

IDEFORD BUZZ



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

Friends of **Bideford** Buzz

Do come along to the Bideford Buzz AGM and fundraising evening at 7.00pm on Tuesday 24th May 2011 at **Bideford Library:**

- ★ Share your views and suggestions about Buzz.
- ★ Enjoy a drink with some light refreshments.
- ★ Pit your wits in a quiz.
- ★ Take the opportunity to see a unique collection of photographs of the Bideford area, which may be purchased on the night.
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Tickets £3.00 – includes refreshments. available at the Library or on the night.

Proceeds to Bideford Buzz - All welcome!



Thank you ...

A big thank you to all the advertisers and contributors who rallied round last month as a result of the Buzz appeal for help. We would love to see you all at our event on the 24th May. Come and find out more about what we do and perhaps join our team of volunteers.

Quiz Question

Name this bird

(Answer on back page)

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C is for Clovelly

Clovelly is now famous as one of the most picturesque villages in England, and receives huge numbers of visitors each summer. However it remained just a small herring fishing port, quite unknown to the outside world, until writers such as Charles Kingsley and Charles Dickens first wrote about it in the mid-nineteenth century. Charles Kingsley, whose father was rector in Clovelly in 1830-36, featured Clovelly extensively in "Westward Ho!" in 1855, as did Charles Dickens in "A Message from the Sea", first published in 1860. In fact no-one one has ever produced a more evocative description of it than Dickens, though he did not explicitly identify the village in which he set his story as Clovelly, instead calling it Steepways:



". the village was built sheer up the face of a steep and lofty cliff. There was no road in it, there was no wheeled vehicle in it, there was not a level yard in it. From the sea-beach to the cliff-top two irregular rows of white houses, placed opposite to one another, and twisting here and there, and there and here, rose, like the sides of a long succession of stages of crooked ladders, and you climbed up the village or you climbed down the village by the staves between, some six feet wide or so, and made of sharp irregular stones. The old pack-saddle, long ago laid aside in most parts of England, as one of the appendages of its infancy, flourished here intact. Strings of pack-horses and pack-donkeys toiled slowly up the staves of the ladders, bearing fish, and coal, and such other cargo as was unshipping at the pier from the dancing fleet of village boats, and from two or three little coasting traders. As the beasts of burden ascended laden, or descended light, they got so lost at intervals in the floating clouds of village smoke, that they seemed to dive down some of the village chimneys, and come to the surface again far off, high above the others. No two houses in the village were alike, in chimney, size, shape, door, window, gable, roof-tree, anything. The sides of the ladders were musical with water. running clear and bright. The staves were musical with the clattering feet of the pack-horses and packdonkeys, and the voices of the fishermen urging them up, mingled with the voices of the fishermen's wives and their many children. The pier was musical with the wash of the sea, the creaking of capstans and windlasses, and the airy fluttering of little vanes and sails. The rough, sea-bleached boulders of which the pier was made, and the whiter boulders of the shore, were brown with drying nets. The red-brown cliffs, richly wooded to their extremest verge, had their softened and beautiful forms reflected in the bluest water, under the clear North Devon sky of a November day without a cloud. The village itself was so steeped in autumnal foliage, from the houses lying on the pier to the topmost round of the topmost ladder, that one might have fancied it was out a bird's-nesting, and was (as indeed it was) a wonderful climber."

No wonder the tourists started descending on Clovelly. Though the herring fleets are long gone the houses, the stepped cobbled street, and the donkeys remain. So, thanks to the care with which the village has been preserved, tourists still flock to it in their thousands. But visit Clovelly out of season, or stay overnight and explore it during a summer evening after they have gone, and you'll find that it remains a veritable Steepways.

Brian Randell

P.S. Even if you cannot visit Clovelly, you might like to visit my web page at: http://genuki.cs.ncl.ac.uk/DEV/Clovelly/

An Elm on the Quay

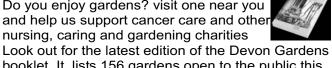
Thank you Philip Jones for alerting us to this rare sight – an Elm tree just coming into flower - near the HSBC Bank on Bideford Quay Photo © Robin Stowell)

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The National Gardens Scheme - Devon gardens booklet is here!

Do you enjoy gardens? visit one near you and help us support cancer care and other nursing, caring and gardening charities



booklet. It lists 156 gardens open to the public this year under the auspices of The National Gardens Scheme (NGS) to raise money for charities. The booklets are available now at most garden centres. tourist information centres and libraries or by sending an A5, S.A.E. to Edward Allhusen, Devon NGS, Sutton Mead, Moretonhampstead, Devon TQ13, 8PW. Or visit www.ngs.org.uk

Local gardens open in May

Mill Street Gardens, Great Torrington, EX38 8AW Suns 15 May; 12 June (2-6)

Gorwell House, Barnstaple, EX32 7JP Sundays 8 May; 12 June; 10 July and 11 Sept (2pm-6pm.) The Old Rectory, Ashford, Barnstaple, EX31 4BY Suns 8 May; 12 June; 10 July and 11 Sept (2pm-6pm.) St Merryn, Braunton, EX33 2LG: Suns 15 May; 12 June; 10 July Sept (11-5).

Langtrees Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1ND Suns 15 May; 19 June (2 -6)

Northam Lodge Dates for your diary Saturday June 11th A Maurice Heather Charity Presentation on behalf of Northam Lodge will feature Tamsin Ball, North Devon's new singing sensation, along with a variety of other spectacular acts at the Pier House (the old Elizabethan) in Westward Ho! tickets from the ticket hotline on 01237.470006 £8.00 each.

Friday June 17th A cruise up the estuary on the MS Oldenburg departing from Bideford Quay at 6.00pm for 2 hours sailing to the strains of the Alan Lewis All Stars Jazz Band. This is a very popular event and tickets are already selling fast (£14); Fiona White or Annabel Cope at Northam Lodge on 01237.477238, or tickets@northamlodge.co.uk.

The Appledore Singers a most respected and popular part of the local music scene are delighted to perform at church concerts across North Devon to help raise finances, as well as at weddings, charity fundraisers and other events. This spring they appear Milton Damerel Church (2.30pm Sunday 8th May) and a special concert with The Two Rivers Ensemble at Christ Church, Barnstaple (7.30pm Friday 13th May). You'll enjoy wonderful entertainment and come home feeling good!

Bideford Camera Club

Local Bideford photographer John Ward, won the coveted Western Counties Photographic Federation Knightshaves Trophy 2011 competition. John, a member of the Bideford Camera Club only entered one image for the competition which had to depict the theme of 'Missing'. The President of the Federation Brian Galbraith judged the competition and presented the trophy to John at their annual meeting at Clyst St Mary in March. John joined the club about three years ago to learn more about photography, and has now made a name for himself locally with his beautiful close up images of nature and atmospheric landscapes of North Devon. Bideford Camera Club meets in the Community Room at the Bideford Youth Centre Kingsley Rd, off the Pill Car Park, on Tuesday evenings, 7.30 till 9.45 from September to April. Call Carole for more details on 01237 423242

Bideford Town band

The committee and members of Bideford Town band are delighted to announce that they have completed the purchase of their new band room and gained possession of the keys on Friday 25th March. There are some internal modifications to be made and the band hopes to move in during May with a ceremony including a parade from the old band room to the new.

The band has never owned its own room before so this is a significant event in its history.

The building is known as Riverside Studio and is ideally situated in the corner of Victoria park. It has had several functions including pumping station and Tourist information office.

Tim Watts

Library Survey

This ends on 7th May 2011. Comments can be sent to librarysurvey@devon.gov.uk or phone 08451551001 or collect a form from any library.

Barnstaple Lions Club 'Barnstaple Family Picnic' in conjunction with National Family Week, will be held on Monday 30th May, 11.30am -4.00pm. raising money for Children's Hospice South West, Contact Briony McDonald on 01271 325270 for details

One Hundred Years ago from the Bideford Gazette

Bideford Court

At Bideford Town Hall before the Mayor, Mr J.U.Fulford, a man and woman were charged 'that in New Street they were singing to gather alms.' The female prisoner was let off and the man was sent to prison for fourteen days.

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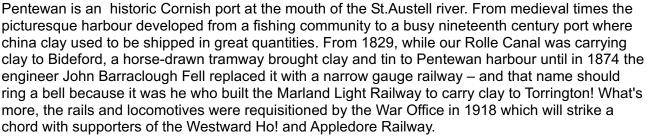
G Boyles, Cycle works, Queen St, Bideford

Mike Davy

The Rolle Canal Society – an Illustrated talk followed by an away visit to Cornwall.

The Society will once again be holding its Annual General Meeting in the Lecture Theatre at Rosemoor Gardens, Torrington, thanks to the generosity of the Royal Horticultural Society.

All members of the public are welcome and after a brief formal meeting there will be an illustrated talk by Mr. R. Evans on "Pentewan in the past". The meeting starts at **2:00 pm on Sunday, May 8th.** followed by the talk at about 2:30. What's more, there is no admission charge to the gardens for those coming to the event.



The talk on May 8th will be followed by a guided walk around the historic village a week later on **Sunday May 15th** which again is open to all and should be a really interesting day out. For details of transport and costs, contact **Adrian Wills on tel: 01237 477705or emailinfo@TheRolleCanal.co.uk>**

Peculiar Folk

Local folk singing group Peculiar Folk has re-formed gaining the experience of regular folkers, lan and Julia Parsons. The six-strong group now has two guitarists and various percussion instruments, plus the famous 'Lager Stick'. Entertainment includes English, Scottish and Irish traditional folk, modern American folk, sea shanties and comedy songs and poems. Tony Jordan with piano accordion, regularly accompanies them and is in their forthcoming concert at 'The Cream Teas Afternoon,' All Hallows Church, Woolsery, **Sunday 15th May at 2.30pm.** Tickets £5 including cream tea; in aid of church funds. Contact **01237 440055** for further information.

Torridge Male Voice Choir

A popular male voice choir with members from Bideford and Hartland and local north Devon villages. Concerts are always popular, and they were fortunate to join in a celebration of Welsh and English music at Bideford Methodist Church recently. Come and hear them at Emmanuel Church, Ilfracombe at 8.00pm on Wednesday 4th May, and Langtree Parish Church at 7.00pm on Sunday 5th June. New members are welcome at their practise evenings at Woolsery Community Hall, 8.00m Tuesdays.

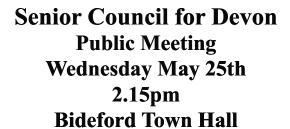




Strength in later life

All ages Welcome! Come and hear Naomi and find out about how Parliament works and what we can do to influence those making vital decisions on our behalf. Free Refreshments

Good Age Page



Naomi Kent

from the

Parliamentary Outreach Team will be speaking on

Getting our Voices Heard

How to become more involved with Parliament.

The Senior Council

exists to represent all Older People in our community

Free membership – make your views known Further details of SCfD from Alan Rayner (alanr555@waitrose.com) – 01237 479711.



Memory Cafe has opened at the Northam Hall, junction of Fore Street and Heywood Road (near the War Memorial).

This is a free amenity where people with a dementia and their families/friends can visit for mutual support and share experiences.

When? third Friday of each month, from 10am – 12pm (next one 20th May) - just turn up and you will be welcomed by our staff and volunteers with a cup of tea/coffee and cake. If you would like to find out more please contact Emma on 01237 420136, ebaldwin@torridgecvs.org.uk, visit www.northdevonmemorycafes.org.uk - (dates will be in Buzz diary each month.)

Bideford Dysphasia Support Group urgently needs volunteers.

We help people whose speech has been affected by strokes. Our members are sharp and bright but need to regain their confidence to communicate in a supportive atmosphere. Like someone with a stammer, the words won't always come. We encourage, we laugh, we argue, we talk a lot-will you join us?

Contact Cammie on 07713 629774

Breaking 'The Last Taboo' - Learning to Talk About Dying

Dying Matters awareness week takes place from 16th – 22nd May, with events being staged all around the country. (see Buzz diary for details of events locally)

True Story

Mother-in law (about to celebrate her 100th birthday in May)
Mother 'Let's see - aren't my friends coming?' (to her birthday party)
Daughter 'Well no Mum, there's only room for family'
Mother 'Oh I wasn't talking about my birthday – I was talking about my funeral!'



BIDEFORD BAY CHILDREN'S CENTRE PAGE



Smile - it's time to look after your teeth.

Few facial expressions are as powerful as a smile. And for a great smile you need great teeth. The good news is that children's dental health is the best since records began.

Teeth need to be looked after from the moment they start coming through. Not only are they needed for gorgeous smiles, teeth are vital for eating, speech and confidence.

The golden rules to a great smile for your child are:

Brush your child's teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste. Guide your child's hand so they can feel the correct movement and use a mirror so your child can see exactly where the brush is cleaning. Make tooth brushing as fun as possible, use an egg timer to time it for at least two minutes. Cut down on how often your child has sugary foods and drinks. Sugary, acidic foods once a day won't cause as much damage to your child's teeth as the same amount spread throughout the day. Water and milk are the best drinks for your child's teeth.

Many toddlers enjoy using disclosing tablets. They can help you show your child any areas that have been missed when brushing.

*Take your child to the dentist regularly- it's free on the NHS. Be positive about it and make the trip fun - this can help your child not to worry about future visits.

To find a dentist call NHS Direct on 0845 4647 or go online to www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories

Juliet Moulton Project Worker for Information Bideford Bay Children's Centre

01237 425752 www.bidefordbaychildrenscentre.org.uk

Hi there, kids! Are you aged between 8 and 12? If so, I have good news for you – every last Saturday of every month, you can pop along to the Burton Gallery in Kingsley Road, Bideford, at 10 o'clock and have a great couple of hours making things – using paints and all sorts of odds and ends to make something to take home and show the family; or use the BOOK OF BRILLIANCE that other children have made, to use when you take a look round the Gallery. Karen Hawkins is the lady in charge, and she'll show you just how clever you can be with your own hands and a few exciting ideas. And it's all FREE!

The **Ceramic Collection** on the first floor, next to the Museum, is entertaining young and old with the video screen, making a virtual pot, colouring shapes, and so on. **On 31st May,** children can come and design the sgraffito – just like the harvest jugs in the Collection – for a jug, and will be able to print out their ideas. Booking is necessary, (01237 471455) and the cost for the 10am to 4pm day is £15.

Kids Krate, Every Friday at the Burton 1–3pm £1 Donation, Under 5's and Families Whether it's glue and glitter, clay or chalks there's always something fun for the Under 5s to do.

Play provision extension for Victoria Park

The Torridge Culture and Leisure team, in partnership with the local special needs group, Parent Carers' voice, have secured £49,000 funding from Community Spaces to extend the popular children's play area in Bideford's Victoria Park. The money, which comes from a Groundwork UK's Open Grants Department is in addition to the £28,000 recently secured by the Authority for the construction of the admired and well-used new play fort, and will be used to create a unique destination play area for Torridge. Additional pieces of all-inclusive play equipment will be erected, improved access pathways put down, a hedge line to separate the area from the football pitch will be planted and seating for parents will be provided. Commencement will happen in May with a proposed completion date in August. **Culture and Leisure team 01237 428737**





"If a learner says everything is okay, then they're clearly lying" - Shaun Chowen NUS

As I sit down to my first NUS National Conference at Newcastle-Gateshead, I'm the first to admit I have no idea what is going on. Being the local FE rep for my college is a fair wodge of a responsibility; here we vote upon the next NUS President, the motions to be put into practice by the NUS in the following year and a whole host of other things vital to the running of the union, on behalf of the thousands of students I represent. By the time I'd left after our epic three day stint, I'm still the first to admit I don't really know all that much, I guess I'm what they'd describe as a "noob" to the world of National NUS Conferences. but I've certainly left with something. Though what that something is, is perhaps a little harder to define. As Shane Chowen, NUS Vice President for Further Education says "If a learner says everything is okay, then they're clearly lying", particularly in a current climate filled with worries of rising fees, education cuts and lack of support for students, learners have a lot to complain about. There's something about the hundreds of learners crammed into the conference hall, passionately debating issues integral to them, the raising of several hundred delegates in favour of a motion and a sound of the doors locking for count that exudes a certain feeling, not only of unity but more importantly of movement, power, and a real opportunity to make change. But don't get me wrong, the NUS is not one single voiced movement harking along to the same old monotone tune.

Within the presidential campaign itself we saw candidates for direct action, those against, likely labour future MPS, and even a self-confessed Tory. The NUS is not about conforming everyone's thoughts to the same hymn sheet, it's about embracing all approaches and reigns of thought, giving them all a platform to speak. As I wander round the various stalls and fringes I'm encouraged to develop and think about issues as diverse as the upcoming AV referendum and the banning of the full face veil in France. Yet ultimately NUS manages to unite all of these varying views and encompass them all under one common aim – to uphold the rights and views of our students. Even aside from the massive hubbub of the national conference, the national headlines and front page news, there's also something for every student. From there being the right change in the vending machines to the demo in London last November, NUS aims to support all students in campaigning and doing whatever they feel the voice of the students want. So if you're asking what I took from the conference, it'd have to be inspiration. The feeling that you can make a difference, can stand up and do whatever you want to. Whether you're a student or not, whatever your views on politics and in whichever way you want to, you can make a stand and stand up for what you believe him, and you can make a difference. Jem Collins

Create a difference family day and BIG charity Raffle $\ensuremath{\mathsf{A}}$

special fundraising extravaganza launches on Saturday May 28th 2011 at Torridge Vale Social Club, Torrington from 12 noon until 5.30pm. The day of events will be opened by the Mayor of Torrington. Workshops in African drumming, dance, masks, textiles and jewellery making will be led by professional artists and performers, with photography by David Meads.

Project Okurase is a UK registered charity, no: 1126490. It aims to address the HIV and AIDS crisis in Ghana by helping vulnerable and orphaned children who are impacted by HIV and AIDS in their family and village, which causes further problems such as homelessness, and in turn makes the crisis worse.

You write

Bank End Chapel

I understand that Betty Tucker would like to know if anyone remembers the Seaman's Mission Church at Bank End. I worshipped there as a child with my parents. Mrs Ethelwynne Brown was the organist and when it was demolished about 30 years ago, she and other members of the congregation continued to meet at the home of my parents for communion. I have several photos of the building inside and out, and also own two of the benches used by the congregation. The foundations of the building were sinking - hence the dip in the middle of the floor of the church! I would be happy to show Mrs Tucker the photos and have a chat with her if she would like.

Joyce Eastley

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Poles at Westward Ho! ?

I know the Buzz is keen on local history and I was wondering if your readers could shed any light on the unexplained poles that protruded through Westward Ho! beach last month?

We had some fairly extreme spring tides at the end of March and a lot of the sand was washed away exposing these protruding poles which seem to run parallel for approx 100m.

Was it some kind of wartime jetty? or maybe for fishing nets? Likewise the tide also caught out a lot of wildlife with its fast retreat.

Thanks for any assistance you may be able to give in this respect.

Greg Trickey

Thanks Buzz

The Bideford Buzz is a great monthly read - light touch, highly informative and a fine resource for us all in the community in and around Bideford.. "Buzz" is really just what it says on the tin. I have passed on the March 'Youth page' (Student's guide to passing exams) to my granddaughter in Stroud (about to take her exams) and also to family members who are teachers. My son and daughter in law both teach in the area and they both said that they would share the 'exam' piece with their students.

Ian Lovett

Clocking in

Having recently purchased the 'clocking in clock' that was at the Western National bus depot in Bideford, the previous owner (an apprentice at the depot in 1976) told me he believed around 250 people worked there at one time. He purchased it from the depot manager (A Mr Short) when they relocated to Barnstaple. Now that the clock has come home so to speak it would be nice to get some history of the place ,I think it was located near Riverbank House .

Can any of your readers help, any photos would be great; is Mr Short still alive? **Allen Wilson** (allenwilson375@btinternet.com)

Hares and Swifts

Hi - lovely moving stories on the above (**March Buzz**); you can add skylarks, swallows, cuckoos and a whole list of birds and wildlife to the endangered list. All hedgerows should have trees growing in them; many of UK's hedges are wildlife deserts, and millions of miles of hedgerows planted or self-seeded could give the UK a new forest of millions of trees; logs for the growing Stove burning industry, spilling carbon into the UK sky's !!!

Great mag; I pick up a copy when I visit Bideford each month at the Market Cafe - What a great cafe & market - Bideford's Crown Jewels.

G R Parkhouse

News from the Burton art gallery & museum

Although the Howard Hodgkin exhibition is still on show in the main galleries, there are other activities and exhibitions to pursue; one is a collection of 'Simple Mechanical Toys' for grown-ups,

by OPI, in the Craft Gallery. No two are the same, and all express gentle humour, and it's good to see reclaimed materials craftily utilised. **OPI toys are on show until 15th May.**

Glass has always fascinated us, ever since its discovery hundreds of years ago, and when colours are combined and the light hits them, something magical takes place. Nick Orsler has been designing glass objects for over 20 years, and in this show, his love of the sea comes over in his use of blues and greens, occasionally fired up with a touch of red. The exhibition starts on 23rd May and ends on 26th June.



'Paper, Paint, Fabric, Stitch' – with Chrissy Wallis, on 7th May, from 10am to 4pm, £30. You can make a Mixed Media Textile Collage which you can frame later.

The Friends of the Burton Art Gallery **11th May, at 7.30 p.m.,** Jonathan Weeks will present Part 2 of his musical evenings **'A Blast from the Past'** – this time it's Medieval Strings. Jonathan can play all the instruments he brings – and there are quite a lot £5.

Night at the Museum 2 – Film Screening, Part of Museums at Night 2011, **13th May, 7pm, Free,** Booking Required. Time to see what happens in The Burton when darkness falls. Bring your own torch and explore the collection whilst watching Night at the Museum 2, come along and see The Burton in a whole new light! All welcome from 5 to 75+ years old, Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contemporary Mosaics with Kathy Badcock, 27th May 10am - 4pm £30

Second date added due to popular demand. Drawing inspiration from the Howard Hodgkin exhibition learn techniques that apply to the "direct method" of mosaic making.

Working with Colour with Patrick Jones, 28th May 10am – 4pm £30

Second date added due to popular demand, This workshop concentrates on the practical application of colour theory through collage and the physical act of painting, **For details of any of the above call the Gallery on 01237 471455.** All the usual amenities are available to you – Cafe du Parc; Museum; Shop; Admission Free. Open from 10-4 on Monday to Saturday, and on Sunday, from 11-4.

The Littleham Art and Music Festival 18th - 26th June

This is a celebration of local artistic and musical talent - and an opportunity for audiences to enjoy an exceptionally wide range of events. The Art Exhibition at the Village Hall is always a big draw and there is a huge choice of performances from classical to contemporary concerts, from Basil's Blues' Band to a Close Harmony Choir, not forgetting an organ recital, circle dancing, Littleham Howlers, a special Film Night, a Scarecrow competition and much more - something for everyone. As always, Littleham is punching well above its weight! For full details as well as information on how to obtain tickets, please see www.littleham_landcross.org.uk

Appledore carries on.

A village initiative to continue with a festival while the Visual Arts Festival takes a break. The event will be across the same weekend, which this year falls from **Friday,June 3 until Sunday June 5**, and will feature everything that the village normally does, plus anything the many resourceful and talented people in Appledore would like to put on. It's an open festival and groups and individuals in the village are invited to take part. This festival is entirely run by volunteers and has no grant funding. For more information visit www.appledorebookfestival.info

Interesting Fact – did you know?

The Tarka Trail has a number of apple trees already growing along it, which are thought to have grown from apple cores thrown out of carriage windows when it was a railway. There is a plan to put more apple trees along the trail to show the great variety of apples that have traditionally been grown in Devon. (From North Devon A.O.N.B newsletter)



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Scene and Heard





Good News. Hire charges for DVDs and CDs will be staying the Under the Mountain (DVD) – starring Sam Neill same at Devon's libraries this year. Only 50p A thrilling fantasy film with twin siblings with a per CD and only £1 for most children's DVDs; £2 and £3 for adult's DVDs. You can hire with your ordinary library card. And don't forget that is for a full week. Here are a few new ones that have just come in.

Westlife – Gravity (CD)

Another great album. Every Westlife fan will enjoy it, and those who aren't fans yet, give it a listen and you soon will be.

Andre Rieu – Moonlight Serendade (CD) To all Andre Rieu fans, this is a must. If you haven't come across him before, give it a try. Lovely to listen to, as you can just sit back and relax. And it might whet your appetite to view one of his DVDs......who else would have a castle built on stage and have a beautiful singer delivered by a coach and six white horses......

special gift - telepathy with each other. They become fascinated by a strange old house, inhabited by zombie-like creatures. Enter Sam Neil as a centuries-old wizard who believes the twins can defeat them. Good, creepy, family film to watch together.

Going the Distance (DVD) - starring Drew **Barrymore**

A romantic comedy about two people who, after a whirlwind romance in New York, try to keep the fires burning when one of them moves to the west coast. Features the predictable pitfalls as they see if they can go the distance. Be aware, there are some explicit sex scenes. A good romcom movie with a little more spark than usual.

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For further details:-

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Fair Game(12a) - 1 May 4pm and 7.30pm : Chalet Girl (12a) 7th May at 7.30pm and 8th May) at 4pm and 7.30pm ; 14th and 15th May Unknown (12a) 7.30pm You will meet a dark stranger 21st 7.30pm and 22nd May 4pm and 7.30pm Please NOTE New venue WINGS HALL Lower Meddon Street Bideford

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Planning application?

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Initial free consultation on all planning issues

01237 471104 or info@paulgreenplanning.co.uk

Quaker Meetings for Worship

are held at 17 Honestone St,
Bideford

(near Pannier market)

10.30am on Sunday mornings
All are welcome

Enquiries tel 01237 421549

Summer's here!

It's official - That's according to Northam Burrows Head Ranger Shawn Corin who has already spotted wheatears and sparrows in the popular country park. Both make the arduous trip back here for our summer from North Africa. But this time of year also brings with it its own problems – it's lambing season now and the issue of dogs being let off their leads and chasing – or worse – the animals is being addressed once again.



'Please be aware of the lambs and keep their dogs under control."

Although the Park is open all year round, the Northam Burrows Visitor Centre officially opens for the season on **May 18th.** Bookings for school trips are now being taken for the summer term. Please call the Centre on 01237 479708. For more information on Northam Burrows look at www.torridge.gov.uk/theburrows

(Photo © Greg Trickey; (left behind by the tide)

Family History

It has been very good to see so many people wanting to use the help desk at the Bideford Library each Wednesday. Do please keep up your visits but remember to phone and book a place. 01237 476075.

The next meeting of the Bideford Group of the Devon Family History Society will be on Saturday 21st of May from 2-4pm at the Burton Art Museum, it is free to attend and all are welcome. Our speaker will be Stephen Hobbs of the Hartland Abbey Archives who will be giving us more of the treasures of this wonderful Abbey. Any enquiries, then please phone me, Len Collum, 01237 472883.

Places to eat (More recommendations)

I've been going to the cafe **Velvet and Vanilla** for a while now; my friends and I often pop in for a hot chocolate and a scone after a browse round town, but this week I decided to go in on Saturday night for a drink with my husband. It was lovely. the chilled out relaxing vibe of the day was there in the evening as well as it being all cosy because of all the soft lighting. It was such a great way to while away a few hours instead of having to go to a noisy pub. We decided to go back with a few friends next week and try some of the Mezze food too. If anyone just fancies popping out for a quiet one on a Friday or Saturday night Velvet and Vanilla is definitely a sweet place to go.

Catherine Heraty

Delectable Food by Eleanor Lawrie

Delicious, nutritious, scrumptious food to eat,
Grown in the land your very own treat!
Each mouthful leads to me wanting more,
This tantalising cuisine that I do adore.

I ask how do you make the provisions so full of taste?
With love, sun, air,earth and water grown at no haste.
What is cost when bad food damages health?

What is an extra penny? when you have bodily wealth?

I have been shopping at **Marshford** for over a month, And can honestly say I have not experienced a price crunch.

My shopping experience is broadened each time, Of different food available with each seasonal line.

But each time I leave I feel I have been given a present,

Of healthy food filled with nothing unpleasant.

When I return home and watch my children eat too,
I simply feel grateful through and though.

Both in my body and theirs as well,
I can see physically the rejuvenation of each cell.
I thank you **Marshford** for all that you in capture,
Your food has left me in total rapture!

Book News

Taylor's Gold

Englands oldest golf course- Royal North Devon is planning to celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2014, involving a International and Royal programme of golf events at Westward Ho!. As part of the fund raising we have published a new book to acknowledge the astonishing achievements of RNDGC's most famous son - J H Taylor. It is really well written, and features local life in Northam during JHT childhood and the hardship of that time. Many people talk of Tiger Woods in modern times but JHT achieved far more in that he won the "Open championship' five times times not just twice. As well as being able to purchase at RNDGC, 'Taylors Gold' is available at Walter Henry's Bookshop, Northam Post office and Northam Newsagents or via Bideford Buzz. (Editor's

Note-'Golf my life's work ' by JH Taylor is available for consultation at Bideford Llbrary)

Hugh Bone

Sick leave

A period of extended sick leave has at least allowed me to indulge in a favourite pastime- reading The library web based catalogue is invaluable in such circumstances; you order titles from your sick bed and a few days later an email arrives telling you your book is in - so long as you have a willing helper to collect for you from your local library, you're in business

I have taken the opportunity to read the entire Wilkie Collins' novels - I realised this has long been a gap in my education .His earlier novels are perhaps not as well crafted as the more famous 'Woman in White' and 'The Moonstone.' but they are enjoyable insights into Victorian literature and they have a certain humour and charm which is often lacking in the more moral, religious works of the day. They're also 'ripping good yarns' verging on the Gothic, with intrigue and suspense.

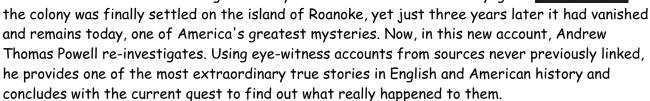
Using your library is an excellent way to rediscover these old favourites. Old classic nineteenth century works you fancy reading again can be easily obtained from Exeter's 'stack'. Visit Devon Libraries at wwww.devon.gov.uk and click on 'catalogue'. You will need your library pin number and card. RA



An Evening with Andy Powell Talk and book-signing

"Grenville and the lost Colony of Roanoke"

In the 1580s Sir Walter Raleigh ably assisted by his cousin Sir Richard Grenville set out to found an English Colony in America. After several voyages



Monday 23^{rd} May7pm - 9pmTickets £3.00 includes tea/coffee and biscuits.01237 425727 Tickets must be purchased in advance of the event.



THE SHIPPING NEWS



Ship	Registered flag owners	From	То	Date arrived	Date sailed	Crew	Cargo loaded
Fokko Ukena Built 2007	Valletta Malta Germany	Dublin	Castellon	19/3/11	22/3/11	Russian	2680 tons brick clay
Baltiyskiy Built 1994	Valletta Malta Russian	Silloth	Loviissa	3/4/11	5/4/11	Russian	2330 tons ball clay

At the time of going to press there are two vessels anchored in the Bay; the first vessel to arrive at 08.30 hrs 13.4.2011 was the **Barbarosa** and the second vessel anchored about 1600 hrs 14.4.2011 the **Bavaria** - both to load at Appledore for Rosyth; full details in June edition.

Arco Dart 19.3.2011. 3.4.2011; Oldenburg has recommenced sailing to Lundy

Bristol Channel Observations

19.3.2011 at 10.37 hrs container ship Elevation 6449 tons d.w owners JR Shipping BV Netherlands inward bound for Avonmouth; at 10.37 hrs cargo vessel Helga 2280 tons d.w, owners Caribbean Shipping Ltd Lithuania, outward bound from Newport; at 12.40 hrs cargo vessel Sea Hawk 3015 tons d.w, owners Torbulk Ltd UK outward bound from Avonmouth having sailed at 08.18 hrs; at 13.20 hrs cargo vessel Frigga 4216 tons d.w, owners Sia Aquarius Shipmanagement Co Latvia outward bound from Newport; at 13.25 hrs vehicle carrier Nippon Highway 16827 tons d.w owners Kawasaki Kisen K.K (K.Line) Japan, inward bound for Portbury. 20.3.2011 at 10.20 hrs cargo vessel Sea Hunter 3181 tons d.w, owners Torbulk Ltd UK, inward bound for Newport.

22.3.2011 at 16.45 hrs cargo vessel **Laida** 5604 tons, owners Marueta Naviera SA Spain, inward bound for Newport

2.4.2011 at 15.55 hrs vehicle carrier **Autosun** 6670 tons d.w, owners United European Car Carriers Norway inward bound for Portbury.

6.4.2011 at 12.50 hrs cargo vessel **Frisian Summer** 6558 tons d.w, owners Frisian Summer BV Netherland, outward bound from Avonmouth, having sailed at 09.05 hrs.

9.4.2011 at 07.09 hrs container vessel **Elevation** 6449 tons d.w, owners JR Shipping BV Netherland, inward bound for Portbury.

10.4.2011 at 11.07 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Roma** 14900 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury.

11.4.2011 at 15.00 hrs vehicle carrier **Maple Ace 2** 15361 tons d.w, owners Mitsui Osk Line Japan outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 11.35 hrs.

12.4.2011 at 14.45 hrs cargo vessel **Sormovsky** 3051–3134 tons d.w owners Zagranperevosk VF Russia, inward bound for Sharpness; at 16.07 hrs cargo vessel **Scot Ranger** 3300 tons d.w. owners Scotline Ltd UK, inward bound for Newport; at 17.51 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Scandinavia** 18440 tons d.w. owners Grimaldi Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury.

13.4.2011 at 06.37 hrs vehicle carrier Coral Leader 12164 tons d.w owners Nippon Yusen Kaisha Japan inward bound for Portbury;at 08.42 hrs cargo vessel **Nural Stevins** 2887 tons d.w owners THH Shipping APS Denmark, outward bound from Cardiff.

14.4.2011 at 18.08 hrs tanker **Bro Gothia** 7157 tons d.w owners Bro Go BV and Erik Thun Netherlands & Sweden, outward bound from Cardiff; at 19.27 cargo vessel **Sormovskiy** 3064 3391 tons d.w, owners North Western Shipping Joint Stock Co Russia inward bound for Avonmouth

Just a reminder that the cruise ship **Rotterdam** is due at Ilfracombe on **29**th **May**; could be worth a trip on the bus to see her Regards **Norman**

May Diary 2011

Sunday 1st

Bucks Cross Art Group Annual Exhibition Bucks Cross Village Hall

Monday 2nd

2pm Open day for new bowlers, Victoria Park Bowling Club

7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at Appledore School

www.theappledoresingers.co.uk

8.30 p.m. North Devon Jazz Club at the Beaver Inn Appledore 421065. Tuesday 3rd

10am Lavington Church coffee morning 7pm Devon Wildlife Trust walk at Torrington along the Torridge details 01271 374324 Palladium Club - 'Jam Night' 478860

Wednesday 4th

2pm Bideford Readers' Group at Bideford Library tel 476075

Torridge Ramblers afternoon walk 01237 451643 for details

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club at Northam Hall. Tel: 475138 Bideford Music Club AGM 423112

Thursday 5th

Referendum and local election day 11am - 1pm Carers' Support Group at Rosehill Northam tel 420137 for details

1pm Wouldcare agm Wooda Surgery open to all patients

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 6th

10am Hartland singers Musical coffee Ambulance

4pm-7pm Bideford Bay Creatives First Friday events in Mill street

Palladium Club Danika Holmes / buddhuza singer songwriter / euro pop

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

Saturday 7

10 am ~ 3pm Buckland Brewer plant sale Proceeds for the Fete Funds

2.30pm and 7.30pm Film 'The King's Speech' at Littleham To book seats: 01237 420372

Palladium Club Wendy May's boom boom room - dj night Sunday 8th

10 am ~ 3pm Buckland Brewer plant sale

12.30 pm Buckland Brewer

safari lunch £7.50 ~ Enid Booth 451655 Sunday lunch at Littleham, Booking essential: 7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at 01237 473338

8.30pm Quiz at Seagate Hotel Appledore

Answer to quiz on page 1 Curlew

Monday 9th

10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close tel 07923536908 7.30pm Bideford Stamp Club meet at Bideford Youth Centre 472101.

7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at Appledore School

www.theappledoresingers.co.uk

8.30 p.m. North Devon Jazz Club at the Beaver Inn Appledore 421065.

Tuesday 10^t

10am Lavington Church coffee morning 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 Palladium Club 'Jam Night'

www.palladiumclub..co.uk 478860 Wednesday 11th

10.15 Bideford Probus at Royal Hotel tel 423153

10.30am Epilepsy North Devon meet at Barnstaple Library Henry Williamson Room tel 07875577428

2.30pm Bideford Library Group tel 476075 for details/transport

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club at Northam Hall. Tel: 475138

Thursday 12th

11.30am-2.30pm Hartland Parish Halllaunch of Hartland Peninsula exhibition tel 441011

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship tel 421956 7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho!

8pm Crealock Arms Littleham Holy karaoke Friday13th

Palladium Club the archives - indie rock morning in Methodist Hall in aid of Devon Air 7.30pm Abbotsham WI at Abbotsham Village 7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club at

> 7.45pm Sequence dancing at KingsleyHall Westward Ho! Tel 01769 540309

Saturday 14th

Open day at Bideford Apothecary'Let's Talk About Dying'. All welcome. .421252 or 07812 179059.

Palladium Club Wille & the bandits -

americana roots

Sunday 15^t

Torridge Ramblers' Day walk Ring 01805 622183 for details

8.30pm Quiz at Seagate hotel Appledore

Monday 16th

10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Palladium Club Brown Close tel 478860

Annee Bury Froot Loop Mill Street. 421252 or 07812 179059.

Appledore School

7pm Carers' Link meet at Communal Hall Marlborough Court tel 01271 372811 Tuesday 17th

10am Lavington Church coffee morning PalladiumClub 'Jam night' 478860

Wednesday 18th

10.30am Dying awareness day at Green Lanes Barnstaple

2.15pm Meditation at Bideford Library 476075 entrance via town hall. 7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club at Northam Hall. Tel: 475138

Any items for inclusion should be sent by the 15th of each month to Rose Arno, Bideford Library, New Road, Bideford EX39 2HR.

Tel. 01237 476075 or email: editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk or visit our website at: www.bidefordbuzz.org.uk (4,000 hits monthly)

Thursday 19th

11am-1pm Carers' Support Group at Rosehill Northam tel 420137 for details 2.15 pm Thursday Fellowship tel 421956 7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho!

Friday 20th

Palladium Club no half measures - rock 7.45pm Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! Tel 01769 540309 Palladium Club John Otway & Wild Willy Barrett - the 40 odd years tour

Saturday 21st

Torridge Ramblers' morning walk tel 01805 622183 for details

10am-12pm Northam Community swaps book sale. Northam Community Hall

2pm Devon Family History Society at the Burton Art Museum tel 472883. 'Nightwalk' along the Tarka trail 01271 347224

Sunday 22nd

Swimbridge Fun Run Julie Whitton 01271 830311 for details

Monday 23rd

7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at Appledore School

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Tuesday 24th

10am Lavington Church coffee morning 7pm Buzz AGM and fundraising evening Bideford Library 476075

7.30pm Northam Choral Society at Methodist Church Hall Northam tel 429080 Palladium Club 'Jam Night' 478860

Wednesday 25th

10.15 Bideford Probus at Royal Hotel tel 423153

Northam Hall. Tel: 475138 North Devon Humanists meet annexe Fremington Parish Hall

Thursday 26th

Thursday Fellowship outing tel 421956 7pm - 9pm Craftihands in Mill St. 'ladies night Craft and wine. for details 472250. Palladium Club 80s DJ night tel 478860 7.30pm Bideford Sustainability Group meeting at Bideford Council Chamber. Interested in green issues? All welcome. Phone 01237 422577.

Friday 27th

10am – 1pm Lundy Art Group meets at St Mary's Church Hall Appledore tel 423884

Saturday 28th

12 noon until 5.30pm. A special fundraising 600-8.00pm' Planning a Funeral Party' with extravaganza Torridge Vale Social Club, Torrington 07772963946

Tuesday 31st

Palladium Club 'Jam Night' www.palladiumclub..co.uk 478860

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