



BIDEFORD BUZZ



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

Westward Ho! Fish Festival

- First week of Easter Holidays

Some of the events which will make up this fishy extravaganza
(More details on Page 2).

Also please visit the facebook page: 'Westward Ho Fish Festival'.

Wednesday 1st April

FREE Social Club for over 19's at the Happy Café, Westward Ho! 10-2pm Carnival Crafts.

FREE Kite-making workshop and Kite-surfing films at the Happy Café, Westward Ho! 4-6pm.

Thursday 2nd April

FREE Rockpool Ramble, meet at Westward Ho! slipway 10am.

FREE Fishing Net Collage workshop at the Happy Café, Westward Ho! 10-2pm.

Friday 3rd April

Friday Lunch Club with Finneys Racketeers at the Happy Café, Westward Ho! 11-1pm, £6 for 3 courses.

Booking essential call, 07773 679559.

Fish Supper with the Glorious Oyster at the Happy Café, Westward Ho! 7pm, £10 per person for 2 courses. Please call Sue 07976 321603 to book a place and find out menu choices.

Saturday 4th April

Craft Sale, Baptist Church Hall, Westward Ho! 10-3pm.

FREE Fishy Family Parade, starts from Happy Café, Westward Ho! 3pm open for carnival prep from 1pm. Devon Face Painting will be at craft sale 11-12pm & 1-2pm if you would like your face painted before you join the parade! Parade finishes at The Waterfront pub for some live music.



The Buzz
wishes all its
readers a
Happy Easter



Bee's Knees A Reminder

There is still time to send in entries for our 'Bee's Knees' page. What do you think is 'The Bee's Knees' in Bideford? It could be a walk, a view, a building, a favourite shop, any aspect of Bideford that you feel is unique, special, or loved.
Send your ideas to us - contact details below.

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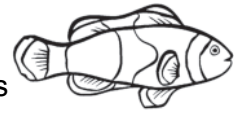


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Westward Ho! Fish Festival – Sunday 29th March – Saturday 4th April 2015



Westward Ho! Fish Festival is all about celebrating and enjoying North Devon's fishing heritage, our local catch, culture and our marine environment. The Festival is organised by Sue McGuirk and members of the volunteer team at Happy Café Seize the Moment.

The aim of the weeklong event is to offer an inclusive family Festival which includes free activity workshops including fish themed carnival crafts, kite-making, a rock pool ramble, fishing net collage, mermaid storytelling and marine litter craft. All week there is a fish treasure hunt around the village. "The emphasis is on having fun while learning about our wonderful coastline", said Sue McGuirk.

Other daytime sessions such as Tarka pottery and fish cookery for children are available for a small fee to cover costs.

There will be an open air fish market in the village square and along the prom with traders selling a range of locally sourced fish, sea foods and associated produce. Carnival workshops run all day and during the week and are free to drop in to make a mask or a flag.

For booking information or any further event info, please email sue@seize-the-moment.net or call 07976 321603

Sustainable Fish through the seasons - April

Easter is so early this year that Good Friday is right at the beginning of April. We will have a stall on Sunday at the Westward Ho! Fish festival so come and say hello!

Seafood Savoury Pancakes

Here is a lovely recipe from the Marshford Cookbook using local ingredients. I have used local caught white fish, Pollack, Whiting or Ling fillets are all available this Easter. *(with thanks to Marshford for allowing use of this recipe.)*

To make pancakes-

Ingredients- 110g plain flour and a pinch of salt, 1 large egg, 100ml milk and 100 ml cold water.

Mix the salt and flour in a large bowl, beat the egg lightly and add half the milk/water. Beat until well mixed and add the rest of the milk /water. Stir to mix.

Make a well in the centre of the flour and add half the liquid. Beat lightly and then pour the rest of the liquid in slowly beating as you go until the mixture is well incorporated. Set aside in a cold place for 2 hours.

To cook pancakes- Use a 7in pan. Measure 2 Tablespoons of batter into a cup and when the pan is hot, pour the batter into the middle, swirl round to coat the pan thinly. Turn down the heat to medium and cook the pancake; it should only take a minute and then turn over or toss and cook on the other side.

Have 2 plates ready and place the cooked pancakes on the plate and keep warm with The second inverted plate on top. These are now ready for the fish filling.

For more information and Easter recipes visit www.brilliantfishonline.co.uk or for more Organic foods recipes visit www.marshford.co.uk or visit the shop at Churchill Way, Northam. EX39 1NS. Marshford Organic Foods now has a range of local caught fish.

Ingredients for filling-

150ml milk
160g of Pollack, Whiting or Ling fillets
80gms of prawns or sliced scallops or mussel meat.
3 black peppercorns, 1 bay leaf and a few parsley sprigs
15g butter and 15g flour
Salt and pepper to taste.

To finish-

15gm melted butter and a little grated cheese- Cornish yarg or mild Parkham cheddar

To make the filling- Melt the butter in a heavy based saucepan and add the flour, stirring and cooking to form a roux. Add the liquid a little at a time, stirring continuously over a low heat until the mixture comes to a boil and has thickened.

Remove from the heat, allow to cool slightly and carefully fold in the cubed filleted fish and sliced scallops /mussels.

Heat the grill.

Divide the mixture between the pancakes and roll up. Place in a greased heatproof dish and brush each pancake with the melted butter, sprinkle the grated cheese over the heat under the grill until golden. Garnish the reserved parsley leaves. And serve. Delicious!!

Please let me know which fish and /or cheese you find most tasty for this dish?

Thomas Arthur VC (1835- 1902)

Thomas Arthur was one of only four North Devonians who have been awarded the Victoria Cross.

Born in Abbotsham, near Bideford in 1835, to Thomas and Jane Arthur, he appears to have worked as a farm labourer for a short while for a John Beckalick at Parkham, before joining the Army at the age of 18 at Devonport for service in the Royal Regiment of Artillery. He was sent to the Royal Artillery Depot at Woolwich, where he earned the princely sum of one and three pence per day (the equivalent of 6p today) as a gunner. In November 1854, he embarked on HMS 'Niagara' from Liverpool, bound for the war in the Crimea.

Conditions in the Crimea were atrocious, and more men were dying from infection, fever, poor sanitation and hunger, than from deaths and injuries sustained in battle, and it was to rectify this situation that Florence Nightingale was famously sent, with 38 nurses to help her. Though she was largely based in Scutari Barracks, she did make two visits to Balaclava, where at one time Thomas was briefly hospitalised.

He was eventually stationed at Sebastopol, where the Russians were dug in at the Quarries. The 7th Fusiliers attacked the position, and gained it, but Thomas could see that the infantrymen were running out of ammunition. When night fell, he ran, on several occasions under heavy enemy fire, with barrels of ammunition on his head, and at obvious great danger to himself, to keep the infantry supplied. He was said to have thrown the ammunition down at the soldiers' feet, shouting "Here you are, my lads, fire away!"

The Quarries were little more than holes in the ground in front of a fort called the Redan, the capture of which was the object of the exercise, and against which the Commander-in Chief, Lord Raglan, threw about a thousand troops, but without success, and only half survived the attack.

It was at this point that Thomas volunteered to form and lead a spiking party, to disable and sabotage the enemy guns, an extremely hazardous operation.

On other occasions, he was seen, lifting up and bringing back wounded officers and men to the trenches.

For all these acts of bravery, he was later awarded the Victoria Cross.

He left the Crimea with his Battery in February 1856, and arrived back in Woolwich in the middle of March.

Uncharacteristically, he took two separate days off without leave soon after his return. He was court-martialled and ended up serving a twenty-eight day sentence in Weedon Military Prison in Northamptonshire.

Fortunately, he was released nine days before he was ordered to march to Hyde Park, where, together with 62 other Crimean War heroes, he was awarded the Victoria Cross by Queen Victoria.

The Victoria Cross was specifically created at this time to commemorate the deeds of those servicemen who had acted with valour under enemy fire, above and beyond the call of duty, and this was the first investiture of its kind. The medals were awarded in strict order of seniority of service and rank. Thomas was the twenty-third, being one of five Royal Artillery members – four officers, and Thomas.

A few days afterwards, on 6 July, he got married to Ann Goddard, from Hornstead in Berkshire. They had eight children in all, his sixth child, Sophia being born in Bideford in 1876. This was after his retirement from the army in 1874.

He finally settled in Savernake, Wiltshire, where he died, of unknown causes, on 2 March 1902, aged 67. He is buried here in Cadley Churchyard

Proud of Thomas's exploits and medal, many of his descendants have included the name Arthur in their sons' name, one relative even calling her daughter Mabel Arthur!

It is well-known that Victoria Crosses are made from the gunmetal of one of two Chinese cannons, used by the Russians and captured by the British at the siege of Sebastopol.

Thomas's own medal was purchased on 19 July 1902 for £47, purchased again at a later date by the Royal Artillery Institute, and is now displayed at the Royal Artillery Museum, Woolwich, for all to see.

Chris Trigger

Part of 'Connections' Series



Book News

Paradise Postponed by John Mortimer *Discussed by Bideford Library Readers' Group*



This proved to be a popular book with all of us. Some of us had read Mortimer's Rumpole series, always very entertaining - and this book written in 1999, but not 'dated' in any way did not disappoint. Its varied cast of characters include a Marxist vicar, an unorthodox country doctor, and a ruthless Conservative MP, who comes from humble backgrounds and who frequently quotes his mother and father in his speeches to show the importance of 'ordinary hardworking people' - does that sound familiar?

Lesley Titmuss MP is a local grammar school boy who has risen through the ranks. Son of a doting mother and a father who unflinchingly finishes his meal with the comment 'very tasty'.

There was some discussion on the title 'what is paradise postponed.' - was it the fact that the dying vicar was still unsure about the afterlife? Or was it something more banal like the fact that a local couple found the cottage of their dreams being sold from under their noses to a couple from the 'BBC'.

Book 2 in the series, 'Titmuss Regained,' continues the adventures of the main characters, Fred the vicar's son and local doctor, his brother Henry, Agnes, Henry's wife and Fred's lover and of course Leslie Titmuss MP. **RA**

Next Meeting Wednesday April 1st 2.00 pm, Bideford Library.

Discussing Mary Barton by Elizabeth Gaskell (Copies available from the Library)

Events in Bideford Library

For Kids:

Easter Crafts

Tuesday March 31st and Tuesday April 7th 10.00 till 12.00

Drop-in Easter themed craft activities for children

Story time for under-fives

Every Thursday. 9:30-10:00 am (except school holidays)

With stories, musical instruments and songs.

For Adults:

Nifty Needles

Every Thursday. 2 – 4pm

For anyone who enjoys embroidery, quilting, knitting, crochet and other handcrafts.

Board Games Afternoon

Every Friday 2 – 5pm

If you enjoy games like chess, scrabble, backgammon or dominoes come and join in

Northam Library

World Book Night 2015 Friday 24 April 10 -12 – The Morning after the Night Before...

FREE World Book Night books. BOOK SALE and COFFEE MORNING with cakes provided by Northam WI. Everyone who takes out a book during the day will be entered into a draw for a £10 book token.

Feel Better with a Book (please check with library to confirm the group is running each week)
Every Wednesday 10:30-12:00 am
Come and lift your mood through the joy of reading! The aim of the groups is to enable you to enjoy the pleasure and relaxation of listening to great stories and poems - classical and new - and sharing responses with others. No pressure and no reading required. The group is led by an experienced facilitator.

Reminiscence Session – Take a trip down memory lane

Wednesday April 8th 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

Meditation and Relaxation Group

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

Guided meditation and relaxation group for adults with Nicola MacDonald

Stop press. Bideford's very own 'young adult' author Tanya Landman is shortlisted for the Carnegie Prize for her book, *'Buffalo Soldier.'*

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 Notice is hereby given that Bideford Annual Parish Meeting
 will be held on Wednesday 22nd April 2015 at 7.00 pm in the
 Town Hall, Bideford. The Mayor of Bideford will submit a
 report on the Council's activities during 2014/15 and reviews
 will be given of the work undertaken by the Council's
 Committees.
 Grant cheques will be presented to Local Organisations and
 consideration will be given to any matters raised by
 Registered Electors who reside within the parish of Bideford.

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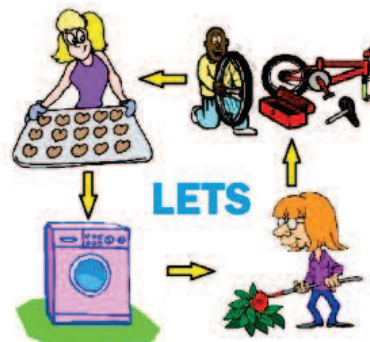
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MERTS

A new scheme (MERTS) to boost the sustainable economy will be launched in the coming months, based around a Local Exchange Trading Scheme, or LETs. The scheme allows for the lack of money, which prevents people from trading with each other. Instead, there is a points system, which allows them to earn and spend with other people. By removing the need for money to enable transactions the scheme boosts local trade and creates a stronger local economy.



The new MERTS will act as money between members; a trade can take place between any two members by their mutual agreement. The seller of goods or services then has an increased balance of MERTS that they can spend with other members for goods and services. There is a great potential to enable local people to trade their allotment and vegetable garden surpluses, receiving credits as you sell off your gluts at harvest time that can be used to purchase from someone else who has a glut of something else, or at some other time of year. So it would be easy to trade a glut of summer strawberries receiving MERTs that could be spent during the autumn and winter for apples and pears.



But the scheme is not restricted to what you could trade - it is only the skills, services and goods that the members have to offer that restricts the opportunities available to use MERTs. Many people might decide to trade help with DIY, knitwear from their knitting hobby, or their time to teach you a new skill from computers to cakes and much much more.

Once in operation you can list your wants and your offers for other members to see so that it makes trading easier. You can find someone who wants what you offer and find another person that has what you want. The more people that get involved the easier it is to find both what you need and someone who wants what you have to offer. It also keeps things local and you can keep your time and money doing good by trading for MERTs instead of pounds.

While the scheme has not yet launched you can still register your interest in becoming a member and as it costs nothing to do so, there is nothing lost in giving it a try. More information and contact details of the scheme can be found at www.mertonmealandmarket.weebly.com, and those on facebook can look at the Merton Meal and Market group to get more involved. Have a think of what things you could trade and keep a look out for the scheme launch in the next few months.

James Craigie



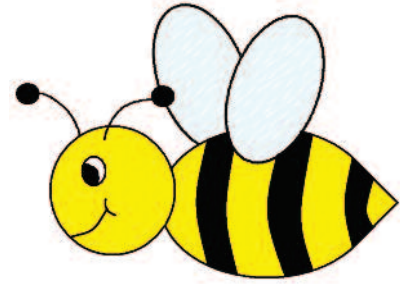
Bideford Gardeners' Club

Since its inception back in 1959 the Club has had titles related to its origin and for many years has been known as Bideford & District Cacti & Pot Plant Club - quite a mouthful to get around. It is also a big misnomer as for much of its entire past it has covered all gardening subjects and indeed many general subject as well for its talks and meetings. With the demise of other local clubs of the more general horticultural nature we felt it time to change and to appeal to a wider cross section.

With this in mind the club members have decided to make a radical change and it will now be known as Bideford Gardeners Club, still based at the Bideford Methodist Church Hall for its meetings and in the Pannier Market for its Annual Flower Show, which this year is on 23rd August 2015 which includes the spectacular National Begonia Society South West Show.

Our season of talks and events commences in March each year and runs through to December. **April 14th** will be a talk by Nick Oliver from St John's Garden Centre on Spring Colour. We also go out on trips and for our May event we will be running one to Pinetum Park and Pine Lodge Gardens, with a visit to Charlestown. The rest of the year is also well planned out, so we urge anyone interested in good social events and talks with a gardening bias to get in touch with us and join our club. Information can be obtained through Secretary Mike Avis email mikeavis44@gmail.com or by phone 01237 475914. **Mike Avis**

Buzz Word



Verren Family

I am a descendant of the Verren families from Bideford, living in Canberra. I am trying to contact Verren family members who may be able to help me with the following information.

Living Verren family members still in Bideford or family members buried in Bideford Cemeteries

Information on Verren family members who have moved elsewhere

Birth, Death, Marriage information especially around or prior to the 1797 birth of Albert and William Verren [twins] born in Bideford.

Also any information on the Verren families, who were Huguenots, and who fled from France to England during the 16th century. Any known derivatives of the Verren family name.

*I am attaching information about the Verren families given to me from a cousin. I attach relevant found Verren family information of birth and death in Bideford.

Ruth Page

Email: eaglewolfspiritdreaming@gmail.com

**Can forward this extra item to anyone with information as well as other contact details.
(ed)*

Bideford Hospital – last month's front page

The photograph shows the opening ceremony of the new Bideford and District Hospital, held on Wednesday 23rd September 1925 – the ceremony being performed by Sir William Reardon Smith, Bart.

The cost of the building was approximately £21,000 and it was built by Messrs Mardon, Ball and Co of Farnham. The foundation stone was laid in 1924 by Lord Glanely.



The persons present: - Sir William Reardon Smith – seated left of the Matron; Lord Glanely seated right of the matron. Also present Hospital staff – nurses and doctors. The Mayor – Edwin Josiah Toye, born London 1871. Having been medical officer for Northam he came to Bideford where his surgery was at Stanhope and where he practised for 40 years. He was elected to Bideford Council in 1923 and was made Mayor in 1925. His daughter, Miss Keene was his mayoress. Dr Toye died suddenly in January 1938 at the age of 66

Mike Davy

Dressing the churchyard

"Following the success of last year's event, we would like to invite you to help "Dress the Churchyard" at St Margaret's Church Northam on Saturday 4 April. If you have friends or family remembered in the churchyard please come along, put some flowers on their grave then join us in church for coffee and Simnel Cake between 11am and 3pm. We look forward to welcoming you."

Catherine Webb.

Bideford Stroke Support Group

We are a small friendly group who help people whose speech has been affected by stroke. We need a new volunteer / leader to take a pro- active role in our little group. Could you spare a couple of hours on alternate Tuesday mornings. Tea and laughter are the order of the day. Give us a buzz! For more information....07713 629774

Cammie Escott

Machu Picchu Challenge

In August I will be going to Peru to complete the trek to Machu Picchu. I am doing this to raise funds for the new chemotherapy unit at Barnstaple hospital. However, this is a massive challenge for me and I am doing it because I have beaten cancer twice and I now want to beat my lifelong fear of heights. The trek climbs to a height of 4,200 M. It really is completely outside of my comfort zone – I used to have to close my eyes when driven over the new bridges in Bideford in Barnstaple. Thankfully I cope with them a lot better now! I have also never slept in a tent, so for the first time in my life I will be sleeping in a tent, up a mountain, with a stranger. Not something I can say I thought I would ever do!

I have to raise a lot of money to complete this challenge, but I want to let people know that I have had to pay for myself to go out there. My main fundraising event is hosting an Elvis/Rock'n'Roll night at Pier House, Westward Ho! This will take place on Friday 17th April at 8pm and tickets cost £7 from me on 07713636905. Phil Brock will be performing his amazing Elvis act which is probably the best in the West Country. If you want a great evening of entertainment I hope you feel you will be able to support me. If you are not able to be there, but would like to support me, please visit my page on www.virginmoneygiving.com/HelenFinn2

Helen Finn

The Bunnies are back ! From 1st April - Sat 11th April

another great free event from Businesses of Bideford supported by Bideford & district Chamber of Commerce

Our Bunnies have been very busy since last we saw them,.

Not only are there more than last year, with 3 great trails to follow, but they have been buying great things in Bideford Town. The 3 different trails are, **the Warren, Hutch, and Burrow.**

You need to find out what the bunnies have been buying by looking at what they are holding.

Do one, two or all 3, up to you, you have the whole of the Easter Holidays to do this so no rush.

Each time you complete a trail take it back to receive a small treat !

Fill in your name and phone number to go into the draw for a huge egg. Collect your FREE

entrance sheet from any of the following places, [Minxy's Sweets](#), Pannier Market, Butchers' Row Bideford Cobblers and Keys High St First Years & Beyond Mill St The Green Goose Mill St

[The Burton Art Gallery & Museum](#). Then return to any of the above for your small treat . Don't forget to put your name and phone number to go into the grand draw for a large Egg. This event is open to everyone young, young at heart, old and grumpy, locals and visitors alike :) You are all very welcome.

Please no unaccompanied children. We ask you to please be respectful of peoples' businesses. All details on Businesses of Bideford fb page.

Rabbit Watch

There have been reported sightings of a rare species of rabbit in Victoria Park supposedly taking part in the weekly Sunday morning children's run round the park. Whilst this seems to be beneficial to children and rabbits alike the gardener, Mr McGregor, is reported to be anxious about his new Spring bedding!

Avril Poisson.

Bideford Quilt Group

Bideford Quilters meet monthly on the last Saturday of the month. We are now meeting at Northam Hall again - where we originally started.

We have had exhibitions at the Burton Art Gallery and Museum; the last one was in November/December 2013. For each of our exhibitions we have made a 'group quilt' which has been raffled in aid of North Devon Hospice. After a previous exhibition we had a lot of people wanting to join us so we started a second group - 'Tarka Quilters' which meets at Fremington Methodist Hall on the second Tuesday of the month. We have now decided to amalgamate the two groups so that members can go to either meetings.

Meetings are from 10.00 - 2.00 pm normally, and from 10.00 - 3.30 pm when we have a workshop. Sometimes we have 'in-house' tutors and at other times we use outside tutors to come to us. We have people of all abilities in our groups - from beginners to very experienced.

We are planning to start a 'block a month' where a different technique block is made each month leading to producing a sampler quilt - this is very helpful particularly for beginners.

If anyone is interested in joining us they would be very welcome - please ring Kate 01237 470846 or Steph 01237 470570 for details.



Lawrence at the library.

This month, the eagle eyed amongst you may have noticed some new sights to be seen round the Bideford Library. Alongside banks of books, computer stacks, and the odd secret passage way(we haven't found any active ones yet, but there's a suspicious looking ridge by the science fiction) sit sculptures of steel, driftwood and paint.

Hooked to ceiling brackets are a selection of Lawrence Luciano's newest works. The self proclaimed bricklayer- who dabbles with some lovely artwork and poems on the side- has infiltrated the shelves and put on quite a display. You can easily walk round and browse both the books, and the art works- some of which are gazing out the window like some unhelpfully pretty gargoyles, more likely to entice things in than keep them out. Metallic wooden creatures peer down and meet your gaze as you wait for the computers to log on, while in the other room nonfiction shelves seem to be a duelling ground for a variety of strange beasts, namely a turbine enshrouded praying mantis that's just dripping in heavy chainmail bling.

This is no happy accident though, as after visiting for a few months on 2009, Lawrence Luciano became captivated by Bideford as "the Heavenliest Devonliest" place he had ever visited, so upped sticks from Neath in Wales and moved here to continue his works- not only in the 3rd dimensions but also in verse, some of which like '2 dead rats' are pinned up at the back along with a brief biography.

This "Written off" expedition has no mentioned finished date as of yet, but that also means it could vanish suddenly , so if you're interested in the woodland world that has sprung up, it's well worth a visit sometime soon! *(Can confidently say it will be here for the whole of April ed)*



On the subject of exhibitions, the '**Story of Bideford Black**' project was initiated way back in 2012- by local artist Peter Ward- and has now finally come to completion. A pigment found only in Bideford and mined until 1969 for use in paint, mascara and camouflage; Bideford Black was of huge importance in a bygone age and is still being recognised for its contribution today. With the intention of uncovering, gathering and presenting a hoard of fresh stories about one of our town's most legendary natural resources, it's received funding from the Heritage Lottery fund, an 'all our stories' grant and a generous donation by The friends of Burton art gallery. Already, 8 artists have agreed to compile the body of work- Richard Long's display last year was one of the first followed by 'Luce Choules' talk which took place on the 11th March. Hopefully, this brings a new celebration of Bidefordian history, as the Burton's website sets out to archive it all:

<http://bidefordblack.blogspot.co.uk>

Millie Sutherland O'Gara



Friday 3 and Saturday 4 April at 7.30pm at Kingsley School: **Fifty Shades of Grey (18)**
Film ends 9.35pm

Saturday 4 and Monday 6 April at 4.00pm at Kingsley School: **Shaun the Sheep (U)** Film ends 5.25pm

Friday 10 and Saturday 11 April at 7.30pm at Kingsley School: **The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG)** Film ends 9.30pm

Friday 17 and Saturday 18 April at Kingsley School at 7.30pm: **Suite Française (15)** Film ends 9.15pm

Friday 24 and Saturday 25 April at Kingsley School at 7.30pm: **Chappie (15)** Film ends 9.30pm

Charity News.

After Caring

After Caring provides support for carers / former carers aged 50+ as the person they care for moves to residential care or passes away. This can be a difficult time of transition and people can feel isolated, anxious, guilty, lonely and stressed.

If you are a good listener, 50+, have been in a caring role yourself and would like to do something valuable and worthwhile then why not become a **Volunteer Mentor**? Training will be provided, expenses paid and ongoing support available.

For more information please contact Alison on 01237 420134 or email: aftercaring@torridgecvs.org.uk Thank-you!



Nightwalk for North Devon Hospice

Women only moonlit walk

Join us for Nightwalk 2015, walking with hundreds of other women in aid of North Devon Hospice. Sign up today and get your friends, colleagues and family to join you too. Register soon to take advantage of our early-bird registration fee of just £10 by visiting www.nightwalk.co.uk (or phoning 01271 347232 for an application form).

Now in its 9th year, Nightwalk takes place on **Saturday 16th May 2015**. There are routes of various lengths available along the Tarka Trail, at Saunton Sands, and at beautiful Tamar Lakes. This year we have two new routes starting at Instow; one making the short yomp to Bideford, with the other taking walkers to Barnstaple. We have live entertainment with Latin rhythms aplenty at every Nightwalk location, providing a wonderful musical backdrop to your walk. New for 2015, we are also including an amazing 'light show' at both Saunton Sands and on the Tarka Trail between Barnstaple and Bideford. The mighty Torrington Cavaliers, will also be providing musical entertainment on the Torrington-Bideford leg, so there really is something for everyone.

Northam Lodge's annual Summer Cruise

The MS Oldenburg will be hosting Northam Lodge's annual Mid-Summer Cruise on Friday June 5th 2015, sailing from Bideford Quay at 7.15pm for a 2 hour trip around the estuary. The Alan Lewis All Stars Jazz Band will be providing some lively entertainment. Please feel free to bring a picnic and there is a bar onboard to provide refreshments.

Tickets cost £15.00 per person and please contact Annabel Cope on 01237.477238 or email annabelcope@northamlodge.co.uk for more information and also see www.bidefordbuzz.org.uk

Parkinson's Spring Fayre

Torridge Branch – Parkinson's UK at Weare Giffard Village Hall, nr Bideford on Saturday 25th April, from 10:00am to 1:00pm To be opened by Peter Christie (local historian) **FREE ENTRY**

For more information please contact Julie Jones 01237 478128

Appledore RNLI

We have an appeal for a New Launch and Recovery Vehicle for our boarding boat. The boarding boat has to be launched each time the Main Lifeboat is needed. She is kept in the Appledore Lifeboat Station, and has to be towed out of the lifeboat station and down the slipway each time she is launched. Our current Tractor is very old, and spare parts are no longer available, so this has to be replaced. The cost of the Launch and Recovery Vehicle is over £25,000. We have already raised over £8000, so are hopeful to be able to reach the target of £25,000 this year. The event that we are holding is a Curry Lunch at the North Devon Yacht Club on Wednesday 22nd April at 12.30. £12. per person including side dishes and dessert. We have a guest speaker Vanessa Glover, a lady saved by the RNLI in local floods.

To book for the lunch ring **Pat Hughes 01271 346560 or 07977564741**

News from the Burton Art Gallery & Museum

The Schools' Exhibition has given such pleasure over the past four weeks, it is a pity to see it go, but thanks go to all the teachers and their talented pupils for such a colourful and inventive show.

The paintings of Vernon C. Boyle take over from the fascinating collection of works and artefacts from the life of Judith Ackland and Mary Stella Edwards. Vernon Boyle was a Bidefordian, who sketched and painted in watercolour throughout his life, wherever he happened to be. North Devon Maritime Museum at Appledore also has a good selection of his work, depicting his love of the sea and ships, the Torridge and all its moods. He was a keen member of the Bideford Amateur Athletic Club, and rowed for their team. The Burton Gallery is privileged to put on show a comprehensive selection of the art and interests of this talented man. He had many talents, and was also known as a lyricist, putting words to music by local musicians. The exhibition is generously supported by the Estate of Vernon C. Boyle, and continues until 27th April.

From **28th March until 1st May**, the 'Green Thoughts' of Howard Hodgkin take precedence. This is his second visit to the Burton, and the 'Green Thoughts' with their powerful marks and vibrant colours, suggest his encounters with nature; he was inspired by 'The Garden', written by 17th century poet Andrew Marvell. Howard Hodgkin was born in London in 1932, and attended Camberwell School of Art and the Bath Academy of Art in Corsham. He won the Turner Prize in 1985, represented Britain at the Venice Biennale, and was knighted for his services to the arts in 1992. There are nineteen new limited edition prints on show, and a 20ft. etching 'As Time Goes By'.

In the Craft Gallery, Charlotte Duckworth's 'Silver Duck' collection is on show until 30th May; she combines silver and holly wood, to make cutlery and tableware, functional and beautifully designed, each piece is hallmarked in the London Assay Office.

Colin Allbrook is tutoring a painting workshop, 'en plein air' on the 18th April, from 10am to 4pm, and Isabella Whitworth will be 'Silk Painting and Dyeing' on the 25th April, from 10am to 4pm. Each day course costs £35 ; phone 01237 471455 to book a place.

The Friends are holding their Annual General Meeting in the Gallery, on Saturday, 11th April, from 10.30 a.m. Speaker: The Hon. John Rous, High Sheriff of Devon. Lunch for ticket holders in the Cafe du Parc. All welcome, but Lunch booking essential.

Diana Warmington,

Friends of the Burton Art Gallery & Museum.



Nightstop Devon

Our hosts have been preventing young people from sleeping rough across Devon for over 10 years. **Our drivers make sure they get there safely.**

If you would like to support young people in crisis, and have access to a car, we want to hear from you.

- Evenings and weekend trips in your local area
- 45p per mile expenses paid

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Do you have the skills to be a listening volunteer?

Samaritans are recruiting and urgently need people just like you for their

branch in Barnstaple, North Devon. Samaritans offer a confidential emotional support service which is available 24 hours a day.

If you are interested in becoming a listening volunteer, please contact Samaritans on:

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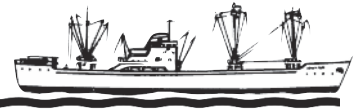
or email sams_nd@yahoo.co.uk

Information Mornings in Barnstaple at 10:00 on 5th July & 29th Nov.14

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THE SHIPPING NEWS



No shipping at Bideford or Yelland since last issue contrary to my comments last month.
Vessel **Marley** due Bideford 17th March to load for Castellon

The Irish Patrol Vessel **Le James Joyce** sailed from Appledore on the am tide of the 5th and returned on the 10th ; due to sail for her home port in Eire on the 18th. During the weekend 7/8th **March** she was seen crossing the bay on various occasions.

Barge and escorting tug still due at shipyard on the 24th **March** to collect components for the second Aircraft Carrier at Rosyth due to sail 3rd **April**

Arco Dart at Appledore 18.2.15; 5.3.15 ; 8.3.15.

Bristol Channel Observations

14.2.15 at 15.13 cargo vessel **Newa** 6050 tons d.w, owners Roland Ship Administration Germany, inward bound for Avonmouth.

17.2.15 at 07.29 cargo vessel **Zeeland** 3020 tons d.w, owners Wagenborg Shipping BV Netherlands, inward bound for Newport. At 07.48 chemical tanker **Stolt Guillemot** 4698 tons d.w,owners inward bound Stolt Tankers BV Netherland, for Barry 18.2.15 at 11.15 Stolt Gillemot outward bound from Barry, having sailed at 07.24.

18.2.15 at 12.40 vehicle carrier **Grande Anversa** 12353 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury.

21.2.15 at 13.57 vehicle carrier **Gloviss Solomon** 27500 tons d.w, owners GL SHVI Shipping Inc South Korea, inward bound for Portbury.

23.2.15 at 14.20 bulk carrier **Wu Zhu Hai** 76428 tons d.w Cosco Bulk China, outward bound from Port Talbot, having sailed at 10.07 .

24.2.15 at 18.02 vehicle carrier **Grand Benelux** 12594 tons d.w owners Grimaldi Line of Italy outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 11.06 ; At 18.08 bulk carrier **UBC Oristano** 118467 tons d.w owners UBC Oristano Netherlands, inward bound for Port Talbot.

26.2. 15 at 14.50 vehicle carrier **City of Paris** 2793 tons d.w, owners Manx Car Carriers Ltd Japan outward bound from Avonmouth having sailed at 09.36.

27.2. 15 at 09.24 cargo vessel **Noorderlicht** 3770 tons d.w owners Souwerbren JA Netherlands outward bound from Sharpness, having sailed at 00.26 . At 11.25 chemical tanker **Likya** C 5573 tons d.w owners Likya Maritime Investments Istanbul, inward bound for Cardiff. Seen again 1.3.15 at 08.35 outward bound from Cardiff, having sailed 01.47.

2.3.15 at 08.20 cargo vessel **Patron** 4106 tons d.w, owners CFL Patron Netherlands, inward bound for Avonmouth. At 11.07 cargo vessel **Chopin** 5697 tons d.w, owners Strahlmann E Reederei EK Germany, inward bound for Avonmouth. At 16.00 cargo vessel **Reggedijk** 4890 tons d.w, owners Navigia Shipmanagement BV Netherlands, inward bound for Avonmouth.

3.3.15 at 17.35 cargo vessel **Marc** 4135 tons d.w, owners Marc Hermann Lohmann Germany, inward bound for Portbury. At 17.45 cargo vessel **Sormonskiy** 3057 3853 tons d.w, owners North Western Shipping Joint Stock Co Russia, outward bound from Sharpness, having sailed at 05.56.

4.3.15 at 08.10 cargo vessel **Pommern** 3006 tons d.w, owners Gerhard Wessels Germany, inward bound for Avonmouth.

8.3.15 at 14.57 the cargo ship **Hertfordshire** 2489 tons d.w, owners Bibby Line Ltd Liverpool outward bound from Newport, having sailed at 09.25. At 15.53 tug MTS Viscount 318 tons d.w.owners Multiratug BV Netherlands, outward bound from Barry, having sailed at 08.04.

10.3.15 at 11.41 vehicle carrier **Grande Detroit** 12420 tons d.w owners ACL Management AB Sweden part of the Grimaldi Group Italy, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 06.43. At 14.05 container ship **Flintercape** 9587 tons d.w, owners Flinter Group Netherlands, inward bound for Avonmouth.

13.3.15 at 07.46 container ship **Shasta** 22420 tons d.w, owners Almond Shipping Investments Greece outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 01.11. At 09.30 cargo vessel **Komet** 111 tons d.w, owners unknown, inward bound for Avonmouth. At 11.15 cargo vessel **Taranto** 3009 tons d.w owners Kaptain Siegfried Bojen Schiffahrtsbetrieb EK Germany, inward bound for Newport. At 11.55 cargo vessel **Widor** 3417 tons d.w, owners Widor Interscan Shipmanagement Germany, outward bound from Swansea . At 18.34 vehicle carrier **City of Barcelona** 2402tons d.w, owners outward bound from Avonmouth, having sailed at 13.38 . At 18.40 cargo vessel **Wilson Dundee** 3666 tons d.w, owners Argonauten Holdings GMBH Germany, outward bound from Sharpness having sailed at 10.50.

14.3.15 at 16.00 vehicle carrier/ Parts for Airbus carrier **City of Hamburg** 3500 tons d.w owners Anita SNC France, inward bound for Portbury.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children of the reception class of Hollywell Primary School Tawstock for listening to me and coming up with interesting questions on the 27th **February**. At the time of going to press the Marley is due **Bideford 17th**. You may have seen the ship by the time your teacher reads this.

Regards *Norman*

100 Years ago April 1915

Peugeot cars have now arrived in Bideford. The French manufacturer has appointed Heard Bros as their only dealer across the entire Devon and Cornwall area. Prices range from £125 for a baby 2 seater up to £875 for a 40/50 hp car fitted with a "Suffolk" 5 seater touring body complete with all accessories. For further details telephone Bideford 70.

An exciting new crop on the gardening page in the 6th April edition:

Readers are encouraged to consider planting "a garden variety of Indian corn or maize" known as sugar or sweet corn. It is quite extensively grown and eaten as a vegetable in Canada and the United States. Several local seedsmen are selling seeds of improved acclimatisation and now is the time to sow.

Sale of Lloyds Bank premises Bideford: Messrs R Dymond & Sons are offering for sale by auction on the 8th April the freehold property situated on the corner of High Street and Allhalland Street, formerly the Devon & Cornwall Bank. The Auction took place at Tantons Hotel and in the following week's edition of the Gazette the following report was printed. "Bidding was started by G Boyle at £1000 and W H Chope bettered this by £50 and then by £50 bids each bidder bettered their offer up to a figure of £1700. Then Mr W H Chope offered £1725 at which point the property was withdrawn and made open to Private Treaty sale by Messrs Hole Seldon & Ward solicitors for the vendors"

Local residents are beginning to respond to the opening of Commons Auxiliary Hospital to receive wounded soldiers with gifts and donations including vegetables, shirts, pillows, eggs, cigarettes, cream, carpet slippers, boots, jig saw puzzles, looking glasses, jam and hymn books. Rev Dimond gave sweets.

Bideford farmers and gardeners have been asked to contribute to a national egg collection scheme to aid wounded soldiers. Across the country 130,000 eggs have been collected weekly but the organisers hope to increase this to 200,000 and Bideford is expected to play its part. Collection points have been set up at the Butchers Market at the top of Grenville Street and at the NFU offices in the High Street.

In letters to the Editor in the 13th April edition a letter from Mr J M Metherell, chairman of the Bideford branch of the Devon Farmers Union "earnestly request the farmers of Bideford District to make a generous response to the appeal." Eggs will go to the base hospital in France for men who are returning from the Front Line.

Bideford Pannier Market & Butchers' Row

Spring is here and the weather is warmer (Wooppeee!!!).

The market is blooming again – quite literally with Ed (the plantsman) selling his plants, flowers and hanging baskets – lots of bargains to be had – Tina (Scarves of Many Colours) has now moved into the little market shop next to the middle doors – she has increased her range of scarves and goodies – well worth a visit

Trish and Elise along with the other traders have increased their range and opened extra stalls with their Easter / Spring ranges

We have entertainment laid on for Easter Saturday with **Entertainingly Different** doing their Easter show, we have **Captain Coconut** with his Bubble Show plus a **Facepainter** – Not forgetting with special thanks to Ally & Chas another appearance by the "**The Lambs**." Bring your children along to pet the lambs and maybe feed them too – this should be a fun packed day and guess what its FREEEEEE !!!

All the shops in Butchers' Row, Market Place and Grenville Street are open for business Monday to Saturday offering a wide range of shops and services all ready for you to explore and enjoy. **Be different buy the unusual.** They are small independent businesses offering an old fashioned personal service – with 38 shops and 3 pubs you are sure to find something of interest

As always there is Pannier Pete the Pirate – he will be making regular appearances in and around the pannier complex and the town. You can meet him most Saturdays. – On Saturday 4th of April he will also be appearing at the Westward Ho! Fish Festival and will take part in their parade

Trev Hill (Minxy's Sweets)



April Diary

Wednesday 1st

Westward Ho! Fish festival all week.

9.30am-2.3 Free Social Club for ages 19+ at Happy Café, Westward Ho!

10am-12pm Bideford Healing Group at Sea Cadets Bldg 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

1.30-3.30pm Knit & Natter Group at St Margaret's Church, Northam.

2pm Bideford Library Readers' Group. 476075

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

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearses at Baptist Church Hall. 473798

Thursday April 2nd

10.15am Northam Men's Forum at Northam Methodist Church Hall. 479917

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

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

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

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

Friday 3rd – Good Friday

9am-6pm Food & Craft Fair at Atlantic Village

Saturday 4th

9am-2pm Bideford Farmers' Market on the Quay.

9am-5pm Food & Craft Fair at Atlantic Village

10am-12pm Bideford Town Band Fayre in Bandroom by Victoria Park. 475653

10am – 2pm Westward Ho! Pop -up Heritage Centre Old School Room Kingsley Hall 07805 409190

7.00pm Film Club at Littleham Village Hall. 471928

Sunday 5th – Easter Sunday

11am-5pm Easter Egging at Hartland Abbey. 441496

Monday 6th – Easter Monday

10am-5pm Hartland Art & Craft Fair at Parish Hall. (Until 9th April)

10am – 2pm Model railway and toy collectors' sale. Old schoolroom, Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! 07805 4091490

11am-5pm Easter Egging at Hartland Abbey. 441496

Tuesday 7th

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

10.30am Walking for Health. 421528

2pm Bideford WI at Sea Cadet Bldg.

2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun &

Fellowship' Club meets at Baptist Church Upper Hall.

6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653

7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearses at Northam Methodist Hall.

7.30pm Bideford Camera Club at The Stables, Kingsley School. 479462

7.30pm Bideford Keyboard & Organ Club at Bideford Methodist Church Hall

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolsery Village Hall. 470913

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 8th

9.30am-2.30pm Free Social Club for ages 19+ at Happy Café, Westward Ho!

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

10.15am Probus Club at Royal Hotel 473337

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

2pm Bideford Library Readers' Group. 476075

2pm Tea with Friends at St Mary's Church

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

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearses at Baptist Church Hall. 473798

Thursday 9th

10.15am Northam Men's Forum at Northam Methodist Church Hall.

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

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

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

Friday 10th

7.30pm Abbotsham WI meets at Abbotsham Village Hall. 474711

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

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632

Saturday 11th

9am-2pm Bideford Farmers' Market on the Quay.

Monday 13th

10am-12pm Appledore Community Art Group at Appledore Community Hall.

6.45pm Breakaway Social Club for adults with learning/physical disabilities.

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

7.30pm Quiz Night for Cancer Research UK at Riverbank Bar & bistro. 421461

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

Tuesday 14th

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 meets at Baptist Church Upper Hall.

6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653

7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearses at Northam Methodist Hall.

7.30pm Lions Club meet at Royal Hotel

7.30pm Bideford Camera Club at The Stables, Kingsley School. 479462

7.30pm Bideford & District Gardeners Club at Bideford Methodist Church Hall.

Nick Oliver from St John's Garden Centre. 475914

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolsery Village Hall. 470913

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 15th

9.30am-2.30pm Free Social Club for ages 19+ at Happy Café, W Ho!

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

1.30-3.30pm Knit & Natter Group at St Margaret's Church, Northam

2.30-4pm See Hear on Wheels (SHoW) at Northam Community Centre.

4-6pm Sew Together at Northam Library

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

7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearses at Baptist Church Hall. 473798

Thursday 16th

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

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

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

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

Friday 17th

10am-12pm Northam Reminiscence café at Northam Hall. 459337

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

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632

8pm Rock'n'Roll/Elvis Night at Pier House, Westward Ho! to fundraise for Helen Finn's Machu Picchu trip.

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Saturday 18th

9am-2pm Farmers Country Market at Atlantic Village

10am-4pm Instow Parish Hall Open Day. 01271 860374

10.45am Devonshire Assn AGM at

April Diary 2015 *continued*

Durrant House Hotel

2pm Devon Family History Society at Pollyfield Centre. 'Fallen from the Frayne Family Tree'. 451305

7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Spring Concert at Christ Church, Bear St, Barnstaple, in aid of Chemotherapy Appeal. 01271 860061

Sunday 19th

11am-4pm Bluebell Day at Hartland Abbey. 441496

1.30pm Torridge Ramblers walk. 429080

Monday 20th

10am-12pm Appledore Community Art Group at Appledore Community Hall.

2pm Bideford Ladies Club, Marlborough Court. 421925

6.45pm Breakaway Social Club for adults with learning/physical disabilities.

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

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

Tuesday 21st

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

10.30am Walking for Health. 421528

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

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

6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653

7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearses at Northam Methodist Hall.

7.30pm Bideford Camera Club at The Stables, Kingsley School. 479462

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolserly Village Hall. 470913

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 22nd

9.30am-2.30pm Free Social Club for ages 19+ at Happy Café, W Ho!

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

12.30pm RNLI Curry Lunch at N D Yacht Club. Book on 01271 346560

1.30-3.30pm Knit & Natter Group at St Margaret's Church, Northam.

10.15am Probus Club at Royal Hotel

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club at Northam Hall. 423554

7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearses at Baptist Church Hall. 473798

Thursday 23rd

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

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

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

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

Friday 24th

10am-12pm World Book Night 2015 – The Morning after the Night Before at Northam Library. Book Sale & Coffee Morning. Cakes made by Northam WI.

10am-1pm Lundy Art Group at St Mary's Church Hall, Appledore. 472158

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

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632

Saturday 25th

9am-2pm Bideford Farmers' Market on the Quay.

10am Torridge Ramblers day walk. 01805 625485

10am – 1pm Parkinson's UK Torridge Branch Spring Fayre Weare Giffard Village Hall.

7.30pm Concert Performance of Roger Jones musical 'Apostle' at Westward Ho! Baptist Church. 421551

Sunday 26th

11am-4pm Bluebell Day at Hartland Abbey. 441496

Monday 27th

10am-12pm Appledore Community Art Group at Appledore Community Hall.

6.45pm Breakaway Social Club for adults with learning/physical disabilities.

7pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

8.30pm N Devon Jazz Club at the Beaver, Appledore – Jim Mullen/Neil Burns Quartet. 421065

Tuesday 28th

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

10.30am Walking for Health. 421528

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

6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653

7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearses at Northam Methodist Hall.

7.30pm Bideford Camera Club at The Stables, Kingsley School. 479462

7.30pm Lions Club meet at Royal Hotel

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolserly Village Hall. 470913

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 29th

9.30am-2.30pm Free Social Club for ages 19+ at Happy Café, W Ho!

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

1-2.30pm SHoW (See Hear on Wheels) at Tesco, East-the-Water.

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club at Northam Hall. 423554

7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearses at Baptist Church Hall. 473798

Thursday 30th

10am-12pm Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale at RND Yacht Club, Instow, in aid of North Devon Hospice. 422215

10.15am Northam Men's Forum, Northam Methodist Church Hall. 479917

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

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

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

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Thursday April 2nd.

10am - 12 noon COFFEE MORNING in Aid of 'Action for Children' on at Alverdiscott Chapel EX31 4PT on B3232

Tuesday April 14th.

10.30am - 2.30pm ART & CRAFT GROUP at Alverdiscott Chapel EX31 4PT on B3232. Demonstration on Restoring Polished Furniture. Details from Stuart 01271 858258

Sunday April 26th.

6.30pm "EXPLORE" at Alverdiscott Chapel. EX31 4PT on B3232. Light Refreshments Served. More details from Stuart 01271 858258

Monday April 27th

2.30pm GARDENING CLUB Alverdiscott Chapel EX31 4PT on B3232 Details from Cynthia 01271 858237

Bideford Freemasons Proudly Present

A GALA CHARITY CONCERT
Starring MILITARY WIVES
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Torridge Male Voice Choir
Special Guest Tamsin Ball
and a "Last Night at the Proms"
Finale

Led by Appledore Silver Band
Friday July 10th 2015 @ 7.30 p.m.
Devon Hall, Bideford College
Tickets £20

In Support of N.D.D.H.
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Devon Mark Charity Association
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