



BIDEFORD BUZZ



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



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Waxcaps

These mushrooms are considered by many as the orchids of the fungi world. They come in a variety of bright cheerful colours and often have shiny caps. They belong to the genus *Hygrocybe*.

As with most fungi, Autumn is when you'll find them, especially after a rainy spell, and we've had plenty of that! Like many orchids, they like nutrient poor grassland so look out for them in the meadows while out walking. You might also see them in graveyards. Last year I took part in a waxcap survey on Exmoor particularly looking for the rare pink waxcap. The coast path up there is a good place to look, the grass is regularly grazed and the ground holds the water. Once you start looking, you'll be surprised how many different waxcaps you'll find.

Lost shops of Bideford

How many do you remember?

- Bawden, Butcher, Mill Street
- Braund, Shoeshop, Mill Street
- Boyles, Outfitters, High St
- Bennet, Ironmonger, Market Place
- Beers Grocers, Market Place
- Beers Grocers, East the Water
- Bideford Wines, Old Town
- Boyles Cycle Shop, Allhalland Street
- Briggs Shoeshop, High Street
- Brights Antiques, Bridgleand Street
- Burtens Stores, Grocer, High Street
- Bagelows Hat Shop, High Street
- Bideford Radio Service, Bridgeland Street
- Baters Furniture, Mill Street
- Bartletts Builders Merchant (Now Jewsons)
- Braunds Florist, Handy Cross
- Bromleys Cafe, High Street
- Burrows Electrical, Bridge Street
- Basil A'Court, Jeweller, Mill Street
- Bideford Dairies, Kingsley Road
- Bartletts Record Shop, Bridgeland Street
- Brights Gift Shop, Jubilee Square
- Chubb's Wool shop
- Charlie Broughs, Outfitter, Market Place
- Cordings Outfitters, Grenville Street
- Couches Tobacconist, Mill Street
- Currys, High Street
- Cecilles, Bridgeland Street
- Cycle Shop, North Road
- Chopes, High Street

More next month.

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Our Garden Monday 3 September 2012

It was late afternoon and the sun was out warming all in front of her. I entered the gate to the pond quietly and walked around the pond cutting brambles that were growing out from the bottom hedge.

I had reached the Western Red Cedar tree which was planted shortly after the pond was dug out some years ago, when for some reason I looked back and saw, in a beam of sunshine coming through the branches of the cedar, a beautiful young robin. So I turned around slowly, still carrying the long pruners in my red gloved left hand and called quietly to the robin "come on, come on". The robin still illuminated by the sun's rays just looked at me trying to figure out what I was. So I



held up my right forearm. Nothing happened, I turned and walked a few paces and called again "come on, come on" The robin was approximately 18 inches away on a small branch. It came to the end of the branch. I stood there for some time with my arm up as before when all of a sudden the robin flew on to the index finger of my gloved right hand. We looked at each other.

The robin pecked my glove then walked along my forearm before it flew away. I continued round to the side of the cedar and cut some small branches that were sticking out in to the small pathway at the side of the shed that looks out to the estuary. I turned back and went on the main pathway around the pond and called again. There was a movement in the small branches. So I waited and called again, the robin flew out of the cedar and alighted on my gloved hand once more and walked down my arm. After a few moments the robin flew off. I walked out of the pond area marvelling at the wonders of nature.

"In a corner of our field in Devon


I was privileged to enjoy a moment of wildlife heaven" **Michael Harper**
(Photo by Jan Whittington)

It could be you!

When I saw the article across the front of October's Buzz requesting contributors for the magazine I thought 'Yes that could be me'. And, of course, I was right. Why not me? Why not anyone else in this lovely little town? There is too much in today's world of 'it's not up to me, why not you?' Apathy leads to the failure of so many ventures large and small, and sadly the proof of this can be seen all too often here in our home town; so it's a small step but here I am penning my very first contribution and I can tell you that I am already feeling the excitement of seeing my words in print. It may *only* be the Bideford Buzz and not some glossy mag full of celebrities and beauty tips nor an important broadsheet full of high minded political opinion but the Buzz is always picked up, hot off the press, by myself and many other local folk because it is good for local titbits, local interest, local events, tips and recipes. So in the grand scheme of things I am just as proud of writing an article for the Buzz as any other publication, even more so because I am supporting a local enterprise that should be prized. This town has a lot to be proud of and supported, including the Buzz so come on join me in helping to make it an even more successful magazine and if you don't like what's in it today forget apathy and contribute something yourself so that you can like what's in it tomorrow. Now what can I write about for next month...?

BoB

Thanks Bob, my sentiments entirely (Ed)

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A statement from one of our members -

"I get a great feeling of companionship at the classes. The exercises are very varied and Sarah our physio really knows what we require, even though we all have different needs."

VENUE: Weare Giffard Village Hall, nr Bideford. **Tuesday afternoons 2.15pm to 3.15pm.**

Refreshments before from 1.45pm, and after. Plenty of free parking, and transport can be arranged.

Sarah Read (neuro physiotherapist) and assisted by Adele Owens are our qualified instructors.

This class and the one in Barnstaple, is financed jointly by both of the North Devon Parkinson's Branches. To attend ring Anne Hughes 01237 475168, or just turn up at a class - first one is free for new comers, otherwise each class is £4.

Go on give it a try!

There's also a coffee morning on the **1st Wednesday of every month at Ethelwynne Brown Close** (Common Room 1) **10.30 onwards** – speaker, coffee, biscuits and chat.. **Bideford's**

Christmas Gift

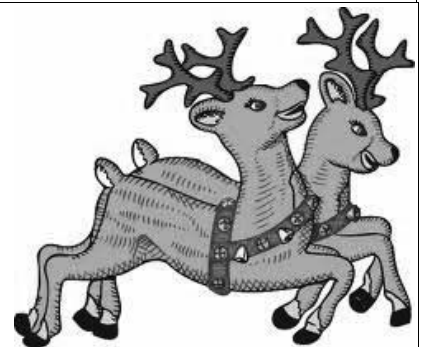
Join us on **Sunday 2nd December** for a celebration of Christmas and the switching on of the Bideford Christmas Lights, starting at 1.00pm and continuing through to 7.00pm.

The Voice Radio Station starts Bideford's Christmas Gift. **Phil Vanstone's Children's Fairground Rides** – Quayside, between Long Bridge and Lundy Office. Fantastic Quayside entertainers, including **Dave Hendy the Magician** and **Abi Falkner's Stilt Walkers**. **Titan the Robot** returns by popular demand, with shows

at 2.00pm, 3.00pm and 4.00pm **Christmas Light Switch On** 5.00pm. **Reindeer Parade** 5.30pm, (from bottom of High Street, travelling towards the town's library, turning right up Bridge Street and continuing through Allhalland Street, Mill Street, Bridgeland Street and back along the quay into special viewing enclosure) **Fantastic Firework Display** starting at 6.00pm.

Performing throughout the day will be: **Kingsley School Choir**, **St. Mary's School Choir**, **Graham Clarke** playing Christmas Carols on his saxophone and **Bideford Town Band**.

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Martial Arts, Doctor Who and Me

From Elvis Presley to Monty Python. Huw Collingbourne seeks out celebrity martial arts masters in real life and in fiction.

Doctor Who and I have something in common. We both do aikido. There is a difference though: the aikido which I do was developed in Japan whereas the Doctor's preferred variety comes from the planet Venus! If you think I'm making this up, you can easily check for yourself. Go to Google and search for "Venusian Aikido". This will take you to a number of sites giving information about the aikido skills practised by the third Doctor (Jon Pertwee). Pertwee's Doctor was seen to use his Venusian Aikido skills in several episodes. He also claimed to dabble in Martian Karate.



This started me wondering about how many other famous people practise martial arts. It goes without saying that a number of film actors who specialise in action films have genuine martial arts skills – everyone from Jean-Claude Van Damme (karate and kick boxing) to Steven Segal (aikido). Possibly the most famous of celebrity karate experts was Elvis Presley who, after training to black belt level, even began using traditional karate moves in his stage performances (complete with dark glasses, flared trousers and sequin-covered cape, which, it has to be said, is not a traditional karate outfit). These days, one of the most skilled martial artists from the world of popular music is Jean-Jacques Burnel of The Stranglers who is a 6th dan black belt karate instructor.

Quite a few famous women have trained in the martial arts too. Singer Elkie Brooks does aikido while the actress Honor Blackman trained to brown-belt level in judo. Blackman once, famously, knocked out the wrestler Jackie Pallo, during a fight scene in The Avengers TV series. Pallo's pride appears to have been wounded by this event and he later issued a statement claiming that he had been knocked out accidentally, adding: "I have never been beaten by a woman and never intend to be."

When you see the martial arts portrayed in films and on TV, the performances are often so stylised that they have more in common with fiction than reality. I began studying aikido in the mid-'80s and, unlike David Carradine in the "Kung Fu" TV series, I still haven't managed to float in the air while playing a flute! Nor can I run up vertical walls as martial arts masters frequently do in Chinese films.

Once you start fictionalising martial arts, you may as well go the whole hog and make up your own. That's what The Goodies did back in the '70s, at the height of Kung Fu mania, when they did a show all about the "age-old Lancastrian martial art of 'Ecky Thump'". But, being Welsh myself, I must admit to having a particular fondness for Llap-Goch, the Secret Welsh art of self-defence which (according to Monty Python) "requires NO INTELLIGENCE, STRENGTH or PHYSICAL courage."

Llap-Goch may not be as effective as Doctor Who's Venusian Aikido. But it's probably a lot easier to learn...

Huw Collingbourne is a 2nd dan black belt Aikido instructor at the Hartland Aikido Club which meets at the Bucks Cross Village Hall, Thursday evenings between 7:00 and 9:00. Phone: 01237-441527. Email: hartlandaikido@gmail.com. Web site: <http://hartlandaikido.blogspot.co.uk>

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Good Age Page



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Riddles to sharpen those genes in your brain and stall Alzheimer's

1. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner. How can this be?

2. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday?

(Answers on Bideford Bay Page 6)

Counting Sheep!

An old lady living in Westward Ho! who recently underwent a double cataract operation, was boasting to her son about her now wonderful eyesight. "I couldn't see me 'and in front of me face, now I can count the sheep on Lundy!" she claimed. "No thee can't" replied her son. "I can!" she insited "I'll show 'e" and went on to describe them exactly. "You'me daft Mother, they baint sheep they be 'ouses"

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Grandparents (and aunts and uncles!) – did you know that you are very welcome to come to our Stay and Play groups with your grandchildren ?

If you are looking after a child in your family, you are very welcome to come to any of our groups that we run on a drop-in basis:

These groups are specifically planned with the needs of young children in mind. They offer a wide variety of play for children aged 0 – 5 (although most of the children are under 3's) The children always choose what they do: there will be some creative play, some physical activities, a 'home corner', some singing and rhymes: all fun activities to offer the children the opportunity to grow and develop at their own pace - activities to capture their imagination and their curiosity. Activities that will enhance their learning – but always through play. They include a healthy snack for the children and for the adults.



"I have really, really appreciated being able to bring my grandson to the Tuesday morning group" said one grandmother "I have him all day. He has a good time and uses up lots of energy in the morning, so in the afternoon, we can sit and do quiet activities – which suits me, too, as I'm running short of energy by then, as well!"

Children's Centre Stay and Play groups are run by experienced and well-qualified staff who will always make you feel welcome.

Sessions run on:

Tuesdays (in the Children's Centre) 9.30 – 11.00

Thursdays (in the Northam Hall) 10 – 11.15

Fridays: at the Angling Club, (top of Honestone Street) 9.30 – 11.00
at East the Water school (in the school hall) 9.00 – 10.30

There are also many other toddler groups that run on other venues: the Bideford area has groups every day of the week.

Other Events for Under fives

Burton Art Gallery

On 1st November children can use their imagination to sculpt with wire and paper, using the Baskin exhibition (see page 11) as their inspiration. £15 for the day, 10am to 4pm. Book on 01237 471455 or e-mail: burtongallery@torridge.gov.uk / www.burtonartgallery.co.uk

Crafty Kids: continues every Monday at 10am. Always something fun for kids to do. For under fives and families. 01237 471455

And don't forget.....**Young Friends Art Group**

Last Saturday of every month 10am - 12noon, Free, No Booking form required but ring to reserve place 01237 471455

Bideford and Northam Libraries continue to run their under fives story time sessions ; Bideford's is on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30am- 10am and Northam's Bounce and Rhyme is every Wednesday morning **9.15 – 9.45.**

Answers to riddles on Good Age Page (page7)

1. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry (shot; held under water; and hung).
2. Sure you can name three consecutive days, yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

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(Sports Hall)
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Value added. . . ? (A short story by Richard Small)

It started with a seed, well, one of many actually, picked freely by dear Mrs Goodgrace, from a Hollyhock that overhung a public path. Lovingly collected and placed safely into a folded envelope the seeds were carried back home along with their new owner's benevolent dreams. . . then forgotten, misplaced in the shed for a year.



It was a pleasant surprise when the seeds turned up again, discovered by her helpful neighbour, Mr Kindly. "Oh you can have them," she said, "I meant to plant them then forgot, pity, they'd have been lovely."

They all germinated, part of God's nature, the way of the universe you know, there was no charge, the rain came and the seeds grew unhindered into fine plants nurtured by the Sun and a small pot of garden earth. "Lovely, dear, but you have too many," said his wife, Argusina Kindly, "and I think they're just a bit too tall for our little garden." "All right love," he replied, "I'll not waste them, I'll give them to Mr Grubitout at the nursery, I'm sure he'll find a good home for them."

Not so far away at the posh end of the village, Mr and Mrs Havalot were in the process of having their garden landscaped by Mr Trimmings and Sons and, never having lifted a finger in the garden themselves, were taking his advice. He should be good as they had seen his old pick-up outside the 'big house', owned by none other than *the* Lucre El Dorado, banking consultant.

He'd 'do a good job', Trimmings had said, and 'keep the price low for them as the Havalots were struggling to live on the rents from their Lucerne holiday flats, and what with the mooring costs at the yacht club too'.

"Just the very thing for you, Trimmings", said Grubitout, "some fine Hollyhocks, mixed colours and only £6 a plant, I tell you what, I'll discount them at £5.50 for you, can't say fairer than that, a real steal as they say."

"I'll take the lot, Grubitout", replied Trimmings, eyeing the strong dark green foliage and beginnings of good stems – they'd flower this year with luck.

"Right, that's 20 plants at £5.50, er um, £110 plus VAT at 20%. . . dreadfully sorry about that, can't be escaped you know, we all have to pay . . . so that will be £132 if you please", said Grubitout not so much organically but more orgasmically as he rung the bell on the nursery till.

"All planted Mrs Havalot – I got you some real beauties, nursery grown, quality plants from Mr Grubitout's Establishment. . . Let's see now. . . that's £150 for the plants, real beauties, mixed colours he said, you won't find better anywhere I dare say. . . then only £50 labour, tell you what, you're nice people, make that just £45, as I like you. . . £150 plus £45 is er £195, plus that damned VAT at 20%. . . the scourge of the nation that, still, we all have to pay it, can't be escaped . . . so that comes to £233 then please. Thanks for your business, call me back anytime," smiled a very happy Mr Trimmings the landscaper.

Meanwhile out in the garden 20 free seedlings flourished in God's earth with free rain and free sunshine. Their added value would be the scented flowers that perfumed the garden, the drop-in pollen café for the bees, no charge, no tax, and later the seed heads would feed winter hungry birds, free, no tax, their autumn leaves would fall and enrich the soil for free, no tax . . . such is the way of nature.

Some years later, as the Hollyhocks developed, they began to spread and overhang a garden wall, there to be spotted by that dear little old lad y, Mrs Goodgrace while out walking with her granddaughter; She reached out and picked a few seeds. Carefully placing them in a folded envelope she said, "I'll jolly well make sure I plant them this time, I bet they'll look lovely, come on, let's go home for tea and find some plant pots, I have some really pretty green ones I saved free from the rubbish tip."

Richard Small Visit his website at www.goodshortstories.net

Christmas time at Northam Lodge

Once again Northam Lodge's Christmas Fayre will take place at Northam Hall – the old Bridge Hall – on the corner of Fore Street, on **Saturday November 24th, from 12 til 3.30pm.**

Jewellery, Arts & Crafts, cakes, spicy nut hampers, raffle, plants, books and gifts are amongst the stalls that will be there to tempt you to buy your Christmas presents.

The Refreshment Stall will be bursting at the seams with goodies to eat and Santa will be in his Grotto for the children.

Please come along and support your local charity and buy some lovely and unusual Christmas presents.

We look forward to seeing you ! There is free parking at the Northam Doctor's Surgery and the Northam Dental Centre – in easy walking distance of the Hall. There is disabled parking at the Hall. The £2 entrance includes a mince pie and a hot drink.



News from Bideford Film Society

'Ted' screened by Bideford Film Society.

This is the first time that I've reviewed a film which disappointed me. Maybe I'm growing up to be a proper film critic.

Ted was carefully selected by Bideford Film Society after watching the excellent trailer. I looked forward to its screening.

It is the story of a lonely boy, John, an only child with no friends, who lives in the suburbs of Boston Massachusetts. One Christmas when John is 8 his parents give him a teddy bear who when hugged says 'I love you'. Ted becomes John's true friend and one night John wishes that Ted will live forever. This wish comes true. The film then moves on 30 years when John has a job in a car sales room and has been in a 4 year relationship with beautiful Lori. Ted shares their lives. And spoils everything. Ted encourages John into stupid behaviour, fuelled by drug taking. Lori persuades Ted to move out to find a home of his own. Ted is later abducted and fatally injured. Lori, realising how important the bear is to all of them wishes on a star and Ted is restored to life. Ted regrets his earlier behaviour, becomes independent and the film ends happily.

The idea of a teddy bear coming to life has a huge potential for a fun story line. A class of young children could easily make up a better story than this. There were so many events in the film which detracted from the story. It was unnecessary for John to act so badly at work or be so heavily into drugs. In my opinion this was not an entertaining film although I did hear laughter from the audience. If anyone has a different view of *Ted* do write to the editor of Buzz at address on Page 1

See below for November's films . The new Autumn programme features films at both Bideford College and Kingsley School. Look for details in local papers and below.

Mavis Blow



Friday 2nd November **Paranorman (PG)** at the Burton; Saturday 3 November at Bideford College - "**Brave**" (PG); Friday 9th and Saturday 10th Nov **Hope Springs (12a)** at Kingsley School; Friday 16th and Saturday 17th **Taken 2 (12a)** at Kingsley School; Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th Nov **Now is Good (12a)** at Kingsley School; Friday 30th Sat 1st **Skyfall 007** at Kingsley School Sat 8th and Sunday 9th December **Skyfall 007** at Bideford College

Doors open at 7.00pm, film starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets: General £5.50 Concessions £5.00 Members £4.00 Family (up to 3 children & 2 adults) £12.00

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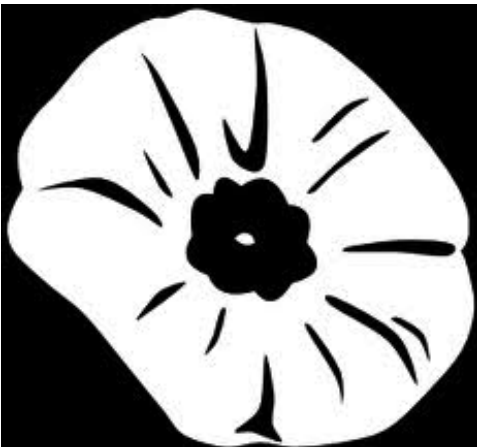
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Remembrance Sunday is on 11 November this year, Armistice Day itself. There will be a short Act of Remembrance at 10.50 am in Victoria Park. The organisations will then parade to St Mary's Parish Church where there will be a traditional service starting at approximately 11.30 am. This is a moving service, remembering those who have fought for their country over the many years, and who are still doing so.

News from the Burton Art Gallery & Museum

November – and a few things to remember, apart from the 5th – including an interesting day course called 'Fiction Writing - Getting Started', with the help of Jane Feather, on the 10th, from 10am to 4pm. Using the Baskin Exhibition in Gallery 2, you will be inspired to structure and create a short piece of fiction.

Jane's latest novel is 'An Inventory of Heaven', and she is a regular tutor for the Arvon Foundation. The cost for the day is £30, and you can book your place on 01237 471455.

The Leonard Baskin Exhibition continues until 12th November, when the Gallery is holding a Symposium Artists and Writers, in a Symbiotic Relationship, from 10am to 4pm. There will be a showing of Leonard Baskin and Ted Hughes, in conversation in 1983, entitled, 'The Artist and the Poet,' which would be of interest to anyone with a love of illustrated writings. Speakers are Noel Chanan, film-maker; Graham Rawle, author and designer, writer for The Guardian; Lee Brackstone, Editorial Director of Faber & Faber, and Gill Saunders, Senior Curator in the Word and Image Dept. of the V. & A. The event is chaired by Dominic Jinks, Head of Arts & Culture at the University of Exeter. Cost: £40, (concessions £30, including Friends of the Burton, over 60s and students.) Book on 01237 471455 e-mail: burtongallery@torridge.gov.uk www.burtonartgallery.co.uk

The current front cover of the Burton catalogue depicts a portrait of John Rolle Walter, 1753-1787, by Pompeo Batoni, just one of a selection of paintings from 'The Road to Rome' exhibited in the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter. Batoni was one of the greatest portrait painters of the 18th century, and his subject, John Rolle Walter, was M.P. for Devon, a dominant landowner, and his family included Lords of the Manor of Torrington. The exhibition explores ideas concerning the Grand Tour, taken by many aristocrats and landed gentry. Dates: 10th November - 23rd December.

The Friends of the Burton Gallery have held their **Open Annual Christmas Exhibition** for many years, and once again artists and craftsmen and women are invited to submit their work. The handing-in dates are Saturday, 17th November from 11-4, and on Sunday, 18th, from 2-4.

Up to 4 pieces of work may be submitted

(paintings not exceeding 30 inches on the longest side), textiles, ceramics, original prints, graphics, craft and sculpture. (No photographs). Works for display will be selected by Hilary Paynter, Martin Hesp and Yvonne Crossley, whose decision is final.

A submission fee per item of £4 for the Friends of the Burton Gallery, and £5 for non-members is payable on the day. The Private View will take place on Saturday, 24th November at 2.00 p.m. For Conditions of Entry in full, and the Submission Form, either pick up copies from the Gallery or go on line to

www.burtonartgallery.co.uk As usual, this will be a varied and spectacular exhibition.

Christmas IS coming, we can't pretend otherwise, and the Gallery Shop and Craft Gallery are gearing up to tempt you with something a bit different in the way of toys, books, and craft items not seen in other local venues. From sculpture to jewellery, prints to textiles, it's an Aladdin's Cave.



Ambassadors Wanted

We are looking for Burton ambassadors both to support the forthcoming Batoni exhibition and also other events.

We'd really like to hear from reliable, friendly and enthusiastic people, with good communication skills, a passion for learning and a willingness to welcome and engage with audiences.

Experience of customer service or public speaking is desirable but not essential, as training will be provided.

For a full role description and volunteer application form please contact Emily Paine on 01237 471455 or email emily.paine@torridge.gov.uk



The Cafe du Parc has invited Deja Blue Jazz Duo to play while you eat on 11th November, 1-3pm.

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm, Sunday, 11am to 4pm. FREE

One Hundred Years Ago in November (from Bideford Gazette)

Bideford Fire precautions

'In case of fire, break glass, pull handle and wait for Engine'. So runs the printed instructions on the new fire calls which the Bideford Council has placed at various parts of the borough. But seeing that the borough is without a fire engine, and the Winter is upon us, it would have been more considerate of the Council to have added-'Don't wait in your pyjamas, but provide yourself with chill-resisting garments, great coat and hot water bottle, until a relieving watch takes on the waiting duty.'

(Clearly a reporter with a sense of humour!)

Shebbear

The time honoured custom of ringing the bells of Shebbear Parish Church and turning the 'glacial stone' beneath the village oak has been observed. The custom dates from 1357 when the east end of the church was consecrated by Bishop Grandison, who was supposed to have planted the village oak.

Bideford Park

The ceremony of the opening of the new main gates to Victoria Park was performed by the Mayor, Councillor WT Goaman J.P. On the 19th November. The Mayor was presented with a silver key for the purpose which he retained as a memento. *(This same key was presented to Bideford Town Council recently by Miss E Brain, a relation of his, and is on display with other artefacts in the Mayor's Parlour.)* The park gates were a gift of Mr.G.O.Peard in memory of his wife, and depicted on each are the Borough coat of arms.

Mike Davy - (from Bideford Archives)

Family History

Hello to all, more info to help with your research.

If you need to search for a surname, the **Guild of One Name Studies** contains thousands of members who have researched specific names from around the country and overseas.

<http://www.one-name.org/>

The IGI is a worldwide resource and is still available on microfiche. It's been largely superseded by <http://www.familysearch.org/> and here you can find which parishes are included and there is a list of all LDS Family History libraries. Please bear in mind that the info you find on these two sites may not be the full transcription of the parish entry so always get sight of the actual register entry.

The next meeting of the Bideford Group of the Devon Family History Society will be on Sat, 17th November at the Burton Art Museum, 2pm - 4pm.

The speaker will be Dr Janet Few whose talk will be directed at 17c witchcraft with special references to Devon. Scarey !!!

Len Collum

Elena Faramus Proud winner of Blazey's Conker Championship receives cup from Steve Blazey.
(Cup courtesy of Thomas and son Jewellers)





THE SHIPPING NEWS



Bideford Shipping 95

Ship	Registered Flag Owners	From	To	Arrived	Sailed	Crew	Caergo loaded
Baltic * Carrier Built 1997	Gibraltar British German	Plymouth	Wismar	18/09/12	19/09/12	Russian Ukrainian	2300 tons timber
Abis Belfast Built 2011	Harlingen Netherlands Dutch	Newport	Rosyth	27/09/12	30/09/12	Dutch	Pieces for aircraft carriers.

* Whilst taking the Pilot out to join **Baltic Carrier** the pilot boat **Two Rivers 2** developed an engine problem. After contacting Swansea Coastguard, the Appledore and the Inshore lifeboat were sent to assist, Captain Hoad was put on board the **Baltic Carrier** by the inshore lifeboat and the pilot boat was towed back to Bideford by the all weather lifeboat. The ship berthed at Bideford approximately one hour and ten minutes after high water and the **Two Rivers 2** was checked over and was ready for service soon afterwards. At the time of going to press the **Rig** will be loading on the 17th for Wismar ; also the two trawlers which have lain on the mud close to the shipyard are due to be moved to Richmond drydock for scrapping . The tug **Aicirtron** which arrived in the river on Friday 12th and was seen alongside Bideford Quay on the 13th is to tow the **Southern Beaver** away from Yelland . *Full report next issue*

Arco Dart 15.9.12 16.9.12 28.9.12 13.10.12

Oldenburg has completed her sailing programme with passengers - will be drydocking, then doing only cargo runs.

Bristol Channel observations

14.9.12 at 14.30 cargo vessel **Flinterzee** 6075 tons d.w, owners Flinter Groep Netherlands, outward bound from Avonmouth, having sailed at 07.06.

16.9.2012 at 07.18 Vehicle carrier **Grande Detroit** 12353 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury. At 15.55 vehicle carrier **City of Rotterdam** 5000 tons d.w, owners Picer Marine S.A Japan, inward bound for Portbury.

18.9.12 at 17.00 buoy maintenance vessel **Patricia**, owners Trinity House London, inward bound for Swansea.

19.9.12 at 09.25 container vessel **Heluan** 16960 tons d.w., owners Heluan Schiffahrtsgesellschaft, Germany, inward bound for Portbury.

21.9.12 at 10.15 the cargo vessel **Monika Mueller** 3723 tons d.w, Otto A Muller Schiffahrt GMBH Germany, inward bound for Sharpness.

22.9.12 at 07.35 container vessel **Endeavour** 9168 tons d.w, owners JR Shipping BV Netherlands, inward bound for Portbury. At 17.05 cargo vessel **Arklow Rambler** 4400 tons d.w owners Arklow Shipping Nederlands B.V Rotterdam outward bound from Avonmouth, having sailed at 11.53 hrs.

24.9.12 at 07.45 vehicle carrier **Astral Ace** 14280 tons d.w, owners Mitsui OSK Lines Japan, inward bound for Portbury.

27.9.2012 at 18.20 hrs cargo vessel **Wilson Farsund** 4341 tons d.w, owners Wilson Shipowning AS Norway, inward bound for Sharpness.

29.9.12 at 12.16 hrs container vessel **Endeavour** 9168 tons d.w owners JR Shipping BV Netherlands owners inward bound for Portbury.

2.10.12 at 17.15 hrs ro ro vessel **Strait of Magellan** 11320 tons d.w, owners Illuminous Ltd London, outward bound from Avonmouth, where she has be laid up for some considerable time proceeding to Falmouth. She sailed from Avonmouth at 09.49 .

6.10.12 at 15.05 hrs container vessel **Endeavour** 9168 tons d.w owners JR Shipping BV Netherlands, inward bound for Portbury. At 15.34 hrs cargo vessel **Universal Antwerp** 22108 tons d.w, owners Universal Antwerpen BV Netheralnds, outward bound from Newport. At 17.05 hrs tug **MTS Vulcan 2** outward bound from Avonmouth

7.10.12 at 15.45 cargo vessel **Theseus** 3667 tons d.w, owners Gerhard Wessels Germany, inward bound for Cardiff. At 16.35 hrs cargo vessel **Arklow Mill** 13985 tons d.w, owners Coastal Shipping PLC Ireland outward bound from Avonmouth, having sailed at 11.25 hrs passing the cargo vessel **Mulheanau** 3670 tons d.w, owners Reederei Erwin Strahlmann Germany, inward bound for Newport.

13.10.12 at 11.25 container Ship **Endeavour** 9926 tons d.w., owners JR Shipping BV Netherland inward bound for Portbury, Our avid reader in Ilfracombe Joshua Hulse spotted the tanker **Stolt Egret** outward bound from Barry, having sailed at 05.07 hrs and then just after 13.00 hrs spotted the **Endeavour** and the **Ameland** 6390 tons d.w, owners Briese Schiffahrts GMBH & Co KG Germany, inward bound for Newport.

Norman

BUZZ WORD

Welcome to Buzz Word- the new updated letters' page. Feel free to send us your Buzzes!



Bideford Clock – Maker?

have a long case clock dating from about the 1800s and inscribed on the face is *Mich Hynes Bideford!* Does any one know the history of this clock maker or person?

Leighton Payne.

(You can see a photo of the clock at www.bidefordbuzz.org.uk)

The saga of the Wonky Conker (October Buzz)

'In October 1891 Bideford Town Council recommended that the Quay be planted with chestnut trees, red and white between thirty feet apart. They were to be planted 12 feet free from the promenade and protected by wood or iron fencing. It was proceeded with.' (Bideford Gazette)

The 'wonky conker' is the only remaining tree from that planting.

Mike Davy

Thanks Stagecoach

Since Stagecoach has taken over the running of the buses in North Devon, especially the route to Appledore and Westward Ho!, I must commend them on the new timetable. It is a pleasure to have three buses an hour equally spaced out instead of having the buses following each other as they used to do when the First company was in operation as well. And if you live in Northam there is a bus to and from Bideford every ten minutes! Luxury!!

Another good point for us older ones who have difficulty in walking, one can catch a bus to Barnstaple and stay on it and get off at Green Lanes, right in the town centre, so avoiding the walk from the bus station. I know this could have been done before, but one would have had to change buses to do so. So thank you Stagecoach. Travelling by bus has really improved. Well done.

Sheila Ball Northam.

Bull Hill

Last December we bought a property at the end of Bull Hill which we believe was built prior to 1842. It was originally a two up and two down with a shared outside WC. We would love to know more about the house and its past occupants and the surrounding area. Would it be possible through your paper to put me in touch with anyone who may be able to help or point me in the right direction.

Andrew Rance

Messiah from scratch

I am the Club Correspondent for Bideford Inner Wheel, wives or female relatives of Rotarians. We have been celebrating our 50th. Anniversary this year and part of the celebrations is to do a **Messiah From Scratch** on November 17th at 7.30 at High Street Methodist Church. Tickets at £5 each to sing or to listen are available from Jan Wicks 01237 420830. We are doing this in aid of a local Charity - Northam Lodge. Anyone can come along during the day to a practice (you do not have to be a wonderful singer) and then take part in the production in the evening. There will be sheets of music and also snacks available. The conductor is the well known John Hobbs. It promises to be an unusual and a fun event.

Erica Malone

A lost 'thankyou'

Hi. I wonder if somebody could please help. My mum and dad have just received a couple of thankyou letters from somebody called Phoebe. I know this sounds crazy but I would like to think that whoever these thankyous were for actually get them. They were addressed to Grandad & Nanna & Granny, 38 Clifton Street Bideford. In the letters she is thanking them for the cardigan and hairclips and also the money for her birthday. I would hate to think that whoever it is put effort in to say thankyou only for it to be sent to the wrong address. If you are that person please phone 01237 477577. **JC**

Morris Dancers needed

During the 1970s, there was a great revival of Morris dancing in England. Teams of young men were springing up all over the place, and the Morris was seen as it should be: vigorous, energetic and exciting.

Those young men from the 70s are still dancing the Morris but, apart from a few cases, there is nothing like the upsurge of interest from younger men that there was then.

Tarka Morris Men would gladly welcome men of 40 and under, although all ages are welcome, to come along and join us. It's fun, keeps you fit, and you'll be doing your bit to preserve a great old English tradition.. We practise during the Autumn and Winter months, and in the Summer we dance around the resorts and villages of the area. The dancing is invariably followed in the pub by music and singing. Why not give it a try, by coming along to one of our practice nights at Bideford Amateur Athletic Club on a Tuesday evening, from 8pm, or you can get more details from me on 01237 476632. And yes, we do sometimes get free beer!

John Blackburn

Bideford Blind Club

Recently Maria and Alistair Clements from Westward Ho! took part in the Cardiff half marathon and raised sponsorship on behalf of the Bideford Blind Club. They decided on the Bideford Blind Club as their preferred charity as their grandmother, Phyllis Scott from Northam is an enthusiastic member of the club and suggested it to them. Maria is currently studying to be a doctor at Cardiff University and Al is studying music at Bath University. They have raised the magnificent sum of £416 to give to the club, for which all of the members and volunteers are most grateful. It is really good that the older people in our community are supported by the younger ones and this is a wonderful example of that local support. (See a photo of the two at www.bidefordbuzz.org.uk.)

Sue Overton

November Diary

Thursday 1st

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship at Northam Methodist Church hall tel 421956

Friday 2nd

Palladium Club *the Rivals*

Saturday 3rd

Torrige Ramblers Day Walk. 429080 for details

10.00 – 12.00 Coffee Morning Holy Trinity Church Hall Westward Ho

10am – 4pm. ASDA Bideford Food Collection Day for Bideford Foodbank

Palladium Club *Boom Boom Room* with Wendy May

7.30 pm. Film 'The Angel's Share' at Littleham Info. on 420372

Sunday 4th

10am-4pm Craft and Gift market at Appledore Community Hall. For tables contact Nickie 07977 265382

Monday 5th

Bonfire Night

10am Lip-Reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close Heather Smith heatherathoneywells@hotmail.com 07994 390 807

7.30pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Primary School, 01769 560034

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

Tuesday 6th

10am - 4pm Cards for Good Causes and Fairtrade gifts at St Mary's Church - until 11th December (10am -1pm on Saturdays.)

10am - 1pm Lavington Church Coffee and lunches

2pm Bideford WI meets at Communal Hall Copps Close

7-9pm Torrige Lights WI meet at Bluelights Hall Appledore tel 476201

7.15pm Bideford Camera Club meets Ethelwynne Brown Community Centre, East-The-Water. 423242

www.bidefordcameraclub.co.uk

Palladium Club Jam Night

7.30pm Bideford Sustainability Group meets at Blacksmith's Arms

8pm Tarka Morris Men practise at Bideford Amateur Athletic Club 01237 476632 jwbeblackburn@aol.com

Wednesday 7th

10.30am Parkinson's UK Coffee Morning Ethelwynne Brown Close, Common Room 1 01237 478128.

Bideford Park Walk and Talk starts at Cafe du Parc tel 420130

2.30pm Bideford Library Readers' Group.

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club Northam Hall tel 423554

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris Baptist Church, Mill Street, Neil Bennion on 473798 n.bennion@btinternet.com

Thursday 8th

10am Drop in Thursday at Bideford Library MacMillan Cancer Care

10.15am Northam Men's Forum meets Methodist Church Hall, Northam. Tel 470553

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship. Northam Methodist Church Hall tel 421956

Friday 9th

7.30pm Appledore WI Bluelights Hall Appledore tel 429683

8pm Ceilidh Club Bideford Amateur Athletic Club, 476632 jwbeblackburn@aol.com (continues on next page)

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- Palladium Club *Dr Feelgood* - long awaited return for the pub rock legend
- Saturday 10th**
7.30pm Masai warriors at St Mary's Church(474078)
Palladium Club *Sons of gods* -
- Sun 11th**
Remembrance Day
Monday 12th
10am Lip-Reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close Heather Smith heatherathoneywells@hotmail.com 07994 390 807
7.30pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Primary School, 01769 560034
Bideford Stamp Club meets at Robin's Nest. 472101
- Tuesday 13th**
10am - 1pm Lavington Church Coffee and lunches
10.30am Macular Disease Society meets Burton Art Gallery 01409231309
2- 4pm Epilepsy Group meets at Henry Williamson Room Barnstaple Library tel 07875577428
7.15pm Bideford Camera Club meets at the Ethelwynne Brown Community Centre, East-The-Water.423242 www.bidefordcameraclub.co.uk
Palladium Club Jam Night
- Wednesday 14th**
10.15 Bideford Probus Club at Royal Hotel Tel 473 337
10.30am Bideford Park Walk and Talk starts at Cafe du Parc tel 420130
7.30pm Bideford Music Club concert at Methodist Church Hall Bideford tel 423112
2.30pm Memory Lane reminiscence session at Bideford Library 476075
7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club meets Northam Hall tel 423554
8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris Baptist Church, Mill Street, Neil Bennion on 473798 or n.bennion@btinternet.com
- Thursday 15th**
10.15am Northam Men's Forum meets Methodist Church Hall, Cross St. Northam. Tel 470553 for details
11am Christmas Fayre Durrant House Hotel in aid of North Devon Hospice
2.15pm Thursday Fellowship at Northam Methodist Church Hall. Tel Maggie 421956
7.30pm Holy Karaoke at Crealock Arms Littleham
8pm Bideford Folk Club at 'Next Door' Cooper St
- Friday 16th**
2pm Devonshire Association meets at Burton Art Gallery tel 477701 or 471749
7.30pm Abbotsham WI at Abbotsham Village Hall tel 01237 474711
7.45 Modern Sequence Dancing
- Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! - 01769 540309
- Palladium Club Black Hole promotions
- Saturday 17th**
Palladium Club *9 yards* - pop rock covers
- Sunday 18th**
10am-4pm Clovelly Herring Festival Clovelly Harbour.
Torrige Ramblers' afternoon walk 01805 622108 for details
- Monday 19th**
10am Lip-Reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close Heather Smith heatherathoneywells@hotmail.com 07994 390 807
3pm Monday Club at Methodist Church Hall
7.30pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Primary School, Pam Beechey 01769 560034
Appledore and District Amateur Radio club at Appledore Football Club. 473251
- Tuesday 20th**
10am - 1pm Lavington Church Coffee and lunches
7.15pm Bideford Camera Club meets at the Ethelwynne Brown Community Centre, East-The-Water.423242 www.bidefordcameraclub.co.uk
7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearsals at Methodist Church hall Northam
Palladium Club Jam Night
8pm Tarka Morris men practise Bideford Amateur Athletic Club 01237 476632 or email jwbeblackburn@aol.com
Palladium Club *Jam Night*
- Wednesday 21st**
7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club Northam Hall tel 423554
8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris Baptist Church, Mill Street 473798 n.bennion@btinternet.com
- Thursday 22nd**
10.15am Northam Men's Forum meets Methodist Church Hall, Cross St. Northam. Tel 470553 for details
2.15pm Thursday Fellowship. Northam Methodist Church Hall tel 479643
8pm Bideford Folk Club at 'Next door' Cooper St
- Friday 23rd**
7.45 Modern Sequence Dancing Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! - 01769 540309
8pm Ceilidh Club Bideford Amateur Athletic Club, 476632 jwbeblackburn@aol.com
Palladium Club *Zamba* - ska reggae carnival covers band
- Saturday 24th**
10am - 4pm Craft and Food Fair at Littleham, Tel.: 473338
- Palladium Club *Moke stackshakers* - bluesy ska reggae band
- Monday 26th**
10am Lip-Reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close Heather Smith heatherathoneywells@hotmail.com **07994 390 807**
7.30pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Primary School, Pam Beechey on 01769 560034
- Tuesday 27th**
10am - 1pm Lavington Church Coffee and lunches
7.15pm Bideford Camera Club meets Ethelwynne Brown Community Centre, East-The-Water.423242 www.bidefordcameraclub.co.uk
7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearsals at Methodist Church hall Northam
North Devon Humanists at Fremington Parish Hall annexe tel 477851
Palladium Club *Jam Night*
8pm Tarka Morris men practise at Bideford Amateur Athletic Club 01237 476632 or email jwbeblackburn@aol.com
- Wednesday 28th**
10.15 Bideford Probus Club at Royal Hotel Tel 473 337
7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club Northam Hall tel 423554
8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris welcome new members Baptist Church, Mill Street, Neil Bennion on 01237 473798 or e-mail n.bennion@btinternet.com
- Thursday 29th**
10.15am Northam Men's Forum meets Methodist Church Hall, Cross St. Northam. Tel 470553 for details
2.15pm Thursday Fellowship. Northam Methodist Church Hall tel 421956
7.30pm Bideford College Devon Hall Albert Lee & Hogan's Heroes <http://www.albertleeandhogansheroes.com/> 01237 429525
8pm Bideford Folk Club 'Next Door' Cooper St
- Friday 30th**
7.45 Modern Sequence Dancing Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! - 01769 540309
8pm Ceilidh Club Bideford Amateur Athletic Club, 0112137 476632 or email jwbeblackburn@aol.com
Palladium Club Muddy Waters jnr (Mud Morganfield - eldest son of Muddy Waters) - playin all his dads
- Sunday 2nd December**
Christmas Lights Switch On.
Reindeer arrive in Bideford.