



BIDEFORD BUZZ



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



The photo features the memorial on the Tarka Trail to the aircrew killed nearby during World War 2. There is more on this story on the letters page with details of some interesting research. Continuing with the Tarka trail theme we have an article about the new sign boards and the work being undertaken on the Rolle Canal. We also have an item from Devon Wildlife Trust about bees and some information about events being organised by our local sustainability group.

This month we reach a new milestone. Norman, our chair and shipping correspondent, publishes his hundredth shipping news. Many Congratulations Norman, and thank you for all your hard work for Buzz.

Many people now communicate via our webpage at www.bidefordbuzz.org.uk and we received an interesting item this month from Carlisle Hashim in America. His website

(CarlisleFlowers.net) features sculptures in public places. They wanted to use our photo of John Butler's sculpture of the Wonky Conker. So the fame of Bideford Buzz spreads far and wide.

Remember Buzz is absolutely FREE, but please pass on your copy to someone else when you have read it, or you can download a version from our website at www.bidefordbuzz.org.uk

The lucky winner of the Westward Ho! Surf School's competition featured in last month's Buzz, was Laura Lymer from Swindon. Laura says she would love to come back to North Devon! The correct answer was 'Deadly 60'. Thanks to all who took part.

Agony Aunt returns next month.

CONTACT BUZZ

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Atlantic Array – Update – April 2013

Following exhibitions in Autumn 2011 and Summer 2012, plans for a wind-farm in the Bristol Channel off our local coast have been subject to “without prejudice” discussion between developers RWE and others- in order to ensure that IF the development proceeds Northern Devon gets the best deal possible. Reductions have been made in the overall (nameplate) capacity (1200 Megawatts from 1500), the sea area (down to 200 sq km) and the number of turbines (240 down from 278) but the maximum height to blade-tip remains at 220-metres. This article is not taking sides on the merits of the project but rather encouraging you, the reader, to understand how you can have your say - in the forum where it counts.

Each of nine major wind farm projects around the UK coasts is subject to separate “Examination” (time-limited to six months) by government inspectors. The Atlantic Array examination is likely to start around November 2013 (leading to decision twelve months later) - but one cannot just “turn up and speak”. To have a say or to present evidence for/against the proposals, one MUST register as an “Interested Party”.

Registration involves completing a form (usually on-line) within a specific four-week period (but dates not yet announced!). Known as a “Relevant Representation” (RR), this formal opportunity is quite separate to anything written to RWE previously. Comments and evidence should relate to the “final” proposals from RWE – which they expect now to submit in June 2013 but not to publish until July (after their submission has been checked by the Government’s Inspectorate for compliance with the rules). The RR should outline (in up to 500 words) the case that one wishes to make. An opportunity to present a full case comes later. However, the RR must NOT question the merits of government policy (published in July 2011) - although it may suggest alternative means of achieving the objectives of such policy!



Since April 2012 I have been publishing (free of charge by e-mail) a Bulletin that signposts what needs to be done when. “Buzz” readers are invited to contact me via my alanr555@waitrose.com address for a copy of Bulletin #9 – which provides greater detail of the RR process – and an opportunity to receive all future (and/or past) editions. In any event the four-week “window” for making representations is crucial. “Buzz” readers should watch out in the July issue for an announcement about the detail timescale.

Alan Rayner (Cartoon (C) Michael Darling)

Northern Devon Sustainable Energy Fair

Bideford Pannier Market is preparing to host the first Sustainable Energy Fair that our region has ever held. The event, to raise money to combat fuel poverty, is being organised by the voluntary organisation Northern Devon Sustainable Energy. Their mission is to tackle fuel poverty through energy efficiency and provide training and work experience in energy efficiency installations, for under 25s needing help to get into the jobs market. There are a vast array of businesses on show from the small electric Bike Higher company from Torrington, to the Green Deal Installations from Ilfracombe showing the innovative and widespread support the Fair already has. If you are interested in anything from electric cars, solar panels, heat pumps, anaerobic digesters, wood burners and all forms of insulation, then the fair will have something for you. The Fair is set to bring 100s of visitors to the town on the **16th and 17th June**, which is a great opportunity for Bideford to show its strengths and beauty. Talks have also been arranged. **See next page for more details, and on how to get involved.**

Northern Devon Sustainable Energy Fair

Bideford Pannier Market

10 am to 5pm

Sunday 16th and Monday 17th of June

In aid of combating fuel poverty Northern Devon Sustainable Energy is holding the first Sustainable Energy Fair in Bideford Pannier Market. To get involved, book a stall or volunteer at the Fair call 01237 477 852 or email us at NDSustainableEnergy@gmail.com

Northern
Devon
Sustainable
Energy



Seeing Green

18th & 19th May, 2013

Bideford Sustainability Group is inviting you visit local homes that have adapted to become more sustainable. You'll be able to see various installations, from photo-voltaic panels to geothermal pumps, woodburning stoves, etc. in operation. You'll also get the chance to talk to the householders to get a feel for the costs and the benefits. Come along and learn from their mistakes and their successes.



For more information and to reserve a place, phone Jolene on 01237 474 123 or book through the website. Further information is also available on our website: www.BidefordSustain.org

Life's Journey

Travelling south along the Tarka Trail beyond Landcross tunnel, some new developments are taking place that will provide fresh information about the industrial heritage to be seen in connection with the railway and canal.

Work has been done through the "Life's Journey" project with a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund that will provide large interpretation signboards and new access paths linking the trail with prominent historic features of the Rolle Canal. Six new boards will have been erected by the time the May Buzz comes out, and some of the new paths are already complete, while other works to make the heritage sites accessible and intelligible to visitors will be on-going for at least a further six months.

Since the Environment Agency bought the marsh meadow on the west bank of the Torridge upstream of Halfpenny Bridge, their co-operation has enabled a path to be opened leading down from the Tarka Trail to the site of the lower canal basin of the Ridd Inclined Plane. Here two interpretation boards have been set up: one describes the working and the boats of the Rolle Canal while the other illustrates the abandoned flood protection and the wildlife of the marsh meadows. A further board beside the trail near the upper canal basin describes how the inclined plane worked to raise the boats from the lower basin to the final level that led to the terminus some six miles inland at Rosemoor.

By special permission of the Environment Agency, a guided walk is being held on **Sunday 26th May** which for the first time will be able to make a round trip from Annery Kiln, near Halfpenny Bridge, by way of the Tarka Trail and the canal route beside the marsh meadow, to see the sites of both top and bottom basins of the inclined plane and the underground chamber of the giant water wheel that provided the power to operate it. The walk starts at 2:30pm and is little over a mile in length but part is rough grassy meadow so strong shoes (boots if wet) are advised. It will probably take the best part of two hours as there is so much to see and describe. There is no need to book, but a donation of £2 towards the Rolle Canal Society funds will be appreciated. If you need any further information, phone 01237 425357 or email hassallc@ymail.com

Family History

Finding Wills. Until 1858, the ecclesiastical (church) courts were responsible for granting probate. The Phillimore's Atlas and Index of Parish Registers provides the name of the probate jurisdiction in which parishes were located, and you should find locally proven wills at the relevant Diocesan record office. There are also some indexes at www.findmypast.co.uk and www.ancestry.co.uk The higher courts were the Prerogative Courts of York and Canterbury with the latter having prime jurisdiction for England and Wales. You can search wills proved here and download them at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline.

The next meeting of the Bideford Branch of the Devon Family History Society will be on Sat 18th May 2013 at the Burton Art Museum, from 2pm-4pm. The speaker will be Alan Salisbury who will be talking about " The heroes of our seas ". The meetings are free to all but do get there early as seats are becoming a premium these days .

The society will be putting on a Summer Special on 15th June at Bideford College from 10.00am til 4.00pm. Tickets will cost £7.00 to include tea/coffee or £15.00 to include lunch. There will be 3 speakers on Probate, Pastimes of Victorian ages and Bideford Pottery. Booking is necessary so again please contact me.

Len Collum at 01237 472883.

Volunteers' Week 2013

As part of Volunteers Week 2013, TTVS in partnership with CATS (Community Action through Sport) are holding a Presentation Evening on **Friday 7th June 6-9pm**, at the Pier House, Merley Road, Westward Ho!, Bideford. EX39 1JU. To nominate a volunteer who deserves to be recognised or to attend the ceremony please contact: **Barbara Grant, Volunteer Coordinator** barbarag@torridgecvs.org.uk by **Friday 24th May** 01237420130

Northam Lodge's Summer Cruise

Setting Sail once again – Northam Lodge's summer cruise on the MS Oldenburg takes place on Friday June 14th 2013. This year we embark from Bideford Quay at 7.30pm and sail at 8.00, returning to Bideford at 10.15pm. Once again we will be entertained by The Alan Lewis All Stars Jazz Band and if you wish to bring a picnic, please do so.

Tickets will be £15.00 per person ; to reserve a place please contact **Annabel Cope on 01237.477238 or annabelcope@northamlodge.co.uk**

Don't delay as these tickets tend to sell FAST.

News from North Devon +

Successful Enterprise clubs are being run in Bideford and Roundswell, with a separate club for women only who may face different support needs, with support from the European LEADER programme, Jobcentre Plus and North Devon and Torridge District Councils.

Clubs are completely free of charge and offer professional advice and support to anyone starting a business in the area. Group sessions are run on a four weekly basis in a relaxed, informal way. Further to the launch of the Seaside Success Fund, North Devon+ is delighted to announce that a number of businesses have received start up funding and more applications are proceeding through the screening process. Awarded by Torridge District Council, the fund will enable North Devon+ to help around 30 Torridge entrepreneurs. Individuals within Bideford and the surrounding coastal parishes are eligible to apply.

For more information go to **www.northdevonplus.com/seaside**, email **ataffs@northdevonplus.co.uk** or call on 01237 426 426

Appledore Singers

The Appledore Singers held a very successful Wedding Fayre last month and the charity raffle has raised £650 for the North Devon Chemotherapy Appeal. We would like to thank all the stallholders, all those who helped out and the choir and friends for making it such a success. **Viv Zussman** 01237 474225

Pets As Therapy

We are 30 years old this year. Since starting we have had over 22,000 dogs registered. Currently actively working are 4,500 dogs and 180 cats. Our service is FREE with no catch and voluntary. We visit nursing/residential homes, hospices etc and we have a Read2 program for schools which again is FREE. Come and see us at Greenlanes Shopping Centre on Sunday 19th May 10-30am-4-30pm. Enquiries: **K Moore** 01805 624739 North Devon Area Co Ordinator (PAT) charity no 1112194

Northern Devon Foodbank

Due to the expansion of the original Foodbank because of increased demand for its services outside of Bideford, we have a new name and now call ourselves "Northern Devon Foodbank". Under that banner, there are 3 Distribution Centres; Bideford, Barnstaple and South Molton as well as a central warehouse facility. Front line agencies needing information on how to register as a Foodbank Distributor, and people wishing to volunteer, can contact **07874 206438** or email **info@bidefordfoodbank.org.uk**.

Bideford A good place to be!

Went into town yesterday on a cold miserable wet Saturday morning. Dan the Clovelly fisherman was there with a smile selling his catch, Little Whitehall with their amazing honey, Red Dog Bakery and a host of others on the quayside. Wandered up to Mill Street to find Steve at Blazeys cheerfully doing his BBQ as always. (Cajun pulled pork for Jenn and Bacon, Goats cheese and sweet chutney for me thank you.) Then on to ponder the butchers, WalterHenry's, our Allhalland Street traders and all. One of the better places to spend a Saturday.

Andy Powell

FABB are parents/grandparents and carers with children under 5. We promote, influence and support services for children under 5 and their families.

Our last year has been a great success!

FABB have raised funds to support:

- local toddler groups.
- arts and crafts for the Young Parents Group learning journeys.
- the provision of two parent counsellors based at East the Water School and at Bideford Bay Children's Centre.
- Bideford Bay Seeds of Change Ltd, a social enterprise start-up for parents with young families to build skills to return to work or to launch their business.

We have contributed to Bideford Bay Children's Centre and been a part of shaping services by being a parents' voice on the Advisory Board and on the interview panel for appointing the new Centre Lead.

Our last fund raiser Fete raised £220.

Thank you for all continued support.

Do you have a child under 5? Would you like to help shape, influence and support services for your child and other children to benefit?

To find out more contact Chaz Luther at Bideford Bay Children's Centre

01237 425 752 or email: acharan.luther@actionforchildren.org.uk

We welcome your input.

Other events for children.

Your Local Library

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

Devon Branch of the Salmon & Trout Association

If you are between 8 and 16 years old and love coarse fishing or sea fishing but often wondered what it is like to fly fish for trout now is your chance.

The Devon Branch of the Salmon & Trout Association are holding one of their very popular **Junior Days at the Exe Valley Fishery on Sunday June 2nd**. On that day you can learn the basics of fly casting and fly fishing under the supervision of experienced and fully qualified Instructors. Young learners go home with lots of information and know how and indeed, some have gone home with a 4lb rainbow trout. All tackle is provided.

For full details phone Fred Leach on 01398 331019 or e mail

fredleach@bampton.eclipse.co.uk

News from the Burton Museum and Art Gallery

Bideford Museum and Art Gallery's new exhibition 'Modern Masters in Print' features prints by four of the 20th century's greatest artists., Henry Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dali and Andy Warhol. Over 50 works have been selected to show how these modern masters engaged with print. The exhibition runs from **4th May until 15th July**. There will be a special talk and tour at 2pm on the 4th May from Gill Saunders, Senior curator at the Victoria and Albert Museum. This exhibition is a great coup for the Burton Art Gallery and Torridge District Council, so do make the time to visit.

also featured this month at the Burton

Eleanor Bartleman Ceramics - until 11th May

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Bideford Buzz

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Yassy - singer songwriter

Yazzy is 13, lives in Westward Ho! and is a singer/songwriter.

At the end of last year she was lucky enough to win a category in the prestigious Uk and International Songwriting competition, which is worldwide, and a massive achievement. She also won 4 semi final places and 2 commendeds. She plays the guitar, piano, violin and most of all loves to sing. She is part of the Children's Choir of Great Britain and has just come back from a week's residential where they performed several wonderful pieces in the church at Shrewsbury and also at the Alington Hall.

She goes to Kingsley School and is part of all things musical there, including a soul band, chamber choir (which have just completed a small tour at the end of last term), the orchestra, and school choir. She loves all things musical but her main passion is singing her own songs. She can be found on You Tube under Yazzy Chamberlain

(<http://www.youtube.com/user/MissYazzyChamberlain>). She has just got through the Regional Finals of Teenstar in Cardiff and is singing at Reading in May at the Area Finals to try and secure a place in the finals at the 02. She needs your support, she is local, living here in Devon, and would love to be able to make a name for herself in the music industry. Please look her up ; you can see her live performance at the Cardiff Regional Finals

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVf9XKLBAzA>





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Other events this month at the Happy Cafe

Sunday 5th at 4pm Dave Green 'Graveyard of the Atlantic.'

Sunday 19th 4pm Matt Cox of Appledore RNLI

Jane Elliott says "Seize the Moment are proud to support the work of the North Devon Biosphere reserve. The Permaculture training is part of our work to manage the gardens at the Happy Cafe to enable members of the community to produce food and flowers for use in the cafe."

For more details contact Jane Elliott at Seize the Moment

07773 679559

jane@seize-the-moment.net

www.seize-the-moment.net

Devon Wildlife Trust *Get Devon Buzzing* campaign 2013 (Photo (c) Ben Lee)

The beloved bumblebee is in trouble. This widespread, familiar and much loved insect is becoming a scarcer sight. Three of our 25 British bumblebee species have already disappeared. This is why Devon Wildlife Trust has set up its 'Get Devon Buzzing' campaign this summer to help the bumblebee and now you can help by making your garden more bee-friendly.



Bumblebees are important

Insects pollinate around three-quarters of our crops, without them it would cost billions of pounds for us to do their job. Did you know that every tomato, strawberry and blueberry you have ever eaten was pollinated by a bumblebee? And yet bumblebees are in trouble. Just like us, bumblebees need a varied diet to stay healthy. They like to drink nectar and eat pollen from a mix of different flowers. However this mix of flowers is disappearing from our landscapes.

Help the bumblebee in your garden

Whether you have a window box, a balcony, a small garden, an allotment or a corner of the school playing field, there's plenty you can do to help bumblebees! Complete the garden 'to do' list below to make your garden a haven for bumblebees.

Garden to do list

- ☐ **Grow a variety of flowers throughout the year** - great bumblebee plants include: willow, apple, bluebell, cowslip, ivy, red clover, thyme, lavender, forget me not, strawberry, chive and daisy. Find more plants on our website below
- ☐ **Build a bee nest** – make a log pile, use an upturned flowerpot or build an earth bank
- ☐ **Put away the pesticides** - these are harmful to bees. Try to avoid spraying hedgerows and wildflower areas
- ☐ **Create a pond** – for bees and other wildlife to drink, but make sure bees can climb out if they get stuck
- ☐ **Help a sick bee** - if you find a weary bumblebee place it in a quiet spot with a few drops of sugar water to help revive it

Attend a Get Devon Buzzing event

4 June - Garden wildlife (Braunton, North Devon)

9 June - Bumblebee walk (RHS Garden Rosemoor, nr Torrington)

*Become a member of Devon Wildlife Trust and help us improve habitats for bumblebees. Or why not adopt a bumblebee for a year for £20? **Find out more by visiting** www.devonwildlifetrust.org*

Bideford Library this month

Meditation and Relaxation Group

Wednesday 15th May 2:15- 3:00 pm

Guided meditation and relaxation group for adults with Nicola MacDonald

Bideford Wellbeing Centre

Thursday 23rd May 10:00-12:00 am

Katrina Joseph from Bideford Wellbeing Centre will be in the library to answer questions about the work that they do at the centre and specifically the benefits of massage and reflexology, therapies that she herself practises

Gardening Club

Wednesday 29th May 7:30 pm

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One Hundred years ago - May 1913

(From Bideford Gazette. Compiled by Mike Davy)

Steamer lost near Hartland.

The Uruguay steamer Oliyamria brought the crew of the Spanish steamer Paz to Swansea, the steamer having sunk between Lundy island and Hartland Point during fog.

Empire Day

The schools in the area all celebrated Empire Day in a very patriotic fashion , involving the flying of suitable flags and the National Anthem was sung together with Rule Britannia. The Mayor and members of the Corporation paid a special visit to many of the schools to mark the occasion.

Mr Manley Tucker will be pleased to give free information re emigration to all parts of the world. Sea Going Summer holidays of 15 days from London to Gibraltar - First saloon £13.10s Second Saloon £9 To Toulon for the Riviera - First Saloon £15 Second Saloon £10 Assisted passages to Canada and Australia

Bideford Library this month

Wednesday May 8th 2.00 – 3.30pm

Reminiscence Session – Take a trip down memory lane at Bideford Library. Remember back... and look forward to sharing your memories with others - chatting, looking at old items, perhaps creating a book of memories together. For anyone aged 60+ Refreshments provided

Alzheimers Society

Saturday 25th May 10.00 – 12.00 am

Drop-in information session

Bideford Library Readers' Group

Italian Shoes by Henning Mankell

Most readers will associate the author, Henning Mankell, with his fabulous Wallender crime series but here he excels in a well-crafted novel. All the structural elements of a Mankell tale are there: a wounded solitary main character renouncing life in atonement for a past disgrace, a cold and barren landscape reflecting the main character's inner life, a parade of eccentric secondary characters allowing Mankell to introduce themes close to his heart such as vulnerability and the dilemmas of ageing and death, the slow revelation of the causes of reclusive behaviour, and the resolution to be open to life and to what it has to offer.

Our reading group thoroughly enjoyed 'the voyage into the soul of a man' which Mankell provided although few thought the narrative personally enriching. Perhaps this expected outcome of the main character, retired orthopaedic surgeon, Frederick Welin. Holed up on an icebound island in the Stockholm archipelago in a rundown house with a crippled dog, an elderly cat and an ant hill in the lounge, Welin chooses a life of austerity, devoid of any luxury and visited only by a hypochondriac postman. Desperate to remain lost from his former life and his personal sensitivities, Welin starts each day by digging a hole in the ice and jumping in! just to ensure that he is still alive.

The New Year (approximately 2004) begins with the arrival in a blizzard of the woman he had loved deeply and abandoned, Harriet Hornfeldt. Dying of cancer, Harriet exacts the fulfilment of a promise made in 1966: to visit a pool in the middle of the northern forests where as a child, Frederick had spent one idyllic day with his father. Despite distances, deaths enroute and rampaging snow storms, Welin begins to reconnect with the past and attempts to reconcile with the cause of his sudden departure. He begins to rediscover his sensual memory such as the image of his father's polished shoes and the scent of his mother's tears. Along the way, Welin meets his daughter for the first time, communities of musicians, activists and artisans squatting in abandoned forest dwellings, and most profoundly the woman he surgically wounded who now fosters runaway girls, traumatised refugees and asylum seekers. Welin's attempts to abandon the human race dissolve like the snowflakes into a midsummer's night with almost a whisper of joy attached to it. True to Mankell's ethos with the barest echoes of Hans Christian Anderson's 'Red Shoes', we agreed that it is in the nature of man and woman kind to thrive in the company of others.

For as John Donne explains: No man is an island entire of itself
(from *Meditation XVII* by John Donne.)

Linda Napier-Brown

Next month **Wed May 1st 2.30pm Bideford Library** discusses *Night Watch* by Sarah Waters

Feel Better with a Book.

Every Wednesday 10:30-12:00 pm at Bideford library

Come and lift your mood through the joy of reading! The aim of the groups is to enable you to enjoy the pleasure and relaxation of listening to great stories and poems - classical and new - and sharing responses with others. No pressure and no reading required. The group is led by an experienced facilitator.

Bideford, First Fridays 2013

Bideford's Mill St will once again be alive with sights, sounds and tantalising smells **on Friday May 3rd**. This cultural 'happening' is for everyone to come and enjoy a bit more of Bideford a bit later and runs on the First Friday of the month from 2pm – 7pm from April through to September. Come and enjoy great food and drinks at Blazey's Café and Froot Loop. Hear live music with various local musicians dropping by to entertain. Performers and artists will also be out and about to add to the creative atmosphere. If you are a musician, performer / performing community group or an artist you are welcome to take part by contacting Bideford First Friday via Bideford Bay Creatives at info@bbcdevon or message us on facebook

www.facebook.com/BidefordFirstFriday

News from Bideford Film Society

Hyde Park on Hudson

This is a biographical drama screened recently by Bideford Film Society. Its title is taken from the name of the country retreat in upstate New York of President Franklin D Roosevelt. There in 1939 he entertained Britain's young king Bertie (Samuel West) and Queen Elizabeth (Olivia Colman). They were hoping to achieve American support for Britain against the threat of war with Germany. In this they succeeded and established the 'special relationship' between the two nations. Most of the biographical information was gathered in 1991 when upon the death of Roosevelt's distant cousin Daisy (Laura Linney) a cache of journals and letters from FDR were found under her bed. These revealed her intimate relationship with the President over many years.

There are two main stories in the film. One about the shy young Daisy, once rich, but now caring for an eccentric aunt (Eleanor Bron), and the president, who needed company and sexual favours.

The other, of the weekend visit by the unsophisticated young Royals to stay with the fawning Americans. The innocence of the couple seemed too exaggerated in such scenes where the Queen appeared to be horrified at the idea of eating a hot dog! However Bertie enjoyed the new experience thus winning over his critical hosts with his sense of fun. Much poetic license was taken with the truth in these scenes I suspect. As to the second story of the innocent girl who falls possessively in love with the sophisticated older man, the veracity of his letters must be accepted, I presume. But outpourings in a journal by a young girl are often highly exaggerated in my experience. I feel sad that in this film the character of Eleanor Roosevelt was reduced to that of a weak wife. In all my readings I understood her to have been an outstanding and intelligent first lady who carried out much good social work during the years of the US depression. Bill Murray who plays President Roosevelt, gives a brilliant performance. In fact the whole cast of mainly British actors is excellent. Our audiences thoroughly enjoyed this light entertainment.

Bideford Film Society is planning to show more good films in its next programme. Look out for details on our website, local papers and see ad below.

Often we get the opportunity to show recent releases at short notice often on Sunday afternoons. So always check.

Mavis Blow



**Bideford Film Society has a new programme of good films.
Please check with newspapers for dates and venues.**

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 To avoid disappointment please check local press for confirmation of above programme or visit our web site www.bidefordfilmsociety.co.uk *Extras to programme.

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THE SHIPPING NEWS



Ship	Registered Flag Owners	From	To	Arrived	Sailed	Crew	Cargo loaded
Celtic Fortune Built 1984 ex Brigit Sabban 04	Nassau Bahamas British	Foynes	Castellon	06/04/13	10/04/13	Russian	2800 tons 4 grds Ball Clay
Balder* Built 1986 ex Handort 06 Juttar 90 Jacqueline 86	St Johns Antigua & Barbuda Latvian	Cork	Wismar	06/04/13	09/04/13	Russian Latvian	1970 tons timber

* Loaded at Yelland

Arco Dart at Appledore 16.3.2013

Welsh Piper at Yelland 26.3.13

Oldenburg has started her new season from Bideford and Ilfracombe to Lundy Island .

The Southern Beaver still alongside the Oil Jetty at Yelland still waiting to be towed away.

Bristol Channel Observations.

16.3.2013 at 14.50 hrs cargo vessel **Phantom** 3220 tons d.w., owners Interscan Schiffaahrts GMBH Germany, outward bound from Newport, having sailed 08.29. At 15.10 container ship **Endeavour** 9168 tons d.w owners Jr Shipping Netherlands, inward bound for Avonmouth.

17/3/13 at 09.20 cargo vessel **Amedeus** 1680 tons dw.owners Wijinne & Barends Cargadoors -en Agentuur Kantoren B.V Netherlands, inward bound for Briton Ferry

18/3/13 at 16.23 molasses tanker **Zapadnyy** 3297 tons d.w, owners Excel Sea Legend SA Ukraine outward bound from Avonmouth, having sailed at 09.18 . At 17.10 vehicle carrier **Grande Detriot** 12353ons d.w owners ACL Shipmanagement A.b Sweden, in the colours of Grimaldi Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury.

19/3/13at 13.10 cargo vessel **Hong Xing** 22271 tons d.w, owners Chippolebrok Shanghai China inward bound for Newport. At 15.00 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Europa** 18461 tons d.w owners Grimaldi Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury.

19/3/13seen in Bideford Bay buoy tender vessel **Pharos** 1200 tons d.w owners William & Glynn Leasing UK.

29/3/13 at 07.14 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Ellade** 18440 tons d.w owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury.

30.3.13 12.20 cargo vessel **Arklow Venture** 4966 tons d.w. , owners Arklow Shipping Netherlands B.V Netherlands, outward bound from Barry having sailed at 08.46 . At 13.18 container ship **Endeavour** 9168 tons d.w, owners JR Shipping Netherlands, inward bound for Avonmouth. At 13.42 cargo vessel **Eva Maria Muller** 3722 tons d.w, owners Otto A Muller Schifffahrt GMBH Germany, outward bound from Sharpness .

31/3/13 at 16.05 cargo vessel **Pex** 4267 tons d.w owners Gerhard Wessels Germany outward bound from Cardiff, having sailed at 10.57.

2/4/13 at 19.00 sailing vessel **Pelican of London**, inward bound for Sharpness.

4/4/13 at 19.25 orange juice tanker **Orange Wave** 16770 tons d.w., owners Atlanship SA Switzerland , outward bound from Avonmouth, having sailed at 12.21.

5/4/13 at 15.00 cargo vessel **Arklow Rally** 4460 tons d.w, owners Arklow Shipping of Eire, inward bound for Avonmouth . At 17.07 cargo vessel **Najland** 4402 tons d.w owners Najland Shipping Ltd Estonia, inward bound for Avonmouth

7.4.13 at 10.12 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Spagne** 12594 tons d.w, owners Grimald Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury. At 10.25 cargo vessel **BBS Spray** 3193 tons d.w, owners BBS Bulk !1AS Norway, inward bound for Avonmouth.

Regards
Norman

And a Happy Hundredth Birthday to you Norman! As Norman says, 'never thought we'd reach this magic number!'

Buzz Word -

Please send us your Buzzes!! Write to editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk or to the address on front page.

Crash at East the water

(re letter in April's edition from Peter Lamprey (Australia) I have some information from the Public Record Office at Kew, that I requested as "something to do" after I took early retirement due to ill health. I have always been interested in local history and having heard about the crash from older residents of ETW decided to try and find out more.)

The record class AIR 27 covers Squadron Operation's Record Books (or ORBs). The ORB for 407 Squadron Royal Canadian Airforce at RAF Chivenor in 1945 is (PRO Ref) AIR 27/1795. This document is kept at the Public Record Office in Kew. The ORB for 7 March 1945 records "Tragedy struck the squadron early this evening when F/L Ernie Duckworth J.25370 Pilot and Captain of "P" Peter, taking off shortly after 20.00hrs on a routine SE Homing Flight under perfect conditions was unable to gain height because of engine trouble and crashed into a field near Bideford some minutes later. There were six men on board the aircraft, of whom four were casualties (three were killed and one was badly injured). The ORB states that the casualties may have occurred when the aircraft "in skidding along the ground went through one of those four to six feet thick walls of stone, dirt and shrubs which in this part of the country is known as a hedge" (written by a Canadian) the names of the airmen who died are provided (they were all Canadian) :

F/LE.V. Duckworth J 25370 P/O C.J.Butler J88278 P/O Andrews J90251

The ORB record's that S/L C.W. Taylor DFC, Flight Commander, wrote a short poem in the Flight Daily Diary "to commemorate the passing of the three of the best of the 407 breed" the words of the poem are recorded. (I have not located this poem).

Hope it's of some interest, and not too boring. I enjoy the Buzz very much, keep up the good work,
Brian Lacey

Thanks this is really an interesting topic from the past. My cousin from Cornwall, Brian Whitaker, is also interested in this topic so thanks to Brian (Lacey) the old Bideford is coming alive for us. By the way were there any German aircrew fished out of the Torridge near the bus depot at Bank End during WW2? Once again thanks.

Peter(Lamprey)

also

Dad's Army

Thank you for the map of the Home Guard Defences around your area. (February 2013 Buzz)
I have quite a few books on the Home Guard an area that interest me. One of my uncles served with the Home Guard in this area ;his name was Bill Baglow, of Westward Ho!. If you have any information on this gentleman, I would like to put it in a book I have in my library.

Peter Lamprey (Australia)

DL Barnes

Hi there, Your excellent newsletter popped up when I entered D L Barnes into the Google search. He is the great great grandson of a well known Dartmoor lady called Sally/Sarah Satterley who I am researching and I would dearly love to get in touch. He posted on your letters. If by any chance you know his address would you be prepared to share it with me or at least let him know I would like to speak with him.(Address supplied)

Jan Palmer

Ed replies *Mr DL Barnes is a frequent correspondent who will no doubt read your letter and get in touch, or I will remind him when I see him!.*

Save the Grenville Manor House? Any millionaires out there?

We are £200,000 short of our target and time is running out. The building (part of the old 'Tavern in the Port' in Bridge Street) was almost certainly where Sir Richard Grenville was born. We will be commemorating this with a plaque unveiling on **June 15th**. We want to buy the building for the town and use it as an Information Centre, Heritage Museum, history research centre, and provide some space for community groups to hold meetings there.

Andy Powell.

Lost Shops

Recently you have been publishing a roll call of shops that have fallen and as I was reading the list, I could almost hear the Last Post playing in my head. For many it was a nostalgic trip down memory lane but it was also a wake up call. To continue the military analogy, as well as remembering the fallen, we should encourage and support the veterans that are still with us.

The heart and soul of any town is its shopping centre. Regrettably many towns are now the victims of cloning, which is forbidden in humans but seemingly encouraged in towns. What gives a town its character is variety in its shops and Bideford still has over 70 independent retailers.

Hardly a day goes by without stories in the press and on the radio about the plight of town centres.

Last year, the government commissioned Mary Portas to consider the problem and to come up with recommendations. More than one of our district councillors has conveyed their opinion that town centre retail is no longer viable and that the internet is the way of the future. One local councillor said that people now walk around with electronic devices in their hands and price compare or shop on line. He obviously hasn't tried this in Bideford where you are lucky to get a signal, and if you do, the connection speed is painfully slow!

I cannot dispute the convenience of the internet or the vast selection of products and services. I also agree that the net is often cheaper than the High Street. What a lot of us do not realise or choose to overlook is why? Many on line businesses contribute little to the local or indeed national economy. Many operate from home or from small premises and pay no business rates. Some of the larger ones route their sales through the Channel Islands to avoid VAT or register the head office in places like Luxemburg to avoid UK corporation tax. No wonder they are cheaper! At a time when our economy is in dire straits, this is not a very helpful business practice.

Even though many shops have closed in recent years, retailing is still one of the largest employers in the country and the defeatist attitude that traditional retailing is finished and we should now move on is putting countless jobs at risk as well as the knock on effect of what happens when our town centres are full of boarded up, graffiti covered shops.

Tourism is hugely important to this area and interesting shops with character are a very important part of the tourist experience. When on holiday, most tourists will browse the shops because they have time. I know that is what I do. I recognise that browsers are not sales but if the shop is well set out and interesting, the sales will follow. Those shops with the gormless sales assistant offering "If you can't see it, we haven't got it" will deservedly fail. The good ones however deserve our support as they will not survive on tourist business alone.

I can hear you say, "But the local shops have not got what I want". Unfortunately this is often true a bit of a Catch 22 problem. The public don't shop there because of the lack of choice and the shopkeepers don't stock it because they think the public will probably just get it on line anyway. To break this log jam we will have to experience a little inconvenience. If the shop hasn't got what you want, ask them to get it in for you. (this is often just as quick as ordering on line). If this happens often enough, the shops will start stocking it anyway.

We must celebrate the fact that we are not "Dolly the Town," because without local shops, we won't have a town with its own identity.

Brian Ottway

May Diary

Wednesday 1st

5.30am Bideford Phoenix Morris
'Dancing in the Dawn' on Bideford Quay.

10.30am Parkinson's UK meets

Ethelwynne Brown Close. 478128

2.30pm Bideford Library Readers' Group. 476075

Thursday 2nd

2-4pm See Hear on Wheels (SHoW) bus at Pill Car Park. Mobile service with wide range of sensory equipment 01271 373236

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship at Northam Methodist Church Hall. . 421956

Friday 3rd

2pm – 7pm First Friday free live music, art workshop and cafes Mill St.Bideford

7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing, Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! 01769 540309

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632

Palladium Club –Splodgenessabonds/ double barrel £10

Saturday 4th

1pm Appledore Band at Northam Fair. Palladium Club – boom boom room – dj Wendy May £3

7.30pm Award-winning film 'Argo' at Littleham Village Hall, All welcome.

Sunday 5th

10am-4pm Model Boat Exhibition at Appledore Lifeboat Station for RNLI. Admission adults £2.50, children free. Palladium Club – S.E.X./Kaned £3.

Monday 6th

10am Lip-Reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close.

Heather Smith 07994390807

LipreadingSW@mail.com

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

see next page.

May Diary 2013 *continued*

Tuesday 7th

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches.

2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun & Fellowship' Club meets at Baptist Church Upper Hall.

7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearses at Northam Methodist Church Hall. 429080

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 8th

10.15am Probus Club meet at Royal Hotel. 473337

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club meets Northam Hall. 423554

7.30pm The Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room 01271 860061

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris & Exmoor Border at Cyder Presse, Weare Giffard.

Thursday 9th

Thursday Fellowship outing to Seaton. 421956

10am-12pm Coffee Morning & Table-top Sale at RND Yacht Club, Instow, in aid of North Devon Hospice.

7pm Torridge Ramblers evening walk. 451508

7pm Hartland Aikido Club for over 18s at Bucks Cross Village Hall.

Palladium Club – Chemical cold/Dirty colours/Two Tone £1.50.

Friday 10th

2pm Devonshire Assn at Burton Art Gallery. 477701/471749

7.30pm Abbotsham WI meets at Abbotsham Village Hall. 474711

7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! 01769 540309

Palladium Club – Rough cut/ Slaughtered lamb/Hell bent of heaven £3

Saturday 11th

12-4pm Children's Festival at Kingsley School in aid of North Devon Hospice.

2pm The Big Church Jumble Sale at Instow Parish Hall.

7.30pm Northam Choral Society Concert with Hartland Chamber Orchestra at Bideford Methodist Church, High Street.. Tickets £8 on door.

7.30pm Bideford Band Concert at Lavington Church, Bridgeland Street, in aid of Church & Band funds. Tickets £5 on door. 475653

Palladium Club – Flamin ratrods £3.

Sunday 12th

10am-1pm Antiques & Collectors Fair at Instow Parish Hall RNIB. 01271 812711

12.30 for 1 pm. Lunch at Littleham Village Hall, Booking essential 473338

Monday 13th

10am Lip-Reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close. Heather Smith 07994390807

7.30pm Bideford Stamp Club, Old School Room, rear of Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! 472101

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

8.30pm North Devon Jazz Club at The Beaver, Irsha St, Appledore. 421065

Tuesday 14th

10am-1pm Lavington Church Coffee and lunches

10am Macular Society meets at Burton Art Gallery. 474128

2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun & Fellowship' Club meets at Baptist Church Upper Hall.

2-4pm Epilepsy Action Group Corner House Café, Boutport St, Barnstaple. 07875577428

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 15th

7.30pm The Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room. 01271 860061

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club meets Northam Hall. 423554

Palladium Club – We the isles/support £3

Thursday 16th

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship at Northam Methodist Church Hall. 421956

7pm Hartland Aikido Club for over 18s at Bucks Cross Village Hall.

8pm Bideford Folk Club at 'Next Door' Cooper St

Friday 17th

10am-12pm Memory cafe at Northam Hall. 459337

7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing, Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! 01769 540309

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632

Palladium Club – ifunk £3.

Saturday 18th

10am-12pm Coffee Morning at Holy Trinity Church, Westward Ho! Tickets £1.25 on door.

Palladium Club – 9 yards £3.

Sunday 19th

Torridge Ramblers day walk. 451643

Monday 20th

10am Lip-Reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close.

Heather Smith 07994390807

7.30pm Appledore Amateur Radio Club at Appledore Football Social Club. 473251

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

8.30pm North Devon Jazz Club at The Beaver, Appledore. Indigo Kid. 421065

Tuesday 21st

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun & Fellowship' Baptist Church Upper Room Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 22nd

10.15am Probus Club meet at Royal Hotel. 473337

7.30pm The Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room. 01271 860061

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club meets Northam Hall. 423554

7.30pm North Devon Humanists meet at Fremington Parish Hall. 474225

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris at Bideford Quay & Blacksmiths Arms.

Thursday 23rd

7pm Hartland Aikido Club for over 18s at Bucks Cross Village Hall.

Friday 24th

7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing, Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! 01769 540309

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632

Palladium Club – The rivals £3.

Saturday 25th

Palladium Club – King Hammond £10.

Sunday 26th

10.30am Grand Table Top Sale in aid of David Rundle Trust at Devona, 3 The Quay, Appledore. 477470

2.30pm Rolle Canal walk 425357

Clovelly Celebration of Local Ales

Monday 27th

10am Lip-Reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close.

Heather Smith 07994390807

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

8.30pm North Devon Jazz Club at The Beaver, Irsha St, Appledore. 421065

Tuesday 28th

10am-1pm Lavington Church Coffee and lunches

2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun & Fellowship' Club meets at Baptist Church Upper Hall.

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

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 29th

7.30pm The Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room. 01271 860061

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris at Thatched Inn, Abbotsham.

Thursday 30th

7pm Hartland Aikido Club for over 18s at Bucks Cross Village Hall.

8pm Bideford Folk Club at 'Next Door' Cooper St

Friday 31st

7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing, Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! 01769 540309

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632

Palladium Club – *Swagga/The butterfly effect.* £10.