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SUCH FRAGRANCE - FROM WHERE, WHICH TREE?

(A haiku by Basho)



A Springtime shot of the copse of trees above the coastal footpath looking toward the Torridge Bridge.
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Slugs, snails and a Gardener's Tales



Last Autumn we were approached to tend a garden in Appledore. From the bottom of the garden, through the bamboo hedge, you can see the sea. The seagulls fly overhead and the climate is gentle.

Spring is slow this year. The grass isn't growing very fast and blooms are few and far between but we quite like it. We have more time to watch our gardens grow. The bulbs and spring perennials are tentatively poking their heads through the damp chilly soil.

Usually Spring happens so quickly that we hardly have time to hoe the beds before summer arrives! We have a few new gardens on our books this year and the one in Appledore is proving to be a wonderful experience. Many years ago the property was owned by a daffodil grower. I am totally overwhelmed by the number of daffodils which were planted and the hours and dedication involved, and in awe of the number of bulbs threatening to bloom this year. I have never in all my years of gardening been so excited by such quantities of anticipated beauty!

I cannot lie, this coastal garden is not perfect; the downside is the forest of ground elder, but I have my eye and trowel focused. We are truly blessed to be allowed to bring this old garden back to its original beauty, and each day we spend there in reparation this year will be a wonderful experience for all concerned. Sometimes you can't see the beach for the trees!

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'Rough Winds do shake the darling buds of May'

May is usually the first warm month of the year and is the time when nature is at its most prolific, but it can be a treacherous time, reverting to the chill winds of Winter without notice.

When I was in the fruit and veg trade, farmers would come in to warn me of the 'Franklin Days' which are the days towards the end of May when you can still get sharp frosts. This is almost certainly a reference to St Franklin who is said to have made a pact with the Devil to destroy his neighbour's cider apple trees on 19th, 20th and 21st May (This ensured a bumper crop for himself in return for his soul)

(Wonder why he is still a saint? Ed)

Early May is generally a time for celebrating the abundance of nature. Torrington has its May fair on the first Thursday in May which this year co-incides with the General Election.

Chris Trigger

We are Sailing With jazz!

Do you fancy an evening cruise on the MS Oldenburg on Friday July 30th? If you do we will be leaving The Quay in Bideford at 7.45pm and will be cruising the estuary and beyond for approximately two hours.



What will make this even more special will be the presence of the Alan Lewis All-Stars Jazz Band, who will be playing their special brand of red hot Dixieland Jazz for free in order to support this event. They entertained us last year and were absolutely brilliant. Couple this with the distinct possibility of a brilliant sunset, dolphins and maybe seals and the evening will be made. There is a fully licensed bar on board, and you are all more than welcome to bring along a picnic to make your trip even more enjoyable.

This event on the MS Oldenburg is aimed at raising much needed funds for Northam Lodge, your local Bideford Charity who care for adults with severe learning disabilities.

Tickets are priced at £12.50 each and last year they sold out pretty quickly!
Please ring either Fiona or Annabel on 01237 477238 or email tickets@northamlodge.co.uk

It's All Happening at this years' Westward Ho! Potwalloping Festival

The Westward Ho! Potwalloping Festival is an annual 3- day community event being held this year from **Saturday 29 – Monday 31st May** on the putting green with the Atlantic Ocean providing a spectacular backdrop . It celebrates the old "Potwalloping" tradition dating back to the late 1800s where the community came together to restore the historic pebble ridge and to picnic together when the work was done.

The modern-day festival is a 'not for profit' event run by and for the community. It attracts large numbers of visitors providing a vital boost to the local economy, and supports local good causes and charities . What makes it so special is that performers provide their services at no charge so it is free for all.

There are arena displays, arts & craft stalls in the marquee, outside stalls and family rides and attractions on the green and promenade. We have the Country Life Brewery real ale in the marquee (always popular) with "live" music played every night. This year's Potwalloping line-up has many "new" family-friendly events and participants including Samba DX, Dance Fit Belly dancing, Dog Agility with Devon Dogs, Jays Angels Majorettes, Ready Steady Cook (part of the Baptist Church Potwalloping programme of events), and Westward Ho! Youth Club who will be organising activities for families and young people at the clubhouse.

The Potwalloping Family Variety Show and Bingo are both 'new' to the programme and will take place in the Kingsley Hall. They will supply good old-fashioned entertainment. Refreshments will be available . If you are a performer and would like to take part, please contact Pete on 0787 868 8007. Additional information is available on the website at www.potwalloping.co.uk or 01237 422492 or 0798 0420 754 E: enqs@potwalloping.co.uk

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Good Age Page



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The first point of contact for Adult Social Services in Devon, Care Direct is a highly trained team of telephone based advisers. They take in excess of 2000 calls per week for Devon Adult Social Services, from people looking for advice to enable themselves, their families, friends and carers to

This includes:- benefits, personal care, equipment, meals, carer's information, Blue Badges, Social Services processes and funding issues. We also provide a Disability Information Service for those aged between 16 and 65 who need help and advice with enquiries such as employment, training, education, disability legislation and access to services.

The majority of calls come from people who are in need because of physical or mental ill health or sensory needs. Many require a substantial amount of guidance and support. We take a holistic approach to each and, through careful questioning and listening, make an initial referral of their problems and needs. We then pass to the area teams of Assessors, Occupational Therapists and Social Workers who undertake a full assessment and arrange as appropriate. This could be personal care such as helping in or out of bed, washing, dressing or delivering meals and can include supplying equipment such as grab rails, bathing aids, perching stools, chair raisers and trolleys. As there are limited resources, everyone is assessed for their ability to pay or contribute towards the services. (continued on next page)



Good Age Page



Care Direct also refers callers to other services such as Age Concern, Devon Care and Repair, Warmfront, Housing Authorities, Benefits Agencies and Community Alarm Services. We give advice to those who are not eligible for Social Care and provide information on care agencies and residential homes which may meet their needs. We recognise that carers also need support and we actively identify them and advise them on the Link, the Take a Break Scheme and respite care. Carers are entitled to an assessment of their own needs and can access services in their own right.

We also inform callers on the range of benefits available, explain the criteria and advise on the application process. We can arrange for benefit forms to be sent, and refer them to the Age Concern Advocacy Service if help is needed to complete them. We have helped Devon residents realise in excess of £20m benefits uptake.

Care Direct also administers the Blue Badge Scheme in Devon for those who are unable or virtually unable to walk; a permanent condition which will not improve with treatment or surgery. Using the criteria set by the Department for Transport, we carefully assess each applicant and, in most cases, make an immediate decision. The process takes between 5 – 8 working days to complete and, at the time of writing, is free to Devon Residents.

Care Direct has a small team of advisers who regularly attend community events and meetings to promote and inform the public about our services.

Our hours are 8am – 8pm Monday – Friday and 9am 1pm on Saturdays. Textphone (Minicom)

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Gardens open for charity

As part of The National Garden Scheme to raise money for Nursing, Caring and Gardening Charities including Macmillan Cancer support and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

The Old Glebe, Eggesford, EX18 7QU, Mr & Mrs Nigel Wright. Open: Sats, Suns 8, 9, 15, 16 May (2-5). Admission: £3, chd £1 (share to Friends of Eggesford All Saints Trust) There are 750 varieties of rhododendrons and azaleas in this 7-acre garden of a former Georgian rectory, plus walled herbaceous borders, bog garden, small lake, mature trees and several lawns, a courtyard, heather bed and a rope bridge that spans 85ft and used half a mile of rope. Plants for sale. Featured in 'The English Garden.' Home-made teas.

Cherubeer Gardens, Dolton, EX19 8PP, 01805 804265, Sunday 2nd May, 2pm – 6pm. Combined admission £3.50, children free. Three gardens: cottage garden, 1 acre country garden and colourful small garden. Higher Cherubeer recently featured on BBC's Gardener's World. Teas.

Other Gardens open in May include: Durcombe Water, Barbrook, Lynton. Sun 30, Mon 31 May 11am - 5pm. Gorwell House, Barnstaple. Sun 16 May 2pm - 6pm. Marwood Hill, Marwood. Sat 15 May 10am - 5pm. The Old Vicarage, West Anstey. Sat, Sun 15, 16 May 2pm - 5pm. Foamlea, Mortehoe. Suns 9 & 23 May 2 pm - 5pm. Andrew's Corner, Belstone Sun 2nd & Mon 3rd May, 2.30pm - 5.30pm. St Merryn, Braunton. Sun 23 May 2pm – 6pm. Heddon Hall, Parracombe. Sun 16 May; 2pm -5.30pm. Langtrees, Croyde, Braunton Sun 16 May; 2pm –6pm.

For more information on the gardens and others open in the area visit www.ngs.org.uk or pick up an NGS Devon Gardens booklet from your local Garden Centre, Library or Tourist Information.

Bideford Bay Children's Centre steps out with a new van!

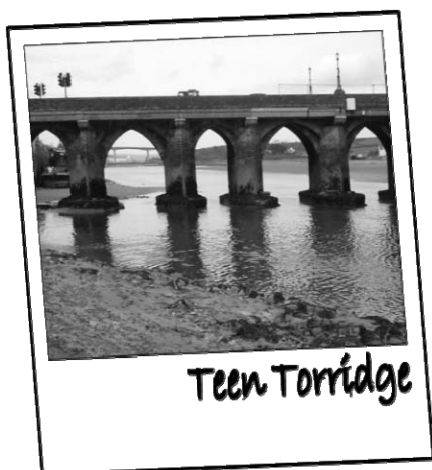


A new service for children and families

The photo shows Pat Chappell (who is leading Bideford Bay Children's Centre's work in its rural areas) stepping out of the Children's Centre's new van. You will see the van out and about more and more, carrying information, resources and friendly staff to Woolsery, Clovelly, Hartland and Welcombe. The Children's Centre will be receiving the keys to the van officially from Devon County Council very soon.

"We are so excited to have the van to help us with our work," said Pat. "Amongst many differences it will be making to the lives of families with young children in the rural areas, it will be working with Devon Library Services to bring a box of books to toddler groups for children to enjoy; it will carry Play Library resources to deliver to pre-schools and toddler groups; and it will be going out with the Lone Parent Advisor from Job Centre Plus."

Bideford Bay Children's Centre is a service hub where children under 5 years old and their families can receive integrated services and information. These services include: support for parents, child and family health services and advice about the many issues that affect families with young children. The Children's Centre offers a wide variety of services from breastfeeding support, cookery courses, groups for dads and lone parents and much more, to help families grow and thrive. For more information on the Children's Centre and its services, please ring 01237 425752.



Less spin please, we're British

It is likely that by the time you read this, the country will have a new government. The weeks of incessant bickering and baby kissing will be over and we'll be settling down into life with a new administration.

Many will be relieved that it's all over, judging by the frequency of news interviews with alarmingly apathetic non-voters expressing more interest in the latest Jordan and Peter shenanigans than what a bunch of middle aged people want to do with National Insurance.

This is especially true of young voters. But one young Labour activist is bucking the trend.

Ellie Gellard is 20, a student at Bristol University and a high-profile blogger for the party. The other day, she read the opening speech at the launch of their election manifesto. It was quite reassuring; a young person enthusiastic for politics and standing up for what she believes in.

Later on I saw her being interviewed on one of the many late night election review shows. The presenter asked her about a call she made a couple of years ago for Gordon Brown to step down as leader. But instead of addressing the issue directly, she began with excuses: 'I was young then', and 'Things were different'. Fair enough, that may all be true, but why not begin by admitting the truth and *then* explaining the change of mind?

I wasn't surprised when towards the end of the short interview she expressed an interest in being a politician- because she'd acted like one all the way through.

Everyone knows that us Brits have never had as little trust in our politicians. But I don't believe this is because we're afraid they're going to go and spend our money on moat cleaning services. Rather we don't trust someone who struggles to be true to themselves. Why does everyone loves Jeremy Paxman? For years, he's been striving to get straight answers out of politicians, but still they try to evade his questioning. As a result, he becomes our protagonist while the interviewee just comes out looking like the baddie you can't trust. I believe politicians need to stop trying to please everyone, stand up for what they believe in and tear down the façades of spin, PR and clever advertising tricks. That way they'll just be normal people trying to do what they think is right- and gain more respect.

Tom Collins

Local organisation Link needs volunteers...

... to interview young people about their experiences with the health service.

What's involved?

- Gathering the views of young people
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- Find out more at Young Devon, 21 High St, Bideford on Friday May 7th between 4 and 6 pm (includes free food), carrie.lacey-donahue@youngdevon.org , or 01237 459533.**

THE GREEN PAGE !

Sponsored by Bideford Quakers but open to articles from all members of the community

This month, one of the Bideford Quakers, Philip Jones, has written a review of a book which has made a profound impression on him. We'd be interested in the reactions of you our readers to the book – if the review encourages you to read it for yourself. Also, there's a competition organised by Bidefordpeople in conjunction with Torridge District Council. Go for it!

Sustainable Energy - Without the Hot Air by David MacKay

There are many books on climate change but this one is different. David Mackay is not satisfied with saying things like 'we have huge amounts of wind and wave energy'. He wants to know how 'huge' compared to our 'huge energy consumption'. He wants numbers not adjectives. This isn't surprising - he's a physicist.

He addresses a range of issues relating to climate change. Just to give you a taster, here's some of what he says about 3 of them :

Firstly, to what extent are we responsible for the level of CO2 in the atmosphere?

He provides a graph which shows the carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere from AD 1000 to the present day. The graph is pretty flat until we get near to 1800 and then something extraordinary happens. David MacKay writes "*Some 'sceptics' have asserted that the recent increase in CO2 concentrations is a natural phenomenon. Does 'sceptic' mean 'a person who has not even glanced at the data'? Don't you think, just possibly, something may have happened between 1800 AD and 2000 AD? Something that was not part of the natural processes present in the preceding thousand years? Something did happen and it was called the Industrial Revolution.*"

Secondly, on a more practical level, how warm should we keep our houses in the winter?

"What's a reasonable thermostat setting to aim for? Nowadays many people seem to think that 17 degrees C is unbearably cold. However, the average winter-time temperature in British houses in 1970 was 13 degrees C! A human's perception of whether they feel warm depends on what they are doing, and what they've been doing for the last hour or so. My suggestion is, don't think in terms of a thermostat setting. Rather than fixing the thermostat to a single value, try just leaving it at a really low value most of the time (say 13 or 15 degrees C) and turn it up temporarily whenever you feel cold."

Thirdly, what are our best options for surviving without fossil fuel and living sustainably?

"First we electrify transport. Electrification both gets transport off fossil fuels and makes transport more energy efficient. (Of course electrification increase our demand for green electricity.)

Second, to supplement solar-thermal heating, we electrify most heating of air and water in buildings using heat pumps, which are four times more efficient than ordinary electric heaters."

"Third, we get all the green electricity from a mix of four sources: from our own renewables: perhaps from 'clean coal'; perhaps from nuclear; and finally, with great politeness, from other countries' renewables.

Among other countries' renewables, solar power in deserts is the most plentiful option."

Also, I was touched by the author's dedication: *"to those who will not have the benefit of two billion years' accumulated energy reserves"*.

Finally, you can read the book for free on line at www.withouthotair.com/download.html, buy it for yourself at Walter Henry's Bookshop, or **to be totally green borrow from your local library**



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You write

What is this?

Having recently moved to Bideford can any of your readers tell me what this is or was ; it is located at East the Water in Torrington Street near the Blacksmiths' Arms Public House.

There may be others in the town but I am sure someone will know.

AJ Wilson

Bideford Triathlon

Our club is organising this fund raising event which will be held on the **8th of August 2010** at about 4pm to coincide with the Bideford Water Festival. For more details visit

www.bidefordtriathlon.co.uk

It is a registered event and we have only a maximum number of places available.

Relay teams of 3 can also be entered, one swims, one cycles and the other runs. We want to encourage clubs, gyms, sports clubs and other local organisations to enter relay teams and maybe get themselves sponsored. All profits are to be distributed by Bideford Bridge Rotary Club to charities and other good causes. If you need to know more about this up and coming event, please contact me on either 01271 860100 (day) or mobile 07855 524983 or evening 01237 471941 **Rob Floyd**



Return of a single mum

Hello, just had to write a quick note about the article "Return of a single mum" in the March edition of Bideford Buzz. I thought the article was fantastic!!! Being a single parent myself I could relate to most of the text ; thought it was light hearted, truly honest but factual piece of work. Another tribute to another utterly amazing single mum that has gone from one extreme to another; please could you pass on my own personal motto, "life is an adventure" and all the best.

Kay Renton

Swallows have arrived

On the afternoon of the 23rd March, my daughter and I saw the first swallows. There were five going up the Torridge. I believe they use the river as their flight path when they come to breed in the area-maybe I am the first to see them!

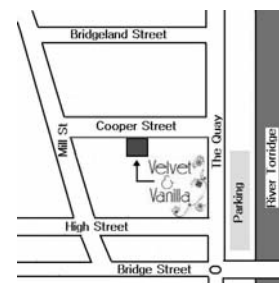
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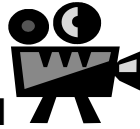


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Paul McCartney – Good Evening New York City

This 3-disc (2 CD and 1 DVD) set features dazzling performances from the Beatles, Wings and solo classics from Citi Field. It's good, very good in fact. His current band is arguably the best he has ever worked with and they do not treat Beatles material like a sacred cow but improvise and use different drum and guitar solos. This is probably Paul's best live album to date.

Florence & the Machine – Lungs

One of the year's most hyped new artists. It features fantastic lyrics and beautiful music, with an eccentric yet brilliant singer, song-writer. Do your ears a favour and let Florence into your life. She may even make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up. Truly original.

Il Divo – Ancora

Siperb voices, each and every one of them can sing wonderfully. A CD you can just wallow in.

9 (Nine) – DVD

Action-packed, fantasy adventure, as you can expect from Tim Burton. Set in the near future, the world's machines have turned on mankind, decimating the human population. But a small group of creations is given the spark of life by a scientist and fight against them. Not a film for small children, as it can be quite dark, but 7 and up should enjoy it.

2012 – DVD

From the same director of "The Day After Tomorrow" and Independence Day". As the world faces catastrophe of apocalyptic proportions, as cities collapse and continents crumble, it tells the tale of the heroic struggle of the survivors. This is a very silly movie, but if you like B-movie energy and hairbreadth escapes, it delivers quite a bit of both.

Harry Brown – DVD

Michael Caine in a contemporary thriller in which he seeks to avenge the death of an elderly friend. This is British cinema as its best and if Caine doesn't get an Oscar nomination as least, then there's no justice!

News from the Burton Art Gallery and Museum

May sees a continuation of the touring Western Counties Photographic Exhibition, which has attracted submissions from its affiliated Camera Clubs. Out of the 2000 or so entries, a huge variety of contemporary and traditional photography has been chosen, including digital prints and projected images. Here until the 21st May, so plenty of time to have a good look. This show is an inspiration to all of us, particularly we amateurs, and perhaps our own efforts will improve as a result of seeing what can be produced through the eye of a lens.

From the 24th, we are privileged to view the work of the Regency artist, William Hogarth, in an exhibition entitled: 'Silk, Squalor & Scandal, Hogarth's London'. We are familiar with 'The Rake's Progress' in all its gradual degradation of the hapless hero, and this is another look behind the scenes in the seedy world of 18th century London – the drunks and rogues, neglected children and depraved adults – while the veneer of polite society lives in another world, caring little for the poverty which Hogarth so obviously understood. This exhibition continues until 2nd July, and comes from the Cuming Museum in Southwark, London.

Beaford Arts puts on a special theatre experience for your pleasure on 2nd May – over 18s only, though. 'Love Letters Straight from your Heart' invites you to send in dedications to those you love, which are worked into a performance, by the 'Uninvited Guests'. This could be your chance to let someone know..... Start time is 7.30 (doors open at 7.00) Cost is £10, including complimentary drinks.

More next month Diana Warmington (Friends of the Burton)

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13th Appledore Visual Arts Festival Coastlines'

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www.appledorearts.org

The 13th Appledore Visual Arts Festival will be a contemporary celebration of North Devon's coast as an area of world - class natural beauty. Over four days in early June, this family - friendly event showcases the best of the region's visual arts. Visitors can enjoy exhibitions, drop-in workshops, artist's talks, contemporary crafts, film shorts, open gardens, and an artists' trail, or you can just hang out on The Quay, enjoy the view and listen to some live music.

This year has some exciting events including the premiere of 'Above & Below The Waves,' a large-scale knitted installation created by Bideford textile artist, Alison Murray. Visitors will be greeted by 'Syrene', a beautiful life size mermaid and yes she's knitted! Syrene will guide you into a unique world; you will walk under a woolly sea and amongst floating seaweed and jellyfish, you will meet octopuses, crabs and deep sea divers – all knitted, of course. Alison is raising money for the RNLI's 'Train One, Save Many' Campaign. She is working closely with the Appledore RNLI crew, who will be running their very own RNLI Beach Café over the four days of the Festival.

This year Martin Rowson, the famous political cartoonist from The Guardian, will give a talk on the Art of Cartoons (Saturday June 5th, 7.30 pm) and Heather Jansch, international sculptor, will talk about her work creating horses from driftwood, and also sign her latest book (Friday June 4th, 7.30 pm). Most events free to children under 18, £4 / adult for a Festival Badge valid for all 4 days; the Badge is required to enter all exhibitions. To receive a booking leaflet or a full Festival Programme please e-mail (info@appledorearts.org) or call (07900 212747).

Did you hear me?

here is my life -
a gentle breeze
that ripples ponds,
but not the seas.

this is my soul
a tiny spark
that shines out strongly
in the dark.

here is my love
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6.00pm -9pm

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Contact Becky Frisby on 01237 475653 or
Jim Clarke on 01237 424874

News from the Barnstaple Record Office

When the Spring weather finally arrives and the daffodils are in bloom the Record Office normally hosts a visit from the North Group of the Devon Family History Society, taking a break from their usual meeting place at the Burton Art Gallery & Museum. This year we will be giving them our usual tour of the Local Studies Centre and Record Office strongroom and showing them some examples of church accounts, which provide a fascinating snapshot into the past lives of our communities, for in centuries past the parish was the equivalent of the local council dealing with a wide range of matters both spiritual and secular. Records of church accounts can survive from as far back as the early sixteenth century, although coverage varies considerably from parish to parish and most start at a somewhat later date. They are usually recorded in large bound volumes with old leather bindings and provide details of every penny collected and spent by the parish churchwardens in the execution of their numerous duties. Receipts usually came from church rates (obligatory until 1868) and rents of church land and seats in the church. Expenditure ranged from maintaining the church fabric and supplying bread and wine for communion to road repairs and the destruction of a wide range of birds and animals, including polecats, hedgehogs, badgers, foxes and buzzards, viewed as vermin threatening the crops. Among the Bideford parish records held by the Record Office is a volume of church accounts dating from 1744 to 1810 containing, in great detail, just this sort of activity so redolent of a bygone age. A sample page is shown here.

Peter White Church warden his acct	
P when sworn & Expense to Paratons fee	15 3
P for killing vermin	5 6 4
P for Ringers at Sundry	10 6
P for Ale at Sundry	3 7 2
P for the Sextons bill home to 20 March last	6 6
P for a Book of Articles & Expense at Disproportion	3 6
P with a Copy of the Register & Shovel for 1 year	7 2
P for hair & Grease & 200 hand Bricks for the Church yard wall	1 0
P for carrying Lime Gravel Stones & Rubish for D	2 0
P for Collecting and mending the Surplice	7 3 3
P for a Bell Rope & Clock line & 1/2 and 1/2 half fad W	1 0
P for 1 year Tenon & Rent for the New Burying ground	1 10 4 1/2
P for a Form of Prayer for his Majestys Safe Deliverance	1 0
P for the Rev Mr Whiffeld 32 offsalon 1/2 1/2 & a Letter & 1/2	7 7
P for Cap James Hopkins bill 6 7 8 for carrying Lime	3 2 7
P for Mr Palmers bill 1 1 1 & Geo. Domes 1/2 1/2 1/2	10 2
P for Mr Palmers second bill half Letter & Nails	11 14 2
P for Mr James Martin at Sundry	1 13
P for Lime and Gravel	26 18 3 3/4
P for hair & m. maning bill 1 1 1/2	1 1 2 1/2
P for Sacrament wine	1 19 9 1/2
Ansary	6 5 4 1/2
P and Arrears	36 4 7 3/4
Red	34 15 0
Balance Due to Peter White	1 6 7 3/4

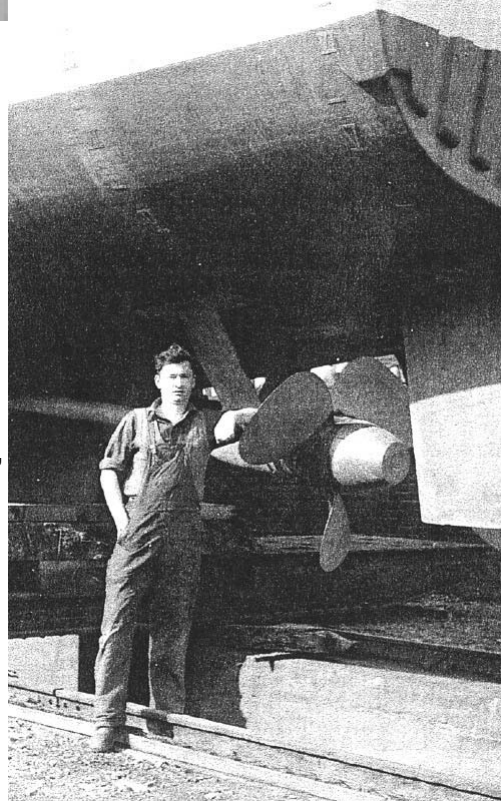
If you would like further information on the North Devon Record Office, please visit our website at www.devon.gov.uk/record_office. The North Devon Record Office is part of the Devon county archives service provided by Devon County Council.

Tim Wormleighton Principal Archivist

The next meeting of the **Bideford Group of the Devon Family History Society** is on Saturday 15th May at the Burton Art Museum 2-4pm. and it is free to attend. The speaker will be Todd Gray, President of our Society and author of over 40 books on Devon History. Always a joy to listen to. Any other problems, please contact **Len Collum, 01237 472883**

Aubrey Berriman at the stern of a 'Ley' class inshore minesweeper, on the building slip at H.W. Blackmore's yard, Appledore, 12th Sept. 1954.

Mr Berriman would like to hear from any former comrades at the yard. More photos next month.





THE SHIPPING NEWS

Ship	Flag /owner	From	To	Arrived	Sailed	Crew	Cargo Loaded
V Ushakov Built 1985 (ex Rolf Buck)	St John Antigua and Barbuda Russian	Not known	Rosyth	27/03/10	29/03/10	Russian	Components for aircraft carriers at Rosyth
Vigilant* Built 2009	Makkum Netherlands Dutch	Tyne	Rosyth	27/03/10	01/04/10	Dutch	Bow unit for new aircraft carrier
Mikhail Dudin Built 1996	Malta Russian	Creeksea	Loviisa	27/03/10	01/04/10	Russian	2950 tons ball clay

* On arrival in Appledore the tug had in tow the barge **Osprey Carrier** also assisted by the small Milford Haven tug **Willpower**. The bow unit was shown on the BBC Spotlight programme on the 1.4.10. Due to bad weather the tug and barge spent a few days up and down the Bristol Channel and on one occasion had to dock at Avonmouth because of the weather conditions. She finally reached Rosyth on the 8th April.

Arco Dart 28.3.10 29.3.10

Oldenburg has resumed her sailing to Lundy from Bideford and Ilfracombe through to the end of October.

Bristol Channel Observations

21.3.10 at 10.15 hrs cargo vessel **RMS Wanheim** 2620 tons d.w, owners BWK RMS Wanheim Germany, inward bound for Newport

At 10.49 self discharging bulk carrier **Yeoman Bank** 37500 tons d.w, owners Foster Yeoman Ltd U.K. inward bound for Portbury.

22.3.10 at 15.30 hrs vehicle carrier **Virgo Leader** 20111 tons d.w, owners Nippon Yusen Kaisha Japan inward bound for Portbury.

26.3.10 at 16.12 hrs cargo vessel **Scot Explorer** 2600 tons d.w, owners Scot Explorer Shipping Ltd Rochester, inward bound for Swansea.

At 16.27 hrs cargo vessel **Helsinki** 4221 tons d.w, owners Cityhill Co. Ltd Germany, outward bound from Swansea

31.3.10 at 19.12 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Napoli** 14900 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury

1.4.10 at 17.36 hrs chemical tanker **Stolt Dipper** 4738 tons d.w, owners Stolt Dipper B.V Netherlands, inward bound for Barry

7.4.10 at 18.10 hrs vehicle carrier **Bangkok Highway** 15306 tons d.w, owners Kaw1601 Shipping (K>Line) Japan, outward bound from Portbury.

At 20.03 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Europa** 18461 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury.

12.4.10 at 08.35 hrs container ship **Sarah Borchard** 11431 tons d.w, owners Buxtehude Schiffahrts Germany outward bound from Cardiff.

At 08.45 hrs vehicle carrier **Dorado Leader** 20800 tons d.w, owners Nippon Yusen Kaisha Japan outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 05.39 hrs

14.4.10 at 09.54 hours bulk carrier **Canelo Arrow** 48077 tons d.w, owners Gearbulk Ltd Bermuda inward bound for Portbury.

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May Diary 2010

Saturday 1st May

9am-6pm Devon Food Fayre at Atlantic Village

10am-4pm Northam Community Centre Open day 470488

10am – 4pm Bucks Mills Art Group exhibition (till 2nd May) at village hall

7.30pm 'Julie and Julia' film at Littleham tel 420372

Sunday 2nd

9am-6pm Devon Food Fayre at Atlantic Village

Monday 3rd

Bank Holiday

10am-5pm Appledore Lifeboat Model boat exhibition at station.

2pm Bideford Victoria Park Bowling Club Open afternoon (flat shoes please) tel 476841

Wednesday 5th

2pm Bideford Readers' Group at Bideford Library tel 476075

7.30pm Bideford Music Club Agm at Holy Trinity Church, Westward Ho! Tel 423112

Thursday 6th

Election Day

7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho!
North Devon Fuchsia Society meets at Springfield Centre Bideford tel 01271 831292

Friday 7th

7pm for **7.30pm** Bideford Film Society at Kingsley School 'The last station'

7.45pm Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! Tel! Tel 01769 540309

Saturday 8th

10 am ~ 3pm Buckland Brewer Plant sale

Torridge Ramblers' Day Walk tel 01805625485

7pm film at **7.30pm** Bideford Film Society 'The last station' at Kingsley School

Sun. 9th

9am-2pm All day breakfast at Littleham tel 473338

11 am ~ 3pm Buckland Brewer plant sale

12.30 pm Buckland Brewer safari lunch **451271**

8.30pm Quiz at Seagate Hotel Appledore

Monday 10th

10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close tel 07923536908

7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at Appledore School

7.30pm Bideford Stamp Club at Bideford Youth Centre tel 472101

Tuesday 11th

11am North Devon Ramblers walk at Brownsham tel 01271 863727

7.30pm Northam Choral Society meets at Methodist Church Hall Northam tel 476454

Wednesday 12th

10.30- 12.30 British Epilepsy Society Barnstaple Library

2pm (speaker at 2.30pm) Bideford Library Group at Bideford Library tel 476075 for details/transport.

Thursday 13th

7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho!

Saturday 15th

2-4pm Devon Family History society meets at the Burton tel 472883

7.30pm Concert by Bideford Town Band and Torridge Male Voice Choir at Methodist Church tel 475653
Concert at Appledore Life Boat Station tel 424949

Sunday 16th

Torridge Ramblers afternoon walk tel 01805 625485 for details

8.30pm Quiz at Seagate Hotel Appledore

Monday 17th

10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close tel 07923536908

7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at Appledore School

Wednesday 19th

10.15am Bideford Probus meets at Royal Hotel tel 423153

2.15pm Bideford Library Meditation group (free) tel 476075

Torridge Ramblers evening walk tel 451643 for details

Thursday 20th

7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho!

Friday 21st

7.45pm Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! Tel 01769 540309

Saturday 22nd

7pm –late

Nightwalk along the Tarka Trail (women only) tel 01271 347213

Monday, 24th

10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close tel 07923536908

8.30pm.. North Devon Jazz Club, The Beaver, Appledore 421065

Tuesday 25th

7.30pm REME North Devon Branch at Appledore Social Club tel 424946

Wednesday 26th

10.15am Bideford Probus meets at Royal Hotel tel 423153

1pm Help with internet and Cvs at Bideford Library tel 476075 to book a place

2.15pm Bideford Town Hall Senior Council meets tel 479711

7.30pm Bideford Gardening Club at Bideford Library tel 476075

North Devon Humanists at Fremington Parish Hall tel 477851

Thursday 27th

7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho!

Friday 28th

6-9pm Lundy Art group St Mary's Church Hall Appledore

7pm Bideford Film Society at Kingsley School 'A single man'

7.45pm Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! Tel 01769 540309

Saturday 29th

Westward Ho! Potwalloping Festival 7pm for 7.30pm Bideford Film Society at Kingsley School 'A single man'

Sunday 30th

Westward Ho! Open gardens Day. Tel 423292

8.30pm Quiz at Seagate Hotel

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