



BIDEFORD BUZZ



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



This photo of the Torrington Hospital (next door to the Grenville Nursing Home, Meddon Street) in the 1950s was kindly lent to us by Michele Poole whose grandmother, Lydia Palmer worked there. It shows Matron holding Sister Wrey's daughter. Matron's son Peter is standing beside her. (Source Bideford History Page on Facebook.)

We are hoping to run a feature on the history of Bideford hospital(s) in the near future and hope you will share some of your memories (pleasant or otherwise!) with us.

AGM

Bideford Buzz is holding its 13th AGM on
Tuesday 4th June at 7pm
at the Reds' Rowing Club.

Peter Christie is our guest speaker,
hopefully with some more information
about those lost shops.

Do join us if you can.
Refreshments provided.

CONTACT BUZZ

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Northern Devon Sustainable Energy Fair

Northern Devon Sustainable Energy Fair Market will highlight the many innovative companies in northern Devon that are creating jobs by tackling the joint problems of energy wastage and energy's environmental cost.

Improving insulation is a cheap and effective way to lower your energy bills. All types of insulation will be on show, everything from loft insulation, internal and external wall insulation to draught proofing and secondary glazing.

Transport can be a huge financial cost as well as the environmental harm it causes. Not to be missed at the Fair is an electric car, bike and even a quad-bike. If generating energy is more what you are after, then you can talk to the installers of Photovoltaic panels, Solar Thermal, small scale wind turbines, heat pumps and more. There is even the chance to see what a domestic scale biodigester looks like. Generating energy from your waste turns a problem into a solution, a certain win win.

Paying for improvements to your home may appear daunting, but it is not a problem at the Fair. Green Deal Finance, the government initiative to help you afford those improvements can be discussed with one of the many companies offering Green Deal Assessments. Many areas in northern Devon are able to access ECO grants to provide much of the cost of installation. Northern Devon Sustainable Energy Fair also boasts numerous informative talks and presentations. These will be held between 11am-4pm on both days of the event.

For more information go to www.NorthernDevonSustainableEnergy.co.uk and see below



Northern Devon Sustainable Energy Fair Bideford Pannier Market

10 am to 5pm
Sunday 16th and Monday 17th of June



Free Entry

The Northern Devon Sustainable Energy Fair will showcase many of the best local businesses in our area. If you have an interest in becoming more sustainable and reducing your needs for imported fossil fuels this event should not be missed. We have all types of insulation, glazing, heat pumps, Solar Thermal, PhotoVoltaic, biodigester and even an exhibit showing how wind turbines work.

There are a number of talks happening over the two days. We have presentations on Low Carbon Farming methods, Sustainable Retrofitting of homes and on the future of our energy supply. For up to date details see our website, or Facebook page.

www.NorthernDevonSustainableEnergy.co.uk

Dear Agony Aunt

My problem must be a common one. After 40 years of marriage my husband has retired from work. I've been dreading it as he has no outside interests and is at home all the time under my feet. I've been encouraging him to take up golf or bowls or to go to clubs but he is not interested – he just likes sitting around the house – a 'couch potato' which is not healthy. I am getting really fed up with it and have joined clubs myself to get away from him and the house!!

Can you suggest anything – apart from a divorce?!! It's reached the stage where I'm thinking of calling it a day as I'm beginning to think that I'd be happier on my own.
(name and address withheld)

Dear Buzz Reader

Well, first of all you are absolutely right – this is a common problem. There are many long-term marriages which have weathered many a storm and have lasted happily whilst each spouse has their own role in life and the majority of the time is spent apart. However, the same spouses are suddenly thrown into the same arena once retirement comes into the equation and it throws the balance of the relationship out completely.

Do not do anything rash, divorce does not have to be the answer.

It sounds like you are trying to do all of the right things by suggesting new interests and indeed finding new interests yourself too. I do not want to cause offence but do you think that your 'suggesting' may be perceived as 'nagging' by your husband? Try to ask him what he would like to do rather than voice ideas to him. During the past 40 years, he has probably had to be quite a decision maker at work and now finds that you are the one who are coming up with all of the ideas and he feels that he is no longer thought to be capable of arranging things on his own and therefore doesn't even bother trying. You are used to this being at home lark but it is very strange to him.

I can see that you are becoming irritated with the situation and this is understandable because not only has your husband's life had to change dramatically so has yours.

Why not suggest going out for a walk together so that you can have a talk on neutral grounds – the home has now become a bit of a battleground by the sounds of it. Your husband has invaded your space even though that invasion was forced on him and neither of you know how to deal with it.

Explain to him how strange it all is to you and ask him how he feels. Tell him about some of the clubs that you have joined, in a chatty way the same as you may both have chatted about your days over tea when he came on from work; and whilst it is important to keep some things for yourself, if there is one of your interests that he may like to join in with then tell him how much you would love him to come along.

Leave information lying around the house on things like clubs, information sheets from the library, the Bideford Buzz, jot down the website of the U3A (University of the 3rd Age) (www.torridgeu3a.btck.co.uk) and The Senior Council of Devon (www.seniorcouncildevon.org.uk), leaflets from golf clubs and the bowling club then without you "nagging" (I do apologise for that term) he may pick one up and do something about it all by himself because it will then be his idea.

Keep trying, you wouldn't have written in if you didn't still love him. It is a common problem but one that it is also commonly solved given time.

Good luck

Cats Protection urgently needs donations in Bideford/Holsworthy

The charity Cats Protection is appealing for people to come forward with good quality goods for its Bideford/Holsworthy branch to help give local cats a brighter future. The revenue we generate is used to supply essential cat re-homing services. Without this support, we would have to turn away many unwanted cats. Sadly many cats are still given up or abandoned every day, placing a heavy burden on the charity's services. Cats Protection has around 6,000 cats in its care at any one time across the country, all being looked after until loving new homes are found. Cats Protection's

Bideford/Holsworthy branch is part of the charity's national network of 257 volunteer-run branches and 30 adoption centres that together help over 230,000 cats and kittens each year. If you can help please phone 0845 371 2717 or email holsworthycats.org



News from the Burton Art Gallery & Museum

The Modern Masters exhibition is in full swing now, and is proving very popular with visitors from all parts of the country. The exhibition stays with us until **July 15th** and no doubt many more art



lovers will make their way to the Burton. Original prints by Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dali and Andy Warhol don't come our way all that often, and this selection presents one of the most creative and diverse artistic periods in the history of western art. Actually standing before three of Warhol's stunning prints of the face of Marilyn Monroe, some of Matisse's beautiful figure drawings, Dali's supernatural creations, or one of Picasso's famous works, is one of the privileges of not having to travel to London. The exhibition has been organised by the Victoria & Albert Museum. A real coup for the Burton staff, and Torridge District Council.

"The response from the public has been fantastic, visitors are truly appreciative of the work being displayed here on their doorstep. Staff and volunteers are sitting in with the exhibition which is great as we're receiving lots and lots of feedback. Every day I'm talking to a wide range of visitors; from two local ladies who'd popped in during their lunch break as they'd heard a rumour we had Matisse, Dali and Warhol on the walls and wanted to see if it was true. To visitors from across the county who are making a specific journey to the Burton to see the work and the holidaymaker who told us what an unexpected find it was to see Modern Masters and find a gem like the Burton in North Devon In fact the comment we're hearing the most is – 'What in Bideford – Picasso? How amazing?'. " **Miranda Clarke, Visual Arts Manager, Burton Art Gallery and Museum**

Sarah Young's prints and illustrations can be seen both in the shop and the Craft Gallery until **27th July**. There's a Creative Linocut Printmaking Day with Judith Westcott on **22nd June, from 10am to 4pm**. Cost is £35. To find out more about it, and book a place, phone 01237 471455.

Don't forget the Open Day at the Bucks Mills Cabin on **1st June** from 11am to 3pm. The National Trust took over the management of the Cabin a few years ago, and occasionally allow the public to see a time-warp of life in the mid-20th century, when the artists, Judith Ackland and Mary Stella Edwards lived there. To get there, take the A39 to Bucks Cross, drive down towards Bucks Mills, and use the car park on the right, just before the houses begin. A 5-minute walk takes you through the village to the steep ramp leading to the Cabin and the pebble beach. Unfortunately, there is no disabled access.

Friends of the Gallery: 7th June, Coach outing to Cadhay Manor, Ottery St. Mary. 8.30 a.m. from Bideford Pill. £18 to include £6 entry to the Manor. Visit to Ottery Parish Church in the morning, and tour of the Manor in the afternoon. To book, phone 01237 471455 or Di Warmington on 01237 472336. (Want to join the Friends? Pick up our application form at the Gallery, or on line from : www.burtonartgallery.co.uk Subs: Single £10; Couple £18; Life £90; Couple Life £170) **Diana Warmington, Secretary/Vice-Chairman Friends of the Burton**



Good Age Page



Devon Dementia Support Service

A fantastic new support service for people with dementia in Devon has been launched. The Devon County Council-funded service is run by Alzheimer's Society, and is accessible to all Devon residents who have dementia and their carers. There is a new office in Queens House, Queen Street, Barnstaple. The North Devon team are based here, and can be contacted by telephone, email or post. Telephone 0300 123 2029 for general enquiries and referrals; or email devon@alzheimers.org.uk. The new service has fully trained staff who can provide information, support and advice on any aspect of living with dementia, by telephone, email or home visit. Staff will link with local GP surgeries to make sure that everyone who needs support is aware of the new scheme, and can deliver awareness-raising talks to small groups on request. Alzheimer's Society also provide volunteer befrienders to support people with dementia to continue to take part in their local community. If you would like to volunteer as a Befriender, please contact us on 0300 123 2029. We will pay your expenses, and provide full training and ongoing support.

Wendy Toms

Northam Reminiscence cafe

We are open every third Friday of the month, between 10am -121pm at Northam Hall. Please come and join us. You will be welcomed by a friendly smile and refreshments.

Next meeting Friday June 21st. Please give Sophie a call if you would like to know more or need transport on 01237 459337

Reminiscence Session – Take a trip down memory lane at Bideford Library

Wednesday 12th June 2:00-3:30 pm

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

NDVA the North Devon Veterans Association

A free exhibition featuring equipment, images memories and anecdotes as well as veterans from 1945 to the present day is at Kingsley School **Saturday and Sunday 28th/29th June from 10am.**

The event coincides with Britain's Armed Forces day.

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**Bideford Community presents A Day in Victoria Park
29th June 11-3pm**

Cakes, Bouncy castles, Tea, Coffee, Hotdogs, Ball pit, rides and Games



Come along and join in the fun, there will be plenty to do for everyone. There will be free activities and games for all ages. Stalls and face painting.

Want to know what's happening in Bideford?

Come and meet the agencies who work in Bideford, Activity providers, Children's Centre and all the services that can provide support and free advice. Join a club.

Come and be entertained with:

- Majorettes singing youth services story time raffle prizes
- Live Music Martial arts fire engine Thrive corner
- Streetz street dance Police rides games tombola
- Gymnastics art craft fruit tasting Sumo wrestling ball pit

Organised by Bideford Multi agency team, South West Family support, Transform, Devon County Council, TDC, Tarka Housing, Bideford Bay, Bideford Learning Community, Bideford College, and many other agencies/charities working together.

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**.

Heritage Day Craft Session at Bideford Library.

Saturday 29th June 10.00 – 12.00

Scenes through a Porthole – drop-in craft session for children aged 4 and over

Burton Art Gallery and Museum

The Friends of the Gallery sponsor the Young Friends, who meet with their tutor, Karen Hawkins, on the last Saturday of each month. 7-11 year olds are welcome to come and get creative from 10am to 12 noon. Donation of £1 welcomed.

Other Events at Bideford Library

Meditation and Relaxation Group

Wednesday 19th June 2:15- 3:00 pm

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Bideford Buzz

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 4th June
at 7pm at the Red's Rowing Club
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Guest Peter Christie .

All welcome

Refreshments.



Join a warm
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Bideford Angling Club, Honestone Street,
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Tel Kate 01409 221873, 07974041548

Westward Ho! Youth Theatre presents Disney's Camp Rock

Venue Kingsley Hall Atlantic Way Westward Ho!
Dates June 29th and 30th at 2pm
Adult £5 Senior/child £4 Family £15 Groups
(8+ people) adult £4 child £3
Bookings 07718619642 or www.whytg.co.uk

Camp Rock is an especially lively show, full of
energy and great songs such as "This is ME";
Can't Back Down; and "We Rock" Teenagers will
love this show, but its songs and story line will
appeal to all ages. Please come along and let our
great youth theatre group entertain you.

John Henry Taylor

In recent times, Europe have regularly come out on top in the biennial Ryder Cup golf contests with our friends across the pond. The Americans are particularly smarting after the last contest when the Europeans came back from 10-6 down on the last day to grab a narrow and (given the circumstances) unexpected victory. Europe have now won 7 of the last 9 contests.

Drastic times call for drastic measures. The Americans have changed their policy of only asking someone to captain their side once and turned back to one of their greatest ever players, Tom Watson. Not only was Watson a great player with eight major titles to his name but, perhaps more pertinently, he led the US team to a statesman-like Ryder Cup victory at The Belfry in 1993, the last time that the US won on British soil.

As a result Tom Watson will become the oldest captain in Ryder Cup history – he will be 65 when play begins in Gleneagles in 2014. Watson will overtake John Henry Taylor, who was 62 when he performed the role for Great Britain in 1933.



In this day and age, people probably know more about Tom Watson (the golfer, not the MP and Murdoch basher) than John Henry Taylor. However the name of John Henry Taylor (or J.H. Taylor) may sound strangely familiar to local residents, particularly those from Northam.

If you have been heading down Churchill Way from Northam towards Appledore, you may have seen J H Taylor Drive on the left (it had to be 'Drive' of course, not 'Avenue' or 'Grove'). And if you have wandered through Northam churchyard you may have stumbled across the great man's last resting place.

For he was one of the great men of golf, one of the fabled Great Triumvirate of the sport in his day, along with Harry Vardon and James Braid. His success came in a sport often considered to be a pastime for the better off, but J H Taylor came from humble beginnings. Born in Northam in 1871 into a working class family, and orphaned as an infant, he began work as a caddy and labourer at the Royal North Devon Golf Club in Westward Ho! at the age of eleven.

He gradually moved up the ranks at Westward Ho!, joining the greenkeeping staff and learning about course layout and maintenance, then became a professional golfer at the age of 19 and a remarkably successful one. In the period from 1894 to 1913 he won The Open Championship five times. Only his rival Harry Vardon has the Claret Jug more times – once more - and only three other golfers have won it five times, his other rival James Braid, Peter Thomson and..... Tom Watson. Only Jack Nicklaus has finished second more often than J H Taylor (seven occasions against six) and Taylor twice won by eight strokes, the biggest winning margin since 1870.

The World Golf Hall of Fame described accuracy as the hallmark of Taylor's game: "Taylor's accuracy was legendary. At Sandwich, where he won his first Open by five strokes in 1894, he would have the directional posts removed from the blind holes out of fear that his drives would hit them and carom into bunkers."

He was not just a great player though. Taylor was a co-founder and the first chairman of the British Professional Golfers' Association. This was the first association for professional golfers in the world. Bernard Darwin, a famous golf writer of his day, wrote that Taylor "had turned a feckless company into a self-respecting and respected body of men".

Darwin was a close friend and also recalled that nobody, not even Bobby Jones, suffered more over championships than Taylor did. "Like Bobby," said Darwin, "(Taylor) had great control and might appear outwardly cool, but the flames leaped up from within."

Taylor was also a golf course architect of note, spending many of his years following his playing career designing and remodelling golf courses around Britain.

Taylor's final years were spent in his native village of Northam overlooking Westward Ho!, enjoying the view he called "the finest in Christendom." He died in 1963 just short of his 92nd birthday.

Martin Fey

Local support for Parkinson's Disease

Would you believe me, in this age of medical wonders, if I told you that there was a disease for which we had no cure, minimal diagnostic success, and no real understanding of what causes it? This is Parkinson's disease, in which critical nerve cells in the brain that produce Dopamine gradually die off. At present, this is not detectable until 50-60% of the cells have died. Dopamine is the chemical which, amongst other things, helps to control the switches that tell muscles when to start and stop. So a decreased level of Dopamine means that these messages to the muscles can become weakened or interrupted. This is what causes the muscle shake that we always associate with Parkinson's. Have a think, for a moment, of all of the things that you do which involve the muscles, and many of these we do without conscious thought. Think of turning around, rising from a chair, doing up a button, writing ... all of these activities require real and conscious effort if you have Parkinson's. Think of the frustration that this would cause you, especially given that sometimes the messages get interrupted completely for a time, causing "freezing" – getting stuck in one position until the messages start to get through again.

In North Devon, we have some good resources to provide help and support to those with Parkinson's, their families and carers. On the medical side, we have the NHS consultants and a specialist Parkinson's Nurse. For more general help we have an Information and Support worker, employed by the national charity Parkinson's UK, a Torrridge support group (contact Julie Jones 01237 478128) and a Barnstaple/ Ilfracombe support group (contact Jennie Bliss 01271 814159).

These local groups provide a forum where those affected by Parkinson's can meet, swap war stories, and socialise for a while. There are Coffee Mornings (usually featuring a local guest speaker), Carers' meetings, "Keep Fit" sessions (specifically tailored for those with Parkinson's and led by a qualified physiotherapist), a regular newsletter and occasional trips and visits. The Torrridge Group can also offer home-visits, via the TorrAGE Parkinson's HUB (contact is Jackie Whitear 01237 471216). If you would like to know more about these support groups or simply want more information, please ring one of the contacts shown above. There is also a wealth of information at www.parkinsons.org.uk.

John Wilson (Chair) Torrridge Branch.

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The Big Slimming World Clothes Throw

A nationwide fundraising drive that sees Slimming World members across the UK donating clothes to Cancer Research UK, Slimming World's charity partner for Slimmers in Bideford are dropping pounds (lbs) and bagging up all the clothes they've slimmed out of to raise money for a good cause in The Big Slimming World Clothes Throw.

Members of the Bideford Slimming World group have spring-cleaned their closets and are donating the clothes that no longer fit their new slimline figures to their local Cancer Research UK shop in Town. Kate, who runs the group which meets at The Angling club in the morning or East the Water School in the Evening every Tuesday says members were delighted to get behind the cause and jumped at the chance to recycle their old tops, dresses, trousers, skirts and more. (see advert in Buzz)



First Fridays

Photo shows: Councillor Pauline Davies, Sadie Green (Bideford Bay Creatives), Dave Green (Bideford Bay Creatives), Chloe Murphy (Fruit Loop), Sally (Blazey's Cafe), Pete Yeo and musicians Chloe Bix & Trudi Mackie-Brown. with their cheque from Councillor Davies to help with Bideford's First Fridays. Next one **June 7th in Mill Street from 3pm onwards.**

SAMARITANS

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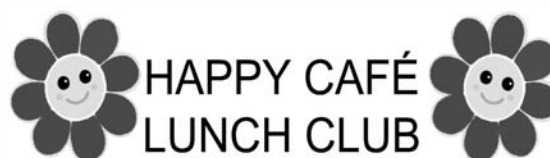
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Ideas for a day out



Gardens to visit in the Bideford area.

Cherry Trees Wildlife Garden EX39 4BW
East the Water, Bideford
15 & 16 June (2-5pm) £3 Teas, Plants

Bocombe Mill Cottage EX39 5PH
9 miles SW of Bideford
15 & 16 June (12-5pm) £4 Teas
(Also open 29,30 June)

Many more nearby! For descriptions, directions and dates of all 149 Devon gardens opening on over 500 days in 2013 please visit www.ngs.org.uk or send an A5 SAE to Devon NGS, Sutton Mead, Moretonhampstead, TQ13 8PW.

Northam Burrows Country Park

Members of Torridge District Council have voted in favour of reducing all vehicular fees for this season. Lead Member for the Natural and Built Environment Councillor Gaye Tabor said, 'we hope that as many people as possible make the most of this opportunity to visit the Burrows. Spring is beautiful there, with the wheatears arriving and the blooming of the spotted orchids, and of course the Burrows Centre is open for more information on wildlife and fauna.'

New entry prices :Season ticket (car): £35 Weekly ticket (car): £12; Daily ticket (car) £3 Daily ticket (coach) £8 Daily ticket (motorbike):£1.50 Evening ticket (after 4pm): £1.50

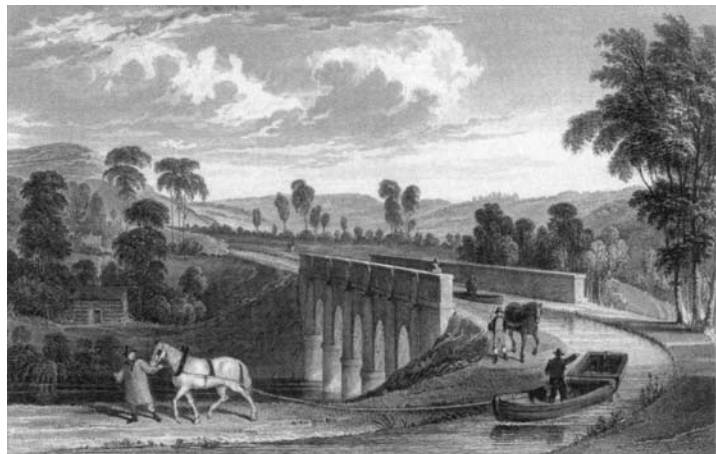
Bideford Library Gardening Club

Wednesday 26th June 6:30 pm

Visit to Braunton Burrows. Meet at the Burrows Car Park at 6.30

A walk along historic transport routes.

There's a neglected picnic site beside the A386 between Bideford and Torrington that sees the coming together of an ancient pack-horse trail, a ford across the Torridge, a turnpike road, canal, railway and a national cycle trail. This forgotten place is Loxdown Cross where a short walk can encompass all these different forms of past and present transport within half a mile. Recently even the signpost pointing to the



picnic site has been knocked down but hopefully it will have been replaced by **June 16th** when a guided walk of about two miles will be on offer, starting from Loxdown Cross, and visiting the site of the old ford, the Aqueduct at Beam, the carriage drive bridge over the canal and of course a stretch of the Tarka Trail. Here your guide will point out and describe the history of the past and present transport routes that cross at this point and also show the locations of the birthplaces of Tarka the Otter (both the original and the film version) as well as a newly opened footpath access to previously inaccessible parts of the Rolle Canal on Clinton Estates property.

The walk starts at **2:30pm** from the picnic site which is about half a mile north of the Beam House PGL entrance on the A386, and it should take about a couple of hours. There are two short flights of rough steps and a bit of path that may be slippery if wet, but the greater distance is on the level Tarka Trail and is easy walking. If in doubt one can omit the less easy sections. This is one of four monthly summer walks open to all as part of the Biosphere's "Life's Journey" Project organised by the Rolle Canal Society who will appreciate a donation of £2 to help with researching and publicising the history of northern Devon's navigable waterways. Anyone wanting more information about the walk or the canal society can email hassallc@ymail.com or telephone 01237 425357 and leave a message.

Chris Hassall Photo: *Beam aqueduct in the 19th century.(contemporary etching)*

Bideford Cinema News

Oz the Great and Powerful

Oz the Great and Powerful is a reworking of the old tale called the Wizard of Oz. Oscar (Oz for short) is a feckless conman, who whilst attempting to escape trouble in his hot air balloon, is sucked into a tornado. His balloon finally comes down in the strange land of Oz.

There, he encounters a witch, Theodora who, believing him to be the wizard sent to save their land from the wicked witch, informs him he must go to the Emerald City. Once inside the Emerald City, he then meets Theodora's evil sister, Evanora, the wicked witch. She tries to convince Oscar that she is the good witch and that a different witch, Glinda, is the evil one.

Fortunately, Oscar works this out for himself and Glinda comes to Oscar's assistance by providing him armies of 'Munchkins', 'Tinkers' and 'Quadlings' to frighten off Theodora (transformed into a wicked witch) and Evanora. Oscar and his army manage to enter the Emerald City and pretending he is the great wizard, they create a giant holographic image of Oscar's face (as in the original film) and fireworks to scare away the wicked witches. The plan works and the people and creatures of Oz are happy once again.

I think that this was a great film and was enjoyed by youngsters and adults alike. Its special effects were out of this world although the film was a bit slow at the start. My main negative comment would be that it didn't bear much resemblance to the original story. Although Oscar works in Kansas, there was no Dorothy, Toto and no magic red shoes! However, all the acting was superb, and the suspense and excitement at the end had me on the edge of my seat. I would definitely see a film similar to this again.

Amy Seaman.

"Bideford Film Society thanks Amy for her excellent review. We are grateful to her for her regular reviews of films for younger viewers. B.F.S has a new summer programme . Please check for full details below and with local papers."



Saturday June 1st ; Jack the Giant Slayer 4pm (12a) The Host (12a) 7pm
Friday 7 and Saturday 8 Oblivion (12a); Friday 14 and Saturday 15 June Olympus has fallen(15) ;
Friday 21 and Saturday 22 Iron Man (12a) ; Friday 28 and Saturday 29 June Star Trek Into darkness(CTBA)

All films in June are at Kingsley School.

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

One Hundred years Ago

Abbotsham

The gnarled old oak tree, which had been a landmark and parish notice posting station in the square outside the parish church for centuries past, having at last been overtaken with decay at the roots has been removed. Its successor is the sturdy young oak planted nearby in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee.

Bideford

At a special meeting of Bideford Town Council, acting in their capacity of Bideford Manor Court, Mr William Ascott MRCVS was appointed as church warden to replace the former officer who had left the district. There are only three places in England where the people's church warden is appointed by the Manor Court, Bideford being one of them.

The school attendance officer reported that the attendance at the elementary schools was getting worse and worse every week. The result of the circus coming to town for an afternoon resulted in 518 children being absent from school.

Mike Davy (from the Bideford Gazette)



THE SHIPPING NEWS



Ship	Registered Flag Owners	From	To	Arrived	Sailed	Crew	Cargo loaded
Antares Built 1984 ex Oldehove	Wormer Netherlands Dutch (The Captain)	Belfast	Rotterdam	26.4	26.4	Dutch Russian 2 Phillipino 1 Spanish Dog	1400 tons Ball Clay
Baltiyskiy 201 Built 1994*	Valletta Malta Russian	Rochefort	Wismar	6.5	9.5	Russian	2500 tons timber
Abis Belfast ** Built 2010	Harlingen Netherlands Dutch	El Ferrol	Rosyth	24.4	27.4	Dutch Philippines	Parts for aircraft carrier

*Loaded at Yelland After sailing, vessel anchored off Clovelly to await the weather conditions to moderate ; she finally sailed about 10.20 hrs 11.5.13

** Loaded at Appledore

Arco Dart 12.5.13

Oldenburg sailing from Bideford and Ilfracombe to Lundy Island .

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

Bristol Channel Observations.

Anchored in Bideford Bay on the **16.4.13** off Clovelly, two ships **Keret** and **TK Valletta** both outward bound presume awaiting orders. The **Keret** sailed about 19.00 **18th**. **TK Valletta** sailed about 11.30 **19th** Thanks to Chris Tolley for the information.

19.4.2013 at 18.13 bulk carrier **Elliott Bay** 32216 tons d.w owners Ocean Transit Carrier SA Japan, inward bound for Portbury.

20/4/13 At 19.18 vehicle carrier **Clover Ace** 17100 tons d.w, owners Mitsui Osk Line Japan, inward bound for Portbury

27.4.2013 At 10. 50 hrs container vessel **Ahr St Georg** 12525 tons d.w, owners Ahs St Georg Schiffahrts Germany inward bound for Avonmouth. At 11.10 hrs cargo vessel **Helen Ann** 3675 tons d.w, owners Helen Anna Schiffahrts GMBH Germany, inward bound for Newport. At 13.19 container vessel **Endeavour** 9168 tons d.w, owners JR Shipping Netherland, inward for Portbury. At 15.20 hrs **Centennial Harmony** 181338 tons d.w, owners Mk Centennial Maritime B.V Netherlands, inward bound for Port Talbot.

28.4.2013 at 10. 00 seen by keen ship spotter at Ilfracombe Joshua Hulse the following vessels:- **Euro Spirit/Opal Leader and Pilsum** all inward bound for Portbury and Avonmouth. They would have passed Lundy about 2 hrs previously

29.4.2013 at 1800 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Roma** 14990 tons d.w owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 12.58.

2.5.2013 at 06.00 cargo vessel **Beautrophy** 7120 tons d.w, owners Unisea Shipping BV Netherlands, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 0057 . At 0.650 the small cruise ship **Island Sky** 4200 tons gross owners Island Sky Shipping Inc heading towards Lundy ; she sailed approx 1200 in the direction of Milford Haven. At 16.35 cargo vessel **Oniks** 5026 tons d.w, owners Volga Baltic Shipping 7 ltd Russia outward bound from Newport having sailed at 09.33.

3.5.2013 at 15.55 hrs cargo vessel **Flinterbirka** 3480 tons d.w, owners Flinter Groep Netherlands, outward bound from Barry, having sailed at 11.07

5.5.2013 At 09.07 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Scandinavia** 18440 tons d.w owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury.

6.5.013 at 12.23 hrs vehicle carrier Viking Drive 10817 tons d.w owners Crancar Shipping HK ltd Singapore inward bound for Portbury.

8.5.2013 at 12.00 hrs vehicle carrier **Planet Ace** 15327 tons d.w, owners Mitsui OSK Line Japan, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 07.27

12.5.2013 at 06.30 hrs cruise ship **Ocean Nova** 2183 tons gross, wners Quark Expeditions inward bound for Lundy. Sailed at 11.15 in the direction of Skomer Island

Norman

Buzz Word -

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

Sorry Linda!

I was in Bideford Library this afternoon and delighted to see Buzz available full as it always is of interesting and informative material. I wrote a book review on Henning Mankell which took a little time to craft so was 'surprised' to see that the report was assigned to Linda Napier-Brown, not my married name, Napier-Burrows. I can only say that I, my family and friends are disappointed.

Linda Napier-Burrows.

German aircrew in the Torridge,

My late father in law "Ivor Glenwood Shortridge" who during WW2 was a "Fire Watcher" at the Southern National Bus Station at Bank End where the Torridge District Offices Riverbank are now situated, recalled a story about an experimental Royal Navy unit in that area I do believe testing a secret pipeline to transport petrol across the English Channel after the forthcoming invasion. This did eventually become P.L.U.T.O. (Pipe Line Under The Ocean), which was very successful in supplying the Allied Forces with fuel for the first few months of the invasion. According to my father in law, one morning when the Royal Naval Craft were being moved ready for work, they discovered the body of a German airman between two of the craft, obviously washed in from the Bristol Channel. There was also another tale of a German aircraft shot down in the Bristol Channel with some of the crew rescued (one seriously injured) and brought into the Torridge intending to land them at Appledore. Because of strong anti German feeling amongst the locals, (the aircraft had apparently been machine gunning local fishing boats out at sea) it was decided to bring the airman up to Bideford, where the injured man was transferred to Bideford Hospital where he died from his wounds. Most German and Italian airmen killed over the UK were buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery in Surrey or at Cannock Chase Military Cemetery in Staffordshire, although the German Government are aware of about 1,000 other burials throughout this country, interred near their crash sites, I hope it might be of some interest, **Brian Lacey.**

More war-time memories

I don't know if anyone would be interested in a few memories I have. I was born at Annery Kiln, Weare Giffard. During the war we had an Army Camp nearby. My brother Bryan who was about 10 years old, dug a tunnel with some of his mates under the fencing which surrounded the Camp so they could get in, naughty I know, but they were curious. Anyway one night Bryan got in under the fence, the spotlights were in use at the time, the soldier that was operating it, saw him and asked him what he was doing there as it was out of bounds. Bryan said he wanted to operate the spotlight, so the soldier let him sit on his lap in front of the spotlight, while he continued searching the sky. Suddenly he heard a plane - because it was cloudy that night they couldn't see it - but the soldier identified it by the noise it was making, and he told Bryan to get home quick as it was a German plane. Bryan ran home as fast as he could and told Mum. A few minutes later they heard the explosion, apparently in a field near Sentry Corner.

The Camp was mainly American. One of the soldiers was known as Stinker, a very good looking young man. On their night off they were allowed into Bideford, but they were not given transport, so they used to borrow bicycles or anything else they could lay their hands on. Behind us lived a Mr Gorvett, who kept a horse which Stinker decided to borrow unfortunately without Mr Gorvette's permission, so he could get into Bideford for a pint. Mr Gorvette, on realizing that his horse was missing, came to ask Bryan if he had seen it, Bryan knew Stinker had taken it and was riding it bareback to Bideford but he couldn't tell Mr Gorvette that. Anyway on getting up the next morning, Mum noticed something outside the front door, and on opening it there was the horse tied to our downpipe. Bryan had to get the horse back to the paddock before Mr Gorvette got up; he never knew who had taken his horse!

Margaret Syvret.

Handy Cross Camp

Reading about the role played by Bideford Bridge and the local environs offering training facilities for British and American troops in preparation for return to the European mainland, brought back some memories for me as a small boy.

I clearly remember that there was a POW Camp up by Handy Cross during and after WW2, I know I'm not dreaming as I had a elephant made from a soldier's blankets and a pull along dachshund dog which wiggled courtesy of two small hinges and a number of lead soldiers.

I remember seeing POWS in the jackets with the yellow diamond on the back going into Mrs Lee's shop at Twinaways on Clovelly Road. But checking on Internet to see what memories might have been recorded from the period, the camp at Bideford doesn't seem to have been recorded so I'm wondering if any of your readers have memories of the camp or maybe even photographs to assure me I'm not delusional !!!..

Keep up the good work ; us old Bidefordians really appreciate all your efforts.

Mike Sheppard

Dear Angels at the Bideford Buzz,

The 'green' articles in the magazine (*May Buzz*) were amazing

Thank you so much for all your hard work Jane from Seize the Moment

Eleanor Newton

And finally!

Mary and I both love Buzz - a truly remarkable local service. Many thanks.

Michael Dendle

New Book features Bideford -The Portland Contract

'The town was one of Britain's busiest ports until the railways arrived (or in the case of Bideford did not ?) During the previous two centuries the transatlantic clippers had ceased to visit and now the historic quay was populated by fish and chip parlours.' A quote from this new book by Warwick Payne The author lives in Hampshire but much of the action is set in the West Country and it includes several scenes in Bideford. Warwick writes 'The best man at my wedding moved to the town in 2006 so I've been quite a frequent visitor since then, which inspired me to use Bideford as a location.'

June Diary

Saturday 1st

2-6pm Tea Afternoon in aid of CAFOD at 1 North View Hill. £2 239129

3pm Induction of new minister Revd David Hunt at Westward Ho! Baptist Church.

Palladium Club – Boom boom room with dj Wendy May £3

Sunday 2nd

12-5pm Open Garden. Celebrating the Coronation at Highlea, Hill Top, Fremington. For North Devon Hospice.

Monday 3rd

10am Lip-Reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close.

Heather Smith 07794390807
LipreadingSW@mail.com

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

8-9pm Appledore Band plays in concert on Appledore Quay. (training band plays at Pill Car Park. Mobile service with sensory equipment 01271 373236 7.15-7.45). In St Mary's church if wet.

8.30pm North Devon Jazz Club with Nicolas Meier Group at the Beaver, Irsha Street, Appledore. 421065

Tuesday 4th

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches.

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

7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk. New members welcome.

Palladium Club Jam Night

Wednesday 5th

10.30am Parkinson's UK meets Ethelwynne Brown Close. 478128

2.30pm Bideford Library Readers' Group. 476075

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club meets in Northam Hall. 423554

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris at Crealock Arms, Littleham.

Thursday 6th

2-4pm See Hear on Wheels (SHoW) on Appledore Quay. (training band plays at Pill Car Park. Mobile service with sensory equipment 01271 373236

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

Friday 7th

3pm onwards First Friday 6pm -8pm

Late Night Specials at Café du Parc, Burton Art Gallery.

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

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632

Palladium Club – Ruari Joseph/Kezia

Saturday 8th

2pm Family Fun Day & Casino Evening for North Devon Hospice at First Inn Last Out. 474863/432158

Palladium Club – Dodgy/Scott Linn £16

Sunday 9th

10am-1pm Antiques & Collectors Fair at Instow Parish Hall for RNIB. Admission 20p. 01271 812711

Coffee on the hill. Methodist Church High St

Monday 10th

10am Lip-Reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close. Heather Smith 07794390807

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

June Diary 2013 continued

8-9pm Appledore Band plays on Appledore Quay. (training band 7.15-7.45). In St Mary's church if wet

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

Tuesday 11th

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches.

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

7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk.

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 12th

10.15 am Bideford Probus Club at Royal Hotel (473 337)

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 at The Beaver, Appledore..

Thursday 13th

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

Palladium Club – Mad dog Mcrea £12

Friday 14th

7.30pm Abbotsham WI meets at Abbotsham Village Hall. 474711

7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho!

01769 540309

7.30pm Northam Lodge Summer Cruise on the Oldenburg. Tickets Annabel Cope on 01237.477238 or annabelcope@northamlodge.co.uk

Palladium Club – Roughnecks £3

Saturday 15th

10am-4pm See Bideford & District Community Archive stand at the Family History Day at Bideford College.

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

7pm Plough Community Theatre 'Lark Rise' at Hartland Abbey. Tickets from The Plough or on door.

7.30pm Northam Choral Society Quiz at St Mary's Church. Teams of 6. £5 per person. Book 429080.

Palladium Club – Spaced Invaders £3

Sunday 16th

10am-5pm Northern Devon sustainable energy fair Bideford Pannier Market Father's Day Lunch with French Café Music by Gypfunk at Café du Parc.

2pm Torridge Ramblers afternoon walk. 451643/451508.

Monday 17th

10am Lip-Reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close.

Heather Smith 07794390807

10am-5pm Northern Devon sustainable energy fair Bideford Pannier Market

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

8-9pm Appledore Band plays on Appledore Quay. (training band 7.15-7.45). In St Mary's church if wet

Tuesday 18th

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 meets at The Corner House Café, Boutport St, Barnstaple. 07875577428

7pm Torridge Ramblers evening walk. 01805 622183

7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk. New members welcome

8pm Vocal Accord, a-capella group from Barnstaple, at Buckland Brewer Methodist Church. £5 in aid of Methodist & Church funds.

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 19th

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

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club meets Northam Hall. 423554

Thursday 20th

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

7.30pm Bideford Band outdoor concert at Jubilee Square weather permitting

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

Friday 21st

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

11am - 6pm Flower Festival Bideford Methodist Church

7pm Miracle Theatre 'Waiting for Godot' at Hartland Abbey.

Palladium Club – UK Subs £10

Saturday 22nd

Littleham Arts & Music Festival – The Scarecrows.

11am - 6pm Flower Festival Bideford Methodist Church

Torridge Ramblers Night Walk. 429080

Palladium Club – Dead Betas/Oh

Captive £3

Sunday 23rd

11am - 6pm Flower Festival Bideford Methodist Church

Monday 24th

10am Lip-Reading classes at

Ethelwynne Brown Close.

Heather Smith 07794390807

7.30pm Appledore Amateur Radio Club

at Appledore Football Social Club.

7.30pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Primary School.

01769 560034

8-9pm Appledore Band plays on Appledore Quay. (training band 7.15-7.45). In St Mary's church if wet

Tuesday 25th

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

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

7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk. New members welcome

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 26th

10.15 am Bideford Probus Club at Royal Hotel (473 337)

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 Cyder Presse, Weare Giffard.

Thursday 27th

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

7.30pm Bideford Band outdoor concert at Westward Ho! weather permitting

8pm Curryoke Singalong at the Crealock Arms. Free entry + curry.

Friday 28th

10am-4pm Art Exhibition at Littleham Village Hall. 421231

7.30-11pm Jazz on the Oldenburg in aid of RNLI. Tickets £15 includes fish & chip supper. 470082/477480

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

01769 540309

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632

Palladium Club – Jean Genie £13

Saturday 29th

10am-6pm Art Exhibition at Littleham Village Hall. 421231

1-3.30pm Heritage Day town walk tours every 30 mins. from Burton Art Gallery.

7pm 'Encore' excerpts from musicals at Holy Trinity Church, Westward Ho!

Palladium Club – Auction for the promise club £3

Sunday 30th

10am-4pm Art Exhibition at Littleham Village Hall. 421231

Monday 1st July

7.00 p.m Littleham Arts and Music Festival continues in aid of North Devon Chemotherapy Appeal and Littleham Village Hall with Film 'Les Miserables'. To book 471928

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