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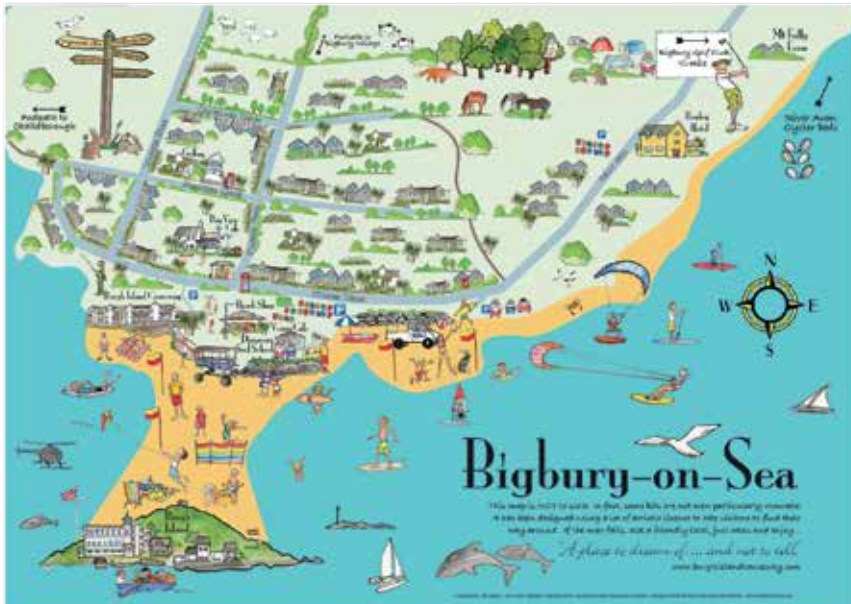




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It has been an ambition of mine to record interviews, on video and audio, with a wide range of people in Bigbury as a social history record of who we are now and where we came from. It would be of interest to our generation and those to come. I would certainly have relished the chance to know even more about the people who used to live here generations before us.

The Bigbury History Society Archive, curated by **Norman Botton**, and developed largely by **Roger Grimley**, is currently our most important collection of local history information. Lottery funding enabled much of the detective work needed to be carried out and the information is now available for researchers to access it by appointment. The Archive is housed at the Memorial Hall,

The other untapped assets are the recollections and memorabilia of the people who either live here permanently or have been visiting Bigbury as second home owners or holiday makers for decades, even generations.

With YouTube and icloud storage, anything is possible nowadays. At the very least, audio or video interviews could be easily translated into hard copy and published as

a feature in Bigbury News and possibly on the Bigbury Community website. This concept is all in the early stages of development.

If you would like to support this initiative - the first step is to go onto the SeaMoor Lotto page and buy some lotto tickets. SHDC says that 60% of all money raised will go towards local good causes, 20% of ticket sales will be put towards prizes and 20% will go towards the running costs. Cash prizes of up to £25,000 are possible - or nothing - depending on your luck.

I am pleased to have such a full post bag. Thanks you to all contributors. **Gill Middleton** and **Hazel Freeman** have very different views of the old days at Burgh Island to share. **Sue Waugh** is indeed still living locally and we regret any unintended slur on her running of Burgh Island, by the tongue-in-cheek letter from **Andrew Sargent** last month. He shared, with much fondness, the youthful exuberance of his cricket team visits to Burgh Island that Sue had to put up with. Well done Sue, for being part of so many cherished memories. Andrew offers his Love Letter to Burgh Island together with those from Gill and Hazel - with his real feelings made more plain.

**Hans**, and the Bigbury Community, mourn the loss of **Rose van der Heiden** who was an inspiration to us all. Hans's valediction is on page 25.

**Louise Wainwright**  
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## KEEPING BIGBURY BUSY

Our beloved Venus Café at Bigbury on Sea is one of the Venus Group's beach cafés – others include Blackpool Sands, East Portle-mouth and two in Cornwall. We should be proud to host this award-winning, environmentally-sensitive business which nestles into the shoreline of our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. I met **Michael Smith** one windy morning in April to hear how the business had evolved since it first set up camp here over 18 years ago.

Did you know that one of the owners of the Venus Café hails from an old Dartmouth family which owned ships in Drake's fleet and the famous Blackpool Sands? **Louisa Newman** co-owns Venus Café with her husband Michael Smith and founding partner, **Lee Porter**, who once held the Royal Warrant for catering. Louisa and Michael were primary school friends whose life stories went in different directions until they met up again in 1994 on a date for a ball. They found that they had much in common. Michael revealed how they had each picked up the threads of a career in catering over the years since they left primary school to venture into the big wide world. Michael, left his position in the Foreign Office in Whitehall and went travelling. He had some globe-trotting tales of sojourns in Australia, Canada and the USA, including Hawaii. On this journey and on his return to England, he had the opportunity to be involved in a senior role with Wendy's in the UK, then as CEO of a Whitbread-owned Steak & Seafood chain with over 100 restaurants in North America.

Prior to his eight years in North America, Michael was Marketing Director for Beef-eater Steakhouses. Louisa had a similarly illustrious catering history: she trained in **Pru Leith's** cookery school and then joined Cranks in their very early days in London, before moving back to Devon to open up their Dartington site. Lee's experience is no less exciting – Manager of Berni Inns then with Wendy's (where she and Michael met) then Buckingham Palace Tea Parties and major events like Wimbledon. Recipe for success?

With his experience and a Masters in Business, Michael looks confidently out to sea from the windy terrace of the Venus Café at Bigbury on Sea. *"We set out to be the 'greenest café and shop in the West Country'"* he says, *"but as the accolades and awards started coming in, we just want to be the 'greenest café,' full stop!"*

Michael offers me a cup of coffee and returns with a warming cup of cappuccino in a fully compostable cup. Even the lid is

compostable! *"We were one of the first cafés to stop using straws and we do not have the gall to sell water in plastic bottles on the edge of the sea which is under threat from plastic pollution. All our water comes in re-useable cans."* Amongst their many awards, Venus lays claim to: The Queen's Award for Enterprise (sustainable development) in 2005 and 2010; International Awards, English Environmental Champion awarded by the English Tourist Board. The Venus Café commitment is very much in tune with the vision set out by **Fiona Dukes** (Bigbury News, May) about 'Plastic, Plastic – not Fantastic!'

*"When we first came here,"* says Michael *"Bigbury on Sea was very run down and a far cry from the old Tom Crocker days. People cautioned us that we would never make a profitable business here whilst it was so easy to get a Mediterranean suntan. Clearly, we can compete very well, as the beaches in Devon and Cornwall are magical and the coastline is magnificent. We have not regretted following our own instincts."*

He went on to explain that *"The former Tom Crocker building (where the flats are now) was a mess, having been gutted by fire, and the car park was full of potholes. Since then the land was bought by a developer who built the flats, restored the car park and built the Venus Café to their own design. Tony Porter owned Burgh Island when we first came here. We have watched as now the third owner has taken on the challenges of the island business. The last sitting tenant of the Beach Shop left last year and we have a stimulating group of business owners here going forward."* The beach businesses are now co-operating by funding the Bigbury News 'Beach Banter' pages to promote the activities and interests of this group which is very important to the economy of Bigbury.

*"We want to be part of the community"* says Michael. *"It's important that we remain open 364 days a year. With the loss of the pub in Bigbury, the post office at Bigbury on Sea and the Bay View Café, we feel this makes an important contribution to community life. Together with all our cafés, the Halwell central warehouse and our kitchen (where we make all our own cakes and sauces), we have 30 full-time employees. Having full-time staff makes it easier to open all year around"*.

The planet, Venus, is both the morning and the evening star – so why not go down for a brisk walk and breakfast or a blustery hair-do and cup of tea and cake this winter? Even dogs can have a (sugar-free) peanut butter biscuit at the Venus.

**Louise Wainwright**

## NATIONAL TRUST

A big thank you to our tenant farmers at Scobbiscombe, **Wilf and Shoiya Walters**, for opening up their farm to the public for the day. It was a great success.

More volunteers are needed for the exciting **South West Outdoor Festival** to help the Rangers over the weekend. It takes place from **5-7 October at East Soar** near Salcombe (see p 8)

Throughout the summer holiday we will have pop up events happening at **Wembury Beach** and **South Milton Sands** when the weather is nice and we have volunteers available to help us. These pop ups will be for a few hours and have 50 activities to undertake. We will post these on Facebook the day before so please do follow us to keep updated.

### EVENTS:

**15th September, 4pm – 9.30pm – Big Night on the beach – South Milton Sands.** Free event, in partnership with the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Small charges apply for some taster sessions. Enjoy family activities and the spectacular sundown parade. Try out watersports, rock-pooling, crafts, and beach games, with storytelling, bird watching and more.

**16th September, 2.30pm – 4.30pm – MSC beach clean – Wembury Beach.** Come and help the **National Trust Rangers** and **Devon Wildlife Trust Marine Centre** Wards clean Wembury Beach as part of the **Marine Conservation Society** Great British beach clean. Be part of this national event and do your bit for protecting the beautiful beaches and marine life. Please bring a pair of gardening gloves, shoes suitable for getting wet and clothing appropriate for the weather. The event is free but please register on the Marine Conservation Society beach clean website ( <https://www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch> ) so we know how many will be turning up.

Our team is busy cutting over overgrowth on paths and car parks. This happens at least 3 times a year to ensure that access is as easy as possible. Please ensure they have seen you before passing.

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to help the Editor**



I feel led to comment on the photo 8 description 'The Old Dukes Mill' in the June issue of *Take a Walk on the Wild side*.

When I was a much younger man, I was for a time chairman of the Bigbury History Society. **Tom Woodmason** was one of the sons of the basket weaver and his wife, who I can remember quite well. Their grandsons were friends of mine. Tom was a well known and respected parishioner. He recounted at a meeting, that the mill was a little further up the valley. On the higher side of the road, perhaps opposite the lane '*Drunkards Hill*'. He said that the mill was bulldozed into oblivion and that six millstones were simply buried in the ground.

He was very annoyed that this had happened as it was part of our heritage. I expect that **Roger Grimley** could tell you more.

**Noel Thornton**

In the archive that I passed over there is a drawing by Tom Woodmason of the layout of the mill and its associated workings. He also wrote some notes about it which are also there. I know that the mill stones have been on the site, partly buried as I recall. I hope their future can be assured. The land did (?still does) belongs to a lady from Plymouth who comes out on the bus, walks from AG and and sits there some days.

**Roger Grimley**

It is so interesting that the matter of Dukes Mill should come to light. The site of the old Mill and hamlet is owned by **Susan Kellond** who lives in Plymouth. The mill and other buildings plus the millpond and leat are shown on the extract from the 1880 Ordnance Survey Map.

A couple years ago **Joddy Chapman** who lives at South Brent gave a very interesting talk to the ACA and Bigbury History Society about the old mills on the River Avon. **Stuart Watts** and I visited Duke's Mill with him at the time and Stuart took photos of the millstone which is by the timber buildings. Susan told me later that there is another broken one nearby but everything was very overgrown and it was not visible. There are a couple of articles in my folder taken from the Bigbury Parish Magazine which were written by Tom Woodmason and Roger Grimley giving information about Dukes Mill. It would appear that the original buildings were demolished and pushed into the old mill pond.

I think it is important that the millstones and any other relics should be left on the site as items of historic interest

**Don Gaskin**



St Lawrence Church was the focus of a great ground swell of feeling on Friday 22nd of June, when **Rose van der Heiden** was laid to rest. The many people who joined the family that day are a testament to how, as a couple, they had embraced and been embraced by the community. Perhaps it is a lesson to us all that in the Valediction, read by **Jill Gubbins**, - **Rose and Hans** placed 'community spirit' first in the things they loved most about Bigbury.

This is what we heard at St Lawrence that day:

**ROSEMOND van der HEIDEN**

Rosie

Mum, Wife, Grandmother and  
Great Grandmother

Rosemond, one of eight siblings, was born on 12th June 1938 in Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire. She attended school in Bourton on the Water.

As a young girl, she loved being active and adventurous. She met Lord Baden Powell and enjoyed camping with the Girl Guides. In fact, Rose attained every badge in the Girl Guides and wore them proudly.

In 1956 at the age of 17, she married farmer Anthony Edward Lomas in Stow-on-the-Wold church. They were blessed with two children, Mark and Maria. The family grew with the marriage of Maria to Clive, the arrival of grandchildren Leanne and Lewis, and great grandchildren Amelia Rose, Hollie Maria and Oliver Lewis Clive. Sadly, Rose's first husband Anthony passed away in Cheltenham in May 1987.

Rosie, as most of us knew her, was introduced to Hans in 1991 at a dancing soiree at Cheltenham Town Hall. There was live music and ballroom dancing, and this event was known locally as '*Grab a Granny Night*'. From the first night onwards, Rosie and Hans were hooked on each other and regularly danced the night away. On one of these nights out, Rosie went to powder her nose. She came back to find Hans on stage, microphone in hand. He proceeded to ask Rose to marry him in front of roughly 250 people. Later Rosie was often heard to say, "I didn't have the courage to say no!" Rose and Hans were married on 6th August 1994 in Cheltenham.

Rose introduced Hans to caravanning and motor homes, and later on Hans even learned to steer a 30ft boat on the river. What a time they had! Their boat was of course required to fly both English and Dutch flags.

In 1997 Rose and Hans moved from Cheltenham to begin a new life in Bigbury on Sea. Hans had been working in the region, commuting to and from Gloucestershire, Rose wanted to live near the sea, and on their first visit here, Rose knew this was the place for them.

Wow! This was the best decision they ever made. They loved the community spirit, the peace, the views, and were soon building their remarkable memories of friendship, love and of course parties!

They travelled the world in their caravan and motor homes, travelling six months a year through Europe and even Africa, yet still they returned, knowing Bigbury on Sea is the best place to live, no matter what life may bring.

It was 2013 when Rosie was diagnosed with MND – Motor Neurone Disease. Hans and Rose were devastated at how soon their life changed. Even the children had noticed early on Rosie's difficulty in walking. It is common knowledge that life expectancy with MND is about two and a half years, and that was on their minds every day.

Professor Stephen Hawking was a great inspiration to Rosie, but she understood how difficult the illness can be, slowly losing the ability to walk, use your hands, eat – and hold a glass of wine. Despite this awareness, Rose maintained her meticulous stylish presentation and remained smiling and cheerful, displaying no public sense of frustration and injustice at her situation – her courage was incredible, and she kept her sense of humour throughout. For example: whilst she was ill, Gill Peet's brother Peter sent a bouquet of flowers addressed 'To my lovely girlfriend'. Rosie joked later 'Even that didn't make Hans jealous!' She also said "I realise that man management is very important to get the right results. My great hobby in life is gardening, but sadly two seasons ago I had to leave all the creativity and work to Hans. I was pleased at how he listens to my instructions! The end result is just superb!"

However, Rosie knew that Motor Neurone Disease would one day sadly take her from us, and so here in Rosie's words are her personal thanks to:

My lovely supportive carers, **Tracy, Nicky and Marianna**. Also, **Kathy** who was introduced to me through Modbury Caring and became a special friend.

**Allan and Sue** for their support so I could enjoy my meals so much.



Farewell to Rose (cont)

**Dilys** for the lovely flowers and lemon drizzle cake, and **Tony** for the G & T's.

**Beth and Trish** for climbing in the Himalayas, and **Pat Chadwick** for organizing a lovely lunch, to raise money for the MND Association.

**Lynn** for keeping an eye on me on Mondays whilst Hans was out singing.

**Peter and Gill Cook** for entertaining Hans and supplying him with all those cups of coffee.

All my wonderful friends in the village, at the Causeway Club, my weekly drinking mates – **Hazel, Lynn, David, Helen, Val and John** – I'd like to thank all of you for your support, friendship and help, (including a bigger glass, a straw, and your hands helping me, so that I was able to enjoy my glass of wine until the last moment!).

My personal bodyguard **Hans** for keeping an eye on me - and sometimes even trying to get me under control!

Not forgetting of course, my wonderful **family** for their love and support.

**Rosie**

**Rev John Elliot** lead the service and the organist was **Joanne Highley**. Extracts from John's very personal tribute are offered below:

*The stark contrast between mourning the death of a loved one, and celebrating their life is often hard, and in some cases almost impossible. Not so with Rose, many here will have a mental*

*picture, a memory of an event and within it the expression on Rose's face.*

*Even her arrival here today was very personal and typically celebrational. Not many take a trip to their much loved local on the way to their own funeral service. Rose did, as Hans the loving husband, delivered on her wish to have one last trip across to the Island and The Pilchard.*

*Pam and I came here 17 years ago a bit nervous and tense. In Bigbury came an early Church and social occasion, the Harvest Festival Service, followed by the Harvest lunch at the, then, excellent Royal Oak pub. In the crowded room as folk looked to get their seats it was Rose and Hans who with open arms and smiles invited us to join them and pulled back chairs. Rose's smile and friendly welcome was a high point in the day, and the glasses of wine that Hans poured went down well too!*

*Love, Joy and Peace exhibited immediately we met her. Later we saw the Patience, as Hans told his stories, and always the Kindness in those eyes that saw much but, with gentleness and self control, said little.*

*We have heard how Hans and Rose met through dancing, our observation of that Strictly level of skill came in the most unlikely location: Burgh Island. It was at the Hotel's effort say 'thank you' to a few local folk in a garden party themed after the mythical Tom Crocker. A band played, and people made small talk Then there was a swirl of spins, turns, rise and fall as over the uneven and sloping grass Rose and Hans launched into a joyful graceful dance. Definitely at least a SEVEN, for us higher than that!*

**Blessings John**

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## NATIONAL TRUST

National Trust need volunteers for the South West Outdoor Festival to help Rangers over the weekend. of 5-7 October at East Soar near Salcombe. Volunteer tasks include setting up the site, assisting with car parking, keeping the site clean and providing information to festival goers.

If you volunteer for 2 four-hour shifts you qualify for a free weekend ticket to the festival which includes camping onsite, for more information about the volunteer role for SWOF please look here <https://bit.ly/2JsLSPH> for more information about the festival itself please look on the website: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/SWOF](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/SWOF) and follow @NTSWOF on Facebook and Twitter for updates too.



## CREWS that keep us CRUISING

What would you usually be doing at 10'clock on a Sunday? I was walking to Holywell Stores to deliver the free black and white Bigbury News (June) copies - when the coastguard truck came racing towards me with blue flashing lights and siren wailing! The truck was quickly followed by three other vehicles, I suspected they were coastguard crew attending the scene. So, I rushed, hot foot, back home to jump in my car to follow them. Bigbury News does not have a blue light. I had been intending to interview this important crew for this feature and suddenly events pressed the pace.

I called in to the Tucker's at Folly Hill and, of course, **Jane Tucker** knew exactly what was going on as she listens in to the coastguard channel on the radio. "*A blue kayak was reported missing by the life guards on the beach.*" said Jane "*The St Ann's Chapel and Hope Cove teams have been scrambled to look for him.*" I rushed to the Bigbury on Sea carpark and headed to the RNLI vehicle on the beach. The two crew were listening to the radio traffic, coordinating the search mission. A coastguard vehicle joined them on the Sedgewick Cove beach. It was the Hope Cove crew.

The St Ann's Chapel coastguard team had taken their vehicle up on top of Burgh Island and I could see their silhouette against the skyline near the huer's hut. This lookout point was used by fishermen in the 1800's to pinpoint shoals of pilchards and it's still the best vantage point over the bay. I managed to get up there just as the crew had decided to get back to the Bigbury on Sea car park to rendezvous with the Hope Cove team. It seems they had found nothing around the seaward side of the island. Looking down into the bay opposite Challaborough, I could see the Hope Cove life boat was on station.

The St Ann's Chapel coastguard vehicle made its way down off the island and across the causeway. I followed, noticing the hundreds of holiday makers oblivious of the reason why teams of well-trained, dedicated locals had rushed into action. By the time I caught up with them in the car park, both coastguard vehicles were hovering near a parked car with two blue kayaks tied to the roof. They thought that perhaps this was the blue kayak concerned and that no one had seen it come ashore.

Whilst St Ann's Alpha stayed on the radio, listening intently, the rest of the team were waiting around the vehicle for the orders to stand down or move to a new search area. Two of the St Ann's crew had been mowing their lawns when their alarms went and they

sped off to assist people they don't know. Many people dropped everything to pull together for the sake of others. The order to stand down was given and everyone went back to their other lives.

Bigbury News will report in full on the Coastguard Team in a later edition because as Station Officer, **Jeremy Gilbert**, explains, - "*June is a very busy time for us. We have been called out most days this month and we all have long hours to work on our 'real jobs' to catch up*".

Well done to all of you and we are looking forward to learning more about the work you do.

**Louise Wainwright**



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## BEACH BANTER

The tides come and go according to the published timetable with comforting predictability. But, both on-shore and off-shore, we are watching with excitement as the waves of innovation and investment are breaking on Bigbury Beach!

**Duncan Gray** announced the opening up of the top bar of the **Pilchard Inn** in a bonfire blaze when the old sign, banning 'non-hotel guests', was turned to ash (pic 2). Tides permitting, we will now be able to use the Pilchard Inn from 11.00 am to 22.30 every day. See inside, the refurbished bar (pic 5) where **Rhys Jameson** and **Colin Michael** (pic 1) have been beavering away to get the refurb of the Pilchard Bar sorted. Pilchard Pub and Cafe Manager, **Ashley Wilson**, says, "*The old Pilchard Cafe off the 'beach terrace' is also being refurbished and should be open by July. We expect to be serving pizzas, burgers, hot dogs and a pint of prawns. Evening menus will be different and we look forward to welcoming locals here all year around.*"

The new owners of Burgh Island have certainly caused a few waves. The 'seventh wave' on the beach was even higher, when we all learned that the Bay View Cafe was to be renamed the Burgh View Cafe. The island investors, keen to be transparent about their plans, invited 30 members of the Bigbury History Society to an event to review the history of the island and share their development plans with us all. Read all about it on pages 24/25.

**Annika Connolly** from Discovery Surf reports on the beach clean carried out by the Discovery Surf Camp children (pic 6) over the half term holiday and asks us if we remember how bad the bins were in the carpark! Annika reminds us that they will be setting up Beach Trailer for kit hire on sunny weekends and all through the summer holidays. They have bases in Bigbury carpark and Challaborough Park Dean. The trailer will that mean people can hire kit straight off the beach on the Causeway.

Burgh Island reporter, **Claudia Testa**, fills us in on the strange encampment of a lone male pheasant that seems to have escaped the attentions of the Bantham Shoot by checking in at Burgh Island. he has been there for some weeks.

'So far, I can tell you a little bit about the pheasant, he was checking the staff accommodations. It is strange to see it around, but as you can see in the picture (pic 3) he finds the staff house and the surrounding areas quite interesting. He went by the house



a couple times and then, resumed his morning walk. Our new owners are thinking on getting him a girlfriend, so we hope this works out well!

We have also been invaded by little snails that are everywhere, behind the leaves, on the footpaths and poles and they are making their way to the Pilchard Inn. Probably to try our new menu that is soon to be released!

Finally, we are introducing a new board game at the Pilchard, is called YAMB, and it is lots of fun, so if you have a couple of spare hours, one of our Serbian barman can explain it to you.

Keep this date free  
Monday 24th September midday to 3.30pm  
Fund Raiser meal at the Burgh Island Hotel in support of the Devon Air Ambulance, Hope Cove Lifeboat and RNLI.

More information will be provided in the August Bigbury News about this joint event with the Islanders and Mainlanders in Bigbury Parish. The numbers will be restricted to 120 persons and persons from Bigbury Parish, in receipt of Bigbury News, will have first call on the tickets. An application form will be included in the August Bigbury News and numbered tickets are likely to be available from the various businesses in Bigbury - so that the tickets first go to local permanent residents and second home owners in the parish. We will enjoy the hospitality of the Ganges Restaurant and Ballroom with music, fun and laughter. Watch this space.



### FISHY BUSINESS

On 24th June at about 0530 a local fisherman was threatened 3 miles out to sea off Slapton Sands by two men in a white inflatable. They had cut his nets and stolen the fish. He was threatened with a knife. Please don't buy any fish from disreputable sources. Any information please call 101 quoting Log 0267 of 24 June.

Overnight, between Thursday 31 May and Friday 1st July, thieves have broken into a container at Bigbury Beach and stolen a Mariner 35hp outboard engine which is owned by the RNLI. The engine was affixed to the inshore RIB which the RNLI Lifeguards use to patrol the beach and save lives. If you have any information or can help us in any way with this investigation then please ring 101 or email 101@dc.police.uk quoting crime report CR/47682/18

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## RAISE A GLASS

A fitting send off for Rose van der Heiden (pic 6) when Hans arranged for her last wish to be granted.

As the undertaker strode ahead across the causeway she was borne joyously and triumphantly across the sands one last time.

Memories of the couple dancing on the hotel lawn years ago must have been foremost in the minds of those who had shared that happiness with them.

It had lifted her spirits when she heard that the new owners had opened their island to everyone else who loved that small piece of paradise too. So, on her way to her funeral - Rose and her loved ones went to raise a glass at the Pilchard Inn one last time. Cheers Rose!



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## WHETHER THE WEATHER

### St Swithin's Day

Many of us use the BBC Weather website and applications on iOS, Android and Kindle to see what the weather has in store for the next few days. Compared to 20 years ago, today's three-day forecast is as good as one-day forecast so forecasting science has got much better. A novel feature of this online forecast is the percentage of rain, so what does 30% or 40% or 50% chance of rain actually mean?

This feature was introduced by the Meteogroup, who recently took over providing the weather reports for the BBC. **Nikki Berry**, senior meteorologist at the group explained, "The rainfall as a percentage refers to your nearest weather station so there will be bound to variation in the catchment area. If the forecast says there is 25% chance of rain at 2 pm this actually means a 25% chance of rain between 1 and 2 pm, in other words one hour preceding the time stated. Also 25% does not mean it will rain 25% of the time in the hour but there is a one in four chance of getting any rain in that hour." The best advice she offered was that if the forecast says 50 – 60% or more chance of rain then, "Take an umbrella!"

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**St Swithin's Day, if it does rain  
Full forty days, it will remain  
St Swithin's Day, if it be fair  
For forty days, t'will rain no more**

Is there any truth in this rhyme? Well, it's a small truth as the Met Office web's site explains, "The middle of July tends to be around the time that the jet stream settles into a relatively consistent pattern. If the jet stream lies north of the UK throughout the summer, continental high pressure is able to move in, bringing warmth and sunshine. If it sticks further south, Arctic air and Atlantic weather systems are likely to predominate, bringing colder, wetter weather." So, all eyes to the skies on Sunday 15 July.

**The Old Cockerel.**

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## PARADISE

I, as are most of the residents of our lovely village, am delighted to hear of all the positive plans **Giles Fuchs** and **Duncan Gray** have for “initiating a renaissance for Burgh Island Hotel, so that once again it will be known, as it was in the fifties, as the best hotel west of the Ritz.”

However, I stayed in the Hotel in my teens with my parents during the fifties, and my memories are not of a 5\* luxury hotel, as was and is the Ritz. It was suffering the aftermath of being seconded by the Army during the War and the family running it, albeit charming, were inexperienced and fighting a losing battle. Gerald was there and came across as a typical Devon fisherman with his fishing trips, albeit having been born and bred in Birmingham, was a real character! He lived in the derelict gun emplacement facing the mainland, with no water or electricity, and was a firm favourite with the ladies. He was also an excellent stone mason and helped my father **Owen Hammant** to build the pond in the early sixties, once Father had cleared the land opposite the slipway to the beach and up Folly Hill. He went on to establish a successful smallholding, which supplied the local hotels and residents with vegetables, potatoes, salads and eggs.

Prior to buying the land from **Miss Chubb**, in the fifties he bought a wooden chalet type building at the top of the steps next to **Ulrick Bennet's** house “Cliffside” and Maryon & Doug Fraser's house. ‘Moorings’. This had been her Father's office while he was the Estate Manager for the **Bigbury Bay Development Company** before the first World War. I had my 3 day honeymoon here back in 1961 before leaving to live in Nassau in the Bahamas for 7 years. I hope I shall end my days here in Paradise!!

To answer **Andrew Sargent's** query as to whether **Sue Waugh** has been lost in the sands of time, she is still living in the area last I heard, and hope she hasn't been too hurt by his cynical remarks! The gargantuan task of running, what was a bottomless pit financially, was not helped by her generous hospitality, often taken advantage of! We wish her a happy and trouble free retirement! Since the Waughs there was another attempt to make the Hotel earn its keep by turning it into Time Share Apartments, also doomed to failure, until **Tony & Bea Porter** came along and after many years of hard work made a success of it. Well done the Porters! Let's hope this new start will see the Hotel return to its former glory during its hey days in the 1930's! We all wish them well!

Gill Middleton



## AUNTY HAZEL'S BURGH ISLAND

A very different view of Burgh Island.

I came to Devon in 1967 as nanny to Tom and Sue Waugh's three girls, Mandy, Vicky and Lucy, the youngest who was two years old. I lived on the island for three and a half years as part of the family. It was a wonderful family hotel and families came back each year, some ‘well heeled’ families also brought their nannies to look after their children, including Richard Lester, the film director, whose son, Mark, starred in the film, ‘Oliver.’ If I remember rightly, their nanny was called Caroline. All of us nannies and children would be on the beach together.

The staff were mostly from New Zealand, South Africa and Australia. A few locals, including Mrs Annings, the hotel cook, and George Edgecombe (Terry's father), who drove the sea tractor. Later, when the new sea tractor arrived, it was driven by Keith who, together with his wife Stella, ran the Pilchard. George and Albert Freeman did the maintenance, including repairing and painting the big ship's figureheads that were around the hotel. The staff, like the guests, would return year after year.

I also looked after the hotel guests' children, 2 to 5-year-olds, for two hours each afternoon. Twenty-five was the most I had in one go! How they loved burying Aunty Hazel in the sand! I had a large playroom in the hotel basement for wet days – full of toys and games. All children learnt the song, “Puff the Magic Dragon, lived on Burgh Island”. It still brings a few tears if I hear it now on the radio.

About 11 years ago, Sue had a big party for friends and family. There were quite a few relatives who were children in my time and two young men, brothers, who had stayed in the hotel with their parents. They were now married with family of their own, but I had looked after them all in my time as a nanny. We all agreed, it was the very best and fun time. Burgh Island was a magical place for children's beach holidays.

I left the island in 1971 when I married George Freeman and moved to Ringmore. For the last two years I walked over to Burgh Island to look after the hotel children during the holiday season.

**Sue Waugh** is still ‘family’ to me and George, and as the pictures on her wall show, her heart is still on Burgh Island. As for me, I am almost back where I started in 1967 – Bigbury!  
**Hazel Freeman**



## LOVE LETTER to BURGH ISLAND

Forty Years On

There's something about an island which provokes imagination, a sense of “I wish” or “if only”. If you just visit “our” Island briefly and have to leave again, nothing much happens. But if you can stay, if you go to sleep there, if you stand on the wall outside The Pilchard and watch the moonlight on the sea... thoughts and feelings grow stronger.

I first came to Burgh Island with a touring cricket team. To say we underestimated its beauty and its ability to invade the soul, and in my case, to remain there, is an understatement. We were too busy forgetting about the world outside, putting our suburban troubles into a folder marked “Forget” or “Avoid”.

But it didn't take long before the magic started to work. Even though mere visitors, “grockles” ourselves, it was easy to feel patronising pity, even a passing contempt for the sea tractor passengers who queued patiently in one bar of the pub, while we all got served first in the other one.

It wasn't that the mainland was irrelevant, so much as the fact that on this tiny rock, in this minute, insular community, you could stand back for a fleeting moment and contemplate your life from the outside. It's easy, in such conditions, to develop a sense of place, of belonging to something special.

Of course, you could label the island community as drop outs, or as people hiding from reality, although even if they were, why not, even then in a comparatively kind world? But now? Wouldn't you?

And one thing about its owner Mrs Waugh: she understood all this, and, I believe, loved it. When she had to sell, she tried to find people to whom the island meant something, as a place of happiness, an island, not a restaurant, health spa, or lovers nook. It could be all those things, but first and foremost it was an island, somewhere you could leave the real world behind, locked in your Ford Cortina, parked ominously ready to leave on that fateful last day.

And on that very final night, when the moonlight really did gleam on the sea, and the lights in the hotel went out for the last time, I knew I had fallen for the spell, that I would be back, that one day I would try to create the right to stay, if not on Burgh Island but at least nearby. Finally, forty years on, “feeble of foot and rheumatic of shoulder”, I achieved it.





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It was worth the wait. The magic still works. And as you drive down the hill and round the last bend in the road, it still beckons anyone with any sense of the romantic. It may not be able to make your dreams come true, but it definitely brings a sense of peace. And if you don't know what I mean by "I wish" or "if only", then go there one moonlit night, stand on the top, take a look out, close your eyes, and listen for seagulls.

**Andrew Sargent**

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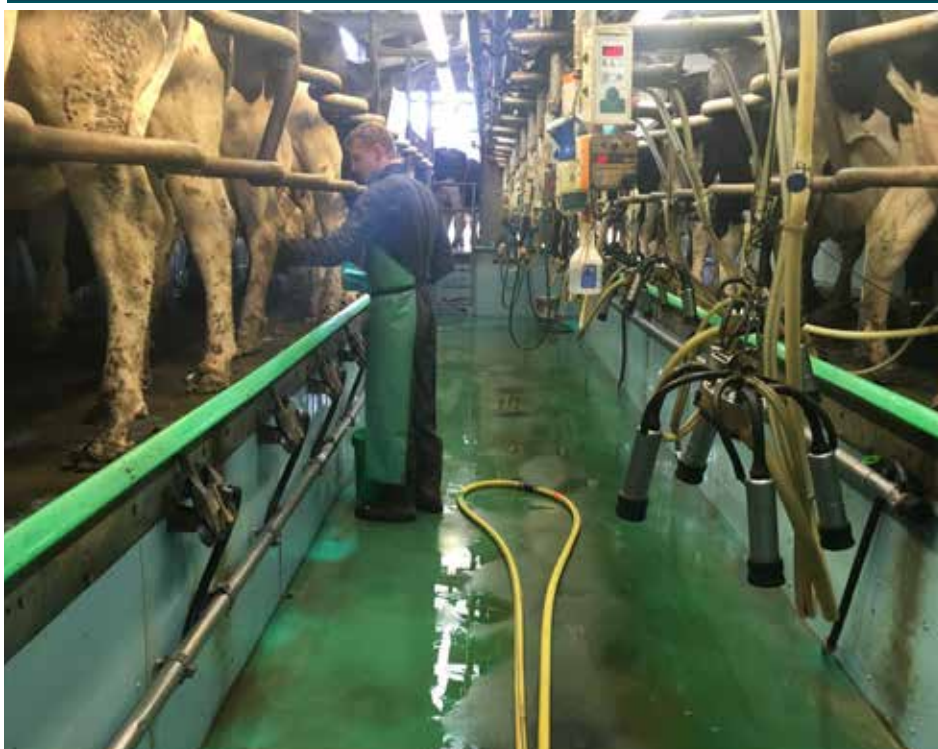
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*Fantastic.*" proclaimed **Chris Crimp** "*Fantastic. It's the best job in the world.*" The smile on his face and in his eyes assured me that he meant what he had said. Every day at 4.30 am the Crimp family team are up tending to the animals that are nurtured on the 216 acres that form Tuffland Farm. Come rain, shine or snow, they are out there. **Linda Crimp** joins them after the school run for the two younger Crimps, **Ellen** (11) and **Harry** (9).

Elder sons, **Ben Crimp** and **Steve Crimp** are equally passionate about farming and astounded me with the high-tech precision farming that they have introduced to make the farm work. They don't just sit and watch the grass grow and then move the 150 pedigree Holstein dairy cows into the field that looks best. No, they have an instrument that looks a bit like a metal detector that is passed over the grass sward. It measures the growth and calculates the volume of grass available so that its contribution to the milk yield can be precisely measured. This data is then also added to the recipe used to blend the cereal feed stocks that tops up their grazing on the grass.

Their cows certainly look happy about the attention paid to their diet and health. With the careful attention of the Crimps, they produce some 9,000 litres of milk per cow per year, that goes into the marketing channels of a Europe wide cooperative called ARLA. A computerised feed mixer carefully balances nutrients from different feed stocks to provide the precise balanced

diet needed to allow the cows to make their daily contribution.

Sexed semen is used on the best cows to produce female calves, the rest of the cows are served to an Aberdeen Angus (beef) bull. The adult milking potential of the offspring can be analysed from a single hair taken from the calf and genomically testing it for traits that affect milk yield. This gives the farmers reliable information on which calves to keep as breeding stock for milkers and which ones will be 'beefers' and fattened up for sale.

There are no public footpaths through Tuffland Farm but the valley can be seen on the left from the main road as you approach St Ann's Chapel. I have often admired the peaceful scene as the dairy herd is out grazing in the fields, without appreciating the precision farming that makes this idyllic scene possible.

The commitment to the long hours needed and the intuitive and technical skills needed to make farming work is engrained in the Crimp family history. "*The farm goes back to the 1600's*" explained Chris "*In 1877 my great grandfather was a tenant farmer here. In the early 1900's my grandfather, John Arundel Crimp, bought the farm at the same time as the Hex's farm was sold*". Chris's father, **Walter John Arundel Crimp** ran the farm before Linda and Chris took over with their elder sons. Steve studied agriculture at Bicton College in Devon whilst Ben went to study biology at Cardiff University.

It is an amazing sight when each day the cows process through the fields as they have

done for hundreds of years into an ultra-modern herringbone dairy parlour which is of course, computerised. I met up with relief milker, **Will**, to see the operation in full swing. The milk yields are recorded, analysed and used to inform feed stocks and determine the milking life of the cow before it is replaced. precision farming is needed to make farming pay when there is so much that is outside the control of the farmer. Exchange rates, the cost of feed and of course the relentless squeeze on milk prices is just a fact of life for dairy farmers.

The Crimps all relish the hands-on, outdoor challenges and triumphs of farming. When I asked them what they did to relax when they were not farming, they smiled and said nothing. "*How often to you get down to the beach at Bigbury on Sea?*" I persisted. "*Maybe once or twice per year*" was the answer Ben gave me. "*But we don't need to go to the beach. The beach comes to us as we have 20 tons of sea sand delivered to us three weeks for the cows to lie on.*"

That says it all. Farming is a way of life. Thankfully we have many hard-working farmers that make this an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

**Louise Wainwright**



## The GARDEN of BIGBURY

A lot of you will know that I often "walk the walk" from home, in Bigbury, to Holywell Stores and back. When offered a lift, I excuse myself because I love seeing the changes every day in the hedgerows. I'd love to share some of the wonders of the hedgerows with you from time to time.

This time I want to show you crosswort, a member of the bedstraw family. It is plant which only grows in one part of my walk, just for a stretch of about 10 metres. Not going to tell you where – you'll either have to discover it for yourself or get in touch and I'll tell you secretly. If you know of any other sites I'd love to know.

It is called crosswort (*Cruciate laevipes*) as it has leaves in whorls of four, and four-petalled yellow flowers in the shape of a cross. The smell is beautiful. It comes out in May and gradually develops into a dry brown stick with spiky balls. Magic! **Alice Taylor**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
L - 1	L - 2	L - 3	L - 4
St Lawrence Service 11.00 am Family Communion	BROWN bins RE-CYCLING  YOGA MH 7.00 - 8.15 pm	EXERCISE MH 11.00 - midday	SHRIMPS 9.30 -11.45 MH  KORNILOFF COFFEE 10.30 -12.00 <b>COURTLANDS</b> Cleveland Drive Bigbury on Sea.
L - 8	L - 9	L - 10	L - 11
St Lawrence Service 11.00 am Sunday Worship	BLACK bins  YOGA MH 7.00 - 8.15 pm	EXERCISE MH 11.00 - midday  YOUTH CLUB 17.30 -19.30 MH  <b>KINGSBRIDGE</b> <b>JAZZ 6.30 pm</b> Fishermans Rest Aveton Gifford	SHRIMPS 9.30 -11.45 MH  BIGBURY BOOKWORMS  BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL 7.30 - 9.00 pm MH
L - 15	L - 16	L - 17	L - 18
St Lawrence Service 11.00 am Sunday Worship	BROWN bins RE-CYCLING  YOGA MH 7.00 - 8.15 pm	EXERCISE MH 11.00 - midday	SHRIMPS 9.30 -11.45 MH
L - 22	L - 23	L - 24	L - 25
St Lawrence Service 11.00 am Holy Communion	BLACK bins  YOGA MH 7.00 - 8.15 pm	EXERCISE MH 11.00 - midday	SHRIMPS 9.30 -11.45 MH
L - 29	L - 30	L - 31	
St Lawrence Service 11.00 am Holy Communion	BROWN bins RE-CYCLING  YOGA MH 7.00 - 8.15 pm	EXERCISE MH 11.00 - midday	

## PRIZE

Two free tickets, kindly donated by Salcombe Players, to anyone who still has the June Bigbury News and can identify the wildflowers in the Garden Gate Feature.

Send your answers to [bigburynewseditor@gmail.com](mailto:bigburynewseditor@gmail.com)  
or text a message to 07908 525663 - giving your answers and your name and telephone number.

**GOOD LUCK**



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
L - 5	L - 6	L - 7
Nick The Fish performing live Oyster Shack		
HISTORY SOCIETY TOUR Tavistock		
L - 12	L - 13	L - 14
Memorial Hall AGM MH 7 pm		
VICTORIAN TEA PARTY Holywell Stores garden 3.00 pm		
L - 19	L - 20	L - 21
FILLING STATION 7.30 pm MH		
L - 26	L - 27	L - 28
<p>Key: <b>MH</b> = Memorial Hall St Anns Chapel</p> <p><b>JULY 2018</b></p> <p><b>LOW TIDE</b> Bigbury-on-Sea</p>		

**CHURCH RAFFLE  
TICKETS from  
MIKE HOLNESS**



## COMING UP

LATER...

**Sunday 2nd September**

Garden Produce Show.

This year's theme is 'Sun, Sea and Sand'.

**Friday 26th October**

Paddleboat Theatre's 'Rustle'  
Half term entertainment for children and families.

More details next month.

**Friday 2nd November - 7 pm -**

Musical Evening in the Church  
Friends of St Lawrence

## KINGSTON EVENTS

4th August Fun Day

## BIGBURY NEWS

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## BIGBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

### TAVISTOCK GUIDED WALK

**THURSDAY 5th JULY 2018**  
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The Church Bazaar was, once again, a wonderful excuse to get together and look for treasures at **Gill Gubbins** jewellery stall (above left). **Linda Osmond** and **Angela** taking a rest, having set up their plant and flower stall before the punters arrived at the Memorial Hall (top right).

BBQ aficionados, **Dane Vanstone** and **Richard Taylor** manned the feeding frenzy at the Barn Dance event for the Friends of St Lawrence.





## BIGBURY

### GARDEN PRODUCE SHOW

with a **SUN, SEA & SAND** theme

**SUNDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Bigbury Memorial Hall**

**CLASS A**  
BEST FRUIT & VEGETABLES

**CLASS B**  
FLOWERS:

- A beach inspired basket of flowers
- One individual rose
- A vase of garden flowers of your choice
- Three identical flowers

**CLASS C**  
MISCELLANEOUS:

- Largest Marrow
- Longest Runner Bean
- Heaviest Onion
- Most unusual shaped fruit or vegetable
- Tallest Sunflower
- Limerick with a sun, sea & sand theme
- A sun, sea & sand picture
- A sun, sea & sand decorated egg
- A cup cake with a sun, sea & sand decoration



**Entry forms on the day**



## BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

The Bookworms have moved to the new **BIGBURY CULTURE CLUB** page (p25)





## BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Bringing the Community Together

Not all that much to report this month.

We're shortly to take a Summer break from organizing events. The last one before this will be our **AGM at 7.00 p.m. on July 12th**. This is a chance to hear what's been going on at the hall and ask any questions of the Committee that you wish, so do come along.

At the moment, we're putting together our Autumn and Winter programmes. Hopefully these will include an event part funded by Carn to Cove (formerly Villages in Action).

We've put our selections to them and are waiting to hear which, if any, we shall be granted. We're hoping to get something suitable for the October half term.

Finally, the building work that I mentioned in last month's Bigbury News, the replacement of fascia and rain water goods and the new rear extension roof have now been completed. The next job is the cleaning of the exterior walls.

**Charles Harrington**

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## BIGBURY LADIES

After much discussion over a welcome coffee at Helens it was decided that, due to the bad weather (thick fog!) we would only venture as far as Saltram House in Plymouth.

Saltram House had been owned by the Parker family since 1712 and the original Tudor house was remodelled by John Parker when he inherited it in 1743. He employed the famous architect Robert Adams who created the Palladian style house we see today. It is one of the best preserved Georgian houses in England and since 1957 has belonged to the National Trust. The drawing room is considered one of Adams finest interiors and at the present time this room is undergoing a major restoration mainly of the magnificent ceiling and beautiful carpet. It was fascinating to hear of the painstaking work that goes into this project. There are also, among the many pictures, paintings by Sir Joshua Reynolds, who was a friend of the Parker family, and an enormous library filled with thousands of books. The grounds are also a real feature, extensive and beautifully landscaped, with plenty of interesting walking trails – well worth a visit!

The plan for next month is a river trip from Plymouth to Calstock. More details later. It is hoped that the lack of numbers over the last two or three months is due to other commitments rather than lack of interest and hopefully more people will join in the Calstock trip, otherwise it really won't be worth continuing. Remember ladies – use it or lose it! **Rita Baker**

<u>Day &amp; Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Organiser</u>	<u>Contact no.</u>
Mon. 19.00 – 20.15	Yoga	Fi Baker	07880 498914
Tues. 10.30 – 11.30	Exercise	* Valerie Chapman	07584 885259
17.30 – 19.30	Youth Club	Juliette Jackson	810307
Wed. 9.30 – 11.45	South Hams Shrimps	Becky Phelan	811179 07789 111200
Thurs. 19.30 – 21.30	South Hams Filling Station (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of month excl. Dec & Aug)	Gilbert Snook	810017
Friday	Zumba	**Hannah Winzer	550712 7454 003091

Summer Holiday Class Dates

Jill's classes will finish for the summer at the end of June, restarting in September.

Short Mat Bowls will be taking a summer break from the end of May until October.

Valerie's Exercise Classes – these will run as normal on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July but there will be no classes on 10<sup>th</sup> July and 24<sup>th</sup> July. Classes will then stop for the summer, restart Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Fi's Yoga class – last date this term 16<sup>th</sup> July. Classes will restart on Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Youth Club last meeting this term 10<sup>th</sup> July with beach BBQ at Challaborough on 17<sup>th</sup> July

Hannah's Zumba classes – please contact Hannah to find out when her classes are restarting.

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**Beach Goods - Wet Suits**  
**Boards for Hire**

**HOURS OF OPENING 1st April-end Oct**

**Daily 10am to 10pm**

## AGM MEMORIAL HALL

Thursday 12th July 2018 at 7.00 p.m.  
at Bigbury Memorial Hall

1. Notice of meeting
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of 2017 AGM
4. Matters arising 2017 AGM
5. Management Committee/Trustees' Report and Financial Statement for year ended 31st March 2018
6. Appointment of members of Management Committee
  - a. Members standing for election/re-election
  - b. Other nominations\*
7. Open Forum
8. AOB

\*Please send any nominations with names of a proposer and seconder to the Chairman by **Friday 6th July**.

**Charles Harrington – Chairman.**

## BIGBURY CARES

### CHARITY UPDATE to mid June

**Macmillan Cancer Care** £1,033

*Fiona Dukes*

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**Motor Neurone Disease Ass.**

**Multiple Sclerosis Society** £5,516

*Cllr Beth Huntley*

01548 810385

Cllr.Huntley@swdevon.gov.uk.

**Blood Bikes** £750

Golf Captains Charity Team

*Cathy Hamilton & Marlene Johnson*

**Friends of St Lawrence** £680

*Alice Taylor (Treasurer)*

enquiries@silchestercellars.co.uk

**Modbury Caring** £213

Korniloff Event (March)

**Hope Cove Lifeboat**

Korniloff Event (April) £224

**South Ham Shrimps**

Korniloff Event (May) £152

**Children's Hospice S.W** £195

*Jean Wright & Yvonne*

**Memorial Hall** £500

50:50 Club

*Dane Vanestone*

**St Lawrence Church (bells etc)** £523

Bazaar (*Angie Carson & team*)

**Jamie Proctor Foundation** £812

*Krista Pickering*

**Friends of St Lawrence**

Barn Dance *Hilary Vanstone* £370

Fun Run - Zoe Walters & Rob Heathman

**Devon Air Ambulance** £300

Bigbury Church Bells £100

Bigbury Youth Club £50

**BIGBURY TOTAL to mid June** £11,418

Surplus funds from donations and printing projects carried out by Bigbury News will be allocated to the above charities in accordance with the percentage of the total raised by the end of 2018.



### BARN DANCE 1st June

We had a pretty good turnout for this Barn Dance and it was really enjoyed by all who came along. Caller Martin was in his element and thoroughly thrived on the fact that everyone was having fun, although they didn't dance his way. All had fun with lots of drink, barbecue, dancing and doing what they fancied. We were so pleased to see so many little ones having a great time along with the grown up children! At the end of the day it raised £370 in aid of the Friends of St Lawrence's, not least thanks to the contributions of the organising team who kindly donated to the cause – **Hilary and Dane** for the burgers, buns, wine etc, **Michael Poynter, Gill & Peter Cook, Richard & Alice Taylor.**



## LETTER from MINISTER at ST LAWRENCE

The wedding season is in full swing. My favourite part of every wedding is as the bride enters and the groom turns around to get his first view of the bride who he will promise to love. At the recent royal wedding the preacher reminded the watching nation of that wonderful verse from the Bible that is often read out at weddings.

*'Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God, and those who love are born of God and know God. Those who do not love do not know God. Why? For God is love.'* Yet in the mess and muddle of life it can seem like wishful thinking to say God is Love. How can I be confident that at the heart of the universe there is love?

Love always takes the initiative, reaches out and takes a risk. As couples say in the wedding service *'All that I am I give to you.'* In Jesus Christ God took the initiative. We have found ourselves out in the cold from his love and life facing death, darkness and separation. But he loved us and reached down, becoming a man, God the Son taking human form, leaving the warm embrace of his Father's presence in heaven to walk among us on the pages of History to die for us. The well-known hymn *'How great thou art'* includes these words: *'And when I think that God His Son not sparing, sent him to die- I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.'* Love is always willing to suffer, love is always self-giving and the Lord Jesus truly did give all that he was for the sentence that all us should bear.

At a wedding the couple hold hands and make their wedding promises to one another. The great promise of the Bible is that all who place their hands into the hands of the Lord Jesus and follow him receive life in the place of death, relationship in the place of separation, and light in the place of darkness. As the Bishop at Harry and Megan's wedding said: *'There's power in love. There's power in love to help and heal when nothing else can. There's power in love to lift up and liberate when nothing else will.'* **Rev Matt Rowland**

Vicar: The Revd Matt Rowland (830260: every day except (normally) Saturday)  
Readers: **Joyce Howitt** (01364 73093), **Michael Tagent** (810520) [www.modburyteam.org](http://www.modburyteam.org)

### LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES JULY 2018

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday Worship	Family Communion	Family Communion	Holy Communion	Sunday Worship
8 <sup>th</sup>	Family Communion	Sunday Worship	Family Communion	Lay led Service	Sunday Worship
15 <sup>th</sup>	Lay led Service	Holy Communion*	Sunday Worship	Family Communion	Village Service
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Family Communion	Sunday Worship	Village Service	Sunday Worship	Family Communion
29 <sup>th</sup>			Team Family Communion (10.30 am)		

### 50:100 CLUB

Promoted by **Dane Vanstone**. Tickets for 2018 are all sold! 50% of the money goes in prizes & 50% to the Memorial Hall.

Do not miss out in 2019.

Get your tickets early. Watch out for the advert in Bigbury Life at the end of this year.

### 50:100 CLUB MAY WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> £25 **Vivvy Yandell**

2<sup>nd</sup> £15 **Sandra Gascoigne**

3<sup>rd</sup> £10 **Janie Grace**

### FILLING STATION

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Speaker **Rosemary Piercy**

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Filling Station is an inter-denominational fellowship which hopes to benefit the local church. **Gil and Kate Snook** 01548 810017



## BIGBURY CARES

**July 1917**

Rector – **Rev. W. Pollock-Hill M.A.**

The Jumble Sale in aid of Church expenses was held in the School on Saturday and proved a great success. It was but a small effort to raise £6 and £5.14s was the result, and further subscriptions have been promised. It was really more than a Jumble Sale as there were three stalls - Jumble in charge of **Mrs Bastin**; Fancy Work, in charge of **Mrs Polly Amm**; and Dairy in charge of **Mrs Pollock Hill**. The Rector wishes to thank the many donors' articles, in one case five dozen eggs and some butter. An effort like this in war time proves to the new Rector how well Bigbury people respond when called upon.

### SPRING BAZAAR, WHIT MONDAY

Huge and heartfelt thanks to all who helped in so many ways, donated things, and came along to spend your money at the Church / Memorial Hall Bazaar.

We raised a wonderful £543 and some pence, which Dane made an executive decision, on the day, to donate entirely to the church. The Hall Committee have generously done this for several years now, and the PCC are very grateful.

Many, many thanks

**Angie Carson**

### GRAND SUMMER RAFFLE

St. Lawrence Church Bigbury is going to run a Grand Summer Raffle to raise funds for the tower and bell fund which are in need of significant works. Tickets (£1) can be purchased from **Michael Holness**. The draw will take place on Wednesday 8th August St Anns Chapel, Memorial Hall. We need generous donations please A.S.A.P – and also lovely prizes!

**Michael Holness**

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### *Friends of St Lawrence's, Bigbury*

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#### A VICTORIAN TEA PARTY

Wednesday 11 July 2018 3 pm  
£ 10.00 (Friends £ 8.00)

At Holywell Stores Garden, St Ann's Chapel, Bigbury  
RSVP 01548 810864 (Alice)

### KRISTA'S CHARITY RUN

The marathon went really well thank you! It was super hot which made it hard but I had great fun running with my brother in law. At the last count I have raised £812.50 for Jamie Proctors Foundation! My son, Jayden, even joined me for the last few hundred yards and he loved crossing the finish line with me!

**Krista Pickering**

### KORNILOFF COFFEE MORNING

On Wednesday 6th June we raised £195 for Children's Hospice S.W. Many thanks to Maggy, Rita and Judy for coming from Ivybridge to support us. Maggy gave a very interesting talk on how the 3 Hospices in the South West support all members of the family through their difficult journey with a terminally ill child. A big thank you to everybody who supported us and gave so generously.

On Wednesday 4th July we will be supporting Devon Air Ambulance so we hope to see you between 10.30 and noon at COURTLANDS Cleveland Drive Bigbury on Sea. Please note the change of venue.

On Wednesday 1st August we will support St. Luke's Hospice.

Our grateful thanks to **Pat and Jim Chadwick** for welcoming us into their lovely home this month.

**Jean and Yvonne**



## BIGBURY ALBUM



### BIGBURY FUN RUN

We raised £450 in total which will be shared:

£300 to Devon Air Ambulance  
£100 Bigbury Church Bells  
£50 Bigbury Youth Club

Huge thanks Parkdean for their kind contribution as well as Holywell Stores and Stick and Stitch Designs (who printed the t-shirts) and all the support of marshalls and helpers.

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Previous owners of Burgh Island Hotel, **Tony and Bea Porter**, gifted the old Burgh Island Hotel flag to the new owners.



History Society members celebrated the opening up of the outdoor terrace at the Pilchard Inn.



# BIGBURY CULTURE CLUB

## BIGBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

### ALL CHANGE ON BURGH ISLAND

With the recent change in ownership of Burgh Island has come a welcome change in management style. At a recent, very well-attended, Bigbury History Society event held by invitation in the Burgh Island Hotel's spectacular Ganges Room, we were all treated both to a presentation by **Duncan Gray**, one of the hotel's two new owners, and to some generous hospitality.

Duncan reviewed something of the hotel's history but also revealed his far-sighted plans for redevelopment of the hotel and the Pilchard Inn, on the island, together with Warren Cottage and the Bay View Cafe - which his business consortium has also purchased, on the mainland. Whilst maintaining the exclusivity of the hotel and developing its attractions as a high-class venue for social and business events, the plan is to welcome other visitors to the island, especially local people. Perhaps the most visible immediate manifestation of this plan are the changes to the Pilchard Inn, where the outside seating capacity has already been doubled, non-resident visitors are made welcome throughout the pub, and the basement cafe has been reopened.

Longer term, we were told amongst other things, about ambitious plans to develop the tidal Mermaid's Pool, set amongst the island's cliffs, which until recently had been used as a repository for unwanted junk and accumulated silt. For example, the natural shape of the rocks and good acoustics might make for a floating, under-lit stage in an amphitheatre similar to the iconic Minack Theatre in Cornwall. To widespread acclaim, the new owners have dropped the recently approved but highly controversial plans for a stand-alone hotel suite perched on the cliff top overlooking the Avon Estuary.

Local concerns about the future of Warren Cottage and the Bay View Cafe should be allayed because the future of both buildings now looks secure; Warren Cottage as residential accommodation for hotel staff and a revitalised, re-named, Burgh View Cafe. Plans are afoot to help develop closer local relationships by holding a fund-raising hog roast at the Hotel, in aid of the Hope Cove lifeboat, RNLI and the Devon Air Ambulance on **Monday 24th September** (12 midday to 3.30 pm) - watch out for details in Bigbury News August edition. This will be open to households, including second home owners, who receive Bigbury News.  
**Stuart Watts**

## BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

Our June meeting was hosted by Julia and we discussed 'The Song of Achilles'. Everyone enjoyed this 'different' book, chosen by Lynn, which was a story of love, passion and war set in Ancient Greece. Achilles was half god and half man and, although we sometimes got a bit muddled with the names of the characters, we all agreed it was an excellent read and one we probably have not chosen to read if it had not been picked for us - thoroughly recommended.

On July 4th we will be meeting at Hazel's house when we will discuss the book chosen by Julia (very appropriately) "**The Summer Read**" by Tove Jonnson.  
**Hazel Osborne**  
New members are welcome.  
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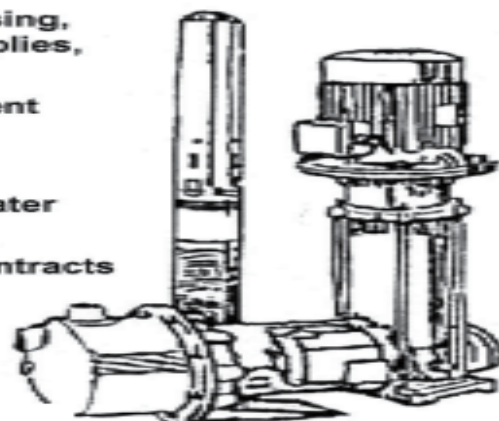
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## THE PUB CAT SPEAKS

Purrfection

Most people assume that cats are not avid purrrusers of the media, but here in the Artful Dodger, there is little more relaxing than laying in the netting above the bar with my friend Bruce – a very fine Persian Blue – and watching a little high class drama on Catflix or Mewtube.

All this while the Fagin, the landlord, and locals are all playing ‘arrrs’. Bruce and I were very taken with a new series called ‘Royal Wedding’ which is set in Windsor Castle.

There was the band of the Irish Guards; they all seemed to be wearing a black cat on their head. The hero, Prince Larry, a handsome Orlando Marmalade bearded tom-cat, with large white paws. He was getting married to Moggy Markle – a sleek Balinese Havana Brown – highly intelligent, agile and athletic, and very playful. Bruce told me that breed is purrrficient at exotic dancing. They also love puzzles, playing fetch and carry, and are extremely opinionated.

The ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Catbury, Justine Wellbeloved, and the appropriately named Reverend Curry was talking about fire.

There was one feline – apparently, Prince Larry’s old amour – who looked as sick as a parrot; probably because she was named after a football team.

And a funny old couple were seated at the back. He kept saying, “*Who the bloody hell are all these moggies?*” And she kept saying “*Shut up, Philip!*” or something like that.

I do like to see a range of colours and breeds in a feline family. Apparently, Moggy Markle had tried to get jobs in adverts for Cleopatra’s Cat Cuisine and Trump’s Tasty Titbits; but they prefurrrred to have a cat like a Russian White as it sold more pouches. As my wise old Uncle Ebenezer used to say, “*Discrimination is never rational, but it makes a darn good attempt at pretending to be.*” No idea what he meant.

We enjoyed the first episode of Royal Wedding, but Bruce doesn’t think it will catch on. “*It’ll never last,*” he said.

**Monty the pub cat.**

## PUB NEWS - PICKWICK INN

St Ann’s Chapel straddles the cross roads on the brow of the highland, from whence a cobweb of narrow lanes link the many little hamlets nestled in the folds of Bigbury Parish. The hostelry, now known as the Pickwick Inn, is the first imposing building to be noted as the visitor approaches the signs of habitation in this beautiful part of the South Hams. The Bigbury History Society archives, researched by **Roger Grimley** and curated by **Norman Botton**, reveal that the inn has been known by several names – Cottage of Content (1803 – 1811), Three Horse Shoes (1812 – 1828) and the Hare and Hounds (1830 – 1926). It became the Pickwick Inn from the mid 1920s until 2004 when it was named the Old Chapel. It reverted to the Pickwick Inn in 2012 and the publican is now **Rob Heathman** who took up this role in 2017.

The reference to the Old Chapel arises from the belief that an ancient Celtic priestess, in the 13th Century, held court at these cross roads. St Ann’s chapel still forms part of the inn. A small room behind the bar is crowned with a vaulted ceiling and hosts a plaque on

the wall with a painting of St Ann. Our historians have not been able to find any recors of a chapel on this site and surmise that, as happened with many other pagan religious sites, a church was built on this site to legitimise the pagan St Ann. It is often murmured in hushed tones, that St Ann would have cannibalised young babies and that infant skulls have been found down the nearby Holy Well – beyond Holywell Stores.

When a blocked wall space was opened up during alterations to the house in the 1930’s a chest containing old books and documents was said to be found. Someone threw it onto a bonfire. The inn still guards its secrets well. Royalists, drawn from local manor houses in Bigbury and Modbury, are known to have held secret meetings at the inn in the 17th Century. Fierce battles that were fought field by field between the Royalists and the Parliamentarians may well have included Royalists who met at this inn.

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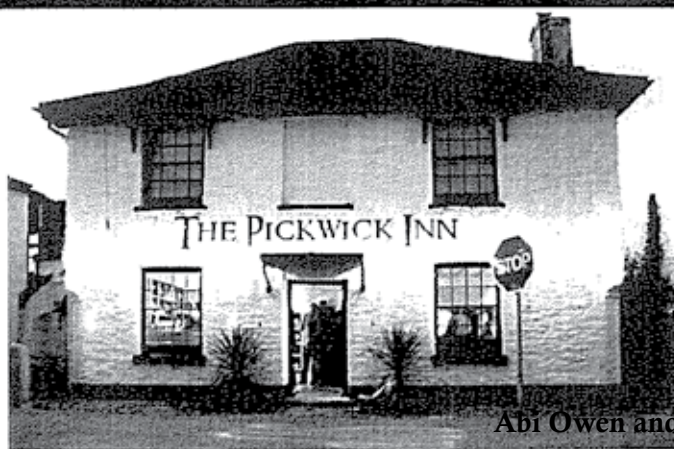




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A meeting of a different sort happened at the Pickwick on 16th June 2018 - the annual Fun Run began at the Pickwick and the report on this is provided by organisers **Zoe Walters** (pic right giving briefing) and **Rob Heathman**.

There were 40 finishers of the Bigbury Fun Run with times ranging from 39.15 to 1.59.59 **OVERALL WINNERS:** 1st **Gavin Whatley** (39.15) 2nd **Wayne Coleman** (42.56), 3rd **Mark Hawes** (44.00) **LADIES** 1st **Simone Clisby** (44.21), 2nd **Sophie Weeks** (46.28), 3rd **Tanya Alexander** (49.55) **LOCAL** **Gavin Whatley** **LOCAL LADY** **Simone Clisby** **LADY** 55+ **Sheila Street** (1.04.18) **GENTS** 55+ **Rod Street** (1.05.23), **U14 GIRL** **Rebecca Shea** (52.38), **U15 BOY** **Harrison Green** (1.03.46).



## Community-led housing scheme

Discussions with the landowners of Site 4 have been continuing and an agreement has now been reached on the Heads of Terms relating to the acquisition of the land for the community led housing scheme. South Hams District Council is keen to progress the scheme and have agreed the fees for the Architect and Ecologist. They have also asked me to continue as the Planning Consultant for this project.

We will soon be in a position to have a meeting with the local community to discuss the proposed layout, type and mix of dwellings and the design options.

## Views, vistas and local heritage list

We will shortly be doing a consultation regarding the Views and Vistas. A Draft Local Heritage List has now been prepared and this has been the subject of discussion with **Roger Grimley**, our local historian who has also been able to advise on the history of the assets. We will be putting this list forward for consultation very shortly. We would still like to engage with the youth of the parish and get their views on the assets that we are proposing to put forward. As previously stated we may be asking the youth to assist in preparing some local heritage trails.

We welcome the contribution made by **Louise Wainwright**, **Trish Bagley** and **Norman Botton** recommending some short walks around the parish and hope that this will also help to provide greater awareness of our natural and historic environment and will be useful in promoting tourism.

## Consultations

We have sent out letters to all the local **businesses** in the parish, including all of the **farmers** and the owners of the **Bantham Estate** and **Burgh Island** to ask if they wish to comment on the

Neighbourhood Plan and to provide if possible an indication of any plans or proposals that they may have which need to be taken into account when considering the proposals and policies for the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be a plan which should be beneficial to the whole of the community including those who operate local businesses who also provide much needed employment and help our tourism industry.

We have had useful feedback from the retailers in the parish and have met with the Chairman and Managing Director of the **Bigbury Golf Club**. We are meeting with **Nicholas Johnson** who owns the **Bantham Estate** towards the end of this month.

**Beth Huntley**, **Bryan Carson** and **Louise Wainwright** have met the new owners of Burgh Island and had some initial feedback on the plans for the hotel and the island which was reported in the Bigbury News.

We also have a meeting arranged with **Roger English** of the AONB Unit to discuss the proposed housing development at St Ann's Chapel and general policies for the parish. AECOM have completed their Sites Assessment but cannot carry out the Strategic Environmental Assessment until the plan is in a more complete stage.

## Survey of dwellings used as a principal residence, second home or holiday let

We are carrying out a survey of the whole of the parish to try to establish the percentage of dwellings used as a principal residence, a second home or a holiday let. The initial results show that approximately two thirds of properties (65%) at Bigbury on Sea are used as second homes or holiday lets, approximately 40% at Challaborough, 33% at Bigbury Village but only 4% at St Ann's Chapel. We should have the results for the whole of the parish shortly.

We have also carried out a study of house prices in the parish over the last three years which showed that there were very few properties for sale within a range affordable to most people living in this area. In the last year there were only two properties for sale that were less than £350,000 and very few properties of less than three bedrooms.

Community Website.

The front page of the community website now has a direct link to the Neighbourhood Plan with all of the published reports regarding the Neighbourhood Plan now included. We would like to thank Stuart Watts for installing all of these documents and making these now easier to find. A link to the neighbourhood plan documents is set out below:

[www.bigburycommunity.co.uk/groups/neighbourhood-plan/documents/](http://www.bigburycommunity.co.uk/groups/neighbourhood-plan/documents/)

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Equipment for producing and editing videos of interviews for a YouTube Channel, possibly on the Bigbury Community website. Again this would enable local people to make community interest videos on local history, wildlife, environmental and other topics.

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# BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES - Wed 13th June 2018 - Memorial Hall St Ann's Chapel

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PRESENT: Cllrs: C Carson, G Rosevear, S Smith, E Huntley (D.Cllr.), C Case, H Getley, V Scott and Clerk R Matthews. Eight residents were also in attendance.

1.0 Declaration of Interest: Cllr. Rosevear declared a personal interest (non-pecuniary) in agenda item 11B Cllr. Case declared a personal interest in the traffic notice in agenda item 20 (correspondence)

2.0 No apologies for absence were received.

3.0 Minutes meeting held on May 16th 2018 Cllr. Rosevear proposed the minutes accurate Cllr. Smith seconded - voted unanimously to accept the minutes, which were duly signed by the Vice Chairman.

4.0 Matters arising (actions) from last meeting

Brought forward - **Mr. Radford** asked if it would be possible to use the side wall of the bus shelter as advertising space for the holiday park and he would ensure whatever was placed there would be suitable. SHDC planning restrictions may apply. Response from SHDC Planning Dept. - Various types of advertisement benefit from 'deemed consent' (i.e., they do not require consent from the Local Planning Authority to be put up). I have checked through all of the deemed consent categories, but there is no deemed consent for a business (the holiday site, in this instance), to display an advertisement outside of their own premises. Advertisement consent would therefore be needed for an advertising board of any size on the bus stop. This has been communicated to Mr Radford. Topic closed.

1285/18/FUL Ringmore Parish application for an Air Ambulance night landing site / mast at Westbury Field, TQ7 4HL This is a Ringmore Parish application but as Bigbury Parish Council fully support this initiative, it was agreed to formally write a letter supporting the application. Completed – topic closed

1414/18/COM 3 Pickwick Cottages 28-day (1 month) communication PD application - notification under electronic communications for erection of 9m pole (7.3m above ground) Completed – application withdrawn – topic closed.

5.0 Planning application – 4120/17/FUL Re-advertisement Land at Sx 663 471 St Ann's Chapel – discussion with Jan Tribble - Architect responsible for the development. (Members of the public are welcome to participate during this agenda item) Jan Tribble of Kaye Elliott addressed the meeting and covered the following: Context of St Ann's Chapel site reflects the different architectural styles of surrounding buildings, it has been designed in line with the client's instructions to provide smaller houses. Three separate options had been considered and

revised plans were submitted to SHDC in December 2017. These plans comprised of a terrace of three cottages and a single detached house. The key change in proposal was the lowering of the roof ridge line. This revision was well received by the Planning Officers and the Conservation Officers who considered the whole concept to be more sympathetic to the surrounding area. Mr. Tribble added the historic use of the site was as a car park – currently overgrown and unused.

Resident A asked about the design of the overhanging windows adding this was not to be seen elsewhere in the parish. Mr. Tribble replied that this design feature was a mechanism to stop occupants directly looking into adjoining properties. He added a condition to the planning approval could be added to stop this feature being modified or removed.

Resident B asked why there was no affordable housing included. Mr. Tribble replied that the site did not meet the criteria for affordable housing as there were less than ten properties in the proposal. They were however expected to be sold at a lower price as they were smaller houses.

Resident C asked why it was necessary to include roof lights if it was not the intention of this space being used as living space at some future point in time.

Resident D added that it seemed obvious that once built, the occupants would convert the roof space into living space resulting in the adjacent properties being overlooked at bedroom level. Mr. Tribble agreed to modify the design further to remove the roof lights from the south-east roof slope. He further added that Permitted Development Rights could be withdrawn in respect of this site, effectively stopping any future changes of use.

Resident D raised further concerns in respect of privacy resulting from changes to the fences and hedgerow surrounding the properties and site overall. Cllr. Rosevear referred to Mr. Tribble's previous response - Permitted Development Rights could be withdrawn in respect of this site, effectively stopping any changes of use.

Resident E expressed a concern that the houses were being built above ground level as the plans showed steps from the inner courtyard/car parking area to the houses. This would result in the houses being raised above the proposed ridge line level once building has been completed. Mr. Tribble responded that there were no steps and that the drawings were being misinterpreted. After further discussion, Cllr. Rosevear added that the building process should be looked at top down – the ridge line level is set as a datum and it is the builders responsibility to take the site down, remove soil etc. to build the house to the correct design without compromising the fixed ridge line. The two properties used in setting the datum points were The Old Bakery and White House.

Cllr Scott proposed the Parish Council approve the proposal with conditions attached – these conditions were to address all the concerns

raised and discussed at this meeting. Cllr. Rosevear seconded the proposal and with the exception of Cllr. Huntley who abstained from the vote, all Councilors agreed to support the proposal subject to the aforementioned conditions being applied.

6.0 Open Session

Resident B expressed concerns about the 'state and condition' of the three phone boxes in the Parish. Clerk to contact BT to find a way of improving the condition of the remaining ones. Action Clerk

7.0 Road surface change in St Ann's Chapel D.Cllr Gilbert stated the cost of meeting the Jubb proposal was too high and funding would not be made available. Variable Average Speed cameras were a better solution having been installed, tried and tested in adjacent parishes with success. He further added that a review was taking place at County level in respect of the current 20mph speed limit sites around the County, adding the general consensus was that they were ineffective. D.Cllr Gilbert added that some locality funding may be available to support this initiative. Cllr. Rosevear to work with Cllr. Carson to identify suitable VAS installation sites, Clerk to discuss with Clerks from adjacent parishes and Cllr Carson Gilbert to identify the cost of equipment and installation. Add to agenda for July meeting. Action Clerk, Cllrs. Rosevear/Carson

Cllr. Smith requested that the 'slow' signs painted on the roads be repainted as they had faded. Replacement of the 30mph road speed signs may also be beneficial. Action C. Cllr Gilbert

8.0 Rubbish removal beach and car park areas Cllr. Carson stated this was an annual problem that was not being satisfactorily dealt with by South Hams District Council. Cllr. Huntley added she was providing regular updates, suggestions and complaints to the team at South Hams District Council, without making much progress although she added they were all extremely busy. C.Cllr Gilbert asked to be copied into all such correspondence and agreed to raise this with the team responsible. D. Cllr. Huntley also advised she would meet the team at the South Hams offices tomorrow to raise this topic again. Include in update at July meeting. Action D. Cllr Huntley

9.0 County Councilor's report

C.Cllr Gilbert shared the following topics / areas of focus discussed at County level:

- 20mph speed limit review (already discussed)
- Focus on bus lane violators (no bus lanes or buses in Bigbury)
- Focus on fine evaders (road traffic) with emphasis on collecting fines / seizing assets
- Change to the method of notifying road closures, moving towards a permit application system
- Confirmation that the new mirror had been fitted in the centre of St Ann's Chapel
- Confirmation that the Seven Stones Cross sign had been repaired
- C.Cllr Gilbert confirmed she had been appointed to the Cabinet of Devon County Council, with a remit to focus on the economy of Devon

# BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The number of crews now allocated to repairing potholes had increased from fifteen to thirty-eight, meaning that backlog of repairs was reducing.

## 10.0 District Councillor's report

**D.Cllr Huntley** updates: **DEFRA marine conservation zone consultation** process was open for all to access and respond to until July 20th. **Avon Estuary Patrol Enforcement** has been reviewed by SHDC and the decision to remove the service had been rescinded for summer 2018 (July, Aug, Sept). Provision of cover in future years would be considered based on the number of incidents reported. Please contact Stuart Watts for details of how to report incidents etc.

**Cafe Burgh View** (re-named Bay View Café) was having new kitchen designed and made, the owners hope the cash purchase will be completed by the end of July and that it will open at the beginning of August serving the same kind of pub food as the Pilchard Inn. A champagne breakfast (licensed premises) may also be available. It was proposed that five or six staff from the Burgh Island Hotel would be accommodated in the building by dividing the existing bedrooms.

There is a proposal to schedule an end of September function for locals with **John Tucker** providing a hog roast, potentially at a cost of £40 per ticket as a fundraising event for RNLI.

Burgh Island Hotel had already provided extra accommodation for eight staff at Challaborough Holiday Park. Five staff are now looking after the Pilchard Inn which is open for regular pub hours until 10:00-10:30 pm lead by Oxford undergraduate, who is very welcoming. The Pilchard Inn recently achieved its best day financially in 17 years which is encouraging for all involved. It was also stated that additional staff are being recruited for the hotel. The little shack besides doorway with pink and white stripes on sea terrace will open for the sale of ice creams. Additional sea tractor staff are being trained to improve the service across the causeway.

Re-development of **Merrylees in Ringmore Drive** will start on Oct 1st. Planning permission for two bungalows at **Seafont, Marine Drive** has been given - after the Japanese Knotweed has been entirely eradicated.

Police are enforcing **finest for removal of seagull nests with chicks**. These are up to £20,000 in the case of pest control companies and may extend to individuals.

**SeaMoor Lotto**. There have been three successful applications, including Bigbury News and Aune Conservation Association. Other organisations and charities etc. can apply online as their website which is now operational.

The **annual waste collection schedule** update is awaited from SHDC Training of staff in respect of bottle banks transfers has been completed and two banks can now be removed/replaced at the same time. Green and brown glass can now be disposed of together. Extra recycling teams are being introduced to alleviate fly tipping around bottle banks.

## 11.0 Planning related matters

0819/18/FUL Bigbury Parish Council application for an **Air Ambulance night landing site** / mast at Bigbury Golf Course. Clerk provided the following update - Planning approval received to erect mast at Bigbury Golf Club - Meeting held with DAA and Golf Club Friday 8th June 2018 - Proposed installation date late July 2018 - Payment of Grant from DAA requested - Payment of TAP fund grant to follow after installation - Payment of donation from Bigbury Golf Club to follow after installation NO overall cost to Parish Council - A communication plan to mark opening to be co-ordinated between Parish Council, Bigbury Golf Club, Bigbury Community Website, Bigbury News and local newspapers.

**Update Sea Front** – refer to paragraph 10.0

**Neighbourhood Plan** - Cllr. Scott provided the following update: (see p 30 Bigbury News)

## 12.0 Playground project update

Cllr. Case advised she was seeking / receiving quotations from four separate companies – SW play, The Plastic Company, TK Play and Rhino play. It was hoped to give a more comprehensive update at the July meeting. The ground matting was still a concern however.

## 13.0 Signage Bigbury-on-Sea car park

This was another long running issue but after discussion it was agreed by all Councillors that Cllr. Getley would be allowed to proceed with a project to make and install several signs to be placed in and around the car park. After discussion, it was agreed the cost of any materials required would be met from Parish Council funds and success would be assessed on completion. Action Cllr. Getley

**14.0 Finance:** Annual Governance Statement Clerk confirmed the internal audit of the parish accounts had been completed successfully and the Councillors reviewed, accepted the Annual Governance Statement which was duly signed by the Chairman.

**15.0 Finance:** Approval of payments to be made and presentation of finance statement Clerk presented the following for payment. Cllr. Case proposed this be accepted which was seconded by Cllr. Smith and all councillors agreed. Clerk was to raise cheques.

£85.00 – A Tanner – charge for undertaking annual internal audit

£204.04 – Community First – Annual insurance premium

£38.28 - BT group – rental cost line and broadband Memorial Hall. Paid by direct debit

Clerk showed a slide of the current cash book and bank reconciliation statement showing a balance of £24,207.27 as at May 31st 2018. Clerk showed a statement of restricted and reserved funding with a balance of £3,090.06. Clerk showed details of S106 funds held by SHDC - £97,578 for affordable housing projects and £24,194 for OSSR projects.

## 16.0 Finance: Annual Accounting Statement

Clerk presented the internal audit certificate and annual accounting statements. Cllr. Smith proposed these be accepted, which was seconded by Cllr. Rosevear and accepted by all Councillors. The document was signed by the Council Chairman.

## 17.0 Bigbury Community website

Clerk and Chairman thanked Stuart Watts for the effort put in to making the website easier to use.

Clerk gave a brief overview / demonstration of how the website is structured.

## 18.0 Renewal of BT internet Memorial Hall

Clerk stated the BT contract was due for renewal and asked the Councillors to decide this. It was clear the service was beneficial for training, Parish Council meetings and resident B added that the system was also used by the Memorial Committee. Cllr. Smith proposed the contract be extended, which was seconded by Cllr. Rosevear and approved by all Councillors. Clerk to review if annual payment is an overall lower cost. Action Clerk

## 19.0 GDPR

Clerk stated the Bigbury Parish privacy policy had been written, agreed and published on the website. Clerk confirmed that it was a requirement for individuals to accept the policy prior to engaging in discussion on council related matters. A list of those who have accepted the policy can be found in the information pack displayed at the meeting and subsequently uploaded to the Bigbury Community website.

## 20.0 Correspondence

Correspondence can be found in the information pack displayed at the meeting and subsequently uploaded to the Bigbury Community website. Content includes strimmer training course, consultation on Devon Mobile Library and Outreach service, traffic notice – Bigbury Green Cross to Bowling Green Cross, appeal in respect of land at Aburghley Parker Road

## 21.0 Agenda items for next meeting

Carry forward from this meeting - Playground, Signage, Rubbish clearance from beaches and surrounding areas, VAS camera and neighbourhood plan.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm and the next meeting is to be held on :

**WEDNESDAY July 11th**  
**at 7:30pm**  
**Memorial Hall**  
**St Ann's Chapel**



## Tougher Penalties for Irresponsible Dog Owners

**South Hams District Council** is cracking down on dog owners who have their dogs off the lead in public areas, or who don't clean up after their dogs.

**Public Space Protection Orders** have been introduced across the South Hams, clarifying where it will be **mandatory to keep dogs on a lead**.

In some areas, such as children's play areas, dogs are banned entirely.

In addition, the new laws give authorised council officers the power to request that an owner place their dog on a lead in any open public area where the dog is causing a nuisance or likely to do so.

During the summer months, dogs are not permitted on a number of beaches in the South Hams, and officers will be able to issue on the spot fines for those ignoring this regulation.

Failure to comply with the PSPO or a request from a council officer is punishable by an on-the-spot fine of £100. Uniformed Officers will be patrolling regularly from early July.

**CLlr Rufus Gilbert**, Executive Portfolio Holder for Commercial Services at South Hams District Council, said: "The majority of South Hams dog owners are law abiding and considerate of others, but there are a minority that spoil it for everyone, and it is these owners that the new regulations will target. It's important that everyone is familiar with the areas where dogs must be kept on a lead, or where they are forbidden, so that responsible dog owners are not caught out."

**Failure to clean up after your dog is also covered by the PSPOs and is punishable by an on-the-spot fine of £100.**

CLlr Gilbert continued: "Dog mess is unsightly, unpleasant and dangerous and we will **no longer tolerate irresponsible owners who fail to clean up after their animals**. If you know of an area that is regularly fouled, please let us know using the 'report it' function on our website, and our officers will add it to their patrols.

If you are walking your dog, make sure you remain observant as to where it fouls, always carry bags and place the bags in a litter bin or take them home. Please **don't hang the bags in trees and bushes; they're not baubles and this could constitute a littering offence.**"

For a full list of the areas where dogs must be kept on a lead, and where dogs are not permitted, please see

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/4114/Dogs-on-Leads>,

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/4109/Dog-Exclusion-Areas-Beaches>

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## NINETEENTH HOLE

Gents: The Club Captain's Day took place on Saturday 2nd June and 66 players took part.

**Liam Kimber**, the Captain, advises there was a bit of a weather scare with the course having to be closed early in the day but thankfully the mist quickly cleared and a glorious day followed.

The Club Captain's Day is one of the most important in the Club Diary. It is also a most enjoyable day. There are a myriad of prizes available to suit players of all abilities, including this year the drive nearest the "wavy" line on the 4th hole, nearest the pin on par 3s, a nearest the pin in 2 on the par 4 13th hole, best Senior and a full handicap Stableford Prize. This year the winner of the Best Seniors prize, with a good nett 69 was **Rob Luckens** (18), the Vice Captain. Rob recorded a two on the 15th hole, and both **Chris Jones** and **Neil Tucker** recorded a two, on the 17th and 3rd holes respectively.

The most coveted prize, however, is the Captain's Trophy where the winner is the player with the best medal score. There is a maximum handicap of 24 for this competition and this year the Trophy went to **Mick Gates** (14) with an excellent nett 68. This score meant Mick also had his handicap cut by one shot to 13. There was a tie for second place, with both **Stephen Smith** (12) and **Rob Luckens** (18) just one shot behind with nett 69's. Rob also had his handicap cut by one shot to 17. A third person had his handicap cut again by one shot, **Trevor Robinson**, from 17 to 16.

Club **Captain Liam** was pleased to be presenting the Trophy to **Mick Gates**, who was himself the Club Captain in 2015. Mick Gates says that he was thrilled to have won a Trophy again after years in the wilderness. He gave credit to the Club's young assistant pro, **Adam Keates**, who set him in the right direction with a couple of lessons.

On Sunday 3rd June, again in excellent golfing conditions, the **Palairat Team** recorded another great result beating the much fancied and strong Sidmouth Team by 3 to 2. The match took place at Exeter Golf and Country Club, with Team Captain **Barry Milner** leading from the side lines. Yet again, and in true Bigbury fashion, it all came down to the last game. It was all square going up the 18th, when the Bigbury pair put one in the pond, resulting in the hole being halved. So with their team mates, the caddies, and some 30 Bigbury Golf Club members following them down the 1st, **Dave Wain** and **Peter Cooper** secured their win with a par, and the match win for the team. Next up is the Honiton team, with the match to be played at Stover Golf Club on the 1st July. Only two more matches and Bigbury will reach the finals of this most prestigious Devon Competition.

The Club Captain is not permitted to play in this Palairat competition. Captain **Liam Kimber** says it is a bit nerve wracking watching, especially when there is a game halved on the 19th hole for the team win. It was a great result for our Bigbury players and rounded off a most memorable weekend for him as the Club Captain. The Seniors **Alan Hambly Trophy** was played on

Wednesday 6th June, again in good golfing conditions. The course was playing well, as portrayed by the scores for the event. The format for this Trophy is playing in pairs.

The winners, with a very excellent score of 64.2, were **Joe Bastone** and **Harry Kerswell** (a good golfing start for Harry as the Club's new President). In second place were **William Barons** and **Mike Heath** with 65.6 and in third place with 66.2 were **Richard Hendey** and **Hugh Shepley**. Of the 20 pairs competing for this Trophy, 10 recorded scores lower than 70, reflecting the way Bigbury Golf Course is playing. There were two pairs with 2's, **Roger Hurrell** and **Eddie Inch** on the 3rd; **Richard Hendey** and **Hugh Shepley** on the 15th.

Ladies: The **Ladies May Extra Stableford** took place on Thursday 31st May in pleasant conditions, with the course standard scratch standing at 73. Seventeen ladies took part and in first place with 34 points was **Sarah West**, handicap 29. Sarah won on countback, with **Sally Watts**, handicap 33, recording the same 34 points.

On Friday 1st June, the **Bigbury Ladies Devon League** team travelled to Great Torrington Golf Club for the away match, a return journey of some 148 miles. It was a very hot day and there were some closely fought games, and **Jane Rickman**, the Team Captain, says all were played in good spirit. Bigbury lost the match 4 and 2, but the Bigbury reserve player won her game. The reserve player's points can prove to be very important if the division results overall are close when the quarter finalist places are decided. This was a good result for Jane and her team.

One week later, on Friday 8th June, the **Bigbury Devon League Team** made the 120 mile round trip to Axe Cliff Golf Club, Seaton. Team Captain **Jane Rickman** says the team had a very enjoyable day and with Axe Cliff making the most of their home advantage, the result was Axe Cliff 4 wins, Bigbury 2 wins. The Bigbury wins were by the two **Jane's**, **Rickman** and **Wain**. The Bigbury reserve, **Ros Hanley** also won her game.

On Saturday 9th June, the **Ladies County Stableford 5** and **Rabbit Trophy** were played. Although sunny and warm, the wind was swirling making playing conditions difficult. Twenty seven ladies took part in the Stableford and the winner with 35 points was **Sally Watts**, handicap 33. In close second with 34 points was **Rosemary Sharps** also with a handicap of 33, and third was **Hilary Newcombe** handicap 28, with 33 points. The Rabbit Trophy is a special competition for the Bronze 2 (higher handicap) players. Seven ladies competed for this Trophy and the winner was **Rosemary Sharps**. Well done Rosemary on winning this special Honours Board competition.

Juniors: The Bigbury Juniors played their **Devon County Golf Union Basil Steer knock out** event on Friday 8th June in pleasant conditions. Their competitors were from Royal North Devon and the match took place at Yelverton Golf Club. **Jess Leach**, our Junior's Team Captain with a handicap of 16, was first out and secured a very good win against her three handicap competitor. Graham Smith was second out, and sadly lost his game on the 15th.

This left **George Inch** in a deciding game, and although he battled well, he lost on the 17th. Bigbury are proud of the great effort made by such a young and inexperienced squad.

Mixed Golf - The Buckingham Bowl  
The **Annual Buckingham Bowl** mixed competition between Bigbury and Thurlestone took place on Sunday 27th May. This year the competition was played at Bigbury and as has been the pattern over the recent week or so, the weather was very good.

There were some close games resulting in a match which was halved, meaning Bigbury retains the Buckingham Bowl. The halved match is a repeat of last year's result, so this is the 3rd consecutive year Bigbury this special Crystal Bowl is staying in the Bigbury Trophies Cabinet for another year. (see pic top right)

**Elizabeth Buckingham** died in 2004 during her Lady Captain's year at Bigbury Golf Club. Elizabeth was a member of both Golf Clubs and the Annual Buckingham Bowl competition is played in her memory. has retained the Trophy. The Bigbury pair **Vanda Irish** and Tony Messenger delivered the late point which resulted in the halved match. The Thurlestone Captain, **Barbara Smith**, said their team would be looking to wrest the Buckingham Bowl from Bigbury's clutches in 2019 when they have the home course advantage. **Jane Rickman**, the Bigbury Team Captain, as well as the Club Captain **Liam Kimber**, **Marlene Johnson** (Lady Captain) and **William Barons** (Seniors Captain), are all very pleased that this special Crystal Bowl is staying in the Bigbury Trophies Cabinet for another year.

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Photograph: **Jane Rickman** (Centre), Bigbury Team Captain, receiving the Buckingham Bowl from Thurlestone Club Captain **Harry Cattell**, and their Team Captain, **Barbara Smith**.

**Marlene Johnson**



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