



BIDEFORD BUZZ



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



That bird! What was it? See 'You Write'



People Relaxing, Bideford Quay Front

Photo © Graham Hobbs



Last month we published the photo by Robin Stowell of the junction of Coldharbour and Lower Gunstone.

Here is a photo taken from roughly the same position in 1950 sent in to us by Len Husband whose grandparents Mr and Mrs Tucker lived at No. 12 from 1923 until 1946. Len lived there with his family from 1946 -1954.

In the photo you can distinguish (albeit with difficulty) two pedestrians, Mr and Mrs H. Jewell the owners of 2 Lamerton Place, his Uncle and Aunt.

Unfortunately the photo does not show the corner shop owned by Mrs Waldron and later by Mrs Cannon which was well patronised.

The Bill of Sale for 12 Lamerton Place is shown on page 3.



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D is for Dolton

A medium size village, ever expanding with new houses being built. Dolton is located between the villages of Beaford, Winkleigh and Merton.

The village has many things to offer, including a grocer's and electrical shop. The Village Hall is used nearly every day, by many of the local organisations.

There are three Public Houses, all supplying good food and drink. It has a bus service a few times a day into Barnstaple and Exeter and back. Dolton has its own local magazine, which gives the people an opportunity to write-in with future events and meetings etc.

Dolton has its own website, www.dolton.org.uk which gets around 25 visits a day. The site has events listed, photos of events from the past 10 years and great pictures of Dolton from the early 1900s (see above) to present day.

As with many villages, people are on the move more than in past years, but there are still many 'real locals' left in Dolton.

info.dolton.co.uk



Bideford's first First Friday

Jamie Daniels, Mayor of Manteo, cut the ribbon to open Bideford's first First Fridays. Also in the Manteo camp was Nadine Daniels, Jamie's wife, and Kermit Skinner, the Town Manager. The live Skype opening of First Fridays was a great success with around 30 excited people gathered outside Froot Loop in Mill Street. There was an Anglo-American count down from 10 to cut the ribbon which ended in great howls and applause from both sides of the ocean. Seeing and hearing real Americans in our twin town was very exciting. It didn't take long before a little chatting and banter developed between Bideford people and their North Carolinian twins. Judith Christie sang one of her own folk songs which travelled across the pond and Razale Scott-Olivier appropriately sang 'Summer Time' to our new American friends.



There has been much interest from musicians, entertainers, artists and businesses in town who wish to get more involved as the Summer progresses. Craftihands on Mill St are now running a monthly workshop; Velvet and Vanilla, the Health shop, and the Apothecary will all be open with special deals. Look out for the majorettes, Samba Sol band, Pipes and drums and other live music over the Summer months. **The next First Friday will be from 4.30pm on Friday 3rd June** **July 1st** will see the theme shift to Bideford's Heritage with costumed characters and guided walks to celebrate **Elizabethan Heritage day on July 2nd**.

For details about First Fridays visit www.bbcdevon.org/firstfridays or see diary entry in Buzz

Appledore – One hundred years ago

Mrs Joyce Webb of Old Town Bideford has in her possession a Royal Humane Society award presented to her grandfather:-

'That the sincere thanks of this committee inscribed on parchment are justly due and are hereby presented to William Braund for his courage and humane exertions in having on the 6th June 1864 jumped from the Quay into the water at Appledore, Devon, to the relief of a child who had accidentally fallen therein and whose life he thereby saved.'

Family history

After a very successful period of Family history help sessions we are now suspending this until the Autumn. I would like to thank all of those who have attended and look forward to renewing their acquaintance after the summer hols. I would also like to thank all the staff at the Bideford library who have done all the work and organising behind the scenes.

The next meeting of the North Devon Group of the Devon Family History Society will be on Saturday 18th June when the Education Officer of the History Society, Janet Henwood, will be there to discuss newspapers and their great importance in researching your ancestors.

The meeting will be at The Burton Art Museum from 2pm- 4pm. It is free and all are welcome. Light refreshments will be available.

Any enquiries please phone me Len Collum 01237 472883.

Befriending dying.

Some of you will have read the article in the Journal called 'Talking about the grave subject of death.' Did you know that we are lucky enough in Bideford to have our own support for people who are dying and their families. Annee Bury a nurse, healer and funeral celebrant, with 12 years experience in hospices has recently set up a service called Befriending Dying, based at the Bideford Apothecary in Mill St. Here you will find reference books and information about death and dying, caring for carers and funerals during this difficult time. Annee offers a free consultation, why not pop by and find out more.

Carer's week is the 13th -18th June

Chemotherapy Unit

Nicki Bellew, Felicity Reid, Georgina and Heather Smoldon are raising awareness and money for the new Chemotherapy Unit and the Special Care Baby Unit at Barnstaple's North Devon Hospital by walking the Great Wall of China- the website address for donations is <http://www.justgiving.com/Heather-Smoldon> All enquiries phone Nicki 07891903683 or Flic 07814520357 or 01271858546

Bideford Longbridge - Restoration wins national award

A prestigious national accolade has been presented to Devon County Council

Bill of Sale for for 12 Lamerton Place 30th October 1923 (see front page)

The amount payable by you on completion is as follows:-	
Purchase money	£250
Less deposit	20
	£230
Add Building Society's surveyors fees sent from 20th Sept. to 1st Novr.	10/-
	1 10/-
Less proportion of rates to completion	£232 12 10
	£231 8 2
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	8 1 3
	9 1 3
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	£ 50 7 5
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Sequence

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ALL WELCOME

"Proceeds in aid of St. Anne's Tower Fund."

One hundred years ago from the Bideford Gazette

Rev, Roger Granville

The death has occurred of the Rev. Roger Granville at Pinhoe, but formerly the Rector of Bideford. St Mary's Parish Church was rebuilt in 1864/5 and Rev. Granville saved some of the woodwork which he used to form the screen at the base of the tower. He also built St Peter's Church at East the Water almost entirely at his own expense. He was also responsible for the infants' school beside St Mary's and the Port Mission at East the Water. In all he served Bideford for 18 years.

Nightingale in Nurses Home

The new 'Nightingale Nurses Home' was formally opened at Westcroft Rd Bideford. There was everything that one could wish for in a private nursing home. The home would provide trained nurses for visiting.

General Booth

General Booth is soon to make a tour of South Africa concerning emigration to that area, but before leaving England, and he is now in his eighty second year, he will visit Bideford to deliver a lecture on the Salvation Army, what it is, what it does, and what it is destined to do.

Hartland

A Hartland man was summoned for driving without a light at Hartland. The police constable, in proving the case, said the defendant had told him that the candle had burned out completely and that he did not have another one. He was fined 2/6d

Mike Davy

News from the Burton Art Gallery & Museum

The main exhibition by Sir Howard Hodgkin continues until 6th June, when it will be replaced on the 18th by an exhibition of 200 works by the Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers. This is their annual exhibition, and comprises examples of etching, lithography, wood engraving and mezzotints. Modern techniques, such as digital and photographic methods are used now, and so it will be interesting to see all these different methods. We are privileged in Bideford to have among our residents, Hilary Paynter, who is the President of the Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers, and she will be giving a free **'Talk and Tour' of the exhibition on the 18th June at 2.00 p.m.** It is so much more rewarding to have someone who knows their subject with you when looking at any exhibition, so this will be well worth attending.

Nick Orsler's glass will still be on show, until 26th June, - translucent forms reflecting rainbow colours

The Friends hold an evening event each month – except for August – and June's guest speaker is Gisela Banbury, who will give us an insight into 'Living with Embroidery'. Gisela specialises in ecclesiastical embroidery, and will show us all the lovely silks and metalised threads used for copes and hangings. If you already quilt or enjoy needlework, you will find this especially interesting, and perhaps inspire you to take it up.

Date: **22nd June, 7.30 p.m.** in the Gallery. £5 – book on 01237 471455, or pay at the door.

A day trip by coach to the Leach Pottery at St. Ives is being arranged for **Sunday, 3rd July** – details from Diana Warmington, 01237 472336.

Every second Wednesday of the month, Bonhams' Antiques experts visit the Gallery from 10.00 until 1.00 to value your treasures. It's free, but you may have to queue, so come early.

8th June is the date for your diary.

If you would like to support the Friends of the Burton Gallery, and become a member for the princely sum of £10 (single) or £18 (a couple), and receive more news than everyone else, give our Membership Secretary a call: Judith James, Waterside Gallery, Instow. 01271 860786.

We hope you will enjoy all the Gallery has to offer, there's nowhere else like it in the South West, Bideford is so blest, thanks to Thomas Burton, its founder. This year we celebrate its 60th anniversary - it was opened on 31st October, 1951, and the Friends are preparing something special, so watch this space! **DW**

Diana Warmington



Good Age Page



TorrAGE Befriender/ Home visitor

Can you spare an hour of your time to make a big difference to someone's life by offering support, friendship to an older person in their own homes? Or be able to provide practical support such as shopping, collecting prescriptions, form filling or just to call round with a friendly smile and have a cup of tea and a chat.

Please contact Louise or Linda on 01805 622666

Make a difference today.

Northam Lights

Are you at a loose end on Tuesday mornings?

Would you like to come and interact with others like you and tie up those loose ends?

We are a friendly group who meet at 10.30 am in the Common Room, Glebe Court Northam (behind Northam Library)

Some of our activities include quizzes, beetle drives, dominoes, card games, table games, talks, raffles and maybe lots of other things that you could introduce us to - who knows?

Also a cup of tea and biscuits

telephone Pearl 01271 346442 / Joan 01271 860018

February Buzz

I felt I must write and tell you how very interesting the February Buzz was. There are three things I enjoyed – the boys' football team- Victor Hookway is my cousin and Reggie Oke, my former next door neighbour in Bideford. Secondly the memories about the Americans. I remember them at Westward Ho! Holiday camp. We used to go dancing there. Finally there was the letter from Stuart Frayne. I knew him quite well and worked in the shop next door to his father's butchers called Duevlers and they had a cafe next door down- three of us worked there and we all knew him well, me, Hilda nee Pugsley, Brenda and Judy

Hilda Bartlett

Thanks Hilda and apologies for the delay in printing this letter **(Ed)**

What's the story? Appledory?

Having a two year old grandson who lives in Dorset, I don't spend as much time with him as I would like, but we do watch a lot of Balamory. As all parents know it is a great favourite. Well, whilst out walking I came up with my version of APPLIEDORY for him (To be sung to 'What's the story Balamory')**Chorus**

What's the story Appledory wouldn't you like to know

What's the story Appledory wouldn't you like to go

Mr Babcock builds his ships down by the harbour wall

All shapes and sizes, big and strong, and even very small

Chorus

Mr Hocking makes his ice-cream in his factory

Summer comes, his vans are out, there's treats for you and me

Chorus

The boats go out to make a catch, the skipper's in the know

Lobsters, crabs, food a plenty, fish and chips to go

Chorus

The lifeboat crew look out for us and make it safe at sea

So Appledore's the place to be and now it's time for tea

Chorus

Allan Wilson

Child Safety Week 20-26th June

Many people love dogs. But not everyone does.

Sometimes children can be very anxious.

And sometimes dogs scare and bite.

Child Safety Week aims to raise awareness of the number of accidents that injure children physically or psychologically every year, and the steps we can take to help prevent them. This year Bideford Bay Children's Centre is focussing on dogs.

Many accidents could be prevented. Barks are scary, and every year, hundreds of people, half of them children, are bitten seriously enough to require medical attention. We can start teaching children from an early age how to be safe with a few 'rules' they should know:

- Don't approach a dog you don't know.
- Don't scream and run away from a dog. If a strange dog comes up to you, be still, like a tree. If the dog knocks you over, roll into a ball and be still, like a log.
- Don't play with a dog, even one you know, unless an adult is with you.
- Don't run past a dog. Dogs love to chase and catch things, so this might make them aggressive.
- Don't bother a dog that is sleeping, eating or taking care of puppies.

If your child is bitten and the bite doesn't break the skin, clean the area and apply ice as needed. If a bite breaks the skin, apply pressure to stop any bleeding, check on the dog's vaccination status if possible, and contact your doctor.

Help your children to show respect: It is OK to pet and touch dogs, but not to hit them, pull on their fur or otherwise harm them. They should also avoid hugging or getting their face too close to the snout, should speak in soft tones and not surprise the dog. Simple manners and emphasis on kindness will go a long way toward a positive experience.

Watch for dog's body language. If you and your child know the common signs, you can react appropriately.

- Lip licking. When a dog is a little anxious, he will often quickly stick out his tongue and lick his lips. It's usually just a fast, little flick.
- Yawning. This is a signal that is often misread. The dog is surrounded by kids, and he lets out a big yawn. Isn't that sweet? Nope, it's a sign that he's in a little over his head and would appreciate your help.
- Turning face away. Often owners think a dog turning away from them is "blowing them off" and they intensify their demands on him, which is exactly what the dog was trying to avoid.
- Shaking off. We've all seen dogs shake off when they are wet, but this happens at other times too. I liken it to a reset button on a video game. Time to shake off and start over. It will happen right after something makes the dog uncomfortable, usually as he's walking away.
- Freezing. Watch out! This is one step beyond a calming signal; it's often a last-ditch attempt to tell you to back off. Dogs typically freeze right before they snap or bite. That may sound obvious, but one of the scariest things I ever saw was when an owner told me that, "Lucy loves to have kids hug her. Look how still she is." It was a heart-stopping moment for me. Lucy, thank goodness, did not bite, but she was definitely not enjoying the experience.

Teach them to "be a tree." Dog trainer Theresa Lewin teaches this when a dog gets a little overexcited. Children should stand straight up and still, fold their "branches" (hands) in front of them and look down at their "roots" (feet). A dog will usually calm down and walk away from the "tree." This is a good skill to teach any child. A few simple precautions, a little training and some simple courtesy will help make your child's experience better and safer for all concerned. **Pat Chappell (cartoon by Michael Darling)**





Westward Ho! Youth Theatre's Variety Show

Performances take place at The Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! on July 1st at 7.30pm and 2nd and 3rd at 1.30pm. Tickets: £5 adult, £4.50 concessions, and £15 for families (two adults, two children).

Available on www.whytg.co.uk or by calling **07718619642** Westward Ho! Youth theatre is run by volunteers, and made up of highly motivated young performers. If you wish to know more about the group contact Irene Baxter (secretary), g.i.b@talktalk.net or **01237 423374**

Working together with the National Citizen Service

This summer over 670 school leavers from across the South West are invited to take part in the National Citizen Service (NCS) project, a Big Society initiative, which supports young people from all backgrounds to work together, take on new challenges and make a difference. Young Devon, PETROC and Torridge Training Services will be working with young people across North Devon on 27th June and 8th August. Everyone in the South West will have the chance to celebrate in October with a free gig and awards party. For more information, contact **Amy Sands** on **01237 459533**.

The Beta Fest 2011.5

July 22nd to July 24th - Palladium Club, Bideford

To quote Tobias, lead singer of local band The Dead Betas, "Beta Fest 2011 sold out, and we're back and badder with Beta Fest 2011.5! Are you ready?"

The Beta Fest began life in 2010 as a small local music festival in Shan's Barn, Taddipport, where electro-punk band The Dead Betas could showcase their music along with a few other bands, such as Flee Mt Fuji and Gang of Thieves. As one of the people crammed into the sweaty crowd, dancing like maniacs, I can testify that something electrifying was born that weekend.

Beta Fest 2011 followed this up in January, where the Palladium Club in Bideford became the venue; accommodating the list of bands who were desperate to play, some even venturing from



as far as Wales. Despite shimmying all night on the Friday, the quality of the bands still had me dancing on the Saturday, with overall highlights being Cry Rafael, Jackdaws and The Julies. It was great to see so many people of all ages

enjoying the music, and the success meant another festival is planned for this summer.

Beta Fest 2011.5 will, as always, have The Dead Betas modestly headlining the Saturday night. A three-day extravaganza of local and not-so-local bands, there will be acts as diverse as ska-punk, classic rock covers, female-fronted metal and even 'askew alternative vibrant indie' in the form of Black Heart Generator from Birmingham. There is something for everyone, even if you just come along to bask in the lively atmosphere and throw a few shapes at the front of the stage.

Most of all, it just feels great to be part of a active and exciting music scene in North Devon; events like Beta Fest keep it growing. Tickets are £4 a night or £10 for all three days. Doors open at 6pm on Friday 22nd and 5pm on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th. For more information, look for 'The Dead Betas' or 'Black Hole Promotions' on Facebook. You can also check out the latest music news for North Devon at my blog: <http://www.artsandentertainment.org.uk/tallis-music-blog.html> **Talitha Black**

Send your items for next month's Youth Page to editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk

You write

Avocets, curlews and elm trees (May Buzz)

Just a line to say your picture on page 1 of a curlew is an avocet
Meanwhile keep up the good work

Richard Patmore

The bird on the front page is an avocet, not a curlew. Also re page 2, I don't believe there is an elm on the quay. Same photographer - is he winding us up ?

Barries

I noticed Robin Stowell's lovely picture of an avocet on the front page of the May edition of the Bideford Buzz - and was surprised to find it identified as a curlew.

I am attaching a photo of a curlew - taken from New Road, just a few metres to the north of Bideford Long Bridge.

John Ward

Picked up this month's Buzz yesterday and wondered whether the 'Name this bird' was meant to be the 'mistake of the month'!! You have probably already had several messages to tell you that it is NOT a curlew, but an avocet.

Cis

Just picked up Buzz from library - that bird is an avocet - not a curlew - (suspect upteen people have pointed that out)

E Care

Photographer replies

Not only is it an avocet on the front cover but birders and naturalists think it is a good photograph of an avocet!

Robin

Apologies to all concerned - my mistake Glad to see you all reading your Buzz very carefully. **(Ed)**

Poem (May Buzz)

Thank you so much for printing my poem. I was delighted and so were the owners at Marshfords ; you are all doing such a fantastic job at the Bideford Buzz

Eleanor Lawrie

I enjoy reading Buzz and the local history. I also send copies to my Bidefordian relatives who now live in other parts of the country

B Harris (Mrs)

Bank End Chapel

We lived at 8 Riverbank Cottages with our parents (Rose and Bill Marshall) from 1946; they moved from Appledore as dad worked at Blackmore's yard. Mum was a cleaner at Bank End Church and I used to help – my sister had a bench for several years. I went to Bible classes at the house opposite with two ladies who lived at Hazelmere. There was plenty of work at Bank End for many years with the concrete works; also the National Bus depot and later the shipyard.

We find the Bideford Buzz very interesting Thank you

Phyllis Higgins

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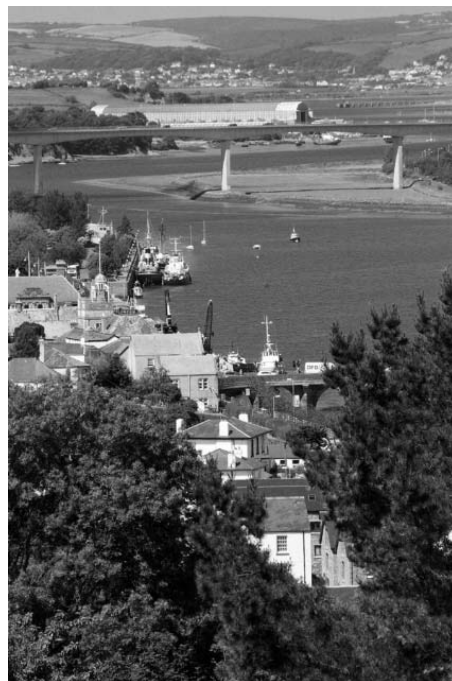
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When the tide comes in

I'm not talking about sandy beaches or rock pools, but the saltmarshes above the Iron Bridge and beside the river Yeo. Here, an hour or so after the tide approaches the top of Westward Ho! beach, salt water is sweeping up the river and flowing the wrong way along the guts and pills that drain the water out of the marshes where the scurveygrass, orache and glasswort grow in abundance. The tide has already crept up the steep mud banks, or glidders as Henry Williamson called them, and overspilled the "Pool of the Six Herons" where these days three or four is a good count.

Now the small crabs, hiding in their holes in the banks of the guts, sense the approach of the salt water laden with the debris that contains the delicacies of their diet, and they creep out on to the mud and scurry down to the water's edge to start feasting as it rises further towards the grass and sea asters growing on the flat marshland. (Photo © Graham Hobbs)



If it's a spring tide, which occurs a day or two after full and new moon every month, the salt water rises over the grass of the marshes and floats away much of the dead leaves, sticks and litter that was left behind by the lesser tides of the preceding weeks. It's quite a puzzle how all the wildlife living in the grass survives this inundation, but I think the answer lies in the fact that the high tide only lasts an hour or two and innumerable pockets of air are trapped under the grass roots for long enough for most of the little shrews, voles and invertebrates to survive.

There are numerous ant hills among the higher marshes and these seem to thrive despite the flooding while the little black wolf spiders that run around all over the grass when the sun is out can often be seen skating around on the surface of the water, being so light they don't even get their feet wet. These spiders can easily be distinguished from true water skaters that live on ponds because while the latter have stiff hairs on their feet enabling them to race around on the water at high speed, the spiders can be seen running like mad and getting nowhere because their feet just slide on the smooth water surface.

It is noticeable that there are no mole runs in the saltmarshes, and when rabbits foolishly burrow in the banks they can often be seen swimming for the shore when caught out by a spring tide. I've seen crows waiting on the bank and picking off baby rabbits that arrive too exhausted to run for safety and on one occasion, when collecting firewood by boat, I rescued a bank vole who was drifting down river on a log.

Eventually the tide subsides and water flows outwards down the guts again as the saltmarshes drain off. The spiders grab hold of plant tops as they emerge from the water, to avoid being washed away, and no doubt the ants in their hills give a communal sigh of relief as water ceases to seep into their underground chambers and they can carry their precious pupae, that we call ants' eggs, back up near the surface to be warmed by the sun.

Meanwhile I have a boatload of driftwood logs to unload and saw up for next year's fires.

Chris Hassall 13/05/2011

In St Mary's Church, Bideford

We are starting an **all age communion service** every second Sunday of the month and the first one is on Sunday **12 JUNE** at 10 am to celebrate Pentecost.

Worship for families and people of all ages - including drama, worship songs, and activities for the children. Everyone welcome - Do come and join us!

SNAPDRAGONS PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We are pleased to say that at Snapdragons Pre-School we have now settled into our new building at The United Community Centre, in Northam.

We also have a fantastic new website, please take a look at www.snapdragonsnortham.co.uk. Via our website you can access our most recent Ofsted Inspection Report, which gave our setting a 'Good' rating in 2010.

As always we continue to have a very high staff to child ratio of 1:5 and provide a wide variety of opportunities for the children to enhance their learning.

If your child is between the age of 2 ½ and 5 years old and you would like to receive more information about us and what we can offer, please contact us on **07939 850751** or visit our website.

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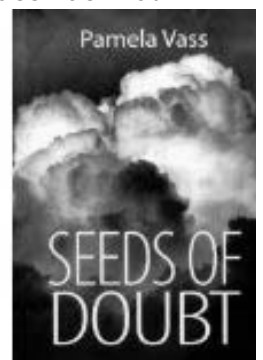
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WALTER HENRY'S BOOKSHOP
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Local author Pamela Vass has lived
in Devon for
almost thirty
years, during

which time she was Director of "The Whodunnit Company". It was while researching a plot set in Lynton that Pamela came across newspaper reports that suggested that the 1952 Lynmouth flood disaster may not have been a natural occurrence. Eye-witnesses spoke of strange cloud formations and colours and a smell of sulphur in the air. Intrigued by what she read, Pamela went on to explore the archives at the public Record office and uncovered some startling facts that provided a gripping background for her novel "Seeds of Doubt".....



On the evening of August 15th, 1952 torrential rain poured from the heavens non-stop for 24 hours resulting in the worst floods ever to hit the West of England, destroying the beautiful coastal village of Lynmouth in North Devon. Streams were turned into raging rivers that carved a terrifying path to the sea, sweeping away roads, bridges and entire cottages. Thirty-four men, women and children lost their lives that night.

Running from the ghosts of her past, Ingrid Clarke stumbles across evidence that this tragedy was not so much an Act of God as an Act of Man. She is given evidence that suggests that scientists have discovered a way to format the weather. Ingrid now has to uncover the truth – whatever the personal cost.

But others are determined it's a truth that will never be told: those who will go to any lengths to conceal their manipulation of one of the greatest powers on earth.

Seeds of Doubt by Pamela Vass is published by Boundstone Books in paperback at £7.99

Scene and Heard



at Devon's Libraries

Good news. Hire charges for DVDs and CDs have stayed the same for 2011-12 . Only 50p per CD and only £1 for most children's DVDs; £2 and £3 for adult's DVDs. And don't forget that is for a full week. Here are a few new ones that have just come in.

Legend of the Guardians – the Owls of Ga`Hoole (DVD)

As an owl fanatic I just had to have this one in the Library, and loved it so much I have now bought a copy for home. It is truly amazing, wonderful animation with good voices. It's not just for children, the whole family can enjoy this one, but younger ones just may find some fight scenes a little scary. Watch it during the day, not at night if you have tiny tots.

The Girl who kicked the Hornet's Nest (DVD)

The third and last of Larsson's trilogy. It's a shame there cannot be any more. Although extremely enjoyable, the books are more exciting, and perhaps one should read them first to fully appreciate the action. Not to be missed anyway if you like crime/thrillers.

The Streets – Computers and Blues (CD)

This is to be the last of Mike Skinner's albums, and he certainly hasn't lost his touch. Each track has an original feel with good tunes and rap-like lyrics. Have a listen – you won't be disappointed.

Teddy Thompson – Bella (CD)

It is a thoroughly enjoyable sound, with a mix of soft, gentle songs and more upbeat renditions all delivered in a rich, smooth and relaxed sounding voice. His "sound" is somewhat like Rufus Wainwright who is a close friend of Teddy's so if you like the sound of Rufus you are bound to love this cd

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

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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); Contact Fiona White or Annabel Cope at Northam Lodge on 01237.477238, or tickets@northamlodge.co.uk.

Jewel in the crown - Westward Ho! Beach

has for the eighth time in a row, attained the standards necessary for Keep Britain Tidy's Blue Flag distinction award, one of only 8 beaches in the region to have achieved a Quality Coast Award for 2011 in addition to the Blue Flag.

The award is also designed to recognise the diversity of the nation's coastline, as well as boost domestic tourist numbers, and Westward Ho! has met stringent criteria in the following four categories:

- Environmental education and information
- Environmental management
- Safety and Services
- Water Quality

Ward member for Westward Ho! Councillor Roger Tisdale, said, 'I hope it will encourage people to come and experience **our jewel in the crown** for themselves.'



Last year Bridget Viney, from Devon, held a Blooming Great Tea Party to commemorate her late father's birthday. The official tea party season is between **June 12 and July 12th** but we don't mind if your party is a bit early or late. To hold your own Blooming Great Tea Party,

please call the fundraising office on **01884703535** or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty for your free Blooming Great Tea Party fundraising pack.

Northam concert for Barnstaple Male Voice Choir

There is a treat in store for Northam. The renowned Barnstaple Male Voice Choir will be singing in St. Margaret's Church, on **Friday June 24th**.

Flushed with success from their recent tour of Southern Ireland where they took part in the Cork International Festival and the Clonmel Festival, they will be performing to help raise funds for the upkeep and refurbishing of this ancient parish church.

The choir was formed in 1919 and each year they raise thousands of pounds for different charities. Their musical director is Derek Trewin, and accompanied on piano by Mike James, they will sing a mixture of classical music, songs from the shows, well-loved hymns and folk songs – some international.

The concert is at 7.30 p.m. and tickets are £6.00 and are available at the door. For any other information, please phone **01237 423112**.

Society for the Protection and Re-homing of Animals

Please help S.P.R.A to help animals in need. S.P.R.A welcomes volunteers to help run the shops, donations of pet food to feed rescued animals, cash donations to help with vet bills, and items such as clean clothes, shoes, bedding and household items, bric-a-brac, CDs/tapes, videos/DVDs, toys, games and puzzles. If you are able to help in anyway, please ring head office on 01805 624438. Thank you."

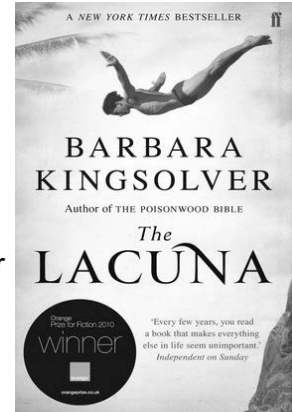
Book News

The Lacuna' by Barbara Kingsolver (This month's Bideford Library Readers' group read)

Barbara Kingsolver is probably best known for 'The Poisonwood Bible' and some of us who were setting out to read 'The Lacuna' were, I think, expecting it to be a similar type of book. How wrong could we be!

This book is Barbara Kingsolver's first novel for nine years. She wanted to explore the uneasy relationship that exists between art and politics in the U.S.A., especially after the events of 9/11 in 2001, when anyone who dared voice an opinion which did not concur with the mainstream was vilified. 'The Lacuna' is what resulted, after many years of research, pondering and actual writing.

It tells the life history of Harrison Shepherd, who has an exotic Mexican mother and a dull American father. It is set initially against the vibrant background of 1930s Mexico, where Harrison ends up working for the flamboyant artists Freda Kahlo and Diego Rivera. Through them he meets Lev Trotsky, who has fled from Russia to avoid assassination. Along comes World War II, and thereafter the novel is set mainly in an America obsessed with routing out communism.



Harrison Shepherd's diaries form the basis of most of the novel; he is an observer, who does not fit in either country. This sense of isolation is emphasised through his journals. He is involved directly with many important and shocking historical events, not through choice, but through the whim of fate. The book turns a full circle, and ends where it began, but with an unexpected twist.

One strand of the book deals with the ability of newspapers to misrepresent or slant the truth. This led to a lively debate at the Book Club as regards the theme's relevance to modern times. In fact much lively debate was had all round as people either adored 'The Lacuna' or hated it. Those in the former group found it cleverly written, being of the opinion that the text made one reflect and empathise whilst still being entertaining. Those in the latter group generally found it a struggle to finish the book (which is quite long) as they felt it was disjointed and did not engage them. Most people preferred the second half of the book set in the U.S.A. Readers who had enjoyed 'The Poisonwood Bible' did not like 'The Lacuna' and vice versa.

Whatever our reaction to the novel had been, we all agreed that the storyline had made us want to look into the historical events mentioned in the book. 'The Lacuna' is not an easy read; you won't be able to finish it in a couple of hours. It is an interesting period of history told from the standpoint of Harrison Shepherd, who inadvertently gets embroiled in many significant events, some of which have resonance today.

Elizabeth Scott

A Kind of Intimacy by Jenn Ashworth

Annie is moving into a new flat with her cat Mr Tips and a few meagre possessions. First on her agenda is making friends with the neighbours, throwing a house-warming party, joining the neighbourhood watch... oh, and posting rubbish through their letterbox. Told in Annie's voice, this story gets gradually darker as we realise how lonely and askew her view of the world is. Deluded by her own fantasies, we get knotted up in her world, cringing at her naivety, recoiling at her misguided actions as the book gets closer to the conclusion. Reminiscent of *Notes From A Scandal* by Zoe Heller, Annie is a great protagonist with a strong voice who you won't be forgetting in a hurry.

Talitha Black



THE SHIPPING NEWS



Ship	Registered flag owners	From	To	Date arrived	Date sailed	Crew	Cargo loaded
Barbarossa Ex Flinthorn	Gibraltar Russian	Las Palmas	Rosyth	15/04/11	17/04/01	Russian	Pieces Built 2000 for German Aircraft Carrier
Bavaria Built 1996	St Johns Antigua & Barbuda German	Terneuzen	Rosyth	17/04/11	19/04/11	German Russian	Pieces for Ukrainian aircraft carrier

Both the above ships arrived in the Bay a lot earlier; the **Barbarossa** on the **12th April** and the **Bavaria** on the **14th April**. On the Buzz website there are photographs of these; if anybody wishes to download them, they are welcome to do so. Correction to May edition - vessel's name should have read **Baltiskiy 202**

Arco Dart ;16.4.11 17.4.11 4.5.11

Oldenburg has recommenced sailing to Lundy

Understand the **Kathleen and May** will be spending the summer in Liverpool.

Bristol Channel Observations

16.4.2011 at 10.10 hrs tanker **Amaranth** 5838 tons d.w. owners Unibaltic SP Zoo Poland, outward bound from Avonmouth, having sailed at 06.40 hrs ;1 at 11.42 hrs container ship **Elevation** 6449 tons d.w, owners JR Shipping BV Netherlands, inward bound for Avonmouth.

22.4.11 at 13.30 cargo vessel **Amur** 2507 3152 tons d.w, owners North- Western Shipping Stock Co Russia, inward bound for Newport.; at 16.50 hrs bulk carrier **Petka** 75460 tons d.w, owners Atlantic Conbulk Maritime Croatia, inward bound for Portbury; at 15.50 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Napoli** 14900 tons d.w , owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury; at 18.07 hrs vehicle carrier **Autosun** 6670 tons d.w, owners United European Car Carrier Norway inward bound for Portbury.

27.4.2011 at 17.56 hrs vehicle carrier **Planet Ace** 15327 tons d.w, owners Mitsui OSK Lines Japan, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 14.36 hrs.

1.5.2011 at 0630 hrs the cruise ship **Expedition** off South Lundy 6336 gross tons, owners Gap Adventures, passenger capacity 120, seen on AIS later heading in a North Westerly direction toward Milford Haven thence to the Sicily Isles.;at 07.07 hrs cargo vessel **Eva Maria Mueller** 3680 tons d.w, owners Brink & Wolffel GMBH & Co Germany, inward bound for Sharpness; at 11.15 hrs vehicle carrier **Autosun** 6670 tons d.w, owners United European Car Carrier Norway inward bound for Portbury.

2.5.2011 at 09.12 container vessel Judith Borchard 11382 tons d.w owners Anna Sophie, Jork Germany outward bound from Cardiff ;at 0923 hrs cargo vessel **Graf Uko** 2900 tons d.w, owners Graf Uko KG Leer Germany inward bound for Avonmouth.

8.5.2011 at 15.05 hrs buoy tender vessel **Patricia** 990 tons d.w, owners Trinity House London inward bound for Porlock Bay.

9.5.2011 at 18.10 hrs cargo vessel **Barizo** 5647 tons d.w , owners Atlantico Shipping SL Bilbao Spain, outward bound from Newport

11.5.2011 at 16.55 hrs chemical tanker **Stolt Egret** 5758 tons d.w, owners Stolt Nielsen Rederi A/S Norway, outward bound from Barry, having sailed at 10.15 hrs; at 17.25 hrs cargo vessel **Helsinki** 4221 tons d.w, owners Kapitan Siegfried Bojen-Schiffahrtbetriebe Germany, inward bound for Cardiff at 18.50 hrs cargo vessel **Jerome H** 1525 d.w. owners Reederei M Lauterjung KG Germany , inward bound for Newport; at 19.27 hrs cargo vessel **Nekton** 3246 tons d.w, owners Schram GD Rhooon Netherlands outward bound from Birdport (Newport), having sailed at 10.10 hrs

On Thursday **21.4.2011** it was announced by the Harbour Master Capt Hoad that Bideford had come to an agreement with Euroforest for shipments of timber from Bideford to Germany and the first shipment was made in Mid May. The timber was stored at the Old Cattle Market and brought to the quay when vessel **Roseburg** arrived on 16th. Full details in July edition. Shipments will be approx 2500 tons every three months. This will be a welcome income to Torridge Council as the guardians of the Port.

Norman

June Diary 2011

Wednesday 1st

2pm Bideford Readers' Group at Bideford Library tel 476075

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

Thursday 2nd

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!

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

Friday 3rd

Appledore summer festival Full

detailsonwww.appledoresummerfestival.info

10.30am onwards Open day 5 Francis Drive Westward Ho! (off Cornborough Rd) In aid of David Rundle Trust for Rwanda. 477470

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

5pm-6pm, Guided Heritage trail walk. part of the run up to the Heritage day, with members of Bideford 500 Meet Old Bridge, by the crossing, quayside.

6pm -8pm Bideford Bay Creatives Bideford -Manteo Postcard exchange exhibition.

Burton Art Gallery, upstairs room - to June 6th. www.bbcdevon.org

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

Palladium Club Muddy River Band tel 478860

Saturday 4th

Appledore summer festival 2011 Full detailsonwww.appledoresummerfestival.info

10am-4pm Devon Wildlife Trust Festival The Square, Barnstaple

10.30-12 Craft workshop drop in at Bideford Library for five and upwards tel 476075

11am-5pm Cream teas & refreshments Odun road, Appledore for North Devon

Appledore summer festival 2011 Full detailsonwww.appledoresummerfestival.info

Palladium Club Wendy May's boom boom room – tel 478860

Sunday 5th

11am-5pm Cream teas & refreshments Odun road, Appledore for North Devon

Hospice

6.30pm St Mary & St Benedict

Buckland Brewer Concert Hatherleigh Silver Band tickets 451193

8.30pm Quiz at Seagate Hotel Appledore

Monday 6th

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 7th

10am Lavington Church coffee morning lunches 10am-1.15pm

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

7pm Devon Wildlife Trust walk at Venn Farm near Bradworthy booking essential 01271 374324

7.30pm Northam Choral Society at Methodist Church Hall Northam tel 429080

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

Wednesday 8th

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

Exhibition – 30/6/11 at Bideford Post office of the Bideford-Manteo postcard exchange project. www.bbcdevon.org

Thursday 9th

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship tel 421956

7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho!

Torridge Ramblers' Evening walk tel 429080 for details

8pm Crealock Arms Littleham Holy karaoke

Friday 10th

Abbotsham WI at Abbotsham Village Hall

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

Palladium Club Basil's Blues band tel 478860

Saturday 11th

9am-2pm Bideford Quay Farmers' market 01337 428 743

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10am – 4pm, Cashback For Renewable Energy ; Yarnier Trust 01288-331692 or at www.yarniertrust.org

7.30pm A Maurice Heather Charity for Northam Lodge The Pier House (the old Elizabethan) Westward Ho! 01237 470006

8pm Summer dance Woolsery sport and Community hall for St Anne's Tower fund

Palladium Club 'Gang of thieves ' tel 478860

Sunday 12th

8.30pm Quiz at Seagate hotel Appledore

Monday 13th

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

7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at Appledore School

7pm Carers' Link Communal Hall Marlborough Court tel 01271 372811

8.30 p.m. North Devon Jazz Club at Beaver Inn. For more details 421065.

Tuesday 14th

10am Lavington Church coffee morning lunches 10am-1.15pm

Palladium Club 'Jam night' 478860

Wednesday 15th

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

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

Thursday 16th

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 17th

10am-12pm Memory Cafe Northam Hall 420136,

6pm River cruise in aid of Northam Lodge tel 477238

7pm Quiz Night at Northam Methodist Church Hall Bright Stars Theatre Group tel Maggie 421956

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

Palladium Club 'Maybe Naked' tel 478860

Saturday 18th

11am-5pm Bideford College Science and family fun day at Tapeley Park Water theme 477611

Palladium Club 'No time this time' tel 478860

Sunday 19th

4.30-6.00pm "All Aboard". Free fun event for parents and children (including tea), at Bideford Baptist Church Centre, Lee & Michelle : 01237 473195

Torridge Ramblers' Afternoon walk 475168

Monday 20th

7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at Appledore School

www.theappledoresingers.co.uk

7pm Carers' Link meet at Communal Hall Marlborough Court tel. 01271 372811

Tuesday 21st

10am Lavington Church coffee morning lunches 10am-1.15pm

7.30pm Northam Choral Society at Methodist Church Hall Northam tel 429080

Palladium Club 'Jam Night' 478860

Wednesday 22nd

10.15 Bideford Probus at Royal Hotel tel 423153

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

North Devon Humanists meet annexe Fremington Parish Hall

Thursday 23rd

Thursday Fellowship outing tel 421956

Friday 24th

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

Palladium Club Black Hole promotions night tel 478860

Saturday 25th

Torridge Ramblers' day walk tel 01805 625485 for details

9am-2pm Bideford Quay Farmers' market 01337 428 743

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2pm Abbotsham village fete; village playing field

Palladium Club Steve's Rock night 478860

Tuesday 28th

10am Lavington Church coffee morning lunches 10am-1.15pm

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

Wednesday 29th

Job club at Bideford library tel 476075 for details

Thursday 30th

Torridge Ramblers' evening walk 01805 622183 for details

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