



BIDEFORD BUZZ



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

Welcome to the February Issue of Bideford Buzz

You may have noticed that your new Buzz has a different look and feel to it. We hope you like it, and we owe a deep debt of gratitude to our printer, Andy of North Devon Print, for making it possible.

Please note our date for submissions is now the **11th of the month**.

To steal a phrase from Bideford Town Band (*see page 2*) New Year, New Look.

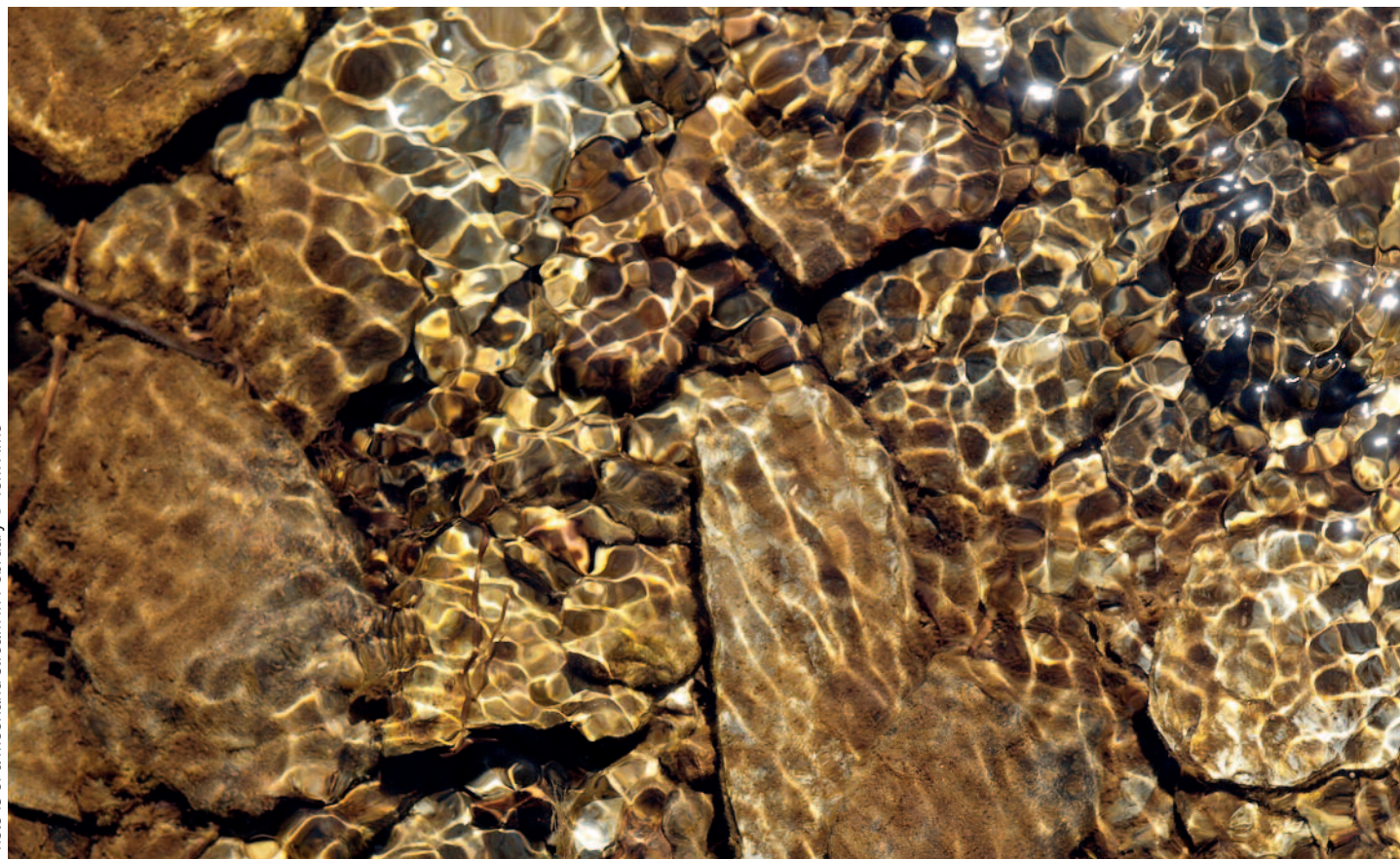


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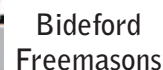
Inside your new Buzz

- ◆ **Buzz Byte** - The start of a series of articles to help you get the most from your computer.
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Musical Notes

New year, new look...

Bideford Town Band are starting the new year with a new look in the shape of brand new uniforms shown here to full effect by our new colour *Buzz*. Purchase of these was made possible with grants from Bideford Town Council and The Bridge Trust. The band are now looking forward to a busy and exciting 2017 of which a few highlights will be: - 'The West of England Regional Final of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain' on March 11th, a trip to Landivisiau (Bideford's twin town) with the Twinning Association in May, as well as taking part in the performance of 'Brassed Off' in association with the Up-Close Theatre Group on 12th and 13th May.

Nicola Ashelford



Appledore Singers Saturday March 18th at 7.30 pm

St. Peter's Church Fremington is delighted to welcome this well-known local ladies' choir to perform arrangements of songs old and new, ranging from gospel and showstoppers to Top Ten hits. The concert will also feature their small chamber group, the 'Pips', and amusing poems.

The choir will be conducted by their Musical Director, Pam Beechey and accompanied by Chris Beechey, with Anthony Chambers ably compering the evening. Please come along and enjoy the music, the singing and the talent. We can promise you a most enjoyable concert.

Admission on the door is £5 and proceeds will go towards the cost of a new sound system for the church. For further information about the choir, contact 01237 420652 or see their website: theappledoresingers.co.uk.



Bideford Folk Club.

We meet every Thursday from 7:30 to 10:30 pm upstairs in the skittle alley at the Joiner's Arms, Market Square, Bideford.

Most weeks we have a singaround; all musicians, singers, story-tellers and listeners are welcome. There is no charge, but we pass the box around to raise money for our guest nights. These take place about six times a year when we engage a musician or band of local or national status.

For more information or contact details visit the website at <https://bidefordfolkclub.com/>

John Purser

Encore! Sing for your supper at Bucks Cross Village Hall



This theatrical singing group will be performing at a special musical supper evening at Bucks Cross Village Hall on Saturday 25th February. The event not only gives locals the chance to sample a taste of the West End without leaving the village, but also includes a light supper during the interval too. And, whilst the venue does not have a bar on the night, the audience are encouraged to B.Y.O. by way of liquid refreshment! Tickets are £7.00 including supper, and can be obtained from Bucks Cross Post Office or by calling Rosemary Parker (01237 429388) or Anne Turner (01237 431536).

Bideford Music Club

The next concert, featuring Syrian born pianist, Riyad Nicolas, will be held on Wednesday 8th February at 7.30 pm at Bideford Methodist Church Hall, High Street. Tickets are £13 (students and children free) and are available at the door. For more information: 01237 477242.

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BIDEFORD residents are being called on to use an ancient right to make suggestions for town improvements. Opportunity is being made for members of the public to take an active involvement in the centuries-old Manor Court Ceremony. Currently held on a Saturday in March, the ceremony was originally held to allow townspeople to bring issues before the Lords of the Manor for consideration. Nowadays, their ideas or "presentments" as they are known are put to the Town Council, which has an obligation to consider them. Now the Town Council is opening the way for public attendance and is also calling for ideas and projects that would make Bideford a better place for the community and tourists to be put forward. Any member of the public residing in the Parish of Bideford who wishes to submit a 'presentment', should do so by 12 Noon, Monday 6 March 2017. The envelope should be marked for the attention of the Manor Steward.

Presentments submitted to the Town Council are considered by a chosen jury of 12 respected town residents and the most feasible are presented to the court.

Actions regarding presentments of the previous year are also reported.

Anyone wishing to take part in the occasion is invited to complete the application form and return it to the Town Clerk. If there are too many applicants a draw will be made by the Mayor to fill the available places. Those chosen will be able to take a guest and will also be invited to the Civic Reception following the Ceremony.

Name:

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Signature:

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Book Buzz

Northam Library

Northam Library and the Ageing Well Project are offering free help and support for older people to make the best use of their tablets or laptops. To book a one-to-one session please contact the library on 01237 475111.

Bideford Library

The Lake House by Kate Morton. *Discussed by Bideford Library Readers' Group*

The group was quite divided in their agreement about whether or not 'The Lake House' was an enjoyable read. I read the book during my Christmas holiday in the sun and found it an absorbing, easy holiday read. We all agreed the story involved far too many coincidences, some verging on the downright unbelievable, with too many inconsistencies and inaccuracies and generally in want of a severe edit.

The story moves between Cornwall and London and three time frames, 1911, 1930s and 2003 and follows the Edevane family, Anthony and Eleanor, their three girls, Deborah, Alice and Clementine, and baby son, Theo. Most of the action takes place in their rambling, remote Cornish country house with its large lake and gardens. On the night of their annual Midsummer party in 1933, baby Theo goes missing. Murdered, abducted? The family leaves the house for London never to return and the mystery is never solved. Enter Detective Constable Sadie Sparrow, in 2003, staying near to the long abandoned house, on leave from a case of an abandoned/adopted child, herself adopted and with her own adopted daughter as one of the many sub plots. Also thrown into the mix is murder, shell shock, romance, the Titanic - there is something for everyone in this nearly 600 page novel.

The ending manages to tie every loose end and leaves the reader a little underwhelmed. I thought the plot was inventive and complex and liked the descriptions and writing style - it was just too much of everything. A case of less would have been more.

Lesley Palmer

*Bideford Library Readers' Group normally meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm at Bideford Library. On Wednesday February 1st we will be discussing 'Rubbernecker' by Belinda Bauer. Copies available from Bideford Library, but please phone Rose on 01237 476549 to confirm this as the date may change **for this month only**.*



Bideford Cinema

Friday 3 and Saturday 4 February at 7.30pm at Kingsley School: **Sully** (12A) 96 mins

Friday 10 and Saturday 11 February at 7.30pm at Kingsley School: **Snowden** (15) 134 mins - film to be confirmed

Saturday 11 at 5.00pm and Sunday 12 February at 6.00pm at Kingsley School: **Ballerina** (U) 89 mins

Friday 17 and Saturday 18 February at 7.30pm at Kingsley School: **Star Wars: Rogue One** (12A) 134 mins

Saturday 18 at 5.00pm and Sunday 19 February at 6.00pm at Kingsley School: **Moana** (PG) 113 mins

Friday 24 and Saturday 25 February at 7.30pm at Kingsley School: **La La Land** (12A) 128 mins


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Bideford Pannier Market - open Tuesday through to Saturday

The run up to Christmas was very colourful with the market hall decorated and lots of free entertainment for the children. Also the "Signing of the Lease Ceremony" was particularly colourful with the town councillors handing out free mince pies and local mead

Christmas is now over and a new year begins - Bideford Pannier Market always remains open throughout the winter months – come rain or shine

the traders and the artisans are here plying their trades and crafts ready to serve you – Just come up and browse check out the variety and the quality of the goods available. Sit in the market cafe have a cup of tea and a snack.

For any market to succeed then it needs the support of the local community not just to come up and buy things but also to promote the whole market complex. I had a lovely Welsh couple on holiday in my shop this week who had been told by people working in a local shop that it was not worth them coming up here. They were so surprised by the quality and the variety of traders in and around the Pannier Market – We need to promote the whole pannier complex not talk it down – come on Bideford we all need to pull together

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 shops in Butchers Row, Market Place and Grenville Street are owned and operated by local traders – I could just list all the services and shops available but that would be very boring but look from cafes, toys, music, wedding services, architects with lots lots lots more in between. All here for you !

Last of the Summer coffee.

Two members of the Buzz team enjoy a cup of delicious coffee from 'Perk me up,' at the excellent food and drink event in November at the market. *Note the loos on the right also come highly recommended.*



Bideford Folk Dance Club

If you would like to spend a fun and enjoyable winter's Sunday afternoon in good company, come and join in the dancing with live music by Chris Jewell and Nick Wyke at Northam Hall from 2.30 pm on Sunday 12th February. Experience is not necessary – just a willingness to give it a try. Tea/coffee will be provided but please bring some cake to share. Admission is £5. Further information on 01237 423554.

Bideford Phoenix Morris

Now is the time to have fun, keep fit, dance to music and do many things with stick or hankie all at the same time by joining Bideford Phoenix Morris. We are now practising for our dancing out this Summer. And it's not long now so why not join us? Contact Carolyn for more details on 01237 473798.

Bideford AFC Home Fixtures

Saturday 11th Feb 3pm Yate Town.

Saturday 25th Feb 3pm Wimborne Town.





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History Notes



100 years ago. February 1917.

February 1917 saw several radical changes in the Bideford Gazette newspaper. The Great War headlines were still most depressing. There was a least one page in each issue devoted to news from the action across the world. One of the February pages proclaims "British Raiders take 1228 prisoners", "big Turkish losses", "German Sink-at-sight claims" and "U.S. action - Liner seized and torpedoed". There was a day by day diary of events and further reading explains that the Anchor liner "California" was sunk with considerable casualties. It is feared that this action was designed to provoke President Wilson into joining the War.

Completely new are three photographs showing Devon soldiers setting up sawmills to cut timber for use at the Front. This is the first time photographs have been printed in the Gazette, albeit for apparent propaganda purposes. The tribunal hearings continue across North Devon and the shortage of male labour is becoming acute.

February was a very cold month. The lake at Stevenstone has been frozen for some time, and in Hartland the frost has split pipes and radiators at the new United Methodist church and at the council school. It has also cracked several cylinder blocks of internal combustion engines and cars. Clamps of mangolds have been seriously damaged. In Appledore Mrs Vaggars and Mr Tom Barkwell have both fallen on ice and injured limbs. On the 20th February the frost lifted allowing work on the land to recommence but fears are expressed regarding the autumn wheat that is looking very poor because of the cold weather.

Property for sale this month includes 39 and 40 Geneva Place, Bideford, currently let to tenants Messrs J Found and A J Mills on a weekly tenancy. The sale will be later in the month.

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The Bideford, Westward Ho! and Appledore Railway closed during the late Spring 100 years ago. To celebrate this centenary the Archive is planning an exhibition of our references, pictures and maps to be held later this year. If you have any material relating to the railway, perhaps you could contact us so that we can include it in our display.

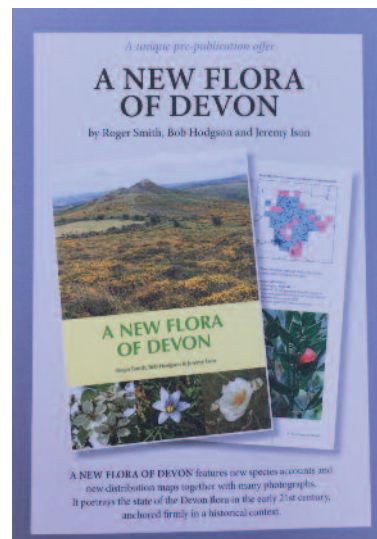
*These and many more items of local interest are available to read at the Bideford & District Community Archive at the Council Offices, Windmill Lane, Northam. Tel: 01237 471714. Open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. You can also follow us on our Facebook page, Bideford & District Community Archive.*

## Devonshire Association

Since our last meeting, the Devonshire Association has published *A New Flora of Devon*, the first complete *Flora of Devon* to be published since 1939. It's a huge book, with 800+ pages, but with bang up to date information, and plenty of photographs, illustrations and maps. No serious botanist should be without it.

Our winter season of illustrated talks continues with Simon Dell on the subject of "Lundy Wildlife" on 17 February. On 17 March, Sadie Green will give a talk on "Newfoundland Celebrations and North Devon Pottery in North America." All our meetings are in the Kingsley Room at the Burton Art Gallery on Friday afternoons 2.00 – 4.00pm, including refreshments. If you are interested in coming along, pick up a leaflet/flyer at the Burton, contact our Secretary, Mike Wright at [michaelwright946@btinternet.com](mailto:michaelwright946@btinternet.com), or simply come along on the day. There is a nominal charge of £2.00 for guests, reduced to 50p for members. There is plenty of car-parking space nearby.

Chris Trigger









# By Norman Hardaker

# SHIPPING NOTES



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### In port – Bideford Quay

The **Oldenburg** returned to Bideford about the 23<sup>rd</sup> December following her annual drydocking at Sharpness

### In port - Yelland Quay

**Welsh Piper 12.12 16 and 17.12.16**

### At Appledore

**Arco Dart 29.11.16**



### Bristol Channel Observations

**21.11.16** at 07.40 vehicle carrier **Grande Scandinavia** 18440 tons d.w., owners Grimaldi Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury.

**25.11.16** at 08.25 bulk carrier **Tien Le** 37904 tons d.w., owners unknown, inward bound for Newport. At 09.30 vehicle carrier **Grande Portogallo** 12594 tons d.w., owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury.

**26.11.16** at 10.50 cargo vessel **Paulin B** 2300 tons d.w., owners unknown, outward bound from Birdport having sailed at 04.04.

**29.11.16** at 08. 28 cargo vessel **Kastor** 3671 tons d.w. owners Argonauten Holding GMBH German inward bound for Avonmouth.

**30.11.16** at 10.23 container vessel **MSC Korini** 48244 tons d.w., owners Mediterranean Shipping Co. SA Switzerland, outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 05.28. At 10.25 cargo vessel **Helsinki** 4211 tons d.w., owners Helsinki Vertom Bojeb German, inward bound for Cardiff.

**3.12.16** at 14.54 cargo vessel **Arklow Racer** 4993 tons d.w., owners Invermore Shipping Ltd Eire, inward bound for Newport.

**4.12.16** at 12.35 cargo vessel **Moena**, owners unknown, inward bound for Avonmouth. At 13.46 vehicle carrier **Castor Leader** 21186 tons d.w., owners Longevity Maritime SA Tokyo, in the colours of Nippon Yusen Kaisha of Japan, inward bound for Portbury. At 12. 00 the buoy tender vessel **Galetea** 900 tons d.w., owners Trinity House of London, sailed from Bideford Bay.

**14.12.16** cargo vessel **RMS Laar**, 2305 tons dw., owners RheinMaas Unde-See Schifffahrtskontor GMBH German, inward bound for Sharpness

**16.12.16** at 11.32 vehicle carrier **CSCC Shanghai** 12300 tons d.w., owners China Ocean Shipping (Group) China, inward bound for Portbury .

**28.12.16** at 11.45 vehicle carrier **Victory Leader** 13343 tons d.w, owners Nippon Yusen Kaisha of Japan, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 07.40. At 11.45 cargo vessel **SWE Freighter** 4537 tons d.w, owners

Sneekerdiep 11BV Cyprus, inward bound for Avonmouth. At 12.13 cargo vessel **Fluvius Axe** 3193 tons d.w., Fluvius Axe Ltd Crediton, inward bound for Birdport.

**1.1.17** at 10.45 cargo vessel **Wilson Hobco** 4338 tons d.w., owners Bremer Lloyd Germany, inward bound for Avonmouth.

**2.1.17** at 09.43 vehicle carrier **Dalien Highway** 21616 tons d.w., owners Kawasaki Kisen K of Japan, inward bound for Portbury. At 11.45 vehicle carrier **Grande Ellade** 18440 tons d.w.

owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury.. At 11.50 container vessel **MSC**

**Koroni** 48244 tons d.w, owners Mediterranean Shipping of Switzerland, outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 06.29. At 14.59 vehicle carrier **Bess** 18013 tons d.w., owners

Wallenius Wilhelmsen Norway and Sweden, inward bound for Portbury.

**3.1.17** at 09.25 bulk carrier **Andermatt** 20002 tons d.w., owners Massmariner SA Switzerland, bound for Newport. At 17. 03 **Dalian Highway**, seen again outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 12.28.





# News from the Burton Art Gallery & Museum

February – the month when school pupils in Torridge area look forward to seeing their very own artwork in the Burton Gallery. Torridge District is huge, with public and state schools, academies and home tuition, and ages ranging from nursery to primary, secondary to advanced level. We shall be privileged to feast our eyes on the variety of art and skill of these young people, judging from past years' exhibitions. NADFAS (National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Society) will once again have to make some difficult choices when it comes to awarding their three cash prizes to schools exhibiting the most creative original artwork. This exhibition follows the very popular *'Clangers, Pogles Wood, Bagpuss & Ivor the Engine'* collection from the V. & A., when the Gallery was filled with fun and laughter. The Schools' Exhibition is an opportunity for families to come and enjoy another happy experience, and for the students to be proud of their work and show it off to everyone. This exhibition begins on 4<sup>th</sup> February, ends on 13<sup>th</sup> March, not to be missed.



Alongside the Schools' Exhibition you will discover **'Coast'** – a collection of paintings celebrating the love of our coastline, how it has inspired artists and ceramicists to capture that margin where the land meets the sea. Not only rocks and beaches, but ships and harbours, history and fables, all will be revealed in this exceptional opportunity to view many of the works contained in the Gallery's Permanent Collection. Included are watercolours by Judith Ackland and Mary Stella Edwards (see above) when they lived together in the Cabin at Bucks Mills. The exhibition ends on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

The Friends of the Burton Gallery held their Annual Christmas Exhibition during November and December. During that time tickets were sold in a Draw to win a Harry Juniper Harvest Jug. The lucky winner was Mrs. Anthea Bell, of Frithelstock, with yellow ticket, numbers 71-75. Congratulations to her, and thanks to all those who helped to raise £550 for Friends' funds. Special thanks to Harry and Nick Juniper for donating the Jug.



The Gallery Shop is full of attractive items: books for all ages, many on crafts and art; a huge selection of cards for all occasions, and toys, chosen for their educational and happiness factor.

The Craft Gallery is just special – so many talented craft makers are represented, and it is just a joy to have so much choice.

The Gallery hosts **'Crafty Kids'** every Monday from 10am to 12pm, when pre-school children can get stuck in with paint, paper, sponges and crayons. Just £1 donation requested.

The new Gallery brochure will give you all the information you need for your visit, including a special item on the Museum, which contains an eclectic collection of North Devon Slipware, as well as featuring local history and industry, such as the Collar Factory and Bideford Black.

Opening hours are: Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm; Sunday, 11am to 4pm. Admission Free.

The Cafe du Parc is open as above, with its special range of scrumptious lunches and desserts

**Diana Warmington,**

Friends of the Burton Art Gallery & Museum.

The Burton is working towards being the region's most celebrated venue for exhibiting art, and Visual Arts Manager, Miranda Clarke, who runs the gallery, was keen to showcase the building more – alongside trustees and staff – in 2017. She said: *"Led by our communications officer, Anthony Burt, we commissioned stunning new photography to show off our craft gallery, café and museum for the website, and took a long time to decide the fresh, new look we wanted to portray to visitors. We're pleased with the bold and bright new approach, and look forward to more visitors noticing us and coming through the door!"*



## **Making tracks...**

Happy New year! New year, new Buzz ( as you may have noticed, we've dyed our hair) new town. 2017 is set to be an exciting one for Bideford, and a life size monument to Tarka the Otter is among many grand additions to look forward to.

But what if you fancy even more change to your scenery? Jupiter may be on the ascension, but so are train fares, making the cost of travel even worse. South West train lines have had a painful time of late anyway; stuck in the middle of a grudge match between Jeremy Corbyn and Richard Branson, and latterly, stuck in the middle of sea. Whether Branson or Poseidon, a plethora of beardy men have had it in for our rail network. So at a time when ( already hefty) fares are swelling by 2.3%, is it even worth taking the train any more, or should we just rely on an older friend to drive us to our destination, then bribe them with petrol money and a croissant at the services?

Here at Buzz, we ride the rails quite regularly, and we're here to tell you there is many a cheat to slash prices.

It's well worth it; there is a sense of pioneering adventure out there that the motorway really can't compete with . That's not to say that train rides aren't without their dangers too. If your trip is " expertly crafted" or in other words, consists of more than two little stops one after the other, the law of averages dictates that at least three of these will be cancelled, you will run through the gates of your penultimate stop a minute or so late to find your next train just sitting there, waiting, mocking you, its tiny metal doors locked a second too early to shut you out. There's no way on. You howl in despair, throw luggage at a pigeon and storm off to the cafe where you attempt to wait it out till the next one.

It's irritating, but with their live updates, **TheTrainLine** app is possibly the best tool to pre-empt such alterations and plan your journey on the fly. It's also free, a nice change from everything else about travel.

These horrors are balanced by the sheer joy of a window seat. The bleeding watercolour of countryside that flies past, each wood cabin and mist-soaked field is a far cry from our congested



roads; it's as though the wild West upped sticks and decamped to the Cotswolds. Scenery that is unspoilt except for the train tracks themselves ( and that's a bit of a catch 22.)

Any seat at all is a victory past 11am, however, otherwise you may find yourself hunkered down by the baggage rack being bludgeoned to death by suitcases, you lucky thing, you.

Although the views are gorgeous, it's a game of roulette whether or not you get a seat at all, and when journeys are so hit and miss it's a wonder that a relatively short trip can cost you upwards of £60. A great way to travel for less and visit friends in far places is to buy a 16-25 rail card- where each ticket price is slashed by 1/3. The card costs only £30 and can be used as much as you like in the year. This makes journeys more affordable and rubs less salt in the wound if you don't have a good time.

With return tickets a thing of the past, even bus travel has become- if not more luxurious- at least more pricy. If you want to see the sights this year, you have chosen a costly resolution.

The only other way to cope with this apparent tax on 'itchy feet' is to just stay home. If anything shows how well our little town caters for us, it was the New Year's Eve celebration. For once, everyone in the 30 mile radius flitted over here instead, to enjoy the firework display and food huts. Although slightly low on rides, the Terminator held the side up, and with one hundred different forms of fried chip on offer, perhaps it's for the best there weren't too many indigestion inducing attractions as well. The fact all these hot dog vendors, party streamers and a portaloos flotilla can be swept away in one night is quite a feat, and shows just what we're capable of. Now if only we had our own train station, there'd be no need to leave Bideford at all...

*.Millie Sutherland O'Gara*

## **Wham Junior - Westward Ho! & Appledore Music Showcase**

Friday 24th March 2017 from 7.00 to 11.00pm

To apply for further information please email your name, phone number and a brief description about your music – band, singer or choir and any other details which you think may help you to be chosen for a place; the closing date for applications is **Friday 24th February 2017**. Open to young people from 14 years of age. Please ask your parents for permission to take part if you are under 18 years old. Contact details:- Email: [noahsark@uku.co.uk](mailto:noahsark@uku.co.uk)



# Volunteer Vacancies

**The Torridge branch of Parkinson's Uk Charity** providing support and information for local people affected by Parkinson's.

**PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>**  
**CHANGE ATTITUDES.**  
**FIND A CURE.**  
**JOIN US.**

We are currently seeking a **Volunteer Chair** to lead an active and friendly Committee. The Branch has an increasing presence in the local community, with many opportunities to get involved in publicising branch activities and events, encouraging contributions to our newsletter, planning and executing fund raising activities, and ensuring all Committee members are involved in discussion and decision making.

For further information, please call **Branch Secretary, Julie Jones on 01237 478128.**

## **Bideford & District Sea Cadets**

We need you for volunteer positions including instructional staff and "management team", chair and treasurer. Do you have a skill or hobby you would like to share? Or gain new skills and experience through our unique training programmes?



If interested please contact the unit Chairman Stuart towers on: [stusuetowers@gmail.com](mailto:stusuetowers@gmail.com)

## **North Devon Maritime Museum**

Come and join our wonderful team of experienced volunteers in a variety of roles, as our award winning museum enters its 40<sup>th</sup> year.

One of our original aims has now been realised, in that we have purchased the building. As a result there are many new opportunities to extend our outreach.

We need practical DIY enthusiasts, gardeners, computer 'wizards', researchers, boat repairers, archivists, teachers (retired!) and more front of house staff to help alongside our present team who currently sell tickets and engage with visitors to help them appreciate our heritage here in beautiful north Devon.

If you have an interest in our fascinating area and some time to spare, do come and meet with our volunteer co-ordinator for an informal chat and an introductory tour.

Please phone to arrange a meeting on 01237 477836 or 0776 513 0403 or email [info@northdevonmaritimemuseum.co.uk](mailto:info@northdevonmaritimemuseum.co.uk)



The North Devon Museum Trust's booklet '*North Devon Heritage.*'

No.19 published in 2007 includes a very interesting article by the late Barry Hughes who was exhibitions director at the museum. '*Attempting to name the large wreck on Westward Ho! Beach*' concerns the dating of the largest of the old wooden shipwrecks on the beach, exposed during Winter storms. The ship known as the 'Sally' best fits the location, size, and date of wreck.

The science of dating, known as *dendrochronology* has proved very useful in many aspects of climate change and historical research.

Barry's article is well worth a read; you can purchase the booklet (75p) at the Museum shop in Appledore after April 1st when the Museum re opens, or before by post from their administrator (postage charge) at [info@northdevonmaritimemuseum.co.uk](mailto:info@northdevonmaritimemuseum.co.uk)



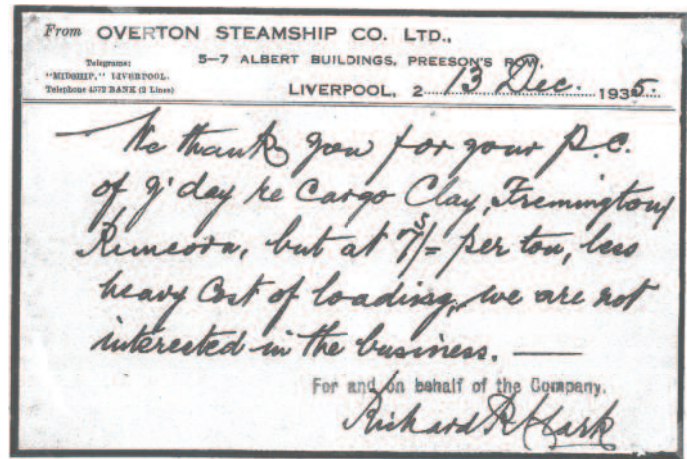
# BuzzWord.

## 'The price of clay has gone up.'

I must have been exceptionally busy last April as, in a pile of documents requiring attention, I've just come across the April 2016 Bideford Buzz.

The front page, featuring the postcard about a shipment of clay from Fremington to Runcorn, is a nice piece of shipping history but I would put a different interpretation on it.

My theory is that the seven shillings per ton quoted was the sum offered to the Overton Steamship Co. Ltd. of Liverpool for carriage of the clay to Runcorn. It seems that the shipping company considered the offer too low, particularly as they would also have to cover the 'heavy cost of loading' the clay onto the ship at Fremington. They therefore said they were 'not interested in the business'.



The postcard is dated 13 Dec 1935 and at that time there would have been a railway service from the Marland clay pits to Fremington, via Bideford. However, since the clay was not to be shipped from Bideford, one may assume that in this instance it was Fremington clay that was being exported from north Devon.

I wonder whether any readers know of Mr. Wm. Hobbs of Myrtle St., Appledore? My guess is he may have been a shipping agent charged with arranging the transport of the clay at the best possible price.

**Chris Hassall**

## Letter from Canada

*Buzz recently received a letter from former Bidefordian, Stuart Frayne who now lives in Canada. Stuart is now 96 and remembers his father's butchers' shop at 66 High St opposite the Liberal Club. He attended Bideford Grammar School when WJ Langford was the headmaster. He taught at the Church Primary School at the top of High St. He also played rugby and cricket for the town, and was captain of the local snooker team, before leaving for Canada in 1957. His happy memories of Bideford have prompted him to write to us. He says:-*

*'Bideford has always been Home.. The town is still a large part of me. I love the place. I am writing this letter because I want to acknowledge my debt to Bideford because of many splendid memories of my years in the town. What a wonderful place it is in which to live! Please let me say so in Bideford Buzz. My friend sends me copies. I wish to greet anyone who remembers me, along with others who are lucky enough to live in the 'little white town', still my home.*

**With best wishes Stuart Frayne'**

## Families for Children Trust

This is a specialist adoption agency and charitable trust based in the South West. We place vulnerable children from all over the UK with new adoptive families in Devon, Dorset, Cornwall, Somerset and the Isles of Scilly. We have a growing number of older children, sibling groups and children with disabilities waiting to be adopted and we are looking for more adopters to come forward quite quickly. The next meeting in North Devon is in the New Year on Thursday 2nd Feb Time: 6.30-8.30pm Voice FM Meeting Room,

Belle Meadow Court, Albert Lane, Barnstaple, North Devon EX32 8RJ

**Katey McDonald.**

## Drummer Needed

Due to unforeseen circumstances Rocking Robin and the Reliants are seeking a new drummer. We play vintage rock n roll and surf with a passion. If you are a drummer interested in something different, or know of anyone who would be interested in filling the drummer's role please contact me through facebook or via my email address robindavey61@yahoo.co.uk

**Robin Davey**



# February Diary

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

**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-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

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

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

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

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

**10-11 & 11-12** Tai Chi, Marlborough Ct.

**10am-12pm** See Hear on Wheels bus at Hartland Pavilion

**10.15am** Northam Men's Forum meet at Northam Methodist Hall. 459757

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

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

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

**6.30-8.30pm** Families for Children (adoption agency) meeting at Voice FM, Belle Meadow Court, Barnstaple.

**6.45pm** Westward Ho! Bridge Club at Trinity Church Hall 470990

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

**7pm** 'Life Drawing' sessions at Bideford Arts Centre

**7.30pm** Appledore Men's Group at Appledore Library Meeting Rm. 425427

**7.30pm** Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801

**8pm** Bideford Folk Club at Joiners Arms

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

**2-4pm** Sew Together at Westward Ho! Baptist Church 01805 622666

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

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

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

**7pm** Film Club at Littleham Village Hall. 471928

**7.30pm** Wine and Wisdom at Allardice Hall Parkham Jo on 01237 451803

[joanna.turnbull72@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.turnbull72@gmail.com)

For Friends of Parkham School

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

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

**6.30pm** Yoga & Meditation classes at

Chubb/Churchill Community Lounge.

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

**7pm** Appledore Band – training band at St Mary's Church Hall, Appledore followed by senior band.

**7.15pm** Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

**8.30pm** N D Jazz Club at the Beaver – Damon Brown Quartet

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

**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 Beginners Group at Band Room. 475653

**7.30pm** Northam Choral Society rehearse at Northam Methodist Hall

**7.30pm** Bideford Sustainability Group at Blacksmiths Arms

**7.30pm** Bideford Camera Club meet at Chubb/Churchill hall 421391

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

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

**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' at Bideford Library

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

**2pm** Tea with Friends at St Mary's Church.

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

**2-4pm** See Hear on Wheels bus at Tesco, East-the-Water

**4-6pm** Sew Together at Northam Library

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

**7.30pm** Bideford Music Club – pianist Riyadh Nicolas at Bideford Methodist Church

**7.30pm** Bideford Phoenix Morris meet at Bideford Baptist Church. 473798

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

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

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

**10-11 & 11-12** Tai Chi, Marlborough Ct.

**10.15am** Northam Men's Forum meet at Northam Methodist Church. 459757

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

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

**6.45pm** Westward Ho! Bridge Club at

Trinity Church Hall 470990

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

**7pm** 'Life Drawing' sessions at Bideford Arts Centre

**7.30pm** N Devon British Bike Club at Robin's Nest

**7.30pm** Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801

**8pm** Bideford Folk Club at Joiners Arms

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

**10am-12pm** Community Coffee Morning at School Room, Kingsley Hall, W. Ho! 421274

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

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

**7.30pm** Bideford Machine Knitting Club at Chubb/Churchill Comm. Hall 477532

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

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

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

**2-4pm** Creative Writing Group at Bideford Library 700901

**3pm** Bideford AFC v Yate Town

**8pm** Heart & Soul night at Pier House, Westward Ho!

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

**2.30pm** Folk Dance with live music by Nick Wyke & Chris Jewell at Northam Hall. Bring & share cakes. 423554

## Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

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

**1.30-4pm** Westward Ho! Art Club at Baptist Church, W.Ho! 477601

**6.30pm** Yoga & Meditation classes at Chubb/Churchill Community Lounge.

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

**7pm** Appledore Band – training band at St Mary's Church Hall, Appledore followed by senior band.

**7.15pm** Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

**7.30pm** Bideford Stamp Club AGM at Kingsley Hall, W.Ho! 472101

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

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

**10am-12pm** Macular Society Support Group at Burton Gallery 441466

**10.30am** Walking for Health. 421528

**11.45am-12.45pm** Tai Chi at Northam Community Hall

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

**2.30pm** Lift Off at Baptist Church, Westward Ho! 0792636030

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

**7.30pm** Lions Club meet at Royal Hotel

**7.30pm** Northam Choral Society rehearse at Northam Methodist Hal

**7.30pm** Bideford Camera Club meet at

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Chubb/Churchill hall 421391

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

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**10am-12pm** See Hear on Wheels at Kenwith Castle, Abbotsham

**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

**4-6pm** Sew Together at Northam Library

**7.30pm** Bideford Phoenix Morris meet at Bideford Baptist Church. 473798

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

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

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**10.15am** Northam Men's Forum meet at Northam Methodist Hall. 459757

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

**10-11 & 11-12** Tai Chi, Marlborough Ct.

**11am** Bideford Sustainability Group Coffee Morning at Green Goose

**12.30-2pm** Fish & Chip Club for over 60s at Royal Plaice, Appledore. 471394

**2pm** Parkinson's Shanty Group at St Mary's Church, Appledore 478128

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

**6.45pm** Westward Ho! Bridge Club at Trinity Church Hall 470990

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

**7pm** 'Life Drawing' sessions at Bideford Arts Centre

**7.30pm** Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801

**8pm** Bideford Folk Club at Joiners Arms **Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**2-4pm** Sew Together at Westward Ho! Baptist Church 01805 622666

**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

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**1.30pm** Torridge Ramblers walk 01805 622183

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**1.30-4pm** Westward Ho! Art Club at

Baptist Church, W.Ho! 477601

**2pm** Bideford Ladies Club at Marlborough Court. 421925

**6.30pm** Yoga & Meditation classes at Chubb/Churchill Community Lounge

**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 21<sup>st</sup>**

**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.

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

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

**7-9pm** Torridge Tuesdays Women's Club at Ethelwynne Brown Close

**7.30pm** Northam Choral Society rehearse at Northam Methodist Hall

**7.30pm** Bideford Keyboard & Organ Club, at Bideford Methodist Hall. 475914

**7.30pm** Bideford Camera Club meet at Chubb/Churchill hall 421391

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

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**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' 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

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

**4-6pm** Sew Together at Northam Library

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

**7.30pm** Bideford Phoenix Morris meet at Bideford Baptist Church. 473798

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

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

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**10.15am** Northam Men's Forum meet at Northam Methodist Hall. 459757

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

**10-11 & 11-12** Tai Chi, Marlborough Ct.

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

**6.45pm** Westward Ho! Bridge Club at

Trinity Church Hall 470990

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

**7pm** 'Life Drawing' sessions at Bideford Arts Centre

**7.30pm** N Devon British Bike Club at Robin's Nest

**7.30pm** Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801

**7.30pm** Bideford Folk Club melodeon player Ollie King at Joiner's Arms

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**10am-12pm** Community Coffee Morning at School Room, Kingsley Hall, W.Ho! 421274

**2-4pm** Sew Together at Westward Ho!

Baptist Church 01805 622666

**2.30-4.30pm** Torridge Table Tennis Club at Bideford Youth Centre 477932

**7.30pm** Quiz Night for N D Hospice at Appledore Community Hall. 422710

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

**8pm** Ceilidh Club at Northam Hall

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10am** Torridge Ramblers day walk 429080

**3pm** Bideford AFC v Wimborne Town

**7pm** 'Encore' in concert at Bucks Cross Village Hall. 429388

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**2-4.30pm** Way of the Wharves celebration at Pollyfield Centre

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**1.30-4pm** Westward Ho! Art Club at Baptist Church, W.Ho! 477601

**6.30pm** Yoga & Meditation classes at Chubb/Churchill Community Lounge

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

**7.15pm** Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

**8.30pm** N D Jazz Club at Beaver, Appledore – Sandy Suchodolski Trio

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**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 at Baptist Church Hall.

**2.30pm** Lift Off at Baptist Church, Westward Ho! 0792636030

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

**7.30pm** Lions Club meet at Royal Hotel

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