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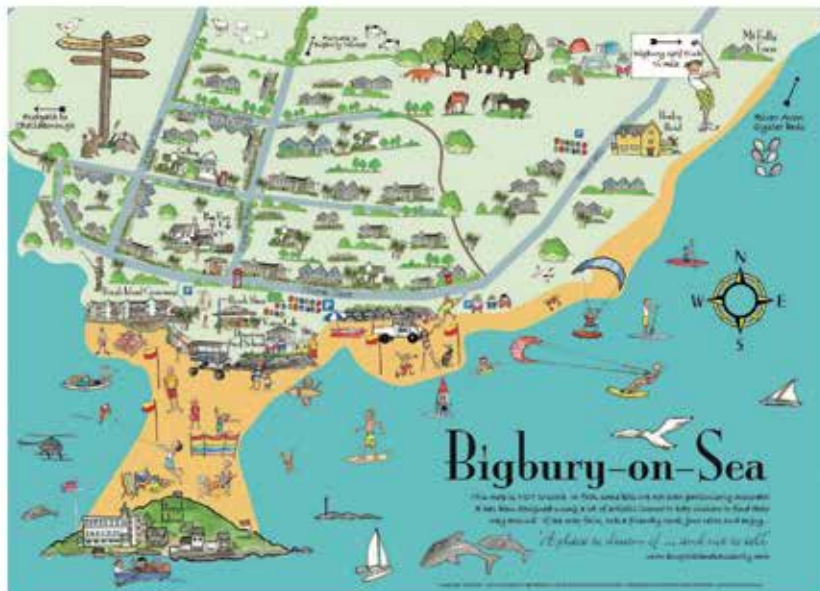
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## EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Readers,

It might be snowing when you read this but Spring is on its way! We still need to keep warm and what better way than to enjoy a comforting winter risotto - recipe on page 21.

I expect we've all been observing the emergence of houses at St Ann's Chapel and Cllr Valerie Scott has written an article all about them on pages 18 & 19.

I know that many readers love our local wildlife and want to help it survive and thrive. One way to do this is to plant more hedges. Farmers and those keen on traditional skills can find expert information on page 22. For gardeners, the piece on page 23 is about mixed native hedges that we can all have.

There's a lovely feature on page 17 about our own 'island artist' Emma Carter Bromfield. Her paintings are breathtaking and having attended one of her workshops, I can guarantee that she's a great teacher and you'll be inspired!

We all want clean beaches but some days sewage overspill pollutes our beautiful coast. Please support Avon River Champions (p 28) to keep our river and beaches clean and safe for swimmers and wildlife.

Bigbury Parish Council want to hear from you! They're setting up a Climate Think Tank and are inviting us all to participate. See page 29 for details.

Finally, congratulations to Nick Hanbury who scored a hole in one on his birthday. Look at his delighted face on page 35!

Best wishes to you all,

Jan Davies  
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## BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL Bringing the Community Together

We've had two great events at the Hall since the last edition of Bigbury & Ringmore News. The first was a Bubbles Wine Tasting in December. Around 50 people enjoyed a fun evening of champagne, fizz and tasty nibbles organised by Committee members Angie Bond and Dane Vanstone, ably supported by Janie and Danny Grace.

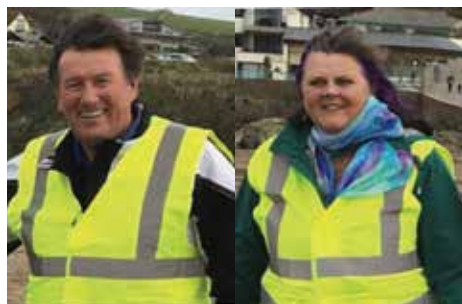
2024 got off to a super start on January 12th with our ever popular New Year Quiz. Norman Botton provided the brain teasers, with the answers for each round ingeniously beginning with the letters "Bigbury". Norman was assisted by wife Beth and MC Peter Cook. Nearly 70 people attended, a very gratifying turnout. As always the winners were the usual team from Ringmore. However two teams from Bigbury ran them very close and will be looking to go one better next year !

The fun continues on Friday March 8th at 7.00 p.m. when Henry Wainwright presents a Wine Tasting and Quiz. There will be six wines to taste accompanied by delicious home made nibbles. It's a strictly fun evening – you don't have to be a wine buff. See poster in this edition for ticket details.

Happy New Year !

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## BIGBURY WATCH



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Not sure whether to call the police about something? Have a chat with our friendly Bigbury Watch Team and perhaps they can give you some advice. Eamonn and Linda are retired police officers and live locally.



*Norman Botton thanks John Tucker for his spontaneous impromptu song about the joys of living by the seaside when he collected the prize for the Runner Up team at Quiz Night.*

# Community

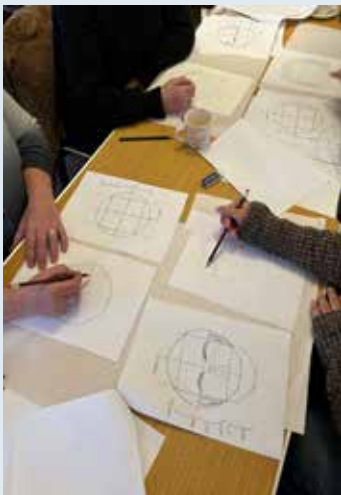
## MEMORIAL HALL CALENDAR

Day	Activity	Organiser
Mondays		
9.30 - 10.30	Pilates	Jill Gubbins 810651
10.50 - 11.30	Strong & Steady (plus tea & chat)	Jill Gubbins 810651
15.45 - 17.00	Table Tennis	Angie Bond 811131 Janie Grace 811122
1st Wed. of the month		
10.30 - 12.00	Community Coffee morning	Jean Wright 810029 Yvonne Klidjian 810971
2nd Wed. of the month		
19.30	Parish Council	Ian Bramble 855712

## RINGMORE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members of Ringmore WI, along with many guests, had an afternoon of fun and laughter as Judith Woodings, one of Ringmores resident artists, taught them the basics of drawing a portrait.

Judith commenced the class by demonstrating the positions of the various features of the face on a head. Who knew that the eyes were in the middle!!!! Each person, guided by Judith, attempted to draw the person opposite them. Some portraits were very recognisable. And all made a very good attempt in the 1.5 hours we had.  
Tracy Hyde



## BIGBURY COFFEE MORNING

What a wonderful, festive coffee morning on Wednesday 6th December. It raised a fantastic £1000 for St Lawrence Church. Many thanks to everybody who supported us and gave so generously.



During 2023 we raised £3888 for local charities and we look forward to seeing you between 10.30 and noon on Wednesday 6th March in the Memorial Hall when we will be supporting Modbury Caring. On Wednesday 3rd April we will be supporting Hope Cove Lifeboat.

Please remember our THANK YOU COFFEE MORNING on Wednesday 7th February at 11am in the Memorial Hall. Come and enjoy biscuits, cakes and a natter. There will be no stalls on this occasion.

Best wishes

Jean, Yvonne and the team.

## BIGBURY LADIES



We had planned to meet at the Golf Club on 18th Jan but the pipes were frozen and they had no water so they couldn't cater for us. After a quick discussion, we went down to the Venus Cafe where we all had hot drinks and a bite to eat, which we all enjoyed. We were warm enough sitting in their enclosed area and we discussed different venues for the year. Hazel has kindly offered us the chance to meet at her home on 15th Feb for coffee and biscuits from 11am and from there it is hoped to go on to the Golf club at lunch time.

Pam Trundle

# Community

## BIGBURY COMMUNITY CHOIR

What a day we had at the hotel for our Christmas concert ! We knew the weather might be rough but when the news came that the tractor wouldn't be running and that we'd be on the island for the long haul, we got ourselves prepared . What we didn't quite prepare ourselves for was that the tide was to come rushing in almost an hour early - cue frantic scrambling of emails and calls - could we all get out of bed very quickly please, pass the message on and get across before the water did?

It was really rather dramatic - scooping up choir members on the way down Folly Hill, finding a few more at the beach shop and some who had already made it to The Pilchard. After all that time rehearsing and getting ready for the big day it seemed inconceivable that some of us might not make it in time! We huddled- looking out across to the mainland - hoping for sightings ... the race against time and tide -waiting for no choir member.

With each member that reached their destination successfully, we celebrated. Last in was Justine, powering willfully through the now calf high 'finger'- the parts of the tide that stealthily meet first. A heroic effort! Noone left behind ... Except...Robin Brett, our accompanist for the day. Dear Robin had not had time to scramble down to the beach and so ... we were left truly unaccompanied and utterly a capella (and locked in on the island for the next 6 hours) we were really up for a challenge now !

As this is how we learn and rehearse , it didn't seem to phase anyone and we soon got stuck in whiling away our time in The Pilchard as needs must, filling one side of the pub entirely! What a beautiful sound we made in that low ceilinged ancient establishment as we ran through our repertoire, this was sounding good -we felt confident and were having a very jolly time !

Up at the hotel, after a round of sandwiches or so and a further now legendary practice in the darkly atmospheric snooker room, an adjustment of the hair, make- up and bow ties and we were ready !



I had to break it to Giles and his guests that we were now going to attempt to pull off the feat of an unexpectedly unaccompanied concert for and with them and so we did . Our traditional four part harmony Christmas carols went down a blast and I think it's fair to say we definitely pulled it off!



After another mulled wine or two , we departed, happy with our work.We had a great day to remember. I'd like to thank all the choir members for the time they gave to rehearsals and performance. We've had lots of fun and laughter and have learnt an awful lot along the way. I'd also like to thank Giles and the Burgh Island Hotel team for having us and for looking after us - a lovely Christmas tradition of 5 years standing.



A substantial donation was made through Giles and his guests to the Hope Cove Lifeboat ,our chosen supported charity this time. If you feel like donating to this fantastic cause that is so vital within our community , here are the details: <https://www.hopcovelifebot.org/> And on a nautical note : choir resumes for 2024 with something new ... It will be the 200th anniversary of the RNLi and we want to be part of it. So this season, we'll focus on learning songs of the sea and shanties! Anyone can join, fees are modest and you don't have to read music. Come and see what it's all about with Bigbury Community Choir. Contact: [appletaylor72@gmail.com](mailto:appletaylor72@gmail.com) for details  
Best Regards,  
Apple Taylor

## HARRATON CROSS

Many of us are familiar with the challenges of driving in Devon. High banks, narrow lanes and blind corners. Throw in an increase in traffic in the summer of visiting drivers unfamiliar with local conditions and you have a recipe for accidents. Harraton Cross has always been a problematic road junction. The road North to South at this crossroads is a busy connecting road between the A38 and the coast. The A379, that runs from Kingsbridge to Modbury which has priority at the junction is a fast road with a permitted speed limit of 60 mph. Those vehicles approach from California Cross heading to the beach had to pull out nearly into the middle of the road to see traffic coming up the hill from Kingsbridge.

After a fatal accident in the Spring last year many nearby parish councils raised concerns about this junction with the Devon County Council, Rufus Gilbert and the Devon's Highways department. Alas this junction was deemed a low priority and unlikely to receive attention. However, the landowner Langstone Farms and in particular their manager Will Rahder, on his own volition, got his digger out moved the Devon bank on the East side, improved visibility and has already replanted the hedgerow on the top of the new Devon bank.



The junction has much improved visibility, but as usual care is still very much required. Great job done Will, THANK YOU.

Henry Wainwright

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We raised a whopping £100 for the Children's Society at the December service in St Lawrence's. A huge thank you to everyone. Over the year we send other amounts to them, given by "candle giver collections" and in 2023 £120, or more, was sent. Thank you again, Cathy Harrington

## NOT ONLY POTHOLES

At the end of October and early November storm Ciaran swept in off the Atlantic bringing over 3 inches of rain over a few days onto what was waterlogged ground. The road out of Bigbury heading towards the golf club was particularly affected with significant flooding. The drain under the roadside wall as well as the soakaways on either side of the wall were completely silted up. To the rescue comes Bigbury's lengthsman Stuart Marshall and local farmer John Cullen. The drain was unblocked and the soakaways dug out on both sides of the wall. Future water should freely disappear off the road. Thank you Stuart and John for sorting this problem out.

Henry Wainwright



# What's On

5 February

**Tearfund Lunch**

WI Hall, Ringmore 12.00 - 2pm

7 February

**Bigbury Coffee Morning**

The Memorial Hall 11 - 12.00

8 February

**Block Printing (WI members only)**

WI Hall, Ringmore 3 - 5pm

13 February

**All Hallows Pancake Day**

Parish Room, Ringmore 10.30 - 12.30

13 February

**Bigbury Community Choir**

The Memorial Hall 7 - 9pm

20 February

**Bigbury Community Choir**

The Memorial Hall 7 - 9pm

21 February

**Bigbury Women - A History**

WI Hall, Ringmore 7.30pm

27 February

**Bigbury Community Choir**

The Memorial Hall 7 - 9pm

4 March

**Tearfund Lunch**

WI Hall, Ringmore 12.00 - 2pm

6 March

**Bigbury Coffee Morning**

The Memorial Hall 10.30 - 12.00

6 March

**Bigbury Community Choir**

The Memorial Hall 7 - 9pm

14 March

**Mindful Wardrobe - colour analysis**

WI Hall, Ringmore 3 - 5pm

20 March

**Bigbury Community Choir**

The Memorial Hall 7 - 9pm

27 March

**Bigbury Community Choir**

The Memorial Hall 7 - 9pm

23 April

**Bigbury Map Project**

The Memorial Hall 7.30

## Ringmore Calendar 2025

Although it's only February, we're already looking to the 2025 Ringmore Calendar.

As in past years we are asking you to submit photos that you've taken in and around the Parish, depicting the beautiful place in which we live.

The closing date this year is the 31st March 2024.

Please email any photos for consideration (maximum of three per person) to: sarahhitchmough@btinternet.com

All photos should be in JPEG format.

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## BIGBURY COFFEE MORNING



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Cambodia, Cakes, Savouries, Raffle, Guess the  
weight of the cake etc.

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February**  
11am coffee, cake & natter – no stalls.

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
10.30am to 12 noon  
Supporting Modbury Caring

## NOTICE BOARD



# Defibrillator Awareness Session

Venue/Location  
Modbury Recreation Pavilion

Thursday, 29th Feb 2024/1900hr



Contact

**Free attendance**  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

## TEAR FUND LUNCHES

Monday 5th February 2024  
Monday 4th March 2024

All 12.00 to 2.00 pm  
Ringmore WI Hall  
Come and enjoy delicious home-  
made soup and bread, followed by  
fruit crumble with ice cream,  
tea or coffee.

All donations go to Tearfund,  
a Christian charity working  
directly with local churches  
in third world countries.

## ALL HALLOWS, RINGMORE PANCAKE DAY



**TUESDAY  
13TH  
FEBRUARY  
10:30-12:30**

**PARISH  
ROOM  
RINGMORE**

**DONATIONS**



## BIGBURY COMMUNITY CHOIR IS BACK !

With songs from the sea & shanties.  
Come join us at

Bigbury Memorial Hall  
Tues 13, 20, 27 February 7 - 9pm  
Weds 6, 20, 27 March 7 - 9pm

Cost: £3 Everyone welcome  
Contact: appletaylor72@gmail.com



## Wine Tasting and Quiz

Can you tell your Chardonnay from your  
Sauvignon Blanc or your Shiraz from a Pinotage?  
No previous knowledge required!  
Other Quiz questions will be added for a  
**fun evening!**

Teams welcome or come and join a table.  
Bring your own tasting glass.  
Nibbles provided.

## Friday 8th March

7 pm

Ticket only, available from Holywell Stores  
£15.00 pp.

Memorial Hall, Bigbury.

## SAVE THE DATE!



## BIGBURY MAP PROJECT 23 April 7.30 The Memorial Hall

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restore our wildlife habitats in your  
own garden or on your farm.

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Tues 6th Feb  
**HOT HOUSE COMBO**

Tues 5th Mar  
**CRAIG MILVERTON TRIO**  
'Tribute to Oscar Peterson'

Tues 9th April  
**LA VIE EN ROSE**

Tues 7th May  
**MATT HOLLICK QUARTET**

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Ringmore Historical Society

**BIGBURY WOMEN**  
~ A HISTORY ~

A talk  
by  
Jan Davies

Wednesday 21st February  
Ringmore WI Hall 7.30pm  
All Welcome  
Members £1 - Non Members £5



# St Lawrence's

## CHURCH NEWS

On 14th December an intrepid group of parishioners visited the bell works of Nicholson's in Bridport to view progress on the works to the church bells and their associated support frames and beams. Keen readers of the News will be aware of the bells saga – removed in February 2022 for a planned return in June of the same year, but delay has been added to delay and now the bells are due to be returned in February 2024!

It had been hoped to see the bells hanging in their frames on our visit but once again we were frustrated. We were however able to see the bell frames assembled, with the bells themselves in various states of repair on the shop floor. (See photos, kindly taken by Mike Wynne-Powell).

It now seems the critical activities required before the bells and frames can be returned are the galvanising of the foundation beams and frames, as well as the fabrication of the wooden wheels around which the bell ropes pass. By the time you read this article, the bell re-installation in St Lawrence should be well under way, but it would probably be unwise to bank on it!

The last Community Coffee Morning of the year saw a range of Christmas delights on the stalls and was very well attended, raising an amazing £1000 for future projects at St Lawrence. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed a wonderful morning organised by Jean, Yvonne and the team!

The Community Christmas Card raised £220 for St Lawrence and £20 for All Hallows, from Bigbury and Ringmore based contributors, thank you one and all.

Henry Wainwright's book, Bigbury Past & Present, has recently added £110 to the Inspired Appeal through sales in Holywell Stores, grateful thanks to Henry, Jas and Jaswinder!



There were several lovely services in St Lawrence during December. A full church of family and congregation saw baby Dexter Parton christened quietly and happily!

Over 50 adults and children enjoyed the carols service at which curate Oli Long explained the meaning behind the Christingle orange. Due to atrocious weather, Christmas Eve's Carols on the Green transferred to St Lawrence, again packing the church, followed at 10pm by a reflective communion service with vicar Matt. Finally Joyce Howitt led about 40 people in a joyful Christmas Day Praise service.



Indeed, the PCC is very grateful to the many volunteers quietly carrying out various activities which enable St Lawrence to welcome everyone during daylight hours to explore its history, and to benefit from its peace, often commented on in the visitors' book. A recent acquisition of a digital donation system, for use at services and by visitors at other times, will hopefully help people kindly donate via bank cards, as the use of cash has declined since covid. The machine allows donors to choose whatever level of donation suits best. Please contact Bryan Carson, churchwarden, (810296) or us with any queries, or help and ideas to offer, and take care!  
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Thanks to all who have decorated the church so beautifully, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year too.



# All Hallows

## CHURCH NEWS

### CAROL SERVICE

Over 100 people filled the church for the annual carol service which was led by our Curate Oli Long, ably supported by the Modbury/Ringmore choir aided by several musicians. It was good to see so many villagers and visitors getting ready for Christmas. Very many thanks to all who helped decorate the church, and to all who supplied sustenance after the service.



### THE LADY CHAPEL

The bad weather in December prevented a start being made to repair the roof of the Lady Chapel. It is now planned that the work will be done in February, aiming to be complete by Easter.



### PANCAKE DAY

There will be pancakes in the Parish Room on Tuesday 13th February, 10:30-12:30.

### PRAYER CHAIN

From time to time, most of us feel the need for prayer (whether or not we go to Church). If anyone has a prayer request, they can phone one of the numbers listed below and give details of the request (as much or as little detail as they wish) That person will contact other members of the chain so that a number of people are offering the prayer on behalf of the individual. Confidentiality is always maintained.

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spicy sprouts

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	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion	Communion
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion	Village Service	Communion (8 am) (BCP) ----- All Age Worship	Sunday Worship
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday Worship	Village Service	Sunday Worship	Communion	Village Service
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (8 am) (BCP) ----- All Age Worship	Sunday Worship
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
March 24 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion
March 31 <sup>st</sup> Easter Day	Communion by extension	Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion by extension

## GOD'S GENEROSITY

In the run up to Easter in the period we call Lent our local churches are going to be thinking about generosity. What is the secret for a generous life, to living a life where we give more than expected?

In the film "Millions" two boys find millions of pounds a few days before Britain converts into the euros- soon it will be worthless. They have to try and spend it all in a few days or they will just be left with a pile of useless paper.

Imagine going to the Bureau de Change with some old French Francs or German Marks you have found down the back of the sofa. They would be worthless bits of paper but then the person behind the glass exchanges them for pounds or euros. You would walk away thinking, what an exchange - worthless paper for real money! In the same way Christians believe that God gives us a great exchange. He in Jesus takes our failure and sin away and gives us forgiveness, purpose and a place with him beyond the grave. It cost him his Son's life and all we contribute is our failure. It is an astonishing act of generosity and once it grips your heart and mind it can lead to a life of generosity as you live out what you have received. If you would like to hear more, come and join us in the run up to Easter and beyond.



Matt Rowland

Vicar: The Revd Matt Rowland (830260: every day except (normally) Saturday)  
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Happy new year! We're excited to get started for the new season here at Discovery and we'll be open from February Half term to welcome you all back!

We've had a pleasant break and have been busy behind the scenes getting everything ready for when we re-open. All of our courses are in the calendar for the year - you can view our website for details on Surf Club, Fast Track Surf Courses and our Holiday week long courses, as well as information about all of our other lessons.

During the February half term we'll be open everyday (conditions permitting) and running surf lessons and have equipment available for hire. Our first Surf Club course for children aged 8-16 yrs will then start at the beginning of March, running weekly for 4 weeks until the Easter holidays. We're taking bookings already for the forthcoming year for all of lessons and the school activity weeks are already looking busy as well.

The water is still very cold this time of year and we've got a great selection of wetsuits, boots, hoods and gloves to keep you toasty in surf lessons and available to hire as well.

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All the best - Annika, Martin, Jess and the Discovery Team





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# Emma Carter Bromfield

Emma Carter Bromfield also known as 'Island Artist' has painted on Burgh Island since she was old enough to hold a paintbrush. Her family are the longest standing residents on the Island spanning 47 years.



The island has offered decades of inspiration for Emma, her wild expressive wide skies sweep to meet the horizon and often offer a myriad of colours with a tiny wisp of a sail boat, inspired by sailing with her Dad Rod in a small sailing dingy around the island.

She says, "Burgh Island is a very special place, somewhere I can come home to with my family. Since a young child I've carved out an imagination fed by tides and elements, sea journeys and sea fables told from the seats of ancient mariners in the Pilchard Inn. Anyone that has been there will understand the attraction to this unique island, sometimes it feels like a different country. It is why I am an Island Artist. When I was younger we only had one television on the island, a crackling set in the Ballroom. We had to learn to use our imagination, no WiFi or phones, and at times our childhood was like something in a storybook, full of adventures on surf skis, sailing, beach fires, making dens, jumping off rocks, pirates and island ghosts stories, learning to fish with Gerald the island fisherman, picking crabs for pocket money or mending nets. The characters of the island made up a unique everchanging community ranging from the super glamorous fashionistas to Jimbo who would curse and swear at the sea tractor when it broke down.

I like tides coming in and watching tides going out. I try to translate that free spirited essence that I think we all crave from time to time. I like to express emotion in my practice, to let loose with a brush, rag or hands on a canvas, to give relief from all that ties us down to an otherwise ordinary life. I paint natural wild places where only time and tide rule or

ancient moorlands that I return to time and time again. As I paint from my mind in my studio, I have at least a thousand paintings waiting to be painted. I hope I am lucky enough to grow old enough to fulfil that ambition and have the courage to always challenge myself as an artist."

The success as a contemporary British painter has resulted in 27 years professional practice, being invited to feature in a Netflix series 'Travels with my father' based on Burgh Island and a new Channel 4 series 'The best of British by the sea' aired in May 2022.

Emma was also approached in summer 2023 to have two cinematic short films made about her by MGV Productions about Emma as an Island Artist and her story of her love affair with Burgh Island and also The English Riviera.

Emma also appears in The Times and Sunday Times Newspaper as an expert in their 'little black of experts', Coast Magazine and Vogue as well as other publications.

Emma continues to grow from strength to strength as a painter and to show in galleries in the South West, have solo shows, Artist residencies and art experiences. Her paintings are collected by discerning collectors worldwide and now also hang in beautiful homes and hotels, notable offices and inspired places.



Emma has a display of work in The Pilchard Inn, and will also display her original paintings and limited editions and paint daily in the Ballroom at The Burgh Island Hotel, Bigbury on Sea Devon during 5 - 13th February 2024. Please call 01548 810514 to visit and discuss island access and tide times.

Art experiences on Burgh Island are also available to book: 01548 810 514 and her English Riviera studio is open by appointment to discuss commissions, sales or tuition. 07786 810277

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# Holywell Meadow

The new affordable housing at St Ann's Chapel named 'Holywell Meadow' has been officially opened and I am pleased to say it has really worked out well. This started as a community project following our housing needs survey and was included as part of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was the Parish Council who initially took this forward, first obtaining the backing of the community. The community voted for which site they considered would be best of the four being offered and the land owned by Dudley and Carol Hext, who own Holwell Farm was chosen. This land was given for free by the Hext family but in return they were offered either one completed house on the site or two sites where they would have to pay for the build themselves. They decided on the latter. The development now comprises 13 dwellings of which 8 are affordable.

The community were also actively involved in agreeing to the layout, design and type of housing. In addition, from the very start it was the community's requirement that this was a scheme for local people and that the affordable housing needs of the Parish would take priority.



When South Hams District Council took over the management of the scheme, for continuity, I was appointed as the Planning Consultant. The Architect and all other consultants were already in place having all been selected by the community. We insisted at all times that it was to be for the needs of the local community first and we agreed with the District Council, who are now managing the project, the terms of the Local Letting Policy. We agreed that if there were an insufficient number of people from Bigbury who needed these homes they could then be offered to those in need in the adjoining parishes of Ringmore, Kingston and Aveton Gifford.



I am pleased to confirm that the District Council have kept to the promise of 'Bigbury First', with all of the affordable homes (8 in total) having been allocated to people living or working in Bigbury or with a close family connection. It has been a great success and we hope that other communities will be inspired by what the Parish Council as well as the District Council have managed to achieve and try to do something similar.



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# Holywell Meadow



The scheme is really well designed using a local architect, Andrew Kirby who now specialises in small affordable housing schemes and is passionate about sustainable and energy efficient housing. Andrew is also a Passivhaus specialist and accreditor.

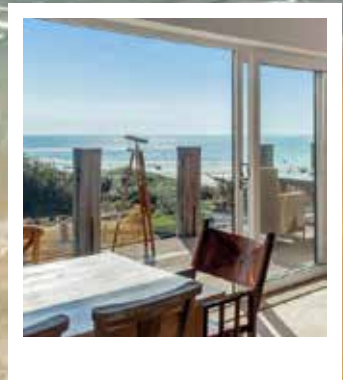
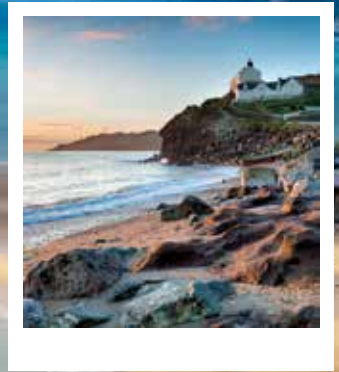
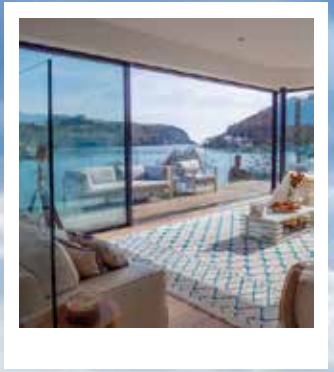
The new housing has been designed to provide plenty of variety in the appearance of the dwellings with excellent materials using Cornish granite stone, timber cladding (larch) and some render with natural slate roofs. It is rated as a carbon zero development and includes air source heatpumps and an efficient heat recovery and ventilation system so is very energy efficient. There are good sized rooms, high standard units in kitchens and bathrooms, excellent landscaping, plenty of green space, good sized gardens and all dwellings have wonderful views. There are also two dedicated car parking spaces per one and two bed dwellings and three for the three bed houses and all with electric chargers as well as visitor spaces.

The access to the village services (Holywell Stores, Pickwick Inn, Memorial Hall and playground) is via a pedestrian/cycle path which leads to Holwell Lane immediately opposite the link to Hilltop. For safety purposes this had to be lit but downlighters only are to be used along this access route and the whole scheme has been designed to avoid light pollution in accordance with our dark skies policy.

**Councillor Valerie Scott**

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# Village Kitchen

## Winter Vegetable Risotto

This healthy, vegan risotto recipe uses eight simple ingredients that are budget friendly, healthy, and delicious. The key to making this recipe work is using the tahini with water. When you mix tahini and water you get a super creamy sauce that makes for the perfect risotto. You can buy most of the ingredients in Holywell Stores.

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup arborio rice
- 1 butternut squash
- 1 bunch kale
- 1 cup peas
- 1 onion
- 5 cloves garlic
- ¼ cup tahini
- ¼ cup nutritional yeast (Engevita B12 is

available in most supermarkets or health food shops, inexpensive and easy to use)



Begin by cooking your rice as usual. While rice is cooking, chop the butternut squash and place on a nonstick baking sheet and bake until golden, about 30 minutes.

In a large pan add the chopped onions, garlic, and peas together with a bit of water and cook.

Add the rice, chopped kale, tahini, nutritional yeast, and ½- 1 cup of water. Stir until everything is combined and the kale has softened. Add the cooked butternut squash and mix until coated with the tahini sauce.

Season to taste, top with sesame seeds and enjoy!

**Fiona Stace**

(For a non-vegan recipe, sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.)

## Cocktail Hour



Burgh Island Hotel has kindly shared the following cocktail recipe with us.

### Berry Ale Cocktail

- 50 ml Tarquin's rhubarb and raspberries gin
- 15 ml gomme syrup
- 1 bottle of ginger ale
- 1 dash of creme de fraise

Serve a large scoop of ice on a long glass and add the gin and the gomme syrup. Top your glass with the ginger ale and add a dash of creme de fraise to add a touch of drama. You can use a couple of frozen raspberries for garnish.

# Wildlife Watch

We know that many of you love our local wildlife and want to do more to protect and nurture it. Through the Bigbury Map Project, we've identified that the parish has lost a great many hedges in the last 130 years, which has significantly reduced the habitats of thousands of insects, birds and mammals. We haven't surveyed Ringmore parish but it's likely that hedges have been lost there too. Whether the creatures rely on hedges for food, breeding or shelter, the loss has had a profound effect on the quantity and diversity of wildlife in our area. Please read the article below, written especially for Bigbury and Ringmore News if you'd like to learn more about traditional hedge laying.



Did you know that Devon boasts 33,000 miles of hedgerows? That's more than enough to reach around our planet, and it's only half of what existed before the Second World War, after which many hedges were grubbed out to make way for larger scale agriculture.

As well as serving as field boundaries, providing shelter and forage for farm animals, and yielding food, fibre and fuel for humans, hedges are incredibly valuable and diverse habitats for a huge range of wildlife. Imagine a hedge as a three dimensional meadow, full of flowers growing not just on the banks but of course on the trees and bushes too.

Devon's hedges are very old with many dating back to medieval times, and some being of Bronze Age origin and older.



Before the invention of cheap wire fencing and the tractor-mounted flail, all hedges were kept in good order through the practice of hedge laying, or "hedge steeping" as it is known in Devon. The woody stems are partially severed, using a bill hook or axe, and laid horizontally along the top of the bank to create a living fence. This process would be repeated every 5 to 10 years or so to keep the hedge thick and prevent livestock from escaping.

Over the last couple of decades there has been an ever-increasing realisation in the world of nature conservation that hedges are important and that hedge laying is essential for their maintenance. As a result, there has been a growing demand for hedgelayers and I'm now very involved with teaching courses all around the county. Laying hedges is hard work, but very rewarding and as I sit by the fire of an evening with aching muscles and scratched hands it feels great to be able to earn a crust from such useful work.

With ever increasing pressures on time and labour, many farms can no longer afford the time to lay hedges as they have historically done. This has led to a very different style of hedge over many years of trimming, with hedges no longer needed to provide the barriers they once did. However, recent changes to the farming environmental payment system now mean that farmers can be rewarded for laying and maintaining hedges, recognising not only the importance of the habitat it creates for flora and fauna in a laid hedge but also the benefits of a mosaic of habitats from a network of laid hedges.

Many of the skills have been lost over time, and farmers and land managers are rarely able to find the time to lay hedges. Therefore, these skills are in high demand. The Dartmoor Hill Farm Project has been running boundaries training courses across the greater Dartmoor area, helping those interested in learning the ancient and valued skills of Walling and Hedgelaying, with courses run on many different styles of walls and hedges for the last 5 years, with expert practitioners helping participants to hone their skills. These courses are open to all to join and learn both a highly valued skill and to gain a greater understanding of the ancient boundaries and farmland around us.

**Columb Hague (Dartmoor Hill Farm Project) & Jeremy Wiess (Proper Edges)**  
Email: [hfp@dartmoor.gov.uk](mailto:hfp@dartmoor.gov.uk)



# Garden Gate

In tandem with the piece opposite on traditional hedge laying, here is some information for gardeners on how to support local wildlife by simply planting native species garden hedges.

Do you have a garden boundary that could be changed from a fence to a mixed native species hedge? Perhaps there's part of your garden that could be enclosed by a hedge. Even a few metres of hedge would make a difference because if wildlife can travel easily from your hedge to your neighbour's or to a farm hedge, then they have a supporting habitat.

There are species causing conservation concern, which can be found in Devon's hedges. Rapidly declining birds include song thrush, linnet, dunnock (hedge sparrow) and yellowhammer. There are declining numbers of mammals like hedgehog, harvest mouse, and many species of bat. Even the primrose, which we see on roadside hedges in the spring, is in decline.

**So let's plant more hedges!**

They provide:

- Places for animals to breed and develop eg nesting birds and insect larvae;
- Food for animals eg nectar for bees, berries for birds, leaves for caterpillars or decaying wood for many insects;
- Shelter from harsh weather or predators;
- A safe corridor through the landscape, enabling creatures to move around for food and breeding;

A mixed, native hedge is ideal because the species have evolved alongside native creatures in our climate. The Woodland Trust recommends the following species:

Blackthorn, Hawthorn, Feld Maple, Wild Cherry, Hazel, Dog Rose and Oak.

Have any readers have already planted a hedge similar to this? Would you be willing to talk about it for 10 mins to a local audience on 23 April at 7.30 in The Memorial Hall? Pease contact: Jan Davies  
bigburynwseditor@gmail.com



**BLACKTHORN**

The early spring blossom provides food for pollinating insects and the autumn sloes are a feast for birds. The dense growth also makes a wonderful shelter for birds and other wildlife.



**DOG ROSE**

Dog Rose makes a good shelter for wildlife, who enjoy its vitamin C-rich fruits, which are also edible for humans. It's extremely pretty but also tough and will lace its way through the hedge.



**WILD CHERRY**

Early blossom is a source of nectar for bees and the later the cherries are eaten by birds and mammals. The foliage is the main food plant for caterpillars of many species of moth.



**FIELD MAPLE**

A great hedge plant for wildlife. The flowers of the Field Maple provide pollen for bees and the small winged 'helicopter' fruits during autumn are nourishment for small mammals.



**HAWTHORN**

Supports over 150 species of insects and many native birds. In autumn, the haws are food for thrushes, blackbirds, blue tits and yellowhammers. The dense, thorny foliage of Hawthorn also gives birds a safe place to nest and provides protection for small mammals. The Woodland Trust rates Hawthorn as the 2nd most advantageous plant for wildlife, beaten only by English Oak.



**HAZEL**

Hazel delights us in early spring with its pretty yellow catkins (lambs' tails) and again in the autumn with hazel nuts. It is wonderful for wildlife as it supports moth caterpillars, dormice, squirrels and about 70 species of insects. It is fine in most free draining soils and windy or exposed sites and is shade tolerant.



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# Local History

## Bigbury Women - A History

In the context of this booklet, Bigbury refers to the whole parish, which includes St Ann's Chapel, Easton, Bigbury-on-Sea and several farms. 'Bigbury Women' are those women who lived or worked in Bigbury parish at some point in the past (not including anyone born after the 1920s).

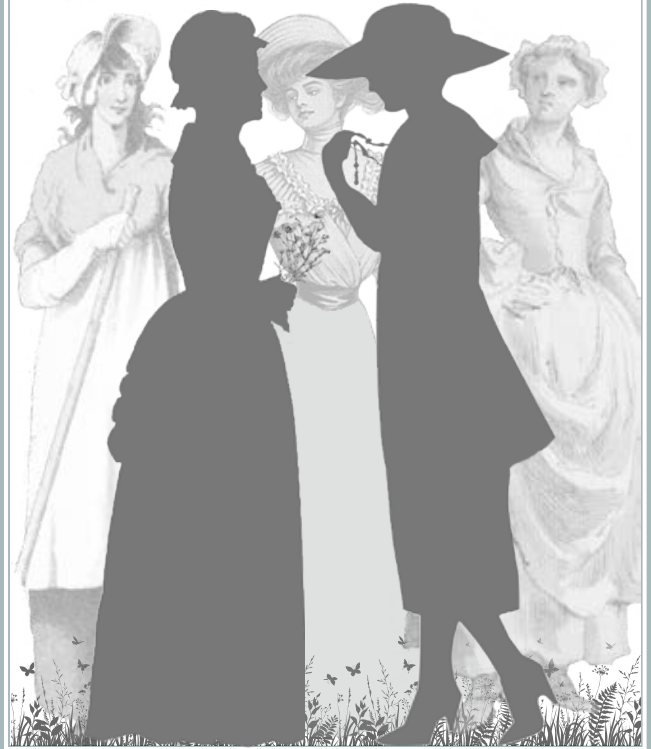
I know that some people will ask why this booklet isn't called 'Bigbury People - A History'? Why focus on the women and not the men? The answer is quite simple: many history books focus on men because they are the ones with the most recorded events. If this were a booklet on the history of Bigbury, very few women would be named in it because their lives were mainly domestic not public.

There's a lack of women's visibility in the records eg muster rolls, freemen, deeds, tithe maps, trade directories, and prominent local roles eg vicar, magistrate, parish overseers etc. In order to discover the lives of Bigbury women, you have to deliberately seek them out, digging their life stories out of the parish and census records. I wanted to find out more about the lives of the actual women who lived here, so that's what I did!

The booklet covers Bigbury women's occupations, health, leisure, poverty and education. It describes the lives of Bigbury wives and mothers, including family size!

Find out who ruled the Royal Oak 'with a rod of iron'. Who was the Blacksmith's daughter who ran the Post Office? Which Bigbury woman bore nine children and then ran the Pilchard Inn as a widow for 33 years until she died aged 85? It's all in the booklet so please buy a copy and support the Devon Air Ambulance.

## BIGBURY WOMEN ~ A HISTORY ~



JAN DAVIES

This booklet will be on sale locally from the end of February. All proceeds from sales will go to the Devon Air Ambulance. Printing is kindly sponsored by local businesses.

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### Parish Registers

February/March 1724

*Baptised in Bigbury:*

*William, son of John & Katherine Bevill*

*Elizabeth, daughter of John & Elizabeth Lidston*

*George, son of Phillip & Mary Rundell*

*Baptised in Ringmore:*

*William, son of Hendrick & Mary Ryder*

*Buried in Bigbury:*

*Martha Shipard*

February/March 1824

*Baptised in Bigbury:*

*Jane Elizabeth, daughter of James & Elizabeth Amm, Tailor*

*Phillip, son of John & Ann Brown, Labourer*

*Jane, daughter of Thomas & Mary Elliott, Thatcher*

*Henry, son of Henry & Mary Husking, Yeoman*

February/March 1824

*Baptised in Ringmore:*

*Elizabeth, daughter of William & Jane Winsor, Labourer*

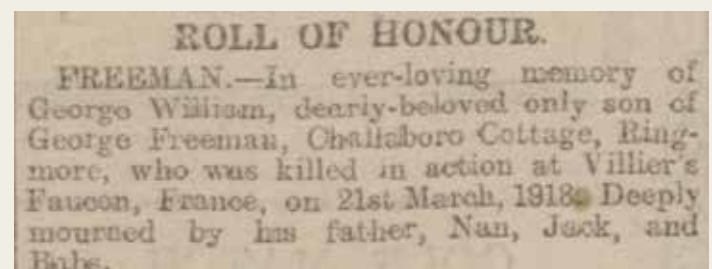
*Buried in Bigbury:*

*Mary Horswill age 84*

*Rev. George Sullock age 65*

*John Sullock age 83*

### Western Morning News March 1924



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I'm sure that customers and those served by the store would like to join me in extending their thanks to Jas and Jaswinder for all they do and wish them continued success with their business which is valued and appreciated.

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Nancy Singleton, Business Editor

# Business Matters

Happy New Year to all of our local businesses and here's hoping that 2024 has got off to a good start....

Maximising on marketing and advertising opportunities can be daunting and sometimes costly for businesses. Learn how to attract new customers and grow your business through social media and search engine advertising by participating in this free online workshop.

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The Growth Hub invites you to this free workshop, which will introduce you to paid advertising opportunities. The session is presented by Gemma Ross, Head of Paid Media at Bigwave Marketing, on behalf of The Heart of the South West Growth Hub. Learn how to attract new customers and grow your business through social media and search engine advertising. This session will cover tips and tricks that apply across a range of platforms including Google and Microsoft advertising, Meta (Facebook & Instagram), YouTube, TikTok and audience tactic to remarket effectively and steal your competitor's traffic!

A promotional graphic for a free online workshop. On the left, a teal box contains the text 'FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP' and 'A GUIDE TO PAID ADVERTISING USING SOCIAL AND SEARCH TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS'. To the right, a dark teal box shows the date 'Wed 21st Feb 2024' and time '10am - 12pm'. Below this, a 'Presented by' section features a photo of Gemma Ross, Head of Paid Media at Bigwave Marketing. A central teal box reads 'FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP FOR DEVON AND SOMERSET SMALL BUSINESSES'. At the bottom are logos for 'DIGITAL LINK' and 'heart of the south west Growth Hub'. On the right side of the graphic is a photograph of hands holding a smartphone with various colorful app icons floating around it.

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I do hope that as many of you as possible are able to take advantage of this free opportunity to learn some new tips, tricks and tactics!

Nancy Singleton, Business Editor

# Avon River Champions



## Beach pollution

Most of us will know that the beaches at Bigbury and Challaborough were closed on some days in the last few months due to sewage spills making swimming unsafe. This was due to poor infrastructure maintenance by South West Water and inadequate capacity of our local sewage treatment works near Challaborough.

A recent planning application in Bigbury-on-Sea has seen SWW advise against the Applicant being able to pipe drainage water from their roof into the sewage system. For some time South West Water were obliged to pay a contractor to cart away our sewage several times a day in large trucks which have now damaged parts of the access roads in Bigbury-on-Sea. Cllr Rufus Gilbert has advised the parish council to take this up with the Highways Authority who will undoubtedly require SWW to pay for repairs. It is disappointing that SWW need to be 'asked' to do this.

Bigbury Parish Council is fully informed about the technical issues involved and is proactively seeking redress at the highest levels with South West Water, thanks to the hard work of Cllr David Molesworth.



Slide from Cllr Molesworth's presentation to Bigbury Parish Council.

Bantham Beach has also had to be closed several times over the winter months for safety reasons due sewage pollution, cancelling the Bantham Lifesaving Club training events. The source of the Bantham incidents is an 'on-going investigation'.

Sign up for alerts on the beach sewage spills with Surfers Against Sewage <https://www.sas.org.uk/water-quality/sewage-pollution-alerts/>

## River Pollution

Combined Sewer Overspills refer to the release of large volumes of polluted water into our rivers by water companies. This has to happen when it rains heavily to prevent the sewage coming back up the pipes and into our bathrooms. With higher winter rainfall due to climate change – more of this could happen. Rainwater from our roofs is often piped into the sewage system. Water companies are now legally obliged to record the number of events and the hours over which CSOs occurred. In 2022 South West Water recorded shocking numbers of CSOs into the Avon - 347 events totalling 1,926 hours of pollution. This involved the Moreleigh, Diptford and South Brent sewage treatment works. Download the full Avon Report on [www.avon-river-champions.org](http://www.avon-river-champions.org)

## Force4Nature

Volunteers are signing up to swell the ranks of Force4Nature run by Gary Jolliffe of 'Til the Coast is Clear. They are helping environmentally-sensitive farmers in the Avon catchment to build leaky dams across tributaries that run across their land, silt traps for roads run-off, planting trees, hedgerows and much more. Agricultural run-off is another important source of river pollution. However, community spirit can more readily address this problem and farmers are keen to offer their practical insights about where on their land these interventions would be helpful. If you are a farmer with an opportunity to reduce run-off or a volunteer wanting to help with the work, please contact: [gary@tillthecoastisclear.co.uk](mailto:gary@tillthecoastisclear.co.uk)



Sign Up on the website to the new e-newsletter "Avon River Voices" for news, events, public consultations and alerts every two weeks directly to your inbox. [www.avon-river-champions.org](http://www.avon-river-champions.org)

Louise Wainwright  
Chair - Avon River Champions



### Think Tank Launched

BBC Spotlight South West weather forecasters are now routinely beginning their 'local' reports with an overview of the global climate change crisis, showing us graphs of the trends since pre-industrial times when we first began burning fossil fuels to power up the industrial revolution. David Attenborough reminds us that global sea temperatures are rising, ice glaciers are melting and sea levels are rising. This is human-induced climate change. Bigbury is not an island, we are part of the jigsaw of this global picture – responsible for the problem and capable of being part of the solution. Bigbury Parish Council Declared a Climate & Biodiversity Emergency in Oct 2022. What can we do to make a difference?

In the COP28 week, Bigbury Net Zero did not organise a message on the beach "SOS COP 28" like it had done two years in a row for COP26 and COP 27. Instead - we held a briefing meeting at Venus Café for Bigbury businesses and farmers to outline the Small Farm Carbon Offset Scheme. The proposed scheme aims to create a platform where local households and businesses first measure and reduce their own footprints and then have the opportunity to buy carbon offsets from local farms which have made the same journey but are actually below net zero and have created 'carbon credits'. This relies on the fact that for every 0.1% increase in Soil Organic Matter – a staggering 9 tons of CO2 is safely stored in the soil. This requires a shift towards regenerative farming methods which uses less fossil-fuel derived inputs.

We invited local farms and businesses to showcase the work they were already doing to measure their carbon footprints and reduce their reliance on fossil fuels. We were privileged to be joined by Jonathan Smith (Farm Carbon Toolkit) and Eoin McQuone (Go Climate Positive) who have teamed up with Mukti Mitchell (Carbon Savvy) and Bigbury Net Zero to develop the pioneering scheme. Cllr Rufus Gilbert and Cllr Jacqui Hodgson attended to support our initiative.

Michael and Louisa Smith generously sponsored the event and BNZ managed to buy everyone a yummy mince pie. The business and farm reports revealed there is already much to celebrate in Bigbury: they have begun the process of measuring their footprints and are working to reduce carbon emissions. Bigbury News has reported on some of these endeavours and we all agree that more needs to be done.

### CLIMATE ACTION POLICY of Bigbury Parish Council

Bigbury declared a Climate & Biodiversity Emergency in Oct 2022. This Policy provides a framework which supports & encourages the Businesses, Households & Farms in Bigbury to contribute to reducing the Parish carbon footprint and enhancing our biodiversity. This will be achieved, by promoting good practice within the parish, evolving the neighbourhood planning policies to make them climate sensitive and pro-actively encouraging collaborative initiatives which share the following mission.

#### Mission Statement

Save energy  
Produce more green energy  
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David Molesworth

Date: 10th January 2024

At the January Bigbury Parish Council meeting, our Councillors unanimously approved a Climate and Biodiversity Policy (see above) which enshrined the mission statement which would drive a Bigbury Parish Carbon & Biodiversity Plan. The Parish Council are inviting contributions to a Think Tank to help develop the plan - comprised of people from all sectors of our community - farmers, businesses, resident young families, resident retired people, clubs, part time residents and caravan owners. To find out more - please get in touch with either Cllr Stuart Watts or Louise Wainwright. We need your support, and now is the time when you can help to make a difference.

**Bigbury Parish Council**  
warmly invites your contributions to the

### BIGBURY CLIMATE THINK TANK

Are you part of one of these sectors?  
**Households - Businesses - Farms**

We are seeking ideas from all sectors to develop the  
**Bigbury Carbon & Biodiversity Plan**  
through monthly hybrid Zoom/in-person meetings.

Can you help Bigbury to develop guidance on actions relevant to each Sector which could collectively:  
**Reduce our Parish Carbon Footprint**  
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Cllr Stuart Watts [cllrswatts.bigburypc@gmail.com](mailto:cllrswatts.bigburypc@gmail.com)  
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## Hand painted pebble mystery in Ringmore



Whilst walking along the footpaths in Ringmore I spotted a beautiful hand painted pebble.

And then over a period of a few days I spotted more dotted along the footpaths. They were tantalisingly placed so you looked for more. Then they disappeared as quickly as they arrived.



What a lovely thought of the artist(s) to share these and bring a smile to the faces of those who found them.

But I asked myself... 'was this a hide and seek game?' I left all but one in the same place but decided to re-hide one pebble.

'Were the pictures giving me a message?' And 'who painted these pebbles?' I thought the message was about travel and our environment. Did you spot them too?

Tracy Hyde



*FOSL funds important projects such as the preservation of an amazing array of historical artefacts and the installation of much needed lighting & sound systems!*

## FRIENDS NEEDED!

Historical St Lawrence's Church relies on the ongoing support of the community to ensure it's here for future generations.

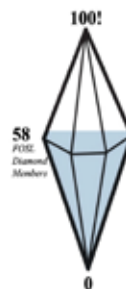
To accomplish the various projects that contribute to the heritage and beauty of St. Lawrence's, we need to raise circa £6000/year which means we need 100 'Diamond' Friends giving just £5/month. So we are asking you to become one of our 100!

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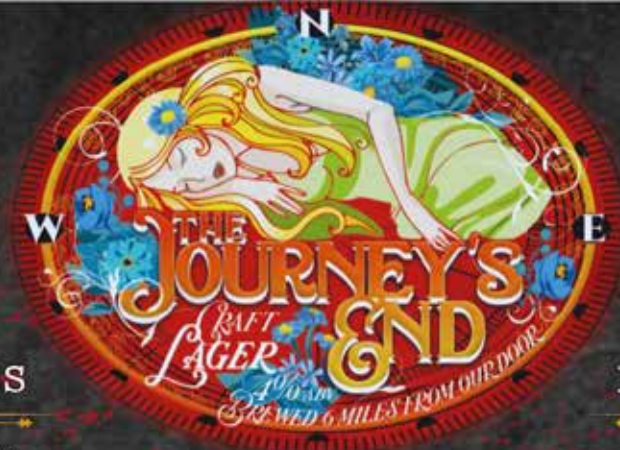


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The competitions rounding off the year at Bigbury Golf Club are the Christmas Lunches, which include a wonderful roast served by Maggs, H and Dale.

First up were the Ladies and unfortunately the weather was rather awful, including hail storms, winds and rain, but there were still 17 extremely stoical ladies who took to the course, although some retired early. But Captain Karen Graddon made sure but there was a prize for all the ladies who braved the elements. The awful conditions did not dampen the Ladies spirit and the special lunch was enjoyed by everyone, including some who are not playing golf at present or have retired from playing. It was a good time for all to catch up. Karen enjoyed hosting this special event, which was the last one for her in her special year as the Centenary Captain. She thanked everyone for their support during 2023 and wished incoming Captain, Linda Hanbury, a successful and happy 2024.

The following day conditions were much improved and more than 70 men took to the course for their Christmas competition, followed by a very enjoyable roast meal together. And wow, what a day Nick Hanbury had when he enjoyed the experience of a lifetime when he bagged himself a hole in one on his birthday. Nick stood on the tee of Bigbury's 3rd hole Par 3, where the green always looks very inviting. He selected his 5 iron and enjoyed his shot but his ball couldn't be found when he and his playing partners reached the green; they were thinking it must have rolled off the back of the green. But, how fabulous when Nick checked the hole and discovered his ball had holed out!



There were a lot of celebrations during the special roast meal, with all present sharing in Keith's birthday and hole in one, as well as the birthday of Nick Parker. There was a hearty rendering of Happy Birthday for them both. Dave Graddon and Phil Jolly thanked all for the support they had received during their wonderful year as Centenary Captains. After some miserable weather over the Christmas period, on the first Saturday of January the Bigbury Golf Club 2024 Captains had a glorious day of sunshine for their Drive-In, shared by the outgoing Captains for their Drive Out. Jack Green for the Gents, Linda Hanbury for the Ladies and Andrew Ware for the Seniors were most enthusiastically welcomed onto the first Tee, with Jack (former Commodore) being piped aboard with a Guard of Honour, closely followed by Linda and Andrew.



*2024 Captains, L-R Andrew, Jack and Linda*

They were all presented with an interesting variety of challenges for their special shots, including hickory clubs and oddly shaped golf balls. In the circumstances, they all could be satisfied with the distances and where the shots ended. Club Professional Sam Edwards was positioned down the fairway doing the measuring and he was kept busy.

On returning to the clubhouse, Jack, Linda and Andrew, proudly received their special shirts, hats and ties from outgoing 2023 Captains David and Karen Graddon and Phil Jolly. Jack, Linda and Andrew went on to thank all who had come along for the day and said how much they were looking forward to their year. Hopefully the weather for the drive-in was also a good sign for the forthcoming year.

Finally, all the members and employees at Bigbury congratulate their 2024 Captains and wish them a most enjoyable year, as well as the readers of this Newsletter.

**Marlene Johnson**



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