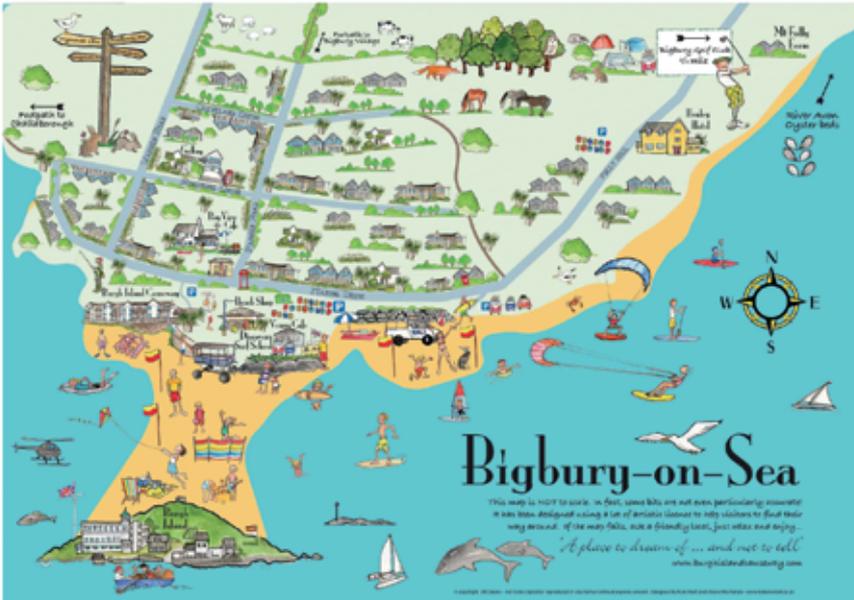




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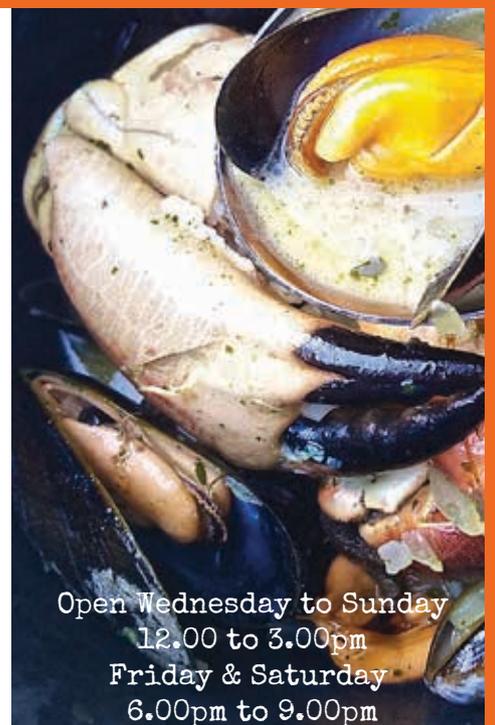
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

The holiday 'season' is now over and we have Bigbury to ourselves again. The **Memorial Hall Committee** will be getting us all together over the winter. Please try to attend as many of the events that you can, including second home owners. See front page, pages 3,4 and 5 and calendar pages for events.

Many people have now joined the list for the new **Bigbury Drums** (email news updates). This is now the only way Bigbury News will contact the community by email. To join up, please email your contacts to:
bigburydrums@gmail.com

If you cannot get out and about so easily now-a-days, please feel welcome to send in your reminiscences to our Post Bag and join in with us that way. See the feature on page 17 about **Modbury Caring** and think about inviting a 'befriender' to visit you once a week. If there are local people who would like to meet

some of our elderly residents and enjoy their company and tales - then contact Modbury Caring and volunteer as a befriender or a driver.

Tristan St James, a chef on Burgh Island and also grandson of **Iris McSherry**, is piloting a 'winter warmer' home-delivery of nutritional soups made from local produce. This social enterprise activity is aimed at elderly residents, less able to get out shopping or take care of their own cooking. See page 23, volunteers are needed to help deliver and take orders.

The team of people now helping **Bigbury News** is growing steadily. Thank you to **Marina Leadbetter** and **Dilys Doughty** for their kind offers of assistance. see page 7

I have decided to revert to Rose's earlier publishing programme. **In 2019 there will be no Bigbury News in January or August. All Event Organisers should ensure that any events in January are sent to me by Nov 15th for the December issue.**

Any Events or Important Alerts will be sent out in **January and August via Bigbury Drums** only to those people who have signed up. If you don't sign up - you won't know!

Sincere thanks to **Bigbury Parish Council** for the donation of a guillotine which will help us with various fund-raising activities in the future.

Louise Wainwright
Bigbury News Editor



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 DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR.

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BIGBURY LIFE

BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Bringing the Community Together



KORNILOFF
COFFEE MORNING

By the time you read this our Winter programme of events will have kicked off, hopefully in style, on **October 26th** with the **Paddleboat Theatre** performing their theatrical adventure **Rustle**. This vibrant mix of storytelling, music, theatre and unbounded imagination was just the thing to announce one of the most varied and entertaining programmes we've put on.

Next up, on **November 18th** the well-known band the **Churchfitters** will be performing their unique blend of folk, funk and jazz at the Hall. This is a real coup for Bigbury as they usually sell out much bigger venues. Since their formation in 1978 they have appeared all over Europe and will be touring the West Country in the Autumn. They are a folk band like no other, with exquisite harmonies, startlingly original songs and a friendly stage manner. Mike Harding calls their music "totally brilliant and beautiful". Dave Pegg (Fairport Convention) describes them as "the most musically inventive band I have seen in decades". One not to be missed! Tickets from **Holywell Stores, Sally Watts (810373) or myself (810023)** – see poster in this issue.

In **December (the 7th)** we're staging another of our ever-popular **Wine Tasting Evenings**. Regular presenters **Richard and Alice Taylor** have decided to take a well-earned rest – many thanks to them for a series of memorable evenings. This one will therefore be given by **Barrel and Still** (formerly the Wine Room) of Kingsbridge and will feature eight great wines. These will be accompanied by mouth watering home made nibbles. Again, tickets (£10) will be available through **Holywell Stores or from myself**. See poster.

The New Year sees no let up in the fun. In the pipeline are our **Annual New Year Quiz**, a **Film and Food Night** and, hopefully, another **Villages in Action** event and a **jazz evening**. Further details will appear in future Bigbury News.

Finally, after our events, I often hear from people that "*if only I'd known about it I'd loved to have come*". Obviously, we do as much as we can to publicize events but this still seems to be a common refrain. Well, now you can receive details of upcoming Hall events direct to your inbox! Just send me your email address – my own is at the foot of this article – and I'll add you to a list of people to whom we send out advance notice of what's on at the Hall. You don't even have to give your name if you prefer and you can ask to be removed from the list at any time.

Charles Harrington Tel. 810023. Email charles_harri@yahoo.co.uk

On **Wednesday 3rd October** we raised **£165** for **The Plymouth and Cornwall Cancer Fund**. Many thanks to Juliet who came and gave a very interesting talk on the help the charity gives to local people for the care of cancer patients and she assured us that the money raised would go towards the training of a specialist nurse.

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported us so generously, negotiating the workmen and closure of Ringmore Drive!

On **Wednesday 7th November** we will be supporting the Kingsbridge Triangle Centre at **Courtlands Cleveland Drive** and we look forward to seeing you between 10.30 and noon.

On **Wednesday 6th December** it will be the Christmas coffee morning at the **Memorial Hall St Ann's Chapel** for St Lawrence Church.

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

Jean and Yvonne

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Day & Time	Activity	Organiser	Contact no.
Mon. *9.30 – 10.10	Aerobics	Jill Gubbins	810651
*10.15 – 11.15	Pilates	Jill Gubbins	810651
*11.20 – noon	Strong & Steady	Jill Gubbins	810651 + tea
19.00 – 20.15	Yoga	Fi's classes will not be continuing	
Tues 17.30 - 19.30	Youth Club	Juliette Jackson	810307
19.30 – 21.30	Bowls	Dee Fitzgerald	811191
	(2nd& 4th Tues of each month)		
Wed. 9.30 – 11.45	South Hams Shrimps	not currently functioning	
Thurs. 9.30 – 10.00	Fast Fit	Jill Gubbins	810651
*10.15 – 11.15	Pilates	Jill Gubbins	810651
19.30 – 21.30	South Hams	Gilbert Snook	810017
	Filling Station (3rd Thurs. of month excl. Dec & Aug)		

NOVEMBER:

Sat. 10t: 7.30pm Quiz in aid of British Legion.

Sunday 18th: 7.30pm Churchfitters (Villages in Action event).

Wed. 28th: 3.30 – 5.00pm Fashion Show in aid of St. Lawrence Church

FUTURE EVENTS:

Friday 7th December: Wine tasting – details next month

Friday 11th January: Quiz night – details next month



BIGBURY BOOKWORMS

Our October Meeting was held at Jo's house and we discussed **Nutshell** by **Ian McEwan**. This strange book was told through the eyes of a baby in its mother's womb and though we all agreed that McEwan has a fantastic command of the English language, no one liked this book. We felt that the poor storyline just did not flow and was very drawn out and parts of it some of us found offensive. Not a book we would recommend.

However, it did cause a lot of discussion before we enjoyed tea and a delicious cake baked by Val.

On **November 7th** we will meet at Lynn's house to discuss the book of the month chosen by Val - **The Pinocchio Brief** by **Abi Silver**.

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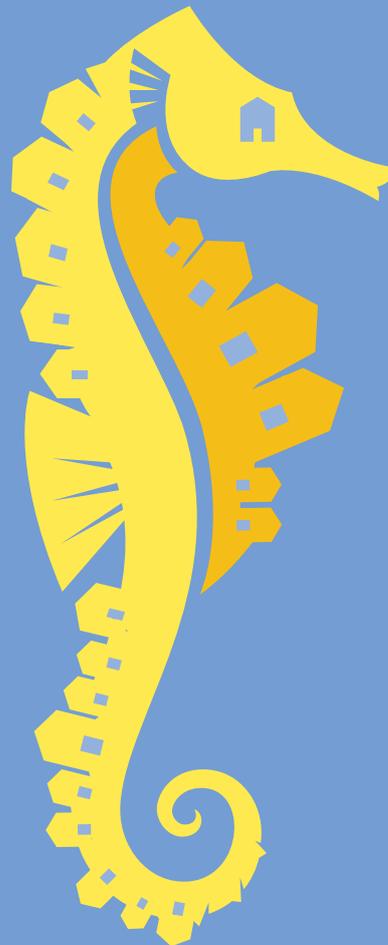
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BIGBURY LADIES

A depleted number of ladies met up at Helen's on Wednesday 19 September. With several 'regulars' away on exotic holidays and others who could not make it for other reasons, we decided to scrap the idea of going on the river trip from the Barbican in Plymouth to the River Yealm and back. The weather was the other factor which confirmed our decision. We decided instead of braving rough seas, we would go to Otter Nurseries.

We had a lovely lunch there before wandering around the displays. A couple of us bought grass seed to replenish our very poor looking lawns – thankfully they had a BOGOF offer.

Before leaving Helen's for Otter, we discussed where the group should go for the **October** gathering on **Wednesday 17th** and it was agreed that we would love to return to **Bistrot Pierre in the Royal William Yard for lunch**. It is a great favourite of several of our regular ladies and we felt it high time we had another visit. Please note that gentlemen are welcome to join us as several of them have come along with us there on previous occasions. We will meet at Helen's 10.30 am onwards and will probably depart at 11.30 a.m.

It was thought that we may go to Cotehele House (National Trust) on **21st November** and that our **Christmas Lunch** will be at Kitley House on **Wednesday 12th December**. Please note again that gentlemen are also welcome for the Kitley event and also if any other residents would like to come along, please let me know. We shall probably have to let Kitley know final figures by the beginning of December so please bear that in mind.

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SUB EDITOR for ADVERTISING

I am delighted to introduce you to **Marina Leadbetter** who has very kindly offered to help me manage the advertising going forward. Thank you!

The volunteers who have begun joining in the production and writing of Bigbury News are much needed and make the future of Bigbury News much more sustainable. Thanks to all.

When the majority of the work is done by one person or just a few people, this makes it less likely to find a new volunteer Editor in the future. That is why it took almost a year for a replacement for Rose to be found. I have no plans to leave by the way. My tenure will be up when the printer lease ends in 4 years time.



SUB EDITOR for BEACH BANTER

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POST BAG

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The Editor reserves the right to decide whether to publish and to edit as space permits.



CULTURE CLUB

The Culture Club feature promotes local authors, artists and photographers. I am grateful to **Dilys Doughty** who has volunteered to help discover our Creatives as well as explore and promote the cultural activities on offer locally.

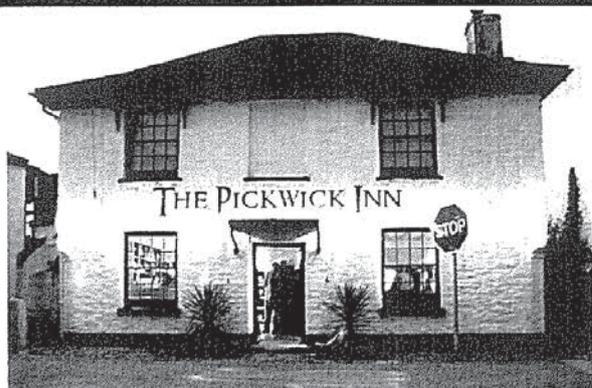
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KEEPING BIGBURY BUSY

THE OYSTER SHACK

Some twenty years ago or so, a young teenager from St Ann's Chapel, son of the local village storekeepers, would help in the kitchens of the The Oyster Shack. **Kieron Vanstone** and his sisters, like many of the local youth even now, earned their keep through the school holidays by serving at tables, cleaning up or helping in the kitchens. Kieron also earned his stripes at the Pickwick Inn, Royal Oak and the Bay View Café. The tides came and went, and Kieron went off to London to seek his fortune.

In the first issue of Bigbury News published in 2018, we announced that The Oyster Shack had changed hands and that Kieron Vanstone and **Dino Buonaguidi** were now at the helm of our much loved – Oyster Shack. I went there in September to find out how they were getting on.

Dino and Kieron are regularly down from London to oversee the operations which are still managed by a well-established team at the front end and the team led by head chef, **Andy Richardson**. The team are rightly proud of the acclaim that the venue has built from its nearly 30 years of magical dining experiences.

The shabby chic restaurant interiors have their origins in a real-life shack, where invited oyster aficionados would come with their deck chairs, crusty bread and wine, to partake of the oysters from the purification tanks at the oyster farm in the Avon. This happy arrangement was initiated by **Peter and Faye Lewis**, who farmed oysters in the Avon. They would informally invite friends

to 'the shack' for picnics. When more people tried to 'mussel in' on this arrangement, it grew into a proper restaurant, called the The Oyster Shack.

For the last 15 years, The Oyster Shack was nurtured by **Chris Yandell** who sold the business this year to Dino and Kieron. Dino is a London-based chef and restaurateur, who has worked all over the world and owns the renowned, **Yab Yum Resort** in Goa.

Another local entrepreneur, **Richard Marsh**, used to manage the oyster beds in the River Avon until pollution made it no longer feasible. The oysters sold in The Oyster Shack now come from beds from the Yealm or Helford rivers.

The chefs have set up a smoker shed for fish in the grounds and produce an exciting array of gravlax dishes. They also have a **Take Away Menu** - see menu bottom right of this page.

Mussels at The Shack are usually sourced from the **River Fowey**, but during spawning they come from the **River Exe**. The menus at The Oyster Shack usually explain where the sea fish and shellfish have been sourced. All the fish come from local fishermen in and around the South Devon area.

Because local fishermen are so important to the sustainability of their business, The Oyster Shack donate regularly to two local charities: The **Fishermen's Mission** and The **National Lobster Hatchery**.

Dee Fitzgerald is involved with the marketing of the business and she is the one

that updates the adverts in Bigbury News. You need to look at the advert more closely because it has a **secret code** within it. If you quote the code when you go to The Oyster Shack, you will be given a 'secret menu' with budget prices for locals and followers.

It is no secret that we all love The Oyster Shack. We wish them well and will be down soon with the secret code in our purses.

Louise Wainwright





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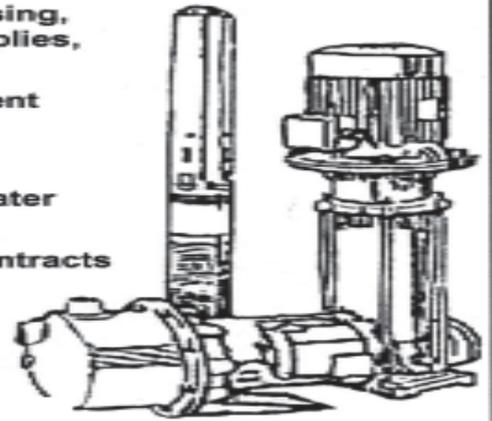
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DO THEY HAVE ANY POINT?

My early memories of puppyhood are sad ones. I was abandoned in some derelict croft on a Welsh hillside near the village of Nazareth. (I am not making this up and the reader will note the biblical undertone of this anecdote). As such I grew up imbued with a genuine instinct to forgive, to turn the other cheek, and to display a generous spirit and demeanour to my furry four footed brothers and sisters, even felines, although this last gesture rubs against the instinctive grain.

I now rejoice to learn from a recent survey that such virtue receives its just reward. A survey by Associated Press has found out that 74% of pet owners prefer dogs to cats. This was confirmed in a survey of 2000 pet owners in 2017. This is not a surprise but a welcome confirmation, albeit rare, of human sanity. Furthermore it is yet more evidence of the wisdom of the ODA (Only Dogs Allowed) policy.

Unbelievably, I see from the columns of "Bigbury News" that a cat seems to have taken up residence in a local hostelry. (I will not mention the name of either, in order to spare both from unnecessary publicity). At first I reasonably assumed that the creature had taken to drink in order to compensate for an, understandable, identity crisis. Clearly however in some fit of benighted generosity the landlord has provided a welcome, and even suggested some kind of connection with Burgh Island, hitherto cat-free.

Although the AP survey provides welcome

news for dogs, the same cannot be said of cats. Indeed, it is suggested elsewhere that cats have other questionable connections. These include suggestions of witchery and the possibility that some felines may be the reincarnations of unfortunate "fallen" women who once lived regrettable lives.

I was not aware that our community was haunted particularly since it takes its name from a person of true virtue. However, I do note that our only shop sells broomsticks, so the suspicion remains...In fact I would earnestly encourage the new owners to discontinue this practice, together with that of selling cat food. Why, I ask myself, provide transport facilities for anyone with witch aspirations? There is however a second factor to consider and this of course is the historic significant connection between rats and cats. (Perhaps Bigbury should advertise for a Pied Piper?) It seems to me to be a very risky policy in the 21st Century, to rely on a cat to solve a problem which should really be left to the Pest Control authorities.

In my lonely orphan-hood in the Welsh hills, I was visited by various creatures, both two and four footed. I showed proper friendliness to all, encouraged to do so through my spiritual hinterland. However, during these wilderness years, I saw no cats, and was quite surprised, once finally taken to a rescue centre, to find such creatures were being entertained there. Yet there no were no witches in sight, nor any rats, so I was forced to the inevitable question: What was the point of recruiting so many cats? More seriously, is there any point in them at all?

Rusty

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Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness

I don't quite know where to begin with all the loveliness that comes with autumn. It started with the blackberries, gifts of the hedgerow. Perfect for jam, jelly and gin or just eating fresh from the hedge, warmed by the sun with pricked, purple fingers. It is an annual treat to share this wayside harvest with children and teach them about what's good to eat straight from the bush and what's not. It is slightly cruel but very funny to lull them into a false sense of security with a juicy blackberry and then get them to lick a sloe. A valuable lesson learned!

The blackberries are pretty much over now. Folklore has it that the Devil puts his footprint on them at Michaelmas (29th September) so it's important to have done your blackberry picking by then. But other things are only just coming through.

Look out for pears, apples, plums and damsons. All can be found growing wild along footpaths at this time of year. They will be smaller than the shop-bought variety but they are often better for preserving and make excellent jams, butters and fruit cheesecakes. Pear mincemeat is also a very special treat when the time comes to make mince pies. There is no better autumnal smell than juicy pears steeping in a fragrant blend of spices and alcohol before it is put into jars.

And then there are the things that money literally cannot buy. Rowan berries, elderberries, crab apples and sloes. Try finding those in your local supermarket! And yet they are all to be found locally growing wild in hedges.

Many of the footpaths around Bigbury are especially good for sloes and it has been a good year for them. Pick them after the first frost if you want the skins to split nicely for you gin.

A note of caution though. Fruit are relatively easy to identify and things that are not good to eat generally taste sour which instantly deters eating enough to do much damage. There are important exceptions though so if you're not sure what it is, then, DO NOT EAT IT and check with someone who does know their rosehips from their black bryony. Also, be careful not to damage trees or bushes when picking (you want to be able to come back next year!) and always leave some for the birds and insects.

Here, just for fun is my favourite recipe for **hedgerow jelly**, taken from the wonderful National Trust book 'Jams, preserves and edible gifts'.

Fiona Barker

BIGBURY BAKERS



900g blackberries
900g elderberries
900g crab apples washed and cut in half
15ml cloves
1 cinnamon stick
2 litres of water

- Place all the fruit in a large pan with the spices and the water.
- Bring to the boil and simmer gently for about 45 mins until all the fruits are very soft, stirring occasionally and crushing with a potato masher.
- Strain through a jelly bag overnight.
- Measure the juice and pour it into a pan allowing 450g warmed sugar to every 600ml juice.
- Heat gently to dissolve the sugar then boil rapidly for 10-15 mins until the setting point is reached. Skim, pot and cover.



HEDGEROW NEWS

This time I am going to show you two plants which illustrate what a difference a year makes. **Honesty** – was so abundant last year and hardly any have appeared this year (it can be biennial if it wants to be!) **Quince** – no fruit at all last year and the tree has been so full this year that I don't think I have enough jars for all the jellies I am planning to build (by the time you read this I will hopefully have made all those jars and found good homes for the rest of the fruit). Funny – when I ask if anyone would like any quince they all say no, but are very happy to get the end result! They both came to us from the East – Honesty from the Balkan region and Quince from Mesopotamia.

Honesty (*Lunaria annua*), rightly named for its moon shaped seedpods, starts off as very rich purple flowers and lush leaves. As if that wasn't good enough these leaves turn into beautiful translucent seed pods, very decorative if you can find them this year. I have lots of seeds from previous years if you would like some. (Photo: opposite middle)

Quince (*Cydonia oblonga*) known as the "golden apple", was mentioned as far back as 600 BC in Greek writings. It is believed that Paris gave Aphrodite a quince as a symbol of love and abundance. Biblical scholars argue that Adam's downfall in the Garden of Eden was not Eve's apple, but a quince, apples not being known in that region at the time. And, of course, we all know about the Owl and the Pussycat who ate quince with a runcible spoon! (Photo: opposite bottom)

Alice Taylor

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BIGBURY CARES CHARITY UPDATE to mid Oct

During 2018 Bigbury residents have worked on many fund-raising events. Monies raised and the charities involved are listed below.

Macmillan Cancer Care	£1,303
<i>Fiona Dukes</i>	
Motor Neurone Disease Ass.	
Multiple Sclerosis Society	£5,748
<i>Cllr Beth Huntley</i>	
Blood Bikes	£750
Golf Captains Charity Team	
<i>Cathy Hamilton & Marlene Johnson</i>	
Friends of St Lawrence	£680
<i>Alice Taylor (Treasurer)</i>	
Modbury Caring	£213
Korniloff Event (March)	
Hope Cove Lifeboat	£224
Korniloff Event (April)	
South Ham Shrimps	£152
Korniloff Event (May)	
Children's Hospice S.W	£195
Korniloff Event (June)	
Devon Air Ambulance	£135
Korniloff Event (July)	
St Lukes Hospice	£153
Korniloff Event (Aug)	
Unique	£122
Korniloff Event (Sept)	
Plymouth & Cornwall Cancer Fund	£165
<i>Jean Wright & Yvonne Klidjian</i>	
Memorial Hall	£500
<i>50:50 Club Dane Vanestone</i>	
St Lawrence Church (bells etc)	£523
<i>Bazaar (Angie Carson & team)</i>	
Jamie Proctor Foundation	£812
<i>Krista Pickering marathon run</i>	
Friends of St Lawrence	£370
<i>Barn Dance Hilary Vanstone</i>	
Devon Air Ambulance	£300
Bigbury Church Bells	£100
Bigbury Youth Club	£50
<i>Fun Run - Zoe Walters & Rob Heathman</i>	
Friends of St Lawrence	£575
<i>Victorian Tea Party Alice Taylor et al</i>	
Bigbury News	£138
<i>Juliette Jackson, Editor, Vanstones & Team</i>	
Devon Air Ambulance	£1,100
<i>Hog Roast @ Scoble Farm</i>	
<i>John Tucker & Family</i>	
St Lawrence Church	£2,000
<i>August Fete (to be confirmed)</i>	
<i>Helen Smith & team</i>	
BIGBURY BURGH BASH	
Hope Cove Life Boat	£983
Devon Air Ambulance	£983
RNLI	£983
<i>Burgh Island Hotel & Bigbury Community</i>	
Devon Air Ambulance	£2000
<i>Vlad Krupa & Gem Coltman</i>	

BIGBURY TOTAL to mid Oct is £21,257

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.

BIGBURY BURGH BASH

Monday 24th September dawned with clear blue skies and little wind. Ideal weather for 120 Bigbury residents to stride across the sands to Burgh Island. At the invitation of **Duncan Gray**, the local community got together to raise money for three of our local rescue services: **Hope Cove Lifeboat**, **Devon Air Ambulance** and **RNLI**. **John Tucker** made a dramatic entrance at the last minute with his hog roast, having been held up with farming duties at Folly Farm. The GM of Burgh Island Hotel, **Vlad Krupa**, was able to relax once the hog was in situ and his kitchen team were able to set up the salads, welcome wines and puddings. **Ash Wilson** had negotiated a keg of beer from suppliers and the extra £60 from sales of beer took our funds to £3,010. The delightful **Gary**, was the master of ceremonies for the Raffle Draw. We were serenaded by local resident, **Miriam Bennett** with her thirties band 'Jazz Cocktail'. Wonderful!

The island drivers helped with transport for those who were less mobile. There were many people who had never been inside Burgh Island Hotel, even though they had lived nearby for decades.

Local businesses got behind the fund raising, providing an amazing array of raffle prizes. Thanks to the following for their generosity:

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Park Dean
Unwind
Holywell Stores
Oyster Shack
The Sportsman's Inn
Clive's Pies
South Hams Brewery

The three charities presented talks about their various operations. Thanks to the representatives for the support they give our valued rescue services. **Graham Phillips** (Hope Cove Lifeboat), **Rex Brown** (Devon Air Ambulance) and **Kate Doison** (RNLI).

At the event, Duncan announced that he was happy for this to be an annual get-together to raise funds as a community.

He also announced that, when the refurbishment was complete, he would allow the monthly fund raising coffee morning, organised by **Jean Wright** and **Yvonne Klidjian** to be held at the newly named 'Burgh View Cafe'.

Dane Vanstone (retired shop keeper), gave a heartfelt vote of thanks to all concerned. Well done Bigbury and Burgh Island!

Louise Wainwright

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HARVEST FESTIVAL



LETTER from MINISTER at ST LAWRENCE

Our Harvest Festival Service was taken by the Rev. Matt Rowland and was very inspiring and uplifting. There was a good congregation, including some welcome visitors from Matt's previous parish. The Church was beautifully decorated. **John Tagent** played the organ and the lesson was read by our own **Farmer Cullen**. The loaf was baked by **Michael Astill**. It had a little harvest mouse nibbling at the bread!

After the service pasties were served in the church and everyone brought their own drinks and were able to mingle and socialise with each other. We would like to thank our flower arrangers and church cleaners for their hard work and talent. Special thanks go to **Jenny** and **Linda** from **Turtle Farm**, **Angela Holt** (flowers), **Trish Bagley** (vegetables) and **Jaz** from **Holywell Stores** for their very generous support which enabled us to send £100 to the Shekinah Mission.

Hazel Osborne

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

December 24th 2018 - 6.30pm

Preparations are underway for Carols on the Green! Save the date and please come along and join in some traditional carols, mulled wine and mince pies on Christmas Eve on the green in Bigbury.

As always, we're looking for musicians to help us. Let me know if you are free. No audition necessary and no age limits (at the upper or lower end!)

If you have any queries or would like to help out in any way please contact: **Dane Vanstone** or **Fiona Barker** at **fiona.barker@windsor-ent.co.uk** or mobile no 0780 858 6430. This event has been running for over 25 years and is well supported by residents and visitors alike. Hope to see you all there on Christmas Eve in good voice and good heart!
Fiona Barker

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Alongside annual check-ups we are of course holding 'flu clinics for all over 65's, for under 65's with certain chronic conditions, for carers, for children 2-3 years or 6-23 months in at-risk groups - and others - please ring the surgery to book an appointment or if you are unsure of your eligibility. This year the over 65's have a bespoke vaccine which will be much more effective - so even more reason to book your 'flu jab with Helen, Lizzie or Jan!

With the temperature dropping it is also sensible to consider another vaccination on offer at the Health Centre - the **shingles vaccination** (another once only vaccination with eligibility from your 70th birthday); you are no longer eligible for the shingles vaccination from your 80th birthday so please do make sure you get this in your 70's. Ring Reception to check eligibility and book in.

What else can I do to keep well this winter? Our website www.modburyhealthcentre.co.uk is a source of useful information - for example advice on dealing with winter coughs and colds can be found under "Quick Links" - "**Minor Illnesses**". For an additional NHS resource with lots of advice on



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CREWS THAT KEEP US CRUISING

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Just as the surgery stays busy, so do the wonderful volunteers of Modbury Caring. We keep them on the road ferrying patients from home to surgery/hospital/dentist etc. – there is even a new volunteer who is happy to deal with evening and weekend demand if required. You do not have to be elderly to ask for their assistance; younger patients can call upon their services if they are rurally isolated, unable to access public transport, temporarily unable to drive etc. The service is by donation to help cover volunteer fuel costs, but people pay only what they can afford – service users put their donation in a sealed envelope so that drivers remain unaware of sums donated. Please remember that even if you cannot afford to make any sort of donation you are still entitled to use this service. If you wish to organise transport please ring our team on Reception with as much notice of your proposed trip as possible.

Those lovely people at **Modbury Caring** also offer another service – **Befriending**. This is a free service and open to users of any age who are feeling isolated and lonely and would benefit from having a befriender visit and support them. Referrals to this service can be made from the Health Centre or direct to the service co-ordinator **Sheila Harrison** on modburycaring@gmail.com; tel 07554 997140.

The work of Modbury Caring is an essential and complimentary service to the surgery and their workload expands constantly alongside ours. **New volunteers** to assist Modbury Caring are most welcome. Contact Sheila (above) if you are interested in becoming a Befriender and **Michael Tagent** on 01548 810520 if driving is your bag. Both roles are an ideal way of getting to know our beautiful area and making friends.

Many of us come to enjoy a wonderful and long retirement in the South Hams. It may be helpful therefore to highlight two “clinics” we host every month for (1) those who undertake an unpaid and often overlooked caring role of a family member, etc and for (2) those elderly patients and their families who feel that help within the home may now be required in order to ensure that the loved one can remain safe, independent and at home for as long as possible.

• **Carers Clinics** are scheduled here at the surgery for the remainder of the year as follows – Wednesday 14 November (morn-

ing), Wednesday 28 November (morning) – appointments can be arranged by contacting Devon Carers on 03456 434 435. Sarah, the delightful Carers Support Worker, offers practical support or information about the services available to Carers, and can liaise closely with other agencies such as the GP surgery or Social Services if required and subject to consent.

• **Social Care Clinics** (Social Services to you or I!) are usually held in the afternoon on the first Thursday in the month here at the surgery. The very helpful Jules can advise on benefits available, home care packages, care and nursing homes etc. Appointments to see Jules can be booked via our Reception Team.

Whilst your GPs and health centre staff are proud to deliver a comprehensive and caring service to you, there are clearly occasions when more serious conditions call for specialist or urgent input. Please remember that minor injuries need to be dealt with by units based at Kingsbridge and Totnes Hospitals and The Cumberland Centre (Stonehouse, Plymouth); for serious or life threatening conditions Accident & Emergency (Derriford Hospital, Plymouth) or 999 are best.

Stop Press

Our surgery is open from 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday, with the occasional early surgery. When the surgery is closed, you should normally ring 111 for routine advice and conditions. However, we are pleased to announce that a number of GP appointments are now available out of hours for the benefit of patients registered with us. These appointments will be pre-bookable evening and weekend/bank holiday appointments at **Mount Gould Medical Centre in Plymouth**. These appointments will only be accessible by contacting **Devon Doctors on 01392 822354** (not via NHS 111).

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THE PUB CAT SPEAKS

BOTTLING BISCUITS!

My friend, Bruce, a very fine Persian Blue, and I were lying in the netting above the bar in the Artful Dodger, watching television. You humans seem completely preoccupied with something called ‘Biscuit’.

We were watching a huge blonde-haired, blue-eyed, Abyssinian tomcat called Boris. He was up on his hind-quarters, waving his arms, and banging on about a ‘constitutional sausage’ and how we should ‘bottle Biscuits’ (something I completely fail to understand!) and to ‘Chuck chestnuts’.

He was also very rude about a charming little man called Jeremy Catflap who, as far as I can see, never says anything at all and, by all accounts, would rather live in another country anyway. All very confusing.

And then, a very strange occurrence. The crowd became hushed, the hall darkened. Clearly something very important was about to happen. What was this? Music? The sound of ‘Dancing Queen’ by ABBACAT, the spotlights blazed and **Teezer Maybot** appeared in a jet black jumpsuit which covered her otherwise grey fur. It was most peculiar. She was cavorting, capering, gambolling, prancing, skipping, performing backflips and boogying and a shimmy-shakin’ like a disco divaqueen, baby. And all the people clapped and danced and sang and cheered the Maybot to the high heavens and everyone forgot about Boris and Biscuit and lived happily ever after – well, about five minutes.

Apparently, it’s all something to do with ‘leaving’ Europe – that big place across the water with Spain in it. It seems perfectly simple to me. Just open the door. And, being a cat, I might go through it or I might not – just to be awkward. I don’t like being told what to do. I want to be asked, nicely! I certainly won’t be leaving if it’s raining, and Bruce and I are comfortable on the sofa, whatever that tipsy little Jean-Claws Juncker might want.

On the other hand, I would always like to have the right to leave the EU if I wanted to. After all, it might be nice outside and I might sniff something interesting. On the other paw, it does seem to require too much effort. Bruce and I will keep sitting here until it all blows over.

And, anyway, my other feline friend **Pascal** says that French cats will just carry on as normal, spitting at us, and coming into the garden for a poo whether we leave the EU or not! So there! Humph! See you next month, pusscats!

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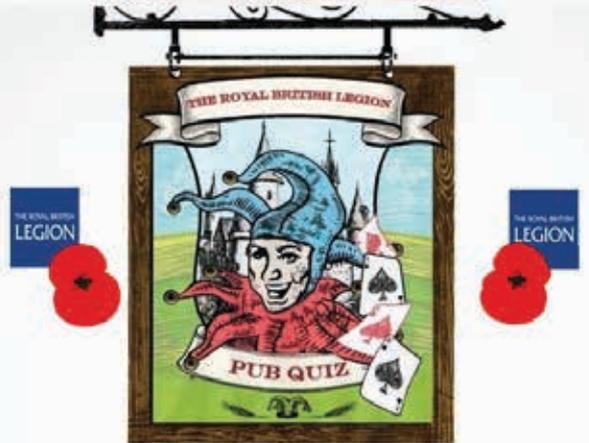
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NINETEENTH HOLE

Well, the recent mixed and changing weather has not led to any change in the very good results in the Mens' and Ladies Competitions at Bigbury Golf Club.

There have been many players whose excellent scores have led to handicap reductions, and generally this is happening in just about every competition. In one of the Ladies Competitions, three players had their handicaps cut. **Jenny Balkwill** by two shots, and a one shot cut for **Cathy Harrington** and **Faye Pannell**. There have also been numerous two's recorded.

Our Club Champions, **Amanda Burchell** and **Darren Mutton**, represented Bigbury Golf Club in the **Devon Champion of Champions** tournament, which took place at **Woodbury Golf Club** on Sunday 23rd September. The Club Champions from across Devon were invited to take part in this prestigious tournament. The weather was blustery and the course wet under foot, with the competition taking place at the tail end of the recent very storm Cullum.

There are rather quirky statistics for our Club players in this special Devon tournament. Both Amanda and Darren play off a handicap of 4. Both Amanda and Darren recorded a Nett 81 at Woodbury. Both Amanda and Darren came 10th in their fields. Well done Amanda and Darren.



Photo: Amanda Burchell and Darren Mutton with their Bigbury Champion Trophies

Our Club President, **Harry Kerswell**, is having a very good golfing year. He was the winner of the recent mid week September Medal competition, when 45 players took part. Harry scored an excellent nett 68 and as a result his handicap was cut by one shot, from 18 to 17.

Well, what an away day for our Seniors Captain, **William Barons**. In fantastic weather 32 of the Bigbury Seniors accompanied their Captain to **Tiverton Golf Club**. William reports that they all had a great day and enjoyed a good meal afterwards. The course and its trees presented a good golfing challenge for the guys.



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Gill Markham

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INFORMAL MUSICAL EVENING

Friends of St Lawrence
Friday, 2nd Nov 2018 – 7pm
ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

THE MODBURY GOSPEL SINGERS:

This is a local community choir of mixed age and ability. Formed about 15 years ago by the lovely **Gill Miller-Williams**, we continue with her repertoire of traditional and modern gospel songs and, more recently, spirituals and modern songs of hope. They tell us, "We aim to enjoy singing beautiful songs as well as we can, whilst having fun."

ANDY MOTT was taught oboe at school by **Edward Selwyn**, Principal Oboist of the English Chamber Orchestra, giving him the opportunity to play at the Royal Festival Hall. General Practice supervised, the oboe went on the shelf! Andy says, "Lately, an inspiring young teacher has got me playing again. Among the pieces I hope to play at the Musical

Evening will be "Gabriel's Oboe" from the film "The Mission".

THE KINGSMEN are a South Hams-based Chorus who have recently been on a successful tour in the USA. The Chorus perform together in four-part close-harmony, a Capella and Barbershop style. The Kingsmen will sing a selection from their current repertoire including songs that are Traditional, Gospel and Pop! All sung straight from the heart.

FACILITIES: There will be a temporary loo (part of the Tower and Spire project includes installing a permanent loo!).

SPONSORS: If you would like to sponsor this event please let me know as it will ensure that all funds raised on the day will go to the project.

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It proved to be a truly memorable day for William, who along with his partner **Steve Ryder**, won the competition. Also, a specially commissioned Trophy was presented to William by his Vice Captain, **Dave Bogue**. The Trophy is rather unique and the Seniors wanted to thank William for all he had done for the Seniors during his year as their Captain.



Photo: *William Barons on the right, receiving the specially commissioned Trophy from Dave Bogue.*

What a **Ryder Cup** result for Europe. Bigbury held an “**Eve of the Ryder Cup**” Party, with the Clubhouse colourfully and tastefully decorated with very much a European focus. There was a **Bigbury Golf Ryder Cup** warm-up session in the afternoon, after which twenty five people enjoyed a French Style meal of coq-au-vin followed by tarte tatin. As always our caterer, Liz, excelled. Following the meal there was some banter about the Friday morning Captains’ pairings and there was much fun and laughter. During the tournament a leader board was kept updated for the members who were playing their own golf over the weekend.

Our recently retired Green Keeper, **Dave Moulding**, was one of the Marshals at the Ryder Cup and enjoyed a prime spot on the stand beside the first Tee. Dave had a most memorable experience and reports that the atmosphere was “unbelievable” and the golf quite spectacular. In fact Dave says the whole experience was magnifique.

Finally, how about joining us at **Bigbury Golf Club on Friday 26th October**, when there will be a **quiz evening** with a meal. The tickets are available at the club and cost just £10, and the evening commences at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. (You need to buy your tickets latest a couple of days before the evening).

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FERAL CATS

The feral cats and kittens in Bigbury on sea have been an issue for a long time. Many people think it is unkind to trap them. "Leave it to nature" they say, "as they don't live very long."

When inhumane efforts at removing them came to my notice, I felt that I had to help these poor creatures. They have been around for many years. A cat can have up to three litters a year and it is cruel to let this continue. Cats are inherently wild creatures becoming socialised and domesticated by friendly human contact, during their early life. If cats are caught early enough they can be neutered, domesticated and re-homed.

I have been monitoring and feeding them for nearly a year now at regular sites and, with help from Fiona, have caught 13 in the last few months. Almost all of them have found loving homes. They will be neutered and checked over when they are old enough.



Unfortunately, we have caught very few 'mums' and would appreciate your help. **Please inform me if you are one of those kind people feeding a feral cat or kitten.** A neutered cats will have a small nick on the tip of its ear to show it has been neutered. Adults will be returned to you, but the kittens would probably not survive another bad winter if left.

Many thanks to dear friends Fiona and Hannah. Hannah has rescued 4 cats from her shop dustbin at the sea front. Without their help and devotion this this would not be possible.

Jan Hammett 01548 810165.

WINTER OPENING HOURS

PILCHARD INN

Monday	closed
Tuesday	closed
Wednesday	12-3 then 6-9
Thursday	12-3 then 6-9
Friday	12-3 then 6-9
Saturday	12-3 then 6-9
Sunday	12-3 then 6-9

Curry nights are stopping for the winter with the exception of curry nights on, **9th November, 30th November, and 28th December.**

PILCHARD WINTER MENU

Starters

Seasonal Soup	£5.50
Pirates Pilchards on toast	£5.50
Cup of prawns with aioli	£7.00
Pate and toasted bread	£6.00
Deep fried mushrooms with garlic mayo	£5.00

Main Course

Grilled Steak and chips with herb butter	£16.00
Chicken curry, rice and poppadum with mango chutney	£14.00
Seasonal stew with fresh artisan bread	£12.00
Gammon, pineapple, egg and chips	£12.00
Vegetable pie with mashed potato and peas	£11.50
Fish, chips and mushy peas	£12.00

Desserts

Ice cream bomb	£5.50
Seasonal crumble with custard or ice cream	£5.50
Treacle pudding with custard or ice cream	£5.50

VENUS CAFE

It's time for a new season! So please join us in welcoming earlier nightfall, possible frosts, high winds and horizontal rain. Before the chorus of moaning becomes intolerable, can we mention some positives? Number one: 3 of the 4 months of summer were ludicrous, so no one should feel robbed of sun rations. Also, we exaggerated about the weather for effect; don't be surprised if clear-skied crispness sees 2018 out in style. Number two: the excuses to scoot indoors, hunker down and set about your chosen food-and-drink combo begin to pile up. Which is where we can help. By the time you read this we will have unleashed the loveliness: fresh menus with new flavours and treats.

Among the new products are lemon meringue and mango milkshakes, and (for 18-pluses, obviously) milkshakes made with either Tia Maria or Baileys. We'll also have brand new dishes, including – imagine a fanfare, please – a handmade 100% king prawn katsu burger with ginger and spring onion, a delicious all day breakfast panini

of Devon sausage, organic egg and dry cure bacon, as well as a free range Devon chicken burger with shaved garlic hispi. In case you didn't know (pardon us if you did) the katsu – sometimes known as panko – burger is breaded and served with katsu curry sauce, while the hispi we're shaving is a cabbage the shape of a big pointy pear – it's sweet & crunchy.



Plus we'll now also be serving the famous Teapigs tea, and they're the real deal, tea-wise: "We make a big thing about using quality real tea. By quality real tea, we mean whole leaf tea, whole leaf herbs, whole berries, whole spices and whole flowers."

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Left: BIGBURY BURGESS BASH

Bigbury and Burgh Island community fundraiser on 24th Sept for - **Devon Air Ambulance, Hope Cove Lifeboat and RNLI.** Event raised £3,010.



BEACH BANTER



Left: Tristan St James, a 'grandson' of Iris McSherry, is a chef at Burgh Island Hotel.

Tristan has been using his skills to make Iris some winter warming soups for her freezer. When he was visiting Iris recently, a few of her Bigbury on Sea friends expressed an interest in having his really tasty soups.

Tristan is investigating the feasibility of using a local commercial kitchen for a social enterprise project that provides soups to local, less able, residents who would welcome a helping hand with meal preparation.

If he can get a small team of helpers to distribute the soups, he will use his time off to make a **choice of two soups each week**. They will be vacuum-sealed into bags so that they can be frozen and easily reheated. There will be a new menu every week. The fresh ingredients will be sourced locally.

Cost: £2.50 per 200 ml sachet
£4 per 500 ml sachet



- Tristan needs a **land-based coordinator with a telephone** who will take orders from local people in Bigbury (by **Monday midday**), collate the orders and send him a list by Monday evening.
- He needs people who will deliver for him in Bigbury on Sea, Bigbury, Easton, St Ann's Chapel and other hamlets in Bigbury. **Deliver once a week on Wednesday before midday.**

Please contact the Editor if you would like to help. If you would like to be a customer, please give Louise a call, who will act as Coordinator until the full-time Coordinator, probably based in Bigbury on Sea, will take over.

This is a great initiative. Let's get together and make this work.

Louise Wainwright
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Vlad Krupa, the GM at **Burgh Island** and **Gem Coltman**, who is Sales Manager in **Challaborough Holiday Park**, took to the roads around Plymouth, to raise almost £2,000 for **Devon Air Ambulance**. The 10k sponsored run took place on 7th October.

His Just Giving page is still open.
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/vladimir-krupa2

Maybe you cannot do a charity run yourself, but would like to help the flying angels? Why don't you help him raise more by donating something on his page? If this is difficult, then call him on the island and ask him how to make another plan.



Below Burgh Island's sea tractor got the chance to return the many favours paid by John Tucker over the years, when he and his fishing buddies got caught out this month. **John, Peter and Viv** had been out fishing and caught a huge angler/monk fish. But John's tractor couldn't get traction on the soft sand so the sea tractor pulled the land tractor and boat onto harder sand where it could make its own way home. Thanks to **Beth** for the photo and news.



DISCOVERY SURF

The onset of Autumn is always a diverse time for Discovery. We breathe a collective sigh of relief that the busy summer is ebbing away, but are still busy catching up with loads of jobs, planning for next year and enjoying September swells and the stunning sunsets that occur this time of year.

We had an exceptional summer, with hundreds of visitors and locals enjoying the weather and sea for surfing, paddleboarding and kayaking. Our board sale went really well. Good to see our old kit making their

new owners happy! Our orders are already in for next summer, and we plan to have a sale of surf school kayaks and SUPs. If you're keen to find out about this, please contact us and we can add you to our mailing list. We had to reschedule our Surf Contest and we'll bring you news of this next issue.

Finally, we're open throughout half term and weekends after that, so if you're keen to get in the sea before the winter really kicks in, please get in touch!

All the best - **Annika**



Beach Banter is Sponsored by Burgh Island, Venus Cafe and Discovery Surf - thank you.

More page sponsors needed please. Any funds surplus to production costs of Bigbury News will be donated to local charities at the end of the year.



BIGBURY ARTISTS

I finally met up with Bigbury artist, **Charlie O'Sullivan**, at her studio in the South Hams Business Park in Churchstow during the **Open Studios** events in September. We sat together on the comfy sofa, with coffee cups in hand, at the back of her large airy studio full of the dreams and thoughts that she has placed onto canvas. We call them 'paintings' but I got the feeling they were something else to Charlie. She explained how she took her time to develop her perspective on the events and things around her and allowed this to fuel her creativity.

Charlie exhibits her paintings in London, Bristol, Devon, Hong Kong and Singapore, and she now has many enthusiastic followers who much admire her work. *"It has all been an unexpected snowball."* she mused. *"I must have been in the right place at the right time."* Her modesty belies the talent with which she conceives her dreamlike images and the joy with which she experiments with abstract shapes and colours. The landscape of her imagination is inspired by the beautiful coastlines, villages, fields and people of South Devon.

Whilst Charlie did previously have an artistic career as a children's illustrator for BBC Channel 4, she did not begin painting until she had a life-changing trauma a few years ago. She spoke candidly of how, when she was facing a serious life-threatening illness, unable to move and being told that her chances were very slim, that she promised herself that if she survived – she would paint. She overcame all the odds and now she most defiantly and definitely is – a painter.

"Painting is a very solitary occupation." she explains. *"Artists need to have a strong feeling of inner self worth in order to take the knocks when studios are not taking on their works. There is usually a 1 in 15 success rate when you take your paintings to studios for exhibitions."* For Charlie things were different. Within three months of emerging from the dark period she spent in hospital, she had her first painting exhibited at the **Delamore Gallery** at Cornwood. From there she was introduced to another gallery, the **Steam Gallery** at Beer. That is when the snowball thing really started!



Charlie in her studio (above)

Charlie understands the value of peer mentoring and getting together to share experiences about how to approach galleries, as well as the practical issues that can be challenging when working to meet the demands of galleries and exhibitions. She laments that there are no such groups in the South Hams, to her knowledge. Should there be an **Artists' Get Together** to develop something like this?



Enjoy following Charlie's work and maybe even buy one.

www.charlieosullivan.co.uk

Louise Wainwright



MUSIC IS THE FOOD OF LOVE

Do you enjoy listening to orchestral music? if you do you will know that there is nothing better than actually seeing a live performance to enhance your enjoyment of it. In South Devon we are blessed with a number of good semi professional and amateur symphony orchestras so it is not necessary to travel long distances or even mortgage your house to hear one. They may not be of the standard of say the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra or farther afield the London orchestras but they do offer a wide repertoire of music to suit all tastes.

One such an orchestra is the Torbay Symphony Orchestra which is almost on our doorstep based at Totnes performing three sets of concerts in November, March and June annually and in addition a Prom concert at the Kingskerswell 'Summer Moon Festival' each year, also performing at the Teignmouth Classical Music Festival in March. Who are they? Well just read on.

TORBAY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The orchestra was formed by members of the former **Torbay Light Orchestra** in the year 2000 and then became a registered charity in 2003. Many of our current members were long standing members of the light orchestra and we are pleased that they continue to play with us. The orchestra is a full-sized symphony orchestra which regularly performs concerts to a wide range of audiences across South Devon. Musicians come from far and wide to play in the orchestra which is based in Totnes, a market town well known for its alternative culture.

The orchestra has two primary aims – to develop the skills and abilities of the musicians as individuals and the orchestra as a group, and to fill a gap in the artistic life of the local community, which suffers from an almost complete absence of orchestral music.

Over the years since its formation, the orchestra has been enormously successful in both these areas and under the baton of conductor **Richard Gonski** and led by violinist **Chris Eastman**, the TSO enjoys a reputation for embracing all kinds of music in our concerts, from the familiar and popular to acclaimed performances of contemporary repertoire and music specifically commissioned by the orchestra from living composers. These have received consistently good reviews and feedback which is reflected in our growing audience numbers. The quality of playing and the adventurous programming have also enabled us to attract soloists of a very high standard.

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BIGBURY WHO'S WHO?

Bigbury News will be hosting three new features over the coming years that will help us all to get to know who 'we' are. 'Kith & Kin' will feature people who have been either born into local families or have lived here and contributed to the activities in Bigbury for many years; 'New Bees' will introduce the 'incomers' and 'Swallows' will acquaint us with the second home owners who come and go like the tides.

Perhaps if we know who we are – we can find more common ground and there will be more volunteers joining in the task of making Bigbury 'work'.

I am pleased to have the first volunteers to get the ball rolling and their stories are featured in this issue. Thank you. Please get in touch if you would like to join in with our story to make our own 'Bigbury Tapestry'. If you don't mind me coming to interview you – please give me a call. If you would rather write about yourself – please send me some words. Thank you. We all look forward to meeting you.

Louise Wainwright

NEW BEES

Time flies when you are enjoying yourself!

Unbelievably it will be our 2nd anniversary of living at **Noddon Farm House** come January. Having moved from the leafy lanes of Cranleigh, Surrey to the beautiful Bigbury Parish; a life style change – for the better.

Joining us on this adventure are our trusted (sometimes!) working companions; **Bracken** (the 'Old Wonky' Labrador), **Teal** (the 'Little Princess' Labrador) and **Jack** ('Whacko' the Cocker Spaniel).

The family has recently expanded with the recruitment of a trio of hens, **Clarissa**, **Phoebe** and **Matilda** who are laying well.

With an affection for the countryside/coast and all that it has to offer we are undoubtedly spoilt. We are thoroughly enjoying our new surroundings and friends.

Aye

Stuart & Lyn

Noddon Farm House



Stuart and Lyn Linington

READY STEADY COOK?



A seasonal recipe for disaster

Mix and stir the Christmas cake,
Spoon into a tin and bake
In an oven set at two
Until it's nicely cooked right through.
Leave it for two months at least
Ready for the Christmas feast,
Pour some brandy on to spike it,
Hear the children say: "Don't like it."

* * *

Get your turkey ordered now,
Consult your countless books on how
To cook and serve the creature best,
Fine in flavour, moist in breast.
Roast from dawn on Christmas Day
Then hear your adolescent say
From now on she's not touching meat
So could you give her beans to eat.

* * *

After several hours of toil
Put the pudding on to boil
In a kitchen like a sauna.
At least this course is free from fauna,
Quite devoid of almond paste
And should suit everybody's taste.
Then Granny does a little twitch
And says the pudding's too rich.

* * *

Dear family how could they dare
To moan about your Christmas fare.
The hours you spent upon the feast
Are wasted on each thankless beast.
So stuff the turkey, stuff the cake,
Stuff the lot for goodness sake
Forget about the festive roast
And serve them all with beans on toast.



Christmas Cake Recipe

Ingredients

2 cups of flour
1 stick of butter
1 cup of water
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
1 cup brown sugar
lemon juice
4 large eggs
nuts
2 bottles wine
2 cups dried fruit

Sample the wine to check quality.

Take a large bowl, check wine quality again.

To be sure it is of the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat.

Turn on the electric mixer. Beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar. Beat again.

At this point, make sure the wine is still OK. Try another cup...just in case.

Turn off the mixerer thingey thing. Break two eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit.

Pick the friggng fruit up off the floor.

Mix on the turner. If the dried fruit gets stuck in the beaterers just pry it loose with a drewscraver.

Sample the wine to check for tonisciscity.

Next, sift two cups of salt. Or something. Check the wine.

Now shift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Add a spoon of sugar or some fink. Whatever you can find.

Greash the oven. Turn the cake tin 360 degrees and try not to fall over. Don't forget to beat of the turner.

Finally, throw the bowl through the window. Finish the wine and wipe the counter with the cat.

Go to Holywell Stores and buy a cake.

Bingle Jells

Thanks to **Jo Dudmesh** for sharing her recipes with us.
Are you ready for Christmas next month?

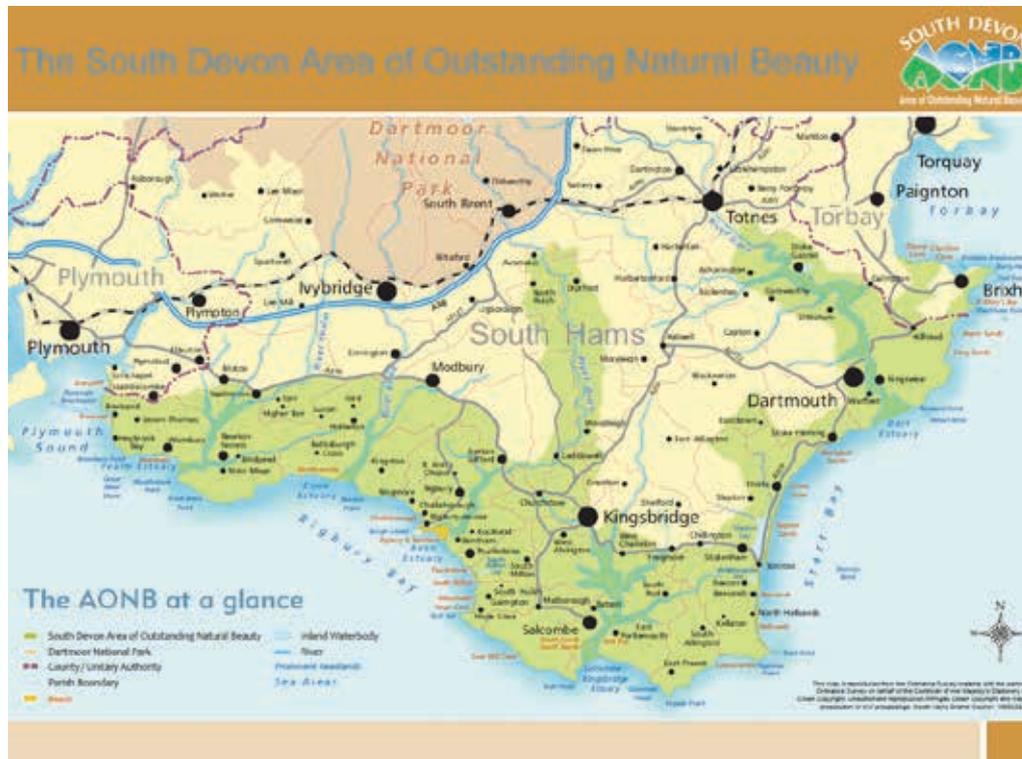
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Bigbury BioBlogs will explore some of the projects undertaken by the South Devon AONB over the coming months. In the meantime, check out their website.

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MINUTES OF THE BIGBURY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING MONDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Cllr Valerie Scott (Chairman), Cllr Beth Huntley, Jo Simes, Simon Bronstein and Jill Gubbins.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Cllr Bryan Carson, Jean Wright and Karen Lawrence. Grant Peet advised prior to the meeting that he would like to stand down from the Steering Group due to medical problems.

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 31 July 2018, previously circulated, were agreed subject to a change to the spelling of Jo Simes surname and of Simon Bronstein.

3.MATTERS ARISING

Valerie Scott said that she had prepared a report to the Parish Council following a meeting with Bryan, Beth, Simon and Jean on 29 August 2018 to discuss the Inspectors' Advice note following the JLP examination. The feedback at this meeting and from other members of the Steering Group following this meeting was that we should continue to pursue the proposals for Site 4. Whilst SHDC would no longer be giving advice on housing numbers to be accommodated in the AONB sustainable villages St Ann's Chapel would still remain as a sustainable village in the JLP and there was an expectation to meet the local housing needs of the parish through the Neighbourhood Plan.

Simon Bronstein said that we should review the evidence for the local housing needs of the parish to ensure that what we were proposing to provide was appropriate. Valerie Scott said that the number and type of dwellings being proposed had been determined as a result of the Housing Needs Survey and responses to the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire.

Initially we were going to provide 12 dwellings but this had been increased to 13 following the request by the landowners to have two serviced plots instead of one finished house.

Beth Huntley advised Simon that he could contact Alex Rehaag at SHDC if he wanted to find out more information regarding the local housing needs of the parish but it was agreed that we should not be commissioning a further survey as this would delay the publication of the Neighbourhood Plan and the proposals for Site 4 were now quite well advanced.

Valerie Scott said that further revisions were being made to the draft layout for Site 4 development following a decision by the landowners to retain plots 1 and 4. SHDC would provide them with serviced plot to allow them to build a 4-bedroom house and garage

on Plot 1 and a 3 bedroom bungalow on Plot 4 although the design of the houses would need to fit in with the rest of the development. Following these further revisions, she was hopeful that the **Option Agreement** will be signed and the Architects can then start preparing plans showing the appearance of the proposed development prior to having a public consultation.

Valerie Scott advised that there had been no more discussions with **Nicholas Johnson** and he had not sent through the landscape appraisal that was being prepared although she had heard that he might be having pre-application meetings with the Parish Council.

Simon Bronstein asked if there had been any further progress re providing a footpath along the northern side of the field to the rear of the Memorial Hall. **Beth Huntley** said that the owner of the field had been upset that this had not been discussed with him prior to being an item on the Parish Council agenda. **George Roseveare** had volunteered to discuss the matter with the farmer but no further feedback had been given. It was agreed that Valerie Scott would contact George Roseveare to discuss latest situation.

4. UPDATE ON JOINT LOCAL PLAN

Valerie Scott said that an email had been received from **Duncan Smith**, SHDC to all Neighbourhood Planners informing them of the comments of the Inspectors and how the District Council would be dealing with the matters which affected the preparation of neighbourhood plans.

Mr Smith had advised that the sustainable villages in the AONB would remain as 'sustainable villages' in terms of pars 5.10 of the JLP but will no longer be identified in the list (Fig 5.8) which identified minimum housing provisions for each of those settlements. However, there will continue to be a need for housing development both to fulfil private and affordable requirements for villages. Preparing well evidenced and robust Neighbourhood Plans, which recognise the need to meet the acceptable levels and protection of the AONB will create the **Statutory Framework** to provide the best outcome for local communities. The alternative, developer-led proposals and reliance upon planning applications and appeals would, in most instances, result in outcomes that would not meet the aims and aspirations of the local community.

The Inspectors did not consider that the proposed settlement boundaries identified as part of the JLP process had been given sufficient consultation for inclusion. As a result these would now be subject to a **separate Development Plan Document**.

Mr Smith stated that Neighbourhood Plans have and continue to be empowered to appropriately identify settlement boundaries

themselves, subject to the boundaries proposed being consistent with the principles established by the JLP process and as such we can have settlement boundaries around the villages of St Ann's Chapel, Bigbury Village and Bigbury on Sea as part of the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan as previously proposed

5. UPDATE ON SITE 4

This matter had already been discussed under Item 3 but the layout plan prepared prior to the further revisions being carried out was discussed. **Simon** asked why there were so many bungalows and **Valerie Scott** said that many people in the community had expressed a desire for bungalows due to the ageing population. The landowners also wanted one of their plots to be for a bungalow. The siting of two bungalows to the rear of the existing newly built houses on the main road also helped to ensure that their views of the moorland would be maintained.

6. LIST OF LOCAL HERITAGE ASSETS

The list of local heritage assets has been subject to a six-week consultation. A few responses were received all very positive. One more item had been included ie the **pill box on the NW of Burgh Island** at the top of the newly exposed slipway.

The **Parish Council** had approved the list at their meeting on 12 September and the list will be attached as an addendum to the Parish Council meeting notes. **Valerie Scott** said that she would now include this in the Neighbourhood Plan.

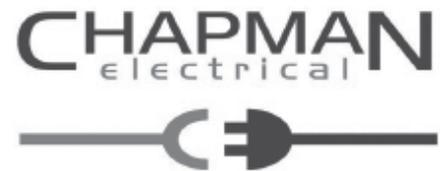
7. PROGRESS ON STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

AECOM have now published the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Draft

Neighbourhood Plan which they have said meets the relevant environmental objectives. AECOM have also published the final version of the Site Assessments that they carried out earlier in the year.

Jill Gubbins asked if the reference to the capacity of each of the sites considered in the assessment could be removed as this was misleading. All of the sites had been much larger than was required to meet the local housing needs and having regard to the fact that all sites were within the AONB and some within the Heritage Coast. **Valerie Scott** said that she would ask AECOM if it was necessary to show maximum numbers of dwellings that could be accommodated if the whole of the sites available were to be developed.

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8. SECOND HOMES/HOLIDAY LET SURVEY

Valerie Scott said that she was still waiting for the survey results for the northern part of the parish which **Bryan Carson** is preparing. She would remind him of this and if necessary go around to assist him in completing this. **Jill Gubbins** suggested that **Stuart Watts** might be able to do this survey if **Bryan** is finding it difficult to find the time. **Valerie Scott** has since spoken to **Bryan Carson** who has agreed to complete this asap.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Beth Huntley referred to a site meeting that she had had with **Duncan Smith** of SHDC when they looked around Bigbury on Sea and went for a walk on Burgh Island. When looking at Bigbury on Sea from the Huer's Hut on Burgh Island Mr **Smith** said that he could fully understand the wishes of the local community to be able to control the heights of new developments that took place at Bigbury on Sea and thought that it was appropriate to include a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan restricting heights and setting design standards. He accepted that retaining existing sea views was an issue which was important to those living in Bigbury on Sea and saw no reason why a policy which was designed to meet the special requirements of the local community should not be included.

A lengthy discussion then took place with regard to how a policy restricting heights could be included in the plan. **Valerie Scott** pointed out that the plan did already include a policy which sought to protect the amenity of the occupiers of neighbouring properties (Policy BP7 – General design principles for new housing). This policy states (inter alia) that:

- (i) Proposals should be locally distinctive, reflecting the appearance and character of

the area in which the development is located

(ii) The height, scale and density of development should reflect the existing grain, height, density and pattern of development in the surrounding area and the materials should preferably be natural materials and be consistent with those used for other buildings in the locality, providing these do not detract from the appearance and character of the surroundings. (iii) Proposals should protect residential amenity and should not have an unacceptable impact on the living conditions of occupiers of neighbouring properties by reason of loss of outlook, loss of privacy or overlooking, overbearing and dominant impact, noise or other disturbance.'

Valerie Scott said that normally loss of views was not considered to be a planning matter but considered that in a situation where the local community thought that it was important to protect long distance views it would not be inappropriate to include loss of views within the wording of criterion (iii) of this policy. It was agreed that it was not only sea views that were important to people with homes in the parish but also views of the estuary, river valleys and moorlands. As such we could add 'loss of important views such as views of the sea, estuary, river valleys or moorlands'.

Beth Huntley thought that we could perhaps be more specific in terms of height but **Simon Bronstein** pointed out that to be able to have a policy relating to specific heights the whole of Bigbury on Sea would need to be surveyed which was a major task.

Valerie Scott said that if heights of existing properties were consistent throughout the village this would be easier but there was a huge variation in terms of the heights of properties and it was really the protection of existing views which was important. A discussion was held about situations whereby existing buildings were already too high blocking out potential views for the occupants of properties to the rear and whether we could require buildings on the site to be lowered if the site were to be redeveloped. This situation would be covered by criterion (ii) of the policy as currently worded.

Valerie Scott said that she was hoping to be able to publish the plan towards the end of October but there were quite a few amendments to make to this with the changes to policy, responses from officers etc. **Jill Gubbins** and **Jo Simes** offered to proof read the text of the final draft once completed.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting is now expected to be on 8th October 2018 at 2pm.

Cllr. Valerie Scott

Chairman Neighbourhood Plan
see page 34 for details of
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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESS

REPORT 10 (October 2018)

Community-led housing scheme

The draft layout plan for this development has now been agreed and we are now waiting for the landowners to sign the Option Agreement. Once the Option Agreement has been signed we can then ask the Architect to prepare some drawings and a computer model showing what the scheme might look like.

We are proposing to have a community event to discuss the scheme on 10th November 2018 from 10am to 12noon at the Memorial Hall but this might have to be again postponed if there is a delay in terms of getting the Option Agreement signed. We are not therefore advertising this event until we are certain that it will be taking place.

The ground investigation work has now been completed and the Archaeological trenching and other expensive work will be started once the Agreement has been signed.

We are also sending a copy of the draft layout to Wendy Ormsby, the Planning Case Officer at SHDC for her further comments. She was previously supportive of the principles of the proposed development and we have taken on board her earlier recommendations.

Draft Neighbourhood Plan

The draft plan is being updated following the Inspectors' Advice Note on the Joint Local Plan and following the publication of the new NPPF. We are also proposing to strengthen the policy relating to the design of new residential development in terms of protecting communal and individual views. This follows comments made by Duncan Smith, the new policy officer at SHDC who has now been put in charge of neighbourhood planning matters. Mr Smith considered that the views in the parish were of special importance to the community and that it was appropriate that these should be preserved as part of the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan. He noted that many people had bought their properties because of the views and would not want these to be lost or harmed.

We hope to be able to publish the Pre-Submission version of the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan by November 2018. This will then give the community a six week period to comment on the plan. It will then be amended, if necessary, and then sent to the SHDC for formal comment prior to the Examination.

Cllr Valerie Scott

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BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on
WEDNESDAY 10th Oct 2018 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs: **B Carson, S Smith, E Huntley (D. Cllr.), C Case, V Scott, and Clerk R Matthews.** Seven residents were also in attendance.

1.0 Declaration of Interest

The Chairman read out a statement in respect of Declaration of Interest adding that he had a personal interest in a planning topic – Royal Oak agenda item 8.

2.0 Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllrs. Rosevear and Getley**

3.0 Minutes September 12th 2018

Cllr. Huntley proposed the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of this meeting. Cllr. Smith seconded the proposal and all Councillors present at that meeting voted unanimously to accept the minutes, which were duly signed by the Chairman.

4.0 Matters arising (actions) from September 12th meeting and not covered in this month's agenda:

Clerk provided a) an update on the clearance of sand and general housekeeping around the Millennium steps adding this would not be attended to until the weather was 'less sunny' and there were less users of the steps, b) an update on the VAS speed monitoring exercise to be undertaken in St Ann's Chapel by Devon Highways stating that DCC Highways would complete this in November, c) an update on the general maintenance of the Warren and cutting of grass verges adding that a communication from SHDC had been received to indicate this had been completed, d) a statement that the 'Scams video' received from C. Cllr. Gilbert had been received and subsequently shared with Parish Councillors as requested, e) a statement that the 'opening ceremony' for the DAA night landing site was still work in process.

In respect of 'c' above, Resident A indicated the verges had not been cut as stated by SHDC and Clerk was to follow up on this again.

Action Clerk

5.0 County Councillor's report

C. Cllr. Gilbert provided the following updates:

In respect of the County Council review process for the payment to use Public Toilets, he stated that each site had its own characteristics and would therefore be looked at individually - there is unlikely to be a one solution fits all outcome. He encouraged the Parish Council to engage in the process, be creative about putting forward suggestions and asked the District Councillor to take the views of the Parish Council and residents to the team respon-

sible for delivering this cost saving project. A final decision on the future funding and operation of Public Toilets would be made later this year.

C. Cllr. Gilbert advised there was an ongoing project in conjunction with West Devon to review outsourcing options for waste collection, street cleaning and park maintenance adding that West Devon already used an outsourced solution.

Commercial details could not be shared but the objective was to provide better overall value to Council Tax payers – improving the quality of service at a more competitive price than was currently calculated. He further stated the complaints reporting process for all issues relating to these services would remain the direct responsibility of SHDC in the event that a decision was made to outsource.

As always in these situations, should the decision be made to outsource all staff would transfer across to the new provider under the TUPE legislation.

Cllr. Carson expressed concerns that should such a transfer of services be made, there would be no scope for the Council to take the benefit from any future cost saving exercises and such savings would go straight to the third party provider.

C. Cllr Gilbert stated this process would be complete and presented to the Executive in mid-December.

6.0 Open Session

Resident B thanked **C. Cllr. Gilbert** for the excellent and swift response in respect of the repair of potholes, adding the online system was easy to use. C. Cllr Gilbert stated the backlog of such repairs had now been cleared thanks in part to the general lack of rain in the summer.

Resident C advised he had reviewed the external audit report for the Parish accounts and queried why the hi-viz jackets purchased were not shown as assets with a value. Clerk advised these were a very low value purchase and had been written off in the year acquired.

This would be an agenda item for the next meeting as the general intention was to offer the jackets, at the cost price, to local residents as protective safety wear. **Cllr. Smith** confirmed she still had the remaining stock of jackets and would bring them to future meetings in order to try and sell them

7.0 District Councillor's Report

D. Cllr. Huntley shared the following updates:

Funding for CVS from SHDC had been cut to £0 and CVS were now expected to self-fund through donations. Public had the option of writing to SHDC if they had an opinion on this matter.

Similarly SHDC had made a 10% reduction of funding for AONB, which has subsequently been deferred until January 2019. Public had the option of writing to SHDC if they had an opinion on this matter.

The report on customer satisfaction levels for services provided by SHDC showed low level results – full details of the report could be found on-line.

D. Cllr. Huntley advised the phone box near the layby was now covered in vegetation and in need of attention. Clerk advised he was waiting for a quote to tidy the layby and would add this to the scope. **Resident A** enquired about replanting of the boat with flowers and Clerk advised again he was waiting for a quote.

Cllr. Carson considered this requirement would be better met by providing funding for local residents and asked this to be considered.

Action Cllr. Huntley

8.0 Planning related matters

2341/18/HHO Kingfisher House, 4 Hex-down Barns, Bigbury. Application for a swimming pool with the associated hard landscaping. **Cllr. Scott** advised she had visited this site and considered there to be no reason to object. After further discussion on the matter Cllr. Scott proposed support for the application. This was seconded by **Cllr. Case** and agreed by the Councillors with the exception of Cllr. Huntley who abstained from the vote.

2859/18/FUL Courtlage, Lower Cumery. Conversion of and change of use of barn to residential holiday accommodation. A group of Councillors visited this site early in the evening and agreed there was no reason to object to the proposal. After further discussion on the matter **Cllr. Smith** proposed support for the application. This was seconded by **Cllr. Case** and agreed by the Councillors with the exception of Cllr. Huntley who abstained from the vote.

3005/18/HHO Courtlage, Lower Cumery. Application for proposed single storey extension and alterations. A group of Councillors visited this site early in the evening and agreed there was **no reason to object** to the proposal. In general terms this revision enhanced the property and after further discussion on the matter **Cllr. Scott** proposed support for the application. This was seconded by **Cllr. Smith** and agreed by the Councillors with the exception of **Cllr. Huntley** who abstained from the vote.

3058/18/VAR Lower Cumery Barn. Variation of condition 3 of planning consent. A group of Councillors visited this site early in the evening and after further discussion on the matter Cllr. Case proposed **support** for the application with the condition that it must remain solely for use as an **Agricultural**

Occupancy Dwelling. This was seconded by **Cllr. Smith** and agreed by the Councillors with the exception of **Cllr. Huntley** who abstained from the vote.

2960/18/FUL Bayview, Clematon Hill, Bigbury-on-Sea. Demolition and rebuilding of dwelling. Having previously been reviewed and discussed, **Cllr. Carson** proposed **support** for the application. This was seconded by **Cllr. Scott** and agreed by the Councillors with the exception of **Cllr. Huntley** who abstained from the vote.

3127/18/OPA Land adjacent to Folly Rise, Ringmore Drive, Bigbury-on-Sea. Outline planning application for new four bedroom dwelling. For background information, resident A indicated this OPA had been raised as a result of a discussion between the owner of the land and an Estate Valuer. After discussion and in keeping with prior such decisions, **Cllr. Case** proposed the Council should **object** to the application on the basis it had no further detail in respect of any dwelling that may be built on the site. This was seconded by **Cllr. Scott** and agreed by the Councillors with the exception of **Cllr. Huntley** who abstained from the vote.

2873/18/FUL Former Royal Oak, Bigbury. Change of use from former pub to #3 dwellings. Removal of modern additions and outbuildings. Reconstruction of rear sections. **Cllr. Carson** took no further part in this discussion having declared a personal interest in the topic at the start of the meeting.

Cllr. Huntley who abstained from the vote. A further condition was to be requested in respect the horse mount at the front of the building is to be maintained.

Update on Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. Scott provided the following update: (see page 32)

TENURES

Parish as a whole:

Principal Residence = 54%
Second homes = 24%
Holiday lets = 19%
Vacant = 3%

Bigbury on Sea and Challaborough

Principal residence = 32%
Second homes = 35%
Holiday lets = 28%
Vacant = 5%

Other Areas (Percentage of dwellings used as principal residence)

St Ann's Chapel = 91%
Easton = 68%
Bigbury Village = 67%
Rural Areas = 78%

9.0 Finance: Approval of payments to be made and presentation of finance statement

Clerk shared two observations made by external auditors, neither of which have a material impact on the Parish financial position. Further detail of this can be found on the Bigbury Community website.

Tenures in Bigbury Parish (October 2018)

Place	Principal residence	Second Home	Holiday let	Vacant	Total
Bigbury on Sea	50 (30%)	60 (35%)	50 (30%)	9 (5%)	169
Challaborough	11 (48%)	8 (35%)	4 (17%)	0 (0%)	23
Bigbury Village	37 (67%)	11 (20%)	5 (9%)	2 (4%)	55
St Ann's Chapel	48 (91%)	1 (2%)	3 (6%)	1 (2%)	53
Easton	15 (68%)	2 (9%)	4 (18%)	1 (4%)	22
Rural Area	37 (78%)	6 (13%)	4 (9%)	0 (0%)	47
Total	198 (54%)	88 (24%)	70 (19%)	13 (3%)	369

Summary

Total number of properties = 369
Bigbury on Sea and Challaborough = 192 (52%)

In discussion, the **Parish Council expressed their disappointment** that the original intent to keep this building as a pub or for use as a community asset had not received formal backing from the District Council. There was however no point in dwelling on this matter further.

The site was in need of completion as there was risk of further decay through lack of progress. Although the building proposal was adequate there remained a significant road traffic issue at this very narrow part of a very busy roadway. Therefore **Cllr. Smith** proposed the Parish Council **object** to the application on the grounds of road safety (both traffic and pedestrian) and that the plans be revised to **incorporate a passing place**. This was seconded by **Cllr. Scott** and agreed by the Councillors with the exception of

Cllr. Case proposed the financial statements and recommended payments be accepted which was seconded by **Cllr. Carson** and all councillors agreed. Clerk was to raise the following payments:

£512.40 R Matthews – cheque 1179 for guillotine cancelled (supplier does not accept cheques). Reimbursement of credit card payment made from personal account

£540.00 R Matthews - Clerk salary – qtr. ended 30.09.18 £206.74 R Matthews - Clerk – expenses qtr. Ended 30.09.18 £20.00 Donation – CPRE £100.00 Donation – Royal British Legion (Modbury branch) £1182.00 R Matthews - West Country Skip Hire. Reimbursement of credit card payment

as cheques not accepted for payment by WCSH Cost of 3 skips £822 + management of process £360
£240 00 PKF Littlejohn LLP – external audit fee
£30.00 Bigbury Memorial Hall – hire for Parish Council meetings
£32.28 British Telecom – monthly line and broadband rental Paid by direct debit

Clerk showed a slide of the current cash book and bank reconciliation statement showing a balance of £28,195.83 as at September 30th 2018.

Clerk showed a statement of restricted and reserved funding with a balance of £8,363.23. To be further amended to take into account payment of DAA Air Ambulance project

Clerk showed details of S106 funds held by SHDC - £162,771 for affordable housing projects and £24,194 for OSSR projects.

Clerk requested a Direct Debit mandate be authorised for all payments to SHDC. Cllrs. **Carson** and **Case** subsequently authorised this document.

Clerk stated the TAP payment for the Air Ambulance project was overdue and **Cllr. Huntley** advised of the reason for the delay at SHDC. Follow up. *Action Cllr. Huntley*

Clerk to chase Lloyds Bank for internet banking set up. *Action Clerk*

10.0 Proposal to mark the end of World War I

Cllr. Smith confirmed that the organisation of a quiz, provided by the **British Legion**, was progressing well adding that clarity on confirmed numbers of attendees was needed donations and raffle prizes would very much be appreciated.

11.0 Play park update

Cllr. Case requested this be deferred to a future meeting. *Action Cllr. Case*
Clerk advised a defect report had been received from SHDC in respect of a broken fence. This is to be addressed *Action Clerk*

12.0 Replacement of defibrillators

Clerk had provided a proposal on funding for this important project (see presentation uploaded to Bigbury Community website). **Cllr. Case** proposed we explore grant funding from **British Heart Foundation** (or others) and pursue TAP funding / grant from County Council and all other sources to find balance of funds to enable defibs to be replaced before they expire. This was to be an agenda item at the next meeting. *Action Clerk*

13.0 Neighbourhood Watch update

No applications had been made to take on this role

14.0 Correspondence

Clerk shared two items of correspondence. One relating to SHDC and the topic of Public Toilets and a thank you for the funds raised for the Air Ambulance at the Bigbury Bash.

15.0 Agenda Items for next meeting

Play Park Update, Defibrillator update, Hi-Viz jackets and trimming of trees and vegetation on the Village Green.

NOTE The supporting presentation is uploaded to the Parish Council section of the Bigbury Community website.

The meeting closed at 9:40pm.

The next meeting is to be held on **WEDNESDAY November 14th** at 7:30pm

IMPORTANT NOTE

THE DECEMBER MEETING IS ONE WEEK EARLIER AND WILL BE HELD ON **WED. 5TH DECEMBER**

STOP PRESS

Beth Huntley, our District Councillor has resigned with immediate effect. Further information is published on the Facebook page of **Charterlands Chatter**

There was an immediate outpouring on Facebook of sympathy and gratitude from parishioners for her energetic pursuit of our interests.

She will be a hard act to follow.

Keith Baldry posted this on Charterlands Chatter:

It follows that there will need to be an election for the vacancy. The Liberal Democrats will be looking for a candidate. Would anyone who needs to know more please contact me:

Cllr.baldry@southhams.gov.uk
01752 881402.

No need to be a current member of the Party, but broadly favourable to our views. More on this

www.liberaldemocrats.org.uk.

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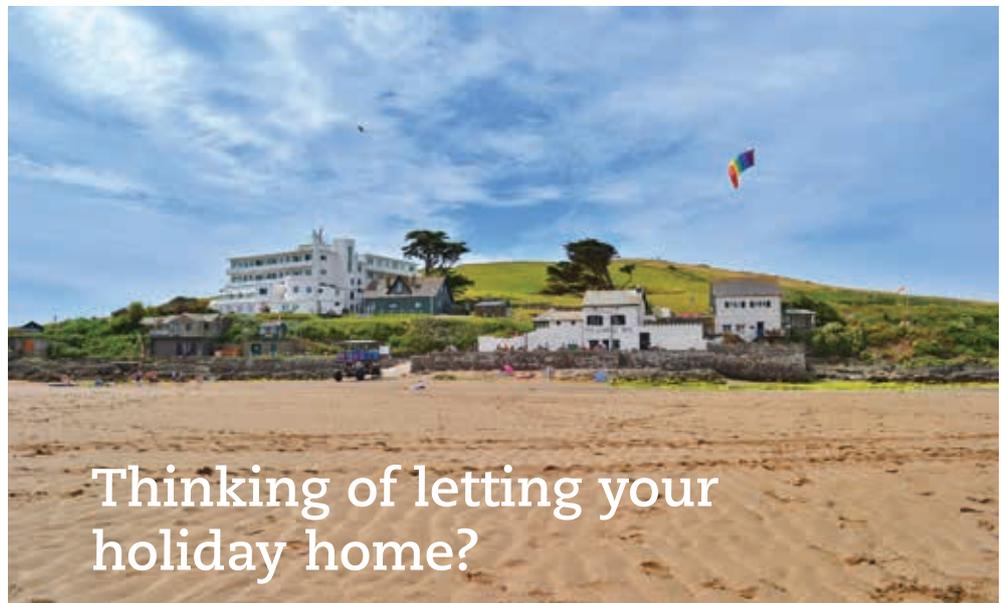


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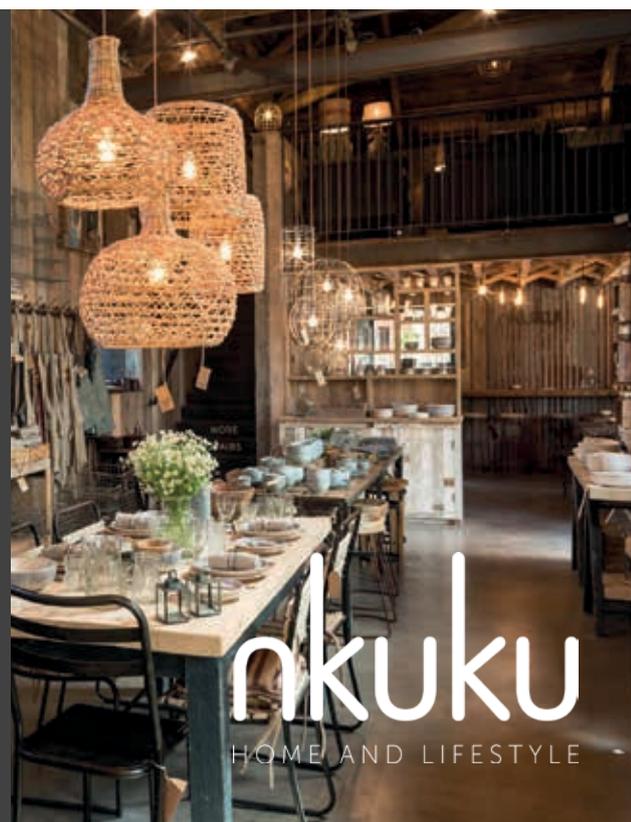
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