



BIDEFORD BUZZ



A free community newsletter for Bideford, Northam, Appledore, Westward Ho!, Lundy and villages west as far as Hartland

NEW BUZZ ... NEW YEAR!

As Buzz enters a new decade, may we take this opportunity to thank all the people who help in some way to produce and distribute the newsletter.

We hope that Buzz is an outlet for original and informative articles which means that we prefer them to be 'exclusives'. Otherwise we may not be able to include them. However we will always try to include general events and club news in our What's On section...

Do you have a favourite place to eat?

Recommend it to us so we can publish it in a new series of articles commencing next month.

As always send all your comments, queries and articles to us at Bideford Buzz, c/o Bideford Library, New Road, Bideford EX39 2HR. Email: editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk, Tel or Fax: 01237 476075.



Northam in last year's snow.

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From Bakerloo to Bideford

Is it possible to commute to London and work on the underground?

Well I can tell you it isn't, but what you can do is visit the town as much as possible because you have the best reason in the world to do so-it's that word LOVE



My son, Dario is 18, will never have a job, can't cross the road by himself, have a girlfriend, cook a meal, hold a conversation, express his feelings, but what he can do is show me he loves me. He is autistic and a resident at Broomhayes Autistic Centre. Whatever you may have heard about autistic people throw all these concepts into the bin; they can actually teach us more about what it is to be human than 'normal people'.

Life itself has no meaning, but we as humans get meaning from life by what we do for other people and giving ourselves self-esteem

I come to Bideford almost every week- 46 times last year, in fact I am probably the most frequent leisure visitor to the town

I stay at the Royal Hotel, my son I'm sure, thinks I live there and loves visiting me.

But what we really enjoy are walks on the Tarka Trail- the longest one so far attempted has been as far as Torrington, then a bus back.

The combination of nature, walking, calmness, and sights seen, has a positive effect on both of us ; it's like a bonding we go through every week

If you have an autistic child or know someone who has, don't despair; if you can break through all the difficulties which Autism presents have courage- you will like me have so many satisfying moments and find a love like no other. Leave self-help books alone; they have a fundamental flaw in that they neglect something intrinsic to the complex real world. It's not true that everything can be conquered by will-power . There are forces of nature and circumstances that are beyond our control let alone our understanding and to insist on victory over life's adversities is to ask for a soul-pummeling. The simple truth is that not every fight can be won.

I will always have the pain inside, that I will never see my son mature and grow like other men; but I accept him the way he is and have found a comfort in just being with him in his own world. I would like to thank Bideford, the Tarka Trail the no.21 bus and the staff at Broomhayes for their part in my Bideford adventures with Dario.

Gary Hocking (Bakerloo instructor operator)

If you require any information on autism contact me via
Royal Hotel or on 02072449296

Seasons Of Devon

When WINTER descends, sunshine lies low
As nature sleeps, time goes slow
Creation in place, under earthly mound
Seeds of wonder, invade the ground

In Devon's dawn, calm cloaks of mist
No other stillness, compares to this
That paints the land, in silent grey
SPRING mornings at the birth of day

In SUMMERTIME with fields of green
That man and nature, made serene
Long daylight hours, to feed your soul
Like families did, in days of old

AUTUMN fields, steeped in gold
Where fruits of harvest will unfold
Now man and nature, both stand tall
And coloured leaves, like snowflakes fall.

Leonard (Inspired by living in beautiful Devon)

A is for Abbotsham

Each month we will feature a short piece on a local village starting with A...

Writing a short article on Abbotsham is difficult because of the amount of material available. Instead we have given some interesting snippets from the extensive local archives. Did you know?



Thatched Inn – May have a ghost!

1. Man has lived in Abbotsham since Neolithic times as shown by archaeological finds in fields leading up to Cornborough Road.
2. St.Helens Church was, in Anglo Saxon, times located up on Cornborough ridge overlooking the sea, perhaps in Chapel field. It was moved inland for safety in Viking times.
3. At the time of the Domesday book Abbotsham was plain Hame or Hama and had 118 sheep. It gained its present name because the village was given to Tavistock Abbey and became the Abbot's Hamlet.
4. The village was a self sufficient agricultural community throughout the Middle Ages. In 1755 it was mainly arable farming with "not one acre in twenty fit for meadows" and the manures used were "lime, sand and dung".
5. In the 1700's there was a windmill at Abbotsham Cross to grind local corn.
6. The village has, at different times had, two lime kilns, a coal mine and one large quarry at Pitt together with many small quarries around the parish.
7. The population in the village changed little between 1811 and 1970 at around 340 people but the number of dwellings grew. In 1811 there were 37 dwellings of which only 30 were inhabited, an average of 11 per dwelling. By 1970 it was nearer 3 people per dwelling.
8. The old railway to Westward Ho! ran through the village. There was a plan to run a branch line all the way to Clovelly but it came to nothing unfortunately. Imagine how popular a cycle route to Clovelly would be today.
9. Abbotsham racecourse, out on the cliffs, was one of the prettiest in the country. However, it was never a commercial success. It did not help that a public footpath ran by the course and you could watch the racing for nothing!
10. The Thatched Inn, formally the New Inn, reputedly has a ghost .
11. There are a number of old houses whose origins can be traced back to the Middle Ages.

If you are interested in the village history, perhaps because of family links, you are welcome to come along to the fortnightly coffee mornings in the Old School. There are always items from the Archive on display including old photographs. Dates are given in the Abbotsham village section of the NDJ or can be obtained from us on 01237 474814.

Gill and Philip Marlow

Book & Jigsaw Swap

Following on from the success of last September's seed and plant swap a new organisation has been set up with the intention of giving the people of Northam and the surrounding area a chance to swap various items and help raise funds for local charities.

Northam Community Swaps' next event is a Book and Jigsaw Swap which will take place on Saturday **February 5th from 10am – 12pm at Northam Community Centre** so take your unwanted books and jigsaws (in good Condition) and swap them for another .Even if you have nothing to swap, you can still enjoy the event as they will have books and jigsaws for sale. There will also be a raffle with prizes of six first edition books signed by their authors. Refreshments will be available. All monies raised will be donated to local charities. **Reserve a table at our coffee and table top sale on Saturday 26th March 10am – 12pm www.northamcommunityswaps.co.uk or by telephoning 01237 423292 oremailnothamswap@fsmail.net.**

February

Well, I hope you survived the frosts and the snow without mishap, either to your person, or to your holiday plans. A White Christmas may be fun if you're stuck in a hotel for a few days, but if you're at home, unable to get out, it's a different matter. It's my idea of a nightmare, to be quite honest. Do I hear Bing Crosby shouting Humbug! In the background? And now it's February already!

Thankfully, February is the shortest month of the year, as it's usually the month with the worst weather. Not an awful lot going for it really, except that you could describe it as the most romantic month of the year. February 14th is Valentine's Day. We don't know an awful lot about St. Valentine himself. But the date itself, in Roman times, was the eve of Lupercalia, an ancient fertility festival, and the day on which birds were said to find their mate.

A valentine is a person chosen as a sweetheart to whom you send a card or gift on the appropriate date. In days gone by, your valentine could be chosen by divination, but nowadays it tends to be because you have special feelings for that person. February is also the month which gets an extra day added to it every leap year for calendrical purposes, and is traditionally the day when a woman can propose rather than vice versa, if she feels her loved one is taking too long to pop the question. The next Leap Day is in 2012, but I'm not sure I can wait that long!

Chris Trigger

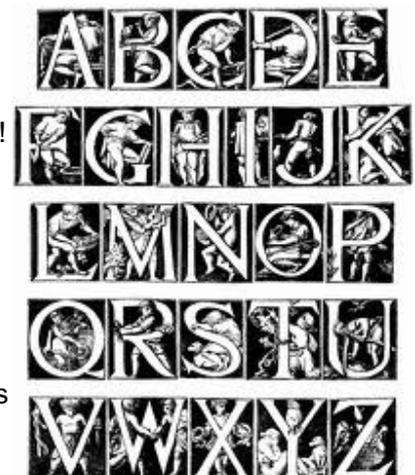
News from the Burton Art gallery & Museum

This month comes in with a splash – and I hope I don't mean the weather! This splash is COLOUR, with every letter a capital, because our school children are providing it in cartloads with the Torridge Schools Exhibition, which you will find in gallery 1. All around the walls, and covering most of the floor area, are our children's creations – in all dimensions; sculptures and wall-hangings, portraits by young artists from 5 to 18 years, showing how they see the world, letting their imaginations roam around a subject. The curriculum they follow sometimes leads their creativity, but each young person interprets it in different ways, and that is what makes this exhibition so special. So for just over 4 weeks, every parent, grandparent, brother and sister of our artists, will no doubt frequent the Burton on more than one occasion, to revel in this explosion of delight.

In gallery 2, from 11th February, Michael Craig Martin presents '**Alphabet 2007**', complete with stories mainly for young people, but adults will enjoy joining in, too. Michael's idea is not to go along with the usual 'A is for Apple', 'C is for Cat' and so on, but to subtly fit unusual objects onto the alphabetical character. Each letter will have an object somewhere in the picture, and it will require a little thought to decide what it might be. If you see a knife within the letter 'C' you may relate it to the act of 'cutting' – see what I mean? This exhibition is colourful and thought-provoking, and when children are introduced to it, they will no doubt think quite differently from the adults accompanying them! Michael was born in Dublin in 1941, and educated in the U.S.A. at Yale university. When he came back to the U.K. he became a key figure in the first generation of conceptual artists. He tutored at Goldsmiths College from 1974 to 1988, and was a Professor there from 1994 to 2000, and his influence can be seen in two generations of young British artists. The exhibition ends on 15th March.

The Friends of the Burton are holding an evening event with Tony Koorlander – 'Torridge's Secret War – Part 2' on Wednesday, 11th February at 7.30 p.m. Tickets from the Gallery are £5.

Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 10-4; Sunday: 11-4. Admission Free. Cafe du Parc, Craft Gallery, Shop, the Museum and the Bideford Ceramic Collection are all there for your enjoyment. **DW**





Good Age Page



Another Lad's War - Ron Clement,

One of the founder members of the North Devon Branch of the Air Crew Association, died just before Christmas. He was a charming, reserved man and one of a band of quiet heroes who flew with the RAF in WW2. He will be missed by all members of the ACA.

In 1941 aged eighteen he volunteered . After initial training in Cambridge he was posted to Peterborough for training on the Tiger Moth, a small biplane, in which he soloed.

He then went to Canada for more advanced flying training, and was awarded his wings (the coveted flying badge).

Back in England he started operational training on the Whitley and was finally posted to 1665 Squadron flying the Stirling, a four-engine bomber. They were engaged in towing gliders, dropping Para-troopers and secret agents ;also supplies to the resistance movements in Europe and Norway.

On 6th June 1944, D Day, ('Overlord') Ron's squadron's job was to drop paratroops on Caen the French town, pivotal to the allies break out from the beaches.

Ron and his crew made four desperate flights to relieve the Paras at Arnhem, twice towing Gliders and twice to re supply the encircled troops

In June 1945 Ron converted to the Halifax, another four engine bomber. This time he was involved in a variety of jobs. One operation, called "Doomsday" was transporting troops to Norway to accept the German surrender. He also towed a glider to Naples via Istres (France) and Rome.His last job was to bring home Prisoners of War

He left the RAF in 1946, and returned to Barnstaple where he married his childhood sweetheart, Ena. and they had one daughter.He flew 33 operations and was "Mentioned in Dispatches"



Michael Darling for and on behalf of the Air Crew Association

East the Water School Football Team 1948

Derek Barnes has kindly sent us this photo. (Assisted with the names by Victor Hookway and Gerald Ford)

They are top left:-

V Hookway,D Holliman.D Sherborne,R Seldon,R Oke, T Saltern,K Ebsworthy

Bottom Row T Fishleigh, A Tithecott, A Daniels (Captain) , J Conibeare, G Ford



Bank End Chapel

Does anyone remember this ?

Betty Tucker

Crumbs of Comfort.

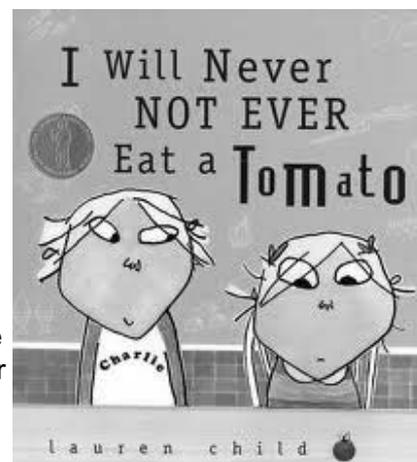
If you are unlucky enough to have a toddler who is a fussy eater, mealtimes can be incredibly stressful. Perhaps one crumb of comfort might be to know that you are not alone.

Food problems in pre-school children are very common. This is partly because of all the new textures and tastes they are trying, and partly because your children are testing your reactions and seeing what effect their behaviour has.

Nearly all toddlers will have their likes and dislikes, or will suddenly take against food they have previously liked. Many enjoy getting the attention and reaction that food refusal gives them. But if they are a healthy weight and are eating some food from each of the food groups, don't worry.

Above all, try to relax. Some parents worry so much about a good diet for their small child that meals become tense and anxious affairs. Think about your child's food intake over a week rather than a day. The following tips have helped many parents: Make sure your child does not fill up on snacks and drinks between meals; Sit around a table together; Get your child to help prepare the meal; 'Fly' the spoon into the mouth; Pretend to be dinosaurs while eating veg like broccoli; Leave the fruit bowl in a place where hungry children can help themselves; Never try and force your child to eat, as this will only make the situation worse; Don't ever offer bribes; Set a time limit on each meal of 20-30 minutes and then clear away without comment.

If your child is becoming increasingly selective with food, go to your GP or Health Visitor.

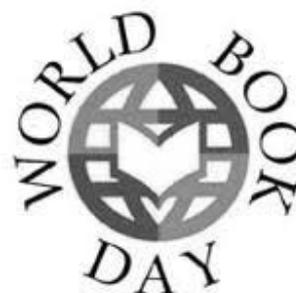


Two World Book Day Events

3rd March 10-10.30am Free Under 5's Storytime at the Burton

For under 5's, parents and carers

Stories, musical instruments and songs based on the exhibition 'Alphabet'. Run by Bideford Library staff and relocated to the Burton for one week only, join us as for this fun family activity. No need to book, just come along.



Join Tanya is forArt from the Sea.

Join Tanya Landman, author of the children's books Flotsam and Jetsam, and see what A, B, C sculptures you can make out of driftwood, and then settle down for a Flotsam and Jetsam story. Aimed at families with children over 6, this event is part of World Book Day and is a Free For families with over 6's For further information please contact the Burton

01237471455, Email: burtonartgallery@torridge.gov.uk or download a booking form from our website www.burtonartgallery.gov.uk

Bideford Library event at the Burton, funded by Bideford Library. 5th March 11am – 12 noon

also...

"All Aboard". Free fun event for parents and children (including tea), at Bideford Baptist Church Centre, Mill Street-4.30-6.00pm. Sunday 20th February
contact Lee & Michelle : 01237 473195 www.bidefordbaptist.org.uk

'Messy Church' – it's in a church and it's messy.

crafts...games...stories...tea and toast! a kids' club at St Mary's Church, Bideford on the first Wednesday of the month – next meeting is 2nd Feb we've been running for a few months now and are having a great time each month but not enough of you know we're here and we need more kids!!!
3.45 – 5.30pm. £1.00p/child or £1.50 p/family for more info please contact **debs on 07802 685547**



Get to the Library this term and...

... research your next piece of coursework with the huge non-fiction section (and if the book you need isn't there, we can get it for you).

... get your homework done away from annoying, noisy siblings- and use a computer (free for an hour).

... take home the latest best-sellers for free.

... rent a film (including new releases) for a week from only £2. (16+).2 for one until February 19th

What's it worth?

So, it's 2011. Year of the cuts. The year when belt tightening will become a national sport. The year when the value of things must be questioned – and sacrificed should they not stand up to the test of being financially viable.

On the surface, it all seems like the right thing to do. But how exactly do we decide on what should stay and what should go?

The cuts to the higher education budget give us an indication of what our society values the most. While funding to science subjects, on the whole, will remain unchanged, humanities subjects will suffer. Given that we tend to value brain surgeons higher than poets, this is hardly surprising. But by moving away from a system where everybody pays the same regardless of degree subject, under-funded humanities courses will naturally become more expensive to make up for it- and thus will, naturally, only attract the elite. This will probably please the people fervently commenting on the Daily Mail website's coverage of the recent fees protests- who accused students of 'wasting' three years on 'indulgent' arts courses, and who were fed up of 'propping students up'.

Admittedly, in these materialist times, it's difficult to prove the *economic* worth of subjects like English, History and Philosophy- because, among other reasons, students from those subjects don't tend to fall immediately into highly paid jobs after graduating. There isn't the click-of-a-finger economic benefit that a student of, say, Economics or Medicine brings to society. But in undervaluing Humanities we risk falling back into the dark ages. Study and research in these fields teach us important things about life- lessons learnt from the past and new ideas for the future. To quote philosopher John Stuart Mill, "The object of universities is not to make skilful lawyers, physicians or engineers. It is to make capable and cultivated human beings."

This all sends a very strong message- you can only enjoy the arts, benefit from these ideas, enhance your perception of the world, if you can afford it. If you can't, you must remain a machine of production, 'benefiting' society as much as you can by making money.

We may be a bit short of cash, but let's not throw our great culture away just for the sake of money. **Tom Collins**

The Youth Page wants your book, music or film reviews, your stories and your opinions— email editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk and see them in print next month!



You write

Old Town Graves

In answer to old town graves re: Nickie Joy/ Peter Christie, I recollect there were bodies assumed to be those of French prisoners of war from a bygone age at the Meddon Street Work House grounds when developing the area for accommodation. Also there is a cemetery beneath the car park at the rear of the Methodist church in the High Street.

Caleb Jarvis

Buzz reaches Canada

Over 50 years ago the Frayne family left Bideford for Canada – we have since visited the UK several times. Yesterday's mail included a copy of Bideford Buzz(November 2010) and other local newspapers I have managed to put them down long enough to write this letter My father's butchers' shop was at 66 High St -this building had now been given a new lease of life; It is exciting to see the other plans to revitalise the town I still love (I have never ceased to think of it as home)

With best wishes from Canada

Stuart Frayne

Zebras arriving by train?

In your November issue you have an article about zebras arriving at Bideford Zoo. The article states that the Zoo was only open between May 1966 and October 1970; my son was born in March 1972, not quite sure how old he was at the time, but I clearly remember going to the Zoo with my husband, son and some friends, I also have a couple of photographs (though not very good ones !)There were some animals there. I am not sure whether they were Llamas or Alpacas but they took a distinct dislike to one of our friends and spat rather a lot. The Zoo must have been open later than 1970.

Sue Hawkins (Does anyone have a plan of the original zoo? **(ed)**)

Do you have a community event taking place in the AONB?

Community events can include: festivals/shows arts/crafts nature/wildlife walks/Talks Local History Exhibitions, etc. If it's happening within the AONB, we will try to include it in our calendar.

Gigha Klinkenberg Administrator North Devon AONB & Biosphere Service
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Lot of good things in the December issue.

Michael Henderson

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More war-time memories - Does anyone else remember?

Yes - I remember the American Army Camp on Kingsley Road but my specific memory relates to the opposite side, near Heards Coach Depot, now Newton Road.

The bus from Appledore to Bideford travelled along Kingsley Road and returned via Northam Road. At the time I was a pupil at Edgehill College and travelled from Appledore on the top of the bus with various other pupils. Several of us were reported to our Head Mistress, Miss Cuthbertson Hill, by the Edgehill Bus Monitor for 'waving to the Yanks'. I wasn't guilty but, as the oldest Edgehillian on the bus, had to write a letter of apology to the Manageress of the Bus Company (office on the Quay) on behalf of us all. I dutifully wrote the letter whilst 'Cuthbert' dictated it to me - I can visualise the scene in her office even now. After I had finished she told me that I had to write it again as I had started it with 'Dear Madame' instead of 'Dear Madam'. (I later failed School Certificate French!)

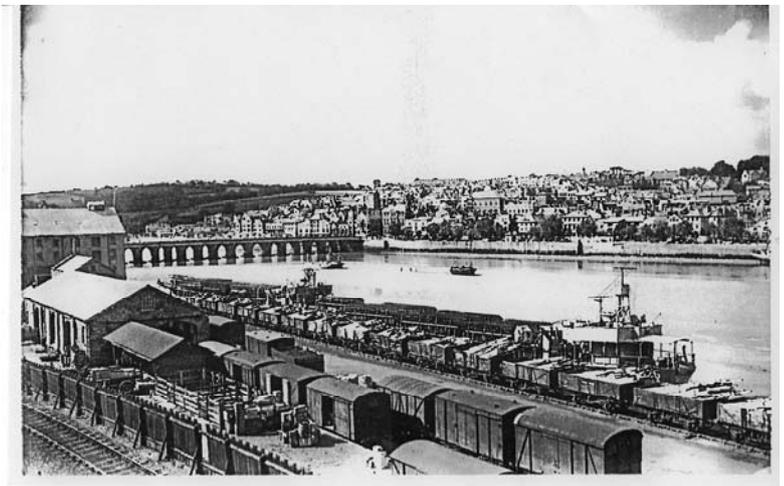
It's amazing how an injustice that happened over 60 years ago can suddenly surface! And it was all because of the Yanks! I seem to remember that Kingsley Road was resurfaced in concrete, to take their tanks/heavy vehicles, and remained bumpy for decades afterwards.

Cynthia Snowdon (nee Reed)

Photograph (courtesy of Mr D Barnes)

It shows two LCT(R) 's - stands for 'Landing Craft Tank, Rocket' - both fully armed with 1,079 five-inch rockets.

The partial pennant number (visible on the stern quarter of the nearest) seems to indicate American origin. The goods wagons seem to be carrying components for rocket rails, rather than actual rockets, which might indicate that the actual fitting-out of LCT's with a false deck and rocket rails was taking place at a nearby yard. The fact that the two are fully loaded with rockets suggests that they were engaged in training locally, as LCT(R) 's were extremely unhandy craft, and so would probably have been armed as closely as possible to their target in order to minimise risk. **TA**



Impact of World War 2 on children

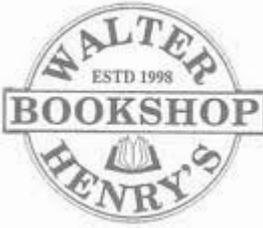
I was nine when it finished. Towards the last 2 years it seemed like one long adventure. The site where Appledore library now is was the headquarters of the 'Harbour Patrol Service'; the Navy's equivalent of Dad's army. I lived next door, was allowed in by my grandfather who served there. There were maps, sea charts and most exciting for us boys, large racks of rifles and guns which I was allowed to clean.

Opposite the library, near the slipway was a very large concrete construction called the EWS (Emergency Water Supply) It contained thousands of gallons of water to be used in the event of fires. Many of us used to drop crabs we caught into the EMS. When there was a war exercise to test the efficiency of the Appledore Fire SERVICE, the pumps were unable to draw out any water- the crabs had sunk to the bottom and formed a thick mud-like substance.

I recall being allowed to take my father's lunch to him at the shipbuilders (PK Harris) where they were building the MTBs (Motor Torpedo Boats)

In the film 'Cockleshell Heroes' the marines used canoes to reach the enemy. Similar canoes were stored on Appledore Quay given buoyancy by thousands of tennis balls. One canoe split open and there were hundreds of tennis balls in the road. Sadly we had enough to last a lifetime, but no table, net, or bats. I also remember diving off the ramps of the LCTs moored along the Quay. and going up river from Appledore in the LCT as recalled by Cynthia Snowdon, What a great life it was for us!

Anthony Powe

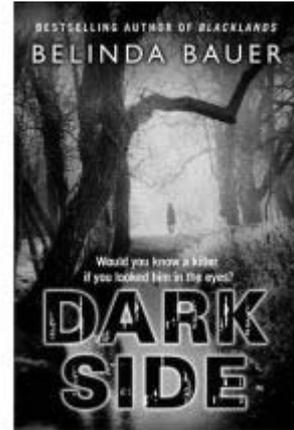


Book of the Month

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Following her award-winning novel *Blacklands*, local author Belinda Bauer's new book *Darkside* is set to thrill her crime fiction fans.

Set in the same small Exmoor town of Shipcott, a close-knit community where no stranger goes unnoticed, village policeman Jonas Holly is shocked when an elderly woman is murdered in her bed. How could someone have entered, and killed, and left no trace? Jonas gave up a career in the Met to look after his wife, Lucy, who is suffering with MS. As he looks on helpless at what the condition is doing to her, he finds himself in the same situation professionally, when he is sidelined by Detective Chief Inspector Marvel who is brought in to take over the case. Is his first murder investigation over before it's begun?



But this isn't the end for Jonas, because someone in the village blames him for the tragedy. Someone seems to know every move he makes. Someone thinks he's not doing his job. And when the killer claims another vulnerable victim, these taunts turn into sinister threats. Blinded by rising paranoia, relentless snow and fear for his own invalid wife, Jonas strikes out alone on a mystifying hunt. But the threats don't stop – and neither do the murders..." **Darkside by Belinda Bauer is published by Transworld in Hardback at £12.99**

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Book News

'Ice in every carriage'

We have been introduced on television, most recently by John Sergeant, to the wonders of the huge Indian railway system. I was very fortunate, only five years after Indian independence, to spend many months travelling and sometimes sleeping on Indian trains. I celebrated my 21st birthday in Calcutta, as it was then called, working as an electrician backstage in a theatre. I wrote my first news story in the paper Amrita Bazar Patrika. It was a trip that helped shape my life.

I was part of an international group of 200 people with four stage plays who spent eight months in 1952-53 in India, Pakistan and Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). We had been invited by leaders of those countries to help undergird their newly democratic framework. I tell the story in my latest book, **Ice in Every Carriage** which has just come into the Devon library system. The title refers to the fact that before air conditioning the method of keeping cool was to shove great blocks of ice into carriages at stations.

In a foreword Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of the Mahatma, describes the book as 'a priceless record of a bold, multicultural initiative by civil society at a time when people did not use such phrases, a proof that history is often made by people usually missed out by historians'.

The British Asian paper Eastern Eye wrote, 'The book records meetings between Indians, Pakistanis and Sri Lankans just five years into Independence. The surprising result was that many of them found skin colour and religious differences fell away when they met each other face to face.'

Michael Henderson

Perfume

The books chosen for Bideford Library Readers' Group are always an unknown entity but Perfume was a completely compelling experience.

Well where to begin? It was not a book to enjoy but it was certainly one which became unputdownable as the novel progressed.

It is the story of Grenouille, born into eighteenth century Paris, with its harshness, poverty and hopelessness of the lower classes. Grenouille has an extreme sense of smell, there are descriptions of smells such as brass door knobs and of babies smelling of caramel, plus so many more odours which are both delicious and obnoxious. Unfortunately the main character himself has no smell of his own and so everyone is either oblivious to him or takes an intense dislike to him. His aim is to capture the essence of a young girl in order to create the ultimate, sublime perfume and so he becomes a murderer.

The group felt that the novel engaged and repelled at the same time. There were elements of nightmares, fairy tales, and religious allegory. It is not a book about characters or events; even Grenouille does not inspire feelings of love or hate or pity. He is totally without a sense of right or wrong and therefore the reader does not make any moral judgements about him.

It is a fascinating, extremely unusual and brilliantly written novel not to everyone's taste but the group gave it 9 out of 10.

It is available on DVD at Bideford Library and as a group we have decided to watch it and compare the book with the film, so if you don't fancy reading the novel, perhaps you could try the DVD.

Although neither is for the faint hearted as some of the descriptions involve foul contents and extremely imaginative descriptions of smells and their origins!!

Jenny Hacker

(Bideford Readers' Group meet at Bideford Library on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 2pm)

"Uncle Willow's Tales from Allhalland Street" by Endymion Beer are narrated by Willow, the border collie dog, who made his first appearance in Exmoor magazine. The tales revolve around Allhalland Street and the animal shop keeper's antics. Willow, SPRA's shop manager and Onny the black cat - his trustee assistant. Watch out for baddie, Captain Shanty the robber rat and singer of rude songs and his pirate crew the Rotten Rat Wreckers who steal the Kathleen and May! £4.99, and you can purchase them from SPRA Charity Shop in Allhalland Street or by ordering them from HQ. Tel 01805 624438.



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Fri 11 / Sat 12 February
Gulliver's Travels (PG)
at Bideford College Fri 18 February

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Family History

Welcome once more to our Family History section and a Happy New Year to you all. I must say that I am delighted at your response, both with enquiries and numbers that have attended our meetings at the Burton Art Museum during 2010. Well I suppose that many of you are playing with your presents be they family history related or not. Well I am going to offer another present in the form of a Family History Research session which, with the help of Rose Arno and Margaret Shambrook, the Bideford Librarians, we intend to start at the library.

To get onto a session you will have to book through the library. Each session will last 45 minutes, will be on Wednesday mornings, and we hope to help you get started or move forward with your research. There will be 3 sessions to begin with at 9.45, 10.30, 11.15. First come first served. The library number is 01237 476075.

The next meeting of the Devon Family History Society, Bideford Group, will be on Sat 19th of February at the Burton Art Gallery and Museum. 2.00pm - 4.00pm and is free to all. Our speaker at this meeting will be Andy Powell, the Town Mayor, who will be talking about the Lost Colony of Roanoke Island. This was the first English Colony on the Americas in 1584 from which over 150 settlers disappeared. Some were reputed to come from North Devon.

If you have any queries or questions, then please phone me **Len Collum, 01237 472883**.



King Arthur is back

The Arthurian legend is coming back to the West Country in the classic musical, 'Camelot'. Although this production is being put on at the Queen's Theatre in Barnstaple by Barnstaple Amateur Operatic Society, a high proportion of the cast actually come from Bideford, including three main Principal parts of **Arthur and Guenevere played by Ian Gray and Ana Clements respectively and Merlin, played by Tom Storzaker**. Camelot is at the Queen's Theatre from 22nd to 26th March. Tickets can be obtained from the Queen's Theatre Box Office on 01271 324242 from £8

The book festival has got everything except a treasurer!

Members of the Committee of the Appledore Book Festival heard that the Festival is in great shape except for the lack of a Treasurer. After five years Roger Allen feels he can step down, safely, and hand over the enterprise to someone else, in full knowledge that everything is in immaculate order as required by the Charities Commission.

Ideally, the new person will have relevant experience as a treasurer, or working in a finance-related job although anyone with a love of books and an ability to keep accounts is welcome to get in touch.

In the words of director Nick Arnold. "ABF also stands for Appledore Book FUN and it would be a great shame if, following the best ever Festival in 2010, it stumbles at a simple hurdle like the lack of a treasurer. Let's keep up the momentum and make 2011 even better."

Penny Tomlinson the ABF Volunteer Co-ordinator would love to hear from someone soon.
info@appledorebookfestival.co.uk or write to Penny at Appledore Book Festival, c/o Appledore Library, The Quay, Appledore, Devon EX39 1QST

Walking for health

There are 'Walking for Health' groups currently operating in Bideford and Torrington. Transform and TTVS have received 18 month's grant funding from the North Devon AONB and Biosphere Service to enable the groups to grow and reach more new walkers, and to set up new groups where there is demand. To learn more about Walking for Health in North Devon and Torrington contact Transform (01271 867131) and TTVS (01805 625614) respectively. All the Group's walks' programmes can be found at www.wfh.naturalengland.org.uk/walkfinder

Scene and Heard

Curl up with a DVD this winter. Libraries have a promotion on up until 19th February: 3 DVDs for the price of two. You can rent a wide selection, from as little as £1. Lots of new titles to choose from, and here are a couple.

Salt – DVD starring Angelina Jolie

Jolie plays Evelyn Salt, a CIA officer who is accused of being a Russian spy. She goes on the run and tries to prove her innocence. The film is action-packed from start to finish. It is slightly predictable in places, but nevertheless great entertainment and well worth watching.

The Last Airbender (DVD)

A live-action adaptation of the animated TV episodes. This is a blockbuster of epic proportions. It's exciting with great escapism. Creatures, characters and story line are all good and believable. Good vs bad action and is great for the kids. Good family film too. Watch it together.

And to listen to:

Madness – Mad Not Mad (CD)

This is a 2 CD and 1 DVD set. This is probably the boys finest studio album and captures them as their most political. They have always produced interesting stuff and this is no exception. A good package.

Imelda May – Mayhem (CD)

A brilliant CD. Imelda May has personality and a great voice. An artist of real talent and if you like "proper" music you will love this. Features the remix of "Johnny got a boom boom"

MP

One Hundred years ago from the Bideford Gazette

New Year's Day at the Workhouse

The entertainment was held on Monday 2nd January when a good substantial dinner was served comprising of rounds of beef with plenty of plum pudding. The men received packets of tobacco or money value in lieu and the women packets of tea and sugar. The children were given sweets and oranges

Abbotsham

A noteworthy feature in the returns for the Bideford District-not a single birth was registered for the parish of Abbotsham for the year 1910 (**see also our article on Abbotsham on page 3**)

Advertisement

'Advice to Mothers- Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of **Mrs Winslow's soothing syrup**. It produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain the little cherub awakes bright as a button. Contains no poison 1d a bottle

All British Shopping week from March 27th to April 3rd- Walter H Chope 13/14/High St Bideford

In order to encourage the sale of drapery goods of British manufacture, I shall make a special window display of all British or mainly British productions on the above dates

Mike Davy

Local Nature reserves

Members on Torridge District Council's Community and Resources Committee have voted in favour of the designation of the informal nature reserve at Kynochs, East-the Water, Bideford, as a Local Nature Reserve. They also voted in favour of obtaining delegated authority for Bideford Town Council to designate Ford Woods, Devonshire Park, as a Local Nature Reserve as well.



THE SHIPPING NEWS



No shipping at Bideford since last issue. At the time of going to press the **Rorichmoor** due to load 17th January; full details in March .

Arco Dart 21.11.10; 22.11.10; 24.11.10; 5.12.10;
Oldenburg has been to Sharpness for Drydocking and returned to the Quay on Saturday 4.12.10 to await new season sailing to Lundy.

According to Captain Hoad there will be various visits of vessels and barges to the shipyard during March, Sept, and November 2011 and 5 shipments in 2012 to collect pieces for the new aircraft carriers being built at Rosyth.

Capt Hoad reported on the 18th November 2010 the death of the former Harbour Master Capt John Hopkins who also did relief work on the Oldenburg until 2008

Bristol Channel Observations

15.11.10 at 15.45 hrs cargo vessels **Koriangi** 2300 tons d.w owners' Orion Shipping Co Russia inward bound for Newport.

20.11.10 at 0852 two vessel together the dredger **UKD Orca** 3775 tons d.w owners associated British Ports London and the cargo vessel **Jonsen** 2210 tons d.w owners' Millwood Shipping Inc UK, inward bound for Avonmouth; at 13.40 hrs cargo vessel **Celtic King** 6250 tons d.w owners Charles W. Willie of Cardiff, outward bound from Avonmouth, having sailed at 09.50 hrs

23.11.10 at 11.46 hrs cargo vessel **Frigga** 4216 tons d.w owners' Sia Quarius Ship Management Co Latvia, inward bound for Newport; at 11.55 hrs cargo vessel **Echoing** 3675 tons d.w owners' Gerhard Wessel Germany Co Latvia, inward bound for Briton Ferry; at 16.00 hrs cargo vessel **Gaastborg** 4000 tons d.w owners Wagenborg Shipping BV Holland, inward bound for Avonmouth

24.11.10 at 11.31 hrs cargo vessel **Mechanic Brillion** 2636 tons d.w owners Joint Stock Northern Shipping Co Russia, outward bound from Newport.

1.12.10 at 08.20 hrs vehicle carrier **Baltic Breeze** 12486 tons d.w owners Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics Norway & Sweden. inward bound for Portbury.

3.12.10 at 11.20 hrs Royal Navy Landing Platform Dock **HMS Albion** L 14, displacement 18500 tons 21,500 tons flooded, seen in Bideford Bay Saturday and Sunday. Many thanks to the lady from Westward Ho! who rang me to give me the pennant number? She also identified the same vessel in the bay in September. Seen on **6.12.10** at 13.50 hrs heading south presumably heading for her home base Plymouth.

18.12.10 at 15.55 hrs two vessels firstly the cargo vessel **Ida** 2018 tons d.w owners Interscan Schiffahrts GMBH Germany inward bound for Newport and the second vessel vehicle carrier **Grand Benelux** 12594 tons d.w owners Grimaldi line of Italy, inward bound Portbury.

19.12.10 at 08.50 hrs chemical tanker Dutch Navigator 6221 tons d.w owners Pungelaer Netherlands, outward bound from Cardiff or Barry.

27.12.10 at 14.00 hrs vehicle carrier **Tranquily Ace** 18840 tons d.w owners' Pisces Line Shipping SA Japan, inward bound for Portbury.

2.1.11 at 12.00 hrs vehicle carrier **Electra** 22588 tons d.w owners Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics Norway and Sweden, outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 09.19 hrs.

11.1.11 at 14.22 hrs cargo vessel **Osteborg** 3030 tons d.w unknown owners Wagenborg Shipping BV Netherlands, inward bound for Newport.

Apologies for the gaps in sightings but weather conditions have not been good in particular during the period around Xmas with all the snow showers etc.

Finally I have recently sighted, via Bideford Library, shipping reports for Bideford for the early 90s for use in future editions and would like to hear from anybody who collated the information; please could you ring me on 01271 861183 or email Normhrdkr@aol.com Regards **Norman**

February Diary 2011

Tuesday 1st

Palladium Club 'Jam Night'
'www.palladiumclub..co.uk 478860
7.30pm Northam Choral Society at Methodist Church Hall Northam tel 429080 Bideford Camera Club at Youth Centre tel 423242

Wednesday 2nd

2pm Bideford Readers' Group at Bideford Library tel 476075

Thursday 3rd

2.15 pm Thursday Fellowship tel 421956

7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho!

North Devon Fuchsia Society meets at Springfield Centre Chanters Rd tel 01271 831292

Friday 4th

7.45pm Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! Tel 01769 540309

Palladium Club 'Maybe naked' - rock covers band www.palladiumclub..co.uk 478860

Saturday 5th

10am Book and Jigsaw swap Northam Community Centre tel 423292

Palladium Club Wendy May's Boom Boom Room' www.palladiumclub..co.uk 478860

Sunday 6th

8am St Mary's Church Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

11.15am St Mary's at Wings

7.00pm Evensong

2pm-5pm Cherubee Gardens Dolton open for charity 01805 804265 www.ngs.org.uk

8.30pm Quiz at Seagate Hotel Appledore

Monday 7th

10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close tel 07923536908

7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at Appledore School

www.theappledoresingers.co.uk

8.30pm. North Devon Jazz Club, The Beaver, Appledore. Tel 421065

Tuesday 8th

10:15 North Devon Ramblers Kipling Tors Coast Path . Info: 01271 863727

10.30am Macular Disease Society meets at Burton Art Gallery Peter Ellis 01409 231309

7.30pm Northam Choral Society at Methodist Church Hall Northam tel 429080 Bideford Camera Club at Youth Centre tel 423242

Palladium Club 'Jam Night'

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Wednesday 9th

10.15 Bideford Probus at Royal Hotel tel 423153

2.30pm Bideford Library Group tel 476075 for details/transport

Thursday 10th

11am-1pm Carers' Support Group at Rosehill Northam tel 420137 for details

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship tel 421956

7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho!

Friday 11th

7.30pm Quiz Night at Instow Village Hall Proceeds to North Devon Hospice tel Jenny Rutter 422710

Palladium Club Miss Quincy - Canadian queen of roots/blues

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7.45pm Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! Tel 01769 540309

Saturday 12th

2.30p - 4.30pm Bideford Sustainability Group Skills Workshops at the Baptist Church Hall tel 422577

Palladium Club Lunacy/ Assassins of Sound rock www.palladiumclub..co.uk 478860

Sunday 13th

8am St Mary's Church Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

8.30pm Quiz at Seagate hotel

Appledore

Monday 14th

10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close tel 07923536908

7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at Appledore School

Bideford Stamp Club at Bideford Youth Centre tel 472101

Tuesday 15th

10.30am North Devon Lupus group coffee and chat Burton Art Gallery Cafe 01803 203318.

7.30pm Bideford Sustainability Group meeting at Bideford Council Chamber, tel 422577

Palladium Club 'Jamnight'

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7.30pm Bideford Camera Club Bideford Youth Centre, Kingsley Road 01237 423242

Wednesday 16th

2.15pm Meditation at Bideford Library 476075 entrance via town hall.

7.30pm Bideford Music Club concert at Methodist Church Hall tel 423112

Thursday 17th

11-1pm Carers' Support Group at Rosehill Northam 420137 for details

7pm Bideford Well-being Centre

'Shamanism' 07799 300312

7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho!

Buckland Brewer Gardening club in village hall

Friday 18th

2pm Devonshire Association at Burton Art Gallery tel 477701

Palladium Club '3 daft monkeys'/the Chloe Bix band - folk rock

'www.palladiumclub..co.uk 478860

7.45pm Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! Tel 01769 540309

Saturday 19th

2pm Bideford Family History Society at Burton 472883

Palladium Club 'The Dead Betas'/letch - punky original rock 478860

7.30pm Bucks Cross Village Hall

Quiz tel 431151

Sunday 20th

8am St Mary's Church Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

11.30am Children's Church

7pm Taize

Torrige Ramblers' afternoon walk Ring 01805 625485 for details

Palladium Club Oxp/letch - French original rock band 478860

Monday 21st

7pm-9pm Carers Link Support Group meets at Marlborough Court , tel: 01271 372811.

7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at Appledore School

Appledore Amateur Radio club meets at Appledore football social club tel 473251

Tuesday 22nd

7.30pm Northam Choral Society at Methodist Church Hall Northam tel 429080 Bideford Camera Club at Youth Centre tel 4232

Palladium Club 'Jam Night'
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Wednesday 23rd

10.15 Bideford Probus at Royal Hotel tel 423153

7.30pm North Devon Humanists meet at Fremington Parish Hall (annexe) tel 474225

Thursday 24th

11am-1pm Carers' Support Group at Rosehill Northam 420137 for details

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship tel 421956

Friday 25th

Palladium Club 'Nil by Mouth'

'www.palladiumclub..co.uk 478860

Saturday 26th

10am-3pm. Bideford Wellbeing Centre Open Day. Proceeds to Carers of Dementia. 3rd Floor, Old Post Office Chambers, 74a High Street

Palladium Club Ahab - 4 part harmony country rock

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Sunday 27th

8am St Mary's Church Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

Laurel Bash @ Ford Woods Rupert Hawley 423655 or email rupert.hawley@devon.gov.uk

Monday 28th

10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close tel

07923536908

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Tower at Woolser Community Hall.
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