At youth club we have been doing pottery and painting. We used an air-dry clay and some paints from the youth club cupboard. One of my favourite things we do at youth club is playing a chasing and hiding game called blocky blocky. Mum taught it to us. Most people join in. It is a cross between tag, dodgeball and hide and seek.

Last week we had a halloween party. Juliette (one of our helpers), made some amazing games. We had to stick our hands in different types of goo to get as many objects out as we could. We were covered in it!!! Liz (Geoff's wife) made us home made chocolate Rolo cookies that looked like spiders. She is brilliant! We sometimes do baking at our club. I hope we can do some more soon.

We have been really busy at youth club and we can't wait until our **Christmas party on Wednesday, the 12th of December**. We will let you know more about that nearer the time. We will also be doing some **Christmas carol singing around the village on Tuesday, the 18th December**. Non-member kids welcome with parents. Contact Louise Pitt 07786 860440 / 01548 810000

We have had some new people join use club since October. It has been really nice making new friends but our club has still got a lot of girls! (not that I mind).

*We hope everyone has a fantastic Christmas and a great New Year.*  
From me, Matilda Pitt and all my friends at Bigbury Youth Club.

**Matilda Pitt**  
Youth Club Reporter

Thanks to Matilda (age 10) for her first excellent Waves Report. High Five! *Editor*



## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Watch out in **Bigbury Drums website** for more information on all our Clubs and Societies - how to join them, when and where they are meeting and club reports and photos. We hope to have this page up and running before Christmas.

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Would all Chairmen of our local Clubs please send 100 words to the Editor

[bigburydrums@gmail.com](mailto:bigburydrums@gmail.com)

describing what your club does, who can be a member and provide a contact telephone number and email address.

Please also provide some good quality photos (at least 1 MB) of group activities to promote the club.

Bigbury Drums can assist your club to make an attractive poster for the website. This could also form a template for a poster for your upcoming meetings or events - which are just edited each time with the correct date, topic and venue.

Good quality graphics helps to promote membership and attendance at events. We are here to help you. Just ask us.

**Louise Wainwright & Marina Leadbetter**

Pam advises that there is no Bigbury Ladies meeting in January.



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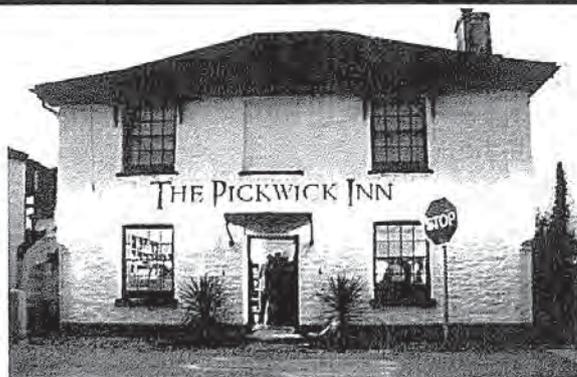


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Deep fried mushrooms with garlic mayo ~ £5.00

**Main Course**

Grilled Steak and chips with herb butter ~ £16.00

Chicken curry, rice and poppadum, mango chutney ~ £14.00

Seasonal stew with fresh artisan bread ~ £12.00

Gammon, pineapple, egg and chips ~ £12.00

Vegetable pie with mashed potato and peas ~ £11.50

Fish, chips and mushy peas ~ £12.00

**Desserts**

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BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

NORTH POLE





## BIGBURY WATCH



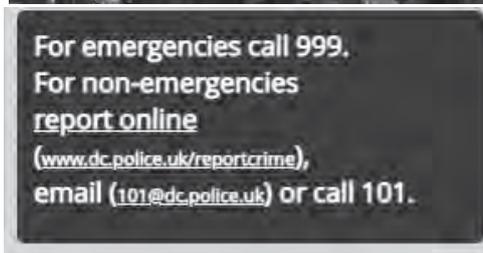
In the absence of any volunteers to take up the role of Bigbury **Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator**, I went to Kingsbridge Police Station to ask what the implications of this might be and what we could do to fill any 'gaps'. I met with **Police Community Support officer (PCSO) 30383 Paul O'Dwyer** who is responsible for liaising with local communities.

Paul advised Bigbury News to reassure readers that crime levels in Bigbury Parish and neighbouring villages were very low indeed. However, a **community of good neighbours**, who look out for each other, will help to keep crime levels low. It's a good idea to tell neighbours if you are going to be away or are expecting deliveries whilst you are out.

Do you have your **neighbour's contacts and a backup contact**, if you can't get hold of them? You may need them! Get organised in advance of a crisis so you can help each other when needed. Why not swap contacts this Christmas?

At this time of year, **theft of heating oil** is more likely to be an issue. Neighbours should be observant and report any suspicious vehicles to the householder or **call 101 with the registration number of the vehicle**. The police will decide if it is an Emergency. Don't hesitate if you genuinely think *'something is wrong'*. Do not attempt to intervene in any possible crime in progress.

Fore-warned is fore-armed. **Devon & Cornwall Police** have a set up a **web-based Alert system**. It's easy to sign up for Alerts



on your mobile phone or by email on topics of relevance to you - so you fine tune your own alerts. Click on this website:

<https://alerts.dc.police.uk/>

Our local Beat Team consists of the *Beat Manager PC 6486 Ryan Hayhurst* and *Police Community Support Officer 30080 Warren Palmer*. They can be contacted via the kingsbridge email page

[kingsbridge@dc.police.uk](mailto:kingsbridge@dc.police.uk)

Louise Wainwright

Read **The Peoples Manifesto for Wildlife**. The manifesto has been drawn up by the naturalist and broadcaster **Chris Packham**, with the aid of 17 independent experts and scientists..



## BIGBURY BIO BLOG - New Year's Resolutions



Inspired by **Chris Packham's People's Walk For Wildlife**, here are **Butterfly Conservation's top ten ways you can help save our environment**.

- 1. Keep your garden chemical free.** Cut down on your use of herbicides and pesticides which kill butterflies, moths, pollinating insects and natural enemies of garden pests. More than 75% of the UK's butterflies have declined in the last 40 years. Evidence suggests that neonicotinoid pesticides are one of the causes. <https://butterfly-conservation.org/news-and-blog>
- 2. Don't buy single use plastics.** Always pop a flask or reusable bottle in your bag when you go out. Cut your weekly bottle buying altogether, stopping 52 bottles ending up in landfills and oceans. More than 2,600 plastic bottles a year would be stopped from entering our environment if just 50 people packed a flask instead of buying a bottle. Add your name to the Marine Society's petition calling for levies on single use plastics. [www.mcsuk.org/appeal/plastic-levy](http://www.mcsuk.org/appeal/plastic-levy)
- 3. Shop locally, shop organically.** Buying fresh organic food is a great way to support local farmers, reduce your carbon foot print and support nature with your food choices. [www.soilassociation.org/organic-living/buy-organic/organic-farm-shops](http://www.soilassociation.org/organic-living/buy-organic/organic-farm-shops)
- 4. Record the wildlife near you.** Recording the wildlife where you live provides vital information to help conservationists protect the environment. Recording and monitoring programmes help Butterfly Conservation direct their efforts more. <https://butterfly-conservation.org/butterflies/recording-and-monitoring>.
- 5. Re-use and Recycle.** Reducing the amount of "stuff" you consume has the greatest benefits for the planet. It's best to avoid waste in the first place, so think more carefully about your purchases. Re-using items saves the natural resources and energy needed to manufacture new ones - as well as saving money. [www.recyclenow.com](http://www.recyclenow.com).
- 6. Reduce your carbon footprint.** Even the smallest effort to reduce your carbon footprint can make a difference. On short

journeys ditch the car in favour of walking, could you car share with a colleague to get to work or use public transport instead. How big is your footprint? <http://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>

**7. Avoid peat-based composts.** A healthy peatland bog can store huge amounts of rainwater which can reduce flooding risk. Bogs are also very valuable in the fight against climate change as they lock up vast amounts of carbon. In fact, they can store far more carbon than trees. Butterfly Conservation's 'Bog Squad' volunteers restore this invaluable habitat but by avoiding peat-based compost you too can make a difference. <https://butterfly-conservation.org/5737/better-bogs-for-butterflies-and-moths.html>

**8. Plant pollinator friendly plants.** Help butterflies, moths and other pollinators without breaking the bank, by adding a container of nectar plants to your doorstep, balcony or back garden this spring. Plots For Pollinators is a project for everyone; you don't need a garden or green fingers to be able to grow a plant that will help our struggling butterflies and bees. Why not Plant a Plot for Pollinators? <https://butterfly-conservation.org/how-you-can-help/plots-for-pollinators>

**9. Volunteer for a wildlife or environmental organisation.** Butterfly Conservation relies on the support of thousands of volunteers who contribute an estimated 175,000 days of time per year which is the same as 800 full-time staff. Without them, we could not do our work. Whether it be getting hands-on with conservation work or recording the butterflies and moths that you see, there is a wide range of opportunities for people who would like to get involved, whatever your age or experience. <https://butterfly-conservation.org/how-you-can-help/get-involved/volunteer>

**10. Inspire others.** Helping to save butterflies, moths and other wildlife can be fun whether you are five or 105. Share your love of the natural world with those around you, encourage your family and friends to take part in outdoor activities. Encouraging others to see the value and beauty of nature and its wildlife may be the most important way to help save it.

Stuart Watts



## RON EASTON

### A Great Innings!

Our oldest resident, **Ron Easton**, passed away on 2nd November 2018 at the very grand age of 102 and a half. **John Tucker** lowered the Union Jack at Folly Farm to half-mast and sent a sad thought fluttering on the sea breeze at Bigbury on Sea. Ron had gone.

He chose to be a very private and independent person, preferring his own company and being capable of looking after himself. He did not appreciate the media attention his ordeal attracted but in many ways he 'went down fighting' and Bigbury residents much admired his courage and fortitude. Ron's funeral was at St Lawrence Church on Monday 26th November.

His passing is a loss to our community and in spite of his need to remain private, he will always be remembered as the amazing elder resident who was still driving his blue MG around the Bigbury country lanes - at 102 and a half years old.

**Louise Wainwright**

## GAME of CHESS

### Jigsaw4u Charity

The book launch events for A Game of Chess have raised **£600** so far for the brilliant **Jigsaw4u** charity. It was wonderful to meet so many people who love to talk about books and were curious about the Dream Factory and its locations at Ringmore, Westcombe, and Dartmoor. Thank you, Burgh Island Hotel, The Journeys End Inn, Bigbury Golf Club, Holywell Stores St Ann's Chapel for your fantastic support. Thank you. Profits from books bought from these local outlets go directly to the charity - so let's reach £1,000.

Message from Jigsaw4u: "*Your donation will help us to reach more children and young people in our local community. With this money we can give children and families positive opportunities they don't otherwise get, support them through experiences such as bereavement, domestic abuse and sexual exploitation and give them somewhere where they can feel safe, supported and listened to. You have helped to make this happen for a child or family today. Thank you very much, on behalf of everyone at Jigsaw4u.*"

**John Simes**



## WINTER WARMER SOUPS

Inspired by **Iris McSherry**, a fine chef from Burgh Island, **Tristan St James**, has got together a small team of helpers to deliver his home-made winter warmer soups to residents in the local area.

Whilst Iris is recovering from her recent set-backs, she has found his easy-to-warm-up soups a great boon. A number of Iris's friends expressed an interest in also having these tasty winter warmers. The seed was sown for a community-spirited plan to make them more widely available - especially for people who don't find it so easy anymore to get inspired to cook for themselves. This heart-warming gesture deserves our full support from both helpers and customers.

Tristan is sourcing the ingredients from local farmers, such as John Tucker, to make a choice of two nutritious, tasty soups every week. Soups will be vacuum-sealed into bags so that they can be frozen and easily reheated. Instructions on the bag. There will be a new menu every week, but you can stock up on your favourites and keep them in the freezer for up to 4 weeks.

There will be a short pilot scheme (3rd & 10th December) to test the demand and iron out the admin problems. If there is enough interest we will provide more information via Bigbury Drums about how to subscribe on line to receive the weekly menu. You will be asked to provide your phone and email contacts; physical address, where to leave the soups if you are out when your soup is being delivered and if you suffer any food allergies.



Photos: *Left* Guests at Game of Chess launch enjoying Conor's 'gothic' delicious treats at **The Journeys End**.

Above: *Left*: **Tristan St James**, a 'grandson' of **Iris McSherry**, is a chef at **Burgh Island Hotel**.

Orders taken: Monday before midday  
Orders delivered: Wednesday before midday  
Initial cost £2.50 per 200 ml sachet (one serving) £4 per 500 ml sachet (2 servings)  
Pay cash on delivery. During the Pilot - choices of soup will be confirmed by Gill when you call her. Later we will publish the choices in Bigbury News and on Bigbury Drums.

Order dates & delivery:

**Order Monday December 3rd  
Delivered Wednesday 5th Dec**

**Order Monday December 10th  
Delivered Wednesday 12th Dec**

During the PILOT - Call Gill Middleton each week with your order by Monday midday. 01548 810342

Going forward, the choices will depend on seasonal availability of vegetables. We will give you the choices when you place your order each week. This will probably be via Bigbury Drums with a button to click that will automatically send an email order for you. If you cannot do this yourself - just call Gill with your order and she will order for you. You will not miss out.

Thanks to **Gill Middleton**, **Sheridan Furber** and **Sally Watts** getting behind Tristan to help make this a reality. This is a not-for-profit enterprise. It's a great way for our community to tighten those bonds, both ways, and enjoy being together in the dark winter days. Please get in touch with Gill if you either want to order soups or help with deliveries in your area.

**Louise Wainwright**



At Christmas time - why don't you consider whether you could spare a few hours per week in 2019 for the **Modbury Caring Befriending Service**? Or - perhaps you feel that you, yourself would benefit from a few hours a week from a Befriender? The giving and receiving of the gift of friendship is the fabric of a strong Community. It's equally important that Befrienders are invited into homes - as it is that people volunteer to be Befrienders. Both benefit. Find out more from the Befriending Coordinator, **Sheila Harrison**. Sheila's contacts: **07554 997140** or **modburycaring@gmail.com**. You can also drop in to see her on Wednesdays from 11.00 - 12 noon at the Modbury Parish Office by the Co-op in Galpin Street, Modbury. <http://modburycaring.org.uk>

**Louise Wainwright**



[www.jigsaw4u.org.uk](http://www.jigsaw4u.org.uk)



### HELPING HANDS NEEDED

More people are needed for cleaning the church at Bigbury.

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**Pat Holness**

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## BIGBURY CARES CHARITY UPDATE to mid Oct

During 2018 Bigbury residents have worked on many fund-raising events. Monies raised and the charities involved are listed below.

<b>Macmillan Cancer Care</b>	<b>£1,303</b>
<i>Fiona Dukes</i>	
<b>Motor Neurone Disease Ass.</b>	
<b>Multiple Sclerosis Society</b>	<b>£5,748</b>
<i>Cllr Beth Huntley</i>	
<b>Blood Bikes</b>	<b>£750</b>
Golf Captains Charity Team	
<i>Cathy Hamilton &amp; Marlene Johnson</i>	
<b>Friends of St Lawrence</b>	<b>£680</b>
<i>Alice Taylor (Treasurer)</i>	
<b>Modbury Caring</b>	<b>£213</b>
Korniloff Event (March)	
<b>Hope Cove Lifeboat</b>	<b>£224</b>
Korniloff Event (April)	
<b>South Ham Shrimps</b>	<b>£152</b>
Korniloff Event (May)	
<b>Children's Hospice S.W</b>	<b>£195</b>
Korniloff Event (June)	
<b>Devon Air Ambulance</b>	<b>£135</b>
Korniloff Event (July)	
<b>St Lukes Hospice</b>	<b>£153</b>
Korniloff Event (Aug)	
<b>Unique</b>	<b>£122</b>
Korniloff Event (Sept)	
<b>Plymouth &amp; Cornwall Cancer Fund</b>	<b>£165</b>
<i>Jean Wright &amp; Yvonne Klidjian</i>	
<b>Memorial Hall</b>	<b>£500</b>
50:50 Club <i>Dane Vanestone</i>	
<b>St Lawrence Church (bells etc)</b>	<b>£523</b>
Bazaar ( <i>Angie Carson &amp; team</i> )	
<b>Jamie Proctor Foundation</b>	<b>£812</b>
<i>Krista Pickering marathon run</i>	
<b>Friends of St Lawrence</b>	<b>£370</b>
Barn Dance <i>Hilary Vanstone</i>	
<b>Devon Air Ambulance</b>	<b>£300</b>
<b>Bigbury Church Bells</b>	<b>£100</b>
<b>Bigbury Youth Club</b>	<b>£50</b>
Fun Run - <i>Zoe Walters &amp; Rob Heathman</i>	
<b>Friends of St Lawrence</b>	<b>£575</b>
Victorian Tea Party <i>Alice Taylor et al</i>	
<b>Bigbury News</b>	<b>£138</b>
<i>Juliette Jackson, Editor, Vanstones &amp; Team</i>	
<b>Devon Air Ambulance</b>	<b>£1,100</b>
Hog Roast @ Scoble Farm	
<i>John Tucker &amp; Family</i>	
<b>St Lawrence Church</b>	<b>£2,000</b>
August Fete (to be confirmed)	
<i>Helen Smith &amp; team</i>	
BIGBURY BURGH BASH	
<b>Hope Cove Life Boat</b>	<b>£983</b>
<b>Devon Air Ambulance</b>	<b>£983</b>
<b>RNLI</b>	<b>£983</b>
<i>Burgh Island Hotel &amp; Bigbury Community</i>	
<b>Devon Air Ambulance</b>	<b>£2000</b>
<i>Vlad Krupa &amp; Gem Coltman</i>	
<b>Jigsaw4u</b>	<b>£600</b>
<i>John Simes</i>	
<b>Church Restoration</b>	

**BIGBURY TOTAL  
to mid Nov is £21,857**



## MUSICAL EVENING at ST LAWRENCE

Friday 2nd November saw Bigbury Church filled with light, music and singing for an Informal Musical Evening. The Church was packed with performers and a large audience, with standing room only by 7pm. The evening began with wonderful rousing melodies from **The Kingsmen** led by **Chris Birch**. This was followed by some beautiful songs from the **Modbury Gospel Singers** led by Jo Highley. The first half was rounded up by **Andy Mott**, a newcomer to the village, who played some well-known oboe works.

Wine and light refreshments were enjoyed during the interval in an atmosphere so congenial that it was difficult to squeeze in the raffle and gain attention for the second half! This was led by Andy with several moving pieces including "The Hovis Advert" from Dvorak's New World Symphony which was supported by humming from the audience. The Gospel Singers had everyone stamping their feet to the beat of some wonderful African songs, and all joined in an inspirational rendition of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot". The evening was rounded off, as it started, with The Kingsmen and some more Barbershop favourites.

£660 was raised on the night which was acclaimed as a great success by all and this will go towards Church restoration. We would like to our sponsors - The Oyster Shack, The Dolphin and others for their generosity.

Thank you to all who supported this event. If you are not already a member of the Friends of St Lawrence, please do give us a call and join up. Alternatively there are membership forms in the Church.

**Gill Cook** (810156)

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2. For the same reason, laughing all the way is discouraged.
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4. Please wear your high visibility jacket at all times. This will enable our pick-up team to locate you in the snowdrifts in the unlikely event that you are thrown off the sleigh – which as stated in the terms and conditions, is open. Those who have chosen the 'dashing through the snow' experience will also be required to wear safety belts.
5. Please observe the signs warning of low overhead branches and duck when requested.
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7. If you have any queries about safety aspects of your ride, please contact the team at [owhatfun.com](http://owhatfun.com) and we will be happy to deal with your concerns.

Finally, the O What Fun Festive Leisure Corporation accepts no responsibility for any hats that may get blown off in the course of the ride.

Thanks to **Jo Dudmesh** for this reason to chuckle at Christmas.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Church porches once played a very important part in the legal side of village life. Marriages were conducted in them, babies were christened in them and legal documents were witnessed in them. They were the only public building where everyone had access, as the church itself was a holy place – hence the stone (or wooden) benches along the sides. That's where the public could sit during these events. Even today, public notices are pinned up in the porches so that everyone can read them. Visit your church porch and check if you like!

Thanks to **Jo Dudmesh** for providing this snippet.



## LETTER from MINISTER at ST LAWRENCE

### CHURCH SERVICES & THOUGHT FOR DECEMBER

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion	Communion	Communion	Sunday Worship
9 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Christingle (4 pm)	Communion* (8 am) Christingle (4 pm)	Sunday Worship
16 <sup>th</sup>	Lay Led Service	Christingle	Sunday Worship	Communion	Carol Service (6 pm)
19 <sup>th</sup>			Carol Service (6.30 pm)		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Family Carols	Carol Service		Carol Service (6 pm)	Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve	Communion (9 pm)		Communion by Extension (11 pm)	Crib Service (4 pm) Communion (11 pm)	
25 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Day	Family Service	Communion	Family Service	Communion by Extension	Communion

\* Service in traditional language. On 30<sup>th</sup> December there will be a Team Communion Service at 10.30 am in Modbury.

### Where's Jesus?

There's something magical about Carol Services. We can relax in the warmth of well-known carols, listen to the traditional Bible readings, admire the Christmas decorations and soak up the atmosphere.

But what was it like on that first Christmas? It all started when the Roman emperor issued a decree that everyone return to his ancestral town for the census – a typically daft order, for Bethlehem was no more than a village. It was chaos when Joseph and Mary arrived, with no room in the inn – or anywhere else. Perhaps the kindly innkeeper offered his stable, but the Bible doesn't mention it. Even if he did, imagine the smell and dirt amidst which Mary gave birth. Don't begin to think of the Health and Safety implications!

Or perhaps Joseph and Mary passed through Bethlehem, ignored by people busy with their own affairs, and a handy roadside cattle trough (for that is what a manger is) provided the crib for the new-born baby. It would explain how the shepherds found Jesus!

This Christmas, most people won't notice Jesus. They will enjoy the feasting, reindeer, Santa, presents and parties, without a thought for what lies behind the celebrations. Yes, let's enjoy, but above all, let's remember that it's the birthday of Jesus the Saviour, who came into this world to demonstrate God's love and to bring peace, goodwill and forgiveness for all who seek.

Michael Tagent

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

Readers: Joyce Howitt (01364 73093), Michael Tagent (810520)

Website: [www.modburyteam.org](http://www.modburyteam.org)

### SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion*	Communion	Communion	Sunday Worship
13 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion* (8 am) All Age Service	Communion
20 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Village Service
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship Living Room Service (6 pm)	Communion

\* Service in traditional language.

## Carols on the Green December 24th 2018

### 6.30pm

Preparations are underway for Carols on the Green! Save the date in your diary and please do come along and join in some traditional carols, mulled wine and mince pies on Christmas Eve on the green in Bigbury.

As always, we're looking for musicians to help us so let me know if you are free. No audition necessary and no age limits (at the upper or lower end!) If you have any queries or would like to help out in any way please contact

This event has been running for over 25 years and is well supported by residents and visitors alike. Hope to see you all there on Christmas Eve in good voice and good heart!

Contact:  
Dane Vanstone at  
[danevanstone@outlook.com](mailto:danevanstone@outlook.com)  
or Fiona Barker at  
[fiona.barker@windsor-ent.co.uk](mailto:fiona.barker@windsor-ent.co.uk)  
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## FILLING STATION

In need of spiritual fuel?  
Top-up here.

**Thursday 7th January 2019  
at 7.30 to 9.00 pm**  
Speaker: **Gilbert Snook**  
Topic: **The Thrill of Prayer.**

The Filling Station is a new informal way of expressing the Christian faith using local mid-week monthly celebration meetings in a cafe-style setting. In a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with tea, coffee and cake. We have a worship time and a speaker. Prayer Ministry is always available.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

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

**Gil and Kate Snook 01548 810017**



## CREWS THAT KEEP US CRUISING



During 2018, Bigbury News has featured several teams of people who provide much valued services to the Parish of Bigbury. The community police team, fire brigade and RNLI are amongst those featured. The purpose of this feature is to ensure that we do not take them for granted and thank them by recognising their contribution in Bigbury News. There are many residents of Bigbury who are also high up on the list of Crews that Keep us Cruising. Without their voluntary efforts, this would be a less vibrant community.

### What is Community Spirit?

Is a 'community' - a group of people who have a common interest or geographical location? Is 'community spirit' the actions and activities that take place within the community which ensure the well-being of everyone in the community? The Oxford dictionary definition says community spirit is a "willingness and desire to participate in activities that promote a community."

Is it just as important to participate in events organised by the volunteers in the **Memorial Hall Committee** as it is to be on the committee? The motto of the MHC is 'Bringing the Community together.' If you and your family do not participate - then the community does not come together. Those people who make the effort to book or organise events for you, may be less motivated to carry on. Is this what you want? Do you care? Do you feel part of the Community?

Our **Parish Councillors** are all volunteers and work hard to represent our views and communicate them to the District Council and a range of local authorities. Our team include: **Bryan Carson (Chairman), George Rosevear (Vice Chairman), Beth Huntley, Valerie Scott, Sharon Smith, Hannah Getley and Cathy Case.** Our **Parish Clerk** is **Richard Matthews.** See **DIRECTORY** page 23

There will be a **re-election in May 2019** for these positions. Bigbury News will be providing a short profile of each of the existing parish councillors in the February issue so that we 'get to know' them better. Readers will be invited to write in to the **Post Bag in the February edition and provide three short bullet points about what they feel are the top local priorities** for our parish council. Maximum 75 words in total.

The attendance at the monthly Parish Council meetings at the Memorial Hall in St Ann's Chapel is rarely above six parishioners. What would be the advantages and disadvantages of more people attending these meetings? All minutes are published in the Bigbury News and on the Community website.

Our **Footpath Wardens** are **Trish Bagley** and **Norman Botton**, who regularly write for Bigbury News. Trish is also our **Tree Warden.** Thanks to both.

The **Bigbury Community website** is managed by **Stuart Watts** and it is a platform for many alerts and information of relevance to the community.

The **Memorial Hall Committee** consists of: **Charles Harrington (Chairman), Sally Watts (Secretary), Peter Cook (Treasurer) Mike Baker, Angie Bond, Gilbert Snook (Filling Station), Jill Gubbins (Fitness classes), Bryan Carson (Parish Council) Juliette Jackson (Youth Club).** Thanks to the MHC for the wonderful series of great events that were organised for us in 2018.

Our **Coastguard** team of volunteers were really busy in 2018 and will feature in Bigbury News in 2019.

**Bigbury News** now has even more volunteers to help keep it coming through your door. The team includes: **Louise Wainwright (Editor), Marina Leadbetter (Advertising) and Lucinda Ellis (Treasurer).** [Feature Contributors: **Stuart Watts, Fiona Barker, Norman Botton, Trish Bagley, Richard Matthews, Valerie Scott, Marlene Johnson, Alice Taylor, Rusty, and Monty**]; [Event Reporters: **Sally Watts, Charles Harrington, Michael Tagent, Hazel Osborne, Pam Trundle, Jean Wright and Yvonne Klidjian**]; [Bigbury Communications Team: **Stuart Watts, Lucinda & Aidan Ellis, Rose Owen, Valerie Scott and John Davies**] and [Distribution Team: **Simone Stevens, Jim Bennett, Don Dyke, Peter & Gill Cook, Trish Bagley, Jill Gubbins, Suzy Owlett, Danny Grace, Burgh Island Causeway, NISA shop, Park Dean, Noel & Ursula Thornton, Sally Watts, Margaret Singleton, John Simes, Elise Wilson, Jenny Very, Jane Tucker, Ann Lamble, Burgh Island, Pickwick, Hexdown, Oyster Shack, Venus Cafe, Dane & Hilary Vanstone and Holywell Stores**] Thanks to the **Kooners** for delivering the bundles of Bigbury News to the Distribution Team and allowing **Holywell Stores** to be a pick up point.

With your continued help - **Let's Keep Cruising in 2019.**

**Louise Wainwright**



### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

Attend more events and meetings  
Ask teams if they need volunteers?

## BIGBURY NEWS TEAM

We now have several new regular contributors, an advertising manager, proof readers and people helping with the preparation of printed magazines for distribution. We also have a very loyal team of distributors. Thank you to all involved. Please see below more opportunities for you to contribute a little of your time every month to the much loved Bigbury News.



### SUB EDITOR for BEACH BANTER

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

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



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Each month - after the Editor has collected all the new adverts, features and photographs, written the various editorials, designed the layout to fit them all in and made the changes from the proof readers - the finished document is sent to the printer's 'saved' box.

Once the magazine is loaded onto the printer, someone needs to be there all the time during the print run. This could take two solid days. I am looking for a volunteer to do this. The printer will automatically collate the pages into a booklet then both crease and staple it. Someone has to remove the magazines as they come out because after about three have piled up in the 'out tray' there is a risk of a paper jam. Paper jams have to be cleared and paper added to the tray. Paper and toners need to be ordered before the print run and the empty cartridges need to be returned.

We have a team who fold, bag and label the magazines. I am hoping the new printing & distribution manager will organise communication with the distribution teams and post the subscriptions. Full training will be provided. Do you think you can help me with this?



Sharon and Maggie helping out with the folding, bagging and labelling of nearly 500 magazines every month. THANK YOU!

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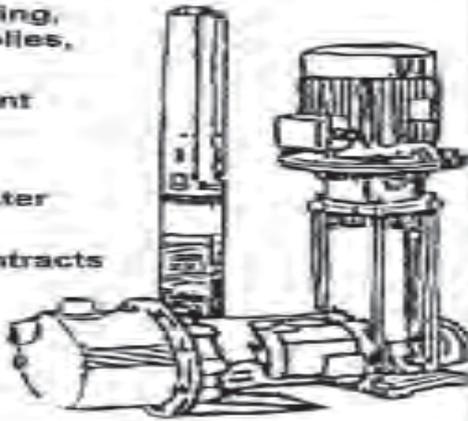
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If businesses would like to feature in 'Keeping Bigbury Busy' in 2019 - please contact the Editor for an interview. We are happy to promote you.

Keep Bigbury Busy!  
Louise Wainwright

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*Christmas Carol*

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3. Decorate the entryways
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5. ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
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9. 288 Yuletide hours.
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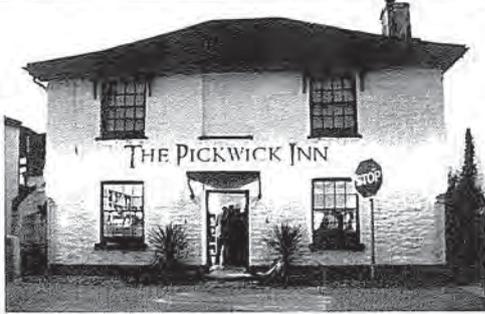
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Thanks to **Sharon Smith** for this Christmas Quiz. Questions on page 26



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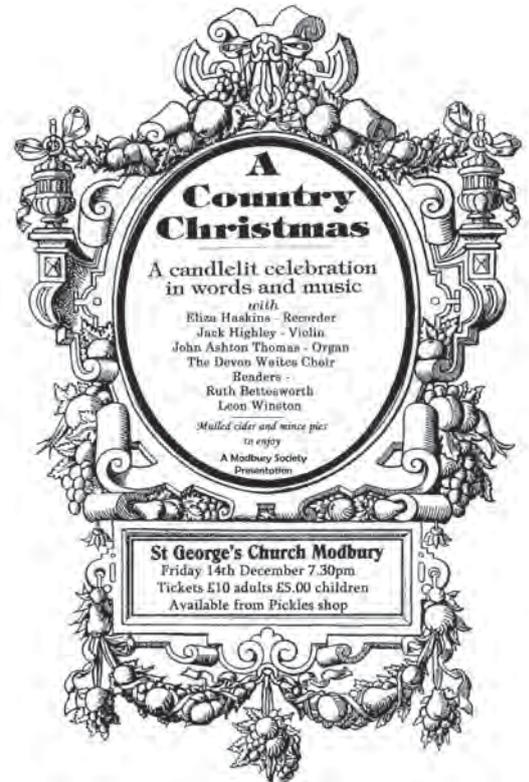
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I SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUS



## ANCIENT REMAINS UNCOVERED

An observant resident of Bigbury on Sea, **Alrich Bennett**, noticed two white spherical objects embedded high up in the cliff to the left of Sedgewell slipway. He was sheltering in the lee of the cliff as a squall blew through the beach.

On closer inspection, he was convinced it was a pair of hip bones. Aldrich has been much involved in the archaeological excavations at the **Tucker's Folly Farm** and quickly realised this could be the remains of a drowned iron age sailor. He contacted the National Trust archaeologist, who agreed to organise the recovery of the bones once the necessary permissions were given.

Whilst the archaeologist awaited the go ahead, the RNLi alerted the police that the remains of a person had been found on the beach! Without realising it was 'old news' - they sent two Crime Investigation Team caravans - presumably to set up one of those crime incident points that you see in crime dramas on TV. Aldrich spotted their arrival and went ask if they had come 'about the body', telling them that he was the person that discovered the remains. They were bemused to find that this was unlikely to be

a crime scene and left soon afterwards. The National Trust team have since been to the site and removed the bones for further analysis. Only the lower half of the skeleton remained. It is thought that bad storms about three years ago may have destroyed the upper part of the skeleton when there was a lot of cliff erosion. The archaeologist also told me that the bones had been moved around in the soil, possibly by a burrowing rabbit.

They have promised to provide a detailed report once the facts are known and possibly even give a talk on the topic for the History Society.

The bones are at least 200 years old because after 1803 it became law that all remains must be buried in a churchyard or other religious site. Once the archaeologists have a better idea of what nationality and possible religion the person may have been - a decision will be made about where to intern the remains. They might be re-buried at St Lawrence. More news to follow.

**Louise Wainwright**



Photo: National Trust archaeologists with leg bone, possibly of an ancient sailor.

**Beach Banter is Sponsored by Burgh Island, Venus Cafe and Discovery Surf - thank you.**

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## BEACH BANTER

### ANNUAL SURF COMPETITION

It's been a busy end of season at Discovery Surf School, with the fabulous weather and good run of waves bringing plenty of visitors to Bigbury. During the Half term break we held our **Annual Surf Competition** for local children, and it proved to be a spectacular day of surfing and lots of fun!

Around 40 children entered the competition which was spilt into 4 divisions - Under 10 Boys and Girls and Under 16 Boys and Girls. Having already re-scheduled the event due to lack of waves, we were delighted when we woke up on October the 20th to warm sunshine and perfect little waves. The whole day delivered a great combination of fun, competitive spirit and camaraderie, with plenty of family and friends cheering from the beach all day. There were stand out performances from a very talented bunch of children and some children surfing in their first competition demonstrating great skills. The youngest competitors were only 5 years old!

Winners:  
Under 10 Girls - **Henri Carr**  
Under 10 Boys - **Sebastian Connolly**  
Under 16 Girls - **Bo Niblett**  
Under 16 Boys - **Jack Parker-Swift**

We also ran the very popular Fancy Dress Foamy Fest, which every year is the highlight of the day! Family and friends and children got into teams, dressed up in all sorts of fabulous fancy dress and hit the waves to provide us all with quite a spectacle. A huge thank you to everyone that came along on the day and all of the supporters. Already looking forward to next year!

As we move into the winter season, things are slowing down at Discovery HQ. You can always contact us via email and if you're looking for some Christmas present ideas we have Discovery merchandise and Gift Vouchers available on our shop website: <https://surftechniques.com/collections/discovery-surf-shop/surf-lesson-gift-voucher>

*All the best for the festive season from,*  
**Martin and Annika and the Discovery Team**

### VENUS CAFE

Welcome to our Beach Banter update, coming to you laced with the aromatic Yule-ish fragrances of dates, apricots, raisins, and all the midwinter spices needed to transform a glass of red into a warming cup of something heady and mulled.

As we're no Scrooges, we'll be embracing the season appropriately, with **turkey baps** (whose meat is succulent, locally-raised breast twinned with stuffing & a rich gravy).

We won't be stinting on the **mince pies**, either, and will be putting together our own beauties here in the kitchen, following a traditional English recipe.

If you're cut from less carnivorous cloth, can we interest you in a **vegan Tagine**? It's seasonally warming, full of delicious vegetables and laced with those fruits we just mentioned: apricots, raisins and dates – available for the whole month of December.

As for the **mulled wine**, obviously you can order at will as a stand-alone treat or a post-walk warmer-upper, but you can get a cup for nothing too, if you order a **Venus meal deal** (an offer that's good right up until Christmas Eve).

Incidentally, in case you were wondering, sadly our new indoor seating area has, like the 09:21 from Totnes to Paddington, been unavoidably delayed (and we apologise, like GWR, for any inconvenience caused). In our case, this isn't due to a broken-down freight train on the line ahead, but to a delay in agreeing appropriate terms with our landlord. We're hoping it'll all be done and dusted within the next year.

We're also hoping you all have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
From **William, Joe, Suzanne & Sally**, aka the **Team at Bigbury**.



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**"THE TRAIN TERMINATES  
'ERE, GUV"**

Photo: John Simes

*While doing the research for A Game of Chess I took a train journey....*

August had burnished the green meadows into dazzling gold; fields of maize and wheat furrowed and furled as the winds played among the shifting ranks of corn-stalks. Peter Young will take this same train journey, I mused, and scribbled some notes on my e-pad; I recall now the secret smile that must have played across my lips in that moment. Peter will take this same journey to find himself – as I was. Skuas and sandpipers darted like jets above dunes resplendent with juniper and shimmering mosses of maidenhair and pointed spear. The roly-poly golfers, strutting the warren, were of passing comic fascination – ‘fat controllers on vacation’, I noted. As the train trembled and swayed along the estuary rim, I pondered the message on my e-phone: “Sorry I can’t make it, old boy. Prime minister in a tizzy. Gave my ticket to an old friend. He wants to meet you. Enjoy the match.” I always liked to travel on my own – preferring the company of strangers on a journey. Returning to the college had been a relief and had relit the flame of learning and the desire to reconnect my inner and outer worlds. You see? Still contemplating that old conundrum, but as the train slowed and accelerated, I felt the excitement, the momentum of change. Soon I would be drifting anonymously through the Grace Gates at Lords and ascending the steps of the East Clock Tower and take my seat in the Thomas Lord box. The emerald green of the playing area would dazzle, as the players – like alien giants – would perform stretches and hurl cricket balls or jog backwards to take steepling catches. But this time there would be a stranger in the seat next to mine; I pictured a white Panama hat, motionless, above a striped blazer and neat haircut. Out the window, the waves rolled up the estuary; the train surged beyond them and struck across country, the arteries of rivers and motorways sliding beneath as we traversed bridges and swept along embankments. I shook out my newspaper. The

pope’s visit was coming up – it was across the papers. I snorted. I had no time for movements, clubs, sects, organized religions, and yet, I had to admit, the idea of faith preoccupied me. My journey, I knew, was one of faith but where would it take me? Did it matter? But religious leaders? No way. Count me out.

A student looked up from the essay she’d been writing on the table opposite me. Her cocoa-brown eyes stared at me through her round eyeglasses; a stud shone from her nose, and a tattoo appeared to be sliding its fiery fingers across her shoulder. “Can I look?” she enquired.

“Of course.” I slid the newspaper across. She refolded it to display the whole article. Her fingers followed the text and she grunted.

“Stupid old bastard!” she exclaimed. A woman looked up from her novel, and a smart-suited young man next to me lowered his e-pad. She read more. “Yeah, right on.” She stood up. “Listen to this, folks.” All heads turned to look as the color drained from my face. “Listen to this! It’s cool! ‘The pope’s opposition to condoms kills people. It is all very well – his lecturing us on morals – but he should look at his own organization. He will be met with the most utter, exquisite, groveling politeness, and with that, somehow we’re in an uncivilized third world country’. Ain’t that the truth!”

As the young woman’s tirade continued, my body shrunk and shriveled like a leaf in the fire. She waved a bangled arm in the air. “Oh, there’s more. ‘What is civilized about demeaning women, demonizing homosexuals, wishing that IVF children had never been born? Our only crime has been silence.’” By this time my toes were curling up inside my shoes; a bead of sweat rolled down my brow. This girl stood there, bold and defiant, daring fellow passengers to disagree. A burst of applause came from the seat behind me and was picked up by others farther down the coach. The older woman had shrunk back to her novel. I closed my eyes – This will be over soon, I thought.

“But we must have leaders,” the man next to me piped up, prolonging my agony. The student fixed him in his seat, her hands on her hips in a gesture that reminded me of a Victorian teapot. “Yes, but wouldn’t it be nice to have a pope – if we must have one – who isn’t totally bloody embarrassing?” He visibly withered under her stare. She sat down slowly, absorbing the trembling silence that had descended on the passengers. Her eyes found me again. “Do you agree with that?” Her finger jabbed the newspaper once again, before she slid it back across the table. Oh, God, she’s still going, I thought. “Do you?”

Inside me something turned over; I felt naked. “Until just now, I didn’t know.” I breathed deeply. Best to be honest, but what did I really believe? She continued

to stare at me. “I also think we must have leaders...” Her eyes flickered, and her lips began to form a response. “We must have leaders.” She raised an eyebrow. “And...I think I’ve just met one. I’m glad you said what you did.”

My hesitancy wasn’t because I didn’t trust any political group or faith; it was because I didn’t have the courage to be wrong. It was fear. I admired this student because she wasn’t afraid; she would stare threats in the face. Like Peter. Like Navinda. I felt humbled. “You remind me of two young people I know...” I trailed off, averting my eyes.

“Two young friends of mine.”

“I would like to meet them,” she said.

“Not possible.”

“Not possible?”

“No.”

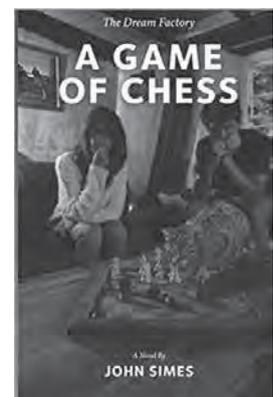
“Why?”

I shook my head. “Hard to explain.” I looked away.

The student resumed her essay, scribbling rapidly and periodically flipping the pages of her notepad. She seized her e-phone and scrolled through her messages. “You realize we won’t meet again.” She looked at me quizzically. “What are the odds of that happening?” I pondered briefly. “Seven million to one?” She smiled. “More than that. More than when we got on this train.” “I’ll let you do the maths.” “The thing is,” she continued, fixing me once again with her eyes, “I believe you have to seize the moment. You must speak up. Not to say anything is a crime. Don’t you agree?” She placed her eyeglasses on the table and removed a clasp from the back of her head; her dark hair tumbled about her shoulders. Who is this girl? Do I know her? I knew I did, but I couldn’t explain how. “I’m sorry if I embarrassed you.”

I shook my head. “I wasn’t embarrassed.” “You were.” She chuckled. “I could tell.” “No.” But I was feeling embarrassed now. “You went red. Then you looked out the window.” I smiled. “You found me out.” I was praying I wouldn’t blush again.

The train slid into London’s Paddington station, the curved platforms slipping like fingers on either side of the train. She stood up and pulled down her rucksack, shoving her notepad and book into the pack. Then she unzipped a side pocket for her e-phone. The train halted. I stood up and retrieved



my newspaper and bag. I extended my hand. "Goodbye." The girl smiled and shook my hand. I felt her cool, slender fingers in my palm and shivered.

"Goodbye," she said. "Talking is good. Without it, there is no truth. Nothing changes."

Was this happening to me? The hairs on the back of my neck rose. "Don't you agree?" She drew the straps of her pack across her shoulders and joined the passenger queue shuffling down the train. I just stood there, gaping and foolish. The queue shuffled forward; she looked back fleetingly and smiled. I glanced down at the table. There was scrap of paper. She had written, "The man who never alters his opinions is like standing water, and breeds reptiles of the mind." "You all right, chief?"

I turned. The carriage was empty. The ticket collector stood in his grey uniform, his glasses glinting above a broad smile. "The train terminates 'ere, Guv."

### John Simes

From 'The Dream Factory ~ A Game of Chess' by John Simes, available from Holywell Stores, The Journey's End Inn, Bigbury Golf Club and other local outlets (Profits from each book sale goes to the charity Jgsaw4U ~ £600 already raised!) Also available from Waterstones and all bookshops, Amazon and Kindle.



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## THE PUB CAT SPEAKS Merry Bagpussius!

Well, it must be obvious darlings, even to you humans, that 'Christmas' – as you call it – is really a festival to celebrate the existence of those most glorious of creatures, CATS! My friend Bruce – a very fine Persian Blue – was watching a video on Mewtube all about Egyptian cats whom the people held in the highest regard. Quite rightly, anyone caught injuring or harming a cat – particularly at Christmas – could be deprived of his baubles and have nothing to hang on his cypress sempervirens (that's a tree, darlings!). In fact, they worshipped a Cat Goddess who was half-feline and half woman, called Bagpuss. A magnificent golden temple was built in her honour in Bagpussius, and pussy pilgrims from all over the world would bear gifts – including the Greek historian Herodicat. A huge cemetery of mummified mousers has been discovered at Bagpussius along with a range of lovingly carved sculptures and statuettes, that the disciples of catdom dedicated to their departed moggies.

We cats enjoy Christmas. The children here at the Artful Dodger always make a lovely Christmas display with a crib and stable; they like Bruce and I to lay on the rooftop pretending to be angels. I did rather take exception to being asked to impersonate a donkey with an Action Man riding on my back – Bruce thought that was very funny, and I still haven't forgiven him; anyway, his attempt to impersonate an ox wasn't much helped by the flashing antlers he had to wear. Ah well.

I can't wait for all those sparkly gifts. Here's what's on my Christmas stocking list from Santa Paws:

1. Sugar Mouse catnip mice toys, embroidered on the outside, with organically grown catnip on the inside. And, oh, just one sniff of that catswort! Euphoric!
2. Snuggledown micro climate cat bed! Cool in summer and toasty warm in winter!
3. My absolute favourite, if Santa Paws can squeeze it into his catsac! Bruce want to groove to the Suck UK Scratching DJ Deck, so we can boogie to our fave Cat Stevens grooves. Oh, yea, baby.
4. A lovely bag of Cleopatra's salmon cats treats – the crinkly bag is rather fun as well....

And I know you are all wondering what I will be buying for Bruce? A velvet purple bow tie – to wear under his handsome chin (Keep that to yourself! It's a secret!) And finally. What not to give a cat? It's simple. A dog.

Happy hols and see you next year, Pusspots!

Monty

## NATIONAL TRUST

After all the planning and organising for the South West Outdoor Festival back in October I am pleased to say that it all went well with hundreds of people joining us. Even with the inclement weather on the Saturday everyone who came had a great enjoyable time. We now hand the SWOF torch over to the Cornwall team who will be hosting the festival on 13th – 15th September 2019 at Penrose between Helston and Porthleven.

During the next few months we will be doing some swaling (burning areas of vegetation) alongside scrub clearance at Noss and stoke cliffs. It can look dramatic, but is vital for the restoration of these coastal grasslands. Gorse and thorn can quickly smother areas limiting the diversity and wildlife richness and swaling is a way to remove large patches, allowing the species rich grasslands to regenerate. We select certain areas to swale so we ensure that a mosaic of young dense scrub patches are kept, which provides shelter and nesting for the plentiful bird life. Grazing is then needed to help control the re-growth of scrub. Cattle and sheep are vital in helping us manage the coastal grassland; ensuring the area is accessible for all to enjoy and remain rich in wildlife.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy and healthy New year.

Check out our events coming soon (for further information go to [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events)):

**16th December, 12 noon – 3.00 pm – Festive fun – East Soar Farm.** Join the rangers at East Soar Outdoor Experience to start off your festive break. Make your own wreath or festive lantern to take away. Have a go at campfire cooking, and tick off some of your '50 things to do before you're 11 ¾' activities. All with the warmth of a campfire and refreshments from the café (charges apply for refreshments). This event is easily accessible, with a gentle walk from the car park to the farm. Blue badge holders may drive down the track to park at the farm. Please wear sturdy footwear for the walk, and warm comfortable clothing. To join us for this event, drive to East Soar car park and then walk along the track to the farm. This will be well signed on the day. Postcode: TQ7 3DR Grid ref: SX 713375

For information regarding the work of the **South Devon National Trust** team please call Lorna Sherriff on 01548 562344 or email [lorna.sherriff@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:lorna.sherriff@nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Lorna Sherriff**

## BIGBURY BIOBLOG

### What's in Avon Estuary water?

The perennial issue of water quality in the Avon Estuary came up again recently and it may be helpful to review the situation: *what do we put into the water and what might come out to harm us?*

Unless it is a **Designated Bathing Water**, open water is not routinely tested for contamination by the **Environment Agency** and can contain sewage, contamination from livestock, and pollution from farming or industry. As stated in the government health leaflet, '**Swim Healthy**', anyone can become unwell from swimming in open water as there will always be microorganisms present.

All of these sources of potential contamination apply to the Avon Estuary, although the risk from industry is low, for obvious reasons. In the past, we have had problems with overloaded and/or antiquated domestic sewage systems discharging waste directly into the estuary, particularly at 'party-time' in Bantham, and with contamination from South Efford House (old people's home, now closed) although, thankfully, both have become less of a problem in recent years through education and improved management. Similarly, contamination emanating from the plot known as Little Marsh on the bridge at Aveton Gifford has been eliminated since the Bantham Estate purchased the plot.

More disturbingly, the **sewage works at Aveton Gifford is permitted 10 Combined Sewage Overflows (CSOs) per year** onto the marsh at North Efford, in order to cope with the problems caused by excessive rainfall entering the foul water system. (Surprisingly, this situation is not unusual; there are around 31,000 CSOs in the UK, according to **Surfers Against Sewage**). Of course, SWW recently has made some effort to separate foul from surface water at AG through the **WaterShed scheme** but this remains a highly undesirable situation, made worse by the fact that **no warning system exists to alert the public to any sewage release**. Granted, such releases are likely to occur during weather that is particularly unfavourable for recreational activity in or around the estuary, and - of course - the estuary is flushed by the tide twice per day (although, arguably, not very effectively on a neap tide).

On the **Aune Conservation Association's** (ACA) behalf, I did once enquire about designating the estuary as bathing water but DEFRA's response was that the Bathing Water Directive applies only to waters that are used by a large number of bathers; usage for boating could not be taken into account. Furthermore, the application would also need the support of the district council

because local authorities have specific responsibilities under the Bathing Water Regulations at designated bathing waters, and if the land at the proposed bathing water site is privately owned, DEFRA would also need confirmation from the riparian owner that they support designation. In practice, local people say that their children have often played in the river with little or no after-effects and surfers in the open sea are more likely to suffer health problems caused by sewage contamination.

It remains that open water swimming can increase the risk of gastrointestinal infections (diarrhoea and/or vomiting) as well as respiratory, skin, ear and eye infections. Most symptoms of these illnesses, for example from organisms such as norovirus, *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium*, will generally be mild.



However, there is also a risk of more severe infections caused by organisms such as *E. coli* O157 - which may cause severe gastrointestinal illness, and leptospirosis - from rat urine, which can cause liver and kidney problems.

The issue of contamination of estuary water by wading livestock or by run-off from agricultural land is one that, in the past, has been intensively pursued as a result of **DEFRA's Catchment Sensitive Farming Initiative** which, with the ACA's active support and a modest financial start-up contribution, provided local grants for fencing, and hard-standing around improved cattle-watering facilities. Over the years, some of these improvements may have decayed. Constant vigilance by farmers is required to maintain high standards.

The many birds and other wildlife around the estuary also add to the microbiological load, of course, so the source of any bugs in the water remains a topic for more extensive scientific investigation. When swans were being routinely attracted to the estuary by artificial feeding, I calculated how much faecal waste 70 or so swans would dump at their main gathering point in the course of a year; it was equivalent to a staggering number of intestinal bugs!

Cockles, mussels, oysters, marsh samphire and various fish species are amongst the foodstuffs taken from the estuary for human consumption, although only oysters have been commercially farmed in recent years. Consuming oysters is a risky business because the animals are filter feeders and potentially accumulate and concentrate any microbial contamination - a genuine problem if they are eaten raw. This is widely understood by those who consume the flesh. Indeed, the frisson of excitement associated with eating uncooked oysters is part of the masochistic attraction - until afflicted!

Oysters have been farmed in the Avon Estuary for decades and, to put the record straight, the process has always been be-set with microorganism pollution but the Avon is no worse than many other estuaries. The risk of shellfish contamination has not increased significantly in recent years, to my knowledge, but the surveillance system to protect the human food chain has probably become more rigorous, so more contamination is detected. In practice, food safety regulations currently require oysters from the beds in the Avon to be harvested and sent to North Devon, where they mature over a period of six months in cleaner water to purge any detectable contamination. The mature oysters are then tested before being licensed for human consumption.

*The obvious answer to remaining safe is to carefully wash and to cook anything taken from the estuary for human consumption and to thoroughly rinse with fresh water any person, equipment or clothing that has been in the estuary.*

Arguably, as equally important as the contamination of humans by organisms emanating from the estuary is the prevention of spread by humans of invasive, non-native species (INNS) INTO the estuary. For example, multiplication of the Pacific Oyster outside of the farmed racks in our estuary is prevented by limiting the externally sourced juveniles to triploid (infertile) individuals.

The consequences of a careless introduction of INNS are all too evident in the effects of invasion by **Spartina** or **Cord Grass** in the Avon Estuary on the steady accumulation of silt and mud, making navigation impossible in parts e.g. in Duke's Mill Creek where, once upon a time, barges used to be able to make their way almost up to the road bridge to unload cereal crops for milling.

The ACA has collaborated with the **AONB Estuaries Partnership** in producing a new **biosecurity plan** to help stop the spread of marine non-native species in our South Hams estuaries. Although the risks of introducing INNS to the Avon Estuary are relatively low, owing to the regular flushing of the estuary by freshwater, the danger is still present because of the steady increase

in the number of people using the estuary for recreational purposes with easily portable craft such as paddle boards.

*Please be vigilant and thoroughly wash off any boats, clothing or equipment that has been used on other rivers before bringing it to the Avon.*

**Stuart Watts**



Thank you to Stuart for this review.

This topic has been discussed at Bigbury Parish Council in the past. Is it time to revisit this and review whether warnings can be posted on social media in advance of a planned overflow? You can write in to Bigbury News about this topic for publication in the next (February) issue. The Editor has the contacts of the person at South West Water who is managing the situation.

**Editor**



I think you will guess what I am going to talk about this month – Holly & Ivy. Apart from being a key part of Christmas they are with us all year round and have much history and mystery associated with them.

#### HOLLY (*Ilex aquifolium*)

There is much of this on the walk I do and this year some of the berries are amazing. In Christianity the prickly leaves are associated with Jesus' crown of thorns and the berries with the drops of blood. In earlier beliefs a boy would wear a suit of holly leaves and the girl would wear ivy, to bring nature through the dark days to re-emerge for another year's fertility. Holly is thought to protect from lightning strikes and was associated with the thunder god Thor. Photo: opposit (left)

#### IVY (*Herera helix*)

Seen in abundance just about everywhere, this is such a beneficial plant. It is a great food source for insects and birds and provides shelter too. Against popular belief it does not strangle trees, as it is not parasitic. The mature ivy has clusters of black fruit which are full of nutritious fat. Ivy was seen as a symbol of intellectual achievement in ancient Rome – note the wreaths on many statues. Bacchus, the god of intoxication, wore one as a prevention from getting drunk. Photo: opposit (right)

**Alice Taylor**



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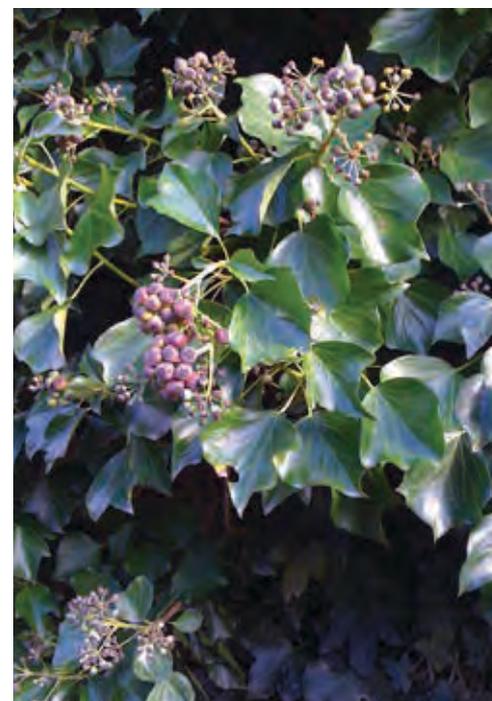
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Andy the Oyster Shack chef with smoker (left) and Gravlax (above)



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The Oyster Shack

Milburn Orchard Farm, Stakes Hill, Bigbury, Devon, TQ7 4BE



Photograph: Marlene presenting William with the Wooden Spoon; William was very gracious in accepting the trophy.



Beetroot and Chase Vodka Gravlax

Ingredients

- 200g raw beets
- 100 g rock salt
- 50g demerara sugar
- 50 ml vodka
- 1 big bunch of fresh dill (60g)
- 1 lemon
- 50 g fresh or jarred grated horseradish
- 1 x 700 g side of salmon , skin on, scaled, pin-boned, from sustainable sources

1. Peel and trim the beets and place in a food processor with the salt, sugar, vodka and dill.
2. Finely grate in the lemon zest, add the horseradish, finely grating it if fresh, then blitz until combined.
3. Rub a little mixture on to the salmon skin, then place the salmon on a large tray, skin side down, and pat the remaining mixture all over it so that the flesh is completely covered.
4. Cover the tray tightly with cling film. Pop a weight on top to help pack everything down evenly, then put the whole thing into the fridge for 36 hours. Please use your instincts here – if you have a particularly

chunky side of salmon you may want to leave it for up to 48 hours to allow for proper penetration.

5. Once cured, unwrap the fish, then, holding the fillet in place, pour the juices down the sink and rub away all the salty topping (it's messy, so you might want to wear gloves).
6. Pat the fillet dry with kitchen paper, then tightly wrap in cling film (sometimes I like to cover the salmon with freshly picked dill before wrapping, for bonus flavour). Put back into the fridge until needed, where it will keep happily for up to 2 weeks.
7. To serve, use a long sharp knife to slice the salmon thinly at an angle and, as the knife touches the skin each time, kink it off, lifting away the salmon.
8. Arrange the slices on a board or platter as you go. Delicious with a simple salad and good wholemeal sourdough, as part of a seafood platter, served up at a party or even as part of a festive brekkie spread.

If this Gravlax isn't special enough, you can make an even more special Gravlax using our "Chef's Special Rub", available to buy at The Oyster Shack shop. Instructions for using this Special Rub are on the jar!

Andy at the Shack



Thank you to the local chefs of our favourite eating places, who have volunteered to share some of their recipes with us.

Each month a different chef will send us a recipe using seasonal local produce.

We are lucky to have such great places on our doorstep and should get out as often as we can, over the winter months, to give them the business that helps them to stay open for us and lighten up these dark winter nights!



NINETEENTH HOLE

The Bigbury Seniors Annual Challenge Match v. the Ladies was played in glorious sunshine and was a most enjoyable day. It was a pleasing and totally unexpected win for the Ladies with a score of 4.5 to 2.5. There were some tight games, one finishing on the 17th hole and one halved on the 18th. The men were very generous, both with buying the Ladies tea and with granting them four courtesy shots.

The Club Friendlies have now all been played and there have been very enjoyable matches both at home and away. Thankfully the weather held out for the final two matches which were played at home. The results were a win for the men against Honiton, a pleasing win for the men as Bigbury had lost to Honiton in a couple of competitions during the year. The mixed match against Teign Valley was lost, the visiting team proved too strong for Bigbury. The visiting teams were most complimentary about both the Bigbury course, and its catering.

Fifty-eight stalwart gents who took part in a recent Stableford, were not at all lucky with the weather for their competition. There

was just about continuous rain, a tricky wind and the course standard scratch increased by one. Thankfully, just a few days later, the weather had changed and the Ladies enjoyed great golfing conditions for their three ball Texas Scramble, which was played with a 3/20 handicap allowance.

Recently, THERE WERE TWO HOLES IN ONE RECORDED ON THE SAME DAY, an extremely rare occurrence. Fifteen golfers played in a Saturday early bird roll up and it was well worth it for Pete Robinson (11) and Alan Brimacombe (13) who both shot a hole in one. Pete's was on the third hole, and Alan's was on the seventh hole. There were double celebrations in the clubhouse after the golf and what a memorable day for Pete and Alan.

The Mixed Knockout results have now been finalised and the winners were Dave Moulding and Jane Rickman; runners up were Geoff Ross and Christine Greenfield. Congratulations Jane and Dave.

All the players at the club are now looking forward to their Christmas Competitions and lunches, which will be provided for us all by our excellent caterer, Liz, and her

team. Unfortunately the first of the gents, the Turkey Trot, was necessarily cancelled owing to atrocious weather. Thankfully there is a second chance for them to play for the prizes.

Finally, when you receive this Bigbury News there will be time to buy a ticket for our 2 course lunch on 6th December (12.30 start) followed by Christmas wreath and table top demonstrations. The tickets are £12.50 and can be purchased from the Club.

Marlene Johnson



# BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 14th November 2018 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: **Cllrs: B Carson, G Rosevear, S Smith, E Huntley, C Case and Clerk R Matthews.** Eleven residents were also in attendance.

## 1.0 Declaration of Interest

The Chairman read out a statement in respect of Declaration of Interest – no such interests were declared.

## 2.0 Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from **C. Cllr. Gilbert and Cllr. Scott**

## 3.0 Minutes of previous meetings held on October 10th 2018

**Cllr. Smith** proposed the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of this meeting.

**Cllr. Huntley** seconded the proposal and all Councillors present at that meeting voted unanimously to accept the minutes, which were duly signed by the Chairman.

## 4.0 Matters arising (actions) from October 10th meeting and not covered in this month's agenda:

Clerk provided a) an update on the clearance of sand and general housekeeping around the **Millennium Steps** adding this had now been completed, b) an update on the **VAS speed monitoring** exercise to be undertaken in St Ann's Chapel by Devon Highways stating that DCC Highways would complete this in November, c) an update on the general maintenance of the **Warren** and cutting of grass verges adding this had now been completed, d) a statement that the 'opening ceremony' for the **DAA night landing site** was still being discussed.

**Cllr. Huntley** also stated that the planting and general maintenance of the boat in the lay-by was now in hand thanks to **Lyn of Turtle Farm** with assistance from **Trish Bagley**. The Parish Council confirmed again it would be prepared to pay for the plants.

## 5.0 County Councillor's report

**C. Cllr. Gilbert** was absent from the meeting but had provided the clerk with information about the process to refill the County Council supplied grit bins.

*Action Clerk*

In discussion it was confirmed that a number of additional bins had been put in place by the Parish Council some years previously. These were also to be filled and local support was being sought to assist with this.

*Action Cllr. Case*

## 6.0 Open Session

**Resident A** reminded the Parish Council that the **telephone boxes** had still not been painted by BT. Clerk stated the last communication received was that BT were trying to

contact the land owners to gain permission before proceeding. To be followed up.

*Action Clerk*

**Resident B** expressed concerns over the contractor's use of the **Right Of Way to the rear of Holywell Stores**, where private land was being accessed contrary to rights of use. This is to be taken up with the contractors as a matter of urgency. *Action Cllr. Carson*

**Resident C** asked the Parish Council if planning permission was needed for the **'wooden development hut' at Turtle Farm**. It was confirmed that permission was granted some time ago.

**Resident C** also commented that cars were being **parked outside the entrance to Holywell Stores** and that this was a safety issue. Cllr. Case responded that the Parish Council is unable to enforce any parking restrictions as this was out of their control. There was also a balance to be considered in terms of not adversely affecting the business.

**Resident D** added that **parking** was now becoming an issue around the **Bigbury Green** area and once again it was stated that this matter was outside the control of the Parish Council. It may be something the local residents should take up the Community Policeman. This particular issue was also made slightly worse by the fact that a beech tree was overhanging the roadway. The owner who was at the meeting, kindly agreed to tend the tree by cutting back the offending growth.

**Resident E** asked what could be done about serious road flooding on a bend close to the Bigbury Golf Club. Cars needed to change sides on a blind bend to avoid the deep pool of water. Clerk advised that DCC have a website for residents to report such issues.

**Resident F** raised concerns over how information is now disseminated and shared across the community now that Bigbury Drum had been introduced, adding that communication was very fragmented. Bigbury Community website, Bigbury News and Charterlands Chatter were also in place. It was agreed to add this topic to the agenda of the next meeting. *Action Clerk*

## 7.0 Cllr. Huntley – update on District Council matters

Cllr. Huntley shared the following updates: Significant improvement work, including re-seeding, was taking place on the Warren. The entrance would be blocked to prevent access by car and notices would be placed to discourage foot traffic; both until such time as the seeding took hold.

A dog 'Poo-bin' had been requested from SHDC and was to be placed at the far end of the Warren.

The owners of Burgh Island were to introduce a regular cream tea / coffee event

to encourage community interaction. In discussion it was agreed the best frequency would be monthly and dates would be tide dependent. Two oak trees were situated on the late Mr. Easton's property and these were now covered under a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

Cllr. Huntley shared the reasons behind her decision to resign as a District Councillor and more detail of this can be found on Charterlands Chatter or by talking to Cllr. Huntley in person. Cllrs. Carson and Case thanked Cllr. Huntley for the work she had done as a District Councillor adding they were sad to see her leave that position.

## 8.0 Planning related matters Waves Edge Appeal

Clerk shared the information from the Planning Inspectorate stating the appeal had been allowed, although no costs had been awarded. Cllr. Carson stated the Parish Council is disappointed by this decision.

**3291/18/CLE Lincombe**, Newquay Road, Bigbury, TQ7 4BD The Parish Councillors discussed this application including the history of the site and with the exception of Cllr. Huntley, who abstained, voted unanimously to support the proposal.

**1430/18/CLE Burgh Island Hotel**, Access to Burgh Island, Burgh Island, Bigbury-on-Sea, TQ7 4BG The Parish Councillors discussed this CLE and all expressed concerns over its scope. Clerk to write to SHDC planning dept. to share those concerns.

*Action Clerk*

**Update on Neighbourhood Plan** – although absent from the meeting, Cllr. Scott had provided the following update:

## Community-led housing scheme

A community event was held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 10th November to discuss the proposed affordable housing scheme at St Ann's Chapel. This event was attended by 38 people. Everyone present was in favour of the proposed development and most of the people present liked the layout and design.

Some people have suggested that the dwellings should be have a more cottagey appearance rather than designed to appear similar to a farmyard complex with others asking whether there could be some stone as part of the palette of materials. It has also been suggested that the height of the dwellings should be kept as low as possible, that there should be more variation in the design and some chimneys should be added. The comments received from individuals and from Members of the Steering Group following their meeting on 12 November will also be sent to the Architects.

The split of private housing for principal residence purposes only, discount purchase

## THANK YOU BETH!

Twenty-two months after District Councillor, **Beth Huntley**, achieved an astonishing election victory, she made a dramatic resignation. Beth claimed that she felt unable to continue because of the impact of the Conservative Whip on decision making at SHDC. This is the second time in two years that the **Charterlands Ward** has suffered a resignation before the due Election date. Beth gave her reasons for resignation in full at the November Parish Council Meetings in Bigbury, Ringmore, Kingston and Modbury, the four communities in her ward of Charterlands.

Beth's main platform during her tenure was *'inappropriate development'* because this what she was told on the 'doorstep' were the important issues locally. Beth did for us what she said she would and has won all five of the very difficult planning permission objections that she has championed for us. We owe her a great debt for the very long hours she has worked on our behalf and the great battles she has had to contend with over fiercely fought planning issues. Thank you, Beth!

In the meantime – there will not be a by-election. In order to save SHDC £1,000 of expense on a by-election, Beth agreed to postpone her official resignation until 18th Nov. If anyone needs to contact a DC between now and the anticipated May 2019 elections, they can talk to Beth who has all the contacts and can advise them and/or contact **Keith Baldry**, the Leader of the Opposition at SHDC. His email is **Cllr. Baldry@southhams.gov.uk**.

Beth will continue in her role as a Parish Councillor and her role in the Neighbourhood Planning Team. All the candidates for the next election have already been chosen - in case you were considering it!



Bigbury News is inviting comment on this subject via the Post Bag. Please send your views to **bigburynewseditor@gmail.com** for airing in the **Post Bag** of the **February issue** next year. Perhaps the Post Bag will guide our next District Councillor.

**Louise Wainwright**

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and discount rent was generally liked. A notice setting out the proposed dwelling mix and advising people who to contact if they wish to purchase or rent any of these properties is being prepared and will be included on the community website and in the Bigbury news.

The views on the open space were generally to keep it mainly grassed but to include some fruit trees and possibly have space for some allotments.

A meeting was held with the Planning Case Officer on 8 November 2018. She was generally supportive of the scheme but suggested some changes to the entrance layout and said that she would also prefer a more cottagey style of development using a palette of painted render, stone if possible, timber and slate roofs.

The Archaeological trenching work is to commence on 14 November and it is hoped that we will be in a position to submit a planning application prior to Christmas with development starting on site by autumn 2019.

### Draft Neighbourhood Plan

The text of the draft plan is now completed and Karen Lawrence will be preparing the coloured version to include all figures, maps and photographs ready for the consultation with the community which should hopefully take place before Christmas.

This will then give the community a six week period to comment on the plan. It will then be amended, if necessary, and then sent to the SHDC for formal comment prior to the Examination.

Main Modifications to the Joint Local Plan  
The Parish Council has been asked for their comments on the Main Modifications to the Joint Local Plan (JLP). The consultation period ends at 5pm on 3rd December 2018. The main changes to the JLP in terms of their effect on the Parish of Bigbury are as follows:

Bigbury Village is no longer shown as a 'sustainable village'. St Ann's Chapel is still shown as a 'sustainable village' in terms of Policy TTV1 – Prioritising growth through a hierarchy of sustainable settlements but is no longer shown in Figure 5.8 as a 'village able to accommodate around 10 dwellings'. The reason for this is that the Inspectors requested that all of the villages which were within the AONB should be excluded from this list. Policy TTV1 does however state that in sustainable villages development required to meet locally identified needs and to sustain limited services and amenities will be supported and Policy TTV30 – Development in Sustainable Villages states that the LPAs support the preparation of neighbourhood plans as a means of identifying local housing and other development needs in the sustainable villages and that development in sustainable villages should be provided

through neighbourhood plans. The District Council has also prepared a Revised Housing Topic Paper which provides new calculations in relation to the provision of housing and includes housing schemes coming through as part of neighbourhood plans. 13 dwellings at St Ann's Chapel have been included in the housing numbers recognising the advanced state of the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan.

The JLP no longer includes settlement boundaries as the Inspectors considered that there had been inadequate consultation regarding these. The JLP however in the text to Policy TTV1 states that neighbourhood plans may choose to identify settlement boundaries for their towns and villages. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group consider that the settlement boundaries already included in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan for Ann's Chapel, Bigbury and Bigbury on Sea should therefore remain.

The JLP also includes a new policy regarding Local Green Space which states Local Green Space sites, to be designated in neighbourhood plans or other development plans, will be protected from inappropriate development in accordance with local and national policy for Green Belts.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group considers that the Main Modifications to the JLP should be supported and we hope that the Parish Council will also give these support to these changes at their meeting on 14 November 2018.

### Local Green Spaces

As stated above the Main Modifications of the JLP refers to the potential for neighbourhood plans to include within their plans areas which should be protected as Local Green Spaces. Having regard to the importance of protecting important areas of green space we are proposing as part of the draft Neighbourhood Plan the designation of the following areas as 'Local Green Spaces':

Private open land which includes public footpaths at Burgh Island, outside of the existing built up part of the hotel complex

Open land along the mainland coastline from Challaborough to Cockleridge;

Bigbury Golf Club;

**Public open space** at *Bigbury Village Green; Private open space around the listed Bigbury Court Dovecote, Bigbury Village;*

**Private open space**, which includes *new pond, adjacent to Butterwell Barn, Bigbury Village. Private open space* to the north of *Bigbury Court Barns, Bigbury Village; and*

**Public playing fields and recreation ground**, *adjacent to Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel.*

We hope that the Parish Council will support these designations and would welcome the views of Parish Councillors with regard to

these designations at their meeting on 14 November 2018.

The Parish Council discussed the designation of local green spaces and felt they could not support the above listing without further clarification. It would be of help if these could be clearly shown on a map to ensure there is no misunderstanding. In the absence of Cllr. Scott, it was agreed that Cllr. Huntley would obtain the maps and take this forward.

Action Cllr. Huntley

9.0 Report on event to mark 100th anniversary of the end of World War One

Cllr. Smith stated this was well attended and enjoyed by all, with a total of £379.50 being raised for the Royal British Legion. It was hoped this could become an annual event.

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

Cllr. Smith proposed the financial statements and recommended payments presented be accepted which was seconded by Cllr. Rosevear and all councillors agreed. Clerk was to raise the following payments:

£54.00 B Carson Invoice raised by SK Hosking & Son Materials to repair fence and gate in playpark £400.00 Freedom Garden Maintenance work – Millennium Steps £50.00; B Carson\* Chairman's expenditure allowance £25.00 G Rosevear \* £25.00 E Huntley\* £25.00 S Smith \* £25.00 C Case\* £25.00 H Getley and £25.00 V Scott\* \* Councillors' expenditure allowance; as discussed and agreed - 2018 precept £379.50 Royal British Legion Funds raised at Memorial Hall event (Equivalent sum of cash paid into bank account) £33.48 BT Group Broadband line and access costs Memorial Hall (direct debit)

Clerk showed a slide of the current cash book and bank reconciliation statement showing a balance of £29,877.00 as at October 31st 2018.

Clerk showed a statement of restricted and reserved funding with a balance of £10,363.06.

Clerk showed details of S106 funds held by SHDC - £162,771 for affordable housing projects and £24,194 for OSSR projects.

### 11.0 Play park update

Cllr. Case stated that there were three potential suppliers of new equipment and in order to progress the matter further, hopefully bringing it to a conclusion, she would ensure a community consultation process was undertaken with feedback a key output from the discussions. This would allow a grant application to be prepared. Action Cllr. Case  
This topic is to be included on the agendas for the next meeting. Action Clerk  
Clerk advised a new defect report had been

received from SHDC in respect of loose foot posts on the climbing frame. Dane Vanstone kindly agreed to make this good. *Action Dane Vanstone*

### 12.0 Replacement of defibrillators

Clerk confirmed a total of £950 had been made available towards the cost of this project. Discussions were ongoing with Ringmore District Council to see if a joint Community Fund Grant application could be processed. Cllr. Huntley advised that more locality funding may be available and it was agreed to progress this topic with urgency.

*Action Clerk*

### 13.0 Hi-Viz Jackets

One further jacket was sold and cash to be paid into bank account. As there was little interest across the community in buying the remaining jackets, Cllr. Smith proposed they be donated to **Bigbury Youth Club** who would make good use of them. Cllr. Rosevear seconded the proposal and all Councillors agreed this was a good course of action.

### 14.0 Maintenance of Bigbury Village Green

Previously covered in the open session

### 15.0 Correspondence

Clerk shared various items of correspondence. One relating to the annual report from Citizens Advice, which included a request for funding, was discussed in detail. Cllr. Rosevear proposed the annual grant given to Citizen's Advice from the Parish Council be increased to £300. Cllr. Huntley seconded the proposal and all Councillors were in favour. The grant is due to be paid in December.

*Action Clerk*

The remaining correspondence relating to Highways matters, including proposed road closures – details can be found on the Bigbury Community website – Parish Council section – Parish Council meetings – 2018\_11\_14 Information.

### 16.0 Schedule of meetings – Dec 2018 to

**March 2019** After discussion it was agreed there would not be a Parish Council meeting in January – unless any matters arose that would require an Extraordinary Meeting to be scheduled.

The dates of the next meetings are:

**Wednesday December 5th 2018**

**Wednesday February 13th 2019**

**Wednesday March 13th 2019**

### 17.0 Agenda Items for next meeting

Play Park Update, Defibrillator update and Parish communications were to be included.

NOTE The supporting presentation is uploaded to the Parish Council section of the Bigbury Community website. The meeting closed at 9:25pm. The next meeting is to be held on **WED December 5th at 7:30pm**  
**IMPORTANT NOTE – THIS IS ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN NORMAL**

**Bryan Carson,**

*Chairman, Bigbury Parish Council*

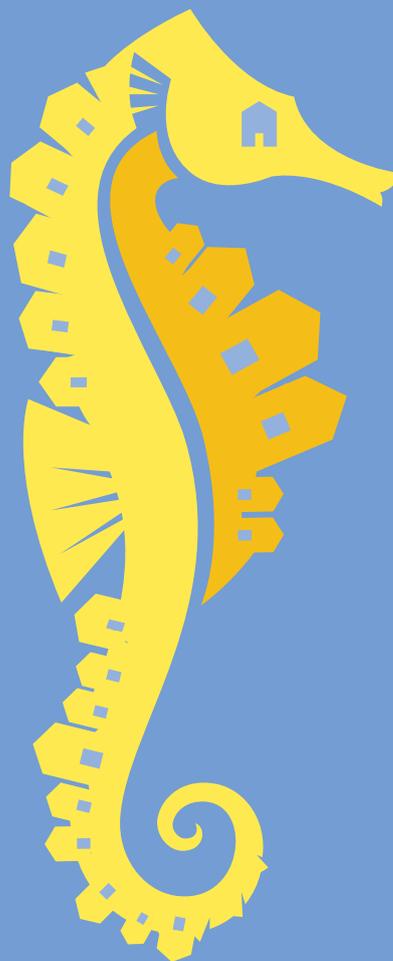
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## Housing scheme at Holwell Farm, St Ann's Chapel

A seminar was hosted at the Memorial Hall on 10th November. The presentations given may be viewed on the Community website.

[www.bigburycommunity.co.uk](http://www.bigburycommunity.co.uk)

A summarised presentation is included below - full report on the community website.

In attendance, were 38 members of public, the **Bigbury Neighbourhood Planning Steering Committee** and **Tom Morris** from South Hams District Council, **Andrew Kirby** of **Andrew Kirby Architects (AKA)** and **Julia Wilson** of AKA who is working with Andrew on this project.

The District Council have now taken over the management and funding of this development but the development is still intended to **meet the housing needs of Bigbury Parish**. Andrew Kirby of Andrew Kirby Architects (AKA) designed the current scheme and explained the design concept. This is not set in stone and the public were invited to make suggestions on how this scheme might be improved in terms of the layout or the design of the dwellings, prior to the preparation of the detailed plans.

### Housing Need

The **Housing Needs Survey** was completed by 35% of the households of the parish and this survey together with information received from **Devon Home Choice** and the **Help to Buy register** was used to assess the local housing needs of the parish.

### Choice of site

At the meeting in June 2017 a number of sites were discussed and put forward following South Hams 'Call for Sites'. This did include six sites around St Ann's Chapel which was considered to be the best location for an affordable housing development as it is the only 'sustainable village' in the parish. Of the six sites considered it was decided, by an overwhelming majority (41 of the 47 votes ie 87%), that the site on land at Holwell Farm to the rear of the Holywell Stores was the preferred site for this development.

### Progress of development

Following the decision to proceed with development on land owned by Holwell Farm, environmental studies were initiated:

- Transport Statement
- Heritage Assessment & Archaeology Survey
- Ecological Survey and Report
- Landscape Visual Assessment
- Drainage Survey and Report
- Utilities Report
- Ground Conditions Survey and Report

Architects, AKA, prepared a draft scheme. The layout and detailed design are **available now for comments** following which the architects can prepare detailed drawings

ready for a planning application submission. There have been discussions with officers from the **SHDC Planning Department**, with **Devon County Council Heritage and Highways**, with **Historic England**, with the **SHDC Tree Officer, South West Water**, and an officer from the **AONB Unit**. All of the officers who have been consulted are supportive of the proposed development. Discussions on the exact size of site required have taken place with the landowners and as part of the scheme it has been agreed to provide the landowners with two fully serviced plots which will allow them to build a private 3 bedroom bungalow for themselves and a 3 bedroom house, to be used primarily for an agricultural worker. These will be of similar design to the rest of the development but the build cost is to be paid by the landowners. The scheme now being proposed is for 13 dwellings.

This comprises the two plots for the landowners and three houses for private sale (two 3-bedroom houses and one two-bedroom house). The private sale houses would only be available for people wishing to use this as their principal residence and not as a second home or for use as a holiday let. The sale of these three private houses on the open market, subject to the principal residence restriction is required to make the scheme financially viable.

There would be 8 dwellings available as affordable dwellings comprising two 3-bedroom houses, four 2-bedroom houses and two 2-bedroom bungalows. There will be a mix of affordable rented dwellings and 'affordable' purchase dwellings. An **estimate\*** of the likely costs for rent or for purchase are:

**Discount Sale:** one 3-bed semi house (£140,00 to £165,000); three 2-bed semi house (£120,000 to £145,000); one 2 bed bungalow (£135,000 to £150,000).

**Affordable Rent:** one 3-bed semi house (£665/month); one 2-bed semi house (£555/

month); one 2-bed bungalow (£555/month).

**Sales Open Market:** two 3-bed detached house (£380,000 to £400,000); one 2-bed detached house (£290,000 to £310,000). Landowner Serviced Plot: one 3-bed house and one 3-bed bungalow. Total 13 serviced plots.

\* eventual actual price depends on eventual build costs.

The purchase price will be well below the price of housing on the open market and the rent similar to that of housing association schemes.

### NEXT STEPS

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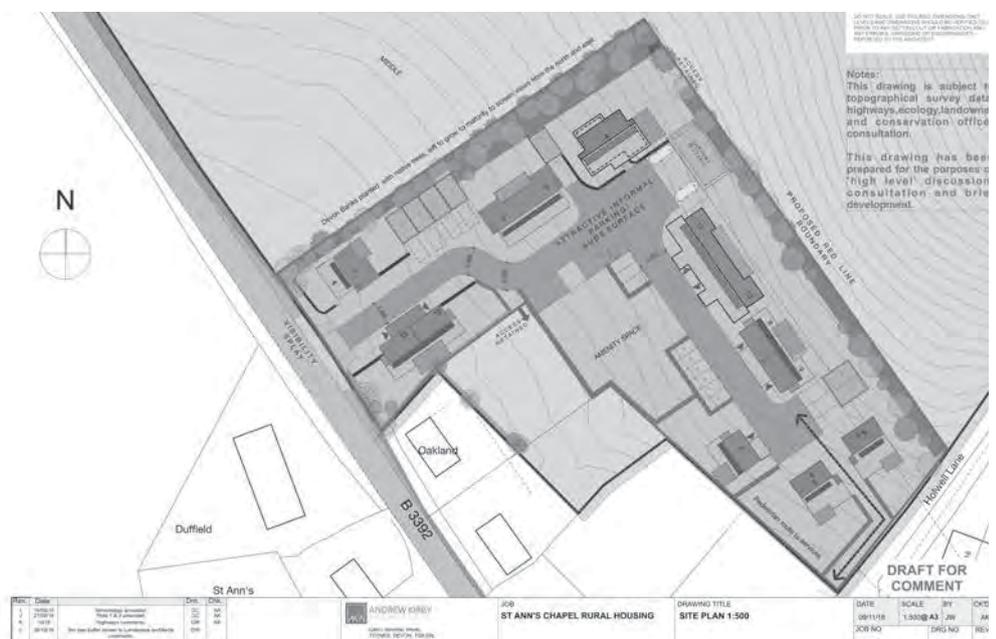
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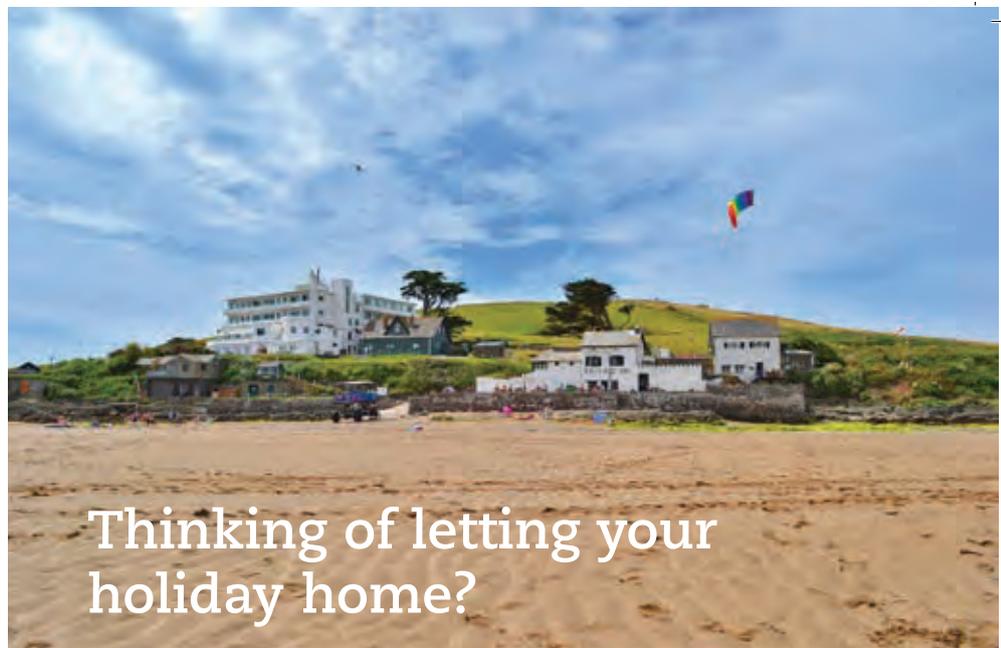
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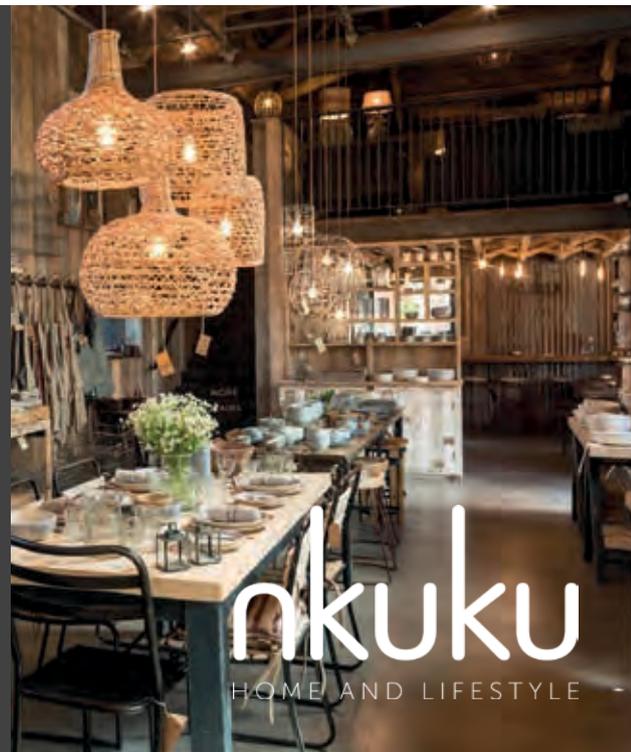
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The comfort of a blazing fire  
And though the frosty wind made moan  
This beach remained a cat free zone*

*I looked up enviously to see  
The hotel's lights shine down on me  
But as I padded past the rocks  
Fate dealt me a festive shock  
I heard a sound - a catlike strain  
An animal in distress or pain  
And so I made a hasty beeline  
And to my horror found... a feline*

*What was I on earth to do?  
Thinking of my reputation  
How could I be its salvation  
I'm known as being very proud  
The boss of "Only Dogs Allowed",  
And then I heard a still small voice:  
"Rusty there's no other choice"*

*This cat was tired and cold and wet  
In no condition for a pet  
But since I'm made of sterner stuff  
I grabbed the creature by the scruff  
And funnily my steps grew lighter  
And Burgh Island's lights got brighter  
And the voice came from afar:  
"Well done Rusty you're a star"*

*And so at Christmas once a year  
Join me in this simple prayer:  
"Good will to creatures great and small  
On each one may your blessings fall!"  
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*Merry Christmas to all readers of Bigbury News  
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