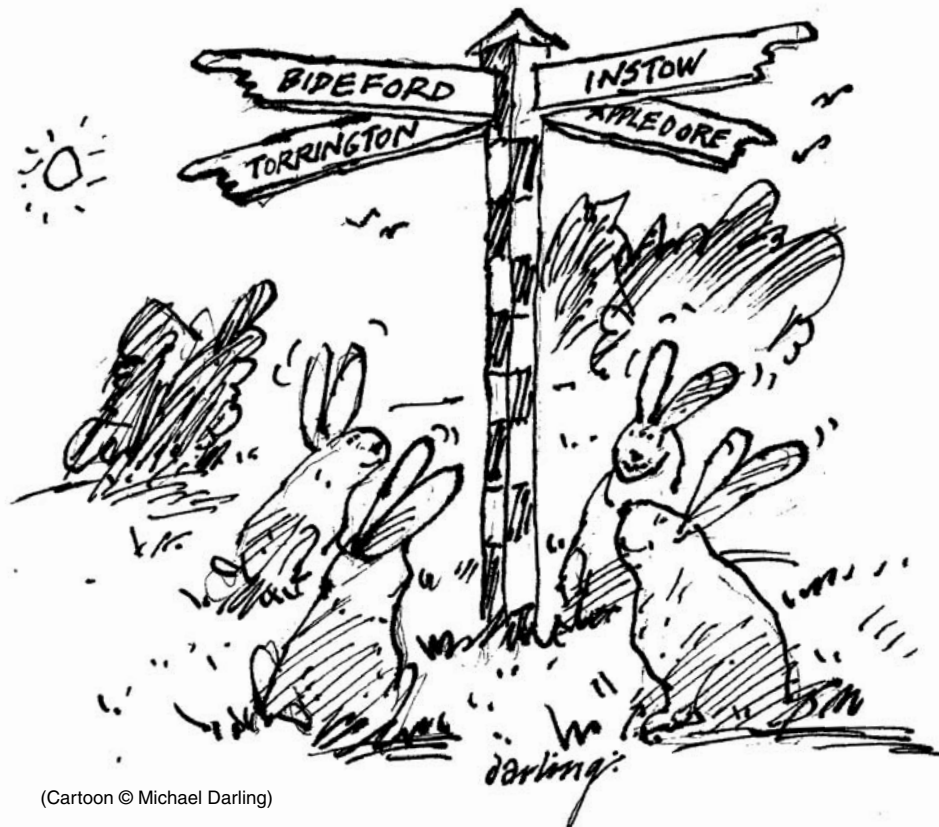




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## Easter Fun in Bideford

### News from Bideford Pannier Market

When did you last visit Bideford's Historic Pannier Market and Butcher's Row?

If not for a while, then you may be unaware of the quiet resurgence that has been taking place over the last few months. Not only do we have many new and exciting traders but we also now have our very own reasonably priced bus service – The Market Hopper, which visits the market three times a day at 10am, 12 noon and 2pm respectively. You can catch the bus from various locations in and around Bideford.

Another recent development is the Friday trading in the Pannier Market which means that you can now enjoy this historic shopping experience three times a week, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday and as usual Butchers Row six days a week, Monday to Saturday.

We are hosting a **Children's Activity/Craft day during the Easter holidays on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 10am till 2pm**, where you will find many of the local artists and makers in residence offering the chance for children to experience hands on creating. There will be a variety of workshops available ranging from print making, pottery, cookery and jewellery making. There will be a small charge per individual workshop to cover the cost of materials. We hope you will come and join us for a day of fun and creativity.

On Easter Saturday **19<sup>th</sup> April from 10am till 2pm** come and meet Shaun the Sheep and have your picture taken with him ; you also have the chance to meet and feed some baby lambs. Feeding time from 12 o'clock.

If all the excitement wears you out don't forget that you can treat yourself to lunch from one of the many food establishments, found in both the Pannier Market and Butchers' Row, providing delicious home cooked fayre. Whilst here why not take the opportunity to browse the eclectic array of market stalls and also discover the delights of Butchers' Row for yourself

### Find the lost Bideford Bunnies

The businesses of Bideford have come up with another reason for us to visit them this Easter. Tonia Quance from Bideford Cobblers explains, "The Bideford Bunnies who live in Victoria Park have had such a wet month that they have hopped off into town, using the zebra crossing, and found refuge in the friendly businesses of Bideford. They have left us several clues like, 'I am with Mother Goose' or 'I wanted my picture taken'; we need to find them."

From **5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April** there will be a Bunny hunt for families to take part in Bideford town. Pick up a **FREE** entry form at either Bideford Cobblers, First Years and Beyond, The Green Goose or Minxy's Sweets and use the clues to find the bunnies. Find 20 and get a prize, find over 35 and be entered into a draw for a large



Easter Egg. Katie from the Green Goose said "We would like to thank The Chamber of Commerce and Santander for their kind contributions towards the cost of this event and we hope the community will come out and support their town and enjoy meeting some of the great traders"

**Katie Russell** Businesses of Bideford

The **Orange Tree Café** will be having a Hog Roast on Easter Saturday outside the cafe and it will be accompanied by a Piper. (the Piper is not for eating)

### Appledore Kidz Club

This is based in the Appledore Community Hall on Newquay Street. The club is for ages 5 - 11 and runs from 3.30 until 5.30 on Tuesdays (which is Drama Club), Wednesdays (which is cooking, crafts and games) and Thursdays (which is sports and games). We charge 50 pence an hour including a drink and snack. It is a not for profit organisation run solely by volunteers. Currently there are eight of us in the team, but there is certainly room for lots more! We are all CRB checked or DBS as it has recently become known and would like any new volunteers to be too, or to be prepared to become so through TTVS (Torridge Voluntary Service); we would also require 2 character references. We are currently one of the nominated charities for the Asda Foundation, so please drop your token in our box! We can be contacted either via email [Appledorekidzclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Appledorekidzclub@yahoo.co.uk) or on our Facebook page.

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### Events at Bideford Library

Every Friday 9:30-5 Free internet access for up to 2 hours.

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## News from the Burton Art Gallery & Museum

April 2014 is rather special for the Burton Gallery. Gillian Ayres is one of the leading British abstract painters of her generation, and has created a 'bespoke' exhibition of her new works and woodcuts especially for us. We are her first venue; after 1<sup>st</sup> June, when it closes, the exhibition will speed on its way to London's Royal Academy. This is a rare privilege. Looking back on Gillian's career, she has exhibited in Oxford's Museum of Modern Art; London's Serpentine Gallery; the Tate, the Royal Academy in 1997, and New York's Museum of Modern Art. She is also a teacher, having spent many years at St. Martin's School of Art in London, and has been shortlisted for the Turner Prize. She has the initials R.A. And O.B.E. after her name, You will find her work permanently in the V. & A. and the British Museum, so you can imagine that to have such a well respected artist creating an exhibition just for us in Bideford, is something of a coup! **Exhibition dates: 5<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> June.** If you would like to be taken on a free 'Talk and Tour' of the exhibition, come to the Gallery on 5<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00 p.m. David Cleaton-Roberts, co-Director of the Alan Cristea Gallery, has worked closely with Gillian, and is a well-informed friend to take us on an informal tour of her work.



Coming down to earth, the Friends of the Burton are holding their Annual General Meeting on **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April**, (in gallery 2) and after the routine business is done, Adrian Wills will give a talk on 'Devon's Forgotten Canal' - if you are not sure which one – have a guess. It's the Rolle Canal, which served between the Sea Lock and Town Mills at Torrington in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, bringing precious lime to our farmers. To learn more, come to the A.G.M. at the Gallery around 11.45; this is part of our local history, and was very important to its economy at the time. The Museum on the first floor of the Gallery, has a model of a lime kiln, built by Barry Hughes, who has also built a model of the inclined plane. All welcome, but become a Friend while you're there. Why not? Subs. are £10 (single), £18 (Couple), £90 (Single Life); £170 (couple Life). Pick up a form.

Another special – the Cabin at Bucks Mills, a haven of peace and tranquility for two artists, Judith Ackland and Mary Stella Edwards, will be open for the day on **Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> April** from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. The National Trust rarely open this treasure-house, so don't miss the opportunity to get inside and see a time-warped.

As usual, there are **Craft Workshops** during April: Try making Textile Collage on the 12<sup>th</sup> in the Education Room with Chrissy Wallis; 'The King of Bling' on the 15<sup>th</sup> encourages you to make jewellery. Just phone 01237 471455 to book your place.

The **Cafe du Parc** has a lunch and First Friday Late Night session, with music, on **4<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April**, call 01237 429317 to find out all about them and book your table.

**Diana Warmington**, Friends of the Burton Art Gallery & Museum

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# Book News

## **Kisses on a postcard by Terence Frisby** *(discussed by Bideford Library Readers' Group)*

Although this was not a literary masterpiece, most of the group enjoyed the book about London evacuees (vackies) transported to Cornwall at the outbreak of the Second World War. The title referred to the postcard to be sent back to their mother in London and was a sort of code. One kiss meant come and get me, 2 meant it was ok and 3 nice. From the beginning the experience was 'brilliant,' so they were amongst the lucky ones who were billeted with loving and caring foster parents, Auntie Rose and Uncle Jack (and incidentally they covered the postcard in kisses)

I had reservations about this book because I felt that while of no particular literary merit it had managed to be a very successful book.

My view was that there were many books on the same subject which didn't make the best seller list, or indeed were not published at all.

I also felt there was a slightly distorted view of country living. There was an assumption that the vackies had discovered the delights of the countryside all on their own and that the actual country dwellers were unaware of what was around them. However he does get some of his London cockiness knocked out of him by Uncle Jack.

Some members of the group felt the book was unnecessarily sadistic with descriptions of killings of wild animals. This would seem to come naturally to country people who needed, especially in wartime, to be self sufficient.

It was however in the main, a pleasant and nostalgic read, with some very sad moments, prompting at least an hour's concentrated discussion. **RA**

*Bideford Readers' Group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at Bideford Library at 2pm. Next month we shall be discussing 'The summer of drowning' by John Burnside.*

*(As often happens with Buzz this timely article came in just after I wrote this review.)*

## **Memories of an evacuee.**

With time on my hands, I have been trying to trace people who were part of my youth – over 70 years ago! Knowing only her maiden name, and not having seen or heard of her since the end of WW2, I spent several hours on the Internet before coming up with a possible match. I then wrote to a 'Mrs June Sims' who, as a child, could have been evacuated to Appledore with her parents, and billeted with us, having lost their home during the Plymouth Blitz.

About a week later I received a letter from June – yes, I had found her! Below is what she had to say about her time in North Devon which my sister Enid and I found fascinating

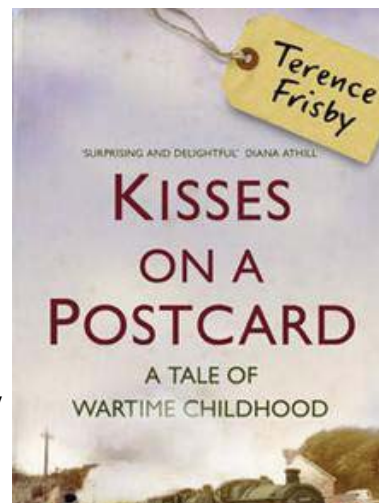
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*What a surprise your letter was - received the day after my 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. Yes I am the June Randle that was (now Sims). I remember Appledore well and your Mum, Dad and Enid with the blonde bob and you and your pigtails. Also remember the lovely smell of bread baking where your Dad worked, and Dulcie who lived in the big house opposite – we both caught the bus to Stella Maris Convent and often she brought me a lovely apple from her garden. Such happy memories and best school-days of my life (only 18 in class!!!), Greek dancing on the lawn. I was rather overwhelmed at first, having wanted to go to Edgehill College and being a Protestant – but the sisters were so kind and welcoming and, knowing we had been bombed out and lost our home in the Plymouth Blitz (being bombed every day and night – how did we stay alive?), they reduced my school fees!!! Also remember catching crabs on the quay with bacon rinds.*

*After 12 months my parents returned to Plymouth and I then lived with my dancing teacher and her parents Mr & Mrs Jordan who kept the New Inn at Instow.*

*Although worried about Mum and Dad going back to Plymouth, was well looked after and very happy, walking on the beach each day after school with Joan and the dog, gathering driftwood for the range – Mrs Jordan made the best chocolate sponge ever – I think the farmers visiting the pub helped her out with eggs etc. Also having stew with spaghetti and tomatoes to make it stretch I suppose, the things we remember. Mum also used to make pasties on a Tuesday and come and meet me and we used to go to the park and eat them. (Always hid my velour hat as we were not allowed to eat out of doors!!!)*

**June**

(sent in by **Cis Snowden.**)





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### A few thoughts on chewing gum.

According to shopkeepers people buy chewing gum for a variety of reasons. It freshens your breath (can therefore disguise the fact that you've been drinking or smoking), it's useful for people who are trying to give up alcohol or tobacco,

it, as the ads used to say 'helps you concentrate' and it has the advantage of having something in your mouth which isn't chocolate or another fattening substance, so it helps you to diet. All useful or laudable factors. But from my own experience with chewing gum after about 30 seconds of the stuff in my mouth, and after the nice sugary taste has gone, I'm left with this horrible, revolting bit of rubber that I can't wait to dispose of.

Chewing gum came to us originally via Mexico and New York as chicle and was intended as a rubber substitute. Instead it was manufactured as a gum. Adams New York Chewing Gum cut into strips and marketed. Later chicle was replaced by synthetic gum made from styrene-butadiene rubber, isoprene copolymer, paraffin wax, and petroleum wax. Sounds awful but they are all approved materials.

I hadn't realised until recently (call me naïve) that the white marks all over the town are in fact discarded gum. I imagined that a colony of seagulls had been pretty busy leaving their droppings all over the 'little white town', no pun intended.

I couldn't understand why the new York paving stones in Cooper St had suddenly developed a mosaic pattern, not an attractive one, which had crept down to Jubilee Square

But my main question is? When does this happen. To my knowledge I have never seen anyone disposing of chewing gum in the street. Even the roads have this white stuff, so is it thrown out of cars, or do people quietly drop it en route.

Don't get me wrong, I can appreciate the difficulties with the stuff. If you smoke, every bar and restaurant has a box outside for your fag ends, but there are no such arrangements for gum. I know from my own experience that rather than wreck the pocket of my coat, I have had to search around for a tissue to 'wrap it and bin it' and of course you don't always have a tissue or a bin. Far easier to surreptitiously drop it when no one's looking, or stick it in the exhaust pipe of the nearest car!!

### A few facts about chewing gum

Chewing gum is not digestible. Not for humans and not for any living creature in the air or sea. It is not biodegradable and will stick to its surface for many, many years until treated.

Birds (especially young birds) have died by eating chewing gum. **Uses for gum?** A sealer Can seal up a hole in a hose; Can be used as crab bait; Can be used to repel flies – they don't like the smell of it. Relieve earache by chewing on a piece of gum. **(What ideas do you have for disposing of gum? Let us know)** RA

## Bideford Sustainability Group

As you may know, BSG was granted a free yearly tenancy at Tricks Allotment on the basis that it would be used as a focal point for demonstrating good practice. Fred Brown from BSG's Food Group has arranged these sessions which you would be very welcome to attend as follows:

**Saturday, 26th April - permaculture, companion planting and alternative approaches**

**Saturday, 31st May - weeding, watering, pest control and liquid feeding**

All sessions start at 10 am. The allotment site can be reached by turning right into Waterloo Terrace (past the 'First In & Last Out' pub) as you travel up Clovelly Road from the town. The allotment gate is down a lane just beyond a rank of garages.

**On Thursday 17 April 2014, 7.30pm**, at Bideford Town Hall we are hosting 'A Talk On The Wild Side - Speculating On Our Future Flora' with Pete Yeo. An interactive and gently challenging exploration of how our flora is changing, with particular regard to garden escapes and climate change. Your perspective on what is natural may never be the same again. Admission free, all welcome. This is in addition to our regular mention of BSG's informal get-together at the Blacksmith's Arms on the first Tuesday of the month. [mail@bidefordsustain.org](mailto:mail@bidefordsustain.org)

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### **Nothing to do in Bideford? How wrong can you be!**

Truthfully, I have to admit that in the past I have been guilty of dismissing Bideford as “boring” and “uninspiring” but I never knew how wrong I could be! Bideford or the ‘Little White Town’ as we know it has so much to offer in terms of events, opportunities and exciting new projects. This ranges from the annual carnival right through to the recent Bideford half marathon. As I open my eyes to all things local, I begin to realise that Bideford is in actual fact a thriving town with a great sense of community spirit, delivering us a daily dose of home-grown activities that aim to please all ages. I recently attended a Businesses of Bideford meeting whereby a discussion took place regarding the forthcoming events and local amenities that are happening on our very own doorstep, with the promise of a few seasonal surprises in store! One of these is a ‘ghost walk’ which will take place in and around the town, with the walks varying depending on the age category for which you fall into. This “fright night” experience is a feature for Halloween, with a host of creepy costumes hoping to fill the town in its hours of darkness. The ghoulish behaviour is set to continue with a party proceeding right into the night, with businesses staying open and assisting with the frightful festivities. The aim of the game is to get both businesses and residents involved; ensuring that it is a Halloween we are keen to remember!

Another date for our diaries is Bideford Heritage Day on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. A medieval theme has been decided on, with the chance to dress up in outfits that tie in with this particular period. Expect to see corsets by the crowd and girdles galore as the town travels back in time, mirroring the medieval attire. The predominant focus on our town's history makes for an interesting, educating and exciting family day out including tours around Bideford as one of the many activities that will run throughout the course of the day. Talks of a medieval banquet are sure to bring the ‘Middle Ages’ themed evening to a grand and unforgettable finish. There is an overwhelming desire to re-enact Bideford's history; exploring its past and culture and Bideford Heritage Day is a dedication to this.

On a more sporting note, the Bideford Blues under 10's football team recently received a very generous donation from *Complete Computing* who sponsored over 30 match day jackets. They have a fantastic facility and some great individuals who dedicate a large portion of their time to keep the club running and engaging the lives of so many young locals.

We are fortunate to live in a town that prides itself on a close knit community and rich historic background; there truly is so much to see and do! Bideford's picturesque landscape and situation attracts tourism around the clock. There is a café culture revival, with the town becoming an ideal place to socialise due to its number of ‘niche’ cafes and coffee spots. Not to mention the beautiful walks and surfing opportunities quite literally right on our very doorsteps.

Question is, what's in store for the ‘Little White Town’ next? Well one thing is clear; anything is possible when Bideford continues to blossom year after year.

**Kelly Gumbley.** (photo shows Heritage Day 2013 © **Graham Hobbs**)

*Got something to share? Send it to Kelly via Bideford Buzz, TTVS 14 Bridgeland St Bideford EX 39 2qe or email [editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk](mailto:editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk).*

### **Outward Bound Courses**

The Sir Francis Chichester Trust offers FREE places on three week ‘Classic Adventure’ Outward Bound courses to young people who live in Devon and who are aged 16-19 (at the time of the course, which will be over the summer holidays). The courses are primarily personal development, based around outdoor activities and with a particular emphasis on teamwork. The closing date for applications this summer is 7th April with interviews for those shortlisted being held 1st and 2nd May. An application form can be downloaded from the website [www.chichestertrust.org.uk](http://www.chichestertrust.org.uk) and if you have any queries or would like any additional information contact Anthea Parkyn on 01392 250976 or email [info@chichestertrust.org.uk](mailto:info@chichestertrust.org.uk)



## Felicity's Fish Cookery through the seasons - April

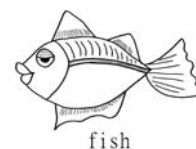
This year, Easter is very late - Easter Sunday is 20<sup>th</sup> so there is plenty of time to plan some lovely Fish recipes for Good Friday and the Holiday.

We will be cooking and tasting an interesting range at "Fish & Easter" dishes at the cookery session at Bideford College on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 6.30-9.00.**

Please book and come along as this an opportunity to cook and taste and take a dish home for the family, thanks to support from the Petroc/ FLAG "Tipping the

scales" programme. Also at Bideford College a "Family Fish" Event is planned with a fish demonstration, DVD and quiz on "Herring fishing in Clovelly" cooking session and taster lunch on Friday morning **11<sup>th</sup> April. Brilliant fish** will be back in the Pannier market on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April.**

*Here is a Jack Munro from the Waitrose Kitchen magazine. This recipe is cheap and healthy and uses the last of the wonderful root vegetables. She made it for herself and her son when she kept them both on £10.00 a week!*



**Fish with root vegetable Tagine -a Moroccan dish to make in a tagine, casserole dish or a large pan. To serve 4**

White fish Pollack, Coley, Cod or Haddock-frozen local fish portions can be used

1tbsp vegetable oil

1 onion sliced

1 small chilli-finely sliced

1 tsp. ground cumin, turmeric, paprika

1 potato, and 1 carrot peeled and cut into 2cm chunks(or any root vegetable available)

Chicken or vegetable stock cube

Lemon juice

1 400gm chopped tomatoes

1 205gm can or Mandarin oranges in fruit juice

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1 handful of parsley and mint leaves (chopped)

**Method**

1. Heat the oil in a large pan or heatproof casserole dish, add the onion, chilli and spices, cooking for 23 minutes until softened slightly.

2. Add the cubed potatoes and carrot, crumbled stock cube, stirring to combine.

3. Stir in the chopped tomatoes, mandarins in their juices and the lemon juice. Bring to the boil and gently simmer for about 15 minutes, top up with water if required.

4. Add the large cubes of fish and simmer for 5 minutes. Check vegetables and fish is cooked

5. Take off the heat and stir through the chopped herbs, breaking up the fish slightly.

Serve with couscous and steamed broccoli.



## 100 Years Ago

This month we are looking at the changes that are coming to transportation.

An April edition of the newspaper contained a report from the Magistrates Court of a man who was charged with “using a broken down horse” and subjecting it to cruelty. In his defence the man said that the owner of the horse was at home ill and in need of an income. To help out, the defendant had taken the horse and wagon out to do some work not realising how out of condition the animal had become. The magistrate fined him a modest amount and was assured the horse had been restored

to better health again. In the classifieds section a local farmer advertised his pony and trap for sale as he had recently acquired a new motor car as his personal transport. There are a number of advertisements for various forms of personal transport. Ford are advertising a 'universal car' from £125. Triumph Motors are not only manufacturing motor cycles but also bicycles under the slogan 'a quiet spin'. Raleigh bicycles can be purchased from £5 19s 6d from G Boyle, High Street, Bideford.



## The Catalogue of Triumph Motors

with a helpful little booklet entitled "Hints and Tips," is at the disposal of anyone interested.

If you have thought of a new Motor Cycle this season be sure and get this book, as it will be of immense help to you in making a wise and satisfactory selection.

Agents:  
**G. BOYLE,**  
1, Althalland Street, BIDEFORD,  
**W. J. HILL,**  
44, High Street, BARNSTAPLE.



The state of North Devon roads were considered "a deplorable state of affairs" according to the Mayor, Mr S R Chope. A lorry had broken its back axle on the road between Bideford and Hartland and Bideford Urban District Council passed a resolution "That this Council desires the attention of the Devon County Council to the dangerous condition of the road between Bideford and Hartland and is strongly of the opinion that an inspection of the road should be made by a committee of the County Council. It is of the opinion that the consequences to the trade of the town of Bideford and North Devon generally will be disastrous if drastic and prompt measures are not taken to made the road passable". *(Not much has changed over the years then!)*

This and other items of interest are available from Bideford & District Community Archive, Windmill Lane, Northam. Tel: 01237 471714

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## The Yuletide Logs – 30 years on.

Now in his early sixties, the call for Yuletide logs fell upon him once again.

He'd seen the giant log earlier in the month while walking with a friend along a tidal river's companion footpath. The 'log' was almost a tree, on closer inspection it was old and dry, despite being touched by the occasional spring tide that would flow a few miles upstream. It was probably the river that once carried his tree to its resting place just yards down the stony banked slope of the long disused railway track, and separated from the main river by a hundred yards or so of salt marsh. The 'log' was probably thirty yards long and a good foot across at the thickest end; it had locked itself by thinner but usable branches into the estuary mud and under the shelter of a row of weather stunted track side trees that overhung the marsh.

Wood burner stoves had changed much in thirty years and were increasingly popular due to a steeply rising price in gas and electricity. A fuel shortage in the world seemed imminent. In North Devon a log shortage also seemed imminent according to regular log burning enthusiasts in the pub as they reported sparse finds on their forays into the wilderness. All the easy wood was gone, collected, cut, chopped and no doubt already burned by new owners of log burners, all fearing that the wood was running out, and of course the evidence was all around; previously 'rich in pickings' logging grounds were now only populated by the empty handed log hunters themselves.

The 'log', our log, ... his log, was so far safe, but for how long? It was a good mile away down the track from where his car could be parked. Christmas was coming and coming apace; the log must be saved from marauding Yuletide log snatchers. He must act.

He had lunch in the Royal Hotel, changed into old clothes in the car park, donned woolly hat and gloves, picked up the trusty bow saw and set off steadily westward on the winter frosted track.

It seemed to be further along than he remembered as his eyes scanned the tidal debris hiding under the bank and trees; fortunately the log's position was roughly land marked by a big white house across the river on the opposite bank and it was a relief to find his log still there.

Less nimble ... if he ever had been nimble ..... and so as not to slip with it in hand he threw the saw through the broken wire fence on to the salt-marsh below, then he carefully worked his body under the rusty but still stout British Rail fencing wires, his feet now with a will of their own sliding down the steep slope; he hung on to the wire with his hands; the whole process, to a casual observer,

resembling the activities of an inebriated orang-utan in tramp's clothing; at last he obtained an upright posture, feet firmly settling into the salt marsh mud.

There she was, the log, the great log, half hidden under fresh tide delivered flotsam; he used his ageing strength and weight to roll the log for a convenient cut.

Convenient cut? The bow saw struggled to make any effect on the hard wood; even the low angle of cut had the tip of the saw driving into the estuary mud .. .... in good company with his boots and knees. He stopped several times to stand, rest and stare up and down the river as if doing so would materialise the chainsaw and trailer needed for this job. Neither appeared and thought alone wasn't going to cut the log so he struggled on slowly and cut twice so as to give him two good pieces and leave enough for three more another day. He dare not cut the remainder for fear of pillagers taking advantage ... no, it was best left in one big awkward lump, he covered the evidence with a little mud and few leaves and orang-utanged his way back up the slope and on to the track.

Now the mile trek with heavy burden back to the car.

About halfway he was stopped by an old lady out for a walk, she enquired of directions as to how she could return to the town by a different route. She was in no rush to ask, or to hear the answer, obviously the chap in front of her could stand there all day holding those logs on his shoulder. He gave her his best advice and continued the step by step struggle homewards. A dog came by, with a keen look at his logs. He'd noticed before that dogs, often out that way for a walk, were never put off by the size of the 'stick' a man might carry, they would often look longingly at his logs and plead with their eyes that they should have it to play with, their body language screamed, 'come on mate chuck us that stick, come on give us a go, I can do it', ... 'not blooming likely', he thought, 'get yer own.'

Some painstaking while later, the logs were enjoying their first automobile trip and being driven home in luxury to be prepared for the Yuletide ceremony.

The day had come, the fire was kindled, small sticks crackled with delight as young flames and sparks danced above, then the log itself, cut to size. Slowly the log warmed to its task and turned from mottled brown to cherry red; the sun of many years that had lain dormant in the log was now released and rays of yellow orange sunshine poured into the room from the flames.

As the orang-utan in him settled into his comfy chair, feet stretched out to greet the warmth, the 'burner' of the logs sighed and truly appreciated the effort of the 'fetcher' of the logs, 'good chap' he thought, 'well done', and his heart gave thanks to the great log of the salt marsh.

**Richard Small**

**TORRIDGE BRANCH SPRING FAYRE SATURDAY 12TH APRIL & PARKINSON'S  
AWARENESS WEEK 7-13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014  
SPRING FAYRE  
Torridge Branch – Parkinson's UK**

at Weare Giffard Village Hall, nr Bideford  
on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April, from **10:00am to 1:00pm**

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Entrance £1.50, to include a cup of tea / coffee  
Children under 12 enter free

Auction of Promises, cakes, bric a brac, plants, raffle,  
books, tombola, cream teas and much more!

Refreshments will be available accompanied  
by music from local band Swanswood. To be opened  
at 10am by **Nick Beer** from The Voice Radio Station.



**“Parkinson’s takes away control. Your understanding can give some back.”** During Parkinson's Awareness Week, **April 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>** please share our campaign to help more people understand Parkinson's. If people understand Parkinson's better they can help give control back to people with the condition. For further information please contact **Julie Jones, Secretary, Parkinson's UK (Torridge Branch)** on **01237 478128**. or visit <http://www.parkinsons.org.uk/>



**The Book Thief (12A)**

Kingsley School - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014 - **Doors open 7:00, film starts 7:30pm**

**Non-Stop (12A)**

Kingsley School - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2014 - **Doors open 7:00, film starts 7:30pm**

**300: Rise of an Empire (15)**

Kingsley School - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2014 - **Doors open 7:00, film starts 7:30pm**

This film will be shown in 35mm, and may well be the last ever opportunity to see a film in 35mm as part of our mainstream programme at Kingsley School. We will have an 'open door' policy in the projection room, where viewers may, if they're interested, come in to see all the old equipment working in the time-honoured way - somewhat akin to riding on the footplate of a steam engine in the final days of steam locomotion on the railway!

**The Lego Movie (U).**

Kingsley School - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April – **Doors open 4:30pm, film starts 5.00pm**

On Friday 25 and Saturday 26 April at Kingsley School we hope to have **The Grand Budapest Hotel (15)**  
**Doors open 7.00pm, film starts 7.30pm. Please check local press for confirmation.**

**The Tarka Pipe Band, Bideford**

The Tarka Pipe Band was formed in 2010 and is based in Bideford, supporting the town playing at many events. We meet every Sunday night between 6pm and 9pm at the Pollyfield Centre, East the Water. We have a large practice hall which is big enough to march in. We are a friendly group and will welcome new members whether they play the Bagpipes or Drums. If you don't play either or can't read music, we are able to teach you.

On the other hand you may just like to visit and chat about bagpipes or drums, the music or the Band. We can supply you with a Practice Chanter or a Drum Pad to try out and when you are ready, a uniform. The Band will welcome you, whatever your age or ability.

The Pollyfield Centre is easy to locate and has ample parking. There's a Bar inside selling drinks and snacks, tea or coffee. Join the new learners and learn to play either Pipes or Drums. We will look forward to seeing you!

Find us at : [www.tarkapipeband.moonfruit.com](http://www.tarkapipeband.moonfruit.com), or on Facebook!

**Darren Hooper (Secretary) Mob: 07851523761 or Gordon Adam (Treasurer) Mob: 07879203694**





# THE SHIPPING NEWS



Ship (Loaded and discharged at Yelland)	Registered Flag Owners	From	To	Arrived	Sailed	Crew	Cargo loaded
<b>Sylve</b> ex <b>Vios</b> 2001 <b>Morgenstod 2</b> 97  Built 1990	Estonian Limassol Cyprus	Wicklow	Wismar	<b>02/03/14</b>	<b>03/03/14</b>	Russian Estonian	2300 tons timber
<b>Celtic Pioneer</b> Ex <b>Claus Jurgens</b> 93 <b>Leeswig</b> 06 Built 1985	British Cardiff British	Glensanda	Plymouth	<b>06/03/14</b>	<b>08/03/14</b>	Polish	3300 tons chippings
<b>Loaded and discharged At Bideford</b>  <b>Zita*</b> Built 1997 ex <b>Alserbach 13</b> <b>Claudia Isabell 00</b> <i>*This is the largest ship in terms of deadweight to berth at Bideford.</i>	German St Johns Antigua & Barbuda	Cardiff	Castellon	<b>02/03/14</b>	<b>04/03/14</b>	Russian Philipino	2860 tons clay

## Welsh Piper 19/2/14 (at Yelland)

**Oldenburg** has been to Sharpness 12.11.13 for drydocking, returns to service 1<sup>st</sup> April ; she has been on a few cargo runs during the winter.

**Arco Dart** at Appledore 5.3.14 6.3.14

The Irish patrol vessel **LE Samuel Beckett** being built at Appledore sailed on the 15<sup>th</sup> March for her first sea trials seen crossing the bar at 05.35.

According to the Journal website the cruise ship **Prisendam** is due off Ilfracombe 26<sup>th</sup> July for a visit - has been here before. Visit subject to weather conditions.

A report in the Gazette that the **Kathleen & May** is to make a visit to Bideford in August ; will give further details when known.

The tug **Goliath** alongside Bideford quay 31.1.14/15.3.14 to tow the barge **Southern Beaver** from Yelland oil jetty to Southampton. This is the second visit to the River since she was built in 1956 as the **MSC Simitar** at Appledore. She has not been able to sail because the wind has been in excess of Force 4 which is the limit of her operating capabilities.

## Bristol Channel Observations

**15/2/14** at 11.03 vehicle carrier **Toreador** 22098 tons d.w. owners Wilhelmsen Line Car Carriers Southampton. outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 18.48. **14.2.14** she passed very slowly due to very heavy weather conditions

**16/2/14** At 10.21 vehicle carrier **Centaurus Leader** 21471 tons d.w, owners Nippon Yusen Kaisha Japan, inward bound for Portbury.

**19/2/14** at 09.05 cargo vessel **Monica Mueller** 3723 tons d.w, owners Otto A Muller Schiffahrt GMBH Germany, inward bound for Sharpness

**21/2/14** at 12.45 vehicle carrier **Autosun** 6670 tons d.w owners UECC Unipessoal Ltd Mareira, inward bound for Portbury.

**22/2/14** At 06.30 with all her deck lights on, the cruise ship **Discovery** 20216 gross tons owners All Leisure Holidays Ltd inward bound for Avonmouth. At 13.40 cargo vessel **Ciudad de Cadiz** 3500 tons d.w owners Anita 2 SNC France, inward bound for Portbury to discharge cars ;normally carries airbus parts. At 13.14 the cargo vessel **Andre W** 5200 tons d.w owners Andre W GMBH & Co K.G. Germany outward bound from Newport having sailed at 11.30 **23.2.14.**

**24/2/14** at 08.15 vehicle carrier **Morning Menad** 12300 tons d.w owners Eukor Car Carriers Inc South Korea, inward bound for Portbury.

**26/2/14** at 09.04 container vessel **Endeavour** 9612 tons d.w, owners J.R Shipping Netherlands, inward bound for Avonmouth, still running late from her normal weekend schedule arrival. At 18.20 cargo vessel **Zita** 4490 tons d.w owners Abrams Schiffahrts GMBH & Co. Germany, inward bound for Cardiff with 4000 tons cat litter. Her next voyage is loading clay at Bideford for discharge at Castellon.

**1/3/14** at 12.05 cargo vessel **Pretty Universe** 35000 tons d.w owners Pretty Universe Shipping SA Hong Kong inward bound for Newport.

**3/3/14** at 10.20 vehicle carrier **Maple Ace 2** 15361 tons d.w owners Mitsui OSK Lines Japan inward bound for Portbury.

**4/3/14** at 07.55 cargo vessel **Fri Ocean** 3400 tons d.w owners Kopervik Shipping AS Norway, inward bound for Sharpness.

**6/3/14** at 08.58 cargo vessel **Eva Maria Mueller** 3722 tons d.w owners Otto A Muller Schiffahrt GMBH Germany inward bound for Sharpness.

**8/3/14** at 15.05 vehicle carrier **Grande Mediterraneo** 18427 tons d.w owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury.

**10.3.14** at 07.17 vehicle carrier **Euro Spirit** 15483 tons d.w owners Nissan Motor Car Carriers Japan, inward bound for Portbury. At 15.02 bulk carrier **Goya** 75759 tons d.w owners A.S. J. Ludwig Mowinckels Rederi Norway, inward bound for Portbury

Regards  
**Norman**

# Buzz Word

Send us your Buzzes. (Address on front page.)

## Dressing the Churchyard Easter Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 2014

If you have family or friends with a grave or memorial in St Margaret's Churchyard, please visit on Easter Saturday – maybe bring a bunch of flowers to dress the grave. If you sometimes visit the Churchyard on your way through Northam, perhaps to sit and rest awhile, you are also very welcome to come. You may like to bring flowers to dress graves which are more ancient. Tea, coffee and cake will be served in the Church from 11am – 3pm.

**We look forward to welcoming you .**

## Nightwalk

The women only moonlit walk in aid of North Devon Hospice **17<sup>th</sup> May**: Tarka Trail (walks of 6, 7, 11, 17 or 18 miles between Braunton, Barnstaple, Bideford and Torrington)

Your participation and support has never been more valuable. Whether you are taking part in fancy dress, walking in memory of a loved one, or just coming to enjoy the amazing atmosphere, we hope you will join us for an unforgettable evening. North Devon Hospice are celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014, but it is only with your support that we can provide our specialist care to local people affected by cancer and other life-limiting illnesses. Rally your friends and family. You can sign up today by visiting [www.nightwalk.co.uk](http://www.nightwalk.co.uk). Or please call 01271 347224 for a paper registration form.

**Big Breakfast** events will take place this month throughout North Devon and Cornwall borders, in many locations. All you need to do is come along to your local Big Breakfast event and enjoy a delicious meal, all profits from which will be donated to North Devon Hospice. It couldn't be simpler! Please come along and support your local Big Breakfast at: **Beach Café, Westbourne Terrace, Westward Ho!** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am-2.00pm Come along and enjoy a lovely Big Breakfast from £4.25p

## April Diary

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

**10am-1pm** Lavington Church coffee and lunches

**10.30am** Walking for Health 421528

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

**6.30pm** Bideford Band Beginners' Group at Band Room. 475653

**7.30pm** Northam Choral Society rehearses at Northam Methodist Hall.

**7.30pm** Bideford Camera Club at Youth Centre on the Pill. 479462

**7.30-9pm** Bideford Sustainability Group Blacksmiths Arms. 07783384982

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

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

**10am-12pm** Bideford Healing Group at Sea Cadets Building in Victoria Park.

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

**10.30am** Walking for Health in Victoria Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528

**11am-1pm** Creative (Memory) Café at Quay Meeting Rm, 5 Danver Court, Clovelly Rd Ind. Estate. 07817976053

**12.30pm** Curry Lunch & talk by Pat

Hughes 'Sail around Ireland for the RNLI 2013' at N Devon Yacht Club. £10. 01271 346560

**2pm** Bideford Library Readers' Group. 476075

**7pm** Quiz Night at the Merry Harriers for Home Start Torridge & N Devon. 422944

**7.30pm** Bideford Folk Dance Club at Northam Hall. 423554

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

**8pm** Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearse at Baptist Church, Mill St. 473798

## New Season at Hartland Farmers' Market

Hartland Farmers' Market starts again on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Stalls will be selling the best local meat, game and fish, bread, organic fruit and vegetables, cheeses, honey, pies and pasties, pates and preserves, cakes and cookies . . . you name it! The Renowned Farmers' Café will again be open for business, selling its best full English sourced from market traders. There will be vegetarian options, and lighter bites for smaller appetites.

The market offers a free stall to local charities at each market. The April charity stall has been donated to 'See Hear', a charity for people with sight or hearing loss. They have a mobile unit that comes to Hartland once a month.

The markets will run on the first Sunday of the month (April – September), 10am – 1pm, in the Parish Hall, and the Christmas Market taking place on December 21. For more details, or to book a stall, contact **Rod Landman on 441 786.**

## Bradazzle"

Entertainment group "Bradazzle" comprises 15 players from North Devon, who provide a fun evening of song and laughter with their musical and comedy revue. Their aim is to raise funds for local community projects and village halls, and various charities, by providing a free entertainment show. The group includes some members of The Torridge Male Voice Choir, Mishmash and Peculiar Folk, all popular singing groups in the area. Any community wanting a show (at no cost) should contact Andy on 01237 440055 and "Bradazzle" will see what they can do.

## The Black Death (March Buzz)

*Reference Buzz September 2012 page 2 :-*

"In late May 1646 three young sons of a local surgeon called Revening played on a shipload of merino wool from Spain. A few days later they sickened and died, becoming Bideford's first victims of the plague which lasted from June 8<sup>th</sup> 1646 until the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 1647. 'In a few weeks the houses were full of horror and the streets became covered in grass'."

**Roger Sugar**

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**10.15am-12pm** Northam Men's Forum, Northam Methodist Hall. 478123

**10.30am** Walking for Health along Tarka Trail. Meet Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528

**2-4pm** See Hear on Wheels (SHoW) bus at Pill Car Park. . 01271 373236

**2.15pm** Thursday Fellowship, Northam Methodist Hall. Rosemary Quinnell 'Witches of Bideford'. 421956

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

**7.45pm** Bideford Band rehearses at Band Room Victoria Park. 475653

### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

**8pm** Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632

### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9am-2pm** Farmers' Market at Atlantic Village

**10am** Coffee Morning at 1 Francis Drive, Westward Ho! in aid of David Rundle Trust (Help for Rwanda) 477470

**10am-12pm** Coffee Morning at Band Room Victoria Park. 475653

**10am-12pm** Table Top Sale at Northam Methodist Hall. To book table @ £5 tel. 421956

**10am-12pm** Families for Children Adoption Info Meeting at Buckfast. 01364 645480

**3pm** Bideford AFC v Redditch United

**7.30pm** Film 'Philomena' at Littleham Village Hall. 473707

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**10am-1pm** Hartland Farmers' Market

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**1.30pm** Headlands Art Group, Westward Ho! Baptist Church Hall. 478223

**7.15pm** Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Primary School. 420652

**7.45pm** Bideford Band rehearses at Band Room Victoria Park. 475653

### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**10am** Macular Society meets at Burton Art Gallery. 474128

**10am-1pm** Lavington Church coffee and lunches.

**10.30am** Walking for Health 421528

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

**6.30pm** Bideford Band Beginners' Group at Band Room. 475653

**7pm** Lions Club – Charity Fashion Show at M&Co, High St. £5 01271 549017

**7.30pm** Northam Choral Society rehearses at Northam Methodist Hall.

**7.30pm** Bideford Camera Club at Youth Centre on the Pill. 479462

**7.30pm** Bideford & Dist. Cacti & Pot Plant Club at Bideford Meth. Church Hall. £2 475914

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

Walk.

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**10am-12pm** Bideford Healing Group at Sea Cadets Bldg in Victoria Park.

**10.30am** Walking for Health in Victoria Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528

**7.30pm** Two Rivers Wind Ensemble rehearsal at Bideford Band Room 01271 860061

**8pm** Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearse at Baptist Church, Mill St. 473798

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**10.15am-12pm** Northam Men's Forum, 478123

**10.30am** Walking for Health on Tarka Trail Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528

**2.15pm** Thursday Fellowship, Northam Methodist Hall. 421956

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

**7.45pm** Bideford Band rehearses at Band Room Victoria Park. 475653

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**2pm** Devonshire Association at Burton Art Gallery. 459224

**7.30pm** Abbotsham WI Abbotsham Village Hall. 474711

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

**8pm** Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall 476632

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Fantastic Fudge Hunt at Clovelly - until 21<sup>st</sup>

**9.30am** Torridge Ramblers Day Walk 451820

**9.30am-12pm** Coffee Morning at Bideford Bowling Club, Chingswell St.

**10am-4pm** Spring Craft Fair at High St Methodist Church, Bideford.

**10am -12** Parkinson's Spring Fayre at Weare Giffard village hall.

**10am-5pm** Tarka Valley Railway Group Spring Gala at Torrington Station.

**3pm** Bideford AFC v Chesham United

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**10am-5pm** Tarka Valley Railway Group Spring Gala at Torrington Station.

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**1.30pm** Headlands Art Group, Westward Ho! Baptist Church Hall. 478223

**7.15pm** Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Primary School. 420652

**7.30pm** Bideford Stamp Club, Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! 472101

**7.45pm** Bideford Band rehearses at Band Room Victoria Park. 475653

**8.30pm** North Devon Jazz Club at the Beaver, Appledore. Moonlight Saving Time. 421065

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**10am-1pm** Lavington Church coffee and lunches

**10.30am** Walking for Health 421528

**2-3.30pm** Salvation Army 'Fun &

Fellowship' Club at Baptist Church Upper Hall.

**3pm** Grief & Loss Group St Mary's Church. 475765

**6.30pm** Bideford Band Beginners' Group at Band Room. 475653

**7.30pm** Northam Choral Society rehearses at Northam Methodist Hall.

**7.30pm** Bideford Camera Club at Youth Centre on the Pill. 479462

**7.30pm** Bideford Keyboard & Organ Club at Bideford Meth. Church Hall. Dr Kevin Morgan £5. 475914

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

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**10am-12pm** Bideford Healing Group at Sea Cadets Bldg in Victoria Park.

**10.30am** Walking for Health in Victoria Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528

**11am-1pm** Creative (Memory) Café at Quay Meeting Rm, 5 Danver Court, Clovelly Rd Ind Estate. 07817976053

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

**8pm** Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearse at Baptist Church, Mill St. 473798

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30am** Northam Men's Forum AGM, Northam Methodist Church Hall. 478123

**10.30am** Walking for Health along Tarka Trail. Meet Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528

**2.15pm** Thursday Fellowship, Northam Methodist Hall. Maundy Thursday Communion. 421956

**2.30pm** Devon CPRE. Talk by Michael Morpurgo 'Farms for Children' at Hatherleigh Community Centre.

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

**7.30pm** Bideford Sustainability Group at Bideford Town Hall.

**7.45pm** Bideford Band rehearses at Band Room nr Victoria Park. 475653

### **Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9am-6pm** Farmers' Market at Atlantic Village

**9.15am** Walk of Witness starts from East the water school

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**9am-5pm** Farmers' Market at Atlantic Village

**10am-2pm** Meet Shaun the Sheep at Pannier Market & feed lambs at 12pm.

**11am-3pm** 'Dressing the Churchyard' at St Margaret's Church, Northam. 475720

### **Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**11am-5pm** Hartland Abbey Bluebells & Easter Fun. 441234

**2pm** Torridge Ramblers walk. 01805 625485

### **Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**11am-5pm** Hartland Abbey Bluebells & Easter Fun. 441234

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**1.30pm** Headlands Art Group, Westward Ho! Baptist Church Hall. 478223

**3pm** Bideford AFC v Frome Town

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**10am-1pm** Lavington Church coffee and lunches

**10.30am** Walking for Health 421528

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

**6.30pm** Bideford Band Beginners' Group at Band Room. 475653

**7.30pm** Northam Choral Society rehearses at Northam Methodist Hall.

**7.30pm** Bideford Camera Club at Youth Centre on the Pill. 479462

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

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**10am-12pm** Bideford Healing Group at Sea Cadets Bldg in Victoria Park.

**10.30am** Walking for Health in Victoria Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528

**7.30pm** Bideford Folk Dance Club at Northam Hall. 423554

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

**8pm** Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearse at Baptist Church, Mill St. 473798

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30am-12pm** Northam Men's Forum, Northam Methodist Hall. 478123

**10.30am** Walking for Health along Tarka Trail. Meet Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528

**2.15pm** Thursday Fellowship, Northam Methodist Hall. Chris Braund 'Braunds of Bucks'. 421956

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

**7.45pm** Bideford Band rehearses at Band Room nr Victoria Park. 475653

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10am-1pm** Lundy Art Group at St Mary's Church Hall, Appledore. 47215

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

**8pm** Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**7.30pm** Northam Choral Society Concert at Bideford Methodist Church

**8pm** Ceilidh at Langtree Village Hall with Polkaworks. Bring & share supper.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**11am-5pm** Hartland Abbey Bluebell Sunday. 441234

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**1.30pm** Headlands Art Group, Westward Ho! Baptist Church Hall. 478223

**7.15pm** Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Primary School. 420652

**7.30pm** Appledore Library. Nick Arnold 'The Horrible History of Appledore'. £2 477422

**7.45pm** Bideford Band rehearses at Band Room nr Victoria Park. 475653

**8.30pm** North Devon Jazz Club at the Beaver, Appledore. Jim Mullen Quartet. 421065

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**10am-1pm** Lavington Church coffee and lunches

**10.30am** Walking for Health – rotation of 5 walks in Northam, Torrington & Westward Ho!. 421528

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

**6.30pm** Bideford Band Beginners' Group at Band Room. 475653

**7.30pm** Bideford Camera Club at Youth Centre on the Pill. 479462

**7.30-9pm** Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, Palladium Club *Jam Night*

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**10am-12pm** Bideford Healing Group at Sea Cadets Bldg in Victoria Park.

**10.30am** Walking for Health in Victoria Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528

**7.30pm** Bideford Folk Dance Club meets at Northam Hall. 423554

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

**8pm** Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearse at Baptist Church, Mill St. 473798

**Tarka Valley Railway Group Spring Gala.**

Torrington station aka The Puffing Billy! 12-13 April 10am – 5pm. Why not liven up the school hols by bringing the kids to see our diesel locomotive 'Progress' trundling along, and gaze at a beautifully detailed operating model layout of Torrington station in the heyday of steam trains. Ring Phil Simkin on 01805 623050 or visit our website.

The **Walk of Witness**, which Christians Together in Bideford and District organise each Good Friday, will change its route this year to finish at the Bideford Methodist Church, because they are celebrating their Centenary this year.

**Lions Club of Bideford Charity Fashion Show by M&Co**

**Date: 8th April - 7 p.m.**

**Location - M&Co, 13/15 High Street Bideford EX39 2AE**

**Price - £5.00 Please apply for tickets at 01271-549017 or at 01271-8588**

**Encore!** help raise funds for charitable organisations by performing excerpts from musicals and operettas. Their next Concert will be at St. Mary's Church, Bideford on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5, free for children under 12 from the Parish Office: 01237 474078 or on the door. Refreshments available during the interval.

**RIP**

**Brian Lacey**

We were very sorry to learn of the death of **Brian Lacey Ward** member for East the Water from 2007-2011 and a loyal supporter and contributor to Buzz.

**Tony Benn**

As a small tribute to Tony Benn we quote the following extract from his diaries 2001/7 *More time for Politics* where he mentions a visit to Bideford.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2004**

'Ruth (*Ruth Winstone, editor of his diaries who lives in Bideford*) gave a party for me at her house in a cobbled lane in what they call 'East the Water' over the bridge from Bideford. Her parents and her twin sister, her neighbours, Mrs Blight and Mrs Wilson who is 91 and still walks up the hill every day; Jon and Bridget who live on the hill. Some of the lads from the Appledore Shipyard - Dick Matthews and Gary Cook with his wife Heather. Sue Robinson who is the features editor of the North Devon Journal was there; Dr Peter Scott, a retired surgeon of 73 and Ron who worked on Ruth's house and Kathy. Also some local politicians; Councillor Hugo Barton and his wife Jinny who are Liberal Democrats, and Councillor William Isaac, an Independent. I was looking everywhere for a chair, so I sat on the stairs.' *Previously he had visited Appledore shipyard and Bideford Library for their Readers' group.*