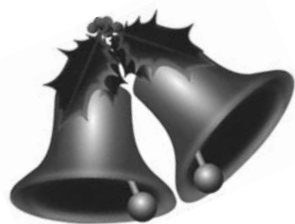




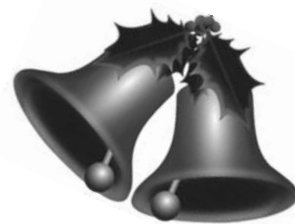
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Christmas Sparkle

Exclusive shops along Mill Street, Bideford open their doors for an evening of 'Christmas Sparkle' on Friday 9th December from 6pm to 8pm.

Relax into your early Christmas shopping!

Mince pies, BBQ, Hot Chestnuts, Raffle and 10% of sales donated to FiG (Families in Grief). Families in Grief is a small Bideford based charity that supports children, young people and their families who have experienced the death of someone close to them. For more information info@familiesingrief.org or telephone 01237 477238.

A Great Bideford Tradition - New Year's Eve

Bideford is well known as one of the top ten venues for New Year's Eve. Every year thousands of people in fancy dress flock to the town centre to enjoy the outdoor roadshow and dancing. As midnight approaches, huge crowds congregate along the Quay and the Old Bridge for the countdown to midnight which culminates in the chimes of Big Ben and a lone piper playing Auld Lang Syne, followed by a sensational firework display.

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Thank you Mr D.L. Barnes for your generous donation to Buzz. (Ed)



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Christmas Present

A quaint style bedroom door knocker would make an acceptable present . We have a good selection **Bishop** of 16 Market Place, Bideford .

A New Motor Car – A 20 Horse power , four cylinder, five seated touring car for £170 completely equipped with hood, windscreen . speedometer , gas lamps, generator and three oil lamps - this hardly seems possible , But our readers will find that the Ford motor car is offered by the Bideford Motor works at this low price.



Bideford Town Band Dates in December

Saturday 3rd Bideford Town Band playing carols in Mill Street 10.30-12

Sunday 4th Bideford Town Band playing carols at Atlantic Village 2-3.30pm

Monday 5th Bideford Town Band Christmas Concert 7.45pm at The Royal Hotel Tickets £5, children £2.50 from Becky 475653 www.bidefordtownband.co.uk

Thursday 8th Bideford Town Band Christmas Singalong with coffee etc and mince pie 7.45pm Weare Giffard Village Hall £3 from Becky 475653 All Welcome for a fun evening

Friday 9th Bideford Town Band playing carols in Mill Street for Families in Grief

Saturday 10th Bideford Town Band playing carols in Mill Street 10.30-12

Sunday 11th Bideford Town Band playing carols at Atlantic Village 2-3.30pm

Thursday 15th Bideford Town Band Christmas Singalong with coffee etc and mince pie 7.45pm St Giles in the Wood Village Hall £3 from Becky 475653 All Welcome for a fun evening

Saturday 17th Bideford Town Band playing carols in Mill Street 10.30-12

Mon 19th Bideford Town Band playing carols at ASDA 6-8pm

Wednesday 21st Bideford Town Band playing carols at Morrisons

Friday 23rd Bideford Town Band playing carols at Tesco's, Bideford 6-8pm

'Get in the Picture' this Christmas at Bideford Baptist Church

Saturday 3rd December and Saturday 10th December from 10:00am onwards

Come and dress up and have your free photo taken in a Nativity Scene

Great for making unusual family Christmas Cards, etc.

There will also be: Carol Singing, Refreshments, Craft Stall
Costumed Town Tours (organised by Bideford 500)
Look forward to seeing you there!



Immature student

Have you ever bored yourself rigid with “Someday I will” thoughts? Someday I will be skinny, someday I will leave this terrible job, and someday I will travel the world. Well my ‘someday’ was “Someday I’ll be a social worker”. Anyone who has known me for the last few years will have heard this story and rolled their eyes when I’ve repeated it for the 50th time. The reality is that I have wanted to be a social worker for 27 years. I was poised ready to go at age 17, when I fell in love and became pregnant, then got married (yes in that order). My life for the last 23 years have been devoted to my children and keeping the wolf from my door by working and working. Now I still need to work, but not as many hours. My children are grown up and ready to leave home and this year I ran out of excuses for not going to college, so I’m there.



I started mid September on an access course to higher education and thought I’d share with you what it’s like to be 41 and back at college. The first few days are chaos; no-one knows where they are meant to be, you sit through health and safety talk that instruct you on what to do in the event of plague, pestilence and nuclear war. Then there are compliance issues and you find out what won’t be tolerated (everything from knife crime to using the library chairs to race each other). Sadly week one is when I realised that I couldn’t function in the year 2011 without being BFF (best friends forever) with some sort of computer system. By week two I’d stopped looking like a stranger in a strange land and felt confident enough to find the 3rd floor coffee shop, alone. Quite an achievement for a woman who has lived in Bideford for 41 years and still gets lost in Barnstaple.

My subjects are Psychology and Sociology. Also thrown in are I.T (Boo!) Study Skills (essential) and English G.C.S.E equivalent. Reader, may I indulge myself in a rant? thanks. I have passed my blooming English exams at O level and C.S.E. I also have certificates from 3 years ago when I passed my N.V.Q 3 and took English tests. I applied for college, completed an English assessment and passed at level 2, but still I needed to take English again. Universities like recent qualifications so not only is it never too late to gain qualifications, it’s actually a better idea to pass your exams as near to starting a training or university course as possible. Anyway, rant over.

So how is it all going I hear you ask? No? You’re not asking? How rude! Well I’ll tell you anyway. Do you remember how it felt when you first fell in love? Go on, look at your partner and think back...got it? Wednesday can’t come round soon enough. Wednesday Thursday and Friday are college days, and when I walk through the massive automatic doors it feels like I’ve come home. College is my love. It’s not an “it’s complicated” relationship, it is true love. When I am apart from my love I miss it, I can’t stop thinking about it and I talk about it endlessly with uninterested strangers until they plead for mercy with their eyes and I stop. Everything about college inspires you to do better. The vast library is packed full of everything you need and smells glorious. Close your eyes now and you will be able to recall that school book smell. My tutors fascinate and are the right temperament to make me pay attention. I am easily annoyed and none of them annoy me to my great relief. I am especially entertained by my English teacher who I find to be lively, interesting and eloquent. To be around people who have a real passion and love for the subject they teach is both incredibly exciting and strangely calming. As a student I am a little unbearable. I am a real swot and a bit of a teacher’s pet. Psychology and Sociology suit me well and I’ve always had a real interest in both. Study skills gives you the tools you need to effectively study. Everything from writing essays to university application and taking notes during lectures is covered. So if you are thinking of becoming a mature student stop thinking and do it. What’s the worst that can happen? I have met some incredible people who I already adore and I am so proud of myself for finally manning up and doing it. As I am writing for a local publication I will take this opportunity to make some apologies. I apologise to my children for not listening to them over the years when they have patiently tried to teach me I.T, massive fail on my part. I also apologise to my best friends who have had to listen to me drone on about media bias, Functionalism and extraneous variables...oh and put up with me doing personality tests on them. Finally I need to say sorry to the lovely Quenchers customers who innocently pop in for a tasty can or bottle and find themselves subjected to questioning on Marxism, Feminism and Maslow... just to warn you all it’s Freud next, super ego anyone?

Tracey Branch. Dedicated to my best friend Laura with love.

North Devon Maritime Museum Odun Road Appledore

Free Entry!

There will be free entry to the museum on **Saturday 10th December**, from 10:00am until 3:00pm as part of the community project.

This is your chance to look around the museum and buy Christmas presents - books (some at reduced rates) and gifts of local interest as well as toys for the children.

The museum volunteers look forward to seeing you there!

Bideford 500

In October I attended the very interesting AGM of the Bideford 500

Bideford 500 has been flourishing since Pauline Smith's research was presented to the public in 2008 and subsequently the project setting up its constituted group in 2009; to quote from their website *The particular focus, and indeed the continuing work of Bideford 500 being delivered over the next two years, is on the last 500 years of the town's history and heritage. Bideford 500 continues today as a Constituted Project supported by an enthusiastic Committee intent on celebrating and promoting those 500 years between the 16th and 20th century in Bideford.*



One of the projects of the group has been to produce a very good heritage trail which links up with the guided walks around the town based on Peter Christie's very useful small guide 'A walk round Bideford'. This guide is in the process of being updated.

Reading it it occurred to me that over the years Buzz has published many interesting articles on the town's history about areas which could feature in future editions. One example is the sundial on the outside of Bridge Buildings in Bridge Street. Readers may remember months of correspondence about this sundial and the meaning of its Latin inscription. Secondly, no mention of the library building although the Town Hall is described in some detail. I believe that the library's collection of local books including the Pearce Chope collection and old photographs will be mentioned next time round as will more detail on Burton Art gallery and Museum. East the water is included in the next edition so I won't bore you with paint mines - an important part of Bideford's industrial heritage.

Bideford 500 has been responsible for the annual Heritage Day and for forging links with our twin town of Manteo. Their future plans include more links with our American cousins in the hope of attracting more overseas visitors. They would like to see Bideford on a par with Stratford or York as part of the tourist trail. It looks also as if Bideford may finally get the plaques we've all been waiting for outside well known buildings and with the help of with the help of BBC presenters Dr Mark Horton and Dr Alice Roberts, locate the site of the Native American Rawley's grave, in St Mary's Churchyard. Information boards are planned for Chudleigh Fort and Old Town cemetery. Finally – did someone mention Obama?

RA For more information on Bideford 500 contact Sadie Green Project Development Worker www.bidefordheritage.co.uk on Wednesdays and Thursdays Working from an office at Torridge District Council on Thursdays, telephone 01237 428871 mobile: 07855 760411

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The holiday season calls upon us to spend, spend, spend, but for many families this just isn't realistic. Most parents want to satisfy their children's wish lists, but it can be a tall order, especially for those experiencing difficulties, financially.

Christmas is a time to give - not take. Gifts can take many forms. And focusing on materialism often takes the joy out of Christmas. You can enjoy Christmas with the children on a small budget if you focus on the things that truly matter.

Children don't just want toys. Children want love, attention, family time, and activities.

Here's how to survive the season on a budget.

- Make sure your child gets something nobody else in the class has. It doesn't have to be big or expensive, just different or unique.
- Take them to look at Christmas lights.
- Don't go mad with food!
- Think about what your child actually needs.
- Use pound shops for stocking fillers. Also, buy cheap stuff from car boot sales and charity shops.
- Do a list of everyone you need to buy for and set limits you will not go over.
- Get the children involved in making decorations and food.
- Remember that it's only one day and probably the thing you'll most recall is spending time with your family.



*This article was written by Michelle Rew, **FABB** member. Views expressed are not necessarily shared by the Children's Centre.*

FABB is a Community Action Group, caring for children age 4 and under and their community.

If you would be interested in joining this group or for more information, please contact

Chaz Luther at Bideford Bay Childrens Centre– Tel no: 01237 425752

Good News Celebration

In these rather gloomy times it is great to have some good news.

Friends, volunteers and supporters of Home-Start Torridge gathered on at Tapeley Park to do just that.

Rachel North, the Scheme Manager, described how we are affiliated to Home-Start U.K., the largest charity supporting families in the U.K., who monitor our activities. Volunteers with parenting experience visit families who have young children and are under stress, in their homes to offer support, friendship and practical help.

This time last year we faced the possibility of closing the scheme due to the withdrawal of DCC funding despite the achievement of supporting 87 families with 212 children between March 2010 and 2011. Now we can celebrate the Big Lottery Grant which will cover 52% of the running costs for the next 5 years. This will allow us to employ two more organisers to train and help the extra volunteers needed to double the number of families we now support. We will also be able to widen activities so that families and volunteers can benefit from increased life and/or employment skills. We also celebrated a total of 20 years volunteering by two of our volunteers.

Good things come in threes. We were very excited to welcome as our new Patron, Nick Arnold (see photo) – a local children's author and director of the Appledore Book Festival. He told us how he believed it was very important to have happiness in our lives as it gave us the strength to overcome life's difficulties and to enjoy life. As Home-Start aims to do just that for families with children under 5 he was happy to be our Patron.

Thanks were offered to all those organisations and volunteers who have helped the Scheme to achieve its aims including Anglo-American Vulcanized Fibre Ltd, who sponsored the refreshments for the event. We were pleased that the Mayors of Bideford and South Molton and the Mayor and Mayoress of Torrington were able to join us for our celebration.

Further information can be obtained from: 30 Bridgland Street, Bideford, Devon EX39 2PS

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Patricia Swift (Trustee)



Recipe for a very lovely fruit cake courtesy of Steve of Blazey's, Mill Street .

250g soft butter
250g light muscavado sugar
4 eggs
250g self raising flour
250g raisins
250g sultanas
125 g glacé cherries, halved
1tsp mixed spice
1 tbsp brandy



Grease an 8" tin and line the base with greaseproof paper.

Combine all of the ingredients in a large bowl until well combined. Turn the mixture into the cake tin and level the top.

Bake in a pre heated oven at 140 centigrade for 1 hour, then cover with greaseproof paper and cook for a further 1 hour 15 minutes. The cake should be just firm to touch in the centre. Bake it in the middle of the oven. Good luck

Steve

'Grannies in need'

Last week whilst I was staying at my daughter's my grandson informed me it was 'Children in Need' day

If he wore something spotty to school. and paid a pound, he would be contributing.

At the time I was feeling slightly stressed in my grandparent role, so I asked him if he might ask at school if they could have a 'grannies in need' day . His answer was to quote, 'he was the 'lowest of the low' at his new school, wasn't a form captain or rep, so had no authority. Still it seemed like a good idea to me.

There seems to be a tendency now for grannies to shoulder an awful lot of the responsibility of caring for their grandchildren. My view is that I've done my bit bringing up two children with very little help from grandparents. Now is my time, so I'll help if I'm absolutely needed, but don't intend to be permanently on call.

Last week was an exception My daughter was recovering from an operation and the children needed to be taken to school, the dog needed to be walked, the hens fed, the cat kept in order – you get the idea. I think I was extremely useful, doing laundry, cleaning the house, shopping with a completely baffling list of items at the supermarket, 'what are monster crisps ?' - 'did you look all the way down the aisle grannie'?, scouring the roads for the shop that sold chicken pellets creeping out in the dark to the woodshed etc

In between my daughter needed looking after, the grandchildren fought on return from school over computer games and seemingly everything else, and my son-in-law vanished to tend to his huge self sufficiency empire of allotment, hens, bees and orchard. On return no comment was made on the tidiness of the house although he did apparently say 'it looks as if the fairies have been in' Ha Ha!

The final straw was the fracas between the dog and a small black sausage dog- dog and hens escaped to the road; meanwhile with the kitchen door open the cat helped himself to the recently plucked pheasant.

And the good news?

I came home for the weekend, but may have to return next week!

RA



Good Age Page



Bideford Senior Council

Wednesday 25th January at 2.15pm Bideford Town Hall

Public Meeting of the Senior Council for Devon (local group)

'Making the best use of your Library.' Louise Grainger Bideford Library

Refreshments/All Welcome

Wanted - Minutes Secretary for Senior Council £8-10 ph. Suit retired / part time person. Involves note taking - up to fifteen meetings a year; typing up report at home for email circulation. **For more information** alanr555@waitrose.com or tel:01237 479711 or mdurkin@psidata.co.uk

Macular Disease Society

The group is a support group for people with macular degeneration ; this is a condition whereby the delicate cells of the macular become damaged and stop working. If it occurs late in life it is called 'age related macular degeneration' - currently there is no known cause.

The good news is that it is not painful and almost never leads to blindness; what does happen is that your central vision may be blurred or distorted and as it affects the centre of the retina people with the advanced condition will notice a blank spot or dark spot in the centre of their sight which makes reading, writing and recognising small objects very difficult. The society meets at the Burton Art Gallery and Museum on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.30 -11.30am. If anyone is interested in joining the group contact **Peter Ellis on 01409 231309** or just turn up. Friends and carers of people with MD are also welcome.

Bideford Blind Club

Meets every two weeks at the Community Room, Glebefields Court, Northam from 2-4pm. A friendly club both for the blind and partially sighted. We are keen to welcome new members and also extra volunteers. Contact Hilary Lewis on 01237 421723 for more details

Northam Men's Forum off to a Flying Start

Meetings this year included a whirlwind tour of beautiful Bhutan where Brian Cook and wife Beth spent a memorable holiday. Ecodesign architect David Gale's talk brought the Forum bang up to date on super-energy-efficient building. David Tooke from the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Trust explained the history of this scenic route which operated from 1898 to 1935, and is now being restored. New Members welcome to the weekly meetings on Thursdays at the Methodist Church Hall, Cross Street, Northam EX39 1BS. For more information contact the Forum's President Les Price on 01237 470553 or Programme Secretary Chris Walke on 01237 476201 or just go along to any meeting.'



*"Time goes so fast these days, I just can't keep up---I GOT HIM ON EXMOOR ONE CHRISTMAS
It's never the same one day to the next!"*

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The rescued bat in the photograph, currently being cared for in Landcross, was found in Woolacombe. He is a juvenile and is very thin. He took a while to acquire a taste for mealworms and even now he only eats enough to keep him going till the next night and cannot fly for very long before he tires. In the wild, barbastelles fly many miles to their feeding grounds where they eat small moths, flies and beetles.

Janice Whittington

Kynoch's Foreshore

This local Nature Reserve was officially opened by Councillor Jeremy Yabsley, chairman of Devon County Council and Councillor Andrew Eastman, Chairman of Torridge District Council on 21st October 2011. The 39 Ha reserve on the edge of Bideford includes both Kynoch's Foreshore, which is owned or leased by TDC and also 1.6km of adjacent Tarka Trail, owned by DCC. The opening event included short talks by local experts. Mike Towns, from Devon Birds, talked about the importance of the Taw Torridge Estuary for birds particularly curlew and redshank and how the reserve is an important location for these birds at high tide. Janice Whittington, local ecologist talked about the nearby bat roost of 500+ pipistrelle bats and how the reserve forms an essential feeding ground for both these and other bat species, particularly Daubenton's bat. Finally, Pete and Pip Jollands from the Hallsannery Centre went through the various plant species found on site, from Spartina at the edge of the mud through to Phragmites at the top of the site. They also talked about the importance of the site for education.



The LNR contains the largest saltmarsh in Torridge and it is one of the most significant salt marshes for wildlife in the Taw Torridge Estuary. Previously, because the reserve is above Bideford's Old Bridge, it was outside the SSSI but designation as an LNR should help protect this important habitat for the future.

The reserve has a small Management Group that helps implement the management plan for the site. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about the reserve should contact Tom Hynes, North Devon AONB and Biosphere Service, on Bideford 423655 (.By the way jetskis will not be allowed in the new reserve .)

Book news

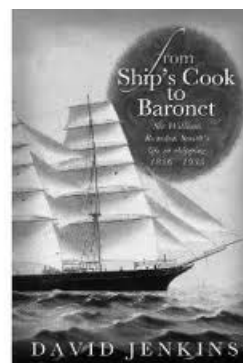
'From ship's cook to baronet'

The recent Appledore Book festival featured a talk by Dr David Jenkins, author of this biography of Sir William Reardon Smith. William Reardon Smith was born and raised in Appledore; he never forgot his Devon origins and was a generous benefactor of many good causes.

To quote The Times Obituary:-

'Sir William Reardon Smith was born in Appledore in 1856 and educated at the Wesleyan Day School. He was a practical seaman who gained his certificate as a master mariner before becoming an owner of ships.' In 1927 he undertook to endow a Chair of Geography and to found two scholarships tenable at Exeter College of the South West by students from Bideford and Appledore. He also intimated his intention of founding a third scholarship in memory of Sir Richard Grenville tenable at the college by a Devon student. The Principal of the University College of Exeter College adds:- 'The connection was part of his warm and unflagging interest in his native county and especially in Appledore'

Michael Tamlyn



Bideford Readers' Group

One of the perks in joining is access to contemporary best-sellers such as *'The Other Hand'* penned by the Guardian journalist, Chris Cleaves. The author insists in his well-stocked websites that the novel, though published in 2008, is not about immigration. This paradox provided challenging debate for our group as Cleave had worked in a detention centre whilst studying for his degree in psychology. The detention centre setting is central to the context of the acquisition of language and customs in a new country. He refers to such centres as 'our dirty secret' on his blogs. Given the recent news of UK Border Authority difficulties, the themes therein provide fascinating insights into our shifting attitudes to refugees and their journey. Cleaves chose to use two female narrators to reveal his themes; a young Nigerian girl, Little Bee, a victim of mercenaries and a survivor, and her 'saviour', Sarah, a life-style magazine editor with a battered love life and a dependancy on her upper middle-class circumstances. Sarah is looking for hope and reconciliation while Little Bee is looking for care and safety. Cleaves proved extremely readable although the plot delivery is not linear and the perspectives suffer from stylistic digressions. We had great fun identifying the allusions to Conrad, Aoki, le Carre, Steinbeck and Rushdie not to mention the geographical mishaps which have created quite a storm in Nigerian literary circles. We were also, 'left hanging' by the abrupt ending. Cleave wanted the reader to imagine Little Bee's future. Cleave continues to be an advocate for compassion and our reading group are to be commended for their forbearance. A quick survey of local literary emporiums in Bideford indicates that Cleaves' novel is still selling well or readers are encouraged to obtain a copy at the Bideford Library.

Bideford Readers' group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Bideford Library at 2.30pm

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Linda Napier Brown

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Bideford Black

I have just read in the April edition of Bideford Buzz the article by John Martin about the mining of Bideford Black. This document <http://www.ussher.org.uk/journal/00s/2006/Posters06.pdf> implies that it was marketed as 'Biddiblack' which is presumably how Biddiblack Way in East-The-Water got its name. I'd be interested to know where the nearby Fillablack Road got its name from.

Regards

Alan

Ed replies According to the book, '*Bideford Black, The history of a unique local industry*,' published by Sound Archives North Devon, three grades of paint were produced:- '*Fillablack*', the material received from the mine, dried and crushed (the old Bideford Black), '*Biddiblack*' sold as a pigment for the manufacture of paints, and '*Bettablack*' used as a rubber re-inforcing agent.' A copy of this book is available from Bideford Library. (Street names are agreed as part of the planning process.) **see also** a full article on the subject by Chris Hassall on **page 18** this month

Parkinson's Uk - Torridge branch

We need a new Chairperson. Please do not switch off, it could be you who could help with this, whether personally or perhaps you might know of someone who would like to undertake this challenge. The Branch acts as a support group for over 70 Parkinsonian's living within Torridge. We have a strong committee, with all officers very active, and who run a very comprehensive programme - from physiotherapy classes to outings; from coffee mornings to welfare support. Our current Chair needs to stand down for personal reasons, so we are looking for the right person to fill these shoes and who would have both the empathy and the management skills to do this. He/she would have the full support of the committee, along with an induction process, so lots of assistance to settle in.

In the first instance please reply to the Sec. Julie Jones 01 237 478128 for further information, without obligation. We have now changed our monthly venue for our coffee mornings and are now using the Ethelwynne Brown Housing Trust Common Room, based at Ethelwynne Brown Close, Barnstaple Street, East the Water.

Keith Hughes. Committee Member (on behalf of Sec. who is away).

Nature Watch

On the morning of Thursday 19th October I saw an otter at 5.45am. It was running down the mud flats at low water - this was a massive male otter with a great big tail. The shelduck have arrived in great numbers, twelve on the same morning, and the redshank are making a come-back. The oyster catchers are there too opening the cockles to eat them; plenty of curlews too and the egrets and the heron are increasing as they breed in the River Torridge. - lovely to see them all

DL Barnes

Toll Houses

I just wanted to say how much I enjoy reading the Bideford Buzz. So full of interesting things. It is with this in mind that I would like to ask if you would be able and good enough to put a request in your next edition.

I have recently moved to the Bideford area and live in a beautiful toll gate house in Clovelly Rd. Passers by have stopped and told me it was once a shop and tobacconists.

As I would love to research its history could I ask your readers for copies of pictures in various stages of its history. If there is anyone with more information I would love to hear from them.

I would like to get a file together of historical information on the building which would be on display in the hall of the bungalow for anyone wishing to see it.;also any information about who lived there and how much the inside has changed. I already have a copy of '*Tollhouses of North Devon*' which mentions it, but does not include any pictures.

Julia Sheppard (address and phone number supplied)

Bideford Library and the North Devon Record Office are good places to start – also Bideford Archives at Windmill Lane. If you would like to get in touch with Julia please contact Buzz.(Ed)

news from the Burton Art Gallery & Museum for December 2011, and January, 2012

The year may be nearing its close, but there is still much to be enjoyed at the Gallery, in particular, two exhibitions worthy of your visit. Anthony Armstrong-Jones' 'In Camera: Snowdon's – the World of British Art', reveals portraits of known, and lesser-well-known artists; the camera does not lie, and we can read personality in the eyes, tilt of the head, or the background detail of a room behind the sitter. Black and white photographs give better definition than colour. You can see this exhibition right up to Christmas Eve, so have plenty of time to peruse.

The Friends are holding their Annual Christmas Exhibition for artists, both amateur and professional, in all media (except photography) **to 18th December**. Artists have been invited to submit work for selection, as there is limited space, and usually around 240 pieces of artwork are chosen. The Friends' volunteers help to oversee the exhibition each day, and the profit from submissions and commission from sales is used to support and enhance the work of the Gallery for the community. So if you are looking for that special gift for someone at Christmas, come along, you may find just the thing you are looking for! All media are represented: paintings in oil, acrylic, watercolour, pastel; textiles, embroidery, collage; ceramics and sculpture; prints, engravings, etchings. Everything is for sale.

On display in the Craft Gallery include 'Weaving with Natural Materials' by Lyn Edwards, and you will discover how she has used willow, bark, rushes and leaves to create baskets, bowls and boxes. Hedgerow materials are plentiful, and Lyn wastes nothing, using them to create beautiful and interesting objects. All this can be seen right up to Christmas Eve.

The Friends are holding their Christmas Quiz on **Wednesday 7th December at 6.30 p.m.** Supper is included for £12. Booking is essential: 01237 471455.

The Gallery closes at midday on Christmas Eve, 24th December, and re-opens on January 9th, 2012.

JANUARY 2012: Welcome to the New Year! Mostly a quiet month at the Gallery, with a good selection of the Permanent Collection on display, and it's always good to see what's in store. As always, entry is FREE, and the Restaurant, Shop, Museum and Ceramic Collection, Tourist Information and Craft Gallery are there for your pleasure.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,
Diana Warmington,
Secretary of the Friends of the Burton Art Gallery & Museum.

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Back from the storm

If only I could relieve a flooded brain of memories
Which linger and remain like puddles of rain.
Drip by drip he leaves me
But still I cannot be rid of his reflection in my eyes.
The pain of a shattered hope has passed
But the ache persists with every wave.
I was left floating in the abyss
With only strength and will to guide me home.
There like sailors' wives waiting in the calm of a storm
My loved ones sighed relief as I returned to the shore.

Maire Beer

Poetry please

Do you have a poem you'd like to share with us? We'd love to receive your romantic Valentine's Day poems to publish in our February issue.

Send them to editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk or c/o Editor Bideford Buzz, Bideford Library New Rd Bideford Ex39 2HR. To arrive by the 15th January 2012.



<h1>TEN</h1>	<h1>good REASONS</h1>	<p>1 You can earn more – workers in unionised workplaces earn on average eight per cent more.</p> <p>2 You could get more holiday – Unite has won better holidays for many of its members in places where it organises.</p>	<p>7 If you do get injured you can get better compensation – Unite wins millions of pounds for members and their families each year through its legal help.</p> <p>8 You are less likely to be discriminated against than non-union colleagues – Unite constantly campaigns for tougher anti-discrimination laws.</p>
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News from Bideford Film Society

'The Debt'

Last month **Bideford Film Society** screened at Kingsley School "The Debt", a spy story starring Helen Mirren and Tom Wilkinson. The film opens towards the end of the story in 1997 when three retired Israeli agents are being honoured for their success thirty years previously when they sought out Von Fogel the notorious head of Birkenhau concentration camp.

In 1966 their mission was to find him and keep him alive so that he could be brought to trial. They managed to capture him but he brutally attacked them and escaped. They dared not admit to this failure and for thirty years kept this guilty secret.

In the late 1990s they heard that a journalist had found Von Fogel in a nursing home in the Ukraine and was planning to interview him and publish his story. Rachel (Mirren) travels to the home, finds the sick elderly man but cannot bring herself to kill him. Instead she writes the true story on the back of his medical notes for the journalist to find.

The film ends here. The story is twisting and tense but believable. The acting superb. There was too much violence for me - I prefer to use my own imagination. Many of the scenes were shot in darkness and I like to see the actors. I know this is modern filming but not so enjoyable for me. However, compared with much entertainment available, this was an excellent way to spend an evening; in comfort and seeing a good film on a big screen locally.

Bideford Cinema will be showing many other good films this Winter Details in the local press .and on the ads page on Bideford Buzz. Why bother to drive and pay to park when you can watch good films in comfort in Bideford. ?

Mavis Blow

Family History

Hello Everybody. I hope that your research is going well and that progress is being made. The second of my essential research tips, carrying on from "who were they" in last month's Buzz is where were they. Geography will play an important part of your research when you come to look for official records. In order to find your relatives' records you will usually require some degree of knowledge about where your relatives were living. Once you know this information, you can then look for them in census returns or via the indices to civil registration records. Ask around your family, particularly older relatives to glean this information. More next month so good luck.

The next meeting of the Bideford Group of the Devon Family History Society will be on **Dec 19th , 2pm-4pm at the Burton art museum.** All are welcome, it is free and I am sure you will enjoy your visit. The Dec meeting will be our usual Xmas Quiz which always gets good reviews along with mince tarts & clotted cream. So hopefully we will see you. Any queries please contact me **Len Collum 01237 472883**



CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH BIDEFORD

Everyone is most welcome to our Christmas services:

CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Sunday 18 December at 7 pm.

NATIVITY SERVICE, Christmas Eve at 4 pm. Especially for families with young children. Children can come dressed as angels, shepherds or wise men and join in with the Christmas story.

MIDNIGHT MASS, Christmas Eve, at 11.30 pm. Traditional Eucharist, with carols and incense, starting in candlelight.

CHRISTMAS MORNING FAMILY COMMUNION WITH CAROLS at 10 am Christmas Day. Children can bring their presents to show everyone.

Enquiries to St Mary's Church Office, 9 Church Walk, Bideford, EX39 2BP; tel: 01237 474078

A Christmas Birthday Present for the Chemo Unit

Christmas is a very merry time, but for one group of people it can be a mixed blessing as everything is geared up for the celebrations. I am talking about those with birthdays in December. Every other month of the year is clear for parties, meals out and other birthday bashes. But everything it seems stops for Christmas. A group of six musicians who play around the pubs, sessions and gigs of Bideford and Appledore discovered that they all had birthdays in December.

The "Birthday Boys" are Local Blues legend, Jim Crawford, Tony Finney of local Bluegrass band Firewater, Dambuskers band members; Steve Ruffe and Baz Bix, Andy Knight and Mick "the book" .



They got talking and decided that they would have a party this year! But this year has not been a good one. Two members of the local music community - like other communities - have been affected this year by the dreaded "cancer".

It seemed a good idea as musicians to do something to help the work of the Chemotherapy Unit at NDDH ; they are raising money to build a unit that can give first class care to those who attend for chemotherapy.

The Grand Band Birthday Bash was born and its main aim is to have a party that will raise lots of money. Everyone is invited, free entry, but we will be trying to part you from your money. In return you will get a great evening of music, a Silent Auction with some great "lots" and a raffle that won't wear you out - we promise.

It takes place on Saturday December 17th at Appledore Social Club, and starts at 8pm ; for more information please phone 01237 478975.

Fly the Tarka Trail on Google Street Map

The 33 mile section, between Braunton and Meeth, of the 163 mile Tarka Trail regional route has gone live on Google Street View. This means that anyone with access to the internet can get a street-eye view of the Trail on their PC. This is the first time that such a long stretch of traffic-free route has been incorporated into Google Street in England.

This is part of a collaboration with UNESCO to provide visual access to World Biosphere Reserves and World Heritage Sites. The Tarka Trail was chosen as a gateway to the Biosphere Reserve to encourage visits, not just to the wonderful AONB coast, but also to the varied and beautiful inland areas and the gems that they have to offer.

Matt Edworthy from the North Devon AONB and Biosphere Service that manage the Trail explains how the new resource could be used. *"Being able to 'fly the Trail' on Street View shows how its character changes from the more remote areas south of Torrington to the busier areas alongside the estuary. We hope it will encourage people to explore the less visited, more intimate stretches of the Trail"*

Bideford Pannier Market

Market Days are Tuesdays and Saturdays

8am - 3pm - (January through to March - 8am - 2pm)

Butchers' Row & Market Place

Open six days a week all year round. Why not pop in for breakfast or just a cup of coffee - you will always find a warm welcome - and our market hall cafe serves hot meals and beverages most days of the week!

More about Bideford Black.



Most people will know that “Bideford Black” is derived from a sort of coal deposit that was once mined around Bideford and used to make a protective black paint for coating ships' bottoms. It can safely be assumed that the terms Biddiblack and Fillablack (as in Fillablack Way) are derived from this Bideford product being used as a filler for caulking seams as well as a paint. Details of the uses and processes involved can be read in books from Bideford Library, but I propose to outline a little of what can still be seen of the places where Bideford Black used to be mined.

Most of the Torridge landscape is underlain by contorted strata of mixed sandstone and shale beds, all of which run in an approximately east-west orientation. Amongst these rock strata are a few bands of carbon rich shales and coal, which also used to be known as culm, and it is these that were mined, first for fuel and later to produce the famous Bideford Black paint, which gave rise to the curious name of the “Paint Mines”.

Looking at maps and street plans, one can see names such as Mines Road and Pitt Hill which would appear to have connections with the mining industry, yet they seem quite unconnected with each other, one being east of East the Water and the other on the hill to the west of the town centre. Then a couple of years ago when ground works for a new housing development called Harlseywood were being excavated off Abbotsham Road, opposite the end of Moreton Park Road, vast quantities of black shale were dug up, indicating that the culm beds were coming to the surface here as well. Finally, walking along the beach at the base of Abbotsham Cliffs, (taking due heed of the risk of falling boulders) there is a point where a band of coal appears in the bottom of the cliff face. This is not easy to locate, being masked by undergrowth and loose soil and gravel, nor is it good coal for burning, and certainly not worth the long walk with a wheelbarrow to help yourself !

If you take a ruler and join up these places on the map, you find they are on an approximate straight line which, if continued eastwards, passes close to Hiscott where at Somers, in another little valley running down to the river Taw, there are old quarries that also used to dig coal. It seems a safe assumption that the culm seams ran straight from Abbotsham Cliffs to Somers, being hidden under higher ground to the east of East the Water and having been eroded away in the formation of the Torridge valley alongside which Bideford grew up.

I don't know of any existing signs of the pits that Pitt Hill is named after (although historian Peter Christie may well know better), but there are old photographs that show a mineral railway or conveyor emerging from the cliffs above Ethelwynne Brown Close, which used to be railway goods yard in the past, and it is said that an adit (horizontal mine shaft) followed the culm seam through the hill from there to the mines at the end of Mines Road.

It is at Mines Road, the eastern end beyond Manteo Way, that the recent (before and after World War Two) mining operations took place. Here there were several adits giving access to different seams of culm at varying levels in the side of the deep little valley through Cleave Wood, as well as vertical shafts opening from the meadows beside the road. The seams had picturesque names like “Paint Seam” and “No.1 and No.2 Mary Ann Seams”. The last of the adits was closed off to prevent access only last year, with a concrete block wall leaving a small space guarded by a metal grille to allow bats to fly in to hibernate over winter. Badgers have taken over the mining operation now and are active in the side of the valley and the old spoil heaps, busily digging their own tunnels and “ovens” (Henry Williamson's name for their living chambers). However a builder has planning permission to develop the site, and heavy machinery has been “landscaping” much of the area so that soon this last remnant of Bideford's mining heritage will be lost.

The names of Pitt Hill , Mines Road and Fillablack Road may soon be all that is left to remind us.

Chris Hassall

(Notes If there is anyone with personal memories of the industry please get in touch)

Please also read the letter on 'You write ' page this month.



THE SHIPPING NEWS



Ship	Registered Flag	From	To	Date arrived	Date sailed	Crew	Cargo loaded
Baltiyskiy 202 Built 1994	Valletta Malta Russian	Cork	Wismar	19/10/11	25.10 .11	Russian	2620 tons timber

This is the largest amount of timber load since shipments started in May
There is a shipment due to load about 23/24 November on the **Valentin Pikul**.

Arco Dart 27.10.2011 11.11.2011 12.11.2011

Bristol Channel Observations.

15.10.2011 seen anchored off Clovelly all this day, having arrived previously on the **14.10.2011** the tanker **Bro Gazelle** 7515 tons, owners Bro Go BV & Erik Thun Netherlands ;she was outward bound from Cardiff . The vessel was seen by Chris Tolley. She sailed on the Sunday morning heading towards Milford Haven.

16.10.2011 at 10.37 hrs cargo vessel **Erieborg** 10750 tons d.w, owners Wagenborg Shipping B.V Netherlands, inward bound for Cardiff ; at 12.16 hrs cargo vessel **Yong Xing** 22309 tons d.w owners, Polish Ocean Lines Poland, inward bound for Newport; at 12.42 hrs vehicle carrier **Undine** 22616 tons d.w, owners Wallenius Wilhemsen Logistics Norway and Sweden, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 09.38 hrs ; at 18.31 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Scandinavia** 18440 tons d.wm owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury.

18.10.2011 at 15.30 hrs cargo vessel **Pinnau** 3686 tons d.wm, owners ReedereiErwin Strahlmann of Germany, inward bound for Cardiff.

19.10.2011 at 13.25 cargo vessel **Scot Ranger** 3167 tons d.w, owners Scotline Ltd UK, inward bound for Newport.

20.10.2011 at 13.29 cargo vessel **Rhein** 4155 tons d.w, owners Scheper Rheintrader Germany, inward bound for Newport.

22.10.2011 at 11.05 hrs vehicle carrier **Autosun** 6670 tons d.w. owners UECC Unipessoal Ltd Funchal Madeira, inward bound for Portbury; at 13.20 hrs container vessel **Elevation** 6449 tons d.w, owners Elevation Shipping BV Netherlands, inward bound for Portbury.

23.10.2011 at 13.00 hrs vehicle carrier **Viking Drive** 10817 tons d.w, owners Gramcar Shipping HK Ltd Singapore, inward bound for Portbury.

28.10.2011 at 08.25 hrs bulk carrier **Ocean Confidence** 175000 tons d.w, owners Ocean Confidence Maritime inc Hong Kong China, outward bound from Port Talbot,

30.10.11 at 15.40 hrs cargo vessel **Pernille** 3492 tons d.w owners Interscan Schiffahrts GMBH Germany, outward bound from Cardiff.at 15.15 hrs cargo vessel **Wolthusen** 6918 tons d.w, owners W. Bockstiegel Reederei GHMB & Co KG Germany, inward bound for Avonmouth ; this vessel was seen whilst I was at Ilfracombe and would have been crossing the bay about 90 minutes beforehand.

1.11.2011 at 0815 hrs cargo vessel **Belina** 6918 tons d.w, owners Peter Dohle Schiffahrts KG Germany, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 02.16 hrs ; at 10.28 hrs cargo vessel **Hunteborg** 6100 tons d.w, owners Wagenborg Shipping BV Netherlands, inward bound for Swansea.

6.11.2011 at 17.00 hrs project vessel **Abis Belfast** 3800 tons d.w, owners Abis Shipping BV Netherlands, inward bound for Sharpness.

10.11.2011 at 13.40 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Europe** 18461 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury.

12.11.2011 at 11.33 hrs vehicle carrier **Autosun** 6670 tons d.w. owners UECC Unipessoal Ltd, Funchal, Madeira, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 07.35 hrs

As this is my last report for 2011 may I take this opportunity to wish all readers of the Shipping News, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thanks for your kind comments about the page.

Regards *Norman*

December 2011 Diary

Thursday 1st

10.15am Northam and District Men's Forum meets at the Methodist Church Hall, Cross St. Northam. Tel 470553 for details

11am Tai Chi for reduced mobility at Lavington Church Hall

Friday 2nd

Palladium Club 'Roughnecks' - rock covers

Saturday 3rd

10am Light up a life for North Devon Hospice Bideford Methodist Church 'Get in the picture' at Bideford Baptist Church

Bucks Cross Village Hall Coffee & Carols with the Hartland Singers

7.30 pm Northam Choral Society

Christmas Concert at Bideford High Street Methodist Church. £6 on door.

Film at Littleham, : 'Tea with Mussolini', fantastic cast. Info. on 420372

Palladium Club Wendy May's Boom Boom room - soul/funk/ska dj night

Sunday 4

4pm Christingle service Weare Giffard Church.

Monday 5th

8.30pm North Devon Jazz Club at the Beaver Inn Appledore 01237 421065.

Tuesday 6th

2pm Bideford Salvation Army Fun and Fellowship Club; Bideford Baptist Church

7pm Annual Schools' Carol service High St Methodist Church 07925 348853.

7.15pm Bideford Camera Club Bideford Youth Centre tel Carol 423242

Palladium Club – Open Mic Jam Night

8pm Tarka Morris at Bideford Amateur Athletic Club

Wednesday 7th

Bideford Probus Christmas Lunch Revd Paul Smith 01237 423513

7.30pm Bideford Music Club Methodist Church Hall, High Street

Bideford Folk Dance Club meets in Northam Hall. Tel: 475138

8pm Phoenix Morris practice at Baptist Church info@bidefordphoenix.co.uk 01237 473798.

Thursday 8th

10.15am Northam and District Men's Forum meets at the Methodist Church Hall, Cross St. Northam. Tel 470553 for details

11am Tai Chi for reduced mobility at Lavington Church Hall

7.30pm Eyes Down Bingo at Robins' Nest (Football club)

8pm Bideford Folk Club Joiners' Arms "Caroloke" in the Crealock Arms - a selection of well-known carols + Christmas pop songs

Friday 9th

2pm Devonshire Association Burton Art Gallery tel 477701

3.45-4.45/5pm Annabel's After school

art Club at Craftihands, Mill St, 476159

6pm -9pm Christmas Sparkle in Mill Street Bideford - late night shopping Palladium Club 's.e.x. and lunacy' - rock metal

Party at Big Sheep in aid of Chemotherapy appeal with Santa's Elves tel 07814520357

7.30pm Abbotsham WI meet at Abbotsham Village Hall 474711

8pm Bideford Ceilidh Club. Folk Dancing for Fun, Bideford Amateur Athletic Club

Saturday 10th

Signing of the lease at Bideford Pannier Market with mead and mince pies

10am-3pm Free entry to Appledore Maritime Museum

10am onwards 'Get in the picture' at Bideford Baptist Church

6.00pm St Mary's Church, Bideford 'Light up a life' service for North Devon Hospice

Palladium Club Drum, Bass DJ night

Sunday 11th

Torridge Ramblers afternoon walk 01805 622183 for details

3pm Bideford Salvation Army Baptist Church for service of Praise and Worship

7.30pm Appledore Singers practice at Appledore School www.theappledoresingers.co.uk

Monday 12th

10.30am-12 Memory Cafe Appledore Baptist Hall 01237 459337

7.30pm Bideford Stamp Club meet at Bideford Youth centre tel 472101

Tuesday 13th

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

12.30am Macular Disease Society Christmas Lunch at Burton Art Gallery Peter Ellis 01409 231309

2pm Bideford Salvation Army Fun and Fellowship Club; Bideford Baptist Church

7.15pm Bideford Camera Club Bideford Youth Centre tel Carol 423242

8pm Tarka Morris at Bideford Amateur Athletic Club

Palladium Club – Open Mic Jam Night **Wednesday 14th**

10.30am Epilepsy North Devon meet at Barnstaple Library Henry Williamson Room tel 07875574428

Bideford Folk Dance Club meets in Northam Hall. Tel: 475138

8pm Phoenix Morris practice at Baptist Church info@bidefordphoenix.co.uk 01237 473798.

Thursday 15th

10.15am Northam and District Men's Forum meets at the Methodist Church Hall, Cross St. Northam. Tel 470553 for details

7.30pm Eyes Down Bingo at Robins' nest (Football club)

8pm Bideford Folk Club Joiners' Arms

Crealock Arms Littleham Holy Karaoke

Friday 16th

10-12 pm Memory cafe Northam Hall 01237 420136

7.30 pm Bucks Cross Village Hall table decorations for Christmas Phyllis Vanstone . Rosemary 429388

8pm Bideford Ceilidh Club. Folk Dancing for Fun, Bideford Amateur Athletic Club

Palladium Club Black Hole Promotions

Saturday 17th

Palladium Club The Gigantics

Chloe Bix/ Trudi Brown - Celtic folk rock

Sunday 18th

3pm Bideford Salvation Army Baptist Church for service of Praise and Worship

Candlelight Christmas concert at Holy Trinity Church Westward Ho! Appledore band

7 pm Candlelit Carol service St Mary's Church Bideford

Monday 19th

10.30am-12 Memory Cafe at Appledore Baptist Hall tel 459337

Appledore Singers practice at Appledore School 7.30pm

www.theappledoresingers.co.uk

8.30pm North Devon Jazz Club at Beaver Inn Appledore tel 01237 421065.

Tuesday 20th

2pm Bideford Salvation Army Fun and Fellowship Club; Bideford Baptist Church

Northam Choral Soc School Room Methodist Church Northam 429080.

Palladium Club – Open Mic Jam night 478860

8pm Tarka Morris at Bideford Amateur Athletic Club

info@bidefordphoenix.co.uk contact Neil or Carolyn on 473798.

Wednesday 21st

Palladium Club Auction for the Promise club - top indie rock band

Thursday 22nd

8pm Bideford Folk Club Joiners' Arms

Friday 23rd

Palladium Club 'Maybe Naked'

Saturday 24th

4pm Christmas Eve: Nativity Service St Mary's Church Bideford; for families with young children.

Palladium Club Jam Night Xmas party

11.30pm Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass St Mary's Church Bideford.

Sunday 25th

10am Christmas Day: Christmas family communion with carols, St Mary's Church

Friday 30th

Palladium Club 'Gang of thieves' - rock covers

Saturday 31st

New Year's Eve

January 2012 Diary

Tuesday 3rd

7.15pm Bideford Camera Club
Bideford Youth Centre tel Carol
423242

Saturday 7th

Palladium Club Wendy May's boom
boom room

Monday 9th

10.30am-12 Memory Cafe Appledore
Baptist Hall tel 459337

Tuesday 10th

10am Lavington Church coffee
morning and lunches (-1.15pm)

Thursday 12th

8pm Bideford Folk Club Joiners' Arms

Friday 13th

Palladium Club 'Dirty Frank' - rock
covers

Saturday 14th

Palladium Club 'Flee mt fuji' - farewell
show for local indie rock band

Sunday 15th

Torridge Ramblers Afternoon Walk
3 miles 01805 623171 for details

Monday 16th

7pm Bideford Carers' Support group
Communal Room, Marlborough Court
01271 372811

Tuesday 17th

10 for 10.30am Parkinson's group
meets at Ethelwynne Brown Close

Friday 20th

Palladium Club Spaced Invaders - 80s

Wednesday 25th

2.15pm Bideford Town Hall
Public Meeting of the Senior Council
for Devon

Thursday 26th

8pm Bideford Folk Club Joiners' Arms

Friday 27th

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

9.00pm - folk night/song and music
night. West Country Inn, Hartland, .
Contact 07812751555

Saturday 28th - Palladium Club Black
Hole promotions - 3 young local bands

Other events in December and January

Festival of Winter Walks

Monday 26 December. North Devon
Ramblers. 2 hour walk starting at
Arlington Court NT CP at 11:00am Local
Paths - food available at NT Restaurant.
Info: 01271 863727

Sat 31 December. North Devon
Ramblers. 2 hour walk starting at
Arlington Court NT at 11:00am Walk out
the old year with Arlington Head
Warden - food available. Info: 01271
863727

Zumba!

Zumba Fitness classes Polyfield
Community Centre, East the
Water. Every week on a Monday
evening **6.15-7.15pm!** 01271859009
07877300066

www.zumbafitnessdevon.co.uk
zumbafitnessdevon@gmail.com

Appledore Library

Please note - revised opening times

Tuesday 10-1 Wednesday 2-5
Thursday 10-12 Saturday 10-12

also on

Wednesdays 2.30 – 3.00pm A pre-
school storytime ; **Thursdays 12- 1 pm**
An informal French conversation group,
for those who speak some French and
would like to practise.

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Bideford Library

Events in December

Wednesday December 14th – Library
group Christmas meeting 2.00 till
4.00pm

Tuesday December 19th – 10.00-1.00
Christmas Crafts – workshop for the
over 5's. Booking essential.

Thursday December 22nd – 6.00-6.30
Sleepyheads Storytime – a special early
evening storytime for over 4's – come in
your pyjamas and bring your favourite
cuddly toy. Hot chocolate provided!

Also regular events

Every Friday morning free family history
sessions from 9.45 till 12.00 with Len
Collum from the Devon Family History
Society – booking in advance essential
Every Tuesday and Friday from 9.45 till
10.15 Under fives storytime.

Please check in advance with Bideford
Library staff for events in **January tel**
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