

Welcome to the July issue of Bideford Buzz. After last month's AGM we embark on our sixteenth year of publication. Our continued success has been largely due to our funders, notably Bideford Bridge Trust and Bideford Town Council. We have also been well by Devon County supported Council (especially in our early years) and more recently by two grants from Councillors Gaspard Dezart and Robin Julian. This month we also received a grant from Devon Community Foundation. These combined grants will allow us to print extra copies for the rural areas. If you feel your village would benefit from receiving Buzz, and is within our catchment area (as stated in the header)

please let us know and we will try to accommodate you.

This month we also say goodbye to Norman Hardaker who has resigned as chair of the Buzz Committee after ten years.

Norman is not straying far however and you will be pleased to hear he will continue to deliver our very popular item - the Shipping News. Thank you Norman for all your support over the years.

Finally as Editor I look forward to working with a new committee in 2016 /17. I hope between us we will continue to produce Bideford Buzz for many years to come.

Rose Arno

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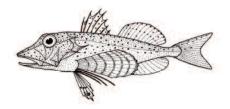
Felicity's Seasonal Local Fish and Restaurant visit review-July

On a lovely summery evening in June, Jill Rousseau and I visited the Instow Arms. There was a fantastic view - sun and sea at high tide. We decided on the Instow Arms as the menu is varied, and we chose two stylish fish dishes-*Seafood Tagliatelli* and *Pan fried Gurnard* (with sautee savoy cabbage and bacon with parsley cream.) The service was attentive and quick and everyone in the upstairs restaurant was enjoying themselves.

Here is my simple version of **Seafood Tagliatelli** Takes 20 mins.

Ingredients For 4.

350g/12oz Tagliatelli / Spaghetti 2tbsb olive oil 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped 400g can of chopped tomatoes 200g jar of cockles in vinegar/drained and washed 150g skinless fillet of Pollock, fresh or smoked Pinch of dried chilli flakes 2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley or tarragon 100g Mussel meat -optional



Method

Cook the pasta in a pan of salted boiling water for 10-12 mins, until al dente. Test by tasting or cutting easily.

- 1. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a frying pan then fry the garlic for 30 seconds. Add the tomatoes and cook for 2-3 minutes.
- 2. Dice the skinned Pollock fillet and add and cook for 5 mins, while draining and washing the cockles and chilli flakes, season and stir through. Leave to rest in the frying pan.
- 3. Drain the pasta and return to the pan. Stir in the pasta sauce and serve sprinkled with chopped parsley or torn tarragon.

Next month, I will be looking for a skate dish to sample. From Thursday 18th to Monday 22nd August we will be running events for Appledore- Sharks Tales Events. On Friday 19th there will be a Skate, Ray and Huss cookery Demonstration and lunch and we will be shucking scallops too! Everyone welcome. see appledoresustainabl fish facebook page

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Both events organised and run by Bideford Bridge Rotary Club

Book Buzz

Reflections: The River Torridge in Poetry and Prose

A talk at Walter Henry's Bookshop, Thursday 14th July at 7pm

The Torridge is a river which has great variation along its 50 mile length, flowing in a series of looping meanders through dramatic ravines with dark wooded sides; through open pastoral valley floors with sides cloaked in ancient woodland, and through tidal mud flats echoing to the call of seabirds. The river is home to otters and herons, and is overlooked by historic villages perched high above on the valley sides.

The Torridge has inspired many writers over the years and during this talk I will be giving readings from some of them.

Liz Shakespeare.

The Thirty - Nine Steps by John Buchan

Discussed By Bideford Library Readers' Group

I thought this was a gripping read, bearing in mind how long ago it was written – and yes I did read it many years ago but well worth a second time!

Action packed & full of suspense I felt almost out of breath as I was sucked into the events, humour and plot with Buchan's descriptions of various characters and Hannay's plight as he escaped many dire situations, his constant hunger for a good meal & other scary moments! The plot twists successfully towards a dramatic end and I was fascinated at the various disguises & indeed the amount of different occupations Hannay undertook whilst racing from one end of the country to another!

There was sarcasm towards Jews which may not be necessary or intended ; however I did appreciate some of the imagery and vivid descriptions of Scottish moors and other countryside. A page turner and well written with plenty of witty, clever conversations as well as a thrilling and exciting climax as we race with Hannay to the end!

Margie Summers

Bideford Library Readers' Group meets on Wednesday July 6th 2.00 pm at Bideford Library. Next month discussing 'Evil Under the Sun' by Agatha Christie.

BIG Friendly READ bigfrendlyread.org.uk	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! No pressure and no reading required. The group is led by an experienced facilitator.
Summer Reading Challenge – The Big Friendly Read starts Saturday 16 th July This year the theme is Roald Dahl and it looks like being lots of fun. There will be all sorts of fun events going on in all Devon Libraries so please ask in your branch for more details. Bideford Library. Story time for under-fives Every Thursday. 9:30-10:00 am (except school holidays) Stories, musical instruments and	Northam Library Children's author Dan Metcalf will be visiting Northam library on Friday 29 th July at 2pm. Dan is the author of the Lottie Lipton series and will be setting a 'code-breaking challenge'. The event is suitable for children aged 7-11 and booking is essential. Copies of Dan's books will be available to buy. To book call: 01237 475111.
songs. For Adults: Creative Writing Group Saturday July 9 th 2pm – 4pm Every Thursday. 2 – 4pm Nifty Needles Every Friday 2 – 5pm Board Games	The monthly newspaper discussion group 'Have We got News for You' on the second Wednesday of the month at 1.45-2.45pm. We have some very lively discussions. Our sewing group meets every Wednesday 4 – 5.45pm.



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Heritage Day Saturday July 2nd

Medieval Combat, Have a Go Archery, Falconry Displays

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making **New** World War II displays **New** Shows by Entertainingly Different and the Punch and Judy Man Glitter face painting **New** Morris Dancing, Balloon Show, Unicyclist, Juggler, FREE Tours and Guided Walks Vintage Coach Tours of the Town Peter Christie Town Centre Heritage Walk **New** The Town Hall Guided tour with the Town Beadle and Town Crier

In the Burton Amanda McCormack of **North Devon Moving Image** is waiting to hear about glove making memories in Bideford either by interview on camera or by writing anecdotes on our Glove Stories memory cards. It would be great to see some old photographs and artefacts too.

The event runs from 10am to 4pm. For more information or to offer help volunteering on the day please contact Amanda McCormack on 01271 860610 or

emailnorthdevonmovingimage@outlook.com.

Please contact the Burton Art Gallery to book your place on a Free tour or Free Guided walk Tel: 01237 471455 All the entertainment, events, tours and walks are **Free**

Bideford Library

Old Photos of the Town Once again we will be dusting off our fabulous old pictures for display. Come and see if you can spot your ancestor!



Come and find out what information the **Bideford & District Community Archive** holds when you visit the Bideford 500 Heritage Day. There will be Bideford items such as a '*River* through the ages' themed board; a photographic display; and an enumerated 1901 Census. There will be a board where we will ask if you can help identify the people and/or the place in the photographs. Chat to the volunteers about your family history.

see page 14 for more from the Archives.

ngs for charity Open Gardens at Stone Farm, Bideford.

There will be opportunities for keen gardeners, and those who just enjoy looking at gardens, to visit the gardens at Stone Farm, Alverdiscott Road, Bideford early in July.

The gardens, extending to over an acre, have been transformed from their traditional farm use. The old pig yard is now a vegetable garden, the chicken run is now beautiful terraced perennial borders, the slurry pit now has banks of arums and dahlias.

This transformation has been achieved by owners Ray and Ilga Auvray, whose family have farmed on the premises since 1924.

The range of activity is impressive. There are polytunnels housing tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, aubergines, chillis, and melons; an orchard with a range of traditional apples, pears, damsons and nuts; an extensive vegetable garden which includes raised beds, a fruit cage for soft fruit; herbaceous borders and terraces with varied planting; a 'white' garden; a 'hot' garden; croquet

lawn and specialist borders with less common plants. Like the rest of the farm, which produces Ruby Red Devon beef, the vegetable gardens are organic with Soil Association certification.

The gardens are open to the public under the National Garden Scheme, with all proceeds going to charity, **on 2**nd, **3**rd **July ; 9**th, **10**th. **July from 2.00pm to 5.00pm**.

After visitors have walked around the gardens, they can sit down for tea with a variety of delicious home baked cakes.

Further information from Ilga Auvray on 01237 472938

The Bideford Branch of THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS or QUAKERS

hold their Meetings for Worship on Sunday mornings, between 10.30 and 11.30 am, followed by refreshments and a chat, at 17 Honestone Street, Bideford (opposite the car park) Everyone is welcome For further details, contact: Jacqui Poole Tel: 01271 861824

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Appledore's lively quay will once again be the centre of activity for this year's Appledore Summer Festival. The picturesque fishing village this year has the theme "Appledore Waves" and everyone is invited to arrive dressed as Pirates and Parrots (prize award!).

The festival will start with an evening concert by the Appledore Silver Band in St Mary's Church on Friday 29th July and continue during Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st.

Among the attractions at the Festival are:

- Stalls, street artists and performers along the Quay throughout the weekend,
- Craft Stalls in St Mary's Church Hall (Saturday & Sunday 11am to 4pm)
- Pottery Painting on the Quay make your own souvenir! (Saturday 11am to 4pm)
- The amazing Captain Coconut (the Bubble Man) will be around to entertain children and adults.
- Appledore historian Terry Bailey will be leading history walks around the village.
- Vibrant local dance groups and the fantastic Samba Baia band.

• More dancing at our Ceilidh with The Oggle Band on Saturday evening 8-11pm (tickets available from the Quay Gift Shop, Uncle Wainwright's Charity Shop and Appledore Newsagency).

Plus our traditional decorated doorknocker competition, where the doorways themselves are often decorated, with a cash prize for the winner: The Bob Stokoe Award, donated by the family of the late Bob Stokoe who worked at Appledore Shipyard for many years and so much enjoyed coming to the Festival.

Appledore also boasts some splendid cafes, restaurants, pubs, shops and galleries, so there is plenty to do for everyone.

More details of the Appledore Summer Festival events and timings will become available on our Facebook page. At the Festival, for more details on events, head to an information point just outside the library on the Quay, manned daily from 10am to 4pm.

Bideford Pannier Market

The studio workshops are proving to be an asset to the market and the whole place has a bit of a buzz (no pun intended) – With the on-coming tourist season it will prove its true worth. The market is gaining new traders – antiques / collectables / gluten free cakes/ gifts / jewellery / Plants / plus much much more, added to this on every third Saturday of the month we will be having some additional food stalls – I think this indicates the growing popularity of the Pannier Market as a whole.

We are always looking for more produce stalls and general market stalls. Bideford Pannier Market is open five days a week - Tuesday to Saturday, but you can pick which days you want to trade -

If you are a trader and looking for a market then why not have a look at Bideford – please contact Richard Coombes (Deputy Town Clerk) on 01237 428817 – you will be made more than welcome

Butchers' Row, Market Place, Grenville Street - Open Monday to Saturday All the traders are excited by the new venture within the market and view it as a means of

revitalising the whole area.

We have the *Market Music & Toy Store* now open in Market Place ; the former antique shop will shortly be opening as a a Hair and Beauty Salon (the shops do not remain empty for long) There are fifty shops, four cafes and three pubs so please come up and explore the whole area in and around the Pannier Market - all these businesses are owned by local business people. **Trev** (*Minxy's Sweets*)

Tales of the Riverbank

This is a series of events that Bideford Bay Creatives are running this summer, exploring and celebrating the River Torridge – its history and heritage, natural environment, beauty, and those who use it.

Thursday 14th July, 7pm-8.30pm: Reflections - the River Torridge in Poetry and Prose Talk by Liz Shakespeare Tickets £3 available in advance from Walter Henry's Bookshop and from <u>www.bbcdevon.org</u>



Tuesday 2nd August, 10am-5pm: Water Babies - The Workshop will be a storytelling session with Fish tasting, Lobster Hypnotism and other events throughout the story with Felicity Sylvester Tickets :- Adults £10 Children £5 (accompanied) from <u>www.bbcdevon.org</u> and on day if any left! **Saturday 6th August, 10am-2pm:** Are 'invasive' species a hindrance, or a help? Walk and talk from Brunswick Wharf to Landcross and back again with Pete Yeo. Tickets £5 from <u>www.bbcdevon.org</u> and on day if any left!

Also coming up in August is an art film night, a botanical walk between Bideford and Appledore, a metal clay workshop, a walk around Bideford East-the-Water Wharves and a chance to make your own river bank insect out of various art material.

BBC are also looking for volunteers for all of our events, who will get free tickets, for the event that they Steward. For more information please go to <u>www.bbcdevon.org</u> or email <u>info@bbcdevon.org</u> **Dave Green**, Project Co-ordinator

Berry Castle Open Day

Celebrating the Festival of Archaeology organised by the Council for British Archaeology. A family day out in which you can experience a taste of the Iron Age. Sunday, 17th July 2016, 11 am – 4 pm. Huntshaw Woods, Huntshaw, Torrington EX38 7HH

Berry Castle lies in woodland and access is via a track with some inclines. Transport for the lessabled will be provided from Foxes Cross. Nearby parking will be available. For more information on the Open Day and on access arrangements contact: Emma Barrow <u>emmacbarrow@msn.com</u> 01805623266*The Friends of Berry Castle acknowledge the permissive rights granted by Clinton Devon Estates*

Baby Buzz

It's time for a nappy change!

Did you know that your baby will need around 6000 nappy changes and cost you about £1200 in disposable nappies? And that each of these nappies will take around 500 years to break down? Worst still, land filled



napples will take around 500 years to break down? Worst still, land filled napples create methane, a potent greenhouse gas which contributes towards climate change. If you're interested in saving money and making a difference to the environment why not consider washable cloth napples or "real" napples? Gone are the days of the old Terry squares, safety pins and boil washes, modern real napples fit like disposables with easy to use Velcro or poppers and come in a gorgeous range of colours & prints. They are made with soft absorbent materials and don't contain any of the chemicals, plastics and adhesives found in disposable napples, so they are kinder to your baby's delicate skin.

A set of nappies and wraps can be purchased for between £100 and £200 and can see your baby through from birth to potty training. Even if you include washing costs you can easily save £500 compared to using disposables and even more if you use them for subsequent babies. As part of the Devon Real Nappy Project, Torridge and North Devon have a number of experienced nappy advisors who are happy to give you advice on getting started with real nappies. They can provide you with a free trial kit with a range of different nappies to try so that you can find what is best for you and your baby. 80% of parents who take a trial go on to use real nappies and you may be eligible for a 15% discount if you go on to buy real nappies. There are regular "Nappuccinos" in Barnstaple and these are about to start up at the Children's Centre in Bideford. Here you can find out about real nappies, take out a trial and enjoy a cup of tea while you watch a demonstration.

To register for a free trial kit, visit <u>www.recycledevon.org/nappies</u> or e-mail <u>nappies@recycledevon.org</u>. Or find the Devon Real Nappy Project on facebook. Real nappies don't cost the earth ... anything else is just rubbish. **Alice Haynes**

New from the Burton Art Gallery and Museum

Midsummer Day has passed, and the second half of the year has begun. "How time flies," they say, but we hope it will slow down a little and give you time to visit the Burton Gallery.

The <u>Westward Ho! & Bideford Art Society Exhibition</u> begins on <u>Saturday, 22nd July</u>, and continues until the <u>4th September</u>. We cannot predict what exactly will be on the walls of the two exhibition spaces, but we can be sure that it will be a quality exhibition. The artists represented there are carefully selected for their skill and creativity. Many works will be for sale, and it is a rare opportunity to be able to purchase original works of such a high standard. The Society was founded in 1922, and has seen many well known artists take the Chair over the years. This year's Chairman is Tony Williams, SWAc, who came to painting from a background of graphics and design, having studied at Sutton Art School. He works mainly from inspiring subjects in North Devon, the estuary, its boats, and landscape, and has work in private collections across Europe, the UK and USA. He also writes for national and international art magazines. In 2015 he won the Charles Pears award at the Royal Society of Marine Artists annual exhibition, was selected for The Royal Institute of Oil Painters' Exhibition at the Mall Galleries, and his work selected was shown and sold in London's Gherkin. He has an excellent website showing many fine examples of his paintings in our own area. (Tony Williams artist)

You will discover some changes at the Gallery now that it has been taken over by a Trust. But nothing to worry about - the constants are the Cafe du Parc, the Craft Gallery, the Museum of Bideford and the well-stocked Shop. There is always something new to see and give you pleasure. Opening hours are Monday to Saturday: 10-4, Sunday: 10.30-4. Admission is Free, donations welcome. The Friends of the Burton Gallery welcome new members, and there are membership forms available on request. Annual sub: £10 single, £18 couple. Life, Single £90, Couple £170. Support your local Art Gallery – we are special – we have a purpose-built gallery like ours, with a national reputation for excellence?

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





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No Shipping at Bideford since last issue.

Shipping at Yelland

Welsh Piper 6.6.16 after discharging the vessel did not proceed to Culver, but sailed for Liverpool to undertake work in that area

Appledore. Arco Dart 7.6.16

Due Ilfracombe 16.7.16 the cruise Ship **Prinsendam** 38848 gross tons, owners Holland America Line

Netherlands, (one day visit.) The patrol vessel **LE William Butler Yeats** is due to sail on her first shipyard trials on the **3.7.16** for 4 days; she returns to the yard for final adjustments and will finally sail on acceptance trials on the **17.6.16** ; hopefully handed over to the Irish Navy will sail directly to her base in Cork.

Bristol Channel Observations

15.5.16 at 10.15 vehicle carrier **Viking Odessa** 4693 tons d.w owners Gram Car Carriers AS Norway inward bound for Portbury. Seen outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 12.15 16.5.16 16.5.16 At 12.21 Vehicle carrier Grande Togo 26650 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury . At 19.47 bulk carrier Interlink Equity 37071 tons d.w, owners Equity Maritime Corp Bermuda, inward bound for Avonmouth. 23.5.16 at 11.30 Vehicle carrier Gravity Highway 21000 tons d.w, owners Gravity Maritime Corp Isle of Man, inward bound for Portbury. 25.5.16 at 10.20 bulk carrier Aasvik 4319 tons d.w, owners Hans Martin Torkelsen Norway inward bound for Avonmouth. At 12.10 vehicle carrier Thermoplyae 23786 tons d.w, owners Wallenius Wilhelmsen Sweden and Norway, outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 06.30. At 13.34 cargo vessel Flinter Rose tons d.w owners Flinter BV. Holland inward bound for Newport.

31.5.16 at 19.55 ro ro vessel **Ciudad de Cadiz** 3500 tons d.w, owners Anita 2 SNC France inward bound for Portbury.

1.6.16 at 10.00 cargo vessel **Buse Trio** 2350 tons d.w, owners Tunch Shipping Corp Turkey inward bound for Cardiff . At 10.05 cargo vessel **Tien Fei** 24377 tons d.w. owners Aquarius Ltd Hong Kong outward bound from Avonmouth, having sailed at 03.26

2.6.16 at 09.03 cargo vessel Veendijk 4891 tons d.w owners Naviga Shipmanagement BV Netherlands inward bound for Newport. At 09.16 cargo vessel Nortramp, inward bound for Birdport.. At 10.55 vehicle carrier Grand Benelux 12594 tons d.w owners Grimaldi Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury. Seen again on 3.6.16 at 20.05 outward bound having sailed from Portbury at 14.57. 12.6.16 at 17.50 vehicle carrier Grande Togo 26650 tons d.w owners Grimaldi Line of Italy spotted by my nephew at Westward Ho! Inward bound for Portbury. At 19.50 cruise ship Hanseatic 8378 gross tons, owners Bunny's Adventure and Cruise Hamburg, inward bound for Avonmouth. **Help Please. I** am researching a schooner built in 1851, at Bideford, which was registered and sailed from Scilly between 1851 and 1860. It was then sold on to new owners at Whitehaven. The details I have are as follows:-

Type: Schooner Dimensions: Length: 81.0 ft. Beam: 20.1 ft. Depth of Hold: 13.1 ft. Tonnage: 131 tons (12years A1) Builder: Bideford Owners: 1852 – 1860, Lebrey & Co (.Possibly Ann Banfield) 1861 – 1869, Possibly W. Nicholson Captains: 1852 – 1860, E. Lebrey 1851 – 1853, Lakey (possibly Edmund b. 1821) 1861 – 1869, Possibly N. Beck 1863, Britton

Trade: Bideford, Mediterranean, Scilly, New York, Palermo, Bristol, Cardiff, Falmouth, Hamburg, Antwerp, Marseilles, Smyrna, Jamaica, London, Holyhead, Whitehaven, Dublin, Pomaron, Gloucester, Belfast, Liverpool, Messina,

Cargo: 1852, Coffee 1863, Oil. 1864, Iron ore. Port of Registry: 1852 – 1860, Scilly 1861 – 1869, Whitehaven Port of Survey: 1854 – 1860, Bideford 1861 – 1869, Whitehaven Signal: K.G.S.B. Official No.: 9301 Crew: Demise: Possibly after 1870

Would you have any details of the builder, or can you put me in touch with someone who could help. **Roger Ban field, Isles of Scilly**



LE W B Yeats. Photo by Norman Hardaker.

Regards Norman With the recent change of ownership of Seafield House , we thought it might be interesting to reprint our original article on its history by Maureen Richards in 2003.

Sea field – Westward Ho!

The house on the cliff edge known locally as "Spooky House" or even "Haunted House"! was probably built in the mid 1800. The property was owned by a family called Nixon or de Courcey Nixon who came from Limerick, Ireland and it was in this family's name for many years.

Brinsley de Courcey Nixon was born in County Limerick, Ireland about 1825 and his occupation at the time of the 1881 Census was given as a Banker in London. Brinsley's father – Horatio Stopford Nixon, 1787 – 1838 from Cavan, Ireland and was married on 3rd May 1824 to Charlotte Fergus b.1782. Strathore Fifeshire Ireland.



Brinsley de Courcey Nixon was born 5th May 1825 and married on 30th June 1864 in County Limerick Ireland a Caroline Mary GOOLD (GOULD) 1830-1875. He married again on 6th October 1877 in County Limerick Ireland to Francis Evelyn HAMPTON born abt. 1830 London.

The 1891 Census of Northam - Seafield shows the following:

NIXON Lottie – head – Y12 (Y= Born in County) NIXON Elizabeth – Daugh – Y11 NIXON Fergus B – Son – Y10 NIXON Edward H – Cousi – Y10 NIXON Brinsley – Son – Y5 Luscombe Anna H – Servant – 35 Y Governess Rodgers Joseph – Servant – 24 Y Butler Employee Tindale Jane – Servant – 19 Y Kitchen Maid Mounce Mabel – Servant – 17 Y House Maid Hoar Emily – Servant – 19 Y Nursery Maid

Kelly's Directory of 1897 shows the property still in the name of Brinsley de Courcey and the 1901 Census shows the property let to another family – as follows:

William J Pursey – head – 33 Postman postal worker Elizabeth A – wife – 35 – born Frithelstock James E – son – 4 – Northam William H – son – 1 – Northam Harriet m in law – Widow – 57 – Taunton Elizabeth Bragg sister – 28 – Uphill

In 1906 the property is shown as being in the name of the son Lieut. Furgess Brinsley Nixon who later became a major with the R.Innis.Fus. – Medals awarded 31st May 1918. On 10th Nov.1903 Gladys Elizabeth Nixon – abt. 1880 – 1960 married Hugh Grosvenor 2nd Baron of Stalbridge born on 5th May 1880 – died on 24th December 1949, on of Richard de Aquila Grosvenor, 1st Baron of Stalbridge and Eleonor Francis Beatrice Hamilton Stubber.

During WW2 the Americans were billeted at Seafield and the surrounding area. Gladys died on 21st March 1960 and as far as our research shows there were no children, and the property was sold, the new owners of Seafield made it a Bed and Breakfast establishment, and it is still owned (until recently) by the same family. **Research by Maureen Richards 2003**, *see further comments at www.bidefordbuzz.org.uk*

Parkinson's UK Torridge Branch.

We are a very lively branch with regular coffee mornings in Bideford and other events in Torrington and surrounding areas. We realise though that there are people affected by Parkinson's living in isolated rural areas who may not be able to come to our meetings.

It would be great if people could make contact with each other and perhaps organise meetings and events in their location.

If you would like more information about how to do this, or about our group, please contact our branch secretary **Julie Jones on 01237 478128**



the youth page



Music with the power to move

We thought it might be helpful to review the first concert of the season, to see if Bideford starts as it

means to go on this year. If it does, we are in for a spectacular summer. On 28th May, Midge Ure and local lads the India Electric Company (ie, Cole Stacey and Joseph O'Keefe) played at Bideford College's North Devon Hall. With the hour and a half set of moving ballads and soaring violin work, there is a temptation just to close your eyes and lose yourself in the music. But then you'd miss Midge's stage presence. Although he didn't drift far from the microphone, he commanded that area, clinging to his guitar and throwing his head back in a rage of defiance against the clouds of smoke. (Whether conjured by atmospheric smoke machine or chain smoking roadie slightly off stage, it turned the floor into a misty Gaelic glen, and was a good argument for keeping your eyes transfixed.) Then of course there were Cole Stacey & Joseph O'Keefe, one looking like Errol Flynn in Levis, the other was (as one member of the audience so eagerly yelled out) "good looking too". Robbed of a microphone, all Joseph could do was grin sheepishly and wobble a bit; but it's true- and to close your eyes and lose yourself would also be to lose out on the visual aspects of the show. So we settled for half and half. It would have been physically impossible to nod off during that show. It hit you like Mike Tyson right in the chest, and that wasn't just the acoustics; it was Midge's voice. Clearly he felt every lyric he espoused. They ranged from eloquent musings " if life doesn't move// there's nothing to show for it all" to something different "you move me like a diamond on Vaseline"; either the best misheard lyric to date, or a startling home truth. Yes. I suppose a diamond on Vaseline would go a fair distance. Well said, Midge. No matter what he's singing, though, that lofty Scottish voice makes it sound like a parable.

While most singers regularly have to alter the pitch of their songs to accommodate their changing range, this was one voice entirely unaltered by change and a possible rock'n 'roll life style.

It was as though we were listening to it all live on Top of the Pops- but listening to the kind of back catalogue it takes three decades to accumulate. Midge introduced one song as "an old one" then corrected it to "well they're all old now." No they're not Midge, don't lie; they're just classics.

Westward Ho! Youth Theatre

Finally, and sticking with show biz theme- you may remember last month we gave you a sneak preview of what to expect from Westward Ho! Youth Theatre's latest production. What you might not know yet is that it will be one of the first shows to benefit from the new lighting rig that Sonia Gould and Jackie Sharrock have been fundraising tirelessly for over the past few months, in tribute and memory of Carol Gould who unexpectedly passed away last year. As Carol had been operating the lights from their cramped little perch since the 1980s, her wife and second mum respectively, Jackie thought it was time to fix up the system and return it to its former glory. They have been holding a variety of events including a memorial show with all of Carol's favourite songs and sketches, raffles and charity bingo afternoons to raise the funds.

Millie Sutherland O'Gara

Got something to say? Send it to Millie at editor @bidefordbuzz.org.uk - or leave a message on our facebook page.



Friday 24 and Saturday 25 June at **7.30pm** at Kingsley School **X-Men: Apocalypse (12A)** 144 mins

Friday 1 and Saturday 2 July at **7.30pm** at Kingsley School **Money Monster (15)** 99 mins

Saturday 9 at 5.30pm and Sunday 10 July at **4.30pm** at Kingsley School **The Angry Birds Movie (U)** 97 mins

Saturday 16 at **4.30pm** and Sunday 17 July at **6.00pm** at Kingsley School **Love & Friendship (U)** 92 mins

Friday 22 and Saturday 23 July at **7.30pm** at Kingsley School **Me Before You (12A)** 110 mins. Film preceded by a short film **Julie's Story** filmed and produced in North Devon by Simon Vacher.

Friday 29 and Saturday 30 July at **7.30pm** at Kingsley School **Golden Years (12A)** 96 mins.



Appledore Singers.

The Appledore Singers are taking part in the Pilton Festival on Saturday 16th July from 2-3pm at the church of St Mary the Virgin. We'll entertain with a variety of songs to suit all tastes and the audience is free to come and go at will! Contact Pam Beechey on 01237 420652. Viv Zussman

Torridge Male Voice Choir

Torridge Male Voice Choir, under new musical director, Malcolm Pike, return to concert duty on Saturday 25th June at the HATS Theatre in Holsworthy (7.30pm). They will be performing popular songs, both individually and together with the Holsworthy and Launceston Town Bands. Everyone is welcome. Tickets priced £7 and £5 are available from the theatre, in advance or on the night.

<u>Help at Home</u>

We are delighted to announce that the Ageing Well project is launching a new 'help at home' service. Initially it will cover the two local towns of Bideford (including Northam and Westward Ho!) and Torrington. This will be a paid for service enabling elderly clients to feel better supported and confident to live in their own homes for as long as possible. It is intended to offer flexibility and can be tailored to suit an individual's needs.

Help at Home will offer clients the following options:

- Household cleaning
- _ Changing of bed linen
- -Laundry tasks (washing and ironing)
- _ Light gardening (not independent of other tasks)
- Support with paperwork and bills
- Shopping "on behalf of"
- Light meal preparation

- Dog walking (not independent of other tasks) All our staff will be fully trained, DBS checked and covered by TTVS insurance. We are confident that we can provide a reliable, friendly service via a small dedicated team. Ageing Well is part of TTVS, a trusted charitable organisation, based locally in Bideford.

To find out more, or to make a referral, please call the Ageing Well office on 01805 938537 Alison

Ageing Well Project Manager

<u>The Small School, Hartland</u> The Small School in Hartland, will be having its **AGM on the 6th of July at 5pm**.

We are presently seeking new Trustees. Preferably with a background in, or experience in, working with young people, who are interested in supporting them within a human scale approach to education. Please contact Mary or Helen on 01237 441672 or email <u>office@thesmallschool.org.uk</u> for a chat and more information.

We also require, due to retirement from September a qualified Science teacher, who can deliver Physics and/or Chemistry to GCSE level. Please contact school as above for details. Mary Billson

Westward Ho! Big Lunch

Organisers were pleased with the success of last month's event at the Kingsley Hall.

85+ guests were queuing out of the door waiting to get in for the Royal-themed finger buffet being held, on this occasion, in support of the North Devon Hospice.

Thanks to the support of many local businesses, the guests and the fantastic volunteers, a superb £340.90 was raised for the Hospice.

Ginette Berry & Terry Thorpe



100 YEARS AGO – July 1916

Hay and Straw Harvest

The 1916 crop is to be held for Army purposes. Under Defence of the Realm Regulations all hay, oat and wheat straw on the 1916 crop of England and Wales now standing in the field in bulk or as and when it is harvested will be bought by the Government. At this stage there are no instructions to farmers as to how they may secure their own supplies.

In the Bideford Borough Tribunal the Recruiting Sergeant has complained that Sidney Smith, aged 39, a motor driver in the employment of H Hopkins, was to be allowed exemption to undertake driving duties for Mr Metherell who is required to go and buy hay and straw for the Government up to October this autumn.

The August Bank Holiday this year will be suspended. The Government, said Prime Minister Mr Asquith, has decided that it is essential in the national interest that there shall be no holidays, general or local and a Proclamation would be made to this effect.

School boys both in Old Town Boys School and in the Grammar School have volunteered to help with the harvest. No extension to the set dates will be allowed despite several pleas from Councillors.

Bideford Town Council was anxious to secure a larger supply of water for the growing urban area. Late last year they had visited a possible site between Upcott and West Ashridge farms where a new reservoir might be built by throwing a dam across the Jennetts stream. In February this year an engineer had visited the site and measured water flows and calculated that a reservoir of 27 million gallons could be built. It was envisaged the Gammaton Reservoir would continue to supply the summer requirements and the new lake will help with the winter demand.

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. Open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

University of the Third Age (U3A)

In June our History group investigated,' Otsi the Iceman', trying to unravel the secrets of a life and death struggle 5300 years ago in the Dolomites.

Back to the present the **Science, Technology and Society group** attended a presentation entitled,' *Our smallest foes: the unending war against viruses*'. They considered bird flu, swine flu, and others leading up to Zika. Included in the session was concern about the way such outbreaks are sometimes reported in the media.

We have three **music appreciation groups** covering classical, jazz and pop. There is also a hands on **ukulele class** that performs at events around the area from time to time. Our **Crafty Cards group** attempted 'Shabby Chic', cards whilst the craft class hosted a surprise workshop that was guaranteed not to involve needles.

The Table Tennis group which plays at The Pollyfield Centre was granted the money for a new table this month. The old one – like a few of us – was getting wobbly on its legs. The speaker at the next lunch will be local historian **Peter Christie** talking about the building of

The speaker at the next lunch will be local historian **Peter Christie** talking about the building of Westward Ho! **To find out more about us go to** <u>www.torridgeu3a.btck.co.uk</u> or ring 01237479588.

July Diary 2016

Friday 1st

Clovelly Yarn Bomb (until 31st) 2-4pm Sew Together at Westward Ho! Baptist Church 01805 622666 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, Northam Hall 476632 Petticoats at The Beaver, Appledore Saturday 2nd

9am-2pm Atlantic Village Market 10am Bideford 500 Heritage Day in Victoria Park

2pm 'Wizard Of Oz' by Westward Ho! Youth Theatre at Kingsley Hall, W Ho! Book on 07718613642

2-5pm Open Garden at Stone Farm, Alverdiscott Rd 472938

7pm Pudding & Pies + Greg Hookway at St Andrews Ch, Alwington 451643 7pm Film Club at Littleham Village Hall. 7pm Hartland Aikido Club for over 18s 471928

Sunday 3rd

2pm ' Wizard Of Oz' by Westward Ho! Youth Theatre at Kingsley Hall, W Ho! Book on 07718613642

2-5pm Open Garden at Stone Farm, Alverdiscott Rd 472938

Monday 4th

10am-12pm Appledore Community Art Group at Appledore Community Hall. 7pm Tai Chi at Bideford High Street Methodist Church Hall. 472532 7pm Appledore Band Concert - training Way, W.Ho! in aid of N D Hospice. band followed by senior band at 7.45 on 422215 Appledore Quay. (St Mary's Ch. if wet) 7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse

at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652 Tuesday 5th

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 Blg 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 Bideford Sustainability Group at Blacksmiths Arms

7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk Sunday 10th Palladium Club Jam Night

Wednesday 6th

9.30am-2.30pm Free Social Club for ages 19+ at Happy Café, W Ho! **10am-12pm** Bideford Healing Group at **3pm** Sea Sunday with Appledore Band Sea Cadets Bldg in Victoria Park. 10.30am Parkinson's UK meets at Ethelwynne Brown Close. 478128 10.30am-12pm 'Feel Better with a Book' at Bideford Library 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 Holy Trinity hall, Westward Ho! 475720 2pm Bideford Library Readers' Group. 476075

4-6pm Sew Together at Northam Library Grimwood Taylor at Kingsley Hall, 7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room 7.45pm Bideford Phoenix Morris & Red 10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolsery Village Hall. 441601 Thursday 7th

10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka 11.45am-12.45pm Tai Chi at Northam Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528 Community Hall 10.30-11.30am Tai Chi, Marlborough Ct. 2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun & 2-4pm See Hear on Wheels (SHoW) bus at Pill Car Park. 01271 373236 2-4pm Holy Trinity Church, W.Ho! open Group at Band Room. 475653 2-3pm Seated Exercise for over 60s at W Ho! Baptist Hall. 01805 622666 at Bucks Cross Village Hall. 7.30pm Bideford Band Concert at

Westward Ho! Green (Baptist Ch.if wet) 7.30pm Appledore Men's Group at Appledore Library Meeting Rm.459299 7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801 8pm Bideford Folk Club at Joiners Arms 10.30am-12pm 'Feel Better with a Book' Friday 8th

12-4pm Open Garden with Pimms at 4 Blyth Court, W.Ho! in aid of N D Hospice Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528 2-5pm Afternoon Tea at 6 Chichester

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, Northam Hall 476632 7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Saturdav 9th

10am Torridge Ramblers day walk 429080

10am-3pm Table Top Sale & Coffee at 1 Daneshay, Northam for Lavington Ch. at Woolsery Village Hall. 441601 2-5pm Open Garden at Stone Farm, Alverdiscott Rd 472938

to Manhattan' at Stoke Church.441690 7.30pm Summer Charity Dance at Woolsery Community Centre in aid of SCBU, North Devon Hospital

10.30am Garage Table Top Sale at 1&5 at Bucks Cross Village Hall. Francis Drive, W.Ho! - Help for Rwanda 7.30pm Bideford Band Concert at 2-5pm Open Garden at Stone Farm, Alverdiscott Rd 472938

at Appledore RNLI.

3pm Centenary Celebration of PCC at St Helen's Church, Abbotsham Monday 11th

10am-12pm Appledore Community Art Group at Appledore Community Hall. 7pm Tai Chi at Bideford High Street Methodist Church Hall. 472532 7pm Appledore Band Concert- training 2-3.30pm Sew Together at Westward

Appledore Quay (St Mary's Ch. if wet) 7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652 7.30pm Bideford Stamp Club – Pat

Westward Ho! 472101 Tuesday 12th

and lunches

10am-12pm Macular Society Support Group at Burton Gallery 441466 10.30am Walking for Health. 421528

Fellowship' Club at Baptist Church Hall. 6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's 7.30pm Lions Club meet at Royal Hotel 7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk Palladium Club Jam Night Wednesday 13th

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

at Bideford Library

10.30am Walking for Health in Victoria **2pm** Tea with Friends at St Mary's Church

2-3.30pm 'Bideford Friends' at Burton Art Gallery. 01805 622666

2.30-4pm See Hear on Wheels bus

at Bone Hill car park, Northam

4-6pm Sew Together at Northam Library

Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room 7.45pm Bideford Phoenix Morris at The Thatched Inn, Abbotsham.

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets <u>Thursday 14th</u>

10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka 7.30pm Northam Choral Society 'Mozart Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528 10.30-11.30am Tai Chi, Marlborough Ct. 2-3pm Seated Exercise for over 60s at W Ho! Baptist Hall. 01805 622666 2-4pm Holy Trinity Church, W.Ho! open 7pm Hartland Aikido Club for over 18s

> Westward Ho! Green (Baptist Ch.if wet) 7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801 7.30pm N Devon British Bike Club at Robin's Nest.

7.30pm Hartland Band & Torridge Male Voice Choir at Stoke Church. 441690 8pm Bideford Folk Club at Joiners Arms Friday 15th

10am-12pm Community Coffee Morning at Kingsley Hall, W Ho! 421274 band followed by senior band at 7.45 onHo! Baptist Church. 01805 622666

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2.30-4.30pm Torridge Table Tennis Club at Bideford Youth Centre.477932 7.30pm Bideford Machine Knitting Club at Chubb/Churchill Comm. Hall 477532 7.30pm Abbotsham WI at Abbotsham Village Hall. 474711

7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing, Kingsley Hall, W Ho! 01769 540309 8pm Ceilidh Club at Northam Hall Saturday 16th

9am-2pm Atlantic Village Market 2-4pm Bideford Creative Writing Group at Bideford Library. 700901 7.30pm Concert by Encore at Holy Trinity Church, W.Ho! 429798 Sunday 17th

11am-4pm Berry Castle Open Day, Huntshaw Woods. 01805 623266 2pm Torridge Ramblers . 451820 Monday 18th

10am-12pm Appledore Community Art Group at Appledore Community Hall. 2pm Bideford Ladies Club at Marlborough Court. 421925 7pm Tai Chi at Bideford High Street Methodist Church Hall. 472532 7pm Appledore Band Concert - training 10am-12pm Northam Reminiscence band followed by senior band at 7.45 oncafé at Northam Hall. 459337 Appledore Quay. (St Mary's Ch. if wet)

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652 7.30pm Appledore Amateur Radio Club, Lavington Church. 424982 Appledore Football Social Club. 473251 7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing, Tuesday 19th

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 at Westward Ho! Baptist Church. 425471 3pm 'Reflections' Grief & Loss Group

at St Mary's Church. 475765 6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653 7.30pm Hartland Chamber Orchestra

at Stoke Church. 441690 7.30pm Bideford & District Gardeners Club at Bideford Methodist Hall.475914 7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk 10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee Palladium Club Jam Night

Wednesday 20th

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-12pm 'Feel Better with a Book' at Bideford Library **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 Holy Trinity hall, Westward Ho! 475720

4-6pm Sew Together at Northam Library 7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at 7pm Torridge Ramblers evening walk 451532

7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room 7.45pm Bideford Phoenix Morris at Royal Exchange, Torrington 8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolsery Village Hall. 441601 Thursday 21st

10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka at Bideford Library Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528 10.30am Walking for Health in Victoria 10.30-11.30am Tai Chi, Marlborough Ct. Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528 11am Bideford Sustainability Group coffee morning at Café du Parc. **2-3pm** Seated Exercise for over 60s at W Ho! Baptist Hall. 01805 622666 2-4pm Holy Trinity Church, W.Ho! open Art Gallery. 01805 622666 7pm Hartland Aikido Club for over 18s at Bucks Cross Village Hall. 7.30pm Bideford Band Concert on

W.Ho! Green (Baptist Church if wet) 7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801 8pm Bideford Folk Club at Joiners Arms at Woolsery Village Hall. 441601 Friday 22nd

2.30-4.30pm Torridge Table Tennis

Club at Bideford Youth Centre. 7.30pm Bideford Band Concert at

Kingsley Hall, W Ho! 01769 540309 8pm Ceilidh Club at Northam Hall Saturday 23rd

7.30pm Greg Hookway 'Greatest Hits of 7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing at the Organ' at Stoke Church. 441690 Monday 25th

10am-12pm Appledore Community Art Robin's Nest. Group at Appledore Community Hall. 7pm Tai Chi at Bideford High Street Methodist Church Hall. 472532 7pm Appledore Band Concert – training at Kingsley Hall, W Ho! 421274 Appledore Quay. (St Mary's Ch. if wet) 7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652 8.30pm N Devon Jazz Club, The Beaver, Appledore. Lee Gibson & Martin Dale Quartet. 421065 Tuesday 26th

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 at Westward Ho! Baptist Church. 425471

6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653 7pm Torridge Ramblers evening walk 479473

7.30pm Lions Club meet at Royal Hotel Organ Club Summer Spectacular at 7.30pm Bideford Keyboard & Organ Club at Bideford Methodist Church Hall

Community Arts Network,13 Rope Walk Palladium Club Jam Night Wednesday 27th

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-12pm 'Feel Better with a Book'

1-2.30pm See Hear Bus at Tesco. ETW 2pm Tea with Friends at St Mary's Church.

2-3.30pm 'Bideford Friends' at Burton 4-6pm Sew Together at Northam Library 7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room 7.45pm Bideford Phoenix Morris & Exmoor Border at Westward Ho! 8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets

Thursday 28th

10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528 10.30-11.30am Tai Chi, Marlborough Ct. 2-3pm Seated Exercise for over 60s at W Ho! Baptist Hall. 01805 622666 2-4pm Holy Trinity Church, W.Ho! open 7pm Hartland Aikido Club for over 18s at Bucks Cross Village Hall. 7.30pm Bideford Band Concert on W.Ho! Green (weather permitting)

Westleigh Village Hall. 473801 7.30pm N Devon British Bike Club at

8pm Bideford Folk Club at Joiners Arms Friday 29th

10am-12pm Community Coffee Morning

band followed by senior band at 7.45 on 10am-1pm Summer Fayre at Lavington Church. 424982

10am-1pm Lundy Art Group at Blue Lights Hall, Appledore

2pm Dan Metcalf, children's author, at Northam Library. Book on 475111

2.30-4.30pm Torridge Table Tennis

Club at Bideford Youth Centre. 7.30pm Appledore Band at opening of Appledore Summer Festival at St Mary's Church, Appledore

7.30pm Jazz Concert by Alan Lewis Rarebits at Holy Trinity Church, W.Ho! 7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing, Kingsley Hall, W Ho! 01769 540309 8pm Ceilidh Club at Northam Hall Saturday 30th

10am-12pm Bideford Band Coffee Morning & Sale at Band Rm, Victoria Pk Sunday 31st

3.30 & 7.30pm Bideford Keyboard Devon Hall, Bideford College.