

BIDEFORD BUZZ

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



Our front page this month is a copy of our very first Bideford Buzz which this month celebrates 17 years of production. It included a competition to find a name:

COMPETITION !!!!!!!

We need you the readers to give this Monthly newsletter a name The winning entry (drawn from the hat if more than one of you choose the same name) will receive two free tickets to Lundy. Send your entries to.

> Newletter Name Competition, R.Wiseman, Bideford Library, New Road, Ex39 2HR

It was won by Leonard Woodley. Thus Bideford Buzz was launched. I hope Leonard, that seventeen years on, you are still reading and enjoying your *Buzz*.

What's in this month's Buzz?

- **♦** A history of the Custom House
- More on May Hilder (Buzz Word)
- North Devon Ramblers
- Millie receives volunteer award (see Youth Page)
- Plus our regular items ...

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Rebecca Coleman, John Martin, Robin Makeig-Jones.













News in Brief

Get Walking with Torridge Walk & Talk

There are walks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from an easy mile to a more strenuous 3 miles. All walks are free, just turn up and enjoy the company.

Contact: Steve 01237421528 Full walk programme on the Walking for Health website

Appledore and Instow Regatta

30th July 2017 Rowing sailing. Fun activities on the sand at Instow.

Appledore – on the day include: Rowing races Art and craft show (also on Saturday 13th at the Appledore hall) Greasy pole, Tug of war, Sculling competition, Miller and sweep Stalls and other activities. RNLI display Water jousting Pack your swimmers and join in the fun.

Other activities during the week include:

Model yacht races open to all: Boats provided. Pilot Gig Sprints, Lug and gaff races A ferry will be running between Appledore and Instow.

For more information on all the activities being held through the week refer to our programme. appledoreinstowregatta.org.uk

Appledore Singers.

After their successful tour of South Wales, the Appledore Singers now invite you to their 'Super Summer Concert' on Sunday July 2nd, 2.30pm at Northam Hall (top of Fore Street).

Admission £6 at the door (to include light refreshments) Contact Pam Beechey 01237 420652 or see our website: theappledoresingers.co.uk or our facebook page.

Northam Lodge Summer Fete

Our Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 22nd July from 2pm to 5pm in the grounds at Rose Hill, Heywood Road, Bideford. There will be a variety of stalls to browse, and fun and games for all ages. Satisfy your appetite with hot dogs, ice cream and our own delicious cake stall. Entertainment will be provided by Rob Pudner from Entertainingly Different as well as the Streetz Dance Crew, Dance Fit Belly Dancers and the Appledore Training Band.

RNLI

Annual Tea at Tapeley Park is on Saturday 5th August 2pm – 5pm £8 Includes Entry to Gardens, Cream Tea, Entertainment, Souvenir Stalls, Tombola, and Book Stall, also Kenwith Model Boat on display. To book please phone **Pat 01271 346560 or Sandy** 01217 861291

Jazz on the Air field July 8th. 2017 4.30pm at Eggesford, near Chulmleigh, EX18 7QY. Come and picnic, enjoying the fabulous views, At 6.15 it's into the hangar, to hear the Copplestone Community Choir and Steve and the band. All in aid of Send a Cow: Adults £12.50 - Under 16s £6.25online at www.eventbrite.co.uk (fee applies) On the gate: Adults £15 - under 16s. £7.50 www.sendacow.org from: Eggesford Garden Centre or ring 01363 83245

Men's Shed Bideford

Are you, retired, lonely, bored, isolated, need to get out and make, mend or up-cycle something, pass on your skills, or just drink tea. Please contact us if you are interested:

Phone Joyce 01237 479367 Or email Lynda at lyncaroleramsay@gmail.com

Organic Wholefood Buying Group

Non – profit making, free to join, wholesale – priced organisation. For details phone 01805 6223307 or email mary@maryorailwellbeing.org.uk.co.uk (or see Buzz website)

Bideford Buzz AGM: Thursday 13th July, 7pm at Bideford Library. All Welcome. Help us to celebrate 17 years of Buzz. Refreshments.

The Custom House

Bideford's buildings are constantly being reinvented – and anyone walking along to the Post Office will have noticed the old Custom House has become a new coffee shop – with some of the best views over the river from its first floor windows.

The main bulk of the building itself dates from 1695, just three years after the Bideford Bridge Trustees decided to develop a new street to be called Bridgeland. The first house was constructed by Nicholas Gascoyne in 1692-93, being the handsome brown brick building known to most as 'Dr.Candler's'. Nicholas, whose name suggests he was a descendant of French Huguenots who fled to North Devon, was local carpenter and his work was evidently good enough for him to be granted a 99 year lease on the Custom House site on which he built himself a house.



By 1760 Benjamin Grant was leasing the house and there is a note in the Bridge Trust minutes from 1778 asking him 'to replace the Stone which some time since was taken down from the Wall of the House he inhabits facing Bridgeland Street which Stone sett forth the time the said Street was built.' I wonder what happened to that?

In 1792 a new lease was granted to Thomas Grant, who was the Bridge Trust Steward, but he does not appear to have lived in it as by 1794 he was building Northdown House (later the Convent). A decade later three spinster sisters called Morrison were leasing the house though whether they actually lived there or not is uncertain. A surviving sister was still the leaseholder in

1832 when the building was noted as being the HQ of the local customs officers.

The earliest surviving census from 1841 records various of these officers living here – as they are so recorded up until the 1891 census when 72 year old Thomas Martin, 'a gentleman,' was then the occupant. In the 1901 and 1911 censuses William Martin a retired builder was living here and it seems to have continued as a private house until becoming a shop. People may recall the dry cleaners that were based here for some years before it became a public house (Tequila Jack's, Quigley's, Custom House etc). Today it has been refurbished as a coffee

shop, delicatessen and cinema (see below) and enters a new stage in its long life. **Peter Christie**





BIDEFORD CINEMA

From Monday 26 June to Thursday 13 July at 4.30pm daily at the Custom House with extra performances on Saturdays and Sundays at 11.30am: **Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge (12A)** 129 mins

Friday 30 June and Saturday 1 July at 7.30pm at The Custom House: **Baywatch (15)** 116 mins

Friday 7 and Saturday 8 July at 7.30pm at The Custom House: **Miss Sloane (15)** 132 mins

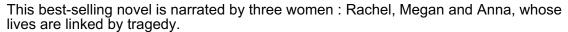
Friday 14 and Saturday 15 July at 7.30pm at the Custom House: **My Cousin Rachel (12A)** 106 mins Friday 14 July -28th July **Cars 3** at the Custom House

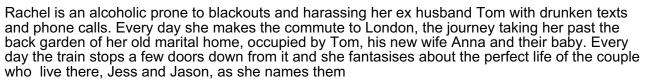
Friday 21 and Saturday 22 July at 7.30pm at the Custom House: **Churchill (PG)** 98 mins Friday 28 and Saturday 29 July at 7.30pm at the Custom House: **Hampstead (12A)** 102 mins

Please check our website and weekly press for up to date details.









PAULA HAWKINS

Jess and Jason (actually Megan and Scott) though are not the perfect couple. She has her own demons. She has a troubled past, is listless and unfulfilled, trying to fill the void with a series of affairs.

One day whilst the train is stopped she spots something in "Jess's" house that shocks her and when she goes missing Rachel gets involved not only in the investigation but also their lives.

This book was met with mixed reviews by our group, one enthralled by it, while 2 or 3 found it tedious. The majority enjoyed reading it, liked the plot and the twists and turns, and while it was a good read, it is not a literary masterpiece - not earning a place in the bookcase to be read again.

It is often compared to 'Gone Girl,' both classed as psychological thrillers, which might explain why it is 'girl' on the train rather than the more accurate 'woman'

Mary Corin Next month's book is Booker prize winner, The Luminaries by Eleanor Catton. Copies available at the library. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm in Bideford Library.

Other events in Bideford Llbrary

This year's **Summer Reading Challenge** will be launched on **Saturday 15th July**; the theme this year is **Animal Agents**. There will be lots of exciting events and activities going on at Bideford Library so join up for a summer of fun!

Our lively and very friendly 'nifty needles' group meet in the library every Friday between 4 - 6. Whether you have nifty needle, or you are a complete beginner needle novice, join our friendly group to share ideas and inspiration over a cuppa.

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MOORS 100 CYCLE SPORTIVE Sun July 16th

www.twomoors100.co.uk 100 miles or 100 km



Sun Aug 13th 2017

www.bidefordtriathlon.co.uk

Individual and Relay Entries

Transition Area on Bideford's Historic Quayside



Both events organised and run by Bideford Bridge Rotary Club

Buzz Bits.

Betty's Pots in aid of the RNLI.

This is a new initiative from the Appledore Lifeboat Station – Betty's Pots – named after the person who first came up with the idea. Empty hotel jam containers are obtained, washed, and labelled as shown. In our case, the Commodore Hotel has donated the pots. These are then available for people to take home and fill with 5p pieces, returning them to the Lifeboat Station when full. Other outlets will be available as the scheme grows.



North Devon Ramblers

The North Devon Ramblers committee would like to thank everyone who made the group's recent 40th anniversary celebration such a huge success. Ten walks in nine days; 70 miles; 142 walkers. Group Chairman, Joan Long, said, "Our twelve leaders pulled out all the stops to introduce both members and guests to just some of the wonderful walks here in North Devon. Everyone seemed to enjoy the social aspect of our walks, with a brunch, a cream tea and an evening pint, as much as the opportunity to keep fit."



Walks are all led by our members and range from our 'Short and Sweet' easy pace 3 miles to the more traditional 8 to 12 miles on the South West Coast Path, Exmoor, Dartmoor and inland Devon. We would like to invite anyone to give walking a go. Non-members are welcome to join us for three

free trial walks." please contact:-Joan on 01271 376 274 Angela on 07720 203 737 www.ramblers.org.uk/north-devon www.facebook.com/northdevonramblers

Safari Supper for Christian Aid

Join Christian Aid on their Annual Safari Supper Wednesday 19 July 2017 Itinerary: Start 7pm at the Church of the Sacred Heart, North Road for nibbles, then go to Lavington URC for soup and a roll, followed by a trip to Bideford Baptists for the main course, ending up at St.Mary's Church for dessert, coffee and mints.



Tickets £6 Adults £3 Child Family £15. Tickets available from participating churches or Chris Trigger on 01237-475154,

Have a fun night out, whilst helping the world's poorest. If wet, bring an umbrella!

Support for the "Big in the Ho!" Big Lunch - Friday 9 June 2017

Over 60 people joined us for a finger-food buffet Big Lunch event which was held in the Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! on Friday 9 June 2017 as part of the Great Get Together. The proceeds from the £2 entry and raffle raised £337.10 will be donated to ChemoHero, a local charity providing bags of kindness for people receiving chemotherapy treatment.

Tour de Cafes (Continued)

The Little Coffee Cup

New owners here are maintaining the high standard set by Gertie's. There is good coffee, homemade cakes and light meals. They have plenty of seating including an outdoor area and an upstairs room. Half way up Mill St.

Lindsey's

At the High Street end of Mill St offering luscious cream cakes and good coffee. All the cakes are home-made by Lindsey in Barnstaple. The banoffee and cream cake looked particularly good.

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next month Cooper St and Allhalland St.

Buzz Byte

Most of us use it but what is the World Wide Web (www)? Well it's certainly not a giant sky - bound spider that cast its home over the Earth!! Though the Internet and the 'web' are often referred to as one and the same they are in fact separate entities.

The internet is the 'device' that allows you to connect to other computers (at home and across the world), to use the web for research, shopping and social interaction and to search documents that have been shared by other users. It is basically a gigantic networking infrastructure, a pathway of interconnecting networks where computers can communicate with one another. There are billions of computers, globally, connected together via the internet.

The World Wide Web is accessed via the internet and is the space where information is held – the websites that contain the data/images/interactions we use on a daily basis. For the techies the resources accessed via www.addresses are identified by Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) and are interlinked by hypertext links!!! The World Wide Web (www) was invented in 1989 by English scientist Tim Berners-Lee.

If you liken it to a PC then the Internet is the hardware and the web is the software!

This is the Google data centre which is located in Council Bluffs, Iowa, USA. It is the closest we will get to seeing This site is one of thirteen home to the servers that hold users' data. That Google cloud system you use to carry hot air out from the facility and carry processed water for cooling back in, the

the internet in a physical form. spread across the globe and is backup your data; well it isn't in the sky, it's here! The pipes are thousands of feet long and pipes are colour coded to aid

in the process of identifying each pipe. Nickie Baglow (Complete Computing)

Bideford Pannier Market - open Tuesday to Saturday

It is good to see the Pannier Market full with stalls offering a wide range of crafts and gifts; the workshops are certainly proving to be a success. Many of my customers return whenever they come down for a holiday and are full of praise for the change.

Check out the *Jedi Art Zone*, colourful striking paintings from this talented young man. Looking for something local then look at Brian Sidwell Photography: stunning pictures.



if you are a trader and looking for a place to trade then why not have a look at Bideford - please contact Richard Coombes (Deputy Town Clerk) on 01237 428817.

Butchers Row, Market Place, Grenville Street - Open Monday to Saturday

The Market Management Committee are carrying out work on the empty units in Butchers' Row at the moment and hopefully we will soon have four new tenants.

Just Spectacles in Market Place are now fully open, so if you are looking for new glasses then check this shop out ;the owner Andy will give you good advice Trev (Minxy's Sweets)

Message from Bideford Medical Centre

Focus on Sunburn: With the summer fast approaching and the weather improving, do you know how to stay safe in the sun? Sunburn is usually mild and will resolve within 7 days, but it is important to avoid it as it can increase your risk of ageing and skin cancer.



Staying Safe in the Sun:

01237 476363

	Stay out of direct sunlight between 11am and 3pm (hottest part of the Always use a sunscreen with a high protection factor	day).
	Drink cold drinks regularly such as water.	
	Wear loose, cool clothing and a hat outdoors.	
	Check up on friends, relatives and neighbours who may be less able t	o look after
	themselves.	
How to	to relieve mild symptoms:	
	Cool the skin using cold water.	
	Use Aloe Vera containing lotions to sooth and moisturise your	
	skin.	
	Over the counter pain killers such as paracetamol can help.	
	Cover up the area of skin until it is fully healed.	
When	n should I speak to a GP?	
] If you feel unwell, are concerned or burnt over a large area.	9/1/ 1/1/ //
	If you have blistering or swelling of the skin.	
	If you have a high temperature	
П	If you feel dizzy, have headaches and feel sick as this could be heat e	xhaustion.

Devonshire Association: Visit to Shebbear College on Thursday 13 July 2017

Shebbear College was founded in 1829 as *Prospect College* by John and Samuel Thorne who formed a Christian school for 20 boys. It was re-founded by the Bible Christian Church in 1841 as Shebbear College and later taken under the wing of the Methodist Church.

Lunch will be available from 12 noon at the Union Inn, Stibb Cross, near Torrington. The visit starts at 2pm and is open to members and non-members alike; it will include a tour of the campus and describe some of its early history led by members of the Shebbear and Buckland Filleigh Historical Society. Numbers are limited, so please reserve your place or ask for further details by contacting our Secretary, Michael Wright on 01409 281565 or email michaelwright946@btinternet.com before **5 July.**

Hartland Art and Music Festival

Abbotsham Road, Bideford, Devon EX39 3AF

Out of Hours: 111

A celebration of art and music from 4th - 30th July including Hartland Town Band and the Torridge Male Voice Choir on Thursday 13th July at 7.30pm, and *Folk at Stoke*, The Folk Orchestra of North Devon Wednesday 19th July 7.30pm. The *Shanty Singers* from Parkinson's UK Torridge Branch will be perfoming on Monday 24th July at 7.30pm. **Art and Crafts exhibition** in and around the church from the 16th- 22nd July.

For further details please contact 01237 441142 or hartlandcoastparishes@gmail.com.

Full details will be on the Bideford Buzz website at www.bidefordbuzz.org.uk



SHIPPING NOTES



Bideford Shipping 147

Bideford Shipping None since last issue.

At Yelland Welsh Piper 12.5.17

Bristol Channel Observations

12.5.17 at 11.51 container vessel **MSC Koroni** 48244 tons d.w., owners Waldo Shipping Co Greece, outward bound from. Avonmouth, having sailed at 07.29. At 16.00 vehicle carrier **Paganella** 11453 tons d.w., owners Reederei F Laeisz GMBH & Co. Germany, inward bound for Portbury. **13.5.17** at 15.0 cargo vessel **Arklow Vanguard**, 5168 tons d.w., owners Avoca Shipping BV Ireland.

inward bound for Cardiff.

18.5.17 at 17.17 hrs cargo vessel **Arslan** 1 3447 tons d.w, outward bound from Birdport having sailed at 11.43. At 1910 container ship **MSC Maria Laura** 42513 tons d.w., Jacanam Corp Switzerland, outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 14.44. At 21.50 cargo vessel **Sea Kestrel** 2251 tons d.w, Torbulk Ltd, outward bound from Sharpness having sailed at 11.43. **Ocean Nova** small cruise ship

anchored at Lundy from Holyhead and sailed to Scillies.

19.5.17 at 19.07 vehicle carrier Autosun 6670 tons d.w., owners United European Car Carrier Norway, inward bound for Portbury. At 19.55 cargo vessel **Pollux** 4444 tons d.w, owners Gerhard Wessels Germany, outward bound from Birdport having sailed at 13.11.

24.5.17 at 21.15 vehicle carrier **Glovis Century** 20895 tons d.w., owners Glovis & Co Ltd South Korea, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 16.17.At 22.00 cruise ship **Marco Polo** outward bound from Cardiff having sailed at 17.59.

25.5.17 at 10.53 vehicle carrier **Grande Napoli** 14565 tons d.w., owners Grimaldi Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury; (seen again outward bound 26.5.7 at 11.15, having sailed from Portbury at 07.59.) Anchored in Bideford Bay overnight the buoy tender vessel **Galatea** 1200 tons d.w., owners Trinity House Harwich; sailed for the Sicily Isles at 09.30 hrs on the 26th.

26.5.17 at 08.03 bulk carrier **Konstantinos M** 32178 tons d.w., owners Konstantinos Shipping SA

Greece, inward bound for Avonmouth. At 11.22 cargo vessel **Arklow Falcon** 4940 tons d.w owners Sollvbe Naviera @ 2G AL Ireland inward bound for Newport.

27.5.17 at 1.12 **Arklow Beacon** 8660 tons d.w., owners Glenthorne Shipping Ireland, outward bound

from Avonmouth having sailed at 11.50.

28.5.17 at 08.00 hrs vehicle carrier **Coral Leader** 12164 tons d.w, owners Nippon Yusen Kaisha Japan, inward bound for Portbury. At 13.45 tanker **Atlantic Wind** 15019 tons d.w, owners Carl F Peters & Co Hamburg. inward bound for Avonmouth. At 14.35 Vehicle carrier Grande Europa 18461 tons d.w., owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury.

30.5.17 at 12.50 bulk carrier **Yeoman Bank** 38997 tons d.w, owners Aggregate Industries U.K. Ltd UK,

inward bound for Portbury.

1.6.17 at 07.49 fruit juice tanker Orange Blossom 2 23874 tons d.w., owners Atlanship S.A Switzerland, inward bound for Avonmouth. (Seen again **3.6.17** at 20.20 outward bound having sailed from Avonmouth at 15.29.) At 17.45 cruise ship Magellan 48052 tons gross owners. Cruise and Maritime Voyages UK inward bound for Newport.

2.6.17 at 21.00 hrs cruise ship Marco Polo 22080 gross tons, owners Cruise and Maritime Voyages UK inward bound for Cardiff. Seen again 3.6.17 at 19.15 hrs outward bound from Cardiff having sailed at 15.09 hrs. At 21.15 vehicle carrier Grande Anversa 12353 tons d.w., owners Grimaldi Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury. (Seen again 3.6.17 at 20.38, having sailed from Portbury at 16.51.)

3.6.17 at 09.42 vehicle carrier Grande Colonia 12292 tons d.w., owners Grimaldi Line of Italy outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 05.50. At 18.09, cement carrier Ronez 1117 tons d.w., owners Sigmagzy Ltd Guernsey C.I.outward bound from Port Talbot having sailed at 13.41.

4.6.17 at 10.47 vehicle carrier Hoegh Xiamen 12250 tons d.w., owners Hoegh Autolines Shipping AS Norway, inward bound for Portbury. At 21.25 vehicle carrier **Autosun** 6670 tons d.w., owners United European Car Carrier Norway, inward bound for Portbury.

6.6.17 at 21.00 cargo vessel **Spanaco Simplicity** 4250 tons d.w., owners Spanaco Three Ltd

Germany, outward bound from Swansea, having sailed on 31.5.17 at 22.47 (anchored awaiting orders.)

7.6.17 at 09.00 vehicle carrier Ciudad de Cadiz 3500 tons d.w, owners Anita 2 SNC France inward bound for Portbury

Regards Norman

Buzz Word

May Hilder

Just read Alan Fulford's piece on the mystery of May Hilder. I am astonished the town council has never heard of this lady. May Hilder was extremely well-known in Westward Ho! In the Fifties and Sixties and lived at Atlantic Way! not far from the top of the Beach Road junction on the opposite side.

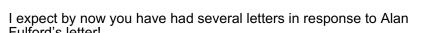


She used to be a live wire with the Follies drama group and, to my knowledge, was involved in many other local activities, such as the Kingsley Hall committee. Indeed, when I started out in journalism around 1960 she was a local contact of mine, not only for the Follies but other newsy bits too. She had a family - her son was a classmate of our daughter at Bideford College.

Graham Andrews

Regarding the article in the June Bideford Buzz about May Hilder. May was the first Pro Warden of our Holy Trinity Church, Atlantic Way, Westward Ho! She was born in 1909 and passed away in 1994. (We have a Harry Juniper Jug in Church with these dates on.) She had been the Mayor of Northam. I am very surprised that Northam Council do not have a record of this. She was also involved in many charity committees and events and attended our Church for many years. She lived in the bungalow in Atlantic Way beside the lane now known as May Hilder Way.

Audrey Harding.



Mrs Hilder was a well known figure in Westward Ho! in the 1950s and 60s. She was President of the Westward Ho! Women's Institute, a Councillor and Chairman of Northam District Council.I've just been down to the Northam Council Offices. There is a photo of Mrs Hilder as Chairman of the Council for the years 1978-1979 and

1986-1987. My on-line research gives her dates from 1909 to 1994.

She, and her family, lived at Point Garry which is the house adjacent to May Hilder Way. Her daughter, Nesta, married Danny Ingrouille of Appledore. I lived in a flat, further along Kingsley Road, in the early 1960s. As far as I can remember, the steep footpath in question was just a rough footpath. It certainly didn't look as it does today (see photo) Your 'new' Buzz is very impressive – a friend remarked on it yesterday!

Cynthia Snowden.

Photo shows Mrs Hilder as W I. President at a Halloween evening in October 1961. (I am the pirate with the eye patch in the photo!)

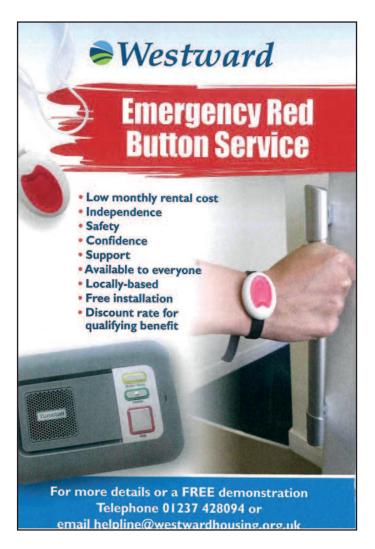




Thank you, Rose, for the fantastic cover story on the June edition for the cardboard boat regatta. (*Details of the Regatta on July* 2^{nd} *are in this month's diary*)

Morris Poole





News from the Burton Art Gallery & Museum

As if having Bagpuss, Ivor the Engine and the Clangers at the Burton last year, wasn't enough!—we now can enjoy another children's favourite, Roald Dahl's 'Big Friendly Giant'! Children will love the 35 drawings by Quentin Blake of Sophie and the Giant, but adults can also learn something of the process by which an artist of his standing takes on a commission of this size and importance. Some drawings have never been seen before, as Blake made many preparatory sketches before he was satisfied they were right for the text. Fun for everyone from 15th July to1st October. (Crafty Kids Tutor, Nicole Hickin, will be in Victoria Park on_Heritage Day Saturday 15th July 1-4pm to help children (and adults) make wonderful phizzwizardly BFG dream iar suitcases!)

When you see sculptures of the human (male) body in many different forms, such as wire or metal, the first artist you might think of is <u>Anthony Gormley</u>, as his most famous example is the 'Angel of the North.' Another well known creation is a group of figures spaced out on Crosby Beach, as if walking to the sea. He also created prints, using etchings and aquatints, which will be on show at the Burton. This collection of his work comes to the Burton from **22nd July until 8th September**. Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 10am-4pm; Sunday: 11am-4pm.

Diana Warmington,

Friends of the Burton Art Gallery & Museum

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The game of life



The Olympics are a long way off. Mo Farah is still the face of meat supplements first, endurance running second, but when he leaves his bowl of high quality fungal protein alone and once again takes to the track, it will usher in weeks of inescapable sport broadcast across the BBC. If the Gods of Mt. Olympus truly are all seeing, all they'd see for the best part of a month is running, jumping and a succession of beautiful flags. The Olympics are a great sport showcase, but they do like to dig their claws in. Not all championships are quite this domineering. Much easier to miss are the virtual championships going on right under our nose. Yet to be taken up by a major broadcaster, eSports have certainly found a niche online. Tens of thousands tune in every day to watch video-gamers in action, mashing at computer keys with the dexterity and bloodlust of a troubled surgeon, all in the hope of sweet victory at the end. As players gear up for summer tournaments, they gear up for bigger prizes too as this year has seen a spike in funding. If you're a keen 'League of Legends' 'player, for example, then you yourself have contributed to its popularity and thus this season's lucrative sponsorship deals, which see funds rise to \$4 million.

As always, hopes are high and 2017 may be the year that a winner is made in Bideford! The joy of online play is that anyone from anywhere can make a name for themselves, all they need is a computer and an internet connection- or a restaurant with free wifi... (As long as you nurse a coffee they can't possibly complain.) The idea of earning a living from games, the same way as a tennis player, or a Formula 1 driver, may take a little getting used to, but a small echelon of people actually manage it. And why shouldn't they? They are good at what they do and each virtual match inspires the same camaraderie, passion and vindictive hatred as any other sport. This season, we have already seen snapped keyboards, smashed monitors and a cultural smorgasbord of cuss words that would make serial racket-botherer John McEnroe proud. It may not be sportsmanlike, but it sure is fun to watch.

It is a movement to look out for too, as football simulation 'Fifa 11,' along with two or more others, are set to be thrown into the Asian Olympics in 2022. Whether or not Japan will include something similar as their demonstration sport at the 2020 Olympics remains to be seen, but this will probably be 'virtual sport's last year in the shadows. At the moment, they can only be viewed first hand at Stadiums, or through streaming services like twitch.com. in their own time.

ESports don't thrust themselves under the spotlight too often, they expect to be sought out and studied.

Volunteer Week

In other news, Tuesday the 6th was the day of the TTVS charity awards, where special nominees flocked from all over North Devon to the Milky Way tea room to meet one another, share stories over coffee and custard-cream platters and be honoured for their work . It was a real eye-opener meeting other volunteers from the breathtaking range of local charities we have- the Talking Newspaper, who spread word to the blind or partially sighted with the help of hypnotic voiced volunteers, Young carers, giving support to the supportive, Intergr8whose members dedicate upwards of 5 days a week to community centres and housing projects, the North Devon display gymnastics club and all they do to inspire the young, TorrAGE ageing well and many others. New Mayor, Dermot McGeough, also saw in his 16th ceremony so far, handing out awards (and biscuits) whilst getting to know the volunteers. Here at Youth Page, we came away with an award too- but so much more! We forged links with a lot of these great charities and the people who make them possible- no doubt we'll be hearing a lot from them all in coming months! A massive congratulations to everyone there.

Millie Sutherland O'Gara

Millie (with Buzz chairman Neil Bennion) receives her award from the Mayor.



The Bideford Branch of THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS or QUAKERS

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- Experiencing poverty/exclusion
- ·Have poor mental health
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100 years ago - July 1917

Of immediate interest this month is a Notice of Sale of the entire Appledore Gas Works. Established in 1874 on land in a field called Barn Close, which is part of Watertown in the Parish of Northam. The site, leasehold at £4 per annum comprises Extensive buildings, Plant and Machinery. Manager's Dwelling house. Retort House. Smith's shop. Engine House and stores. 2 complete Gasometers, a Crossley Gas engine and many other tools, furniture and fittings. All for Sale on Thursday next 19th July 1917 at the Rechabite Hall in Appledore. (*The site eventually became part of Hinks' boatyard.*)

To be let at Hallsannery, 26 acres of productive farmland in four separate fields for the next 4 years. The taker is to crop these fields with 2 crops of corn followed by a root crop and then followed by another corn crop. The seeds will be supplied by the landlord. The tenant is to pay all the rates, taxes, and is required to keep all the fences and gates in good repair. The owner reserves the sporting rights.

From an earlier month we reported on the call - up relaxation for farm workers. In this month's newspaper any worker in full time employ since 31st march this year who receives his call up papers should take them to his employer and the Recruiting officer who will have them rescinded. Of 500 soldiers held in Exeter, 400 have been placed with farms needing immediate labour. However several have been returned to Barracks because "They could not milk"

Bideford Guardians in Meddon Street report that the numbers using the Workhouse are the lowest for several years. There are 65 inmates compared with 87 during the same period last year. The committee have accepted a tender for the supply of butter at 2/- per pound, surprising considering the hard times many of the public are experiencing and the Guardians are seeking tenders for the supply of 120 tons of coal for the winter.

At Weare Giffard the strawberry season is over for this year; most of a considerable crop has been sent to Wales. Mr K P Balson of The Barton has 2 lady assistants on his farm who are doing most useful work. Throughout the village the potato crop has been sprayed and Mr Lock from Locks Beam Farm was relieved to hear that a prize bullock originally presumed drowned in the river Torridge during a flood spate has been found downstream on the other bank among a herd of cow

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.

Hidden Histories of Rural North Devon: opening up the Beaford Archive

On Saturday 15th July, 1-4pm at the Burton Gallery and in Victoria Park, Bideford will see the muchanticipated launch of a vibrant and unique three-year project for the people of North Devon, funded by the

Heritage Lottery Fund. We are also very excited to be part of the **Bideford Town Fair**, **running from 10:30am in Victoria Park on the same day**. Join us in the workshop space at The Burton from 1:30pm, where we will host three talks from local experts including: David Green, local photographer and the digitiser on the Hidden Histories project; Jo Stewart-Smith from Butterfly Effect Films speaking about and sharing the Boat Stories film series; and the prolific local historian Peter Christie will discuss his latest book *A History of Photography in North Devon 1842-1914*, (reviewed by Buzz last month.)

Photographs from the Archive show Bideford Regatta of 1973.



July Diary

Saturday 1st

2-4.30pm Cream Tea Summer Fayre at 7.30pm Bideford Phoenix Morris & Sacred Heart Church gardens. 472357 7pm Film Club at Littleham Village Hall. 471928

Sunday 2nd

10.30am-4.30pm Bideford Water **Festival**

10.30am Cardboard Boat Regatta on River Torridge at Bideford Quay. 2.30pm Appledore Singers Concert at Northam Hall. 474225

Monday 3rd

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 Trinity Church Hall 470990 band followed by senior band at 7.45pm 7pm 'Life Drawing' -Bideford Arts Centre 10.30am Walking for Health in Victoria on Appledore Quay(St Mary's Ch. if wet) 7.30pm Bideford Band Concert at 7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652 8.30pm N D Jazz Club at the Beaver, Appledore - Martin Speake Trio

Tuesday 4th

Start of Hartland's Celebration of Art and Music.For details contact 441142 hartlandcoastparishes@gmail.com. Until 10am-12pm Coffee,Craft & Chat at Old 30th July.

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

10.30am Walking for Health. 421528 11.45am-12.45pmTai Chi at Northam Community Hall

2pm Bideford WI, New Sea Cadet Blg 2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun & Fellowship' Club meets at Baptist 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 5th

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. 10am-3pm Westward Ho! Crafters Market at W,Ho! Baptist Church 479474 7pm Appledore Band Concert – training 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.

7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room

AngleTwich at Crealock, Littleham 473798

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolsery Village Hall. 441601 Thursday 6th

10-11 & 11-12 Tai Chi, Marlborough Ct. 10am-1pm & 2-4pm See Hear on Wheels (SHoW) bus at Pill Car Park. 10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka Wednesday 12th Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528 **2-3pm** Seated Exercise for over 60s at W Ho! Baptist Hall. 01805 622666 01271 373236

2-4pm Holy Trinity Church W Ho! open 6.45pm Westward Ho! Bridge Club at

Westward Ho! Green (Baptist Ch if wet) 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 7th School Rm, 17 Atlantic Way, W Ho! 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 Saturday 8th

Clovelly Gig Regatta

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

7.30pm Concert by Torridge Male Voice Choir at Holy Trinity Church, W.Ho!

Sunday 9th

3pm Appledore Lifeboat Sea Sunday Open Air Service with Appledore Band. Monday 10th

10am-12pm Appledore Community Art Group at Appledore Community Hall. 2.30pm Monday Club meet at Bideford

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

10.30am Parkinson's UK coffee morning band followed by senior band at 7.45pm on Appledore Quay(St Mary's Ch if wet) 7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652 Tuesday 11th

> 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-12.45pmTai Chi at Northam Community Hall

2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun & 4-6pm Sew Together at Northam Library Fellowship' Club meets at Baptist Hall. 2.30pm Lift Off for Ladies at Westward Ho! Baptist Church. 425471

7-9pm Torridge Tuesdays Women's Club, Ethelwynne Brown Close 1 07977184897

7.30pm Bideford Camera Club meet at Chubb/Churchill hall 421391 7.30pm Lions Club meet at Royal Hotel.

Visiting Lions welcome 7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at

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Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528 2pm Tea with Friends at St Mary's Ch. 2-3.30pm 'Bideford Friends' at Burton Art Gallery. 01805 622666

2-4pm See Hear on Wheels bus at Bone Hill car park, Northam.

4-6pm Sew Together at Northam Library 7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room **7.45pm** Bideford Phoenix Morris & Red Petticoats at Instow

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

Thursday 13th

Devonshire Assn visit to Shebbear College 01409 281565

10-11 & 11-12 Tai Chi, Marlborough Ct. 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 2-4pm Holy Trinity Church W Ho! open 6.45pm Westward Ho! Bridge Club at

7pm Bideford Buzz AGM at Bideford Library. All welcome.476549.

Trinity Church Hall 470990

7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801 7.30pm N Devon British Bike Club at Robin's Nest

7.30pm Bideford Band Concert at Westward Ho! Green (Baptist Ch if wet) 8pm Bideford Folk Club at Joiners Arms Friday 14th

10am-12pm Coffee, Craft & Chat at Old School Rm, 17 Atlantic Way, W Ho! 12-4pm Open Garden with Pimms at 4 Blyth Court, W.Ho! for N D Hospice 422215

2-5pm Afternoon Tea at 17 Francis Drive, W.Ho! for N D Hospice 422215 **2-4pm** Sew Together at Westward Ho! Baptist Church 01805 622666 2.30-4.30pm Torridge Table Tennis Club at Bideford Youth Centre 7.30pm Abbotsham WI in Village Hall 7.30pm Bideford Machine Knitting Club at Chubb/Churchill Comm. Hall. 477532

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Clovelly Rd Ind Estate. 07817976053

1.30-3.30pm Knit & Natter Group at

Wednesday 26th 9.30am-2.30pm Free Social Club for 7.30pm Massed Bands Concert with 7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble ages 19+ at Happy Café, W Ho! Bideford, Appledore & Torrington Bands Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room 10am-12pm Bideford Healing Group at at Rosemoor 475653 7.45pm Bideford Phoenix & Winkleigh Sea Cadets Bldg in Victoria Park. Morris at Cyder Presse, Weare Giffard 7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing, 10.15am Probus Club at Royal Hotel Kingsley Hall, W Ho! 01769 540309 8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets 10.30am-12pm 'Feel Better with a 8pm Ceilidh Club at Northam Hall at Woolsery Village Hall. 441601 Book' at Bideford Library Thursday 20th Saturday 15th 10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka 10.30am Walking for Health in Victoria 10am Launch of Summer Reading Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528 Challenge at Bideford Library. Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528 2-3.30pm 'Bideford Friends' at Burton 10-11 & 11-12 Tai Chi, Marlborough Ct. 10.30am Heritage Day in Bideford and Art Gallery. 01805 622666 Bideford Town Fair in Victoria Park. 11am Bideford Sustainability Group 4-6pm Sew Together at Northam Library Coffee Morning at Green Goose Sunday 16th 7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Clovelly Maritime Festival in aid of 12.30-2pm Fish & Chip Club for over 60s at Royal Plaice, Appledore. 471394 Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room **Bideford Sea Cadets** 7.45pm Bideford Phoenix & Exmoor 1.30pm Torridge Ramblers walk 2-3pm Seated Exercise for over 60s at Border Morris at Westward Ho! 01271 322082 W Ho! Baptist Hall. 01805 622666 8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets 2-4pm Holy Trinity Church W Ho! open Monday 17th at Woolsery Village Hall. 441601 10am-12pm Appledore Community Art 6.45pm Westward Ho! Bridge Club at Thursday 27th Group at Community Hall. Trinity Church Hall 470990 10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka 2pm Bideford Ladies Club at 7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing at Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528 Marlborough Court. 421925 Westleigh Village Hall. 473801 10-11 & 11-12 Tai Chi, Marlborough Ct. 7pm Tai Chi at Bideford High Street 7.30pm Bideford Band Concert at 2-3pm Seated Exercise for over 60s at Methodist Church Hall. 472532 Westward Ho! Green(Baptist Ch if wet) W Ho! Baptist Hall. 01805 622666 7pm Appledore Band Concert - training 8pm Bideford Folk Club at Joiners Arms 2-4pm Holy Trinity Church W Ho! open band followed by senior band at 7.45pm Friday 21st **6.45pm** Westward Ho! 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Tel 441999 10am-1pm Lundy Art Group at Blue Fellowship' Club at Baptist Church Hall. 2-5pm Northam Lodge Summer Fete_at Lights Hall, Appledore 2.30pm Lift Off for Ladies at Baptist Rose Hill, Heywood Rd. 2.30-4.30pm Torridge Table Tennis Church, Westward Ho! 425471 Monday 24th Club at Bideford Youth Centre 477932 2.30pm Reflections at St Mary's Church 10am-12pm Appledore Community Art 7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing, 7.30pm Bideford Camera Club meet at Group at Appledore Community Hall. 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