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## LETTER from the EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Thank you all those who have contributed to this edition of Bigbury News. It was supposed to be a black & white mini issue but somehow that did not seem appropriate in Lock Down. .

Thanks to Dane & Hilary and the whole Distribution Team for coming out to deliver the Bigbury News to all households in Bigbury, whether you are here during Lock Down or plan to  
**#comebacklater**

Thanks to all those who were not able to be here during Lock Down and who followed advice to wait until the Covid Emergency eases. It is an unprecedented situation which has affected people in different ways. Anxiety can make individuals react in an uncharacteristic way. 'After Covid' will be a chance for reflection and an opportunity to get to know people better.

Communities Matter.  
**Louise Wainwright**  
*Editor Bigbury News & Bigbury Drums*



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### BIGBURY NEW BEES & BIGBURY SWALLOWS

The Covid Lock Down may have impressed upon all of us, the need to know our neighbours and be part of and contribute to a resilient community.

#### BIGBURY IS NOT JUST A BEACH

Many New Bees and Swallows already enjoy being part of the Real Bigbury. Their contributions are a blessing. If you would like to be more involved - please introduce yourselves when Covid is over.

Please feel warmly invited to participate in local events and subscribe to Bigbury Drums so that you know what is happening locally.

If you are fortunate enough to live in Bigbury all the time, maybe now is the time to reach out to  
New Bees and Swallows?

### THE VILLAGE STORE & POST OFFICE

The Team at Holywell Stores overcame many supply difficulties at the onset of Covid Lock Down to make sure that they had the essential supplies needed for us.

They collaborated with the Covid Support Group to ensure that these supplies were delivered to those in Self Isolation. Well done all involved!

Jas is happy to report that they now have everything under control and with new suppliers Holywell Stores:

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from those who are self isolating

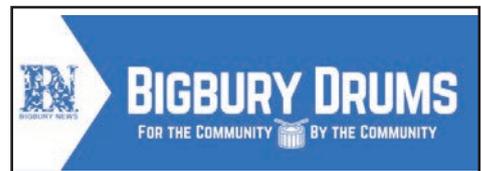
There is no longer a need to go through the Covid Support Group Coordinators to place orders. Thanks to CSG for their assistance.

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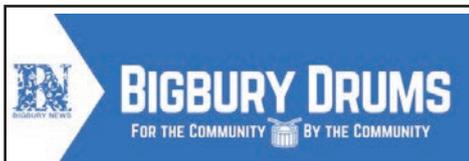
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BEST BEACH IN UK

Bigbury is the Best Beach in the UK We would not argue with the statement that Bigbury-on-Sea is a beautiful place to live. Many who share this feeling have also chosen to have a home here which they visit as often as possible. Others of us are lucky enough to have retired here or live and work here all the time. Together we make up the Community of Bigbury.

Bigbury Drums< Bigbury News and Bigbury TV are keen to include all members of our wider community in local events and hopes that in future more people will join in the varied events and fund-raisers that make 'Bigbury not just a 'Beach'. There will be a time 'after lock down' when we could focus on building an even more inclusive community. In the meantime, The Times has just published a review of the UK's " Thirty best British beaches: where to go and stay after the lockdown" They say " All but essential travel is off, but you can still plan for warmer days by the seaside when lockdown is over" Bigbury Beach is the Number One Beach!

Louise Wainwright

VACANCY PARISH CLERK

Bigbury Parish Council has had three applications for the position of Parish Clerk. The Application process has now closed. The interview date is to be arranged as soon as the social distancing rules are either relaxed or removed.

50:100 Club Draw April Draw

Despite adverse conditions the 50/100 Club Team have battled from their locked down slumbers to make the April draw - and here it is!

- 1st Prize £25... Louise Wainwright
2nd Prize £15 Chris Gascoigne
3rd Prize £10... Alice Taylor



THANK YOU

We just wanted to assure the lovely St Lawrence community that you are much in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. Though out of sight you are not out of mind. Please give our love to all. Take very special care, Much love, Andy and Linda Mott

"The man that beats the drum, does not know how far the sound carries." Over here in the north quarter of the parish, we are unobtrusively keeping a watchful eye over this 'Green & Pleasant land' lest the enemy creeps in, at an unguarded moment. Good to know that the barriers have been erected to deter any thoughtless invader. At this time of isolation, your informative email's are helpful & encouraging. Personally, we are grateful to Phil Shea (TGO) for restoring our email icon, without a visit. Bigbury's army of volunteers are much appreciated for their kindness & their time! Our prayer is that the Lord will deliver us from this power of darkness and keep our community safe. Thanks to all of you. Ursula & Noel Thornton

We have loved feeling part of our more immediate community during this strange time. At Discovery we are used to our wonderful much wider network of friends and customers, and now it's the neighbour who gives us a wave on their way passed or the amazing staff at Holywell who have supplied our household with pretty much everything we need that we've appreciated at this time. We'd also love to thank Alrick and Miriam for their delicious salad, Katie Smith for organising a great Easter hunt for the kids (among other things), Folly Farm for caulis and leeks as well as our ever brilliant veg and eggs from Turtle Farm and everyone else who's supported us and each other. Thank you from: Martin, Annika, Sebastian and Kira

We would like to say a big thank you to our neighbours Dan and Keely Holland for their help and kindness over the past few weeks. They and their family are the best neighbours we could wish to have. Thank you. Alan and Yvonne Klidjian.

Bigbury is doing so well dealing with the virus problems. Such a caring community spirit. No wonder we love visiting Bigbury so much. Dennis and Carol Brown



# 1 BIGBURY



We would like to thank all those who have sent encouraging messages and donations to Bigbury News and Bigbury Drums over Lockdown. It makes all the difference to us both.

**Louise and Henry Wainwright**

## BIGBURY COFFEE MORNING

A majestic thank you to everybody who donated so generously to St Luke's Hospice. We raised £320. Well done! Jean will repeat the homemade baking for the South Hams society whose coffee morning should have been on Wednesday 6th May. Please place orders by Saturday 2nd May by phoning: 810029

**Cakes:** Fruit £3, orange drizzle or lemon drizzle or coffee or chocolate or yoghurt £2.50.

**Savouries:** sausage & egg pies, Mediterranean squares £1, homity pies £1.50, individual quiches (asparagus or bacon & mushroom or summer cheese) £1, cheese scones two for 50p.

Keep safe and healthy

**Jean and Yvonne**

## CLAP FOR CARERS

Along with the rest of the nation, people sharing Lockdown in Bigbury, **Clap for Carers** every Thursday at 8 pm. We clap for everyone who cares.

We are proud of the continued work, at great personal risk, of some of our own community who work in the NHS, care outreach teams and the coastguard service. They probably do not want to be mentioned by name, but we know who you are and what you are doing for us. **Thank you.**

Many of us have family members and dear friends on the front line in the NHS, police force and coastguard services. We clap for them every day in our hearts and worry about them and their colleagues.

It is difficult to visualise and appreciate the Covid statistics without feeling very sad indeed. In these dark times there is an opportunity for the goodness in individuals, communities, businesses and organisations to shine a light on life.

The **Bigbury Covid Support Group** have ably managed to help those who are self isolating to get their essential food and medicine supplies delivered to their doors. A team of volunteers work through CSG village coordinators who are members (volunteers) of Bigbury Parish Council. For thinking of others - **Thank you.**

**Bigbury Parish Council** have been working very hard during Lockdown on our behalf, responding to actions taken by anxious residents, concerns of those unable to visit their homes in Bigbury, liaising with DCC, SHDC, police and coastguards. **Thank you.**

The **Team at Holywell Stores** has been a tremendous asset to Bigbury and we owe them a great debt of gratitude. We love our village shop! **Thank you.**

Local businesses have made generous donations to the NHS Charities. **Discovery Surf** offered gift vouchers to nominated NHS staff who will need to feel free again 'After Covid' and should be thanked for their tremendous commitment to people they do not even know. **Thank you**

**Burgh Island** set up a Just Giving raffle for NHS charities, offering a joyful gift of a two day break at Burgh Island Hotel. They raised almost £7,000. Vlad somehow managed to light up the hotel in blue to signal their support for the NHS from 'over the waters' **Thank you**

**Joni Hawkes** and **Phil Shea** showed they cared by setting up **Bigbury TV** to provide a You Tube platform for those who cannot visit their homes in Bigbury and those who are in Lockdown in Bigbury. So many people have contributed and subscribed. **Thank you.**



## WELL BEING

Doctors in Devon are reassuring local people that the NHS is still there for them if they are unwell and need help.

All our doctors' surgeries offer a prompt and friendly telephone triage and can follow up on your health issues. You are not "a burden on the NHS" at this time. Talk on the phone and let the experts decide what the next steps should be.

If you need urgent medical help you can use the NHS online 111 service or call 111 for help. In a **life threatening emergency dial 999.**

If you have health and wellbeing concerns about your baby or child local health visitors are still here to help via NHS ChatHealth; a confidential text messaging service.

If you are a parent or carer and want confidential advice and support about your baby or child aged up to 19 years old, then you can text a health visitor on: 07520 631 721. They are available 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and can offer help on a wide range of issues such as mental health, family health and development, sleeping and feeding routines and adjusting to parenting.

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Ivybridge, Devon PL21 0QL  
01548 830666 01548 831085  
Out of hours urgent cases : 111



"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have."

*Margaret Mead*

## NINETEENTH HOLE

Whilst there will be no golfing report from Bigbury for the foreseeable future, there is a “Big Birthday” to report.

Jim Chadwick has celebrated his 90th birthday. Jim has been a member of the Club for more than 50 years, with records showing that he joined on the 1st January 1970. Jim is very local and it is said that he lives “just a 9 iron away from the club”.

The Honours Boards show that during the 50+ years he has been a member of the club, he was the men’s Captain in 1986, the Seniors Captain in 1988, a Board Member for a few years and in 2001-2006 the Club President. Jim won two Trophy pairs competitions, the Wilf Taylor Memorial Trophy in 1974, and in 1987 the Babbage Trophy, as well as the 4-somes Medal Fred Malcolm Hogmanay Trophy in 1994. During his time as the Club President, Jim donated a Claret Jug Trophy for the men’s Order of Merit; this is a much coveted trophy with the winner needing to play consistently well throughout the season.

More recently, Jim (affectionately known as Chadders) has been a very popular member of TATS, the club’s informal

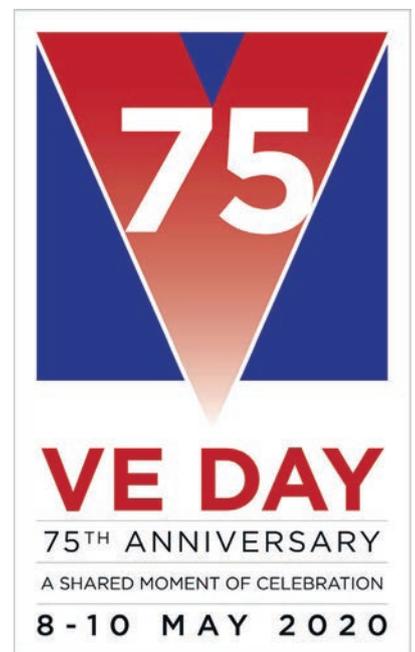
Tuesday and Thursday society. The TATS had planned a surprise party at the club for him and there were various secret calls with his wife Pat to get things arranged. Unfortunately this was scuppered but a specially commissioned birthday cake, made by our caterer Maggs, was delivered to him by her in time for his birthday. Also, knowing Jim’s love of music hall, some of his golfing chums (Ron Knight, John Mugford, Eddie Livermore, Mike Heath and Dave Bogue) had got him a music hall history book, along with a music hall CD collection and this was also delivered to him. No doubt this will be helping him while away hours during the current social isolation.

Our General Manager, Jason, is making regular Facebook postings of our beautiful course to keep us all in touch with what is happening. Members are also keeping in touch in many ways and we all are so looking forward to playing again as soon as possible. With the recent weather, the ball would really be running!

**Marlene Johnson**

Jim Chadwick, with some of his Honours Board mentions

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### ‘Nation’s Toast to the Heroes of WW2’

At 3pm on the 8th May, from the safety of your own home, let’s join in by standing up and raising a glass of ‘refreshment’ and undertake the following ‘Toast’ –

**“To those who gave so much, we thank you,”**

A small tribute to the millions at home and abroad that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy the freedom we have today.



## V.E. DAY 8th May 1945

I knew that from now on things were going to be better. How exactly I wasn't too sure but mother was getting me dressed up for an outing to London, so that was a promising start. Some weeks earlier my sojourn with my uncle and aunt in Yorkshire, due to evacuation, had ended with the train journey back from Wakefield to Bexleyheath in Kent. Now another train journey, this time back to London, would celebrate our forces victory in the war in Europe. Our own little corner of the country still bore the scars of the recent conflict. The house opposite had been flattened, as also had the house at the end of our garden, and two more houses in a nearby road, by a stick of German bombs. But now such dangers had passed and we were off to celebrate.

The Southern Region electric train pulled in to Charing Cross and mother and I joined the throng of happy, chattering people streaming out of the station. Strolling through the busy streets we passed the ruins and gaps of numerous other bombed out buildings, some screened off from street view by timber hoardings. Joyous crowds thronged around us as we walked to Leicester Square and sat on a bench and ate our sandwiches, drinking tea from the flask mother had in her copious shopping bag.

Then "Come on," she said, "We must get along to the Palace. The King and Queen will be coming out to see us all", and we set off back to Trafalgar Square and into The Mall. We joined what seemed an endless stream of people; soldiers, sailors and airmen, some in unusual uniforms and talking with strange accents, some not even in English. All of them exchanging happy greetings and banter with the civilians who walked along with them to join the crush at the gates of Buckingham Palace at the end of The Mall.

By the time we reached the Palace we were well back in the queue and could only just find space in the press by the Queen Victoria Memorial. All around us people started to chant, "We want the King, we want the King" and after what seemed an age a great roaring cheer went up as the doors to the balcony opened up and the King and Queen and the two Princesses appeared. "I can't see them, I can't see them", I shouted. Mother tried to lift me up but at seven years of age I was getting a bit too much of an armful. But then two men, one on either side of me said, "Come on then, sunshine. See if you can see better from up there", and hoisted me up to stand on the wall surrounding the Memorial statue. From my raised viewpoint I could just

see the four distant royal figures looking quite small on the balcony. They waved to the crowds below for some time before moving back into the palace. For a while the crowds around us settled to a buzz of chatter but soon the cry went up again, "We want the King, we want the King", to be replaced by loud cheers as the royal family appeared once again on the balcony and waved to the people below. Eventually mother helped me down from my perch on the wall and we slowly made our way through those merry crowds back to Charing Cross and the train home. I later learned that the two princesses had slipped out of the palace later that evening to mingle with the cheering crowd, but sadly I didn't see them. Over the years since that day there has often been film on television of that scene outside the palace, showing crowds around the Victoria Memorial opposite the palace gates, but try as I might I have never been able to spot a small boy standing on the wall of the Memorial and waving back to those distant figures on the balcony.

**Tony Wilson**



### Unmentioned in Despatches

Some of them never come home to fanfares, they dump their kit-bags down at the door, kiss their wives and let their children wrestle them down to the kitchen floor, switch the telly on, pour out a whiskey, search for the local football score.

Some of them skip the quayside welcome, dodge the bunting and cannonade, make their landfall in silent harbours, nod to the coastguard, but evade the searchlight of public scrutiny like those engaged in the smuggling trade.

Some of them land at lonely airfields far removed from the celebration, hang their flying gear in a locker, cadge a lift to the railway station, make for home and take for granted the short-lived thanks of a grateful nation.

Some of them miss the royal salute, the victory parade along the Mall, the fly-past, the ships in formation passing the cheering crowds on the harbour wall. Remembered only by friends and relatives, some of them never come home at all.

**Peter Wyton**



It may seem strange but yes, St Lawrence still does matter, even though it has been shut by order of the church authorities since the beginning of the Covid -19 lockdown. St Lawrence matters because of what it represents – the heritage handed down to us by previous generations, which we in our turn want to pass on to succeeding generations.

It puts into perspective the current crisis as one of any number of crises the area has lived through over the centuries. It is such a shame that the church cannot be accessed for quiet reflection in this stressful time.

Applications to funding bodies continue and I am currently working on our application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. This is a particularly difficult application to put together as the NLHF cannot promote religious activities and therefore we have to put the accent on the heritage aspects of the church. The NLHF wants to see positive outcomes

from its investment, an outcome being different from a result. So, for instance, restoring the bells might be the result, whereas the outcome is bell ringers ringing the bells – the NLHF is interested in people interacting with heritage, rather than the heritage itself.

Some of the questions posed on the application appear rather esoteric – for example, “What measures will you take to increase positive environmental aspects and reduce negative environmental aspects?” I suspect ‘asking the tradesmen to take their crisp packets home and recycle them’ is not the answer required!

One of the results of the Covid -19 confinement rules is that normal fundraising activities have had to be curtailed – this is true for everybody and not just St Lawrence. This means that post virus, charitable organisations will be more heavily solicited whilst being deprived of funds themselves. This makes it all

the more important that we contribute as much as we can ourselves. YOUR GENEROSITY is vital in the success of this LOCAL PROJECT in our community.

Please read the appeal letter on the church page of the Bigbury News website to see how you can donate:

[www.bigburynews.com/church](http://www.bigburynews.com/church)

Contact **Bryan Carson** (01548 810296) and myself, on the Parochial Council Building Sub Committee, to discuss the project and any financial and practical help you can offer to our Grade 2\* listed church. Until the next time...

**Vic Gubbins**  
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### The ‘inSPIRED apPEAL’

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

I do hope you all enjoyed a safe and peaceful Easter despite missing family and friends, perhaps taking advantage of the sunshine and the serenity unusual for this holiday time of year.

I had expected to be reporting on the Easter Table Top Fair in this issue of the News, but obviously the lock down put paid to that event. In its place to provide some activities to distract minds and hands, the **Easter Fun Event** proposed the creation of decorated faces, eggs, bonnets and floral arrangements by both the young and older population. What was lacking in quantity was most surely balanced by the quality of the really lovely entries, which you will see in the ‘colour supplement’ in this issue – thanks to Jessica and Eleanor, Kira, Olive and Iris, Kate and Pennie, Maya and Marianne for their amazing contributions! (Guys – where were you?!)

Obviously in these difficult times there are other priorities on everyone’s minds and demands from other charities, so to be frank, I was anticipating that, after such a positive start to the ‘inSPIRED apPEAL’ as reported last month, the appeal would likely grind to a halt. So, I am especially delighted that my gloom was misplaced, and most grateful that two more donations have come in so far in April – another generous and gift aided donation from a Bigbury-on-Sea resident, and one from the Easter Fun. Thank you both.

That means the direct financial appeal is just £30 short of £1000, although the total

amount raised so far in 2020 for the Tower and Bells Fund is obviously larger, as you can see from the update box!

The Quilters continue with their careful work, which will be revealed a little later in the year, and other hands are busy preparing items celebrating our locality, all in aid of the Restoration Fund.

Please see the calendar of currently proposed fundraising events for 2020, save the dates and join in with as many as you can, and/or support the ‘inSPIRED apPEAL’ directly by donating; and as ever please get in touch with any ideas and offers of help you can give to the appeal. In the fervent hope that the lock down will soon be in the past, take care and thank you!

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£272	
‘inSPIRED apPEAL’ response in March	
£860	
response in April to date	
£110	
TOTAL TO DATE:	
£5242	
All monies above were raised for the Tower & Bells Fund Thank you, all much appreciated!	

### St Lawrence Bell Ringers 1960

(left to right) :

Harry Bardens Bell Captain (Treble);  
Harry Lobb (2nd); Cyril Radford (3rd);  
Bill Burgoyne 4th); Tiny Bricknell (5th)  
Tom Hollett (Tenor)





## LETTER from MINISTER at ST LAWRENCE



While the church buildings are closed we are holding services online. Join us on a Sunday morning at [www.modburyteam.org](http://www.modburyteam.org)

A few words from the Vicar

Over the past few weeks I have checked the will is signed (it is not!), the life insurance in place and the all the key documents are easy to find. I have been meaning to do it for a while as you never know what will over take us but the recent crisis coupled with the spare time made it feel more immediate.

Being prepared is no bad thing. I have been struck this Easter by Jesus' words, words which I read out at every funeral: 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.' I would like to invite you to a series of three evenings to examine Jesus' claims. There will be a short video talk to watch, opportunities to discuss and ask questions. Due to physical distancing we will do it all online via Zoom. Please email or call to find out more: [matt.rowland@modburyteam.org](mailto:matt.rowland@modburyteam.org)  
01548 830 260

Christian Comment by Joyce Howitt (Reader in the Modbury Mission Community)

Jesus said 'love one another as I have loved you' As I write this we continue to live in an unprecedented distressful situation. Never before in living memory has there been a time like this when the lives of every single person in this country (and in the majority of countries in the world) have been changed in some way. It has been a time of very mixed emotions with apprehension, anxiety, fear, and feelings of insecurity about the unknown often to the fore.

After Jesus' Ascension, the disciples experienced feelings of fear and insecurity about their future. They didn't know what they would do without Jesus there to guide them, even though Jesus had promised them that he would ask his Father to send them the Holy Spirit, a Counsellor, Comforter and Guide, who would be like the invisible presence of Jesus, to help them with the great task they had to do. So the disciples had eagerly waited, just as Jesus had asked, in the Upper Room, for the Holy Spirit to come, but as the time had gone by, and nothing had happened, their hope and anticipation had probably become tinged with disappointment. But then, suddenly, without any warning, the Holy Spirit had come in a dramatic way, and afterwards the disciples had found that they had acquired new abilities that had been beyond their imagination.

But just as the Holy Spirit had given the disciples the gifts and abilities that they needed to help them with Christ's work, so the Holy Spirit gives us the gifts and abilities, that are suited to us, to enable us to use them to help others. How we use them is up to us, at this difficult time in all of our lives, but something that we all can do is to connect with others especially those who are on their own, or those who are feeling overwhelmed by what they have to do or difficult decisions they have to make.

Joyce Howitt

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## FUND RAISING EVENTS 2020

(to be confirmed)

WED 22nd JULY Victorian Tea Party  
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

MON or WED 10th or 12th AUGUST  
Summer Fete

FRI 30th OCTOBER  
Friends of St Lawrence Musical  
Evening in the church

NOV – DEC  
Community Christmas Card

WED 2nd DECEMBER Community  
Coffee Morning, Bigbury Memorial  
Hall

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# BIGBURY

## WAR TIME REMINISCENCES

*Editor's Note:*

It is not surprising that those people who can remember the last war find themselves reminiscing about their attitudes to the adversity of those times. Gill suggested that Lockdown was a good time to share some of these memories for those who are too young to have experienced them.

The ability and willingness of good people to give without counting the cost to themselves - is surely a measure of the kind of community that we should all aspire to belong to and contribute to.



My earliest memory, at the age of 18 months, was looking up and seeing a Dog Fight during the Battle of Britain. At 6 - looking up and seeing and hearing a Doodlebug, seeing the sky black with bombers and the ground shaking with the noise as they made their way over to France for 'D'Day. At 7 - driving a Fordson Tractor to bring in the 1945 Harvest, as the Farmer's Son had not been repatriated from the P.O.W. Camp.

**Gill Middleton**



Having been born at the end of 1938 I have many memories of the war. My earliest was sitting up in my push-chair on the platform of Hornchurch Station in Essex, waiting for the District Line train to take my mother and me to Upton Park Station in the East End of London..

Later I would remember the huge balloons up in the sky, and journeys on the trolley buses. My grandparents had a Morrison shelter which was made of iron and fitted under the dining room table in their small Victorian mid-terrace house with the loo in the backyard. I remember the planes flying overhead on their way back to Hornchurch aerodrome and the frantic rushes when the siren went off down the garden in the middle of the night to the "dug-out" - our Anderson shelter where we had some bunks and an oil stove and a curtain where a door should have been.

One night my dad called me to the curtain and said "there's a doodle-bug just going over." Thank God it went right over our house and dropped, unfortunately on a road beyond the nearby main road. Poor souls there. So many properties were destroyed that time and the road there remained flattened for many years until prefabs were erected to house families who had, sadly, lost their homes.

At some stage, when the bombing got really bad, I was evacuated to a family in Tutbury, near Burton on Trent. I do not know how old I was then but I remember many visits to "Auntie" Phyllis's parents also in the village. Grandpa Pedley lived in a house owned by the railway as he was the Station Master there. From what I remember I think he also worked the Signal Box.

Then one day - joy - my parents came on a short visit and I remember the train coming in but they could not get out of the carriage as the door was locked so they were stuck till the guard released them.

Dad was in a reserved occupation but once home, he served many nights as an Air Raid Warden (like Hodges in Dad 's Army. I remember VE Day - my parents took me up to London and we joined the hordes of people packed in Pall Mall and outside Buckingham Palace.

Then at some time - the VE Day street party when our very heavy piano was manhandled into our cul-de-sac for a party with tables set in the middle of the road laden with food and a lot of us in fancy dress.

**Pam Trundle**



Photo credit: Mike Wynne Powell



This is not a local personal memory, as I was born prematurely in Kent during the last V2 raid on London. Only time I was early says my brother, and not the greatest sense of timing said my Mum.

The memory comes from the funeral Eulogy of Ben Freeman, resident of Ringmore, but remembered with affection as a farm worker in Bigbury. He was taken away from Ringmore Church on a decorated trailer, owned by John Tucker, and drawn by the last tractor Ben had driven. His brother George with wife Hazel still lives locally. Mike Wynne-Powell had an excellent picture of the Trailer which was in the Gazette. His copyright and I do not have a good copy only the press cutting.

This is the extract  
"Not many could claim to be wartime teenagers shot at by both sides in the 1940's but Ben had been. First it was an American soldier training at Bigbury on Sea, who accidentally discharged his rifle in the direction of Ben and friends who were observing the soldiers. Then later

near the time that Aveton Gifford Church was bombed by a Luftwaffe pilot who had failed to find his target at Plymouth. Another German plane flew up the valley from Ayrmer Cove towards Ringmore village. Ben said "They were so low, we were on a level with the crew, and we dived for cover fast when the machine gunner opened up".

In the same area there were mines laid in case of invasion, and few fences to stop the stock from wandering. When some made their way onto the beach, one trod on a mine and there was free beef to be gathered as a war time luxury for the locals. After the war it was Ben out ploughing who found a left over mine in the stream down that valley. Ben had kindly provided the local History Society with a sound recording of his recollections, but when asked about a possible happy memory and had he dated any of the attractive land-girls he sadly replied "No I couldn't run fast enough to catch one"."

Best wishes,  
**John Elliott**



# Easter Fun



**FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS ALIKE!**

**AGE GROUPS**  
1. 0-11 yrs 2. 12-18 yrs 3. 18+

**CATEGORIES**  
A) Paint your face as bunny or chicken B) Make an Easter themed bonnet  
C) Decorate a hard boiled egg in an egg cup  
D) Make an arrangement with plants from your garden only (not hedgerows)

ENTER ONCE IN ANY OF ALL OF THE CATEGORIES.  
SEND PHOTO'S WITH YOUR NAME, AGE GROUP 1, 2 OR 3, AND CATEGORY A, B, C OR D, BY THE CLOSING DEADLINE OF NOON ON EASTER SUNDAY,  
TO BOTH LOUISE (louis@bigburynewseditor@gmail.com) AND JILL (jill.gubbins@homecall.co.uk)

THEY WILL CHOOSE THE DIXEN WINNERS OF A SMALL CHOCOLATE REWARD!

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE SHOWN ON THE BIGBURY NEWS WEBSITE AND WINNERS WILL BE IN THE ALBUM BEING COLLATED TO MARK THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

**A 'CROSS MY HEART' PROMISE FROM ALL ENTRANTS TO MAKE A SMALL DONATION TO THE TOWER AND BELLS RESTORATION FUND AS SOON AS YOU CAN WOULD BE APPRECIATED! HAVE FUN!!**



Thanks to Jill Gubbins for organising this event and to Karen Lawrence ([www.devoncow.co.uk](http://www.devoncow.co.uk)) for making the poster without charging. Karen has done a lot to help many of those involved in Community Covid Relief works. Thank you to all those who joined in the fun. If you would like to see more of the entries, please visit: [www.bigburynews.com/album](http://www.bigburynews.com/album)



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Janice and Peter Walton  
would like to wish all our special friends and neighbours a  
**Very Happy Easter.**  
Thank you for all your kind thoughts and prayers.  
Stay well!



**BIGBURY LOCK DOWN THUMBS UP**

View more Thumbs Up in the Bigbury Album [www.bigburynews.com/album](http://www.bigburynews.com/album)

Send your photos to [bigburydrums@gmail.com](mailto:bigburydrums@gmail.com)



# BIGBURY GARDENERS

Many of us have been able to keep in touch with family and friends during Lock Down because we have been using What's App, FaceTime or Zoom.

There are two new local What's App groups that are worth considering.

**The Bigbury Gardeners:** You can exchange ideas about coastal plants, seeds, garden design, pest & disease solutions, planting programmes. Maybe you have too many vegetable transplants or (later) too many tomatoes and courgettes? You might be able to find a good home for them or swap them for something you fancy that's on offer. If you would like to join in and share your photos, videos and advice, please contact:

**bigburydrums@gmail.com**

to be added to the group. We have members who have homes in Bigbury but do not live here all the time. Join in.

**Play Park:** This is a small group of local people interested in helping Cathy Case design the refurbished Play Park behind the Memorial Hall. If you want to join in please email Cathy.

**cathycase@outlook.com**



## Get ready for the Bigbury Produce Show in September

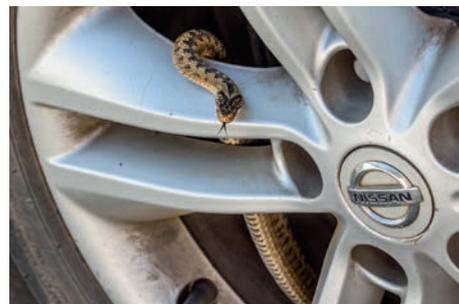


## BIGBURY RE-WILDING?

The beaches and car parks are either closed or empty. An adder has been spotted on the B-o-S causeway, sharks off Burgh Island and there are pheasants everywhere!



Giant crocodile outside Unwind - seems to have eaten a small boy?



Mike Wynne Powell spotted this adder in Challaborough car park in a car hub cap!



During this week's Clap for Carers a magical double rainbow appeared over the whole of Bigbury on Sea. Thanks to Beth Huntley for sharing this photo.



Vlad has been magically turning the hotel blue as those in Lock Down on the island do what they can to show their appreciation of the NHS. The hotel raised nearly £8,000 for NHS Charities in their recent raffle. Well done!



## SCRIBES & SCRIBBLERS

*Editor's Note:* Lock Down could be the opportunity or stimulus you needed to write down some of those memories for your family and community. A special gift that no one else can give.

John Tucker has been diligently recording his life as a local farmer with the help of a very patient scribe. I have had the privilege of reading John's memoirs and include two extracts in the hope that it inspires more people to follow his example. Thank you John for sharing this.

### PLANTING POTATOES

from 1950 'til now

I was about 3 or 4 years old. It was a family job as they were planted by hand with two big Shire horses pulling a single furrow reversible plough, known as a Saracouse. Mr Wills was the horse man who went down to Lower Nickleton. This field is steep and lies in many ways. But potatoes are the life story today.

We all rode down on a tractor and trailer, a High Major Arthur Ticker, Rod Stone, Uncle Bill Putt, Roger, Sally, William and me. They sat me under the hedge by Great Lobberter. The big horses pulled the plough around the contours in a horse shoe shape. Not uphill or downhill so the horses worked easy. "You sit 'ere" said Mr Wills "They won't hurt you". He ploughed over, burying the potatoes and back. I was frightened by the big horse's feet as they came towards me. "They won't hurt you" Willsey would say. "Stand still. Now give me a hand to plant some potato seeds at the end of the row". Meanwhile Roger planted 20, Sally planted 40, William planted 80 and so on, and Rod Stone planted 200 at the other end. Uncle Bill Putt sewed fertiliser by hand of course in the furrow. A Sillup around his neck ICI 1213. Willey ploughed over and back. "They won't hurt you" and so on. The horses knew when it was time to go home. At 5.30 pm off they went. I saw potatoes planted Great Knowle, Middle Knowle and Lower Willey.

To harvest them, they had a potato plough which split the rows and men picked them up and put them into bags. This is on very steep land. The horse would pull a slide over to one end and the tractor would pull them up over with a wire rope to the top and then load them on the trailer. This method of planting and harvesting stopped when my father got his first T20 and two row planters in 1953/54.

We used the same planter until 1986 or so at Folly. My father, Uncle Bill Putt and myself planted Lower Shell. It was drizzling and dusty. We looked like two coal men. I still have the Bell Wheel

hung up in my garage. He got a single row Johnson Elevator followed by a two row Johnson Elevator. I pulled it with a road-less 75 in 1970. We could hand pick six acres of potatoes in a day. We liked the old Fergie planter. It planted the same uphill or down and it didn't matter what size the seed was. When harvesting with a Rasom Thorn, two of them, they came in to destoners and gimmys and lifters with 200 ton a day with only four men. Father said in the early years, "What are we going to do when the like of Mr Wills is gone to do all that manual work"? But today two men run 600 acres. I have lambed 400 ewes with Tess to help me. We stopped growing potatoes in about 1994 as we could not compete with the local supermarkets.

### FISHING AT PRAWLE

I would play with John Curry. He lived in Stevens Cottage on the Green with his grandmother and grandfather – Jack Putt and Miriam Putt. I was about 6 or 7 years old. In the outhouse, they kept two long bamboo fishing rods about 15ft long. There were strings of onions, potatoes in wooden wine barrels (washed up, I guess from the sea). Wood and coal and their bicycles. The ferrets were kept in Steven's garden with John's pet rabbit – a small white buck. Grandfather grew peas, beans, onions and curly greens.

One sunny spring morning, Gran and Lillian said "We are going fishing, John, if you want to come, ask your Mum". By the way, Gran is my mother's aunt, Miriam Wood. She was the older sister. There were about 10 children at East Prawle. So off we went. Gran and Lillian carrying the long fishing poles wearing a white apron overall, like Ena Sharples, from Coronation Street. Down Prawl Point Hill, through Higher and Lower Nickely, across Googy Park, (Cuckoo Park maybe) to Langerstone Pitts. Close to the water line on the way, they turned over big stones to get black crabs for bait. They fished the incoming tide. Gran, slim and wiry with grey hair in a bun. She caught two fish, approximately 3lbs in weight (rock salmon). John and I bent pins for hooks and cotton line and caught Gor Lobbers (Ble-meys). Little fish that lived in rock pools. We went home for lunch, just in time for grandfather and Harry coming home. They had been working at High House, East Portlemouth, for Authur Elliott, his son-in-law. "What have you got Miriam?" "Two good ones. Fish for tea." I can still see Gran pulling them in. All summer I would go fishing, until I was 16 years old, for crabs in holes.

**John Tucker**

## BIGBURY TV

*Editor's Note:* Lock Down spawned Bigbury TV, a collaboration between **Joni Hawkes** and **Phil Shea**. There have been over 2000 viewings and now 46 videos have been uploaded. Please keep going!

Several of the uploads are readings of books or chapters from books written by local authors: **John Simes**, **Mary McClarey**, **Carmen Henderson** and **Fiona Barker**.

### Flash, the Tiny Teenage Tortoise

Mary writes on her website: Help us to end the injustice of homelessness by buying this inspiring book. All profits go directly to help people who need it most. For more information please go to:

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

When I became the proud keeper of a tortoise called Flash it gave me the idea of writing a book which would raise funds for homeless people, as I knew that my tortoise will never be homeless, he has his home on his back.

So, I developed the idea, consulted with the Shekinah Mission in Plymouth and then drafted the book. Having sent a request for artistic help to Plymouth College of Art, I was delighted when second year art student, and mother of three, Yazmine Labban, offered to do the illustrations.

Together we have successfully imagined how Flash and his animal friends can represent the street scenes and experiences of homeless people.

'Flash, the Tiny Teenage Tortoise' it is very much focussed on stimulating the imagination of children along with their parents and caregivers, resulting in a colourful, clear, optimistic book, suitable for children aged between 3 and 6 years of age and will be available in May 2020.

If you would like to purchase a copy, please contact: [enquiries@barnowlmodbury.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@barnowlmodbury.co.uk).

It will also soon become available on Amazon as a Kindle Book.



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

## LOCK DOWN ISSUES

We do not yet know how long we will need to contend with Lock Down or what the full consequences will be for our families, friends, businesses, and the economy.

Most of the 'Big Picture' is beyond our control but there are opportunities to take control of our own lives, health and relationships as a result of Lock Down. There has been a lot of Fake News circulating about how to avoid or treat Covid-19. Whilst we hold tight for the vaccinations to be developed, the conclusion is that we should focus on being generally healthy:

Eat a healthy and nutritious diet that helps your immune system to function properly. Limit your alcohol consumption and avoid sugary drinks. Sugar and alcohol both have depressive effects on the immune system.

Do not smoke. Smoking can increase your risk of developing severe disease if you become infected with COVID-19 because smoking contributes to respiratory problems.

Whilst it is not possible to boost your immune system with vitamin supplements or binge eating garlic to prevent infection from Covid-19 - having a balanced diet is essential to our general mental and physical health.

This might be a good time to check out the **The NHS Eat Well Guide**. Find out about the **Four Pillars of Health** and "**How to stay healthy during Lock Down**"

Statistics have revealed that more men appear to be dying of Covid-19 than women. Dr Sara Kayat is a practising NHS and private GP in the UK, and This Morning's resident GP on ITV. One of the behavioural issues she raises is the fact that more men than women are smokers. Is this the time to check out the **NHS Guide to Giving Up Smoking**.

Many of us are likely to have seen the memes about putting on weight during Lock Down. If you are curious about the **NHS 12-week weight loss plan** and the **NHS BMI Calculator** - you may be interested to find these links on the NHS website.

The **NHS Live Well** site puts these tools into perspective in an overall healthy life style.

[www.nhs.uk/live-well](http://www.nhs.uk/live-well)

The NHS advises: To keep health risks from alcohol to a low level if you drink most weeks:

- men and women are advised not to drink more than 14 units a week on a regular basis
- spread your drinking over 3 or more days if you regularly drink as much as 14 units a week
- if you want to cut down, try to have several drink-free days each week
- Fourteen units is equivalent to 6 pints of average-strength beer or 10 small glasses of low-strength wine.

This is an amazing **Alcohol Unit Calculator** where you can enter exactly what you have been tempted with and it not only adds up the 'units' but also the calories you have consumed!  
<https://alcoholchange.org.uk/alcohol-facts/interactive-tools/unit-calculator>

### Jill's Fit-2-Go

Jill and Vic have (with some help from Phil!) managed to make the first Fit-2-Go Class on Bigbury TV. So tune in to Bigbury TV and check out her classes.

### Chill Out

Bigbury News website has a Chill Out Guide if you are feeling stressed and want to take back control. Just go to the Covid-19 page of Bigbury News. and click on the image of the booklet to download a copy.

### Face Masks

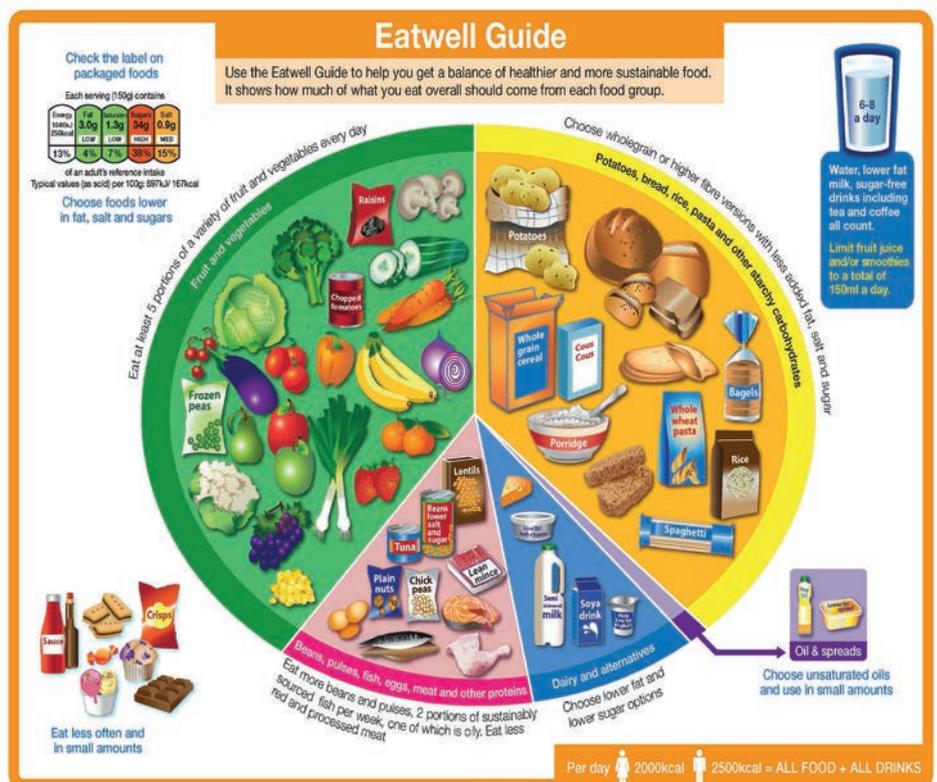
World Health Organization (WHO) special envoy Dr David Nabarro has suggested that more widespread use of masks will become "the norm" as the world adjusts to living with Covid-19. Not least to offer people reassurance when they encounter others.

But Dr Nabarro warned against complacency: "Don't imagine that you can do what you like when you are wearing a mask. [It] doesn't give you the excuse to disregard social distancing."

The UK is not advising most people to wear either medical or homemade masks. Viruses can penetrate home made cloth masks and will not protect you from infection or prevent your sneeze/cough droplets from passing out to infect others less than 2 meters away.

The debate about whether or not to use face masks and how useful they are was reviewed by the BBC on 13th April. Coronavirus is spread by droplets that can spray into the air when those infected talk, cough and sneeze. Providing users are aware of the limitations of any face masks (homemade or medical grade) - the use of a home made mask might remind people near you in a supermarket to maintain the 2 meter social distancing rule.

It's simple:  
**STAY 2 METERS APART**  
**DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE**  
**CLEAN YOUR HANDS**  
**FREQUENTLY**



## CREWS THAT KEEP US CRUISING

Covid-19 has already destroyed lives and impacted livelihoods but If there is one positive thing that Covid-19 has done - it is that it has allowed us to focus on the things that we can have an impact on - our Families, Neighbours, Friends and Communities.

The local **Covid-19 Support Group** has more volunteers than people needing help because neighbours, friends and families have pulled together to help each other. Have you thought of joining local volunteer teams after Covid-19? Here are some suggestions. This list is not comprehensive.

**Editor**

### Devon & Cornwall Police

[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/your-right-to-information/our-people/recruitment/special-constables/](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/your-right-to-information/our-people/recruitment/special-constables/)

Applications are open now for **Special Constables** to support their community work. More information about the role of Special Constables is on the above website. You must be available to volunteer for four hours a week/ sixteen hours a month or more. You must be at least 18 (no upper age limit). Register an interest - **closing date 31st May.**

### Kingston Fire Station

There are currently only four local people who team up with the region's fire crews to protect our property and lives from fires. Many of us backed the "Save Kingston Fire Station" protest - and it was saved. To find out what is involved if you are thinking of joining them - please call : Paul 810953 or Michael 810735

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### St Luke's Hospice

[www.stlukes-hospice.org](http://www.stlukes-hospice.org)

Volunteering for this much needed charity is a vibrant use of your spare time! Huge range of 'things you can do' to help St Lukes! St Lukes itself provides specialist end of life care and support to people from across Plymouth, South West Devon and East Cornwall, whether in the home, hospital or at their specialist unit at Turnchapel.

### Devon Air Ambulance

[www.daat.org](http://www.daat.org)

Our rural location makes the Devon Air Ambulance a vital service. It relies entirely on charitable donations. You can volunteer in many ways to support the professionals who keep the air ambulance service working.

### South Hams Hospital League of Friends

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

The South Hams Hospital in Kingsbridge plays a vital role in our community. Volunteers provide a great service to the SHHLOF by fundraising initiatives and raising awareness of the role of SHH in the community, to admin support and representing SHHLOF at local shows and events.

### Modbury Caring

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

During Covid-19 we have become more aware of local people who have had to 'self-isolate' for years due to physical disabilities. The end of the Covid-19 Emergency will not be the end of their Lock Down. Modbury Caring provides services, benefiting people in the area covered by Modbury Health Centre,



Could you spare a few hours for the **Modbury Caring Befriending Service**? Or - perhaps you feel that you, yourself would benefit from a few hours a week from a Befriender? The giving and receiving of the gift of friendship is the fabric of a strong Community.

Find out more from the Befriending Coordinator, **Sheila Harrison. 07554 997140** or [modburycaring@gmail.com](mailto:modburycaring@gmail.com). 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.

### Hope Cove Lifeboat

[www.hopecovelifebot.org](http://www.hopecovelifebot.org)

Hope Cove Life Boat covers all of Bigbury Bay and is sustained only by its supporters. Donations and activities provide equipment, training and support that enable the lifeboat to save lives while minimizing the inherent risks that the crew faces in putting to sea to help and to save others. Find out how you can help.

### Community First Responders

[www.swast.nhs.uk/welcome/community-first-responders/community-first-responders-information](http://www.swast.nhs.uk/welcome/community-first-responders/community-first-responders-information)

The South Western Ambulance Service work with local teams of Community First Responders. These are volunteers who support their local community by attending emergency calls ahead of an ambulance.

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Charterlands Chatter

# COVID -19 UPDATE

## www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection

The South West has had far fewer cases of Covid-19 than the rest of the UK.

There are some cases of household members in Bigbury with possible symptoms of Covid-19. Once someone in your household has possible symptoms of Covid 19 - the whole household should self-isolate together. Keep a chart of the onset of symptoms of any of the members of the household - in order to calculate when it is safe for anyone in your household to leave the house.

Government advice is: Do not go to work, school, or public areas, and do not use public transport or taxis. If possible, you should not go out even to buy food or other essentials, and **any exercise should be taken within your home**. The 14-day period starts from the day the first person in your house became ill.

Please read the full guidance on the above website link or call 111 for advice.

If you are self isolating you can call/ email Holywell Stores with your essential, shopping list. Holywell will either deliver it directly to your home or work with the local Covid Support Group to get your prescriptions and essential supplies to you.

### Local Covid-19 Support Groups

Bigbury & St Anns - Valerie Scott 810336  
 valeriescott@bigbury.net  
 B-o-S & Challaborough - Beth Huntley 810385  
 bethhuntleyb@gmail.com  
 B-o-S & Challaborough - Keely Holland 810891  
 keelyholland3@gmail.com  
 Easton, Combe, Cummery, Stakes Hill - Stuart Watts 810373  
 sdmw2@btopenworld.com

DAY	PERSON A	PERSON B	PERSON C	PERSON D	
01	Develops symptoms, triggering 7-day isolation for herself and 14 days for her household				
02					
03		Develops symptoms and starts 7-day count			
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05					
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07					
08	Isolation ends if symptoms have stopped	Isolation ends if symptoms have stopped			
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12					
13				Develops symptoms and starts 7-day count	
14					
15			No symptoms isolation ends		
16					
17					
18					
19					
20				Isolation ends if symptoms have stopped	

### Coronavirus COVID-19

Know the signs

- High Temperature
- Shortness of Breath
- Breathing Difficulties
- Cough

For 8 out of 10 people, rest and over the counter medication can help you feel better.

If you have symptoms, self-isolate to protect others and phone your GP. Visit hse.ie for updated factual information and advice or call 1850 24 1850.

**Call 999 if your child:**

- has a stiff neck
- has a rash that does not fade when you press a glass against it (use the "glass test" from Meningitis Now)
- is bothered by light
- has a seizure or fit for the first time (they cannot stop shaking)
- has unusually cold hands and feet
- has pale, blotchy, blue or grey skin
- has a weak, high-pitched cry that's not like their usual cry
- is drowsy and hard to wake
- is extremely agitated (does not stop crying) or is confused
- finds it hard to breathe and sucks their stomach in under their ribs
- has a soft spot on their head that curves outwards
- is not responding like they usually do, or not interested in feeding or usual activities

## BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL - meeting minutes

Wed. April 15th 2020 at 7:30pm. In accordance with Government advice and DALC guidance this meeting was held via video link (Zoom)

PRESENT: Cllrs: E Huntley (EH) (Chair), G Rosevear (GR), S Smith (SS), C Case (CC), V Scott (VS), S Watts (SW), K Holland (KH), Clerk R Matthews (RM) and four members of the public.

### 1.0 Declaration of Interest

CC declared an interest in agenda item 8a – planning application Avonmouth Shantee. No further declarations of interest were noted.

### 2.0 Apologies for absence:

C. Cllr. Gilbert (RG) and D. Cllr. Taylor (BT) were both absent from the meeting itself did provide written updates for discussion.

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on March 11th 2020

GR proposed these Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. KH seconded this proposal which was duly agreed to by all Councillors.



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**Poundwell Meadow**

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**[www.modburyhealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.modburyhealthcentre.co.uk)**

### 4.0 Matters arising from Minutes of meeting held on March 11th 2020

Disabled parking in proximity of Venus Café – carry forward to next meeting. Action BT

VE day celebrations. GR stated a directive from County Chairman confirmed that no public gatherings were to take place and individuals should reflect in isolation. It was agreed to place this topic on the agenda for the May meeting. Action RM

Condition of land known as Crosstream, Combe Valley–carry forward to next meeting. Action GR

### 5.0 Approval of Minutes of emergency meeting held on April 4th 2020

VS proposed these Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. GR seconded this proposal which was duly agreed to by all Councillors.

### 6.0 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting held on April 4th 2020

There were no matters arising

### 7.0 County Councillor's report

GR kindly submitted a written update stating a) Covid-19 updates were being regularly provided by DCC and RM confirmed these were regularly passed on to all interested parties, b) an enquiry from Mr. B. Carson in respect of the entrance to St. Lawrence church would be dealt with in due course, c) an issue raised by Mrs. P. Trundle in respect of a building site on Ringmore Drive had been dealt with and d) the dry weather had helped speed up the response to pot hole repairs across the County.

### 8.0 District Councillor's report

BT kindly submitted a written update as follows: 'I hope you are all well and keeping safe, All our parishes has done a fantastic job setting up their emergency plan and it has all worked really well thank you all very much. SHDC has set up an emergency plan to help people who need help with their utility bills etc. and if anyone you know has asked for help please contact me and I will point them in the right direction or they can go to SHDC website. The 'up to £150 reduction in council tax for those already on council tax reduction scheme is automatic and we will send then a revised bill as soon as we have the software-they don't need to do anything or contact us .

So if their current bill after CTR is £75 for 2020/21 they will get £75 further reduction and be sent a revised bill for nil. If their current bill after CTR is £200 for 2020/21 –they will get £150 further reduction and be sent a revised bill for £50

This is where the 'up to £150' comes from –they can only get as much further discount as it takes to reduce their 2020/21 bill to zero. Waste collection is continuing as normal, everyone should obey the 2m rule and keep 2m from the operators. Just before lock down we said goodbye to Sophie Hosking our chief executive, we have appointed a replacement but this has yet to be ratified by full council - skype in the next week or so. Planning will be dealt with in exactly the same as before the shutdown with exception of site visits and Development Management (DM) meetings which will not take place, if there is a planning issue we need to take to committee it will be dealt with by a delegated team which consist the Chief planning officer, the PO who is dealing with the application, the chair of DM and the ward member Stay Safe'

### 9.0 Finance

RM confirmed the bank statements had been reconciled to the cash book and the closing balance as at March 31st 2020 was £30022.71. RM confirmed that the first 2020/2021 precept payment had been received from SHDC. RM confirmed a sum of £495 had also been received from SHDC as a grant towards costs specifically related to corona virus related activities. It was agreed to defer how this was going to be allocated, according to the guidelines, until the crisis was over. RM confirmed that the external audit process had been delayed by the auditors in line with Government advice – notification of new deadlines was awaited. RM confirmed he would complete the audit process and not

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leave this task to the new clerk.

GR proposed the following payments be approved. This was seconded by SS and agreed to by all Councillors:

Cheques:

£ 7.00 IDALC - Annual subscription  
£680.00 J Simpson - painting Millennium steps (£360) and painting post box Ringmore Drive (£320) as per agreed quote November 2019  
£705.42 R Matthews Salary for quarter (£540.00), Expense for quarter (£165.42)  
£103.62 E Huntley - paid on behalf of invoices from David Gay - material costs related to refurbishment of telephone box Ringmore Drive  
£139.81 DALC annual subs renewal  
Direct Debit payments to SHDC:  
£120.00 Payroll services (in line with Precept)  
£548.10 Annual cost grass cutting play park (in line with Precept)  
£281.26 Printing of maps for Neighbourhood Plan  
£ 76.12 Charge in respect of uncontested election  
Direct Debit payment to BT:  
£ 33.48 Memorial Hall

### 10.0 Open session - planning related matters

No representations were made from members of the public present at the meeting.

### 11.0 Planning related matters

a) 0765/20/HHO Avonmouth Shantee, Bigbury-on-Sea, TQ7 4BA Application for modification and upgrade of existing dwelling and replacement of #3 sheds with #2 standing sleeping cabins. VS proposed the Council object to this application on the following grounds: a) scale, height and density of development – all of which are contrary to JLP, b) light pollution, c) harmful to the un-spoilt character, appearance and tranquility of the undeveloped coast (Heritage coast) and Avon Estuary, d) health and safety concerns relating to sleeping cabins, e) the lack of sanitary and washing facilities, f) inadequate information relating to the impact on the sewage system and g) the potential damage and loss of the existing coastal footpath. GR seconded this proposal which was agreed to by all Councillors.

b) Crossstream GR agreed to take this matter forward Action GR

c) Neighbourhood Plan

VS advised the revised date for making and adopting the plan at SHDC was now April 23rd 2020, She added that the S106 process related to the St Ann's Chapel development site was close to being finalised. As soon as these matters are concluded, a decision notice will be issued and conditions discharged – it is hoped that work will start on site in the autumn

this year. After discussion it was agreed that VS would ask SHDC to take on the ongoing responsibility for landscaping maintenance on the site.

### 12.0 Update on Bigbury Coronavirus

Support Group (BCSG) activities  
SW thanked all those who had been involved and given up their time to volunteer within the community, especially the area coordinators for the different parts of the parish. The first two weeks had been quite hectic for everyone but the routine was now more settled. Bigbury now had more volunteers than people identifying themselves as needy. Many households had made their own arrangements for obtaining essential items whilst the vulnerable were housebound but Holywell Stores continues to live up to its reputation as a true community shop showing great flexibility and adaptability with the services provided, offering specific times for tasks such as pensions to be withdrawn, doorstep deliveries of milk with newspapers, etc. Bigbury Drums had proved of immense value with regular, frequent information updates on the COVID-19 arrangements within the parish and printing of materials.

KH asked if there were individuals who had not asked for help and were therefore vulnerable and had fallen through the support net. In discussion it was generally considered all areas of the parish had been covered with neighbours watching out for each other, telephoning the likely needy, etc. in addition to the information gathered from the early leaflet distribution with Bigbury News asking the needy to self-identify.

### 13.0 Open session

Resident A commented that the refurbishment of the phone box in Ringmore Drive was now complete and thanked those who contributed towards the work. The contract for transfer of ownership was still to be signed. Action GR

Resident A also referred to the earlier discussion on coastal footpaths (11a) stating he had written to the Chairman of Planning at SHDC emphasising the crucial need to undertake thorough groundwork surveys on all properties adjacent to the coast. He commented the cliff had been eroded by a distance of between five and eight metres in recent years.

Resident B stated that traffic on the road that crossed the golf course was noticeably excessive and asked if the council could take action to establish who was visiting the properties. CC advised that Nicholas Johnston should be contacted as there will be a licence in place stipulating the speeds

allowed, however enforcement is another issue. Any concerns on occupation during the Covid-19 pandemic should be brought to the attention of the police.

Resident C asked what plans were in place to tell visitors arriving to self-isolate. SW confirmed that the BCSG had printed leaflets to advise visitors of HM Government guidelines. The restrictions have been widely publicised nationally and locally; visitors should not now be arriving, in contravention of the Lockdown regulations.

### 14.0 Correspondence received

Memorial Hall broadband contract was due for renewal and it was agreed to renew. Action RM

A consultation document has been circulated in respect of bus services within the South Hams. In discussion it was agreed to request the Friday service be extended to include Saturday. Additionally it was decided to request improved links from the parish to Modbury at times that would link to services between Kingsbridge and Plymouth. Action RM

SW stated he had been in contact with the Coastguard about their Covid-19 activities and provided this update 'The local Coastguard have been collaborating with their colleagues at Prawle and the police, patrolling between Slapton and Wonwell twice per day. They were very active over the Easter period, acting as the 'eyes & ears' of the police force, acquiring information about gatherings of people, etc., relaying that info to their operational HQ for subsequent onward relay to the police. The Coastguard received about 400 requests to investigate activities in contravention of HMG guidelines during that period. One example was a large gathering of people at Wonwell beach which was dispersed. Another involved kite-surfers (at South Milton), where the surfers were warned off because the RNLI are not active at the moment' This Coastguard collaboration has been 'stood down' since Easter but staff are ready to resume these patrols if requested to do so by the police. The first contact of concerned parishioners about inappropriate shoreline activities should be the police force.

### 15.0 Agenda Items for next meeting

VE / VJ day celebrations, BCSG update  
Crossstream, Capacity at St Lawrence burial ground  
NOTE Supporting information is uploaded to the Parish Council section of the Bigbury Community website. It is acknowledged that a few individuals had significant difficulty in joining this meeting on-line. Most of this was outside the control of the Parish Council Meeting closed at 9:00pm. Next meeting on WED May 13th at 7:30pm

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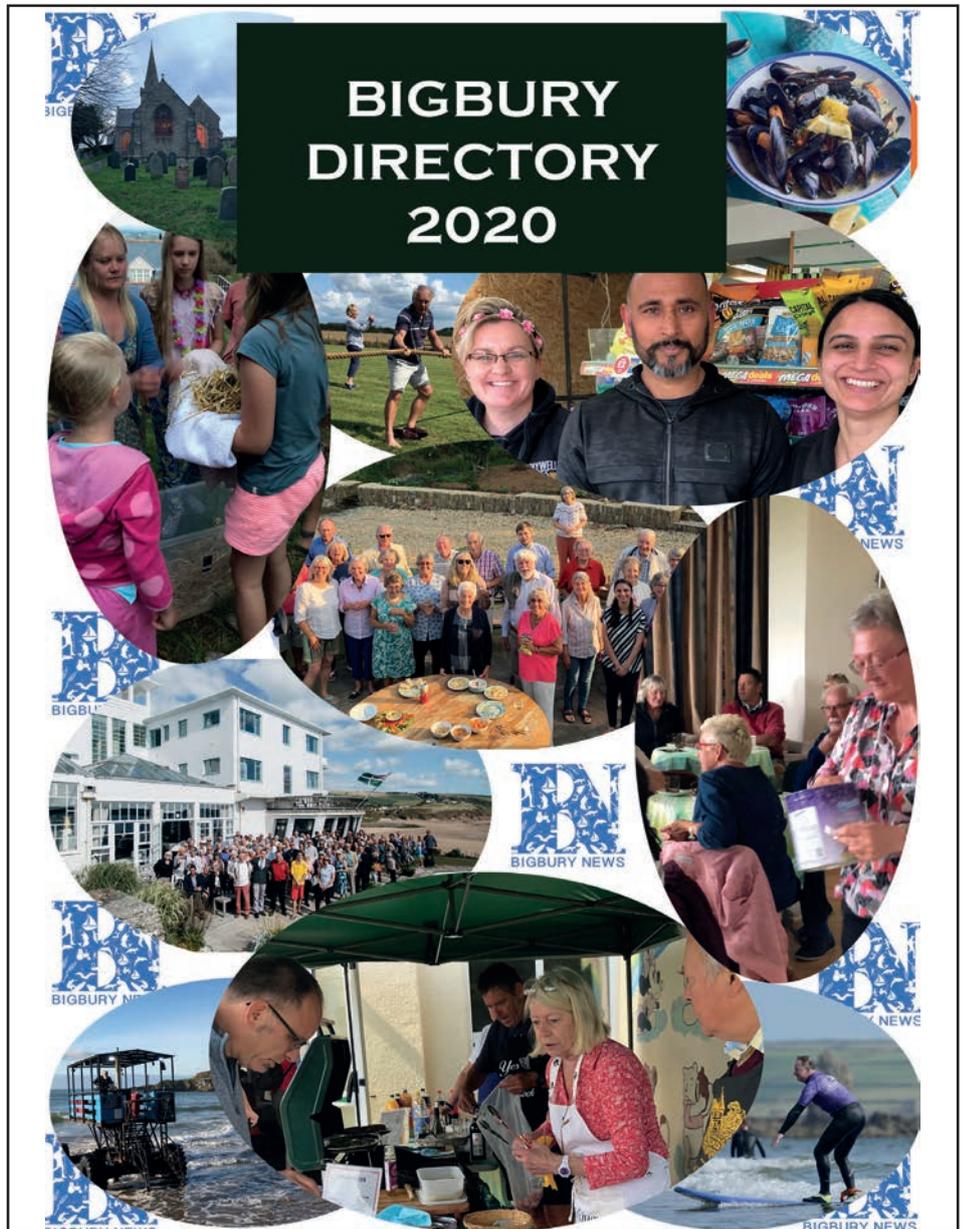
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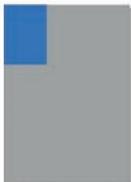
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