



# BIDEFORD BUZZ



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

## Heritage Day in Bideford last month



Photo by Robin Stowell

Alison Rickman (as Queen Elizabeth) and the Phoenix Morris Dancers. Alison was collecting for the Lifeboats, and made the costume(s).

### Rose Bows Out

Dear Readers,

After many years at Bideford Library our Editor Rose Arno, will be leaving at the end of August, but will continue as editor of Buzz. The new Library Supervisor at Bideford, Louise Grainger, is happy to distribute Buzz from the Library which is very good news for the distributors and readers alike.

If anybody has any articles for Buzz they can be sent direct to Rose at [editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk](mailto:editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk) for those with computers, or leave a message with Jane Atkinson, our Honorary Treasurer, at the Library.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of all our readers to wish Rose a very happy retirement.

*Norman Hardaker, Chairman Bideford Buzz*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### North Devon Show

Wednesday 3rd August

#### Bideford Water Festival

Sunday 28th August at 2.00pm

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### News from the Burton Art Gallery & Museum

The Westward Ho! & Bideford Art Society, formed in 1922, is holding its 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition now, and, as always, you will find a grand selection of art works, including paintings in all media, ceramics, textiles, and sculpture. The Society has maintained its high standards throughout those years, and its members come from the entire South West, so keen are they to exhibit, not only in this exhibition, but also in our unique and prestigious Burton Gallery. The

exhibition begins on **Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> August**, and continues until **4<sup>th</sup> September**. Entry is free, but you may wish to buy a catalogue when you are pondering over a purchase, perhaps?

On the opening day, 6<sup>th</sup> August, Colin Allbrook, Society member and well-known watercolour artist and professional illustrator, will give us a free 'Talk and Tour' of the exhibition, enabling us to appreciate more fully the techniques and styles of the various artists whose work is on show.

Robert Race's Automata will still be on show until the 8<sup>th</sup> August. His work covers a wide range of moving toys for children and adults, using natural and re-used materials, such as driftwood. So simple, but fascinating, to see the way he puts the parts together.

August is a quiet month for adult's activities, but it could be a time to bring your holiday visitors, and enjoy the exhibitions, the Museum and the amazing Ceramic Collection. The latter has an interactive video screen, and a children's area where they can draw and explore, all the while learning about pottery, how it's made and decorated. The Craft Gallery is full of beautiful, hand-made artworks, - scarves, jewellery, ceramics, prints, wood carvings – ideal as gifts, - or just treat yourself! The Shop and Restaurant will keep you within the Gallery walls a little longer, too. You can pick up the latest Gallery brochure from Reception, giving all the above in more detail,(and much more), for your continued delight. Have a good summer. **Diana Warmington.**

### Rolle Canal walk at Rosemoor.

Once again The Royal Horticultural Society have opened up their riverside woodlands as a special favour to allow the canal society to lead a walk down to the weir at the head of the Rolle Canal by the old Healand Docks upstream of Rosemoor Gardens.

In a walk of about two miles there is the opportunity to see the weir and mill leat as well as the riverside meadows and the ruins of the great lime kilns which the Rolle Canal was built to supply with coal and limestone shipped in via Bideford from Wales. (See Book News on page 14)

The walk starts at 2:30pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August, meeting at the far side of Rosemoor's woodland car park. All are welcome, subject to a contribution of £2 towards the Rolle Canal Society's works, but sorry, no dogs are allowed on Rosemoor property. The paths are rough in places and there may be some muddy areas if wet, but good walking boots should be adequate.

There's no need to book, but if you need more information, 'phone 01237 425357 or e-mail [hassallc@ymail.com](mailto:hassallc@ymail.com)

**Chris Hassall**



### Shelducks on the river

On the 1<sup>st</sup> July Derek Barnes reported to Buzz that he had seen 11 shelducks on the riverbank which was highly unusual –

Did anyone else see them or have any idea why this should have occurred?

## News from Northam Burrows

### Summer Events

#### Rockpool Ramble

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August (2-4pm)**

Meet on the beach by the slipway at Westward Ho!

#### Circus in the sky

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August (2-4pm)**

Meet at the Burrows Centre

#### Burrows Bird Walk

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August (1.30pm -4.00pm)**

Come along for an afternoon bird walk,  
Meet at the Burrows centre.

#### Nocturnal Northam

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August (2 -4pm)**

Construct your own shadow puppet and learn more about the creatures that come out at night.  
Meet at the Burrows centre.

#### Wild in the Garden

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August (2-4pm)**

Make your own bird feeder  
Meet at the Burrows centre

#### Seashore Art

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August (2-4pm)**

Meet on the beach near the Burrows Centre

#### Treasure Hunt

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2-4pm)**

Meet at the Burrows Centre

#### Sea Monsters

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August (2-4pm)**

Meet at the Burrows Centre

#### Pebbolympics

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August (2- 4pm)**

Silly Games

Meet on the beach near the Burrows Centre

The rangers will be at the meeting place whatever the weather. Children should be supervised by an adult.

### Fly tipping

At the Appledore end of the Burrows, located where the old recycling centre used to be, Shawn, the warden, found a huge pile of grass cuttings almost certainly dumped by someone who had driven there with a trailer. When Shawn arrived, some horses were already helping themselves to the fresh cuttings. He said, "The problem is that when horses, sheep or cattle see such a feast laid out before them, they tend to gorge themselves. When this happens, it can create a build-up of gas in the stomach causing a condition known as bloat which if not treated will cause the animal's death."

Fly tipping is illegal of course, especially on the Burrows which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and falls under the Countryside and Wildlife Act. Grass cuttings like this can contain seeds which can then germinate, introducing a foreign body onto the Burrows.

Shawn said, "It's possible that the person who dumped the heap of grass cuttings thought it couldn't harm the animals, but I can assure them it can. A pile like this can also interfere with the natural flora and fauna found on the Burrows so I would urge people to use their green wheelie bins for their garden waste, or take their grass cuttings to the nearest recycling centre."

Torrige's Enviro-Crime officers will be stepping up patrols around the Burrows. And they are actively investigating a similar incident of grass cuttings in Scratchyface Lane in Bideford.

Anyone who has any information on any fly tipping incidents can call the Environmental Protection team on 01237 428810, or specifically about **Northam Burrows please call the Burrows Centre on 01237 479708.**

Photo courtesy of Derek Barnes . Northam Burrows and Westward Ho! (Circa 1950)



### History Trail - Littleham borders.

Readers will remember from previous Bideford Buzzes the interesting articles about the history of Moreton House and the cottage at Jennetts Reservoir. This is another opportunity to visit the grounds of the Reserve and also help to raise funds for charity.

Walk the informative History Trail around the unspoilt grounds of Jennetts Nature Reserve on **August 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> 11am – 5pm** in aid of Harbour Drop in Centre and St Swithin's Church Littleham. Entry will be £3 with refreshments. There will be a family quiz with creative activities for children in the woodland camp 11.30am – 1pm and 2pm – 3pm .

**How to get there.** See [www.bidefordbuzz.org.uk](http://www.bidefordbuzz.org.uk) for a map of the route. From the A39 follow the signs to Littleham but turn left at Moorhead Crossroads, before you reach the village. The house is in the valley. Park near the bridge over the stream. The entrance to the trail is first left after crossing Jennetts Stream.

### One hundred years ago from the Bideford Gazette

#### No bandstand

A visitor reminds us that Bideford is without a bandstand in the park although it has a town band and a territorial band.



#### A sale of work

Opening a sale of work on the hospital ketch **Alice Fisher** at Bideford Quay in aid of the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, the superintendent recalled that two of the Mission vessels the **Cholmondley** and the **Edward Birkbeck** were built at Bideford and christened at Restarick's yard adjoining the Long Bridge.

#### Appledore- Shipbuilding

Shipbuilding is very brisk here. The **SS Penwith** is in dock undergoing repairs whilst the **SS Cadoc** is outside Richmond Dry dock completing repairs. The New Quay dry dock is full of work and shipwrights have their hands full.

#### Pleasure Trip

The last trip for the season on the **SS Hebridean** is a trip to Lundy leaving Bideford at 9am. Return fare is 3 shillings. Tickets from T Pollard, East the Water.

**Mike Davy (Photo courtesy of Derek Barnes)**

### Are you ready for an extreme challenge?

The Great Devon Dangle, a 180 ft abseil, is taking place once again at Hartland cliffs on Sept 10th and 11<sup>th</sup>. With a spectacular headland and sea views, this is one of the South-West's most stunning locations, and you could not wish for a more dramatic backdrop for such a challenge. This has proved to be a hugely popular event, with people thriving on the thrill of dangling over the cliffs, and that sense of achievement upon reaching the beach at the bottom. It is also a family-friendly day as the beautiful landscape is ideal for picnics while cheering people on.

The event raises much-needed funds for North Devon Hospice, who provide free care and support to people suffering from a life-threatening illness. By taking part, you will be making a real difference to the lives of local patients, families and carers. Places are strictly limited, so don't 'hang around', get your application in quick. Entry is just £10.00, with a minimum £100 sponsorship.

Download your application pack today by visiting our website [www.northdevonhospice.org.uk](http://www.northdevonhospice.org.uk) , or contacting Gerard Fawcitt by phone (01271 347224) or by email ([gerardfawcitt@northdevonhospice.org.uk](mailto:gerardfawcitt@northdevonhospice.org.uk)).



## Good Age Page



### Devon GP: "Dementia – let's talk about it"

Dr Nick Cartmell, a GP from Ashburton Surgery who leads on dementia awareness in Devon, urged people not to be afraid of talking about dementia.

It comes as GPs in Devon are receiving additional help to spot the signs of dementia in their patients, as part of a programme which also means they spend more time talking about dementia with their patients.

The programme is being rolled out to all 107 GP practices across the county.

It is based on developing a 'Map of Medicine' system which keeps GPs up-to-date with the latest information on dementia and helps support the improvement of services.

"Dementia can too often be hidden or feared, the word hardly uttered in public, like cancer was a few decades ago," he said.

"But I want people to talk about it as they do of cancer now. Cancer is out there in the open with massive public fundraising support, major advances in treatments, and everyone understands the need for diagnosis as early as possible.

"If we can achieve that for dementia then all of our futures, as we live longer, will be so much better.

"So let's talk about it and talk to people who help care for people with it. Dementia touches so many of us and if we all do a little bit the benefit will be enormous."

### Minister for Older people

A nationwide campaign to petition the British government to appoint a Minister for Older People has been launched by Anchor, providers of retirement *housing* and care *homes across the UK*.

Despite making up 40% of voters, there is currently no government minister representing older people.

As it stands, older peoples' issues are spread across various government departments.

Anchor believe that what is really needed is a single minister to prioritise the needs of older people, making sure that their views and interests receive the attention they deserve.

You can sign the petition here;

<http://www.gopetition.com/petition/44649.html>

### Cartoon By Michael Darling

We are very fortunate to receive unique cartoons each month drawn by Michael Darling who has also featured in 'Punch' and the 'Oldie' magazine. Thank you Michael



**Please send any items for this page to**

**[editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk](mailto:editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk) or hand them in to Bideford Library**

## Our Play and Stay Groups

### What to expect from us:

In the Bideford area we run a variety of play and stay groups for families with children aged 0 – 5 years. Contact the Children's Centre, or see the newsletter, to get details of our sessions. You and your child will receive a warm welcome from our friendly team staff and volunteers. Our sessions offer the opportunity for socialising together in a stimulating environment. All activities are carefully planned and developmentally appropriate - based on what your child is currently doing and enjoying. At our sessions the children are given the opportunity to explore the environment in their own time. Activities are open ended to promote imaginative/ creative play. We always promote the use of sensory activities i.e. painting, play dough, sand, water to name but a few - we recommend children wear old clothes to give them the freedom to explore. If you would like to find out more about how your child develops and learns, contact the centre to ask about the PICL programme (parents involved in their children's learning).



We look forward to seeing you!

**Jane Rochfort**

Senior Early Years Playworker

## Summer Events

**Free Holiday Club** For 6 - 11years from Monday August 8th to Friday August 12<sup>th</sup> 10.00 to 12.00 at Bideford Baptist Church Centre Mill Street. Great fun for all ! Contact Michelle on 473195 or visit our website [www.bidefordbaptist.org.uk](http://www.bidefordbaptist.org.uk)

## Torridge Summer Sports Programme

This summer why don't you switch off the telly, put down that games console and try one of the fantastic activities for 3 to 16 year olds we have on offer. This year's summer events programme promises to be bigger and better than ever - whether you're into singing, dancing and drama, archery or swimming, high ropes climbing or tennis, mountain boarding or survival laser games it's all here for you to try.

Other activities include athletics, windsurfing, paintball, trampolining, sailing, junior gym, netball, street dance and fitness fun, roller skating, soccer school, swimming, pottery and film and animation. And new for 2011 is the opportunity to try out Pilot Gig Rowing. Call 07918 767024 for more details on DSMN (Don't stop me now) offers.

For more information on courses available, please visit [www.torridge.gov.uk/sport](http://www.torridge.gov.uk/sport) or contact Torridge's Culture and Leisure team on 01237 428743 or 428737.

## Activities at Burton Art Gallery this month (All £15)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> August: Feltmaking, 10 am to 4 pm.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> August: Monster Mayhem in Clay. 10 am to 4 pm.
- 4<sup>th</sup> August: Amazing Moving Sculptures. 10 am to 4 pm.
- 11<sup>th</sup> August: Papier Mache Puppets. 10 am to 4 pm.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> August: Printing Handmade Cards & Gift Boxes. 10 am to 4 pm.
- 24<sup>th</sup> August: Puppet Paradise. 10 am to 4 pm.
- 25<sup>th</sup> August: Design a Shoebox Bedroom. 10 am to 4 pm.

**Just phone 01237 471455 to book in.**

Check out your **local library** for Summer events. Bideford has activities every Tuesday morning **10am-12** in the school holidays **01237 476075** as part of the **Summer Reading Challenge (last one 23<sup>rd</sup> August)**



**Bideford Bowling Club** in conjunction with National Sports Week invited pupils of Instow School to their club to introduce them to the sport of Bowling (see photo)



With contributions this month from Bideford College's after-school library group

### Seagull madness

On July 6th, a seagull managed to enter the school and fly over to a ledge in the ceiling above the cafeteria. It stayed there until the fire service was called, who successfully caught the bird.

It was a mystery how it got there but it was discovered that it had walked into the school and had been startled by a passerby.

### Bideford RFC

This club starts at the beginning of September and takes place in Victoria Park every Wednesday from 7 -8 pm for under elevens. For those older it starts at 7.30 pm. It is great fun to play for- you can go to different places to play and have fun training and practising skills. At the end you could play a game at the end against your friends.

So join today and have a great day - at the Bideford Rugby Football Club.

### New Mayor's cadet for Bideford

Bideford Army Cadet Serjeant Kieron Martin ( age 18) has been appointed as Mayor's Cadet for Bideford. Kieron will act as escort to the Mayor Councillor Trevor Johns during public engagements throughout 2011. Kieron is a senior cadet instructor at the Bideford detachment and the ceremonial position is part of his citizenship training through voluntary involvement in the community.



### What to wear this summer

#### Girls

Why not go out and buy yourself a chequered shirt? It will be a great buy and will last you at least two years. Wear it with a white t-shirt underneath, a pair of denim shorts and a pair of dolly shoes.

The 70's are back! There's no need to go for a head-to-toe hippie look. A little bit of retro will go a long way.

#### Boys

Nike trainers are very cool this season - pair it with a hoodie, a 'just do it' top and a matching 'just do it' mini-bag.

Also, wear a long beanie hat if you have medium length hair. This look would be great on you. But don't try this look if you've got long or really short hair.

If you're aged between 11 and 19 and you've got something you 'd like to include in next month's Youth Page, email [editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk](mailto:editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk) before 15<sup>th</sup> August. Thanks!



**You write .....**

### **Raleigh or Grenville?**

Some people may query part of the content of Eliabethan Pageant, page two.(July issue). It states:- St Mary's Church . . .where the North American Indian brought back by Raleigh was baptised and buried. I thought the 'Native American' was brought back by Grenville and named after his cousin Raleigh.I may well be wrong but I thought I would raise the point and have you prepared for any future query.

**Robin Stowell**

### **Arches under Police Station**

I moved here four years ago and love reading the Buzz as love the stories and pictures that your readers send in; also useful information bout what's on. On walking past the Police station I noticed some arches in the wall that had been bricked up at some time- they all have numbers on them 1 think 1 to 7. I wonder if any of your readers know what these would have been . Are they part of the old jail and prisoners were taken through, or perhaps to do with maritime ?

Thanks if you could help.Keep up the good work

**Margaret Bellamy**

### **Kathleen and May**

I have been told that last month your paper reported that K&M had been sold.

This is not true.

Three years ago, K&M was placed in the Core Collection of the County's Historic Vessels, She is now classified as a National Treasure and as such is eligible for Government funding as per the Cutty Sark & Mary Rose, but She has to be in Public Ownership.

For a couple of years I have been rejecting offers from other ports that she used to visit/trade with, as my wish was to retain her in her Port of Register Bideford.

Out of the offers we have had, Liverpool offered the best security for her short term future, partly due to the fact that they have world heritage status, but in the main because they desperately want her as the catalyst for their Maritime Regeneration right up to the time she starred as the Mary Rose in the Onedin Line. To close, I can bring her back to her home "Port of Bideford" at any time if there was a real drive to do so.

**Steve Clarke**

In the July edition I made mention that the vessel had been sold; however this information was not correct and the vessel is in Liverpool for safety reasons. I apologise for any distress I may have caused Mr Clarke.

**Norman – Buzz shipping correspondent**

### **Bideford Town band**

BTB held its 21st solo contest on June 11th, with 78 entries including ones from Wales, Okehampton, Taunton and local bands. It was held in the Bideford Methodist Church rooms.

From a local point of view Bideford came 2nd in the quartet section and first in the ensemble. Best instrumentalist in this section was awarded to Bideford's Angela Butler on Eb bass.

The band would like to thank all participants and organisers Cyril and Jane Pascoe as well as Mr Adrian Harvey from Sidmouth who kindly adjudicated.

Once again a highly successful day was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks

**Tim Watts** Publicity Officer BTB

Due to lack of space some articles may only appear on our webpage -if you don't see what you're looking for visit [www.bidefordbuzz.uk](http://www.bidefordbuzz.uk). Worth a visit anyway!

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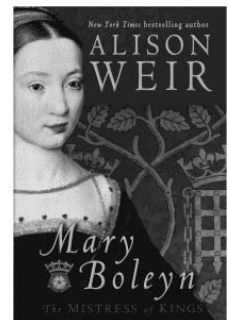
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Mary Boleyn is remembered by posterity as a 'great and infamous whore'. She was the mistress of two kings, Francois I of France and Henry VIII of England, and sister to Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's second wife. She may secretly have borne Henry a child and it was because of his adultery with Mary that his marriage to Anne was annulled. It is not hard to see how this tangled web of relationships has given rise to rumours and misconceptions that have been embroidered over the centuries.

*In her new book, the first full-scale biography of Mary Boleyn, Alison Weir explodes much of the mythology that surrounds her subject and uncovers the facts about one of the most misunderstood figures of the Tudor age. Her extensive, forensic research has facilitated a new and detailed portrayal, in which she recounts that, contrary to popular belief, Mary was entirely undeserving of her posthumous notoriety as a great whore or the 'hackney' whom the King of France famously boasted of riding. Alison Weir also presents compelling new evidence that almost conclusively determines the paternity of Mary's two oldest children. This astonishing and riveting book shows that Mary's story had a happy ending and that she was by far the luckiest of the Boleyns.*



## **Yoga Classes**

Tuesday 1.30 3.00pm Northam  
Community Centre

Tuesday 7.30 9.00pm Littleham  
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Weds 9.45am 11.15am

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Weds 11.30am 1.00pm

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### Mind the hot embers!

The goods train used to go through Victoria wharf and load and unload goods. The line went to the Devon Trading Company. They had their own sawmill and steam lorries which I remember. There were big fire pans underneath the lorries with hot embers all over the road. Father used to say 'Have you been kicking those (hot) embers again today'? 'No father' I would say. Dad would say 'Don't do it again', but he knew I went on doing it.

**Derek Barnes**

### Family History

Hello Everybody, just a reminder that there is a 2 day course on Researching Family History at the Hallsannery Centre, Bideford on **18th & 25th August**. Anybody interested should contact me in the first instant as places are rapidly going.

The next meeting of the Devon Family History Society's Devon group will be on **Sat. 20th of August**, at the Burton Art Museum Bideford, 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

All are welcome and it is free to attend. Light refreshments will be on sale after the meeting. Any enquiries please contact me Len Collum, 01237 472883



### No Folk festival but.....

Many of you will be aware that, sadly, there is to be no Bideford Folk festival this year. Due to the lack of sufficient advance ticket sales, it was just not financially viable to stage the event.

All is not doom and gloom, however. On the evening of **Saturday 13th August**, which would have been the Saturday of the Festival, there will be a Grand Ceilidh (Barn Dance), at the Pollyfield Centre, Bideford, with popular local band Bloatertown providing the music for dancing, interspersed with song spots from several talented local performers. This celebration of local Folk talent will go to show that, despite the lack of a Festival, Folk is alive and well in Bideford.

The evening starts at 8pm and tickets cost £6, with reductions for children. There will be a licensed bar.

You may pay at the door, but to be sure of getting in, tickets may be reserved in advance by contacting John Blackburn on 01237 476632 or Emailing [jwbeblackburn@aol.com](mailto:jwbeblackburn@aol.com)

### Tarka Trail



A new leaflet encourages walkers to venture further on to the Tarka Trail

It promotes 11, easy to follow way-marked walking loops from the Trail's walking sections that take people off the beaten track into stunning, wildlife rich landscapes and into remote villages and hamlets that to many are the 'real Devon'.

Most people are familiar with and consider the Tarka Trail to be the 30 mile shared use footpath and cycle way that runs between Braunton and Meeth. The Tarka Trail is actually a 180 mile figure of eight route and the shared use section is only part of it. Over most of its length, the Tarka Trail follows Rights of Way and quiet roads through coastal and upland landscapes made famous by the Otters journeys in Henry Williamson's iconic 1927 novel, 'Tarka the Otter'.

The leaflet is available from libraries, Tourist Information Centres, direct from the County Council and through other leisure outlets and was put together by the North Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Biosphere Service with the help of local walkers.

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## BIDEFORD FILM SOCIETY

**August Films - following break**  
**Kingsley School, Northdown Rd Bideford**  
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Pt 2 (12a)  
Friday 26th August at 7.30pm ; Saturday 27th at 7.30pm  
Sunday 28th at 7.30pm ; Monday 29th at 4pm and Thursday 1st September at 7.30pm

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## Scene and Heard at your local library.

Here are a couple of the new CDs and DVDs we have this month, that you might like to have a listen to/look at..

### Never let me go (DVD)

A stark and almost unemotional look at how life (and death) could have been. That said, it is really a love story of three children, brought up together in a boarding school, who become tangled up in a love triangle and then discover they are clones, bred to be organ donors when they grow to be adults. The book by Kazuo Ishiguro is amazing, and the film stunning. Will either leave you totally uninvolved (unlikely), or shedding bucket loads of tears.

### Brighton Rock (DVD)

A brave decision, to embark on a re-make of this classic 50s film and there are some differing reviews about. Some love it, some hate it and prefer the original. But the original is dated, and this version brings everything up to date. Give it a try and make up your own mind. The fact that it has Helen Mirren and John Hurt in it, as well as newcomer Sam Riley, should make it an entertaining experience.

### Imagined Village – Empire and Love (CD)

Following on from their recent debut album, this one is more about having fun with their folksy music. I am told that they are fantastic live, so catch them if you can, but do listen to this CD. It is excellent.

### Majestic Silver Strings – Buddy Miller (CD)

A mix of traditional country, blues and folk performed by a “super-group” of guitarists, Bill Fresell, Marc Ribot, Greg Leisz and Buddy Miller. They play with much enjoyment, and you can hear it in the mix of slide, steel and acoustic strings. Hence the name. Truly majestic!

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## Book News

**'Fragrant Harbour'** by John Lanchester  
(Read and discussed by Bideford Library Readers' Group)



*Fragrant Harbour*, ( Xian gung in Cantonese) or *Hong Kong* to bankers and tourists alike , is a miniature epic presented as four novellas by John Lanchester, the reputed journalist and award winning author who spent his childhood there. His descriptions evoke a sense of the exotic Far East but the reality is something of a paradox. Such a paradox is central to the novel.

We first meet an annoying columnist, Dawn Stone, who capitalizes on a 'lucky break' to work for a Hong Kong magazine. This provides her financial and social advancement in a society to which she shows general disinterest. Her journey to Hong Kong also coincidentally introduces the character of Matthew Ho, an entrepreneur, who represents the rise of 1990s globalization. Stone and Ho depart from their career paths and through a plot twist end up acting as 'gatekeeper' and 'banker' for a Triad empire.

A more considered character, Tom Stewart, is introduced in the second much longer novella. He is a Kentish lad who leaves a successful public house and becomes a successful hotelier. As a young man his naïveté is reflected in choices he makes on the outward voyage particularly in his capitulation to a wager which requires him to become fluent in Cantonese. His success owes much to a Chinese-born nun, fellow passenger and future life-long friend and allows him to merge with his new environment. There more to this relationship than we are told. Frustratingly, the rectitude of Sister Maria provided only glimpses of a fully intimate relationship. Her language skills would later end her life and bury the truth with her in Hong Kong harbour.

How will the past and the future be reconciled? Lanchester provides no answers, only observations.. Does this book justify the designation, epic? It is hardly 'Crime and Punishment' nevertheless Lanchester provides an agreeable read. Understanding Lanchester's themes is helped by investigating the history of Hong Kong. Praise be for the personal knowledge of the Bideford Reading Group and for the Internet! For the travellers in the Bideford Reading Group, we enjoyed an exquisite prose poem of Hong Kong, an opportunity to admire photos and an excuse for a trip to 'East the Water' Chinese Restaurant.

**Linda Napier-Burrows**

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## Vernon Boyle, Barry Hughes, and the Rolle Canal

In his book, *Rolle Canal and the North Devon Limestone Trade*, Barry Hughes describes the ships in the limestone trade, which gave work to the particular type of vessel known as the Polacca Brig. The late Vernon Boyle wrote a detailed picture of these interesting ships in *Mariner's Mirror*. Barry Hughes pays tribute to Boyle and his pioneering work, which ultimately led to the establishment of the North Devon Maritime Museum.

Bideford library is fortunate to have several books by Vernon Boyle in its local history section. He was a renowned local artist and historian, still remembered in the town.

Amongst the collection is:-

Art and Crafts of an old seaport

Devon Harbours

Rip Van Bideford (a work of fiction!) and Songs and verses

Barry's book is also available from Devon Libraries and copies of 'Mariner's Mirror' can be viewed at Bideford Library

**See page 2** for a description of the latest Rolle Canal walk by Chris Hassall.



# THE SHIPPING NEWS



Ship	Registered flag owners	From	To	Date arrived	Date sailed	Crew	Cargo loaded
<b>Vitali Kozhin</b> Built 1985 ex Britannia96 RMS Britannia 93 Linda Buck 93	St John's Antigua and Barbadua Russian	Belfast	Rosyth	16/6/211	17/6/2011	Russian	Pieces for aircraft carrier
<b>Alexander Grin *</b> <b>Built 1997</b>	Valletta Malta Russian	St Malo	Loviissa	17/6/11	18/6/2011	Russian	2700 ton brick clay
<b>Valentin Pikul</b> <b>Built 1994</b>	Valletta Malta Russian	Shoreham	Wismar	12/6/11	16/6/2011	Russian	2300 tons timber
<b>Bratislava</b> <b>Built 1994</b>	St Petersburg Russian Russian	St Malo	Kunda	5/7/11	6/7/11	Russian	2200 tons ball clay

\*Readers may have noticed the unusual sight of the **Alexander Grin** loading on the Saturday morning as the mine usually closes on Friday afternoon ; this saved the ship having to short load and go to another port on the south coast to complete loading. This was the end of a busy week on the quay loading the timber ship and clay ship.

Trinity House tender **Mair** alongside Bideford Quay 5/6<sup>th</sup> Sailed just before **Valentin Pikul**.

**Arco Dart** No sightings since last issue  
**Oldenburg** continues her sailings to Lundy.

## Bristol Channel Observations.

**15.6.2011** at 14.00 hrs crossing Bideford Bay paddle Steamer **Waverley** 128 tons d.w, owners Waverley Steam Navigation Co on trip from Ilfracombe to Clovelly and returned again about 17.20 hrs - I was on-board for the trip

**16.6.2011** at 14.07 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Colonia** 12292 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury.

**18/6/2011** at 05.45 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Scandinavia** 18440 tons d.w owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury.

**19.6.2011** at 15.30 hrs tanker **Alice Theresa** 7874 tons d.w, owners Herning Shipping AS Denmark, inward bound for Avonmouth.

**20.6.2011** at 10.09 hrs vehicle carrier **Coral Leader** 12164 tons d.w, owners Kujuukuri Maritima SA Oslo ; in colours of Nippon Yusen Kaisha Japan, inward bound for Portbury.

**23.6.2011** at 19.53 hrs cargo vessel **Catalina** 7578 tons d.w, owners Doehle Minibulker Beteiligunor Germany, outward bound from Cardiff

**24.6.2100** at 05.35 hrs bulk carrier **City of Dubrovnik** 75132 tons d.w owners Atlantska Providba of Croatia, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 01.59 hrs..

**26.6.2011** at 11.43 hrs cargo vessel **Scot Pioneer** 3638 tons d.w, owners Scot Pioneer Shipping Ltd Romford UK, inward bound for Newport; Trinity House London, at 20.14 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Portogallo** 12594 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury.

**27.6.2011** at 19.29 hrs container vessel **Judith Borchard** 11382 tons d.w, owners Anna Sopie Germany, outward bound from Cardiff

**28.6.2011** at 06.07 hrs cargo vessel **Monika Mueller** 3750 tons d.w, owners Brink & Wolffel GMBH & Co Germany, inward bound for Sharpness

**3.7.2011** at 13.42 hrs vehicle carrier **Opal Leader** 12300 tons d.w, owners Payton Maritime SA Tokyo, in the colours of Nippon Yusen Kaisha Japan inward bound for Portbury.

**4.7.2011** at 13.56 hrs bulk carrier **Asian Tide** 7448 tons d.w., owners Asian Tide Shipping Monrovia Liberia outward bound from Cardiff

**12.7.11** at 15.20 hrs bulk carrier **Far Eastern Mercury** 82509 tons d.w., owners Sinotrend Shipping Ltd China, inward bound for Portbury.

**Norman**, (who would also like to thank the children of Pynes School for listening to his recent talk on shipping )



# August Diary 2011

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

**10am** Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne  
Brown Close tel 07923536908

## Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

**10am** Summer Reading Challenge activity  
for over fives at Bideford Library tel 476075  
Lavington Church coffee morning/l lunches  
(-1.15pm)

Palladium Club – Open Mic jam night  
478860

## Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

North Devon Show at Umberleigh  
Barton [www.northdevonshow.com](http://www.northdevonshow.com) 01769  
573852

**2pm** Bideford Readers' group meet at  
Bideford Library tel 476075

## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

**7.30pm** North Devon Fuchsia Society at  
Springfield Centre Chanters Rd tel 01271  
831292

## Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

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

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

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

Appledore and Instow Regatta  
Clovelly Gig Regatta  
Palladium Club Wendy Mays Boom Boom  
room - cool dj night 478860

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

**10.30** onwards. Table top sale-'Help for  
Rwanda' 3 The Quay Appledore tel 477470

## Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

**10am** Summer Reading Challenge activity  
for over fives at Bideford Library tel 47607  
Lavington Church coffee morning/l lunches (-  
1.15pm)

**10.30am** Macular Disease Society at Burton  
Art Gallery Peter Ellis 01409 231309  
Palladium Club – Open Mic jam night  
478860

## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

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

**10.15** Bideford Probus at Royal Hotel tel  
423153

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

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

**7.30pm** Abbotsham WI at Abbotsham Village  
Hall

Palladium Club i funk - funk/soul covers  
478860

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

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

**9am-2pm** Farmers' market Bideford Quay

**10am – 12** Coffee morning, Old School  
Room Abbotsham for WI

**10am-4pm** Lavington United Reformed  
Church open day

**2pm, sellers 2.30pm buyers** Car boot sale  
at Westward Ho! Tennis club, Avon Lane .  
Free tennis for under 16s  
Barn dance at Pollyfield Centre tel 476632  
Palladium Club 'Gang of Thieves' -rock  
covers 478860

## Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

**10am** Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne  
Brown Close tel 07923536908

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

**7.30pm** Bideford Stamp Club meet at  
Bideford Youth Centre 472101.

**7.30pm** Appledore Singers practise at  
Appledore School  
[www.theappledoresingers.co.uk](http://www.theappledoresingers.co.uk)

## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

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

**7.30pm** Northam Choral Society at  
Methodist Church Hall Northam tel 429080  
Palladium Club – Open Mic jam night  
478860

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

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

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

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

**11am** Carers' Support group at Rosehill  
Northam tel 420137 for details

**2.15pm** Thursday Fellowship tel 421956

**8pm** Crealock Arms Littleham Holy karaoke

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

**10am-12pm** Memory cafe Northam Hall tel  
420136

**7.30pm** Abbotsham WI at Abbotsham  
Village Hall

Palladium Club Black Hole promotions night  
3 local up and coming bands 478860

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

## Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

**10am-1pm** Northam Community centre  
Northam Swaps Book sale tel 423292

**7pm** Summer Ball Durrant Hotel in aid of  
chemotherapy unit Nicki 01271 858493  
Palladium Club 'Maybe Naked' 478860

## Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**10am** Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne  
Brown Close tel 478860

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

**7.30pm** Appledore Singers practise at  
Appledore School

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

## Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

**10am** Summer Reading Challenge activity  
for over fives at Bideford Library tel 47607

**10am** Lavington Church coffee morning  
lunches 10am-1.15pm  
Palladium Club – Open Mic jam night  
478860

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

**10.15** Bideford Probus at Royal Hotel tel  
423153

**2pm** Job Club at Bideford Library tel 476075

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

**7.30pm** North Devon Humanists meet in  
annex Fremington Hall

## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

**2.15pm** Thursday Fellowship tel 421956

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

**10am-12pm** Memory Cafe Northam Hall  
420136,

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

## Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

**9am-6pm** Food and Craft Fayre at Atlantic  
Village

**9am-2pm** Farmers' market Bideford Quay  
North Devon Mini Register Grand Tour

Westward Ho! and Ilfracombe - 29<sup>th</sup>

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## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

**10.30am-4.30pm** Food and Craft Fayre at  
Atlantic Village

**2pm** Bideford Rotary Water Festival Bideford  
Quay

Palladium Club 'Spinlords of Spintania'  
478860

## Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

Bank Holiday

## Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Lavington Church coffee morning lunches  
10am-1.15pm

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

Palladium Club 'Jam Night' 478860

## Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>

**10.15** Bideford Probus at Royal Hotel tel  
423153

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

## North Devon Mini Register Grand Tour Aug 27 - 29, Westward Ho! and Ilfracombe

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