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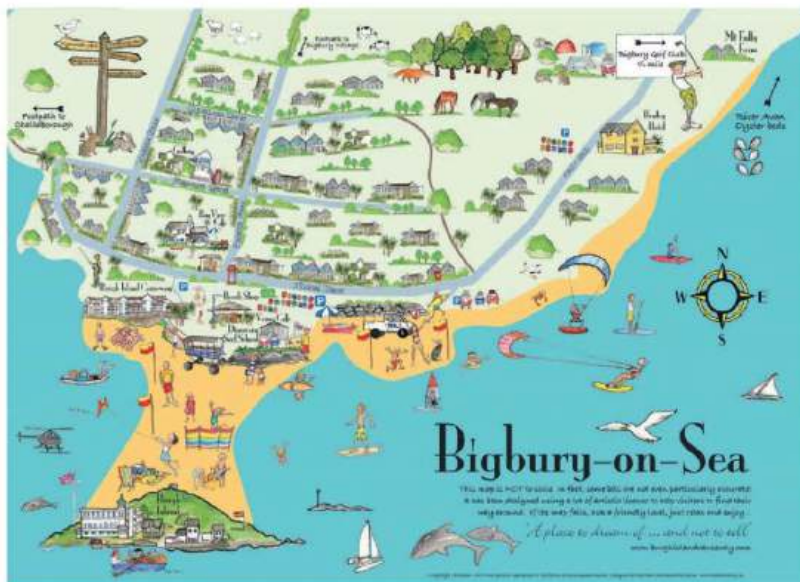
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EDITOR'S LETTER

Hello wonderful Readers,

As the leaves start turning and the evenings draw in, there's something special about this time of year. Autumn seems to invite us to slow down a little, enjoy the colour all around us, and maybe even dig out the woolly jumpers!

Here in our Parishes, autumn is also a time of gathering — whether it's harvest celebrations, community events, or simply catching up with neighbours over a cup of something warm. It's a season that reminds us of the importance of thankfulness, for both the big blessings and the small everyday ones.

In this edition, you'll find news about the Ringmore Fair; St Lawrence's Flower Festival, the South Hams Vintage Rally and a villager receiving an award (I'll leave you to find that article). There are lots of updates, and plenty to look forward to as we step into these autumn days together.

I hope it brings a smile, a bit of inspiration, and perhaps even an excuse to take five minutes' peace with a hot drink while you read.

All the best.

Jennie Linzell

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BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Bringing the Community Together

Firstly, I hope you've all had a great Summer.

At the Hall we've been planning our Autumn/Winter programme. The first event, which at the time of writing is yet to take place, was a return visit from top locally based folk duo Harbottle and Jonas. Tickets are selling well.

We have two events in November. The first is the latest in our ever popular series of Film and Food Nights, on the 13th. This time the film is The Penguin Lessons, starring Steve Coogan and Jonathan Pryce. This 2024 comedy has only recently been released in cinemas and is the story of a British teacher rescuing a distressed penguin in Argentina and their subsequent adventures. As usual, entry is free; just bring a plate of food to share and your own drinks.

The second is a Villages in Action event, No One is Listening, a production by master story teller Vic Llewellyn, on the 29th. Drawing on the traditions of ghost stories, and his own distinctive comic style, Vic weaves a semi-autobiographical tale of haunted journeys, lost friends and the slow unraveling of memory. At its heart is an actor facing the loss of his most treasured possession: his memory. Look out for ticket details in Bigbury Drums.

The last event before Christmas is a Wine Tasting Evening on December 5th, presented by Dane Vanstone together with Mike Poynter and Cathy Harrington. Tickets are £15, including delicious finger food. Again, further details will appear in Bigbury Drums nearer the time.

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BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Calendar of Events for October-November 2025

Day & Time	Activity	Organiser	Contact No
Mon 15:45-17:00	Table Tennis	Angie Bond Janie Grace	811131 811122
Tues 07:00-08:00	Exercise Class	Jessica	07805 895592
Tues 19:00	Community Choir	Apple Taylor	appletaylor72@gmail.com
Wed 10:30-12:00 (1st Wed of month)	Community Coffee Morning	Jean Wright Yvonne Klidjian	810029 810971
Wed 19:30 (2nd Wed of month)	Parish Council	Ian Bramble (Clerk)	855712
Thur 09:30-10:30 10:50-11:30	Pilates Strong & Steady (Plus Tea & chat)	Jill Gubbins	810651
Thur 13 November 19:00	Film & Food Night The Penguin Lessons	Angie Bond	811131
Sat 29 November 19:30	No One is Listening	Jill Gubbins	810651

What's On

4 October

The River Summit
Kingsbridge Community College
10am onwards

12 October

Harvest Festival
St Lawrence Church
11am

12 October

Harvest Lunch
Bigbury Memorial Hall
1.00pm

13 October

Winter Soup Lunch
Ringmore WI Hall
12 noon - 2.00pm

23 October

Faith Under Fire
Ringmore WI Hall
7.30pm

31 October

Church Cleaning
All Hallows Church
10.00am - 12.00pm

31 October

Live Music - Lady Stardust
The Pickwick Inn
8.00pm

3 November

Winter Soup Lunch
Ringmore WI Hall
12 noon - 2.00pm

9 November

DEADLINE for Christmas Card
Entries please

9 November

Remembrance Day Service
(joint for Bigbury, Kingston & Ring-
more)
All Hallows Church
10.40am

13 November

Film & Food Night
The Penguin Lessons
Bigbury Memorial Hall

13 November

Talk by Emma Cunnis
Ringmore WI Hall
7.00pm

19 November

Ringmore History Society AGM
Ringmore WI Hall
7.30pm

21 November

Live Music - The Mojoes
The Pickwick Inn
7.00 pm

28 November

Church Cleaning
All Hallows Church
10.00am - 12.00pm

29 November

No One is Listening - Vic Llewellyn
Bigbury Memorial Hall

5 December

Wine Tasting
Bigbury Memorial Hall



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weight of the cake etc.

10.30 - 12.00

Wednesday 1 October

Supporting

South Hams Hospital League of Friends

Wednesday 5 November

Supporting Kingsbridge Age Concern

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Unitary Authority Proposals

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22 September 2025 – Modbury Memorial Hall,
Modbury. 14.00 – 16.00. *Drop-in session.*

02 October 2025 – Kingsbridge Community College,
Kingsbridge. 18.00 and end at 20.00 hrs



Ringmore Women's Institute



A talk by Emma Cunis, Dartmoor's Daughter
Sacred Landscape - Natural Features and Our
Relationship With them



'Photo Credit: Dartmoor's Daughter.'

Thursday, 13th November 2025 at 7:30pm

WI Meeting at 7:00pm

Members: Free Entry

Non-Members: £5 Entry (includes tea/coffee/biscuits)

Wine will be available to purchase

Indigenous people around the world consider sacred the mountains, rivers, springs, and other natural features. Perhaps the extraordinary tors of Dartmoor were similarly revered before the building of stone circles and rows. We will explore the different shapes of tors, the stories associated with them, as well as the monuments that were built around them, some of which still exist to this day including Tor Cairns; Neolithic Tor Enclosures; deliberately Propped Stones; and more.

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Phil with jewellery
Kim and Lesley with cards

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For further information
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All Welcome



Play Park Opening and Children's Party.

To celebrate the opening of the revamped
Play Park at St Ann's Chapel we would like
to organise a Children's Party.
This will be at the end of October at
The Memorial Hall. Date to be confirmed.

The parish council is willing to sponsor the
event but we need ideas and help.

If you have children (or grandchildren)
and their friends please make contact.

All will be Welcome.

Please contact Henry
on 01548 810991 or
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BIGBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

"BIGBURY THEN AND NOW"



Memorial Hall 16th October at 7.00 p.m.

A fascinating slideshow from the Society's
extensive archive of photographs

Admission £3 including tea/coffee and
biscuits

Thursday October 23rd 7.30pm at Ringmore
WI hall

Faith Under Fire When belief costs everything

Illustrated talk by Open Doors
with a General Knowledge quiz

Entry £7.00, to cover refreshments and drink

Any funds raised will go to Open Doors, who support
Christians being persecuted for their faith

Further information from Rosemary Piercy
email candrpiercy1416@gmail.com

Tickets (from mid September onwards) from Rosemary
Piercy: 07562 231617, Carole Reilly: 07936 196480 and
Heather Hinkley: 07876 522934

(Please note that Rosemary will be out of the UK until October 1, but before then, will be able to answer emails and Whatsapp)

Community

Public Consultation

Bigbury's Neighbourhood Plan



Five-year Review

Neighbourhood planning provides the opportunity for communities to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop over the next 10, 15, 20 years in ways that meet identified local need and make sense for local people. As needs and circumstances change there is a need to review and adapt the NHP. Bigbury's NHP was published in 2020 and has had numerous positive outcomes e.g. the affordable housing development at Holywell Meadow. After five years it is time to review the plan.

What is changing? In recent years, South Hams District Council declared a housing crisis and also a climate change and biodiversity emergency. On a very local level our churchyard is full and nowhere to bury our dead. There is limited car parking for church events and no toilet. How should these impact on our NHP?

Members of the public are invited to review and comment on Bigbury's Neighbourhood Plan as part of the Five-year review. Please leave your comments on the Bigbury Community website, email or write to the parish clerk by **Friday 24 October 2025**.

<https://bigburycommunity.co.uk/clerk.bigburypc@gmail.com>

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BIGBURY COFFEE MORNING

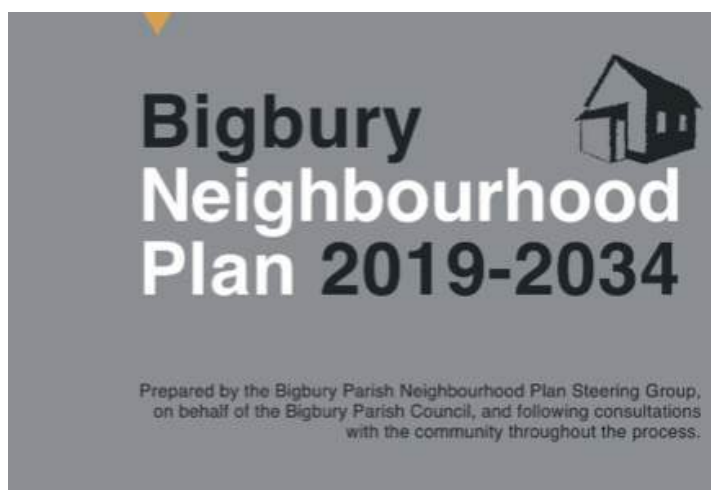
On Wednesday 6th August we raised £350 for the Devon Air Ambulance. Ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances need Devon Air Ambulance to reach and treat them rapidly. Their crews are ready to respond with pilots, paramedics and doctors, by air or by road.

On Wednesday 3rd September we raised £343 for St Luke's hospice. It was lovely to have Anna present who told us about the wonderful work the hospice do-even arranging a Wedding! With support from the hospice, families can focus on spending precious time together, creating special memories. Crucially, too their help does not end when someone has died they provide bereavement support for their loved ones for as long as they need it.

Many thanks to everyone who supported us and gave so generously.

We look forward to seeing you between 10.30 & noon on Wednesday 1st October when we will be supporting South Hams Hospital League of Friends and on Wednesday 5th November it will be Kingsbridge Age Concern.

Best wishes Jean, Yvonne & the team.



Thank you

At their meeting last Wednesday, Bigbury Parish Council agreed to give £500 to B&RN — every little helps!

We've also asked Ringmore Parish Council for a contribution, though a smaller one in line with their circulation.

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All Hallows

CHURCH NEWS

New Vicar

Interviews for the new Vicar of the Modbury Mission Community would have taken place on 25th September. By the publication of Bigbury and Ringmore Newsletter we should be receiving notification whether the process has been successful and who has been selected. Exciting times.

Glebe Land Ringmore

All Hallows Church is sorry for the way the Glebe Land has been marketed. This was instigated and managed by the Diocese of Exeter. All Hallows had no input to the process nor will it directly benefit from its sale. It has been prompted by challenging financial conditions within the Diocese.

Remembrance Service

This year, on **Sunday 9th November**, the joint Remembrance Day Service for the parishes of Bigbury Kingston and Ringmore will be held at All Hallows Church Ringmore. The service which will start at 10.40am will be led by Licensed Lay Minister Joyce Howitt, and will include the reading of the Rolls of Honour of the three parishes, the Silence at 11.00am and the laying of wreaths by the Memorial window. Refreshments will be served in the church after the service. Parking will be available in a nearby field or if you a National Trust member in the Arymer Cove National Trust car park.

All Hallows Prayer Group

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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CHURCH CLEANING

This is undertaken on the last Friday of each month from 10.00 until about mid-day. Very many thanks to all who give up their time to keep All Hallows looking neat, tidy and polished! If anyone would like to come and help you will be more than welcome.

The next dates are Friday 31 October and Friday 28 November.



Cafe Church - Supplied by Mike Wynne-Powell



St Lawrence Matters

CHURCH NEWS

Well, a busy summer at St Lawrence – you will read about the bells rung for VJ Day and the Flower Festival elsewhere, but just to record the PCC's huge thanks to the bell ringing team, and Jean, Hilary and Dane for their production of the festival, and of course all the contributors to that weekend's resounding success, both in drawing people in to discover our wonderful parish church and in raising over £6,000! Roses came from Kenya, courtesy of Henry and Louise Wainwright's links, highlighting the Diocesan connections there. WELL DONE ALL.

By the time you read this, a six man jazz band from Holland will have given a free concert in the church, again thanks to Henry's jazz club connections, do hope you came and enjoyed the music! We may also have chosen a new vicar – interviews were being held in late September – watch this space! Archdeacon Dettmer led a service at St Lawrence on August 3rd and apparently commented to our churchwarden Bryan Carson afterwards, what a pleasure it had been to have been able to chat with congregation members over tea after – free refreshments and chat time to catch up on news is one of St Lawrence's quiet strengths!

During the summer, Mike Farley, of Farley Organ Builders of Budleigh Salterton, helped by Peter Cook and John Scott, removed the pipe organ at Kingsbridge Baptist Church to safe storage in his workshop, again much gratitude to the Baptist Church for their help in this matter. A Faculty (Diocesan planning permission) has been submitted and once approved work will start to refurbish and install the organ in St Lawrence, although unfortunately

that'll probably be towards next Easter now. Even though that seems a long way off, we are always keen to hear from people interested in playing the organ or piano for services, whether on a regular basis or not, so please do contact a PCC member.

A Quintennial Inspection (church MOT) is programmed for early October. We expect the church architect to be impressed by all the improvements that have happened – with your support – since 2020!

The Harvest Festival service at St Lawrence will be at 11 a.m. on Sunday 12th October, followed by a lunch at 1 p.m. at Bigbury Memorial Hall. Please see the poster and call Jean Wright on 810029 to book in, by 9th October. Don't forget to bring your own drink and glasses.

Sunday 9th November will see the joint Bigbury, Ringmore and Kingston Remembrance Service held at All Hallows, Ringmore, this year, please arrive by 10.45 a.m. and perhaps share cars.

Please contact bell captain Henry 810991 or churchwarden Bryan 810926 if you wish to ring or to learn. St Lawrence's services continue generally at 11 a.m. with curate Rev Oli Long, readers Gil Snook and Joyce Howitt, supported by other local clergy. Everyone is most welcome at our friendly services, we look forward to seeing you!

Vic & Jill Gubbins

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BIGBURY

Community-Flower Festival held at

When Jean asked me over two years ago to help organise a flower festival at St Lawrence I had no idea what would be involved or how we would go about it. Now that it is sadly all over I look back and remember what an incredible experience it was.

So many of the community came forward to help and the creativity and planning that took place was astounding. What was at the beginning a “scary” project became, dare I say it “enjoyable” !

On Thursday 7th August the church was full of lovely ladies, some with husbands in tow, (to help with the final tweaking). We were knee deep in foliage, buckets of flowers were everywhere, it was pouring with rain and we wondered how on earth we would be finished by Friday morning. Suddenly the church became calm, we were done ! For weeks Jean and I had said to each other “ It’ll be fine “ - and it was ! Months of fundraising, meetings, annoying pings on WhatsApp paid off. The church looked stunning, several of us felt overwhelmed and tears were shed.

We can’t thank everyone enough for their time creativity and patience during the last few chaotic days leading up to the festival, from flower arrangers tea and coffee ladies, washer-uppers and many more , we can’t thank you enough ! One special mention has to go to Dane who braved the traffic and roundabouts to put up and take down the many signs that were spotted everywhere.

Hilary



The flower festival was supported by a range of home and visiting bell ringers. Every morning the Bigbury bell ringers opened the festival at 10 am with about 30 minutes of ringing. On Friday we were delighted to enjoy the ringing of a band that came from Cornwood and rang between 11 and 12 noon. On Saturday morning we had an open session where visitors and novices were allowed to “have a go”. Between 20 and 30 had a go and this session lasted a good 2 hours. In the afternoon on Saturday bell ringers from other local towers joined in ringing the bells and this included ringers from Newton Ferrers, Yealmpton, Cornwood, Modbury and Ermington. On Sunday the ringers brought the festival to a close with ringing immediately before Evensong at 6 pm.

St Lawrence Church, Bigbury



The Flower & Festival surpassed all my expectations and was a resounding success bringing together the whole community.

It was just mind blowing with the wonderful, imaginative and inspirational displays-the welcoming wellington boots, oranges and lemons Bells of St Clements in the porch, Lady Lavinia ringing the bell for tea at the font, ding dong merrily on high (heaven) in Court Chapel, hand bells at the pulpit, Wedding Bells in the Chancel, bicycle bell at the lectern, Tinkerbell in the Lady Chapel with the ships bell to name but a few.

Plus the crochet garden, Lego flowers, crape paper flowers of the Sally ho's and the embroidered bees and bells. People were able to listen to the bells being rung on all three days of the festival and Miriam Bennett singing at lunchtime on Saturday and Sunday.

The festive closed with sung Evensong-many thanks to the choir and Olly for a lovely service.



I initially asked Hilary to help and she together with Jane have spearheaded the wonderful fantastic flower arrangers, refreshment helpers, bakers and the generous people of the parishes who allowed us to raid their gardens for flowers and greenery and of course the Penta flowers from Kenya.

Our greatest accolade was from some of the Cornwood flower arrangers, saying our festival was on par with theirs ! Many compliments were received saying it was the best festival they had seen, hence it was well worth waiting 25 years from the last one here ! Raising a magnificent sum of £6073-50 which will go towards the much needed toilet at St Lawrence.

Thank you all for your splendid support.

Jean



Modbury Mission Community

CHURCH SERVICES OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2025



	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
October 5 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion	Harvest Communion	Sunday Worship
October 12 th	Sunday Worship	Harvest	Sunday Worship	Communion (8 am) (BCP) All Age Worship	Sunday Worship
October 19 th	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Communion
October 26 th	Communion	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion
November 2 nd	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion by Extension	Communion	Sunday Worship
November 9 th	Remembrance			Communion (8 am) (BCP) Remembrance	Remembrance
November 16 th	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Communion
November 23 rd	Communion	Communion	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion

On November 30th there will be a Team Communion in Modbury at 10.30 am

Is there room in the inn today?

Michael Tagent

You can't stay 'ere" said the man in the doorway, and muttered "illegal immigrants" under his breath. Many years later, after the baby had been born – in a pub – and had grown into a young man, he began to face other cruel realities of life. He was a realist but stood firmly for what he believed. He had revolutionary ideas but no one seemed to listen to him, and even if they did, they chose to reject what he was saying as being too uncomfortable. He was prepared to go without the accepted commodities of life to share his good news, but still people weren't impressed.

Instead they turned against him with increasing hatred but still he wouldn't retaliate, and in their mad fervour to get rid of this nuisance they planned to do away with him. And so they did.

The old ladies were shocked at this senseless murder and, indeed, all the violence in the country. The law was concerned that gang warfare might become rampant. The town Councils were becoming worried with the housing situation. The humanists shuddered when they saw man's inhumanity to man. There was so much violence and unrest in the world; where had love and peace gone? So, delegates from all over the world came together for a summit conference to plan what they would do. They talked, as is the custom in these situations, and finally came to a conclusion: they would make a formal complaint to God. A spokesman was chosen who accurately represented their feelings.

As the last words fell from his lips a deathly silence fell among the delegation. The silence grew longer as each one realized that Jesus Christ, God himself, had been born a baby in an overcrowded inn 2000 years ago; that he knew exactly what it felt like to be a man, misunderstood and rejected, but who planned it all, even his own death, that by it people's debt to God could be paid in full, bringing peace and joy to everyone who believed in what he had done.

Vicar: (Vacant)

Curate: The Revd Oli Long (732007: not Saturday)

Readers: Joyce Howitt (07929 117397). Gil Snook (07563 663410). Michael Tagent (Emeritus)

Website: www.modburyteam.org

South Hams Vintage Rally



South Hams Vintage Machinery Club was originally formed in 1974 by a group of people who wanted to show others their collection of old machinery. They were enthusiasts who were passionate about keeping old traditions alive. The idea was to

hold a rally in the local area and allow the public to come and watch them working their machinery. To start with it was a one day event but as it became more popular it grew to what we see today, a two day working rally for all to enjoy.

Over the years the club also expanded and started to offer its members different events throughout the year, including the very popular Spring Rally, road runs, Christmas Crank Up and evening social meetings which run monthly throughout the winter. The clubs membership now has members of all ages and from all walks of life. You don't have to be old to be part of the vintage machinery club! Each year the club is proud to raise money for local charities and it is estimated that since the club formed in excess of £50,000 has been raised for much needed charities.

This years rally was a great success, the weather was kind (which is not always the case!) Attendance was high and the exhibits were plentiful. The working fields showed the ploughing engines in motion, the very popular horse drawn ploughs, vintage combines and binders at work side by side as well as the Thrasher showing us how it used to be done. In the main rally field there was also plenty to see, from pets corner, lawn mower racing, trade and craft and the static Stationary Engine exhibits along with the vintage cars, bikes and commercials. The tractor and crawler exhibits are always popular and numbers can reach well over 100. In the main ring we try to offer the public something to watch all day, this year there was a working hay making demonstrations and the ever popular dog show and agility display. This year we were also very lucky to have one of Bigbury's very own, farmer John Tucker and Callum Linzell, giving us a vegetable planting demonstration. The club was very grateful to John and Callum for giving up their time to put on this very interesting display.

If you want to find out more about the club please visit our website www.shvmv.co.uk or follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with our events.



Ringmore Fair

RINGMORE FAIR

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY

The Ringmore Fair in aid of Devon Air Ambulance was again a great success blessed with excellent weather throughout. Many thanks go to the many volunteers for their help and support for a large range of activities over three days. Particular thanks go to Anna Bennett for use of her field with a beautiful backdrop, Carol and Dudley Hext for allowing car parking in their field; all those involved with the marquees, Mike Wood for floodlights, the Ringmore Parish Council, Bernard Taylor, Ian Dodimead and Ali Soper, Steve Chapman, Chris Eddy, Jem Deverson and Liz Andrews, Dane Vanstone, Patrick and Diddie Sims, Colin and Sarah Barford, Mike Wynne-Powell, Caroline Brocklehurst, Rod Street, Paul Morhan, Nigel Fuller and Mary and Richard Goggin. Special thanks go to all those involved in the smooth running of the bar: Jem, Liz and Hebe Andrews, Mike Campbell, Richard Kent, Michael Hyde, Liz Pawsey, Chris, Tim Hewlett, Richard Yorke, and Helen Kent and Lynn Parker for keeping the Pimm's flowing. Huge thanks to the many villagers (Ella Dodds, Madeleine Capps, Kate Snook, Sarah Long, Sally Longley, Yvonne Turpin, Ann Bracey, Carol Hext, Sally Errett, Mary Wilson, Ann White, Jane Baker, Susie Milne-Smith, Paula Hewlett, Avril Eaves, Judith Woodings, Carol O'Reilly, Sarah Hitchmough, Emily King, Amanda Campbell, Alain) who made excellent cakes and scones.

The Saturday night Ceilidh was well attended with about 150 dancing to the Ringmore Band led by Diddie and enjoying a hog roast provided by Lidstone's. Many thanks to Conor of the Journey's End who donated the vegetarian option, to those companies and individuals who donated raffle prizes for the draw and to Terry South who helped sell the tickets.

On the Sunday Morning 20 adults and 12 children attended a Café Church led by Gil and Kate Snook with Craig Manning on keyboard. The children enjoyed activities organised by Yvonne Turpin, Mary Wilson and Alison Wynne-Powell. Free croissants and coffee were provided.

About 70 people attended an afternoon of listening and dancing to Louise Parker's Swing Sextet with introductory dance workshops led by Lindy Hop teachers Jarl Bennett and Ellie Graham, the dance floor was full, and a fun time was had by all. Thanks to Anna and Alain for providing food for the band and teachers.

On Bank Holiday Monday hundreds of people attended the Fete, and thanks go to those who manned the gate: Chris, Patrick, Colin, Kathy Pratt, Anton Hext, Annie Pawsey and Gil. Cream teas were enjoyed whilst listening to Apple Taylor's Sea shanty singers. Huge thanks to Tracy Hyde, Yvonne Turpin, Judith Woodings, Kate Snook and Emma Yorke who worked tirelessly on the cream teas. A catering van run by Melaine Hamer provided delicious burgers and sausages and Ray Minchinton provided Langage ice-creams. Inside the marquee were 15 stalls showcasing local produce and crafts. Face painting was provided by Laura and Amber Butt. Thanks to Jane and Richard Baker for running the Tombola. Traditional games were provided outside by Diddie and Patrick with helpers Paul and Mary Naylor, Caroline Brocklehurst, Paula Hewlett and the Barford family. Thanks to Andy King and Andrew Hitchmough for running the team games culminating in the famous egg throwing competition. And, finally, thanks to all those who simply filled any gaps in support, as and when needed, helping to ensure the smooth running of the event, especially the Barford family.

Accounts have not been finalised so I cannot give a final amount raised for Devon Air Ambulance but thank you for everyone's generosity to help make this a successful 3-day event. There was a great atmosphere over the whole weekend, and it was wonderful to see so many people of all ages having fun in the sunshine!

Event organiser Heather Hinkley

Ringmore Fair



Bigbury Church Bells mark VJ Day

On Friday 15 August the country marked VJ day in numerous ceremonies up and down the country to pay tribute to those involved in the second world war. The ringing of church bells are an important means by which such events are commemorated. In Bigbury's small way a round of ringing was undertaken at 12.05 hrs, after the 2 minute silence that was held across the nation. Ours was a much more modest affair in comparison to the Exeter Cathedral ringers who rang a full peal involving 5,040 changes at Salcombe Holy Trinity Church that lasted over 3 hours.

The use of the "V" as a symbol of resistance became widespread throughout the Allied forces. Originally Victor de Laveleye, a Belgian radio producer, who saw this as unifying the Flemish and French speakers. He picked "V" because it was the first letter of the French word Victoire (victory) and the Flemish word Vrijheid (freedom). In January 1941, he encouraged the people of Belgium to paint a "V" on everything possible. This was their symbol for standing up to the Germans. In Morse code, "V" is dot-dot-dot-dash, or three short clicks and one long. People equated it with the opening of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony which has the identical phrase though clearly Beethoven composed his fifth long before Morse code was invented. That four-note motif was played on the timpani before every BBC wartime broadcast to Europe. This opening sequence (dot-dot-dot-dash) can also be played on church bells and Bigbury ringers had a go ringing the Treble, Second, Third and Tenor in that timing on VJ Day.



Letter to the Editor

We are pleased to share with you a recent submission from one of our readers, Henry James. His thoughtful letter arrived after our August/September edition, and we're delighted to feature it here.

As always, this page is open to the voices of our readership. If you have reflections, opinions, or even brief notes you'd like to contribute, we encourage you to send them along. While space is sometimes limited, I will do my best to include as many letters as possible in future editions.

Your perspectives help enrich the conversation and keep this community vibrant—so please don't hesitate to take part!

RE: Issue 490

Found the article on road safety interesting, would have been helpful to promote safety on children playing in the roads, it seems to be a past time in most residential streets and lanes. Years ago playing in streets was safer, vehicles were louder, could be heard further away, vehicles including petrol etc have become much quieter meaning risks have increased, sadly legislation has not caught up meaning children are at greater risk of harm from possible accidents. WE will have to wait til Parliament introduces the much needed control ensuring that parents also are held accountable if rules are not followed.

On Night-Time-Noise, there are things that can be purchased to help restrict the spread of sound. Keeping windows closed too blocking caps that would otherwise allow sound molecules to

cause a nuisance. We use things such as Base-Dampers, Acoustic Panels etc that also act as furniture too. If you own a property there are sound dampeners that can be used in lofts etc. In places that have neighbours above them there are sound proof matting that helps stop the sound of televisions etc being heard meaning sound can be contained.

Here where we live, often we get noise from the Pickwick Pub and at times groups at Chaplecombe Camping Site playing all manner of instruments along with singalongs.

We generally accept such noise as one of those things, we find by avoiding complaints about others we have a peaceful life. However we ourselves always especially at night, ensure our windows, doors etc are kept closed, a void sound usage in rooms next to neighbours partition walls. It means the use of our home is restrictive, but

we must ensure we use professional products to stop sound pollution. Sadly we do hear our other neighbours, as we do not get on with them it is safer not to complain including loud parties that do come from their homes.

Also, the Council Environmental Department have equipment to help measure noise, in the past we have asked neighbours if they are willing to have monitoring equipment to establish facts, so all parties affected with noise can adjust including obtaining any sound proofing equipment can be obtained. Sound problems can always be resolved provided we know all facts. People have to pull and work together to resolve issues in a balanced healthy and peaceful way, complaints are not always the way. Together we can survive.

Hope this helps.

Belles in the Tower

For a long time, bell ringing has been a male preserve. You only have to look at the photograph of Bigbury bell ringers in 1960 to see all the ringers were men. One of Bigbury's first women ringers was Ellen Bardens who was ringing in the 1970s however that was more an exception than the rule. Fast forward to today and at least 50% of the regular ringers are ladies at Bigbury. However, a constant feature of the bell ringing community is the camaraderie and the willingness to help. Well on Sunday 27 July, when Kingston said they were a bit short of ringers for their Sunday service a couple of Bigbury belles went along to help ring out. Unusually all the ringers were ladies so on that morning Kingston bell tower was definitely a place where angels feared to tread!



Kingston belles. L to R. Ann Sibley, Anne Kane (Bigbury), Gail Rogers, Louise Wainwright (Bigbury), Katherine Harding and Helen Mayhew

In Memory of Carol Pink

I expect many of you will remember Carol Pink who lived on Ringmore Drive in Bigbury on sea. She had been at Kahala Court Residential Home in Kingsbridge since 2016 and it was there that she passed away in August. Carol and I had been close friends since she moved to Bigbury with her husband Keith in 1995, but in fact our families had been linked well before then. Her parents moved to Kingsbridge in 1936 when Carol was four, and her father became the minister at the Baptist Church in the town. During the war the family took my father in when he had been given compassionate leave from the army. My dad's parents had been killed in a bombing raid in Kingsbridge in January 1943, their jeweller's shop was a direct hit, it was where the Royal Mail sorting office is now. There was nothing left, and he had no family. In fact, Carol's father assisted at the marriage service of my parents in Worthing with Carol being Mum's bridesmaid. See photo.

After Carol and Keith moved down to Bigbury on Sea, we quickly formed our friendship. She loved coming to church with me and being able to worship at the same place as when she was growing up. She also joined in the Church house group meeting up at the farm. For Carol, her Christian faith was so important to her. She embraced village life, coffee mornings, friends and neighbours etc. She enjoyed painting classes with Mary Smallwood and also she wrote the series of articles in Bigbury News, entitled "Carol's war" in 2007, remembering earlier years growing up in Kingsbridge during the war. She and Keith would often be seen in the village picking up litter, which they did for several years.

Although Carol had moved into Kahala Court, mainly due to her failing eyesight and losing Keith the year before, she was always positive and cheerful. The staff enjoyed caring for her over the nine years she was there. I am thankful for the friendship we had, the person that she was, and being able to share these memories with you.

Jane Tucker

Black & White Photo: L-R Rev Leslie Stones (Carol's father), Uncle Walter (John Lewis' only relative), John Lewis, Coral Lewis (Jane Tucker's parents) Mr & Mrs Frampton (Coral's parents) and little Carol Pink, Bridesmaid age 10.





Jim & Pat Chadwick Celebrating 70 Years of Marriage

Pat and Jim Chadwick celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on September 3.

After starting their family in London they moved to Devon in 1967 and have been residents of Bigbury-On-Sea since 1985.

Jim was very active in Bigbury Golf Club and Pat has been busy in many aspects of village life including Coffee Mornings, Ladies Luncheons, etc. they still enjoy living by the sea and visiting with their neighbours.



Deepest Condolences

We are very saddened to learn about the sudden and untimely passing of Jon Williams, son of Ringmore resident Drina Williams.

Some of you will have met Jon at various events in the village which he attended with his wife and family. Jon was a tower of strength and support to Drina and he touched the hearts of many who knew him.

Our thoughts go to Drina and her family at this very sad time.

Nancy Singleton



Editors Note: I spoke to Drina and she asked me to pass on this message "I was overwhelmed with the lovely sympathy letters I received after Jon's death, and would like to thank everyone - it really helped"



Winter Soup Lunches

The start of the winter season of charity soup lunches is drawing near! Held in Ringmore WI Hall, they take place on the first Monday of the month between 12 noon and 2 pm.

Please come and enjoy the homemade soup, fruit crumble and tea or coffee in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

All proceeds will go towards supporting PUMA (Plymouth Ukraine Medical Aid) a local organisation which provides desperately needed humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

(Please note that the October lunch will be held on the second Monday of the month i.e. 13th October)



Louise Wainwright receives the Environment 100 Award

Louise Wainwright received her Environment 100 award at the Environment Services and Solutions Expo at the NEC Birmingham in recognition for her work with Avon River Champions and Bigbury Net Zero. This award was given to 100 candidates in the UK as a means of recognising them as our environmental leaders and sustainability champions.

I am sure everyone will join me in saying huge CONGRATULATIONS!



Council's Electricity Vehicles Drive

South Hams District and West Devon Borough Councils are delighted to announce they are including 11 brand new electric leased vehicles (EVs) to their shared fleet, further strengthening their commitment to sustainability and the fight against climate change.

This significant step comes from a highly successful EV trial last year, which demonstrated both the practical benefits and environmental impact of transitioning to cleaner transport solutions.

The expanded fleet will be used across a range of council services, helping to reduce emissions, improve air quality, and set a leading example for others. Residents will soon see the new EVs in action on the streets, marking another stride towards the Councils' targets of becoming a low carbon organisation, which will safeguard the environment, local communities and the air.

Cllr Nadine Dommett, South Hams District Council's Executive Member for Decarbonising the Council, said: "As a council we are serious about leading by example. The purchase of these electric vehicles underlines our ongoing commitment to reducing our carbon emissions, and I hope residents can see the changes we are making, both large and small, and will be inspired to join us in making their own greener choices too. Our successful trial last year proved that EVs are reliable, cost-effective, and vital in reducing our carbon footprint. This investment is a win for the environment, for our communities, and for future generations."

West Devon Borough Council's Lead Member for Climate and Biodiversity, Cllr Chris West, said: "We are committed to leading by example in our efforts to combat climate change. The addition of electric vehicles to our fleet is a significant step towards reducing our carbon footprint and promoting sustainable practices within our community. By investing in electric now and in the future, we are not only improving air quality and reducing emissions but also demonstrating the practical benefits and reliability of EVs. This initiative is a testament to our dedication to creating a greener future for all." The Councils' EV initiative is part of a wider programme of climate action. Recent measures include the rollout of solar panels on council facilities, investment in community composting schemes, projects such as new woodland in Hope Cove, leisure centre solar panels, our 'Clean Marine' programme, EV charging, e-bikes in Totnes, along with the successful Wildlife Warden Scheme, the Councils continue to put climate action at the forefront of local policy. These schemes bring together communities, environmental groups, town and parish councils, and other bodies to network and create greener opportunities for our region.

The Councils now encourage everyone in the community to get involved and discover how even small actions can make a big difference towards a sustainable future.

Find out more about the Councils' climate change initiatives at:

www.southhams.gov.uk/climate-change
www.westdevon.gov.uk/climate-change



Beach Banter - Discovery Surf



www.discoverysurf.com

End of Summer Update: Seasonal Reflections and Autumn Plans at the Beach

As we move into autumn, the change in seasons is becoming clear with cooler temperatures and bigger surf. While the sunshine of

summer may feel like a distant memory, this past season was one of our best yet, and we'd like to take a moment to reflect and share what's ahead.



We'd like to thank everyone who joined us this summer; whether you were surfing, body boarding, kayaking, or just enjoying the beach. With long stretches of warm weather and consistent waves, conditions were ideal, and it was fantastic to welcome both returning visitors and those trying water sports for the first time.

Adult Surf Club Continues into Autumn

This month saw the successful introduction of our Adult Surf Club, and it continues into the new season. These sessions are designed for adults of all levels; whether you're learning to surf for the first time or aiming to improve your skills and build confidence in the water.

- Sessions run for 90 minutes
- All equipment (surfboards and wet suits) is included
- £29 per session
- Available at both locations, scheduled around optimal tides and conditions

Full session dates and booking options are available on our website.



Kids' Surf Clubs Off to a Strong Start

Our Kids' Surf Club is back in action this autumn, with eight courses running across our two sites at Bigbury and Bantham, there are plenty of chances for young groms to get stuck in! These fun and supportive sessions are all about building surf skills, boosting confidence, and learning essential water safety; especially important for those who might be heading out for solo surfs beyond the club.

We know how valuable independent practice is, and we love seeing our groms out there shredding on their own. But the water safety knowledge they gain at Surf Club is key to keeping them safe and hopefully gives you a little peace of mind too! That said, we always recommend surfing during lifeguarded hours wherever possible.

Most courses are already underway, but we do have limited drop-in spaces available, especially for returning surfers. Get in touch to check availability and book your spot!

Bantham Board Riders Comp

Some of the Discovery Team proudly represented Bantham Boardriders at the Surfing England Inter-Clubs Competition in Portloman, a fun, social event that brings together local surf communities from across the country.



Over the past 18 months, Bantham Boardriders has grown into a well-established team, thanks to the continued support of Paul Hatton and Jonty Tucker.

This year's event featured an Open Team, with Martin competing; a Women's Team including Annika, Jess (taking a win and 2nd place in her heats!), Kira, and Eva; and a Juniors Team with Seb, flying the Discovery flag. Each surfer competed in two heats over the weekend, with their best scores contributing to the team's overall total. Bantham Boardriders finished 7th out of 13 teams in their debut year; a solid result and a strong sign of exciting things to come!

Beach Banter-Discovery Surf

Autumn Opening Hours and Half Term Courses

As we transition into the cooler months, our opening hours have been adjusted to reflect lifeguard availability and seasonal conditions. We are now open from 10:00am to 4:00pm, weather permitting, across both locations.

We recommend calling ahead if you're planning to hire equipment, as conditions can change quickly.

During the October half-term break, we'll be running our popular 5-day surf course at Bigbury, scheduled for:

- Monday 27th to Friday 31st Oct at 2.30pm

This is a great option for children looking to stay active during the school break or whilst on holiday making the most of the warm water before it starts getting cooler.



We also have a bonus surf club sessions in half term at Bigbury Sat 25th October - 11am or Bantham Thursday 30th -12.30pm October

Private Surf Lessons and Hire

With the beaches now quieter, autumn is an excellent time to book private surf lessons or hire kit. We offer lessons during the week as well as at weekends, catering to a wide range of experience levels. Whether you're looking for focused, one-on-one coaching or just want to enjoy the peaceful off-season conditions whether that be on a kayak, SUP or surfboard, we're here to help.



Looking Ahead

We're grateful for a successful summer season and look forward to making the most of the warm water, even if the air temperature is dropping. There are still plenty of opportunities to get involved in surfing and enjoy the warm water—whether you're a regular or new to the sport. For more information, booking details, or updates on surf conditions, please visit our website or contact us directly.

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



Beach Banter

Dear Neighbours,

Coming towards the end of another great summer, the hotel has been very busy both in occupancy and change. We now have a new General manager in Sally Russell and a new Food and drinks manager in Adam Hughes, both amazing experienced operators and the change in quality and relaxed ambiance are palpable.

The normal gang, of Vlad, Lilly, Richard, Claudia, Martina, Kayleigh and Marta are Maritime mist still doing the great work that they always have done and enjoying the fresh feel.

The autumn months are also looking busy with guests coming to experience Burgh in very different weather conditions, at its wildest best.

You are all welcome to come and experience the wonderful cooking of Charlotte Vincent; Jay Rayner came and ate, and some very kind words about how good it was. If you haven't experienced it yet, you should you are missing out

You are also invited to come and use our treatment room. Zorana and colleague are now offering massages etc to external guests, highly recommended, just call reception or email.

We hope to see you all at some stage over the coming months.

Kind regards, Giles



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LET US PAMPER YOU THIS AUTUMN

The Burgh Island Treatment Room is delighted to now welcome non-residents to experience the calming sanctuary of our island retreat. Nestled in one of the most unique and picturesque coastal locations, our spa offers a rare opportunity to escape the everyday and indulge in a world of relaxation and rejuvenation.

Our highly skilled spa therapists provide a carefully curated menu of treatments, from soothing massages and revitalising facials to holistic therapies designed to nurture both body and mind. Each treatment is tailored to meet your individual needs, ensuring a truly personal and restorative experience.

The tranquil setting of Burgh Island, surrounded by the ever-changing tides and breath-taking sea views, creates the perfect backdrop for your wellness break. Whether you wish to spend an hour unwinding with a treatment or make a day of it by combining your visit with an afternoon tea or a spot of lunch, we invite you to discover a sense of calm that is both timeless and unique.

Treatments are now available to book for non-residents, and our team looks forward to welcoming you to the Burgh Island Spa, where relaxation, care, and natural beauty come together in perfect harmony.



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Cocktail Hour

Maritime mist

50ml vodka
25ml blue curacao
25ml Disaronno
15ml lemon juice

Preparation:

Add to a shaker with ice, shake and then strain over a tall glass with ice, top up with lemonade and garnish with cherries.

Remarks from our barman, Callum:

Dive into a wave of flavour with this ocean-hued delight. A smooth blend of vodka, blue curaçao, and Disaronno is brightened with a splash of lemon, then topped with refreshing lemonade. Shaken over ice and finished with a cherry garnish, it's a vibrant, sweet-citrus cocktail that's as eye-catching as it is delicious.



Burgh Island Hotel Presents



BURGH ISLAND HOTEL PRESENTS: Afternoon Tea with Sophie Hannah



Join us for an elegant afternoon tea in the iconic surroundings of Burgh Island, in the company of this internationally bestselling crime novelist. Best known for her continuation of Agatha Christie's beloved Hercule Poirot mysteries -written at the invitation of Christie's own family and estate- Sophie has captivated readers in 51 countries, selling millions of copies worldwide.

A UK National Book Awards Crime Novel of the Year winner (2013) and recipient of the prestigious Dagger in the Library award (2023), Sophie's literary career is matched only by her creative range, which includes the acclaimed murder mystery musical The Mystery of Mr E, now streaming on Amazon Prime and Apple TV.

This is a rare chance to meet one of the world's most celebrated crime writers in a setting perfectly suited to mystery and intrigue.

Wednesday, 8th October ITINERARY

- 13:30** Arrival
- 14:00** Afternoon tea served in the Nettlefold restaurant
- 14:45** Q&A with Sophie Hannah her writing process, her experience stepping into Christie's world, and the inspirations behind her ingenious plots.

COST:

£70 per person for Afternoon Tea
£90 per person for Champagne Afternoon Tea

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To book your afternoon tea, please contact our reception team.

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Bigbury Net Zero

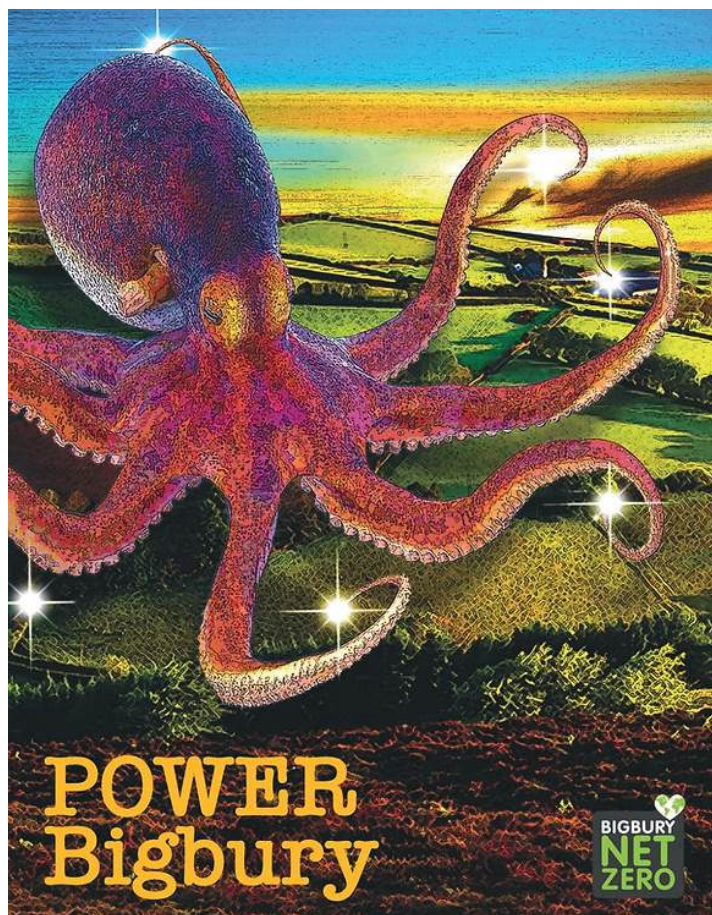


Bigbury Net Zero

Do you think that people hear what they want to hear? Is this why sneaky gremlin 'social media algorithms' were invented? They learn what we are asking Google or searching for on Facebook, so that more of the content we appear to be interested in, is presented to us every time

we log on? This keeps us engaged and exposes us to the advertising which also pops up on our screens. The gremlins will soon sensationalise and emotionally charge the content to keep our attention and potentially amplify misinformation. Sadly, this addiction to social media can orchestrate social division by polarising views on any topic – from immigration to renewable energy.

The demonising of the term 'net zero' is an example of this process. Net zero simply means that where we can make cuts in carbon emissions we do so, and where it's not possible we don't. In the end we aim to balance what's possible with what is not possible, and the result is just enough cuts to carbon emissions to stave off the worst effects of global warming. Global warming is the single biggest threat to sustainable communities that we have ever faced. That's why it has been defined as an 'Emergency'. Emergency does not mean 'business as usual'. There is nothing 'outstandingly beautiful' about climate change. It will impact on food security, increase migration and the risk of floods and drought.



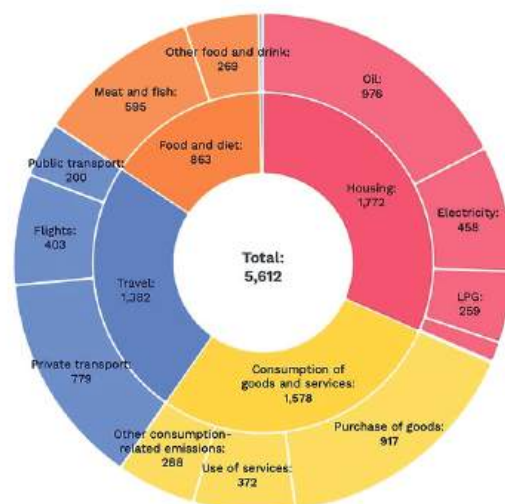
The proposed Bigbury turbine has been a hot topic this summer. The planning application by Octopus was withdrawn because the cost of financing this small project from the retail sector became too high. Local people supported the proposed turbine in Bigbury, as evidenced by 81% support in the Octopus public consultation and 77.5% support letters on the SHDC Planning Portal. Most people understand the term 'Emergency' and the urgent need to reduce the reliance of our communities on fossil fuels, particularly oil-fired heating systems. Of the 16 parishes in the Salcombe electoral division, there are only four parishes which do not have access to mains gas – **Bigbury, Kingston, Ringmore and Aveton Gifford**. By coincidence, these parishes would have benefited from the proposed energy discounts offered by the Octopus Fan Club subscribers to the Bigbury turbine. We are in a cost-of-living crisis which could get worse – energy savings are critical for families struggling to make ends meet.

Although mains gas is still a fossil fuel, which also contributes to global warming, it is considered a 'bridging fossil fuel' because its carbon footprint is lower than oil, but not as low as electricity. In 2024, renewable energy sources generated 50.4% of our electricity. So, whilst switching to electricity is the most climate-sensitive option, switching to mains gas is better than using oil-fired heating. But we don't all have access to mains gas here and are heavily reliant on oil.

According to Exeter University's Parish Carbon Calculator, the energy dependency of the four 'orphan parishes' in the Salcombe Electoral Division (i.e. no mains gas) is: **KINGSTON**: oil (71%) LPG (9%), mains gas (0%) electricity (20%); **RINGMORE** oil (61%) LPG (11%), mains gas (0%) electricity (29%); **BIGBURY**: oil (58%) LPG (15%), mains gas (0%) electricity (27%); **AVETON GIFFORD**: oil (51%) LPG (13%), mains gas (0%), coal (11%) electricity (26%);

If a unique opportunity arises to switch from oil to electricity, such as a local source of renewable energy that costs less money too, then we should support it.

Louise Wainwright
Chair Bigbury Net Zero



Avon River Champions

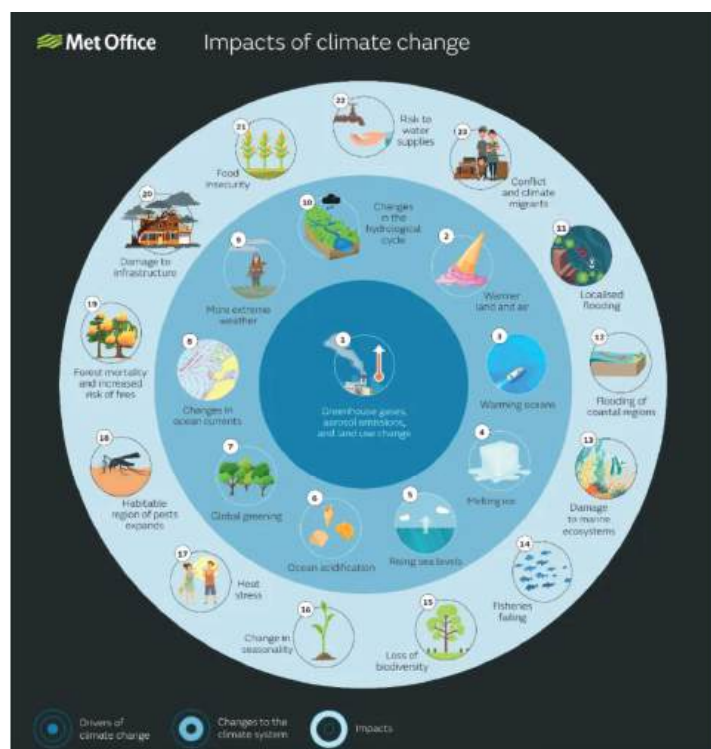


Rivers of Hope

How many times this summer have we heard those 'pollution alerts' and been advised not to swim in the sea or rivers? How many times have we had serious floods and mudslides this summer, destroying property and

causing serious disruptions to traffic? It's not even the winter yet – and the answer to those questions is 'far too many times'! This problem will only get worse because of climate change and human beings are driving climate change without seeming regard for future generations. Something must change.

We all listen to the Met Office weather warnings because we trust them, don't we? Climate change will increase UK winter rainfall, with a potential rise of up to 30% wetter winters by 2070 compared to 1990 levels, and there has been an overall 16% increase between 2015-2024. Rainfall periods could also be more intense in the future – giving us very little time to react. So we need to make a plan in advance. Running hand in hand with dramatically reducing the burning of fossil fuels in our community – we must also make a serious effort to make an Emergency Plan to including a Flood Risk Management Plan. Only 72 parishes in Devon, of the 362 parishes have a **Flood Risk Management Plan**. All plans over 5 years old, need to be reviewed. Bigbury Parish Council will consider this at their next Parish Council meeting.



It is probably easier to blame someone else for the problems we face, than it is to admit some responsibility for the outcome that we find so annoying. Is there



something more that we could do as households and communities to reduce the amount of pollution that is ending up in our rivers and estuaries? Is there something that our local government (parish and town councils, District Councils and County Council) could do better to prevent more development increasing pressure on poor sewage and drainage systems and what is it that farmers and landowners can do better to reduce agricultural run-off? How can we work together to design a collaborative plan that makes the health of our rivers and seas a priority?

Why not let national government sort out South West Water? They seem to have them in their sights now. Let's explore if there is something we can all do **here and now** to reduce our pressure on an inadequate sewage and waste water treatment system. **The BLUEPrint Project** is bringing together stakeholders in the **River Avon, River Gara & Slapton Ley** and the **Salcombe Kingsbridge Estuary** to develop a bid for between £500,000 and £2 million to clean up these water ways. If you are a farmer, parish councillor or community group – reserve your seat by contacting Dr Juliette Jackson jjackson@seadreameducation.com

The River Summit will be held at Kingsbridge Community College, on Saturday 4th October 10.00 to 1.00 pm for presentations and breakout rooms – then 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm for a drop-in-session. Now is your chance to do something! Please get in touch.

Louise Wainwright
Chair - Avon River Champions
River Avon - South Hams



Nineteenth Hole

Bigbury's golfers have been presented with a great course this summer thanks to Head Greenkeeper Richard Shapland and his team. As a result (pun intended) handicaps have continued to tumble throughout the season and competitions have been extremely competitive; the computer has been called upon on many occasions to calculate the count-back scores to decide the first, second and third places.

A very special occasion at Bigbury Golf Club is the Lady Captain's Day and Mary Wilcox hosted her very enjoyable and jolly Captain's Day in August. There was a fun Texas Scramble competition played in threes with a few challenges strategically placed around the course but the main challenge proved to be the "special wind" that was blowing. Thankfully there was also bright sunshine throughout the day.

The special photo with this report is Mary on the left, Sam Edwards our Club Professional centre and Ladies Vice-Captain Helen Bertram. There was a "Sam Challenge" on the par 3 seventeenth hole with all competition players trying to beat Sam's drive. However, there was a spin the wheel twist for Sam; whatever golf club the arrow of the wheel stopped on was the club Sam had to use against that team! But still he was only beaten by four players and donations made were put towards the chosen Captains' Charities.



An invitation was extended to many retired lady golfers and they were delighted to come along to catch up, support Mary and enjoy a lovely tea. Vice-Captain Helen is already planning her 2026 day!

Bigbury was very proud that two of its players were selected for the South-West Women's Inter-Counties Championship which is played in a round robin format over three days. As well as Devon's there were teams from Cornwall, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire competing. Amanda Burchell and Nikki Elliott enjoyed the challenges of this competition and are seen in the photograph with this report. Amanda is 3rd from the right in the top row, and Nikki is first on the right kneeling.



The Bigbury Golf Club Opens have all taken place and many golfers from Cornwall and as far away as Shropshire have had the pleasure of playing on our golf course. The winners of the Mixed Open Competition were Brian and Helen Calcutt whose home golf club is Shifnall Golf Club in rural Shropshire. It was a long way for Brian and Helen but most worthwhile with their win. Bigbury member Eric Harris playing alongside Claire Guard of Thurlestone came second with just two points less than the winners.

Our Clubhouse is very comfortable and as well as the licensed bar there is a wide choice of catering and excellent freshly brewed coffee. Non-members are most welcome so please don't hesitate to come along for some refreshments; take a seat in our Clubhouse or on the patio with both overlooking the course and out to sea. You will be warmly received.



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Community Christmas Card

Bigbury & Ringmore Community Christmas Card 2025

It's time to prepare for Bigbury & Ringmore's Community Christmas Card 2025! As last year, this card will be printed inside the December issue of the Bigbury & Ringmore News, detachable to form a Christmas card. For a £5 fee, your name joins others to send general best Christmas & New Year wishes to the local community. You save time writing cards, don't forget anyone, plus save paper! Funds support St Lawrence's and All Hallows Churches, integral parts of our community/history, shared according to the donor's parish.

Here's how to join in:

- 1) Please put £5 cash into a sealed envelope.
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- 4) Put your envelope into the collecting box in Holywell Stores by close of store on SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER (Remembrance Sunday). This allows time for production & inclusion in the December/January News.

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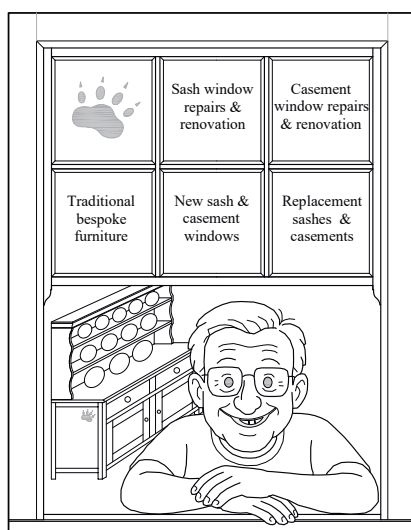
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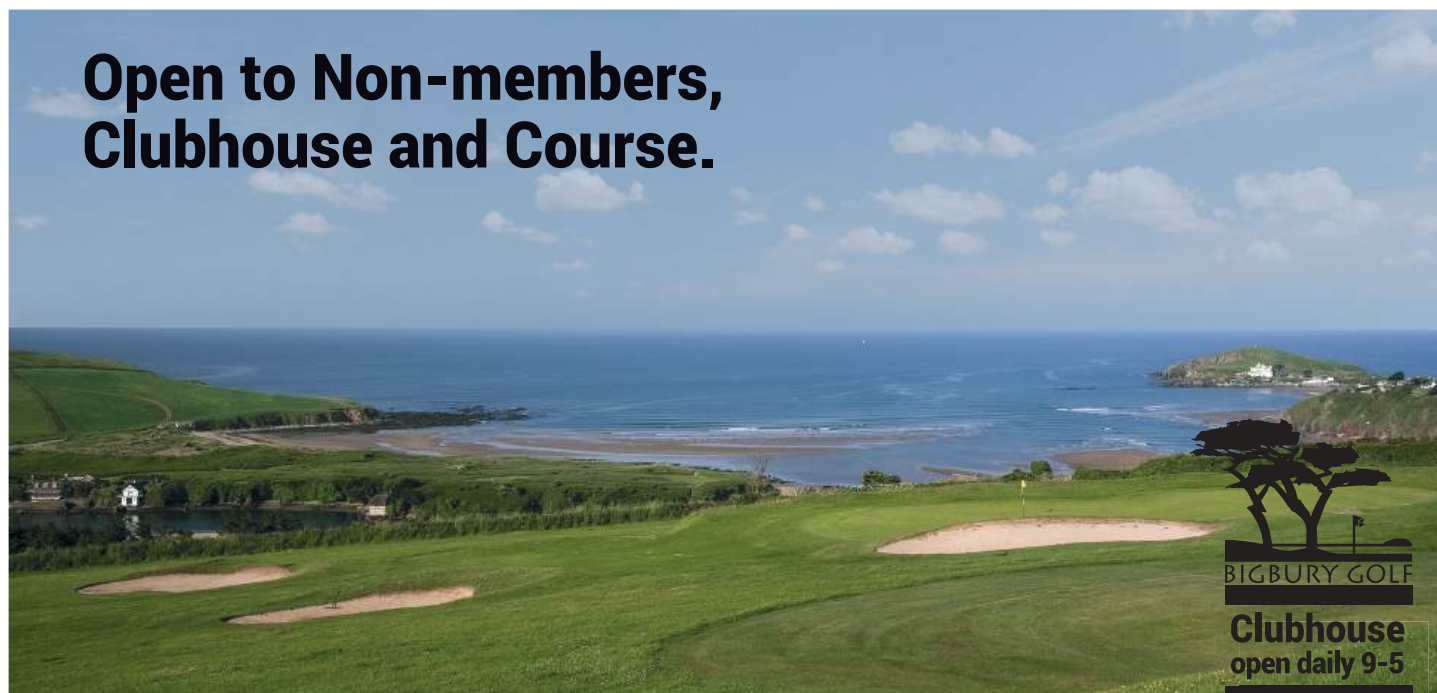
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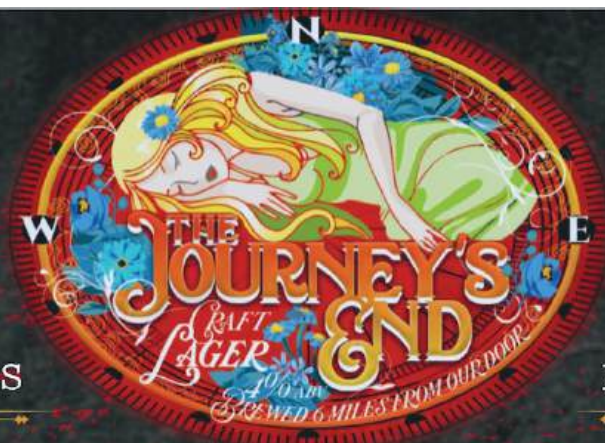
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