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LETTER from the EDITOR

Dear Readers,

This issue covers the months of December and January, the end of this year and the beginning of the next. We are less sure about what the future holds than we were at this time last year. But there is a future worth having because of the scientific ingenuity, compassion, generosity, determination and simple neighbourliness that has shone through this dark period in world history. The **Memorial Hall Committee** is keen to try to get back to 'normal' and encourages Covid-secure events to take place. The first such event should be the **Bigbury Christmas Fair** on Sat/Sun the 5th/6th of December. Please support this event.

The pandemic has stunned the whole world into cooperation and proved that we can work together if it is necessary to stay alive. On a smaller scale - individuals from Bigbury and our neighbouring parishes have shown their determination that we are here for each other when it matters most. **Ringmore PC** shared their Covid communications with **Bigbury PC** and the **Bigbury Covid Support Group** was set up to help those in need. Please see the feature "**Crews that keep us Cruising**" (p17) for more details.

You do not have to live in Bigbury to be 'part' if what happens here. Craig's **Letter from America** p25 (and Gary's 'McBars's Jars' p 26 - 27 demonstrate how important it is to stay in touch. We wish Gary well in his retirement

Second home owners have generously supported our fund raising for **The Tower & Bells**, helped to open up **The Bigbury**

Tea Gardens and organise **Carols on the Screen**. We would like to encourage even more involvement in 2021.

The most important message in 2020 is to **Be kind**. We are all in the same storm but not in the same boat. There are parishioners who have lost their jobs and are relying on **Kingsbridge Food Bank** p2 to get through this crisis period. Sadly, there are some who have lost close family members during the pandemic and our heartfelt sympathies go out to them.

Time does not stand still. We are pleased to introduce a new, regular feature by **Norman Botton** - "**From the Archives**" on behalf of the **History Society**. The adorable donkeys on the front cover are introduced by **Peter Furber** p32. We warmly encourage more folk to send in their **Bigbury Reminiscences**. We are looking forward to a laugh (**5-minute Panto on Bigbury TV**) and songs of good cheer (**Carols on the Screen**) - see posters for more details. Thank you to our **Advertisers** and those who have **Donated** to keep Bigbury News going.

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

Louise Wainwright

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Bigbury Drums & Bigbury TV*

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We hope that we shall be able to open the Hall very soon. The Committee has worked hard to make the Hall a safe place to visit by carrying out the recommendations of ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) and GOV>UK about the re-opening of community halls.

We have carried out risk assessments, bought sanitisers and other hand washing and drying facilitators and given the Hall a thorough clean. Users will be told about the one way system in the Hall, social distancing and there will be posters reminding people where they can and cannot go.

Although the kitchen facilities will be available, users must bring their own crockery and cutlery. The main toilets will be out of commission but the disabled toilet can be used. Entry will be through the front door and exit via the fire door on the opposite side of the Hall. We plan to ensure that the Hall is a safe place to go to and that you enjoy your visit there.

It is hoped that a sale in aid of the **Tower & Bells Fund** on **December 5th and 6th** will be the first event to take place at the Hall since March but, of course, this will depend upon any government restrictions in place after December 2nd. This is being organised by **Louise and Henry Wainwright** and **Jill Gubbins**.

If all goes well with this event, and enough people are prepared to attend, we shall look at organising something else early in the New Year.

Finally, notwithstanding the pandemic, the **Bigbury Produce Show** took place on-line in September. See a photo (below) of a proud **Elaine Gilbert**, holding the **Produce Cup** !

Charles Harrington.

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Elaine Gilbert - Overall Winner of the virtual Bigbury Produce Show 2020

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NINETEENTH HOLE

It is disappointing to all golfers that the Covid 19 second lockdown has included golf courses. Many older people play regular golf and it is important to them to enhance their wellbeing and general health, so being prevented from playing will be to their detriment, and indeed all golfers. We can all only hope that the ban on playing golf will be lifted by the latest 2nd December when the current lockdown is scheduled to end.

Prior to this latest lockdown, the **Annual Ladies Vets** competition was held, and the winner of this most coveted Trophy was **Jenny Balkwill** (handicap 24).

Played alongside this competition, are the **Venerable Vet** (VV) as well as the **Very Venerable Vet** (VVV). The winner of the VV was **Margaret Taylor** (handicap 21) and the VVV was won by **Sheila Mathieson** (handicap 23).

During this most difficult year, it has not been possible for the **Annual Prize Giving Evening** to be held so throughout the season our Lady Captain, **Jane Rickman**, has ensured that all our winners have been presented with their Trophies. And just before this most recent lockdown Jane and her Vice Captain, **Dot Kenneth**, arranged for some of Trophy winners to meet them at the clubhouse for a "photo shoot"!

Jane was delighted to have won the **Balkwill Competition** in her Captain's year, and Dot was pleased to be able to present her with the Trophy.

Kathryn Ackram was the proud winner of the **Coronation Trophy**. Kathryn is one of our newer members and has enjoyed some success at our club, her wins including the individual and team prizes at **Jane's Lady Captains Away Day**.

Our **Seniors Captain, Mike Heath**, enjoyed being able to present the **Devon Air Ambulance** representative, **Rex Brown**, with a cheque for £500. The money was raised through the generosity of the Seniors Section, and was a good amount as they have been denied many of their money raising opportunities this year because of the pandemic. Receiving the cheque, Rex said that all donations are understandably well down this year, and the DAA Charity was very grateful for the donation to help with keeping the helicopter in the air for the people of Devon.

Our golf club's seasonal events will be curtailed this year, as no doubt will everyone's, but we take this opportunity to wish all at Bigbury News, as well as its readers, the compliments of the season.

Marlene Johnson

LOCAL EVENTS

* onfirm with Organisers that the event is still taking place as published.

FILLING STATION

Dec Zoom Christmas Meeting with carols and a talk from world renown Canon J John. contact James Spencer southamsfillingstation@gmail.com for Zoom Meeting details Always the 3rd Thursday of month.

SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY BEACH CLEANS

Dec 4, Fri 2pm, West Charleton Marsh, Marsh Lane. Meet at bird hide, far end of the Marsh For more info visit the **South Hams Society Facebook page**.

BIGBURY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 5th 10 - 3 pm and Sunday 6th Dec 1 to 4 pm Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel In Aid of the **Tower & Bells Fund**

CAROLS ON THE SCREEN

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Seniors Captain, Mike Heath (left) with Devon Air Ambulance representative Rex Brown



L-R: Jenny, Margaret and Sheila (standing) and Jane and Kathryn seated

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BIGBURY COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everybody who gave so generously to the **Plymouth & Cornwall Cancer Fund**. We raised £210. Well done!

The coffee morning on Wednesday 2nd December is in aid of **St. Lawrence Church Bell & Tower Fund**. Please phone orders by **Wednesday 2nd December** by phoning Jean on 810029.

Cakes. Fruit £3 Lemon drizzle or Orange drizzle or coffee or chocolate £2.50.

Savouries. Sausage & egg pies £2, Homity pies £1.50, Mediterranean squares £1, Individual quiche £1 -bacon & mushroom or ham & leek or broccoli, courgette & spinach, cheese scones 2 for 50p.

Keep safe and healthy and enjoy the festive season.

Jean and Yvonne.

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You can 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.



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Eileen Goulding

Wednesday MARCH 24th 2021 2pm

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We are still here and determined to Keep Calm and Carry On.....

Due to current restrictions we cannot meet in our usual venue The Methodist Church, Kingsbridge, but all is not lost, our meetings will go ahead at a different time via Zoom. If you wish to enjoy our programme and are not Zoom ready, don't worry, we will attempt to pair you up with a member who is.

Please note there will be just one talk on a Wednesday at 2pm. Queries: 01752830579

No meeting in December because our Christmas lunch and talk is cancelled - neither is the Methodist Hall available to us due to Covid19, but we haven't gone away.....

We are back via Zoom in January 2021



WELL BEING



1) The Health Centre is now **texting patients** to advise when prescription medication is available to collect - please could all patients ensure we have an **up-to-date mobile number** for them (*if appropriate*). To advise us of your mobile number please ring **01548 830666** late morning onwards to avoid busiest time on the telephones. Or use "Contact Us" on the website.

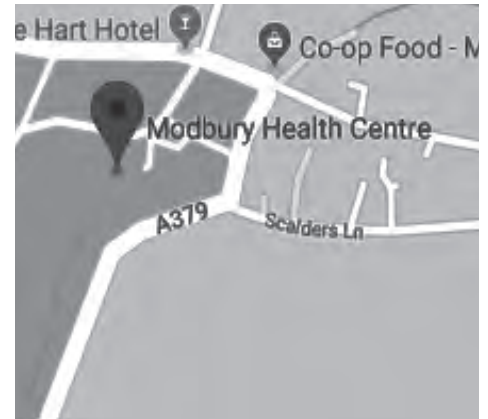
(2) **Influenza vaccines** - could patients 65 years and over please contact us to book their flu jab if they have not already done so.

For patients **64 years and under** we are currently having to prioritise those who usually have an annual flu vaccination due to **an underlying health condition such as asthma**. As and when incoming supplies allow we will be in contact with all patients 50 years of age and over.

(3) The Health Centre will send an update through **Bigbury Drums** as and when they have information about availability of a **Covid Vaccination**. Please don't make enquiries about this service yet.

Dawn Trower

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- you've been asked to by a local council
- you're taking part in a government pilot project
- You can also get a test for someone you live with if they have symptoms.

If you're going into hospital

You may need to get tested if you're due to have surgery or a procedure. The hospital will arrange this for you. Contact your hospital department if you have any questions.

Who cannot get a free test

You **cannot get a free NHS test** unless you have symptoms, have been asked to by your local council, live in England and have been told to by your hospital, or are taking part in a government pilot project. **This applies even if:**

- you live with someone who has coronavirus
- you've had close contact with someone who has coronavirus
- you've come to the UK from a high risk country
- you're planning to leave the country
- your employer or school has asked you to get a test
- You can pay for a private test. Do not use this service.

When to get a test

If you have symptoms, **get a test as soon as possible**. Book a visit to a **test site** to have the test today. Test sites are open 7 days a week. Order a **home test kit** if you cannot get to a test site.

You need to get the test done in the first 8 days of having symptoms. On days 1 to 7, you can get tested at a site or at home. If you're ordering a home test kit on day 7, do it by 3pm. On day 8, you need to go to a test site - it's too late to order a home test kit

If no tests are available online, do not call helplines to get a test. No extra tests are available through the helplines.

If you have other problems using the online service, call: 119
 Lines are open 7am to 11pm.

Stay at home if you have symptoms

If you're getting a test because you have symptoms, **you and anyone you live with must self-isolate until you get your result**. This **also applies to anyone in your support bubble** (where someone who lives alone - or just with their children - can meet people from 1 other household).

You must also self-isolate if you cannot get a test.

What the test involves

The test involves taking a swab of the inside of your nose and the back of your throat, using a long cotton bud. You can do the swab yourself (if you are aged 12 or over) or someone can do it for you. Parents or guardians have to swab test children aged 11 or under.

If you need medical advice about your symptoms Get help at: England: **NHS 111** on-line coronavirus service

Call 999 if you feel very unwell or think there's something seriously wrong.

Ref: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

THE CHURCH BELLS OF ST. LAWRENCE



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The **Bigbury History Society** had hoped to have the archives on display this autumn with interested local being invited to see what we have in store. We inherited them from **Roger Grimley** a couple or so years ago and I have been trying to familiarize myself with them, to arrange them and to start the process of recording them.

Sadly, because of the Covid restrictions, this has to be delayed as we anticipate very few people will risk visiting the Hall to view the documents.

They are quite wide ranging and include some original documents from the last two hundred years as well as reproductions of earlier ones. More recent history is covered by pieces and even house adverts from local newspapers, and there are a series of specific articles collated by the History Society over the years.

One particular set of documents of interest to me was the **Woodleigh Deanery Magazine** from the 1900s. Each vicar in this part of south Devon was invited to provide weekly updates of what happened in his parish and our incumbent from 1904-16, the **Reverend Bowden-Smith** was not slow to report what was occurring in the decade up to the **Great War**. He obviously had his own strongly held views- very patriotic, very disparaging about the new bungalow town at Bigbury- -on- Sea. His notes inevitably focus on the activities of the church, but it was an era when much of village life was centered on the church.

It was his reporting of the repairing of the church bells in 1908 that led me to write this inaugural piece for the Bigbury News at the very time when there is again fund raising gathering momentum for the restoration of the same bells in St Lawrence church.

However, my journey through the Archives has taken me beyond the restoration of 1908 and has led me to consider the place of village church bells, bell-ringing in **Devon**, the **Iron Industry** in the Kingsbridge area and also to highlight the extraordinary story of **Harry Barden**, a local but also a prominent Devon bell-ringer for 55 years or so. His story will be the subject of a future article once lockdown has ended.

Norman Botton

*Bigbury History Society
Archivist*

The original 5 bells in 1788

The first time the **Bigbury Church Bells** are mentioned in our archives is when 5 bells were cast and installed by the established iron foundry firm of **Pennington's from Exeter** in 1788. However, **Peter Cook**, in his forthcoming **History of the Church of St. Lawrence**, suggests there was a disastrous 1325 belfry report, implying there were indeed bells in the C14th Tower. That is very likely as the earliest church bells would have been in the pre-Conquest monastic churches. As church bells became more widespread they were used as a form of mass communication (a medieval Bigbury Drums) conveying both religious and secular information.

A peal of bells would be used to announce when the three specific daily prayer times had been reached as well as to summon parishioners to attend the then compulsory Sunday and Saints Day services. There would also be the haunting sound of the **Death Knell**, which was a muffled tenor bell rung to indicate a death in the village, all too often at a time when mortality, and especially infant mortality, rates were high. It rang in a kind of Morse Code so the hearers could decipher the sex and age of the deceased; they could then identify whose deceased souls they should be praying for. There is also the belief, perhaps rooted in ancient pagan practices, that ringing the bells would drive out evil spirits in the locality. **Alfred the Great** introduced the **curfew bell**, as did Churchill in the Second World War, so that their ringing could be reserved to warn of an enemy invasion. On a more cheerful note it would be nice to think that the Bigbury Bells were rung in full glory to celebrate

the Armada's defeat in 1588 as well as for weddings and christenings.

Adding the 6th bell in 1879

In 1872 there was substantial restoration of the church itself at a massive cost of over £1,570. Even so, there was enough money to remove the bell hangings in the roof six years later in 1878, ninety years after the installation of the original 5 bells, the new sixth bell was cast by **Warners foundry** and installed by **Hiram Hambling**. This enabled a sixth bell, a new treble, to be added, cast and installed by **Mr Hiram Hambling**, a local iron founder from **Dodbrooke** whose foundry was in **Duke Street** in **Kingsbridge**. He had originally worked with his father in the family foundry in **Blackawton**, but hanging bells was only a secondary consideration for him as his main occupation was as a gunsmith and dealer in ammunition. The additional bell cost £40 to install, the sum being met by subscriptions.

Initial repairs 1908

In May 1908 these 6 bells were still perfect in sound when they were inspected by the workmen of **Aggetts of Chagford**. Unfortunately the supporting oak beams and the frames were decayed by rain seeping in to the Tower, so they were deemed unsafe. This had become apparent early on 19th April when the bell ringers had arrived in time to usher in Easter Day. They had hardly started ringing when there was an unnerving noise as the Tenor bell's clapper broke off and fell to the floor. The **PCC immediately halted all ringing**

Photo: Re dedication of Bells in Jan 1961
Bishop of Plymouth, Norman Clark (fourth from left) re-dedicated the bells. Also present were the **Rector, F. E. Davies** (fourth from right) and the **Bell Ringing Team**.



and agreed to proceed with the repairs and re-hanging at the cost of £130 (over £15,000 in today's currency).

A fund-raising programme was launched and the whole sum and more was collected in just three months, the **Rector's Bell Fund Garden Fete** alone accounted for a third of that income. He singled out three parishioners who made this possible and no-one was more important than Miss Gillard who dressed up as a gypsy and told fortunes all day. Her formula was simple – everybody was predicted a happy future!

Aggetts recommended rehangng the bells in cast iron frames of a modern design incorporating their renowned patented ball bearings. This meant removing the two bells from the top of the Tower and placing three in each of the two chambers below – one set swinging east-west, the other set north-south. The idea of the arrangement was to enable easier bellringing and to create a counterbalance of the weight in the Tower.

At the same time the base of the Steeple was repaired with stone set in cement to prevent the rain seeping in. The bells were repaired by September in time for their re-dedication at the Harvest Festival. The Rural Dean preached a very relevant sermon saying our spiritual parish life should be like bells- in perfect harmony. The church was full, the helpers had decorated it prettily and the service was "of a very hearty character". The joyfulness carried on after the service as **Mr Wroth** had offered **Bigbury Court barn** for tea, sports and then dancing, which lasted until midnight.

Our bell ringers were aided by ringers from Aveton Gifford and Modbury at the Harvest Festival but before long bell ringers from all over South Devon had visited the belfry and commented on the smooth and easy manner in which the bells now rung. Sadly the repairs only lasted a couple of generations. Some repairs were needed in the early 1950s as water was seeping in and the frame was tilting. The wooden frames were replaced by steel girders and the top 12 feet of the spire rebuilt with new stone, both at a cost of just under £800.

There was obviously no apparent problem in April 1959 when St Lawrence hosted the **Inter-Deanery Festival**, won by West Alvington, after a full day of ringing. However, by January 1960 the priest in charge during an Interregnum reported that the Bells had to be quickly put in order. This suggestion was based on the report given by the Founders, **Taylor of Loughborough**, the very same foundry that had cast and installed the 12 bells of **St Paul's Cathedral** - only the very best for Bigbury!



Photo: St Lawrence bell ringers 1960: left to right - **Harry Bardens** (bell captain), **Harry Lobb**, **Cyril Radford**, **Bill Burgoyne**, **Tiny Bricknell** and **Tom Hollet**.

The **PCC** quickly approved and set about raising the sum of £1300 required by **Taylor**, initially sending letters to every household in the parish. By June £950 had been raised, boosted by a £500 donation from one of the churchwardens, so the work of reconditioning the bells and repairing the alignment of the framework in the tower could begin. The new Vicar, the **Reverend Davies**, reported in the New Year that the bells were back in the Tower and ringing nicely and that the chamber had new flooring.

Rededication in 1961

On Saturday 28th January 1961 the Bigbury Bells were rededicated again, this time by the **Bishop of Plymouth**. The service started with the customary processional hymn, Psalm and prayer and after the lesson, read by **Major Whiston**, the Bishop went in procession to the ringing chamber where the bell ropes were presented to him to be dedicated. After his address, in which he praised parish for raising the sum so quickly, the service concluded with the singing of the **Ringers' Hymn**. Despite the howling gale outside the church was full, the congregation being augmented by dignitaries from the Deanery and by the 80 bell ringers from the 13 different villages who had come to support and to mark the occasion by a competition after the service. Plymstock on this occasion piped both teams from West Alvington.

Competition ringing was very strong at that time for nearly every Saturday from April to November there was a competition somewhere in Devon. Bigbury, as host, was not allowed to compete but the **South Devon Times** records that our bell ringers, newly captained by Mr **Harry Bardens** (following his father's footsteps), had already shown their skill during the service

Our bell ringers had a reputation in the 1950s and to keep it they had been forced to practice in other churches over the previous six months. It was a memorable day in the history of the church and the Vicar reported in the Deanery Magazine "it went with a swing!". He reminded Bigbury, however, that the bells are not just provided for the pleasure of the listeners, they are call to everyone to come to worship God, and he exhorted people to hear and obey the call!

It is again sad to report that these repairs have only lasted a couple of generations as well and the calling to worship ceased around 15 years ago, medieval buildings need proper maintenance. So hopefully the present Fund Raising efforts will be supported as generously and as promptly as the previous ones in order for there to be another memorable day in St Lawrence's history.

Norman Botton

Bigbury History Society Archivist

HISTORY SOCIETY

Charles Harrington

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*Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing*

*Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!*

*E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "To, io, io!"
By priest and people sungen*

*Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!*

ST LAWRENCE MATTERS REPORT

Just when we had established Covid compliant communions, another lockdown comes along, and we are back to online collective worship. We did, however, consider it important to hold a pared back wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial in the churchyard on **Remembrance Sunday**. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the **Royal British Legion**, the **Parish Council**, and the **church**.

The day before the new lockdown we were able to fit in the visit of the Church Architect. She came to conduct the Quinquennial (5 yearly) Inspection of the fabric of the church. Apart from being a statutory requirement, it will back up our requests for funds to carry out the spire, tower and bells work. We have also recently had an electrical inspection as required by

regulations. Both these inspections are necessary but, like everything else, have to be paid for.

You will have received in last month's Bigbury News a questionnaire canvassing your opinions on the church. Please take the time to fill it in. If we are to get Lottery money, we need to convince them that the church will be supported by the wider community. We know there is a lot of support for our efforts – the production and raffle of the quilt is a magnificent demonstration (see the separate report) – but your views will shape our efforts and are essential. If the church and its heritage are of no interest to you, let us know that too, do not be indifferent. Further forms are available from me if needed. Please put your replies in the boxes in either Holywell

Stores or the church porch by the end of December. If you wish to discuss the tower and bells restoration project, and any financial and practical help you can offer to our precious **Grade 2* listed church**, please do contact **Bryan Carson** (01548 810296) and me, on the **Parochial Council Building Sub Committee**. *Until the next time*

Vic Gubbins

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Gill Cook 01548 810156

The 'inSPIRED apPEAL'

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



ST LAWRENCE FUND RAISING UPDATE 2020

DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST	Jan 2020	£4,000
PILGRIM TRUST	May 2020	£1,800
WOLFSON FOUNDATION	June 2020	£5,000
Sub total:		£10,800
(available when work starts)		

SOUND & VISION 6.5 EVENING	March 2020	£272
HAWKES' BIZARRE BAZAAR	August 2020	£530
GRAND RAFFLE/ QUILT/ SPONSORSHIP		£3,075
CANAPES & COCKTAILS		£600
Sub total		£4,477

PAST & PRESENT Book	£2,098
LINEAGE RESEARCH	£250
Sub total	£2,348
(ongoing fundraisers)	

DONATIONS 'inSPIRED apPEAL'	
Mar - Sept	£3,622
October	£500
November	£1,362
Sub total	£5,484

TOTAL TO DATE **£23,109**

Thank you everyone. A great effort in this Covid-19 year!

As the end of 2020 approaches, see the round up of the funds raised this year to date specifically for the Tower & Bells Restoration project. I want to say an enormous thank you to ALL who have contributed, both in monetary and practical ways, to this achievement in what was planned as a major fundraising year, full of lovely social events and serious grant applications, which Covid-19 has blown out of the water.

Sadly, the 2nd lockdown thwarted Steve Chapman's offer of the **Driftwood Diner** for two fish supper evenings, is now postponed to better days next Spring.

Elsewhere is a report and photos on November's Grand Raffle drawn at the Burgh Island Hotel sponsored **Canapes & Cocktails** event – what a superb sum raised!! The running totals of some ongoing fundraising activities are listed in the table – **Jan Davies** is busy researching people's family trees, in exchange for donations to the fund, and '**Bigbury Past & Present**' by **Henry Wainwright** is still selling like hotcakes, truly amazing efforts! **Venus Company's "5p a cuppa tea"** sponsorship started in October, and the donations will be reported quarterly over the next two years, so please continue to support Venus.

The **Community Christmas Card** is included in this News. This year saw some lovely designs, thank you to all who entered. **Kathryn Acklam's** drawing gathered the most votes from attendees at the C & C event and all entries will be on display in the church porch during December.

If lockdown ends in early December, a **Christmas Fair** will be held in the Covid-compliant environment of the Memorial Hall on **Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December** – please look out for posters closer to the days. Stunning **framed photos** of our area, and the parish's **underground transport style maps**, produced to help lockdown deliveries, can be viewed in the flesh, along with **Xmas cards** produced by the **Friends of St Lawrence**, and other gift options (but no refreshments, sorry) – do please come and support this final fundraiser of the year, and see some friendly (masked!) faces!

Concerning direct donations, the last box didn't show the mid October figure of £150; this has since risen to £500 after a second and generous gift aided donation from a long-term resident of Bigbury on Sea. Then in early November a further £1362 has arrived! Particular thanks must be paid to **Jas and her sister Devinder**, who between them have donated £1,351, with the hope others will be encouraged to donate also. Thank you, **Holywell Stores**, for your amazing financial and practical support over the whole year, very much appreciated.

SO –wishing all a Happy & Healthy Christmas & New Year, and here's to an improving health situation in 2021, when we can join together in more community and social activities, and see tangible progress with the Tower & Bells Restoration.

We're in this together, let's pull together!

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LETTER from MINISTER at ST LAWRENCE



Modbury Mission Community

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
December 6 th	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship
December 13 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	All age service	Communion
December 20 th	Lay led service	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Carol service (6 pm)*
December 24 th /25 th	Special services*: see Team Website and posters in churches				
December 27 th					Communion*
January 3 rd	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship
January 10 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	All age service	Village service
January 17 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
January 24 th	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion
January 31 st	Communion (10.30 am)				

*Please reserve a seat at www.modburyteam.org

Christmas with a difference

This year's Christmas will be the Christmas we didn't expect! Bubbles, no office parties, online nativities, smaller turkeys and less chairs around the dining room table.

Over the summer we all pulled together to look out for one another, which makes me confident that our community will be able to do it again over this Christmas season.

The first Christmas was also full of unexpected events. From the way Jesus came – a manger instead of a throne. To who he really is – God became man. To the first visitors – shepherds not dignitaries. The life that would follow, and how we are called to respond – receiving his gift, not earning his approval. It was all so unexpected. My prayer for our parish is that the unexpected nature of this Christmas will help us see the first Christmas.

Depending on what the restrictions are, we may be allowed to meet. Some of our normal Christmas services will look a little different. You may find you have to reserve a space for some services. Instead of Christingle services we are hoping to have a Christingle treasure hunt in Modbury (but keep a look-out for any updates on this as it will depend on the prevailing regulations). Our website will give you all the details: www.modburyteam.org.

On the 20th of December we will be releasing on our website an online carol service for us all to enjoy together. Perhaps watch it with your family or bubble or, if we are allowed within the law, invite the person from down the street who doesn't have the internet to watch with a mince pie or two?

With every blessing for this unexpected Christmas!

Matt Rowland

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

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

Website: www.modburyteam.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS in support of THE TOWER & BELLS FUND

THE GRAND RAFFLE 2020

Thanks to the generosity of local Sponsors*, the many who bought raffle tickets and the energy of the sales team - the **Grand Raffle** raised a stunning £3,018 and the **Canapés & Cocktails** event on Burgh Island raised a further £600.

The lucky winners are: *The Bigbury Quilt* - **Craig & Leah Worthington**; *B&B at Burgh Island* - **Peter Bush**; *3-course meal at Cottage Hotel Hope Cove* - **Rebecca Coomber**; *Driftwood Diner Dinner for two* - **Sheena Wilson**; *Unwind Hair Voucher* - **Alison Chatterton**; *Unwind Beauty Voucher* - **Gill Cook**; *Two Art Deco champagne flutes* - **Richard Mathews**; *Turtle Farm planted bowl* - **Judy Wallis**; *Morrison's Hamper* - **Susie & John Cullen**; *Craig & Leah Worthington cook dinner at your home* - **Chris & Sally Carson**; *Bottle of Port Janet Buffrey*; *Malt Whiskey* - **Tina Mears**.

Stormy seas and a raging wind did not deter thirty people determined to support The **Tower & Bells Fund** and partake of the **Canapes and Cocktail** so generously provided by the **Burgh Island Hotel**. Amid the glitz of the art deco Ballroom and sparkling perfection, **Angie Carson** reminded us of the critical need for our generation to find the funds needed to restore the tower at St Lawrence. The tower no longer has the resilience to exclude the Atlantic storms that roar into the English Channel and have made the tower so dangerous that the bells have not been rung for twenty years.

In a heartfelt plea for continued efforts to save the church building, Angie

related the reasons she had been given by those who had bought raffle tickets. One hardworking father of two had explained to her that although he was not a regular church goer - he wanted his young daughter to be married in St Lawrence one day. She recalled an old saying of Jethro's "Live every day as if t'wer your last, 'cos one day you'll be right!". Many people would like to be buried in St Lawrence Church graveyard which symbolises the togetherness they have felt from living in this community.

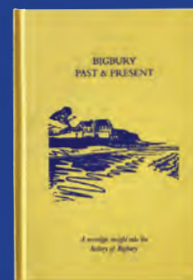
St Lawrence will not suffer the same fate as a church further down the coast which is supported by The **Friends of Friendless Churches**. Angie thanked everyone for the immense friendship they have shown the Church of St Lawrence and urged us to continue until the job was done.

Louise Wainwright



Denis enjoying Canapes and Cocktails at Burgh Island!

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



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

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DR. POODLE AND THE HOUSE OF PAWS!

Hello darlings, Merry Catmus!

Well the winds are a-shrieken' and the foam it's a-flyin' and the windows are bowin' and the sea is a-heavin', and the pesky rain is coming down like silver arrows from the sky. My friend, Bruce, a very fine Persian blue, wrote that on his cat-top just this morning.

We cats look at the rain and it's just a signal to find somewhere warm and snug – so here we are, snuggled down on a blanket by the fire in the Artful Dodger pub. The rain is running in a river past Holywell Stores and streaming in glistening rivulets along the footpaths, trodden by children in so'westers and yellow mackintoshes and pink wellies. And the rain pours down the swollen streams, swelling the rivers to overflow their banks, and wash the silent fields, and flood down to the sea, which rolls the rain up into great billows and hurls them back at the sand and shingle beaches. Fantastic.

Yes. Cats like to watch the rain. And remember, children, when the rain stops your play, look up rather than down. Without the rain, there would be no rainbow! Ha ha! And did you know that the phrase 'Raining Cats and Dogs' was first used in a poem by Jonathan Swift – a very clever man who wrote about big people and little people and eggs. (No, Bruce and I don't understand either! Tee-hee!)

Bruce tells me that there are some funny people called 'Anti-Vaxxers'. I have some sympathy, and I really don't like that frightful noise when Nancy gets the Hoover out – she says it gets all blocked up with our fur! Well, stop vacuuming then, I say! But Bruce also says there are some folks who don't want an injection against the nasty Covid flu thingy. Strange people – I bet, if they have cats and dogs as pets, they make sure they get their injections.

Once a year, Nancy bundles Bruce and me into our Hooded Arctic Fox cat beds and whisks us off to see that nice Dr Poodle at the 'House of Paws' Clinic in Modbury. They play special sleep music on MewTube, and Bruce and I just go into a lovely trance – and when we wake up it's all done. Bruce and I have our little jabs and, shazam! We are protected against nasty, horrid cat flu, feline enteritis and leukaemia. If there's a Covid jab for cats, Bruce and I are FIRST IN THE QUEUE!

THE PUB CAT SPEAKS

Only problem is they have to wake Nancy up as well. Last time, she was so fast asleep, Fagin had to come and collect us in his tractor! What larks. Nancy and Fagin say they can't wait to get a jab and open up the pub to all their friends.

By the way, haven't we all left the European Union by now? That clever French lady, Michelle Brainier, keeps turning up wanting to talk to Jack Frost on a level playing field – Lord knows why! I gather Top Cat Bozza had a big barney with Dom, his pet weasel, and his Rottweiler - Lee 'Thwacker' Cane, his Director of Constipation. Weasel Dom then walked out in a huff, carrying a big box with Larry the Cat inside! Shocking! Apparently, the fur has been flying but that nice lady, Carrie Simple, has sorted things

out and dear little Wilf is going to take over the country and play with Bozza's toys instead. Well, now. That is a relief – isn't it darlings.

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Monty & Bruce

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An Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) was declared on 11th November across the whole of England to mitigate the risk of the disease spreading

It is now a legal requirement for all bird keepers to follow strict bio-security measures. Keepers with more than 500 birds will need to restrict access for non-essential people on their sites, workers will need to change clothing and footwear before entering bird enclosures and site vehicles will need to be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

Backyard owners with smaller numbers of poultry including chickens, ducks and geese are urged to strengthen their bio-security measures in order to prevent further outbreaks of avian influenza in the UK. It is in your interests to do this to protect your birds from this highly infectious disease.

AVIAN FLU PREVENTION ZONE

Public Health England (PHE) advises that the risk to public health from the virus is very low and the Food Standards Agency advises that avian influenzas pose a very low food safety risk for UK consumers. Properly cooked poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are safe to eat.

Apart from two outbreaks in commercial bird rearing facilities, a very small number of wild birds in the South West of England have also been found to have had the disease. The introduction of a prevention zone follows a decision to raise the risk level for avian influenza incursion in wild Birds in Great Britain from 'medium' to 'high' last week.

What must be done?

The prevention zone means bird keepers across the country must:

- Ensure the areas where birds are kept are unattractive to wild birds, for example by netting ponds, and by removing wild bird food sources;
- Feed and water your birds in enclosed areas to discourage wild birds;
- Minimise movement in and out of bird enclosures;
- Clean and disinfect footwear and keep areas where birds live clean and tidy;
- Reduce any existing contamination by cleansing and disinfecting concrete areas, and fencing off wet or boggy areas.
- The prevention zone will be in place until further notice and will be kept under regular review as part of our work to monitor the threat of bird flu.

Poultry keepers and members of the public should report dead wild birds to the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77 and keepers should report suspicion of disease to APHA on 03000 200 301. Keepers should familiarise themselves with our avian flu advice.

Avian Influenza is in no way connected to the COVID-19 pandemic which is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus which is not carried in poultry.

www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu

**Seagulls can carry and spread avian flu
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The sub-Editor will provide the Editor with a pdf copy of these issues by the 21st of the month before publication. Printing & distribution will be done by the Production Manager and the Distribution Team.

To discuss please contact Louise.

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CREWS THAT KEEP US CRUISING

The Christmas Break gives us all the time to reflect on many things. Apart from talking to yourself about getting priorities right and setting New Year Resolutions, do you sometimes wonder whether there is more that you can do to help the local community?

There are often calls for volunteers to fulfill community roles and help keep us all safe and sound. It's not uncommon for the 'same people' to be volunteering for many of the roles that need to be filled. Some of these people may feel that 'there is no one else' willing to do the job....so they continue, when really it might be your turn. Perhaps you will respond positively next time there is a 'Shout'?

This is a plea for more people to consider if they can step up to the mark when needed in 2021 and follow the amazing examples that have been set in 2020 and earlier.

During 2020 we saw many kind people play important volunteer roles for - The Covid Support Group, The "Drug Run", Bigbury Parish Council, Bigbury Coffee Morning Team, Memorial Hall Committee, Parochial Parish Council, HM Coastguards, Kingston Fire Crew, Kingsbridge Food Bank, South Hams Hospital League of Friends, South Hams Society, Modbury Caring....the list is endless. Thank you all.

In the coming years, it is possible that more people will need support following the devastating effect the pandemic has had on families, businesses and the economy.

Bigbury News is supported by an amazing team of people who help to deliver the magazine to all corners of the parish - every month. Another group of writers help to get the content written each month and my amazing husband does all the printing and the accounts. Together with those who donate money to the magazine and those who advertise with us - we all make it work. Thank you.

This community is fortunate to have the generous support of local businesses who are always quick to offer raffle prizes each year for all our fund raising endeavours. This makes such a big difference. Thank you.

The Events Organisers are usually all volunteers as well and they make such a difference to our social life and sense of well being.

So - we did OK in 2020 between us all. Let's keep it up two, three, four!

Louise Wainwright



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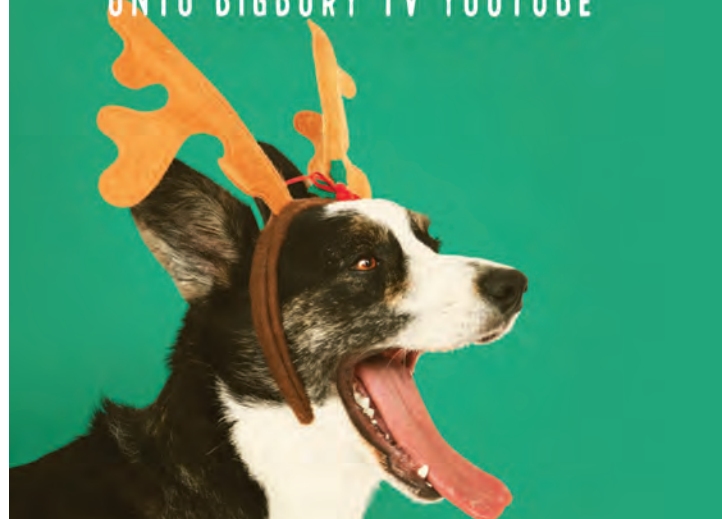


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 Editorial content will be overseen by Louise Wainwright.
 Contact Louise if you see anything of concern at bigburdrums@gmail.com



BIGBURY

CAROLS on the SCREEN

ZOOM IN*

Christmas Eve 6.30 pm

Carol sheet & chords in Bigbury News December issue. Sing and play at home as Father Bigbury (Bryan Carson) introduces the next carols and you watch the Bigbury Players & Singers perform pre-recorded carols from the church, Bigbury Green and a Bigbury Garden. John Elliot will close our get together in the normal way.

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CAROLS ON THE SCREEN



Christmas Eve 6.30 pm



1. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

G D
Hark! The Herald angels sing
G C G D G
Glory to the Newborn King.
G A7
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
D A7 D A7 D
God and sinners reconciled.
G C G D
Joyful all ye nations rise,
G C G D
Join the triumph of the skies.
C Am E7 Am
With th'angelic host proclaim,
D7 G G D G
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

CHORUS

C Am E7 Am
Hark the herald angels sing
D7 G G D G
Glory to the newborn King.

Christ by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord.
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see,
Hail th'incarnate deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.

CHORUS

Hail! The Heav'n-born Prince of Peace.
Hail the Sun of Righteousness.
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

CHORUS



2. Away in a Manger

G D G G C Am
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
Am D G C D
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
G D G G C Am
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
Am D G C D G
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for Heaven to live with thee there.

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3. Good King Wenceslas

G **D G**
 All: Good King Wenceslas looked out
C **D** **G**
 On the feast of Stephen
G **D G**
 When the snow lay round about
C **D** **G**
 Deep and crisp and even.
G **Em**
 Brightly shone the moon that night
C **D7** **G**
 Though the frost was cruel
G C **Em D**
 When a poor man came in sight,
G **C G**
 Gath'ring winter fu- el.

MEN: "Hither page and stand by me,
 If thou knows't it telling.
 Yonder peasant who is he,
 Where and what his dwelling?"
 High voices: "Sire he lives a good league hence
 Underneath the mountain.
 Right against the forest fence
 By St. Agnes' fountain."

MEN: "Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
 Bring me pine logs hither.
 Thou and I will see him dine
 When we bear them thither."
 All: Page and monarch forth they went,
 Forth they went together,
 Through the rude wind's wild lament,
 And the bitter weather.

HIGH VOICES: "Sire the night is darker now,
 And the wind blows stronger.
 Fails my heart I know not how,
 I can go no longer."
 Men: "Mark my footsteps good my page,
 Tread thou in them boldly.

Thou shalt find the winter's rage
 Freeze thy blood less coldly."
ALL: In his master's steps he trod
 Where the snow lay dinted.
 Heat was in the very sod
 Which the saint had printed.
 Therefore, Christian men, be sure
 Wealth or rank possessing,
 Ye who now will bless the poor
 Shall yourselves find blessing.

4. O Little Town of Bethlehem

A7 D **A D** **A**
 O little town of Bethlehem
D G **A7 D**
 How still we see thee lie
A7 D **A D** **A**
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
D G **A7 D**
 The silent stars go by.
Fshp m A7 **D A**
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth
D G **A**
 The everlasting light.
A7 D **A D** **A**
 The hopes and fears of all the years
D G **A7 D**
 Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars together
 Proclaim the Holy Birth.
 And praises sing to God the King,
 And peace to men on earth.
 For Christ is born of Mary
 And gathered all above,





While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wond'ring love.
 How silently, how silently
 The wond'rous gift is given.
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of his heaven.
 No ear may hear his coming
 But in this world of sin
 Where meek souls will receive him still
 The dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem
 Descend to us we pray.
 Cast out our sin and enter in,
 Be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels
 Their great glad tidings tell.
 O come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Emmanuel.

5. Once in Royal David's City

D7 G A7 D7 G
 Once in Royal David's City
G C D7 G
 Stood a lowly cattle shed
D7 G A7 D7 G
 Where a mother laid her baby
G C D7 G
 In a manger for his bed.
C G D7 G
 Mary was that mother mild,
C G C D7 G
 Jesus Christ her little child.



He came down to earth from heaven
 Who is God and Lord of all.
 And his shelter was a stable
 And his cradle was a stall.
 With the poor and mean and lowly
 Lived on earth our Saviour Holy.

Not in that poor lowly stable
 With the oxen standing by
 We shall see him, but in Heaven,
 Set at God's right hand on high,
 When like stars his children crowned
 All in white shall wait around.

6. Silent Night





D
 Silent night, holy night!
A7 D
 All is calm, all is bright,
G D
 Round yon virgin mother and child,
G D
 Holy infant so tender and mild.
A7 D
 Sleep in heavenly peace,
D A7 D
 Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight.
 Glories stream from heaven afar.
 Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia.
 Christ the Saviour is born!
 Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night!
 Son of God, love's pure light.
 Radiance beams from Thy holy face
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

CALLING ALL DAVID BAILEYS AND HOCKNEYS!!

If you have a flair for photography or art work, and would be willing to undertake 'commissions' to photograph or draw portraits of people, pets or homes, in exchange for donations to the fund, please step forward!

There are a lot of very talented people in our parish and this may be a perfect way to let that talent shine, give pleasure to others and support the fund, in these dark times.

Anyone interested in discussing the proposition, please contact me in the first instance, and thank you - all ideas for means of fundraising very welcome as ever.

Jill Gubbins,
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7. O Come All Ye Faithful

G D
 O come all ye faithful
G C G D
 Joyful and triumphant.
Em D A D
 O come ye, O come ye
G D A7 D
 To Bethlehem.
G C D7 G
 Come and behold him,
D Em Am D
 Born the King of Angels.

CHORUS

No Chord
 Oh come let us adore him
 No chord
 Oh come let us adore him
G C D Em Am
 Oh come let us adore him
G D7 G
 Christ the Lord.

God of God
 Light of Light
 Lo! He abhors not
 The virgin's womb.
 Very God,
 Begotten, not created.

CHORUS

Sing choirs of angels,
 Sing in exultation.
 Sing all ye citizens
 Of Heaven above.
 Glory to God
 In the highest.

CHORUS



GARDENING WITH DONKEYS!

Our donkeys are Jack aged 9 and Frankie aged 10. They were both rescued from cruelty and neglect by the wonderful team at the **Donkey Sanctuary UK** and now live with us in Devon. There is much misunderstanding about donkeys – they are not stubborn but stoic in nature with a strong sense of self preservation. Our donkeys are affectionate, intelligent, curious, playful and charismatic. They very much have their own personalities – for Jack think ‘Eeyore’ and Frankie ‘donkey’ from the film Shrek.

Donkeys are not small horses with large ears and the two animals need very different types of care. Enrichment is important for all animals and rather than sitting in a rather boring paddock Jack and Frankie live in a wood which encourages more natural behaviour and provides mental stimulation – and lets them chase squirrels and pheasants.

Donkeys are twice as strong as a similar sized horse. They are the perfectly designed all-terrain vehicle. This was recognised by the Romans who first brought them to England in AD43. For nearly two thousand years they have been used as riding, pack and draught animals throughout Britain. During World War One 80,000 donkeys were used to transport wounded soldiers to the field hospitals of Northern France.

There are 42 million working donkeys worldwide – these incredibly hardworking animals support the livelihood of impoverished peoples everywhere. Many individuals thrive or survive thanks to their donkey companions. Donkeys in developing countries often have poor welfare standards, more often through lack of caring skills rather than neglect. The Donkey Sanctuary is now an international welfare organisation, working in 35 countries, educating and training local vets and developing community programmes with owners and farriers. It is a truly global programme having a lasting impact on the welfare of working donkeys and their owners.

Closer to home Ivybridge is one of several **Donkey Sanctuary** facilities which have now become world leaders in **Donkey Assisted Therapy**. Donkeys have an emotional intelligence that enables them to be trained to help vulnerable adults and children. Adults with mental health issues can be helped to develop life skills such as self-esteem, empathy and understanding emotions. Vulnerable children can improve emotional connections, social interactions, communication skills and self-confidence.

The donkeys at Ivybridge are carefully



selected to be gentle, calm and well behaved so that of course rules out Jack and Frankie who were sent to us instead.



They both wake up every morning thinking “What can I eat today?” Both donkeys love eating carrots, apples, pears, ginger nut biscuits and unfortunately.... roses, honeysuckle, jasmine and anything growing in a raised vegetable bed...but that’s Gardening With Donkeys.

Great Donkey Books:

Wonkey Donkey. Craig Smith.

The Wisdom of Donkeys- Finding Tranquility in a Chaotic World. Andy Merrifield.

Saving Simon – How a Rescue Donkey Taught Me The Meaning of Compassion. John Katz.



Peter Furber

Cummery Resident



LITTLE DONKEY

*Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road
Got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load
Been a long time, little donkey, through the winters night
don't give up now, little donkey,
Bethlehem's in sight*

Ring out those bells tonight Bethlehem, Bethlehem Follow that star tonight Bethlehem, Bethlehem

*Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way
Little donkey, little donkey, journey's end is near
There are wise men waiting for a sign to bring them here*

*Do not falter little donkey, there's a star ahead
It will guide you, little donkey, to a cattle shed*

Ring out those bells tonight Bethlehem, Bethlehem Follow that star tonight Bethlehem, Bethlehem

*Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day
Little donkey, carry Mary, safely on her way
Little donkey, carry Mary, safely on her way*



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LETTERS from AMERICA

Earlier this year we saw the restored Mayflower II leaving Mystic for Plymouth, Massachusetts. Seeing the replica of the Mayflower that transported the Pilgrims 400 years ago prompted me to write a piece last month about their crossing. This is what happened next...

In the final days of the voyage, an agreement establishing legal order; the Mayflower Compact; was signed by all male passengers. So it was that the Plymouth Colony was the first Western self-government between individuals, and not with a monarch. To survive, the colony depended on the consent of each other.

Having endured two harsh weeks on Cape Cod, an expedition was launched to find a suitable settlement site. The 34 people in the open rowing boat were forced to spend the night ashore in sub-zero temperatures, and their inappropriate clothing, wet shoes and stockings froze overnight. It was later recorded that, "Some of our people that are now dead, took the origin of their death here".

Having located a site, the frozen ground made it impossible to do any planting. Nor were they prepared for the snow storms that made the countryside impassable without snowshoes. During the depth of that first winter, the passengers remained on the Mayflower, suffering outbreaks of contagious diseases; scurvy, pneumonia, and tuberculosis; and by the spring, half had died. With 53 Pilgrims and crew remaining, huts were built ashore, and the passengers disembarked on March 21, 1621. After unloading four of its artillery pieces to help fortify the colony, the Mayflower set sail for England on April 5 with its decimated crew.

Later that month the governor and his wife died, and William Bradford was unanimously chosen as the new Governor. He would be re-elected 30 times and serve for all but five years until 1656.

The tribes of the region around Plymouth Colony were of the Wampanoag people. Soon after the Pilgrims built their settlement, they came into contact with Squanto, an English-speaking native. Squanto was a member of the Pawtuxet tribe (from present-day Massachusetts and Rhode Island) who had been seized by an English explorer in 1614. Meant for slavery, he had managed to escape to England, and had returned to find most of his tribe dead from the plague. Squanto mediated between the Pilgrims and local chiefs, he also taught the newcomers how to plant corn, which became an important crop, as well as where to fish and hunt. In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims famously

shared a harvest feast with local natives; which is now considered the basis for the first Thanksgiving holiday.

Unlike a modern Thanksgiving, this dinner would not have included turkey or mashed potatoes (potatoes were just making their way from South America to Europe), but

the Wampanoag brought deer and seafood plus the fruits of the first pilgrim harvest, including pumpkin, would have resulted in quite a feast.

Happy thanksgiving!

Craig Halford

Wandering Bigbury Resident



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Dear Fellow Coasters,

I sit in shadow now. I wonder how things are at Bigbury? No attempt to ward off the encroaching winter darkness with gaslight, jazzy waistcoats, witty banter, Charlesons, bad one liners and candlestick telephones. **I've gone. Retired.**

Or have I? To all extents, it looks that way. Have I really fled the clean, uncluttered deco lines of Burgh and flown back, jackdaw like, to my Victorian parlour in Tavistock? I may still be here, under a different guise.

And what a year that was. Let's not dwell too long on the departing year. A vaccine around the corner? As my trapeze artist wife told me the other day, while balancing a wheelbarrow containing an oven ready chicken on her high wire, "Into each life a little rain must fall." And I suppose to some extent she's right. We can't have it all but here's to a Christmas of comfort and joy and a return to normality after we've packed away the tree in January. I do hope so.

Looking positively, the pandemic did have its good points: masks cover a multitude of sins, one of them being faces. The healthy convenience of ignoring someone under the premise of "didn't know it was you" I shall miss.

Life goes on and the island is back to normal, says he tentatively while wiping his brow. Fingers crossed. We look forward to seeing you all at some point, either down at the pub or up in the hotel for an Afternoon Tea. I suppose it's the time of year but these long nights put one into a rather reflective mood. It takes me back...

In November 1897, we had a visit from none other than the famous physicist and chemist Madame Marie Curie (along with her husband, Pete). What can I say? Is it just me? Marta, our wonderful Head Housekeeper was aghast. Both of them would go out for the day, leaving their bedroom in such a mess. Conducting radioactive experiments should be done in a laboratory - not in a hotel bedroom with raw silk drapery everywhere. She claimed she was Polish, but I had my doubts, she sounded French to me. "Have no fear of perfection my man, you'll never reach it," she would say to me. I did thank her.

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What with all that radium, caesium and Strontium 90, it was a wonder we ever got finished in the bar before dawn: shovelfuls of the stuff were everywhere. All that clearing up when the guests had gone to bed. Somehow though, we managed. Mind you, being involved in that kind of work did have its useful points. If either of them got lost, they could track each other down easily using a Geiger counter.

But I digress. Over my lunch of Gelatine de Dindonicasse a la Jardiniere at the Sloop over at Bantham last week, I thought it's time we need a warming Christmas cocktail to ward off any viruses. I propose to you here my **Orange Marmalade Sour**;

Into a shaker with ice, add 50ml Don Papa Spiced Rum, 20ml Egg White, 10ml Gomme Syrup and 10ml Lemon Juice. Shake and strain into a whisky tumbler. Add a dollop of orange marmalade as garnish. Voila!

Dear Reader, you know what I am about to say. We had a few one afternoon up at the spaghetti factory at Wrangaton and I accidentally killed the local Mafia boss: he stumbled against me and fell into one of the steam cylinders. He swelled up to three times his size.

The Nostra are after me so I'm glad to be inside again. The boys are happy to see me. I'm in with Monkey Lessing again. Ten more years servitude but I'm living proof that a murderer can be, in appearance, a most charming gentleman and collector of the French Impressionists.

Time I was off again. Fare Thee Well my friends and have a lovely Yuletide. Remember where you heard it first and look out for Lorimer. I just know he'll get on famously with Monty.

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It might be of interest to read what **South Hams District Council** website says on the topic. "Under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 **Public Spaces Protection Order 2017; Control of Dogs**, the person in charge of a dog whether they are the owner or not, must clean up after the dog has fouled in any area that the Act applies to. It is an offence not to clean up after your dog, punishable by a **maximum fine of £1000 or a fixed penalty of £100**". Residents with specific concerns are able to report this to SHDC on their website. www.southhams.gov.uk/article/4111/Dog-Fouling SHDC undertook a **public consultation** during 2020 and will be reporting soon on whether it will become an offence in South Hams to take a dog for a walk without a poo bag.



Sea buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) has been widely planted along the banks surrounding the Bigbury-on-Sea car park. It is in the same family as *Elaeagnus*, which is also widely grown in gardens at Bigbury-on-Sea. Both these plants are tolerant of salt and windy conditions. Sea buckthorn is widely used in Europe for conservation plantings as it is a native plant and tolerant to drought conditions. It does not grow well in boggy areas.

At this time of year sea buckthorn boasts tart, orange berries with a citrusy note. These berries have a high in nutrient value and are even grown commercially to produce the raw ingredients for health care products.

RNLI lifeguards issued a warning after a child was injured by a poisonous Portuguese Man o' War jellyfish on a Bantham beach. Their warning followed a 'painful incident' involving a child picking one up in a rock pool.

A spokesman said: "We're advising people to avoid them, particularly their blue tendrils which can inflict some excruciating pain when touched." The creatures are found in warm waters, and live on the surface, being moved by winds, currents and tides. Often, finding a single jellyfish is followed by finding many others in the vicinity. Their stings can kill small fish and other prey. In humans the pain is extreme, but is said to subside in most cases in one to three hours.



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Not sure what the solution is but we would not like to be reporting on an accident due to this. Please slow down as soon as you come to habitation or places where people are likely to emerge from footpaths or cross the road. Thank you for your consideration

Concerned Resident from Folly Hill



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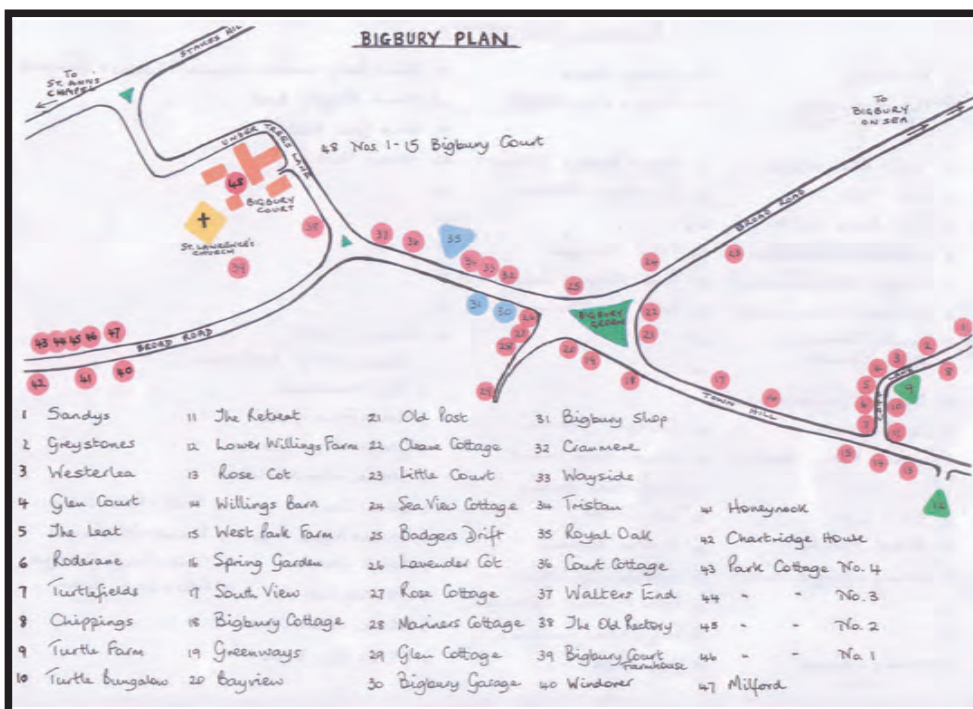
About 25 years ago when the Women's Institute meetings were held monthly in the village hall on a Wednesday afternoon.

One of the topics raised was the difficulty visitors had trying to find an address. There were no road signs so visitors would stop and ask local residents for directions, or they would call at the Bardens shop in Bigbury to ask for information. Harry and Ellen knew the local geography very well and were always able to help with the navigation.

So it was decided to make a map of Bigbury village, naming the properties and roads, and giving copies to the local inhabitants. I set to work and made the map, took copies and passed them around. I can't remember who made the BoS map, or whether it was made.

I still have my copy and it is surprising how often it is consulted

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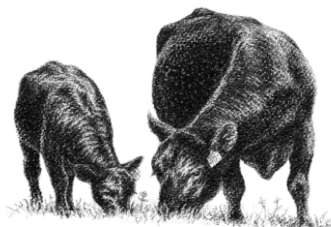
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DRAFT BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL - meeting minutes

held on WEDNESDAY, November 11th 2020 from 7:55pm via ZOOM

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The Parish Council meeting was preceded by a presentation from **Mr D Taylor, SHDC Localities Officer**, on the Kerbside Collection 'Super Recycling Scheme' to be introduced in March 2021. A weekly collection of recyclables and food will be made in addition to the present alternately fortnightly Brown and Grey bin collections, the purpose of the scheme being to improve recycling rates T

he scheme is now used successfully throughout Devon, including our neighbouring council, West Devon, also a rural area with similar operating issues to deal with as the South Hams.

More specific information can be found on the SHDC website or by telephoning the council. Households will receive information direct from SHDC between now and next March. In the meantime slides illustrating the content of Mr Taylor's presentation are available via the Bigbury Community Website.

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Bigbury Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT: Cllrs: **E Huntley** (EH) (*Chair*), **G Rosevear** (GR), **S Smith** (SS), **C Case** (CC), **V Scott** (VS), **S Watts** (SW), **K Holland** (KH), Cnty. Cllr **R Gilbert** (RG), Dist. Cllr **B Taylor** (BT), Clerk **I Bramble**, (IB) **Mr D Taylor** (DT), SHDC and 7 members of the public.

1.0 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2.0 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

3.0 Approval of Minutes of previous monthly meeting held on October 14th, 2020 EH proposed and VS seconded that these Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record, which was agreed unanimously.

4.0 Matters arising from Minutes of previous full meeting held on October 14th, 2020

The BPC recommendation for **Car Park charges** has been submitted to SHDC for inclusion in the public consultation. The main elements are for no charges between 6:00pm and 8:00am and the all day charge to remain at £12/day.

Quotations for delineating parking spaces in the **Sedgewell Slipway** have been received.

The new **BT account** arrangements for the **Memorial Hall** have been completed.

5.0 County Councillor's report

On Tuesday 3rd November **Adam Keay** and myself met with **Bigbury & Ringmore PC's at Challaborough**. We discussed various parking and trailer delivery issues. I believe the meeting went well and lead to a better understanding and to a way forward in improving matters.

Recycling centres are to remain open through this lockdown.

I recently updated you on **Broadband** which lead to some email discussion

6.0 Challaborough Yellow lining and Parking Matters

A member of the public from Challaborough summarised the issues that were discussed at a site 1 meeting on Tuesday Nov.3rd at Challaborough with Cllr Gilbert and Adam Keay, residents of Challaborough, Ringmore and BPC members. VS explained the matter of faded yellow lines leading to uncontrolled parking in turn creating severe traffic flow and congestion problems can be dealt with in two stages. The first will be to reinstate the yellow lining as per the existing RTO, while the second will be to extend the lining through new RTOs, which will take 12 months or so to pass through due process before they become lawful. Cllr **Gilbert** emphasised that action on parking controls and yellow lining can take place only as permitted by prevailing law. VS proposed and EH seconded the **immediate reinstatement of yellow lines that can be achieved now via existing RTOs**. SW, KH, GR, SS supported and CC abstained.

Discussion on precise proposals for the second stage was deferred to a following BPC meeting.

7.0 District Councillor's report

Half a million pounds has been made available for **home insulation** 350k from central government and 150k from SHDC climate emergency fund. These would help cut carbon emissions. The fund will be available for people with incomes less than 30k per annum, 10k max per household for external, cavity wall and loft insulation. Grants of £1000 for small business and £1500 for larger business the details are on SHDC web site also mortgage holidays to be extended,

Car parks are to stay open in this lock down but no free parking and all toilets will remain open.,

All **leisure centres** are closed but the pools will remain heated ,

Parishes are encouraged to **maintain community help groups** but demand is expected to be much lower this time around.

8.0 Finance – payments to be made and approval of financial statements SS proposed that the following payments be approved. This was seconded by VS and agreed unanimously by EH,CC,SW.KH.

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The cash book has been updated to October 31st for uploading onto Bigbury Community Website upon BPC approval. Cash book and bank statements have been reconciled @ **£43,146.78** and the **working surplus stands at £28,147.02**

SS proposed acceptance of the above, VS seconded and agreed unanimously by EH,CC,SW.KH.

9.0 Planning related matters

2069/20/HHO, 'Seaspray', Warren Road, Bigbury On Sea, TQ7 4AZ.

VS advised that **Neighbourhood Plan Committee** had met and discussed these revised plans for this development and expressed numerous significant concerns about them. VS appraised BPC of all these concerns which centred around the **scale and massing** of the new development arising from the proposed **highly glazed**, 2 storey, gabled extension and increase in ridge height of the property to extend, unbroken for the full length of the new roof and the inclusion of a balcony at a first floor window; the **inadequacy of privacy screening** at too short a height to be effective; the consequent overlooking and loss of privacy to neighbouring properties arising from the above; the **scope for light pollution** from the extensive glazing; **parking provision** which was felt to be inadequate for the likely level of occupancy of the property for which holiday letting takes place; a high possibility of **noise disturbance**, given possible levels of occupancy, all these adversely affecting the amenities of neighbouring properties.

The above issues were considered to be in conflict with BNP policies; **BP7** General

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design principles for new development criteria (i),(ii),(vi) and (vii) and policy **BP27** Car parking.

VS proposed refusal but that should SHDC be minded to approve, it should be subject to no external lighting be permitted and that Permitted Development rights should be withdrawn. GR seconded, EH, SW and SS supported and CC and KH abstained.

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2 With the Chairman's approval this retrospective application was discussed after the late notification of its Planning Consultation and although in Aveton Gifford parish Bigbury Parish is a consultee. SW contended that more information was needed, with reference to a business plan, proposals to deal with foul drainage and the likely effects of increased traffic flow to the site on already frequently used, badly maintained, narrow access roads.

CC commented that the growing of herbs in itself was not a problem and that as there was time to gather more information before the next BPC meeting on December 9th and submit a response before the consultation deadline we should discuss it at the next meeting on December on 9th, GR seconded this and EH, SW, SS, KH agreed.

10.0 Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan- Regulation 14

VS advised that BPC had no comments and should support this well constructed plan. CC advised that she had not read the plan completely and asked whether this item could be discussed at the next BPC meeting in December to give time for her to form a more fully considered response. IB to add it as an agenda item for then

11.0 Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan Committee

VS asked that the BPC 'Zoom' facility, with longer meeting times possible could be used with IB hosting the facility and taking minutes of the meetings. IB was agreeable to this, within the remit of his function as clerk to BPC. EH proposed approval, GR seconded, SW,SS,CC,VS,KH agreed.

12.0 Lockdown

SW advised the **Covid Voluntary Support** network was still in place to be called upon if necessary.

13.0 Skip Hire

IB confirmed that the proposed skip could still be delivered during lockdown but a

councillor suggested leaving it until after Christmas and at the December meeting decide a date for it to be sited in St Ann's Chapel in early February. This was agreed by EH, GR, SW, SS, CC, KH.

14.0 Sedgewell Slipway.

IB reported 2 quotes had now been obtained for £650 and £675 for the white lining of parking spaces in the layby at the head of the slipway. SS proposed approval for the work to proceed with lower of the two quotes, from a firm recommended by SHDC. GR seconded, SW and CC supported, KH did not support and VS and EH abstained. The work therefore was approved and IB will obtain dates for the work to be done.

15.0 Open session.

A member of the public advised BPC that a **new church architect** was now actively working towards starting the proposed alterations and **work to the church** gateway during 2021 and asked that BPC be mindful of this in discussions of the precept for 2021/22 and that BPC had previously **committed to a contribution of £5,000 from parish funds**. SW reminded councillors that this amount had been earmarked for this project and remained so. The total cost of the work was anticipated to be between £10K - £15k.

16.0 Correspondence Received

IB reported that email correspondence and bulletins had been forwarded to councillors for their information but referred specifically to correspondence from **PKF Littlejohn**, BPC external auditors and that action agreed with them to display parish accounts publicly on the parish website and noticeboards had been taken. Correspondence had been received from **Bugford Nurseries** in Dartmouth ref Christmas trees now available should the parish wish to purchase one.

17.0 Any other business.

IB advised that a **Zoom meeting** had been booked for Thursday December 3rd at 10:00 am. to discuss the parish precept for 2021/22.

EH advised of latest news from **The Bay View Café**;

In lockdown the community cafe at Bigbury on Sea is delivering up to 3 course evening meals on a Friday from 5.30pm & baking hand made croissants, Danish pastries, buns & tea cakes every Sunday morning. This runs alongside their lockdown, masked take-away tea/coffee/soup & cakes. They are also showcasing the work of local artists. There will be a Christmas Fayre with local produce for sale early in December.

Carols on the Screen this year.

CC advised she had contacted the Rogers family to advise them of ideas to do work to the playing field and play park. She had also asked the Memorial Hall if they would consider a contribution to the work'.

SS reported a moving **Remembrance Day Service and the laying of the Parish Wreath**.

The meeting closed at 21.35.

The next meeting is to be held

WEDNESDAY December 9th at 7:30pm



*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:*

*Age shall not weary them, nor
the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun
and in the morning, We will
remember them.*

Wreaths were laid on Remembrance Sunday by the War Memorial at St Lawrence Church. Members of the Parish Council, Parochial Church Council and former Servicemen were present. The names of all the Fallen were read out and their service to our country remembered in solemn reverence.



CONNECTIVITY IN BIGBURY - Update Dec 2020

After lengthy discussions with local Internet Service Providers* (ISP) and Matt Barrow from Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) the following guide has been jointly prepared to inform Parishioners in Bigbury of the various options available now or before Q2 2021 for internet connectivity and possible delivery timetables. CDS is funded by HM Government to appoint Contractors to optimise a 30 MB outreach (superfast broadband) into rural areas between 2021 and 2024. This is a highly competitive industry and all packages are likely to be competitively priced and gigabit capable. D.Cllr. Rufus Gilbert is on the Board of CDS and reports each month to Bigbury Parish Council on many matters, including Connectivity.

Households are allowed two aerials mounted on their properties without the need for planning permission. There is unlikely to be any further Fibre-To-The Cabinet (FTTC) works, because all the easy connections have been delivered and if you do not have it now it means you are too far away from the existing Cabinets. Technology is moving very fast. The Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) has probably now been superseded by Fixed Wireless Access technology, making it unnecessary to dig up new roads and lay cables under the ground. The Gigaclear network in Bigbury was to provide FTTP technology.

Update on Fibre Optic Cables and PIA

The network laid in our roads by Gigaclear in 2018 are unlikely to be connected by Gigaclear because their contract was terminated by CDS in 2019. It is not generally known whether the ducting has had fibre blown through it or whether it is actually connected to a cabinet. The underground network in the ground still belongs to Gigaclear because they were not paid by CDS for this work. It therefore remains a possibility that when it is known which households will not be in Phase 1 for the New CDS Contractor (Option 2 below) – Gigaclear may still pick up out-lying residences where they already have Gigaclear ducting in the road. The underground Gigaclear network is unlikely to be used by the, yet to be announced, new CDS Contractor because all ISPs are now allowed to use the existing Open Reach BT ducts under the roads and telegraph poles to create a 'Spine' from which they can connect homes to the internet. This is called Passive Infrastructure Access (PIA). It supersedes the 'old' system which requires roads to be dug up and fibre optic cables put down ducts buried in the road. The PIA will

still require some roadworks but they will be less intrusive than the full excavations required in 2018 for the 'old' fibre optic cable system.

The new Contractor for CDS will be announced by CDS in January 2021. The New Contractor will announce by the end of February 2021, which homes in Bigbury Parish, if any*, will be in the first phase of the CDS contract. There may be a 'second phase' once the overall 'Connectivity Spine' has been installed in Bigbury Parish and all the first phase residences are connected. More details of the possible timetable for Bigbury Parish will be revealed by Feb 2021. The new CDS Contractor probably has to complete all their works in their Lot F before the end of 2024 before they receive any funding from CDS. The earliest any works by the new CDS Contractor might begin is likely to be the third quarter of 2021. We will not know until Feb/March 2021 when Bigbury Parish will be put into the timetable. * This very unlikely.

What are the Options?

Depending on where you live, only certain options will be available to you and some sooner than others. If you are prepared to pay for two connection charges, you might consider taking up an interim contract with one ISP whilst you wait for the New CDS Contractor to commence works in Bigbury Parish. Contract times vary – so check the Options below. CDS assures Readers that if they chose to sign an 'interim' contract – this will NOT affect the contractual obligations of the new CDS Contractor to develop an extensive Internet Spine within Bigbury Parish and offer packages at normal industry charges. However, if you are happy with the service of the 'interim' ISP – there would seem no need to move to a different ISP and incurring another installation fee. Please note that the contract terms for local ISPs range from 12 to 36 months (see Options below).

Internet signals need to come from transmitter aerials within Line of Sight (LOS) of the receiver at your home so not all residences will benefit equally from all Options below due to the topography of the parish. This is a very competitive business and most packages will be broadly the same monthly cost. Your real choice will depend on your location and how long you are prepared to wait because lead times vary.

STEP 1. Identify your location from the Areas described below.

Area 1: Bigbury-on-Sea & Challaborough within Line of Sight with Burgh Island – *Option 1, Option 2, Option 3, and Option 6*

Area 2: St Ann's Chapel & areas within Line of Sight of Bigbury Golf Club – *Option 1, Option 2, Option 4, Option 6*

Area 3: Not in Line of Sight of Bigbury Golf Club or St Ann's Chapel and in deep valleys – *Option 1, Option 2, Option 5, Option 6 and Option 7*

STEP 2. Review the Options below and contact one or more of the relevant ISPs to register an interest and arrange a survey/quotation.

Option 1: Bush Broadband: As a registered supplier with **Building Digital UK (BDUK)**, Bush Broadband has a new project called RadioFibre and has submitted a project to BDUK's **Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme** under the Rural Gigabit Connectivity program. Bush expect confirmation within the next week or so that their proposal has been accepted. They hope to offer a **Gigabit capable service** using a combination of **advanced technology Terragraph radios** and **full fibre connections for Bigbury-on-Sea**. Residents are eligible for free installation of this future-proofed system under the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme, with available speeds ranging from **30Mbps up to 1Gbps** and prices starting from as low as **£40 + vat per month**. Existing Bush Broadband subscribers in Bigbury-on-Sea are also eligible for a free upgrade to their service under the scheme.

For **South Hams residents not residing in Bigbury-on-Sea** the **RadioWave service** is available, which is a **Fixed Wireless Access** solution offering speeds between **10Mbps to 30Mbps**. However, this is not subsidised and the installation fee is **£350 + vat**. Contracts for all services are **only 12 months**, including their **VoIP telephone service** called **Fone**. Local IT technologist, **Phil Shea**, is now also undertaking works for Bush in Bigbury Parish. Visit **www.radiofibre.com** for further information and to register your interest.

Option 2: By Jan/Feb 2021 the successful **New Contractor** for the **Connecting Devon & Somerset Tender** should have confirmed which residences in Bigbury Parish will be connected in the initial phase of their programme and the anticipated timetable for these works (at any time between 2021 and 2024) Monthly Packages have not been published yet because the New Contractor has not yet been appointed. The New CDS Contractor has contractual obligations to offer residential packages as near as possible to industry norm prices and must have completed all works in Lot F (broadly

this is the South Hams) by end 2024 - or they do not get paid. It is worth waiting until the scope and timetable is reported by CDS in Jan/Feb 2021 before committing to a new contract with another ISP or any significant capital investment to build an alternative system. If the timetable and areas covered by the New CDS Contractor do not meet the needs of some residents there are different options available depending on your location and ability to wait.

Option 3: The Internet Service Provider on Burgh Island is finalising arrangements so that they are able to offer their award-winning Airwave (Fixed Wireless Access) packages to residents in Bigbury-on-Sea and Challaborough from the first quarter of 2021. If you are in Line of Sight of buildings on Burgh Island, you may benefit. Installation fees can be covered by a BDUK voucher with a free upgrade to full fibre once available in the area. The packages offered start with a basic 30Mb to a family orientated 50Mb download (a VoIP phone can be added for £5.99). Contract period will be 24 months. This will require a very discrete aerial to be mounted on the customer's property. If a minimum of 15 households register an interest, they will commence investments as soon as possible and hope to have at least 50 residences sign up by the end of 2021 to make it viable. VOIP Unlimited is registered supplier with Building Digital UK (BDUK), and a Tier 2 ISP. This island is currently serviced by a Gigabit capable connection. VoIP Unlimited is based in Dorset www.voip-unlimited.net 01202 612000.

Option 4: Local ISP, Skylight Broadband, has already set up a network capable of delivering packages from £24 to £50 per month to many households in Bigbury Parish but not into deep valleys or at Bigbury-on-Sea or Challaborough because of the topography. SkyLight offer download speeds of 24 to 45 MB and uploads speeds of 2 to 10 MB. Costs vary from: £80 to £150. VOIP phone lines can be added for £2.50 per month. This is a Fixed Wireless Access system which relies on signals from transmitters within Line of Sight of the Receivers at the customers' premises. There is a map on the SkyLight website showing which areas are already able to receive a signal. Broadly speaking your house would need to be in Line of Sight of Bigbury Golf Club or the Pickwick Inn to benefit. www.skylightbroadband.com

Option 5: Wait until the CDS Contractor has installed their Phase 1 'Spine' into Bigbury Parish (between 2021 and 2024) and then use your Gigabit Voucher Scheme entitlement to apply for an individual or pooled community network from the New

CDS Contractor. This would probably require several neighbours to also agree to do this and the number of properties needed to make this commercially viable would be calculated by the CDS Contractor. Once agreed, the service must be in place within 12 months – but the 'start date' is likely to depend on the completion of Phase 1 elsewhere in the parish.

Option 6. If you get a reasonable mobile signal at your home you may be able to use a mobile phone network to link into a 4G internet capable network. Contact local IT Consultant Phil Shea to assess whether it is possible to install an Amplified Aerial pick up of a 4G mobile phone signal to deliver internet services to your home. Phil can test which provider gives you the most reliable mobile signal. This system has been very successful in several parts of the parish and proved capable of delivering 50 MBs downloads and 20 MBs upload speeds. You may be able to optimise your reception by moving your router more within the Line of Sight of the nearest phone signal transmitter and raising your aerial on a pole above your roof. Contacts: phil@tgoweb.co.uk 01548 810628 M:07777 665872

Option 7: If you have a Gigaclear cable in your road - contact Gigaclear to ask if they are willing to connect your premises to their system (they are probably only likely to consider this if you were not in the initial CDS Contractors roll out area and you did not get a positive response to Option 5. You may have to wait for any positive feedback, until after everyone else in phase 1 for the new CDS Contractor has been connected and Phase 2 (Option 5) is completed. Then the residual areas will be known.

Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme Customers will always ask the ISP for a quote to include the installation fee. Most installation fees detailed in the above options are reasonable fees and competitively priced. However, in extreme locations, if the installation fee is excessive, due to their location (not in Line of Sight of a radio aerial) they may be eligible to apply for a government subsidy. The Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (GBVS) is managed by BDUK under the Department of Culture, Media and Sport. It offers beneficiaries subsidies towards a Gigabit capable system. The scheme has been running for some time and they now only have funds available for projects in rural locations. Devon residents can receive up to £1,500 and SME's (Small to Medium business Enterprises) £3,500 towards the installation costs. Any ISP can apply to BDUK to be allowed to utilise the GBVS to subsidise their installation fees. Only Registered ISP can offer access to this scheme.

If there are several households in a similar predicament they may pool their vouchers and apply together to an ISP which is registered with BDUK to have access to the GBVS. Open Reach and Bush Broadband are both registered suppliers can both offer the GBVS discounted packages. Most ISPs do not require a formal contract and insistence on up-front costs being paid in advance of completion and connection. The "Community Fibre Partnership" is the brand name for the community pooled network scheme offered by Open Reach. Open Reach do not have exclusive rights to this and other ISPs will have a similar scheme but will call it something different.

Universal Service Order (USO)
The USO is managed solely by Open Reach (except in Hull) and overseen by Ofcom. Beneficiaries can receive up to £3,400 towards installation costs but according to an independent review* we are yet to see an instance where this has covered the costs of a project, leaving the customer to pay the other £X,XXX to get fast broadband. One resident at Bigbury-on-Sea was recently quoted 40,000 to £50,000 to be connected, The USO is as contentious an issue for smaller Internet Service Providers as it is to the thousands of customers being presented with an outrageous quote to get fast broadband installed. This scheme is applicable to individual premises that are not covered by any of the Options described above. However, there may be an updated offer from USO (Open Reach) in the New Year which could allow vouchers to be pooled to contribute to a community style project. It is difficult to communicate with USO because they do not have the facility to email customers, which makes it difficult to record discussions in the same way as it is with other Internet Service Providers. Bigbury is being offered gigabit capable packages (and certainly 10 MBs packages) from local ISP providers who say they can deliver during 2021. This might have an impact on eligibility for the USO – we will have to wait and see.

Essentially, USO offers those who live in an area where download speeds of at least 10Mbps (1Mbps upload) aren't achievable have gained the "legal right" to "request" a 10Mbps+ capable connection from BT. Meanwhile areas that are due to benefit from a "publicly funded broadband rollout plan within the next 12 months" remain excluded. Beware that it could take 24 months to complete the installation depending on the location even though the scheme is supposed to be in place within 12 months. The CDS scheme (Option 2) is a publically funded Scheme which might complicate the eligibility of Bigbury residents. As you can see from the many local internet options described above – you should be able to achieve 10

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MBs during 2021- so this might also make Bigbury residents not eligible for USO schemes. The USO fee is per individual premise and cannot be cost-shared by several premises. Even if another premise nearby applies for a USO they will also be quoted a similar large sum under the USO Scheme. Ref*: <https://www.ispreview.co.uk/index.php/2020/08/the-high-cost-of-broadband-for-uso-excluded-uk-communities.html>

Public Meeting

Connecting Devon and Somerset have offered to organise an on-line briefing for Interested Parties. This will be on line either by Zoom or as a Webinar. This will be confirmed if there is enough interest in the topic. To Register an interest please give your contacts to CDS

sacha.mcphee@devon.gov.uk

• ISPs contacted - SkyLight, Bush Broadband, VOIP Unlimited and Gigaclear It was not possible to communicate directly with USO by the copy date for The Dec/Jan issue. There may be an update from SkyLight in 2021.

Louise Wainwright

REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE



Recycling & Waste Collections

Collection day	New collection day
Fri 25 Dec	Tues 29 Dec
Mon 28 Dec	Wed 30 Dec
Tues 29 Dec	Thur 31 Dec
Wed 30 Dec	Sat 2 Jan
Thur 31 Dec	Mon 4 Jan
Fri 1 Jan	Tues 5 Jan
Mon 4 Jan	Wed 6 Jan
Tues 5 Jan	Thur 7 Jan
Wed 6 Jan	Fri 8 Jan
Thur 7 Jan	Sat 9 Jan
Fri 8 Jan	Mon 11 Jan
11 - 15 Jan	All collections a day late
18 Jan onwards	No change

South Hams recycles this Christmas

Wrapping Paper

Reduce

- ✳ This year, why not gift experiences rather than 'stuff'

Reuse

- ✳ Reusable gift wrapping is a good option, and there are lots of choices available

Recycle

- ✓ Brown paper - Blue sack
- ✗ All other wrapping paper and sticky tape - Grey bin

Advent Calendars

Reduce

- ✳ Avoid single use calendars

Reuse

- ✳ Buy a reusable calendar and add homemade sweets and treats

Recycle

- ✓ Cardboard - Blue sack
- ✓ Foil - Clear sack (scrunch it into a ball first)
- ✓ Plastic trays - Take these to your local recycling centre

Cards

Reduce

- ✳ Send an e-card instead

Reuse

- ✳ Old cards can be reused as gift tags - just cut them up

Recycle

- ✓ Cards with no glitter, stuck on bits or shiny bits - Blue sack
- ✗ Glittery cards, cards with shiny bits or stuck on decorations - Grey Bin

Drinks Containers

Reuse

- ✳ Glass bottles can make lovely vases, or you could insert fairy lights to make a light feature.

Recycle

- ✓ Plastic bottles, their lids and metal lids from glass jars and bottles - Clear sack
- ✓ Juice cartons - Blue sack
- ✓ Please take glass bottles and jars to a recycling bank.
- ✗ Corks (natural and plastic) - Grey bin

Sweet Tubs

Reduce

- ✳ Make your own sweets and treats at home.

Reuse

- ✳ Tubs and tins can be reused for storage

Recycle

- ✓ Foil cases (please rinse them and scrunch them together into a ball) - Clear sack
- ✓ Take metal and plastic containers to the local recycling centre
- ✗ Plastic wrappers - Grey bin

Online Delivery Packaging

Reduce

- ✳ Buy local

Reuse

- ✳ Use cardboard for crafts, or upcycle it into storage around the house

Recycle

- ✓ Cardboard - Blue sack
- ✗ Bubble wrap, plastic packaging and polystyrene - Grey bin



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Aluminium Trays & Packaging

Reduce

- ✳ Avoid single use trays

Reuse

- ✳ Use a reusable roasting tin

Recycle

- ✓ Foil trays - Clear sack (please rinse to remove grease)
- ✓ Foil wrappers - Clear sack (please scrunch into a ball)
- ✗ Plastic lined foil - Grey bin (If you can't scrunch it into a ball or it doesn't stay scrunched, it's probably plastic lined)

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Well done to **Karen Marshall** who took the initiative to set up this group. *Ed*

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