



BIDEFORD BUZZ



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

New Harbour Master for Bideford



Norman Hardaker, our shipping correspondent interviewed the new Harbour Master for Bideford, Capt. Paul Labistour, who took over the position from Captain Hoad earlier in the year.

Paul was born in East Yorkshire in 1963 and his sea - going career was with the London Company Furness Withy & Company Ltd and also Cable and Wireless Ltd, who laid a lot of the submarine cables around the world prior to satellites. He also spent time with Trinity House on the buoy tender vessels. Later he was dock master at Boston Lincs, and then deputy Harbour master; he moved to Torbay in 1998 where he was Harbour master for 16 years. He still lives in Brixham and combines the job of Harbour Master with working as manager for the Appledore Fish Quay.

Norman's photos show the **Celtic Crusader** which was in port in Bideford in early October with a cargo of ball clay.

(The shipping notes are on Page 14.)

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Bideford Folk Club.

We meet every Thursday upstairs in the Joiners' Arms on the Market Square - 7:30 for 8.00 pm. Most evenings are sing-arounds, but about eight times a year we have a professional guest or group. New members and visitors are very welcome.

Robb Johnson on 9th November is one of the finest singer-songwriters active in the UK today. His songs are edgy, hard hitting and full of social comment. **The club has a website at bidefordfolkclub.com and can be emailed at bidefolk@gmail.com**

Bideford Phoenix Morris.

Meet every Wednesday at the Baptist Church Hall Mill st Bideford at 7.30pm. For more information contact Carolyn on 01237 473798

Photo shows them at Mondeville, Northam's Twin town in September

The Appledore Singers –Christmas Concert

in aid of Devon Air Ambulance

This will take place on Sunday 17th December, 2.30pm at Northam Hall (top of Fore Street). The Choir will delight the audience with arrangements of festive music – both traditional and modern - and, as always, there will be the opportunity for audience participation!

Admission is £6 at the door (under 16s free), to include light refreshments. For further information contact **Pam Beechey 01237 420652**



Bideford Music Club

Tom Poster is very popular and well known to North Devon audiences and has been invited to the second concert in Bideford Music Club's 60th anniversary season.

He will be performing music by Beethoven, Schumann, Chopin, Gershwin and Ravel. He is internationally recognised as a pianist of outstanding artistry and versatility, equally in demand as soloist and chamber musician across an unusually extensive repertoire. The concert will be held at Bideford Methodist Church Hall, High Street on Wednesday 8th November at 7.30 pm. Tickets are available at the door - £13.50, students and children free; membership for four concerts is still available. See website for more details bidefordmusicclub.org.uk.

North Devon Diabetes Support Group

Our Group supports people with diabetes and also anyone involved with them. We are a friendly group of people who meet twice a month, on the first Monday at St John's Garden Centre at 10.30am and on the third Monday of each month at Roundswell Community Centre (next to Sainsburys) at 10.15 a.m. At this meeting we have a speaker, usually someone who can assist with the management of diabetes.

We would love to see you ; if you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact Lyn on 01769 572640.

WANTED! Meet and Greet Volunteers

TorrAge Ageing Well runs several activities and social groups for the over-60s in Bideford, Northam and surrounding areas; everything from sewing or exercise to social groups. We rely on our team of Meet and Greet Volunteers to help with these groups and keep them running into the future.

The volunteers providing a friendly warm welcome to all the clients coming to the group. Please call **Debbie Jessop on 01805 622666** if you are interested in helping.





Prefabs

During the Second World War huge numbers of houses were destroyed by enemy action and as early as 1944 Winston Churchill announced an EFM (Emergency Factory Made) housing programme.

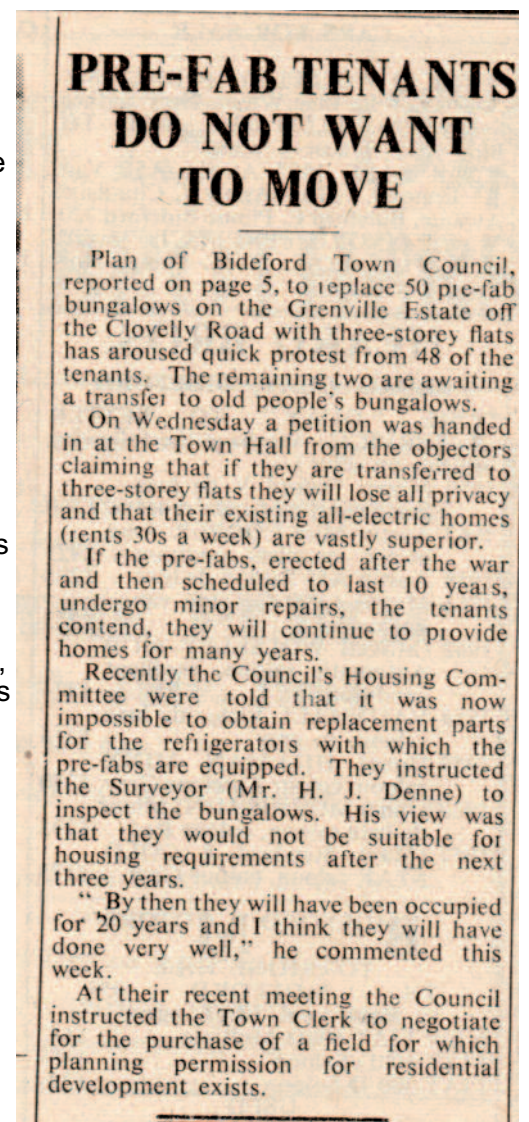
In 1945 the new prime minister Clement Atlee began implementing the scheme and within six years some one million new 'prefabs' as they came to be known had been built – and I lived in one as a child.

In Bideford some fifty were built at Bowden Green and named the Grenville estate. The rapidly assembled, prefabricated houses were simple but perfectly acceptable constructions and, unusually for the time, were 'all electric' with luxurious touches like fridges being available. The first was opened in April 1946 by the Mayor W.H.Chubb who was accompanied by councillors and some of the first tenants. All this was reported in the *Gazette* along with the photograph as shown here.

The buildings were only designed for a 10 year life span but residents grew to love them so much they didn't want to leave and it wasn't until July 1964 that the town council decided to demolish them. This move immediately led to protests from the prefab dwellers – as shown in the attached cutting from the *Gazette*. The tenants lost the battle, however, and their houses were removed and replaced by 3-storey blocks of flats – which in their time have now been demolished and replaced by new accommodation! Nothing ever stands still but one has to wonder if the concept of 'prefabs' should be revisited to help tackle the nation's current housing shortage?

Photo shows Mayor and Councillors at opening ceremony, (1946.)

Peter Christie



Book Buzz

At Bideford Library

Animal Farm by George Orwell ; discussed by Bideford Library Readers' Group

Reading 'Animal Farm' when young made me aware of Orwell's incredible talent not only as a writer with his wit and enthusiasm, but also his awareness of the revolution and corruption within politics. Now I see so much more within the novel and admire the clever descriptions of power, dictatorship and human behaviour.

The animals start off with new rules and one commandment e.g 'all animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others' and Napoleon & Snowball's differing leadership qualities both fail. The novel may be short but weaves swiftly through Orwell's descriptions of harsh leadership and compares events and the uprising in Russia (1917) giving the reader a sense of doom and destruction.

Characters and themes, threats and arguments all emerge through the novel as we question who is right or does power simply imply greed and self gratification?

Different animals either lack education or prefer to support their leader whatever the outcome. They actually adapt a human lifestyle - pigs stand on two legs and form a society that has come full circle!

The group all contributed to a lively discussion on this novel - analysing different aspects of the plot, characters, religion, rulers & the inevitable outcome for Manor Farm. Most enjoyed the powerful struggle to survive and yet saddened by some upsetting events and cruelty along the way. Only one person had not read the novel before.

Margie Summers.

(Bideford Library Readers' Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month 2pm at Bideford Library. New members welcome.)

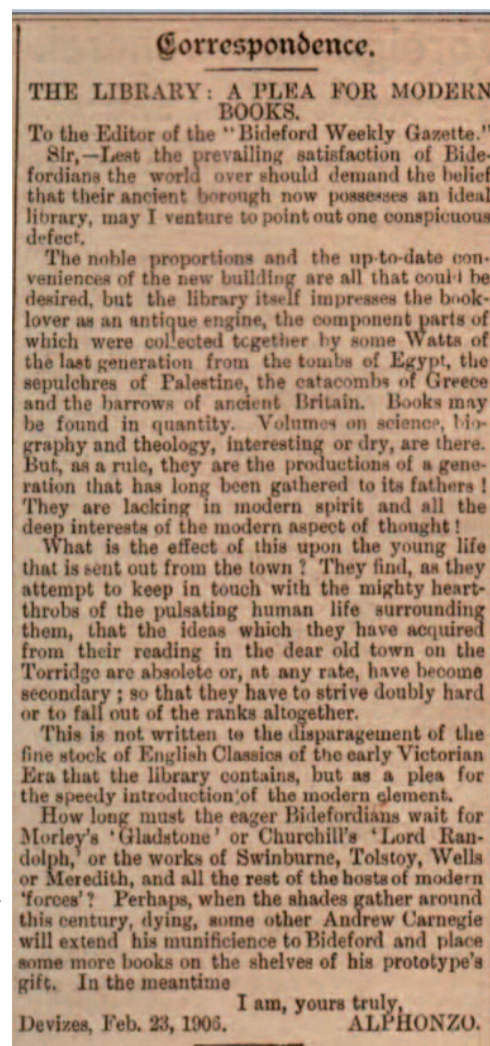
Also at Bideford Library in November.

Tom Vowler, author of 'That Dark Remembered Day' and 'What Lies Within' will be talking about his new collection 'Dazzling the Gods' which includes a story about Seafield House in Wesward Ho!

Thursday November 16th 7pm onwards, tickets £2.00 to include a glass of wine or soft drink

Crime writer Graham Hurley will be here on the 12th December 7.00pm onwards; £2.00 ticket to include a glass of wine or soft drink

(Newspaper cutting from Peter Christie. Bideford library in 1906.)



Northam Library

Just imagine if buildings could talk, what a tale they could tell! With the support and guidance of local author Liz Shakespeare we invite you to share your own memories of everyday life and the connections you had and still have with the buildings in and around Northam.

Over the course of three free workshops Liz will use photographs of buildings in Northam to trigger memories of times past. Previous writing experience is not essential as Liz will guide the process. All participants will receive their finished work in a booklet form with old and current photographs of the related buildings. The work of those who give permission may be used in a future 'Northam Life Stories' exhibition.

All writing materials will be provided along with refreshments. The workshops will take place at Northam library on Monday 6th November, Monday 20th November and Monday 4th December 2-3.30pm. Places are limited. Please book early to avoid disappointment. To book call 01237 475111.



Foster a dog and make a difference to a dog's life!

We are looking for dog lovers who live near to our Ilfracombe Rehoming Centre to look after dogs for us in their home on a short term basis. These dogs may be puppies, elderly dogs, dogs with injuries, mums with litters or perhaps just a dog that needs a break from kennel life. All equipment, food, support and advice will be provided by Dogs Trust. For more information please contact the Home from Home Coordinator: Call: **01271 812 709** Email: hfhilfracombe@dogstrust.org.uk Or visit us at: Dogs Trust Ilfracombe, Hazeldene, West Down, EX34 8NU

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artisan market

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Up Close Theatre

We are a Bideford based community theatre company formed two years ago. We have completed six productions in and around North Devon, going as far as Exeter, with the very successful tour of "Yes, Prime minister" and most recently, a highly proclaimed joint production with the Bideford Town Band of "Brassed Off".

We would like a more secure base in Bideford. We need support and help to find a venue so that we have a home in Bideford for theatre and the arts. This will allow us to open up the possibilities to a wider range of people, encourage young people to enjoy the joys of a theatre, and help build community spirit. So, we are appealing to the council and businesses of Bideford for their help. We need a venue which could be converted into a small studio style theatre. For example a barn, a commercial site, an empty building, a space, an empty public house or similar. If you can help, please get in touch and call 07480 934643 and ask for Mark.

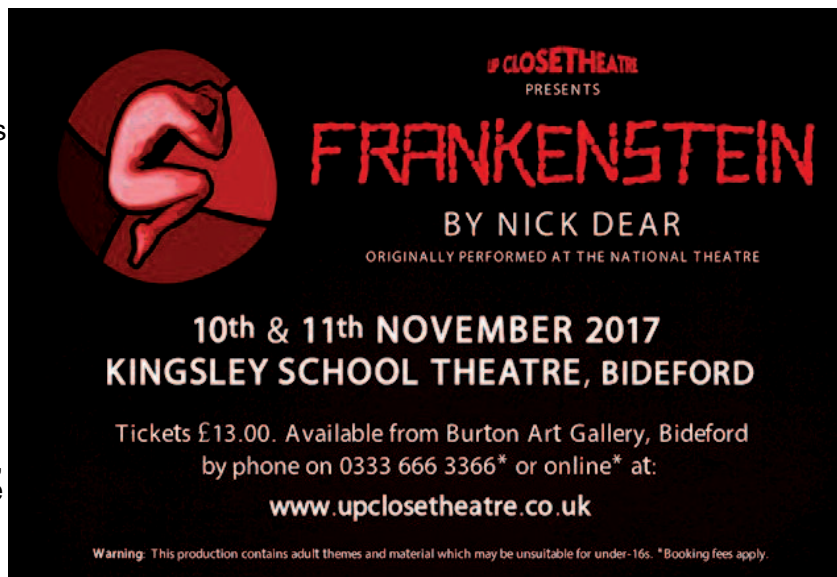
So, what's next for *Up Close Theatre* while we wait for a venue? Well, we are performing 'Frankenstein', which was originally performed at the National Theatre and produced by Danny Boyle. The play, by Nick Dear, is based on the classic novel by Mary Shelley. Due to the difficulties and intense nature of this production, very few amateur companies have taken up the challenge to produce this masterpiece.

Dramatic and gripping, the production follows Victor Frankenstein's creature from creation through to adulthood. Childlike in his innocence, but grotesque in form, Frankenstein's bewildered creature is cast out into a hostile universe by his horror-struck maker. Meeting with cruelty wherever he goes, the friendless Creature, increasingly desperate and vengeful, determines to track down his creator and strike a terrifying deal.

Urgent concerns of scientific responsibility, parental neglect, cognitive development and the nature of good and evil are embedded within this thrilling and deeply disturbing classic, gothic tale. Follow the path that must be taken from its creation to dramatic climax, leaving you with a question – *Should Man play God?*

The play is at the Kingsley School Theatre, Bideford on 10th & 11th November at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the Burton Art Gallery or by phoning 0333 666 3366 or by booking online at our website www.upclosetheatre.co.uk. For group bookings of 6 or more please contact 07480 934643.

Mark Clark



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Buzz Byte

The term "Computing" actually originates from the ancient past when it was used as a job description to describe those, mostly women, who were required to perform repetitive calculations for the production of things such as navigational charts or astrology tables. The term was also used to describe other forms of primitive counting or measuring devices from a simple abacus to an elaborately detailed mechanical machine with buttons and levers.

Since the beginning of the 'modern' computer era the computers have continued to get quicker and smaller. You would need a wheelbarrow to transport your first PC round, now you can carry it around under your arm!

The first electrical computer was built way back in 1936 by Konrad Zuse, a German construction engineer. He was the pioneer of the freely programmable computer. This system would have taken up the majority of your living room unlike the laptops of today which you can keep hidden away in a cupboard!

There was a steady increase in the technological advancements and competitors over the next 18 years but it wasn't until 1953 that the first of the 'big boys,' that are still industry leaders today, enters into the chronicles of computing history - IBM had been created, the International Business Machine company started life producing punch card machines for employers in 1911. Computing was aimed at business users with the banking industry joining in 1959. It wouldn't be long before the platform was recognised as a way to provide the young generation with entertainment.

Computing celebrated its next major milestone in 1962 when the first multi-player computer game was invented. It was called *Spacewar!* and was created by Steve Russell & Co. It is a two-player game where you fire photon torpedoes at each other, a revolutionary breakthrough at the time!!!

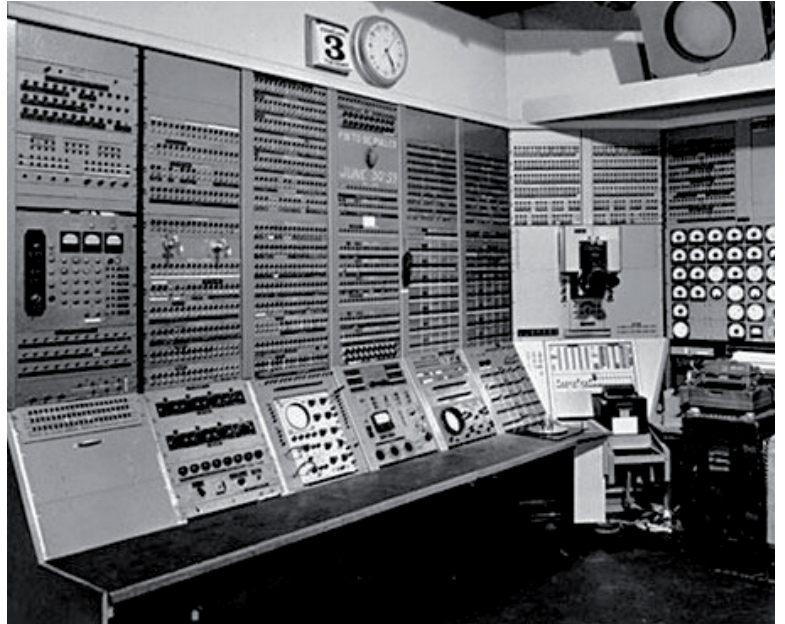
For the next decade, the industry continued to produce new additions that we take as standard in today's market - the mouse came in 1964, followed by processors and networking and then the floppy disc (now almost extinct itself) in 1971. It was in 1975 that the first computer specifically designed for the home user went on sale. 1977 saw Apple and Commodore come onto the scene and dominate the industry for nearly a decade.

Though Apple had been in computer production since the 70's it wasn't until 1985 that the on-going battle of Windows Vs Apple started. Apple launched the Apple Mac in '84 but in November '85 Microsoft arrived on the scene with the newly released Microsoft Windows. Each released better, faster and smarter machines and even today there is a divide between Mac/Windows users.

The first travel into cyber space was in 1969 by ARPAnet and was dubbed the 'original internet'. The World Wide Web (www) was launched in 1990 after 10 years of development by Tim Berners-Lee and a team at CERN. It wasn't until the dot-com boom in 1999 that the internet developed into the integral part of society that it has become today.

Nickie Baglow (Complete Computing.)

Photo. shows 'Two men playing *Space War*.'



News from the Burton Art Gallery and Museum

November is a busy month for the Burton. We continue to enjoy Paul Lewin's spectacular scenes of North Devon in his inimitable style, using the earth pigment, Bideford Black – (there once really was a Paint Mine at East the Water; a type of soft coal, used to paint ships' bottoms, as a waterproof coating.) Paul turns this pigment into pastels, and their strong tones are exactly right for his dramatic rocky coastline scenes. He usually paints outdoors – *en plein air* - and you can really feel the wind, the weather and sound of the surf. The show ends on 27th November. Don't miss it.

The Friends are holding their Open Annual Christmas Exhibition as usual this winter, starting on the 18th November in gallery 2. This is an opportunity for all local and regional artists and crafts men and women to submit their work for selection. If you are interested, please bring your work along to the Gallery on Saturday and Sunday, 11th and 12th November between 11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. You may submit up to 4 pieces of work, and the fee per item is £5. If you are a member of the Friends of the Burton, the fee is £4 per item. This is a fund-raising exhibition for the Friends, and all works must be for sale. If you wish to have a copy of the Conditions of Entry, and an Entry Form, please contact the Gallery, on 01237 471455, or via the website: www.theburton.org We look forward to yet another outstanding exhibition by the talented artists in our area.

We are also looking for volunteer stewards to help manage the exhibition while it is on show, and if you have a couple of hours to spare during opening hours at any time between the 18th November and the 23rd December, I shall be pleased to hear from you. Please use the Gallery phone number for this purpose, or email me on diana.w@care4free.net It's quite painless, and you get to have a chat with a lot of people you know! There's a Workshop at the Burton this month while you have Christmas in mind. Gift Wrap Printing with **Emily Carder** takes place from 10-4 on the **18th November**. You will certainly impress your friends with personally designed paper carefully wrapped around their present. Cost is £40 + £5 for materials. Book on 01237 471455.

We can't get away from it, Christmas isn't that far off, and the Gallery Shop and Craft Gallery are full of gift ideas of all kinds, with books, toys, jewellery, prints, ceramics, textiles, and lots of beautifully chosen cards. Opening hours are Mon-Sat: 10-4 and Sunday from 11-4. Admission Free. All that and The Cafe du Parc and the Museum will keep you happy, under-cover, the whole day.

Diana Warmington Friends of the Burton Gallery.



News from the Pannier Market

Following the success of *Clay: A Festival of Ceramics* in June and *Vintage & Handmade* in September, Devon Pop Ups will be bringing another stellar cast of exhibitors to Bideford for an *Artisan Market* on November 19th.

The event aims to celebrate quality art, craft, food and drink that has been handmade by local artisans.

This will be the biggest Pop Up event yet with the Pannier Market packed to the rafters with a new mix of exhibitors showcasing their handmade goodies.

You will also be able to make Christmas cards with textile artist Kerry Knight on the day - booking in advance is essential. Go to www.devon-pop-ups for more information.

Please remember and spread the word that the FREE bus service from Victoria Park operates every Saturday through to the end of January 2018 - This is available to both locals and tourists. 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. All the units are occupied and fully open - with Christmas approaching these are the shops to look in for that unusual present.

Trev (Minxy's Sweets)



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Parties

Wakes

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If you are looking for a venue for any celebration please contact Pat or Debbie on 01237 472439, or call at the Club.

Bon fires in November.

Kingsley School

Friday 3rd November 2017 – 6pm Kingsley Bonfire Night & Firework Party at Kingsley School, Northdown Rd, Bideford. See poster for details.

Appledore Pirates Bon fire.

Everyone is welcome at the West Quay, Irsha Street, Appledore Friday 10th November. From 6pm. to help raise funds for charities & good causes.

Volunteers needed to help build the bonfire at about 3.30pm on the day of the event, with supplies donated by local tradesmen, who save it up all year for us. We also need enthusiastic bucket donation collectors; please contact the Pirate Secretary.

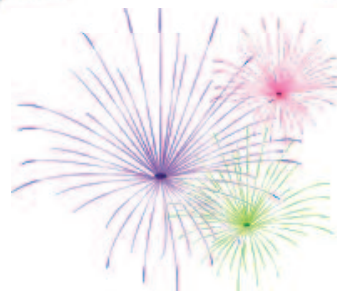


Free Entry

Lighting the bonfire and fireworks from 6pm
Food & Drink Available

All donations welcome.

The evening is put on with the combined effort of the Appledore Pirates and the West Quay Public Houses.



There are plenty of street collections to support this event and raise further funds for the beneficiaries of the Appledore Pirates, so all contributions are gratefully received, no matter how small.

*Fireworks kindly provided by Stephen Barnes **Pyrotechnics Displays** 07794 6509*

BIDEFORD CINEMA

Coming soon

Goodbye Christopher Robin (PG) at Kingsley School on Sunday 29 October at 4.00pm and 6.30pm

Victoria and Abdul (PG) at Kingsley School on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 November at 7.30pm

The Lego Ninjago Movie
Thor: Ragnarok
Justice League

Please check weekly advert in North Devon Gazette and our website www.bidefordcinema.org.uk for up-to-date information on films and times to avoid disappointment.

Felicity's Sustainable Fish: November

Here is a Devon version of Stargazey pasties made with Clovelly herrings. These were very popular at the Herring Festival last year and will be back by popular demand this year.

Devonshire Stargazey Pasty

Ingredients

450g puff pastry
225g potato (cubed)
4/6 Herrings-filleted and sliced
rashers of bacon
1 onion
50g butter
tbsp. chives-
chopped
tbsp. parsley
chopped
275g clotted
cream
Milk or egg for
glazing



Method

Boil the potatoes for about 15mins.
Grill the bacon until the edges start browning, also slice and fry the onions in light oil until they are softened.
Chop up the cooked bacon and add to a bowl with the cooked diced potato, sliced herring fillets, chopped herbs and the softened onions and mix together.
On a floured surface roll out the puff pastry thinly and then cut rounds out to fit size 7inch/18cm side plates.
Fill the centre of each round with mixture on one half (be careful not to over fill). Add a spoonful of clotted cream on top.
Dampen the edges of the pasty with milk, fold and crimp the edges together carefully so that everything is sealed in.
Glaze with beaten egg and milk mixed, or just milk, and place on a non-stick baking tray.
Bake in the oven at 180C /gas mark 4 for 30 mins. until pastry is a golden brown.
Serve with seasonal vegetables or salad or take out with you on a walk or picnic.
Delicious with tomato chutney!

Herring Month

Remember that November is Clovelly Herring Month- the Herring Festival is on Saturday 17th this year.

Maritime historian and writer, Mike Smylie, will be there with his "Kipperland" exhibition, which is devoted to the history of the herring. He will also be turning herring into delicate-tasting kippers and bloaters in his smokehouse.

There'll also be net making, flax processing and a Curragh on show provided by 'Flaxland'.

Throughout the day there will be live music, street entertainment, face-painting & henna Tattoos, an exhibition of Clovelly herring fishing, The Herring Hunt and the National Trust event-themed children's craft activities.

Standard admission charges include all entertainment.

Come by bus.

Please note that you can travel by bus from Barnstaple and Bideford to Clovelly. Click on <https://tisconmaps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/South%20Wes...> for the Stagecoach South West timetable.

Stalls selling fresh Clovelly herrings and Clovelly kippers will also be found in the Bideford Pannier Market, Pollyfield Community Centre, Appledore Baptist Church Hall and some Food and Craft Fayres in Appledore and RHS Rosemoor. Please see local press for details or call Felicity on 07918 779 060. Watch for Posters and flyers for more information.





Autumn : - A checklist of things to do.

Well – how was it? Late September - the “new start” feeling that either fills you with excitement and anticipation – or the 'pit of the stomach' dread of something unfamiliar about to happen that often comes with Halloween season.

Was it the hard 'business shoes' (can't kick a ball in those), the sleeves too long (“You'll grow into it”), the scratchy labels (many of which get lost in the chaos of the first few weeks). Was it the sense of 'lost freedom' and a return to the tyranny of timetables – and all the stuff you know you like doing – but sometimes just want to 'cocoon' away from – stay inside and look at the dark outside the window. Was it the expectations that come with it – great grades and the pressure of deadlines. Was it the 'O' -word – 'Organisation.' This time it will be different. The promises to yourself that this time you won't throw all your stuff into a bag at the last minute (does anyone really believe this?).



Is it about the leaves bright
and crunchy under your feet
and conkers like polished
treasure?

Or – is it about the anticipation? Is it about that familiar smell of damp soil and bon fires, candy floss and Sunday lunch? Is it about the leaves bright and crunchy under your feet and conkers like polished treasure waiting to be collected, the golden sunrises that make the Torridge shimmer. Is it about routines and the pattern of life – gruesome masks and toffee apples in the shops, fairy lights and the approach of the season of Tinsel, the excitement of the Bideford Christmas lights or the November fireworks, glittering calendars and an endless loop of 'shmaltzy' songs that make your family members 'well -up' and start talking about how much better it all used to be. Is it about change – the 'new you' or the people you haven't met – yet? This is the time of year where everyone wants to reinvent themselves, but not too much, they save that for new year.

Whatever Autumn is to you, use it as a new start, embrace the unique feeling that only comes at this time of year and the atmosphere it brings to Bideford.

Lucy Braund.

Lucy is our new youth pager taking over from Millie. Please send any contributions, thoughts etc FAO Lucy Braund at editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk or message Bideford Buzz on Facebook.



100 Years Ago - November 1917

Children from Bideford schools have collected approximately two tons of horse chestnuts which will save a ton of cereals in munitions work.

North Devon Appeals Courts: Many columns in every edition are given to reporting the proceedings of employers appealing about their staff being taken to go to war. Farmers are protesting that on one hand they are being asked to increase food production yet threshing is not being done because engine drivers and the labourers are being conscripted. Another farm instance this month is William Cole (18) of Bucks Cross who works with his father, Edward, breeding and training farm horses. They have 4 agricultural horses and 9 colts to be trained and this cannot be done alone. His appeal was allowed.

At Parkham the continuous showery weather has allowed very little ploughing to be done but an experiment at Melbury using a tractor saw the land turned and cultivated with some success. However rabbits ate everything that sprouted but continued trapping saw the problem diminished and the crop grew and now sheep can be seen feeding.

R Dymond & Co is offering for sale: A detached villa formerly called The Ferns but now known as Straiton at Buckleigh, 2 Nelson Terrace Westward Ho! House and shop, & East Glen, Orchard Hill, Northam.

Another agent is advertising: A two-stall stable and Coach House, Torridge Street Bideford, 1 Torridge Street, 33 & 34 Torrington Lane, 35 Clifton Street, (a corner dwelling) & 35 Torrington Lane, which has a large frontage and has been re-roofed.

The Governors of Edgehill College have purchased Kiltrasna, a large residence with 15 acres high up North Down Road. It will become a hostel for the increasing number of students attending the college.

An alarming accident occurred in Bideford later in the month. The Hartland to Bideford Brake pulled by 2 horses was descending Grenville Street and as it turned down into the High Street the shaft connecting the horses to the coach broke causing the coach to run into the horses. They started off and the entire assemblage careered down the street, narrowly missing several shoppers. The driver, with considerable skill turned the horses around the National Provincial Bank corner onto the Quay towards the Kingsley statue whereupon the coach rolled over onto its side. The horses were unharmed and the driver proceeded to extricate six passengers from the wrecked coach.

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 or visit our website www.bidefordarchive.org.uk.

The Archive's Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 20th November 2017 commencing at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber, Northam Town Council, 1 Windmill Lane, Northam. The Mayor of Bideford will preside. If you would like to consider joining the Archive's Committee please email secretary@bideford.org.uk. There are numerous posts to be filled including Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

Carnegie Award-Winning Author visits Shebbear College

We were delighted to welcome the award winning author Tanya Landman to Shebbear College last week. Tanya is acknowledged internationally as a superb writer of books for young people. Her book 'Buffalo Soldier' won the Carnegie Medal in 2015; a number of her other titles have also won prestigious awards.

Tanya gave an entertaining and informative talk to an Assembly Hall packed with pupils, followed by a question and answer session. There were so many interesting questions from the students that we almost ran out of time. Many of the pupils bought books which were then signed by Tanya.
Jane Welby, Shebbear College Librarian



SHIPPING NOTES



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Ship in Port	Flag Owners	From	To	Arrived	Sailed	Crew	Cargo Loaded
Bideford Celtic Crusader ex Scorpio 09 Lamego 13 Built 1994	Cardiff British British	Bromborough	Castellon	02/10/17	05/10/17	Polish Russian Ukranian	2745 tons ball clay.
Yelland Nataly * ex Blue Dragon Built 2007	St Johns Antigua & Barbuda German	Glensanda	Rotterdam	12/9/17 berthed 18/9/17	19/09/17	Russian Polish Ukranian	3500 tons chippings.

*This ship arrived on the 12th on the last of the spring tides and was unable to berth having been delayed by bad weather in the Irish Sea ; she went over to Lundy to shelter to await the spring tides.

Appledore

Arco Dart 21.9.17

Bristol Channel Observations

11.9.17 17.53 vehicle carrier **Grande Benin** 26000 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 13.32.

13.9.17 At 8.16 vehicle carrier **Lake Kivu** 12322 tons d.w, owners Lombard Corporate Dec 3 UK, inward bound for Portbury.

16.9.17 At 19.30 vehicle carrier **Thalatta** 23876 tons d.w. owners Wallenius Wilhelmsen Norway and Sweden, outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 15.22.

17.9.17 at 11.00. fruit juice tanker **Orange Wave** 16700 tons d.w, owners Atlanship SA Switzerland inward bound for Avonmouth. At 15.30 bulk carrier **Chang Hua** 53000 tons d.w.,owners Wellway Shipping Ltd China, inward bound for Newport .

18.9.17 At 09.38 container vessel **MSC Rossetta** 43605 tons d.w, outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 03.59. At 18.16 hrs bulk carrier **Yeoman Bank** 38997 tons d.w.owners Aggregate Industries UK Ltd UK, inward bound for Portbury.

20.9.17 at 19.45 bulk carrier **Scandinavian Express** 93038 tons d.w.,owners Vroon B.V Netherlands inward bound for Portbury.

22.9.17 at 09.11 hrs bulk carrier **City of Dubrovnik** 73000 tons d.w.,owners Bandwidth Shipping Corp Croatian inward, bound for Portbury.

23.9.17 at 19.30 dredger **Arco Dee** 1812 tons d.w, owners Hanson Aggregate Marine Uk, outward bound from Avonmouth having sailed on **22nd** at 21.35.

(Returning to her normal dredging area of the South Coast near Littlehampton.)

25.9.17 at 11.07 vehicle carrier **Aniara** 30089 tons d.w, owners Wallenius Wilhelmsen Norway and Sweden inward bound for Portbury. (spotted whilst delivering the Buzz to Tapely Park.) At 12.13 bulk Carrier **Giorgos B** 35315 tons d.w. owners Giorgos B Maritime Greece, inward bound for Newport.

26.9.17 at 16.05 vehicle carrier **Metis Leader** 19013 tons d.w. owners Cypress Maritime/Koyo Shosen Japan outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 11.33.

28.9.17 at 11.00 cargo vessel **Celine** 12959 tons d.w. owners Celine @ UG Haftungbejchrankt Germany inward bound for Swansea.

29.9.17 At 17.40 vehicle carrier **Thalatta** 23786 tons d.w. owners Wallenius Wilhelmsen Norway and Sweden, outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 12.49.

1.10.17 At 09.13 vehicle carrier **CSCC Shanghai** 12300 tons d.w.,owners Ray Car Carriers Israel, inward bound for Portbury.

2.10.17 at 08.58 vehicle carrier **Vega Leader** 16396 tons d.w. owners Nippon Yusen Kaisha Japan inward bound for Portbury.

3.10.17 at 11.35 vehicle carrier **Grande Colonia** 12292 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury.

4.10.17 At 13.40 vehicle carrier **Touragas** 14512 tons d.w. owners Wallenius Wilhelmsen Norway and Sweden, inward bound for Portbury.

5.10.17 at 1.37 bulk carrier **Sensei** 21955 tons d.w, owners Dioclos Maritime SA Greece, inward bound for Newport.

6.10.17 At 13.30 vehicle carrier **Grand Benelux** 12594 tons d.w,owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury. At 13.30 bulk carrier **Matsu Arrow** 59775 tons d.w owners Gearbulk Shipowning Ltd Norway, outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 09.17.

7.10.17 at 18.15 tanker **Selini** 74000 tons d.w. owners Payton Shipping Corp Greece, inward bound for Portbury.

Norman 01271 861183.



November Diary

Wednesday 1st

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

10.30am Parkinson's UK coffee morning Ethelwynne Brown Close. 478128

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

11am-1pm Creative (Memory) Café at Quay Meeting Rm, 5 Danver Court, Clovelly Rd Ind Estate. 07817976053

1.30-3.30pm Knit & Natter Group at 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 Lions Club meet at RND Golf Club, Westward Ho! Visiting Lions welcome

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

7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal every Wednesday at Bideford Band Room 01271 860061

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

Thursday 2nd

10am-1pm See Hear on Wheels (SHoW) bus at Pill Car Park.

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

10.15am Northam Men's Forum at Northam Methodist Hall. 459324

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

2pm Torridge Ramblers stroll around Torrington. 01805 625485

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

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

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship at Northam Methodist Hall. 421956

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

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

7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801

7.45pm Bideford Band open rehearsal for SWBBA concert on Nov 4th. St Mary's Church.

8pm Bideford Folk Club at Joiners Arms

Friday 3rd

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, Northam Hall 476632

Saturday 4th

10am-12pm Coffee Morning at Holy Trinity Church, Westward Ho! 476841

7pm Film Club at Littleham Village Hall 471928

7pm Musical Supper Evening with 'Encore' at Bucks X Village Hall, 429388

Sunday 5th

10.30 – 4.30 Appledore Community Hall Craft and Gift Fair.

Monday 6th

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

2-3.30pm 'Northam Life Stories' workshop at Northam Library. 475111

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

7pm Appledore Band rehearse at St Mary's Church Hall, Appledore 473723

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

8.30pm N Devon Jazz Club at Beaver, Appledore. Neil Burns/ Roger Beaujolais

Tuesday 7th

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, Sea Cadet Bldgs

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 Camera Club meet at Chubb/Churchill hall 421391

7.30pm Bideford Sustainability Group at Blacksmiths Arms

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

Wednesday 8th

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 Ch.

2-3.30pm Memory Lane – reminiscence group at Bideford Library

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

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

4-6pm Sew Together at Northam Library

7.30pm Bideford Music Club at Bideford Meth. Hall. Pianist Tom Poster 423112

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

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

Thursday 9th

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

10.15am Northam Men's Forum at Northam Methodist Hall. 459324

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

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship at Northam Methodist Hall. 421956

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

7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801

8pm Bideford Folk Club at Joiners Arms

Friday 10th

10am-12pm Coffee, Craft & Chat at Old School Rm, 17 Atlantic Way, W Ho! 421274

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

7.30pm Quiz in aid of Bideford Town Band in bandroom.

7.30pm Abbotsham WI in Village Hall

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 11th

10am-12pm Westward Ho! WI Christmas Fayre at Kingsley Hall, W Ho!

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

Sunday 12th – Remembrance Sunday

Monday 13th

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

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

7pm Appledore Band rehearse at St Mary's Church Hall, Appledore 473723

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

Tuesday 14th

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

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 for Ladies at Baptist Ch., W.Ho! Speakers & cuppa 425471

6.30pm Bideford Band Beginners Group at Band Room 475653

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

7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearse at Northam Methodist Hall.

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

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

Wednesday 15th

10am-12pm See Hear on Wheels bus at Kenwith Castle

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

10.30am-12pm 'Feel Better with a Book' at Bideford Library 476075

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

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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 Bideford Phoenix Morris meet at Bideford Baptist Church. 473798
8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolserly Village Hall. 441601

Thursday 16th

10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528
10-11 & 11-12 Tai Chi, Marlborough Ct.
10.15am Northam Men's Forum at Northam Methodist Hall. 459324
11am Bideford Sustainability Group Coffee Morning at The Old Custom House café. 475375
1-2.30pm Fish & Chip Club for over 60s at Royal Plaice, Appledore. 471394
2-3pm Seated Exercise for over 60s at W Ho! Baptist Hall. 01805 622666
2.15pm Thursday Fellowship at Northam Methodist Hall. 421956
6.45pm Westward Ho! Bridge Club at Trinity Church Hall 470990
7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801
8pm Bideford Folk Club at Joiners Arms

Friday 17th

10am-12pm Northam Reminiscence café at Northam Hall. 459337
10am-12pm Families for Children Adoption Agency meeting at Garden Flat, Castle Hill Estate, Filleigh
2-4pm Sew Together at Westward Ho! Baptist Church 01805 622666
2pm Devonshire Assn 'The N Devon Tithe Maps' at Burton Art Gallery
2.30-4.30pm Torridge Table Tennis Club at Bideford Youth Centre
7.30pm Appledore RNLI Quiz and supper Appledore Community Hall 01271 346560
7.30pm Readings and songs from 'The Postman Poet, Edward Capern' at Buckland Brewer Village Hall 451314
7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing, Kingsley Hall, W Ho! 01769 540309
8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall 476632

Saturday 18th

Clovelly Herring Festival
2-4.30pm Charity Vintage Tea Party at Abbotsham Village Hall. 470270

Sunday 19th

Artisan Market Bideford Pannier Market
1.30pm Torridge Ramblers walk. 429080

Monday 20th

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 rehearse at St Mary's Church Hall, Appledore 473723
7.15pm Bideford & District Community Archive AGM at Northam Council Chamber, Windmill Lane.

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652
7.30pm Appledore Amateur Radio Club, Appledore Football Social Club 473251
8.30pm N D Jazz Club at Beaver, Appledore – Alison Rayner Quintet

Tuesday 21st

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches
10.30am Walking for Health. 421528
11.45am-12.45pm Tai Chi at Northam Community Hall
2.30pm Reflections at St Mary's Church
2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun & Fellowship' Club meets at Baptist Hall.
2.30pm Lift Off for Ladies at W.Ho! Baptist Ch. Speakers & cuppa 425471
7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearse at Northam Methodist Hall.
7.30pm Bideford Camera Club meet at Chubb/Churchill hall 421391
7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk

Wednesday 22nd

10am-12pm Bideford Healing Group at Sea Cadets Bldg in Victoria Park.
10.15am Probus Club at Royal Hotel
10.30am Walking for Health in Victoria Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528
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
8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolserly Village Hall. 441601

Thursday 23rd

10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528
10-11 & 11-12 Tai Chi, Marlborough Ct.
10.15am Northam Men's Forum at Northam Methodist Hall. 459324
11am-12.45pm Christmas Fayre at Durrant House Hotel in aid of N D Hospice. 422215
2-3pm Seated Exercise for over 60s at W Ho! Baptist Hall. 01805 622666
2.15pm Thursday Fellowship at Northam Methodist Hall. 421956
6.45pm Westward Ho! Bridge Club at Trinity Church Hall 470990
7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801
8pm Bideford Folk Club at Joiners Arms.

Friday 24th

10am-12pm Coffee, Craft & Chat at Old School Rm, 17 Atlantic Way, W Ho!
10am-1pm Lundy Art Group at Blue Lights Hall, Appledore
2.30-4.30pm Torridge Table Tennis

Club at Bideford Youth Centre 477932
7.30pm Cancer Research UK Quiz at Skern Lodge, Appledore. 421461

7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing, Kingsley Hall, W Ho! 01769 540309
8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall 476632

Saturday 25th

10am Torridge Ramblers day walk 01805 625485
10am-12pm Bideford Band Christmas Fayre at Band Room by Victoria Park
10am-1pm Christmas Fayre at Lavington Church, Bridgeland Street
2pm Instow Church Autumn Fair at Instow Parish Hall.

Monday 27th

10am-12pm Appledore Community Art Group at Appledore Community Hall.
7pm Tai Chi at Bideford High Street Methodist Church Hall. 472532
7pm Appledore Band rehearse at St Mary's Church Hall, Appledore 473723

Tuesday 28th

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 W.Ho! Baptist Ch. Speakers & cuppa 425471
7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearse at Northam Methodist Hall.
7.30pm Bideford Camera Club meet at Chubb/Churchill hall 421391

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

Wednesday 29th

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 476075
10.30am Walking for Health in Victoria Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528
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

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

Thursday 30th

10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528
10-11 & 11-12 Tai Chi, Marlborough Ct.
10.15am Northam Men's Forum at Northam Methodist Hall. 459324
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
7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing at Westleigh Village Hall. 473801
8pm Bideford Folk Club at Joiners Arms