



BIDEFORD BUZZ



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

Armistice Day 1918

We mark the end of the First World War this month but how was the actual end in November 1918 greeted in Bideford? The first inkling that the conflict which had cost so many lives was over came at 9a.m. on November 11 when a 'beflagged motor car' from the RAF base at Westward Ho! drove into town with 'the joyful intelligence that the Germans had signed the Armistice.' The news was later officially confirmed by the Mayor A.R.Adams who, standing in front of the Post Office in High Street (now Ladbroke's) announced that hostilities had ceased at 11a.m. that morning.

His words were greeted 'with a great round of cheering and waving of colours.' Within a very short time flags and bunting were hung from nearly every house, the National Anthem echoed around the streets and the bells of St.Mary's were rung. All the town's factories were closed and at the request of the Mayor the afternoon became a half-day holiday with local bands including one from the Salvation Army and another from Appledore paraded the streets.

Amidst all this heartfelt joy the Mayor 'appealed to the public to be orderly in their rejoicing and to temper their celebrations with a thought for the feelings of those whose dear ones had rendered this great victory and peace possible by making the supreme sacrifice of their lives.' Given that some 200



This is thought to show a celebration marking the end of the First World War. Taken at Torridge Place, East-the-Water it shows Mary Kivell wearing an incongruous man's uniform. (Original owned by B.Morrish and used in "Illustrations of Old Bideford No.6" by Peter Christie)

townspeople had died during the war – and many more were to die over the next decade or so of wounds they had received during the fighting this was clearly a heartfelt plea.

Local life soon returned to normal with a general election and the demobilisation of men in the Forces even if rationing continued for some time and the 'Homes for Heroes' promised by the government didn't materialise. On November 11 all this was in the future and everyone must have felt the lifting of the terrible weight of war weariness that had engulfed the country in the months leading up to peace.

Peter Christie

Service for Remembrance Day will be held at St. Mary's Church Bideford at 11.30am on Sunday 8th November 2015.

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Art News



The Westward Ho! & Bideford Art Society

The prestigious Royal Society of Marine Artists selected paintings from society members Tony Williams and Colin Allbrook for display at their Annual Exhibition in London at the Mall Galleries near Trafalgar Square between 14th and 25th October 2015. This is now recognized as the most prestigious and varied exhibition of marine art in the UK.

Tony Williams is an established professional artist with a studio based in Kings Nympton, North Devon. His work was selected from over 1,000 submissions and they appeared alongside paintings by some of Britain's leading marine artists.

In addition **Colin Allbrook**, who is a full Member of the Royal Society of Marine Artists, had six of his paintings on display. The result was an impressive display of creativity from North Devon artists at a major art exhibition in London.

The society includes painters, printmakers, sculptors, wood-carvers, potters and textile artists and has a long and historic link to the Bideford's Burton Art Gallery and Museum. Associate Membership is open to all artists across all media who are interested in joining a North Devon art society with a very high reputation for excellence and creativity. Full Membership is granted to Associate members following acceptance via presentation and approval of work by the Society. Full information on the Society can be found on www.whobidarts.co.uk

Burton Art Gallery & Museum

Portraits from the Burton's Collection

There are many, dating from 1761, with Dr. Burton, by John Opie, to several in the 20th century, such as Hilda Trefusis' self-portrait, donated by Lord Clinton. Faces often reveal character, and there is one by Sir John Lavery of the artist, E. Aubrey Hunt: "Looking like a missionary who never made a convert." It's probably the hat, and the sideways look that gave rise to that remark! Mary Burton was an artist whose media was pencil, and her portrait of her Father, Thomas Burton, shows affection for the man as well as her talent to draw. (Thomas dedicated his Gallery to her when she tragically died in 1949 aged 43.) The Exhibition begins on **19th November** and continues until 1st February, 2016, and each time you visit you will discover something new.



The **Open Annual Christmas Exhibition** returns to the Gallery on **Saturday, 28th November**, and the selected works of art will be on show in gallery 2 until **28th December**, which means that the Gallery will be open after Christmas for visitors to enjoy. Artists from all over our region have been invited to submit their work for selection, and we look forward to a show of creative talent, with paintings, sculpture, ceramics, textiles and original prints. Everything on show is for sale, and as the exhibition is supported by the Friends of the Burton Gallery, all proceeds from sales will go towards the Friends' funds. The Friends give generously to the Gallery by funding exhibitions, furniture, the Young Friends, schools' coach travel expenses, the Bideford Black display case, and much more. They have also donated funds towards the founding of the Burton Gallery Trust. Friends' Membership forms can be obtained from the Gallery, or by www.burtonartgallery.co.uk. The Shop and Craft Gallery, the Cafe du Parc and the Museum of Bideford all await your pleasure. If you wish to contact the Gallery: Tel: 01237 471455 e-mail: burtonartgallery@torridge.gov.uk

Diana Warmington,

Friends of the Burton Art Gallery & Museum

Charity Vintage Tea Party

You are invited to a Charity Vintage Tea Party at Abbotsham Village Hall with Country Crafts on Saturday 21st November from 2pm. Donations for tea and cakes. Free entry. Funds to be sent to Stepping Stones Orphanage in India. Star Guests.....Fremington Singers.....

Please come along for a nice cuppa in a china cup and saucer, piece of yummy cake and a natter! Raffle, tombolas and crafts. You might even be able to solve your Christmas shopping! See Sue's handmade felt and silk pictures. Sue Procter procter_graham@hotmail.com or ring 01237 470270 El Shaddai Charity www.childrescue.net Please ask Sue for further details.

*** On Bideford's late night Shopping, Dec 8th, it will be free to park in Bideford after 4pm.***

“Much Sought After Des Res” in the countryside.

One of the iconic features of our north Devon countryside has long been the numerous old farm buildings of cob and stone construction, many of which are now redundant because of changing farming methods. Over the years very many such barns have been tastefully converted into dwellings, sometimes for expanding farming families and sometimes for sale to incomers who bring their purchasing power to back up the local economy. Such conversions have always had to satisfy stringent planning regulations to protect the countryside from exploitation which could spoil the rural character of north Devon.



In 2013 the government brought in new “Permitted Development Rights” which were intended to bring prosperity to the countryside by allowing the conversion of agricultural buildings into dwellings without the requirement for planning permission or any justification of local need for the dwellings so produced. It is merely necessary to obtain confirmation from the District Council that the building to be converted conforms with a set list of conditions to ensure that it is suitable.

This is not necessarily a bad thing when you think of attractive stone and cob barns being rescued from decay and given a new lease of life as homes for farmers' sons and daughters who would otherwise have to move away in order to set up home and raise a family, or even to be sold to raise capital to tide the farmers over the financial crises that seem to come in quick succession these days.

No doubt this was the benevolent reasoning behind the government's legislative changes but, as always, there is the law of unintended consequences lurking behind every good intention. In this case it was the term “agricultural building” that formed the weak link in the regulations and soon every owner of a rusty corrugated iron shack or pole barn that had been forgotten in the corner of a field had scented easy money and, egged on by planning consultants, were submitting “Prior Notification” applications to the Council's planning department.

In the first twelve months of the scheme, according to a BBC report, Torrington council had to reject 50 out of 57 of these applications, mainly because the applicants had not understood the rules and submitted proposals that were not appropriate. More recently, nearly half of all such applications have been approved and any farmer with a nice stone barn that is surplus to requirements is likely to be permitted to convert it, but there is still the occasional case where someone who has bought a pony paddock (horses are not classed as agriculture) with a corrugated iron shelter made from old telegraph poles thinks he can then convert it into a country residence on the cheap. Our Planning Officers at TDC are very helpful, but not stupid and such a chancer is likely to get short shrift.

Bats are endangered species and are often found in old barns. It is illegal to disturb them so this is another factor which should be taken into consideration. Traditional agriculture, and our countryside that was formed by agriculture and supports agriculture, is Torrington's greatest asset and needs our support in the constant battle against exploitation.

Chris Hassall.

Organic & Wholefoods Buying Group

We are a newly formed group of households in the Torrington area, placing a combined grocery order with an organic and wholefood cooperative. We would love to welcome new participants.

How does it work? We aim to order regularly once a month. Goods come by the case / bag or sack, but of course group members can share these and we have a system to make this easy. Mary places the order and the goods are delivered to her house in Torrington for prompt collection. Simple :)

How do I get involved? / Find out more ring Mary Crail 01805 623 307 mary.crail@yahoo.co.uk

Why am I doing this? Because I want to make organic, wholefood & green groceries available and affordable to all, and because I feel this is one way I can contribute to the community.

Mary

Book News

Events in Bideford Library.

For Kids:

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 other enthusiasts for a game.

Book Breaks for Carers – A Shared Reading Group for Carers

Every Wednesday 10:30-12:00 am

A chance to meet with other carers and enjoy great stories and poems read aloud in a small friendly social group.

Check with Bideford Library for details of other events on 01237 476075

***The Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger**

discussed by Bideford Library Readers' Group.

The books we read are supplied by Devon Library Services and the group never knows in advance what we'll get next. This can be a good thing in that it can take you outside your comfort zone in terms of reading material. For the third consecutive month we have had a book that could be regarded as a 'classic'. (Who determines what is considered 'classic' and what isn't?). This writer is no fan of the so called classics but, along with most of the group, found this an enjoyable read. Only one member was disappointed with it.

The story is written in the first person by Holden Caulfield, a disaffected teenager who repeatedly refers to the 'phoniness' of the adult world. The book covers a few days in his life when he runs away after he's been expelled from his fourth school. Throughout there is a sense of adolescent alienation and loss of innocence. He is struggling to come to terms with the death of his brother, is afraid to go home to tell his parents that he's been expelled and finds it difficult to relate to anyone. He is desperately lonely. Nobody seems to notice he is falling apart.

Some time after the book was published JD Salinger admitted that the book was 'sort of autobiographical, explaining, "My boyhood was very much the same as that of the boy in the book ...' He'd had his own difficulties settling at school, struggling to conform. In later life he struggled with the unwanted attention that came

(Newspaper item from 1945 - thanks Peter Christie for this.)

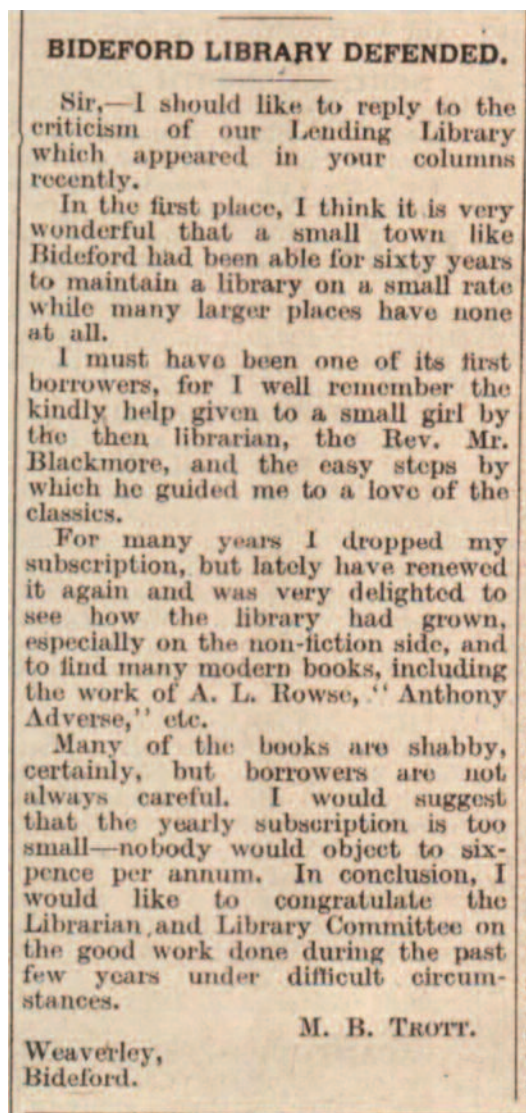
with the success of the book and retreated into a largely private life.

Some of the group said they wished they'd read this as a teenager as it might have helped them come to terms with the angst of growing up whilst others said they'd read it as a teenager but got more out of reading it as second time as an adult.

Clearly a book that polarises opinion, (though less so with this group), *The Catcher in the Rye* has been one of the most frequently censored books of all time whilst also being one of the most widely read! Which might just pose the question as to whether censorship works or not!

Peter Evans

Next meeting Wednesday November 4th 2.00 p.m. at Bideford Library. Discussing One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez



Book News continued

Free Online Magazines from your Local Library

Devon Libraries has a new service that allows you to read the latest magazines like Hello! or National Geographic at home, free of charge. It's called Zinio and in the parts of the country where it has been running for some time it is proving to be incredibly popular. To access this service simply follow the Zinio link on our website www.devon.gov.uk/libraries. You will need your library membership number (if you're not a member pop in and join up) and once you have set up a simple account you can select the magazine you want to read. They are the full versions, available on the day of publication and look exactly like the paper copies. You can read them in your browser or if you download an App you can read them offline on your tablet or smartphone. A couple of technical points: You must follow the link from our website to access the site and not just find it via Google. You need to download the **Zinio for Libraries App** and not the ordinary Zinio App. Doing either of these things will mean you will have to pay to access the magazines! Ask library staff for more details.

Matt Chamings

A full list of the magazines currently available from Devon Libraries

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RasPi
Total Film
TV Times
Wallpaper
WebUser
Weight Watchers
What Hi Fi?
World Soccer
Your Family Tree



Charity News.

Northam Lodge's family friendly Christmas fair

This year Northam Lodge will be holding their Christmas Fair "at home", at Rose Hill, Heywood Road, Bideford. We hope there will be a family friendly atmosphere with children's games,

stalls for your presents, a raffle with some wonderful prizes and of course refreshments, but best of all Father Christmas will be there in his Grotto, with a Lucky Dip.

This will take place on Saturday December 5th from 12.00-3.30pm and all money raised will go towards caring for the residents and respite clients at Northam Lodge. Please come along.

Charity Concert with the Military Wives & the Hartland Orchestra

The Military Wives from Chivenor & The Hartland Orchestra have kindly agreed to give a Charity Concert in aid of Northam Lodge on Tuesday November 24th 2015 at the Bideford Methodist Church, High Street, Bideford, at 7.00pm. Tickets will be £15 each and will be available from the Northam Lodge website, www.northamlodge.co.uk Or if you would prefer please contact Annabel Cope on 01237.477238 or email tickets@northamlodge.co.uk

Duo of Encore! concerts – Northam and Fremington

Their first concert this month is on **Saturday 7th November** at **St. Margaret's Church, Northam**, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 on the door and refreshments will be available. The second concert is on **Saturday 28th November** at **St. Peter's Church, Fremington**, starting at 7pm. Tickets are £6 on the door, with refreshments available during the interval.

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Bideford Blind Club

Do you know someone with any kind of sight problem? If so you might like to suggest they come along to Bideford Blind Club every other Tuesday from 2 - 4 to the Community Room at Griggs Close Sheltered Housing Complex in Northam.

This friendly group enjoys entertainment and talks, quizzes and games, followed by tea and biscuits and a raffle for just £1.50 a meeting.

It may be possible to arrange transport to the club.

To find out more ring Sue Uttley on 01237 470696 or

Hilary Lewis on 01237 421723 In addition, anyone who has difficulty reading a newspaper may like to receive news from the North Devon Gazette and Journal and occasionally Bideford Buzz! The Torridge Talking Newspaper sends out news items on CD or tape every week to those with visual problems or disabilities. Contact Carol Brown on 01237 421740 for more information.

Val Curtis

01237 424556

Torridge Table Tennis Club

Thank you very much for putting in the item about Torridge Table Tennis Club Friday afternoon sessions starting again at Bideford Youth Centre. Your publication has brought us at least 4 new members so far, a much better score than other publications we have tried.

I see that it is only mentioned in the Diary for October for the 16th and in fact we play every Friday afternoon 2.30 - 4.30pm at Bideford Youth Centre. We will probably have a short break over Christmas but I will let you know about that when dates have been decided.

Gina Snowden on behalf of Torridge Table Tennis Club.

Instow Churchyard.

If your family has a grave in this churchyard you are advised to read the new notices (posted at four points of the yard) as they may relate to your grave.

Pam Cantle PCC Secretary

Did you know?

The 'Craft 'n' Chat Coffee Morning is open every 2nd & 4th Friday in the month from 10am – midday in the Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! It is a community facility run by volunteers from the community, people of all ages are welcome, and the Kingsley Hall is wheelchair friendly with disabled facilities. Did you know that this initiative has been financially supported by a local resident, Councillor Jane Whittaker and the Bideford Bridge Trust to ensure that this community-led project can continue to open twice a month throughout the year? Contact the organisers by email on craftnchatintheho@yahoo.com or by ringing 01237 421274 or 422492. You would be most welcome to come along and join us just for a cuppa, for a natter, or to share your love of craft with likeminded people. See you there.

Terry Thorpe

Bideford Friends is coming to the Burton Art Gallery

The TorrAGE Ageing Well project has set up a new social group for older people in the Burton Art Gallery. The group will be running on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from the 28th October 2015 with the following sessions on Tuesday 10th November, Wednesday 25th November, Wednesday 9th December with a break for Christmas, and returning on Wednesday 27th January 2016. from 2pm until 3.30pm. It will involve different activities or speakers at each session followed by some refreshments and conversation. There will be a small charge of £2.50 per person per session. For more information or for transport please contact **Joyce on 01237 479367 (after 4pm) or Ageing Well on 01805 622666.**

The Torridge Male Voice Choir need to appoint a new Musical Director. Anyone who is interested in taking up this position should contact the Secretary, Gordon Mills, on 01237 441601.

Appledore Book Festival

A Personal View

Believe it or not, the Appledore Book Festival is now in its ninth year. The reasons I like to make my three mile annual pilgrimage to Appledore are many: it gives you the chance to see and hear your literary heroes in person, the talks are very often amusing, always informative, sometimes even moving, the tickets are relatively cheap, and one may occasionally be inspired to read, or even buy, one of the books being discussed.

The Festival took place between 25 September – 4 October. My first port of call was Ann Widdecombe. She was not only amusing, she was hilarious, as she regaled us with tales of what she had been doing since last appearing at the festival two years ago, basically appearing on *Strictly*, then in pantomime with Craig Revel-Horwood, featuring in an opera, and presenting various television programmes, as well as writing her fourth novel, *The Dancing Detective*.

Next was John Riddington-Young also very amusing, arguing that many of the old ways of working in the NHS were superior to those now operating, and should be re-introduced. Then it was the turn of 6'7" man-mountain, Terry Waite, who whilst starting off amusingly, soon took us into the dark world of hostage negotiation, which was of course what he was doing before he was famously taken hostage himself, and was kept in solitary confinement for four and a half years. The two things he craved for at this time (apart from human company) were a decent meal and books. Later I went to see Ben Kane, the historian, who gave a talk on the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest in AD 9, where the Germanic tribes inflicted on the Roman Empire its greatest defeat.

I went along to hear Satish Kumar, an ex-Jain monk, and, at 79, the elder statesman of the ecology movement, who gave an impassioned talk on the subject of his latest book, *Soil, Soul and Society*. He lives at Hartland, founded the Schumacher College in South Devon, and edits the magazine *Resurgence*, which this year celebrates its fiftieth anniversary.

Then a two day break, before going to hear Elkie Brooks being interviewed by Judi Spiers, about her life and autobiography, *Finding My Voice*.

Lastly, on the Sunday, I went to see Vince Cable, the politician, talking about his latest book, *After The Storm*, and the aftermath of the recent economic crisis. To me, he always seems to be the wise old man of politics (though he's only six years older than me!), especially on economic matters. I was pleased when I was appointed to the Coalition cabinet, as Business Secretary, but I think he lost his seat at the last election, so one of our wisest politicians is now without power. Such is life.

The Book Festival this year coincided with the best weather of the summer. I'm sure that those people who travelled long distances to get there, as well as us locals, went home with fond memories of Appledore and its Festival. I certainly did.

Chris Trigger

Appledore Singers.

Date for your diary! The Appledore Singers will present their Charity Christmas Concert (in aid of Devon Freewheelers) on Sunday 13th December, 2.30pm at Northam Hall. £6 at the door to include refreshments. Contact Pam Beechey on 01237 420652 or see our website: theappledoresingers.co.uk

Bideford Music Club.

Celebrating their tenth anniversary year, Canadian violinist Katie Stillman and English pianist Simon Lane began their musical partnership whilst studying at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. They will perform at Bideford Methodist Church Hall, High Street on 4th November at 7.30 pm. Tickets are available at the door **£13.00 each, students free and a four-concert membership at £39.00.**

Bideford Town Band Christmas Fayre

Saturday 28th November 1-am -12noon Bideford Town Band Christmas Fayre and coffee morning in the Band room by Victoria Park (475653) for more details.

Bideford Pannier Market - open Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays

We have yet another new stall holder – Jo will be specialising in Fair Trade Goods from all over the world – felted goods and knick-knacks – it all looks very pretty and will make ideal Christmas presents (that dreaded word) – the prices look reasonable too

We also have a cake stall “ Time for Tea “ beautiful cakes – let's hope she stays

Don't forget Dave's Plants is here too

The tenders are out for contractors to build the new workshops – let's hope we get some speedy decisions – we need to keep the impetus going – any builders interested contact Richard Coombes at Bideford Town Council – nice sized contract to carry you over the winter

Once the workshops are operational the Market Hall will be open five or six days a week this will encourage other traders to come to the market – more traders means increased footfall – this will not happen instantly but will need to be grown – We could even end up with specialist markets on different days

The shops in Butchers Row / Market Place & Grenville Street are all awaiting your pleasure – there is a new owner in the Crystal Shop and a new business altogether is Rosebuds Children's Play Sessions – you need to check them out

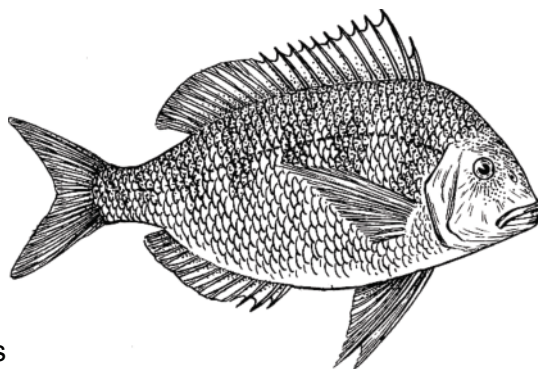
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Felicity's sustainable seasonal fish

November is the month when the winter fish becomes available. Herrings come into Clovelly and the Clovelly Herring festival, that has now become an established

annual event will be on **Sunday 15th** this year.

Just as we make jams and jellies from fruit and chutneys and pickles from vegetables, oily fish such as mackerel and herrings can be soured and made into rollmops.



Here is a recipe for roll mop herrings, based on Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall's recipe-

Cider Vinegar and Orange Rollmops

You can also use large sardines or mackerel

Ingredients

6/10 fresh herrings (Clovelly herrings are smaller than supermarket ones)

de scaled, gutted and filleted-being careful to remove the fin bones with scissors.

60g salt

for the marinade-

750ml cider vinegar

12 allspice, 12 black peppercorns, 6 bay leaves.

1 tablespoon light brown sugar.

Zest of 1 large orange, pared in wide strips -no white pith.

1 onion, red or white sliced very thinly

Method

1. Dissolve the salt in 500ml water to make a brine, then add the fillets. leave for 2-3 hours.

2. Meanwhile, put all the ingredients in a saucepan, bring slowly to the boil and simmer for

just 1 minute. Remove from the heat and leave.

3. Drain the herring fillets from the brine and pat dry with kitchen paper. Roll them up from tail to head end, skin side out and pack the rolls into sterilised preserving jars.

4. Pour the marinade over the herrings, making sure there is spices and zest and onion in each jar.

Store in the fridge for at least 3 days before eating. They are best from 5-10 days but. **can be kept for 1 month.** The longer you leave them, the softer and more pickled they'll get.

You can make and taste them and then if you like them, as many people do, you can prepare them for delicious Christmas Eve fish feast or Fish Sunday buffet, -more about this next month!

To serve. Drain the fillets from their marinade and accompany with a little soured cream. Fresh bread is delicious to soak up the tasty juices.

The Appledore Fish Summer School has been chosen as a finalist for the Devon Environment Business Initiative- Education category. We will know the results on 19th November!

The **Fish Summer School group** will be holding their **General meeting on Tuesday 3rd November 7.30pm at the Appledore Social Club**, They will be showcasing the events held throughout this summer and discussing ideas for next year's Fish School.

Seafood refreshment will be available and there is a bar.

Why not come along and join us? Everyone is welcome.

BIDEFORD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

100 Years Ago – November 1915

Messrs I Baker & Son of Brunswick House report that their lime kiln is now in full work. They are currently burning Lime for Agricultural Purposes. Telephone Bideford 85 or send Telegrams to 'Baker & Son'.

Bideford Rural District Council has a vacancy for a steam roller driver. There is a sleeping van conveniently fitted up for the use of the driver. Apply to Mr J Turner, Surveyor.

Private H W Gent, son of Mrs Gent of Mill Street and a former member of the Church Lads' Brigade is serving with the 1st 6th Devons at Lahore and has just qualified for his Marksman's badge.

14 Cottages at Hyfield, Bideford and 24 Victoria Grove, which were offered at auction by A W Cock Auctioneers recently and then withdrawn, have been sold privately at an enhanced figure.

G Boyle Outfitters of 4 High Street advertise **Kee-Pu-Warm** Lambskin waistcoats, with or without sleeves. They also have good stocks of wool sleeping-bags and waterproof valises which can be sent as Comforts for Our Brave Soldiers at the Front.

Mr S R Chope has been unanimously re-elected Mayor for a third term. Mr H N G Stucley is deputy Mayor.

Bideford Hospital appeals for the loan of a gramophone for the use of their patients, the old one which was lent to them being no longer available.

Madame Adele Vilars Hoare holds dancing classes at the Royal Hotel on Thursdays, commencing at 2.15pm. She and her staff of fully qualified assistants also teach deportment, physical education and breathing exercises. Private lessons can be arranged.

The Gazette now publishes a weekly War Diary covering several columns. During November they reported on events from Serbia, Germany, Bulgaria and France.

Lighting up time at the end of the month is 5pm.

These and many more items of local interest are available to read at the Bideford Community Archive at the Council Offices, Windmill Lane, Northam. Tel: 01237-471714

Need to buy a Christmas present that is light to post? To celebrate its 30th birthday, the Archive has produced a 2016 calendar full of lovely local pictures and priced at £5. Available from the Archive and from all good outlets in Bideford, Appledore, Northam and Westward Ho!

Devon Family History Society

A day of Family History on Saturday 21st November at the Pollyfield centre, Avon Road, EoW.

11.30 am The 1939 Register. Staff from Find My Past website explain all about this soon to be released data. Potentially the most up to date online Family History source to be made available yet.

HelpDesk and Raffle. **2.00pm** "Oakum and Stones" A presentation by Brian O'Leary on life for the poor and infirm of Victorian England. Free admission New members always welcomed.

Hatha Yoga Classes at Bideford Community Centre

Find time on a winter evening to relax and care for yourself.

Come along to a gentle flowing yoga class
to give you a warm glow inside.

Mondays 7.30-8.30pm - Starting Monday 2nd November

Six week block £36 - Drop in £7 per class

Bring a blanket and mat if you have one,
there will be some available to borrow.

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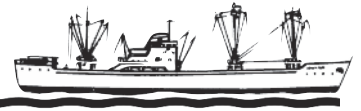


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THE SHIPPING NEWS



No shipping at **Bideford** since last issue; the vessel due at the end September did not materialise. However a vessel is now due at end of October.

No shipping at **Yelland** apart from the **Welsh Piper 15th**

No news from **Appledore** regarding the launching of the **LE William Butler Yates Arco Dart** at Appledore **13.10.15**. At the time of publication the **Oldenburg** will probably have left for drydocking at Sharpness

Bristol Channel Observations

16.9.15 at 15.27 cargo vessel **Edzard Cirksena** 3460 tons d.w. owners Kaptain Siegfried Bojen Schiffahrtsbetrieb EK Germany, inward bound for Briton Ferry.

19.9.15 15.06 cargo vessel **Luhna** 3720 tons d.w, owners Reederei Erwin Strahlmann Germany inward bound for Newport.

22.9.15 at 14.17 cargo vessel **Linnau** 3720 tons d.w. owners Reederei Erwin Strahlmann Germany inward bound for Newport. At 15.03 vehicle carrier **Suzuka Express** 15154 tons d.w owners Vroon BV Netherlands inward bound for Portbury. At 18.06 hrs cargo vessel Novatrans 3284 tons d.w. owners Amasus Shipping BV Netherlands outward bound from Newport, having sailed at 12.02. At 18.18 vehicle carrier **Autosun** 6670 tons d.w, owners United European Car Carriers of Norway, inward bound for Portbury. At 18.53 vehicle carrier **Emerald Leader** 10819 tons d.w, owners Nippon Yusen Kaisha of Japan, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 13.25. At 19.00 vehicle carrier **Harmony Ace** 14256 tons d.w, owners Mitsui OSK Lines of Japan inward bound for Portbury. At 19.30 cargo vessel **Fri Lake** 3640 d.w, owners Kopervik Shipping AS Norway, outward bound from Birdport, having sailed at 11.57.

24.9.15 at 19.15 vehicle carrier **Ciudad de Cadiz** 3500 tons d.w, owners Anita 2 SNC France, inward bound for Portbury.

25.9.15 at 10.10 chemical tanker **Stolt Kite** 4735 tons d.w owners Stolt Nielsen Rotterdam, inward bound for Barry.

26.9.15 at 14.12 cargo vessel **Flinterbay** 3483 tons d.w, owners Flinter Group B.V Rotterdam inward bound for Birdport.

27.9.15 at 09.24 cargo vessel **Constance** 3196 tons d.w, owners Norden Netherlands, inward bound for Newport.

30.9.15 at 09.20 vehicle carrier **Silverstone Express** 15154 tons d.w, owners Vroon B.V. Holland inward bound for Portbury

6.10.15 at 17.00 vehicle carrier **Ciudad de Cadiz** 3500 tons d.w, owners Anita 2 SNC France, inward bound for Portbury. At 17.50 chemical Tanker **Dagmar Theresa** 4454 tons d.w, owners Herning Shipping AS Denmark outward bound from Avonmouth, having sailed at 10.07.

8.10.15 08.29 cargo vessel **Hav Zander** 2999 tons d.w. owners Hav Ship Management AS Norway, inward bound for Sharpness. At 13.25 cargo vessel **Shetland Trader** 2386 tons d.w owners Faversham Ships Ltd UK, outward bound from Sharpness, having sailed at 04.34.

9.10.15 at 11.26 cargo vessel **Grey Fox** 33686 tons d.w, owners Grey Fox Shipping GMBH Germany, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 05.10.

13.10.15 at 18.28 tanker Magic Victoria 74962 tons d.w, owners Emma Navigation SA Japan, outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 12.21.

14.10.15 at 09.57 cargo vessel **Helas** 3783 tons d.w, owners Hermann Lohmann Bereederungen GMBH & Co KG Germany, inward bound for Birdport.

On the **20th Sept** I saw a very interesting film at the Appledore Book Festival about the building of the covered shipyard at Appledore in 1969 called *The Birth of a Shipyard*. It included the building of the first vessel, the dredger **Pen Stour**, whilst the building was being constructed. The film lasted about 20 mins and is produced by A.J.B Videp Productions on 01237 475896 from whom you can obtain copies.

Regards **Norman**

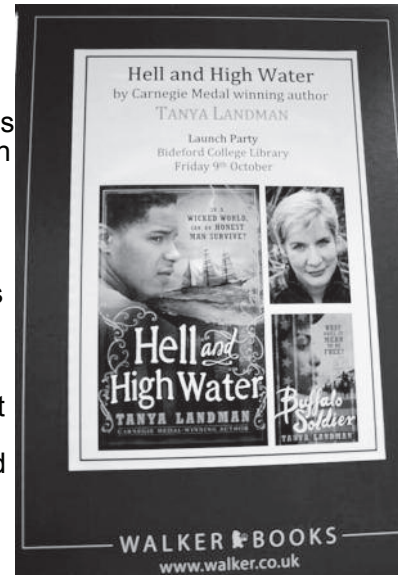
Ready for launch

Anyone near Abbotsham Road on the 9th may well have seen the throng of cars heading up to Bideford College. Contrary to previous accounts, this was not for the annual lunch lady's jamboree (though we hope there's one of those coming up soon too. Anything for a free nibble) no; it was the launch of Tanya Landman's new book. Decked out with bunting, cake and a gagging throng of guests, it was more like a market scene from *'Hell and High Water'* itself- all be it with the thieves and clergymen subtly replaced by booksellers and members of the press- than the school library; think Fat Sam's Grand Slam, merely posing as a book shop. It was a very fitting location however, each window peering out on a different slice of countryside, the old bridge out one end, hills out the other. As Ms Landman said during her speech at the close of the evening, "all the place names are fictitious, but it's really based on Bideford, Appledore and Instow."

Centring on the plight of Caleb, a young boy whose father is wrongfully arrested after an extravagant street show and is left to fend for himself, the book throws our young hero into locations many might recognise. The Carnegie medal winning author admitted "this is the first book I've set in the West Country", and hopefully it's not the last- the crashing waves, sea-side-scapes and scrapes along a craggy coastline are all beautifully imagined and familiar to anyone that's ever visited Westward Ho!

Tying the book even closer to the launch, a Punch and Judy show was put on especially for the guests- much to the screaming delight of all present, especially in the front row, who had no qualms about 'baby sausages' and quite happily outed Mr. Punch's hiding place when the copper arrived (no loyalties whatsoever). This was a lovely nod to a sequence in the first chapter of the novel- as well as an excuse to see the renowned *Storybox Theatre* of Rob Burnett on home soil.

The evening also served as an awards ceremony for a short story competition which had been running in the college library and had been judged by Tanya Landman herself. Three joint first prizes were awarded as Ms. Landman confessed herself unable to choose; the talented trio receiving a set of books and a box of chocolates. Congratulations to all!



As well as Jess Cox, Jessie Francis, Lottie Price and Rebecca Betambeau providing great music for the occasion, there was also a chance to buy some of the first signed copies. If this counts as a first review; all here at Buzz have read and devoured it, and could not recommend it highly enough, the novel has a warmth and a wit seen in the very best of teen fiction. "In a wicked world, can an honest man survive?" Fingers crossed he can, because we want to see more of poor Caleb in the future.

Millie Sutherland O'Gara

Got something to say? Send items for the youth page to Millie at editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk. If you are involved with a local youth /sports' group please send us details for a special issue planned for next year. Thanks (ed)

November Diary 2015

Monday 2nd

10am-12pm Appledore Community Art Group at Appledore Community Hall.
7pm Tai Chi at Bideford High Street Methodist Church Hall. 472532
7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652
8.30pm N Devon Jazz Club at The Beaver, Appledore – Alan Barnes/Martin Dale Quartet.

Tuesday 3rd

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches
10.30am Walking for Health. 421528
11.45am-12.45pm Tai Chi at Northam Community Hall.
2pm Bideford WI, New Sea Cadet Bldg
2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun & Fellowship' Club meets at Baptist Hall.
6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653
7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearse at Northam Methodist Hall.
7.30pm Bideford Keyboard & Organ Club at Bideford Methodist Church Hall
7.30pm Bideford Sustainability Group at Blacksmiths Arms
7.30pm Annual meeting of Fish Summer School Appledore Social Club.
8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolserly Village Hall. 441601
8pm Jam Session at Thatched Inn, Abbotsham. 472746
 Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 4th

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 Parkinson's UK meets at Ethelwynne Brown Close. 478128
10.30am Walking for Health in Victoria Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528
10.30am-12pm Feel Better with a Book at Bideford Library
10.30am-12pm Book Breaks for Carers at Bideford Library
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.
1-2.30pm SHoW (See Hear on Wheels) at Tesco, East-the-Water.
2pm Bideford Library Readers' Group. 476075
4-6pm Sew Together at Northam Library
7.30pm Bideford Music Club, Concert at Bideford Methodist Church. 423112
7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room
8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris practise at Bideford Baptist Church. 473798

Thursday 5th

9.30-10am Story Time for under 5s at Bideford Library
10.15am Northam Men's Forum, Northam Methodist Hall 476201

10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528
10.30-11.30am Tai Chi at Chubb Churchill Centre ETW 01271 850918
2-4pm See Hear on Wheels (SHoW) bus at Pill Car Park. 01271 373236
2-3pm Seated Exercise for over 60s at W Ho! Baptist Hall. 01805 622666
2-4pm Nifty Needles at Bideford Library
7pm Hartland Aikido Club for over 18s at Bucks Cross Village Hall.
7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801
7.30-8.30pm Meditation & Relaxation Group at Bideford Library
7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk.

Friday 6th

10am-12pm Craft'n'Chat at The Old Schoolroom, Kingsley Hall, W Ho!
2-5pm Board Games at Bideford Library
2.30-4.30pm Torridge Table Tennis Club at Bideford Youth Centre. 477932
7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing, Kingsley Hall, W Ho! 01769 540309
8pm Ceilidh Club at Northam Hall 476632

Saturday 7th

9am-2pm Farmers' Country Market at Atlantic Village
2pm Autumn Fair at Instow Parish Hall.
7pm Film Club at Littleham Village Hall. 471928
7.30pm 'Encore' in concert at St Margaret's Church, Northam.

Monday 9th

10am-12pm Appledore Community Art Group at Appledore Community Hall.
7pm Tai Chi at Bideford High Street Methodist Church Hall. 472532
7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652
7.30pm Bideford Stamp Club at Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! 441601

Tuesday 10th

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches
10.30am Walking for Health. 421528
11.45am-12.45pm Tai Chi at Northam Community Hall
2-3.30pm TorrAGE Ageing Well project at Burton Art Gallery. 479367
2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun & Fellowship' Club at Baptist Church Hall.
2.30pm 'Lift Off' for ladies of all ages at Westward Ho! Baptist Church. 471056
6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653
7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearse at Northam Methodist Hall.
7.30pm Bideford & District Gardeners' Club at Bideford Methodist Hall. 475914
7.30pm Lions Club meet at Royal Hotel 476632
8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolserly Village Hall. 470913
 Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 11th

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.
10.15am Probus Club at Royal Hotel
10.30am Walking for Health in Victoria Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528
10.30am-12pm Feel Better with a Book at Bideford Library
10.30am-12pm Book Breaks for Carers at Bideford Library
11am-1pm Creative (Memory) Café at Quay Meeting Rm, 5 Danver Court, Clovelly Rd Ind Estate. 07817976053
2-3.30pm Reminiscence Session at Bideford Library
2.30-4pm SHoW (See Hear on Wheels) at Northam Community Centre..
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 practise at Bideford Baptist Church. 473798

Thursday 12th

9.30-10am Story Time for under 5s at Bideford Library
10.15am Northam Men's Forum, Northam Methodist Hall 476201
10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528
10.30-11.30am Tai Chi at Chubb Churchill Centre ETW 01271 850918
2-3pm Seated Exercise for over 60s at W Ho! Baptist Hall. 01805 622666
2.30pm Holy Trinity Guild at HT church hall, Westward Ho!
7pm Hartland Aikido Club for over 18s at Bucks Cross Village Hall.
7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801
7.30pm RNLI 'Call my Bluff' Wine Evening at N D Yacht Club. 01271 346560
7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk.

Friday 13th

10am-12pm Craft'n'Chat Coffee Morning at Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho!
12.15pm Conservative Luncheon Club at Royal Hotel. 01769 581241
2-4pm Sew Together at Westward Ho! Baptist Church Hall. 01805 622606
2-5pm Board Games at Bideford Library
2.30-4.30pm Torridge Table Tennis Club at Bideford Youth Centre. 477932
7.30pm Abbotsham WI meets at Abbotsham Village Hall. 474711
7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing, Kingsley Hall, W Ho! 01769 540309
8pm Ceilidh Club at Northam Hall 476632

Saturday 14th

10am-12pm Coffee Morning at Holy Trinity Church, Westward Ho!

November Diary 2015 *continued*

2-4pm Creative Writing Group at Bideford Library

2-4.30pm Christmas Fayre at Northam Hall for Sacred Heart Parish.

Sunday 15th

10am-4pm Herring Festival at Clovelly Harbour. 431781

1.30pm Torridge Ramblers walk 479473

Monday 16th

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

2pm Bideford Ladies Club, Marlborough Court. 421925

7pm Tai Chi at Bideford High Street Methodist Church Hall. 472532

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse

at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

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

Tuesday 17th

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

10.30am Walking for Health. 421528

11.45am-12.45pm Tai Chi at Northam Community Hall

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

2.30pm 'Lift Off' for ladies of all ages at Westward Ho! Baptist Church. 471056

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 rehearse at Northam Methodist Hall.

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolserly Village Hall. 441601

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 18th

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

10.30am-12pm Feel Better with a Book at Bideford Library

10.30am-12pm Book Breaks for Carers at Bideford Library

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.

2.15-3pm Meditation & Relaxation Group at Bideford 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 practise at Bideford Baptist Church. 473798

Thursday 19th

10.15am Northam Men's Forum, Northam Methodist Hall. 476201

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

10.30-11.30am Tai Chi at Chubb

Churchill Centre ETW 01271 850918

2-3pm Seated Exercise for over 60s at W Ho! Baptist Hall. 01805 622666

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

7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801

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

Friday 20th

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

10am-12pm Craft'n'Chat at The Old Schoolroom, Kingsley Hall, W Ho!

2-4pm Sew Together at Westward Ho! Baptist Church Hall. 01805 622606

2.30-4.30pm Torridge Table Tennis Club at Bideford Youth Centre.

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

8pm Ceilidh Club at Northam Hall 476632

Saturday 21st

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

10am Torridge Ramblers day walk 429080

10am-12pm N Devon Adoption Info Meeting at The Garden Flat, Filleigh Estate. 01271 612004

10am-1pm Christmas Fayre at Lavington Church, Bridgeland St.

2pm Charity Vintage Tea Party at Abbotsham Village Hall.

Monday 23rd

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

7pm Tai Chi at Bideford High Street Methodist Church Hall. 472532

7.15pm Bideford & District Community Archives AGM at Northam Council Offices.

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

Tuesday 24th

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

10.30am Walking for Health. 421528

11am-4pm Appledore Food & Craft Market at St Mary's Hall. 422808

11.45am-12.45pm Tai Chi at Northam Community Hall

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

2.30pm 'Lift Off' for ladies of all ages at Westward Ho! Baptist Church. 471056

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

7pm Military Wives Choir & Hartland Orchestra Concert at Bideford Methodist Church for Northam Lodge. 477238

7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearse at Northam Methodist Hall.

7.30pm Lions Club meet at Royal Hotel

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolserly Village Hall. 441601

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 25th

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.

10.15am Probus Club at Royal Hotel

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

10.30am-12pm Feel Better with a Book at Bideford Library

10.30am-12pm Book Breaks for Carers at Bideford Library

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.

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

2-3.30pm TorrAGE Ageing Well project at Burton Art Gallery.

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 practise at Bideford Baptist Church. 473798

Thursday 26th

10.15am Northam Men's Forum, Northam Methodist Hall 476201

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

10.30-11.30am Tai Chi at Chubb Churchill Centre ETW 01271 850918

2-3pm Seated Exercise for over 60s at W Ho! Baptist Hall. 01805 622666

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

7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801

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

Friday 27th

10am-12pm Craft'n'Chat Coffee Morning at Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho!

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

2.30-4.30pm Torridge Table Tennis Club at Bideford Youth Centre.

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

8pm Ceilidh Club at Northam Hall 476632

Saturday 28th

10am-4pm Craft Fair at Lavington Church, Bridgeland St. 424982

7pm 'Encore' in concert at St Peter's Church, Fremington

Sunday 29th

11am-2pm Christmas Fair at Woolserly School

Monday 30th

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

7pm Tai Chi at Bideford High Street Methodist Church Hall. 472532

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652