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June 2010 Edition

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The Buzz AGM will be held on Tuesday 15th June at 7pm at Bideford Library

Wine and light refreshments ... good company ... all welcome!



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Helping local people

Book launch at Bideford Library 7.15pm Thursday 17th June

Although not native to North Devon, James Bell has lived here for many years and remains a keen observer of the natural environment locally. This is fully reflected in his first full collection of poetry from London publisher tall-lighthouse. The title, "Fishing For Beginners" is a metaphor for the way that we respond to life in general. This volume has already been entered for this year's Forward Prize for Poetry, a prestigious event in the annual poetry calendar.

You are invited to come along, listen to James reading from the book, have the opportunity to buy and own a signed copy and enjoy refreshment in friendly company.

Important message- you can save the honey bees!

This is the time of the year when the Queen and half of the honey bees in a hive may well decide to fly off together to set up another colony elsewhere. This is called "Swarming" and it is the natural method used to create two colonies from just one. Unfortunately they often fail to find a suitable place in which to set up a new community and the swarm eventually dwindles in size and, without a safe place to live, eventually dies



This is where you can help. If you see a honeybee swarm please phone me on 01237 471928 and I will arrange for an experienced bee-keeper to come out, collect the swarm, re-hive it and give it the best chance of survival.

You may be wondering what happens to the bees left in the hive when the Queen and half of the bees swarm. Well, those are the young bees who can't yet fly, together with a Queen Cell, from which the new young Queen will emerge. When she is hatched she leaves the hive on her maiden flight, mates with the male bees, called Drones, returns to the hive and starts to lay eggs So the community lives on Since our food supply relies upon pollination by honeybees it's in everyone's interests to ensure their survival so please phone as soon as you see a Swarm of Honeybees. If no-one's in, please leave a message and I promise I'll get back to you very soon.

Sue Tait Swarm Liaison Officer (North Devon Beekeepers

Walk and talk

The Torridge walk and talk scheme is provided by very enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers, without whom, we would not be able to promote and deliver walks for health within your local community. We want the community to take ownership of this project and with the scheme growing we are always keen to hear from anyone who is interested in joining our friendly team of volunteers, as a walk leader or in any other way that you think would help us develop. We provide free walk training and ongoing support. For more information please contact: Torridge Walk and Talk Torridge Community activator Jessica Christie **Telephone: 07837663628**

When I close my eyes the darkness has gone, It's a firework display, there's a celebration going on. the lights I see are so fantastic, like new born stars from the intergalactic. now I know what's going on, now I know where I am from. and as I stand and say this verse,

my mind's inside a $A_{\text{UN}IVE}RSE$. Lawrence Linciano(lawbreaker28@hotmail.com)

Heart Angel to open Northam Lodge Fete

Once again our annual Summer Fete will take place at Rose Hill on **Saturday July 10th**. The Heart Angel will open the event at 12 noon and then the afternoon's entertainment will begin.

Jaden Cornelious will be singing some fabulous classical opera and other songs and then we have The Streetz Dancers from Torrington strutting their stuff. There will of course be lots of refreshments in the form of a BBQ or if you prefer a cream tea, and of course a cake stall with a wide variety of goodies to buy. A Bouncy Castle and Face Painting will help to keep the younger children amused and for the Mums and Dads there will be a variety of stalls and a chance to win a brilliant prize in our raffle, to be drawn at the end of the afternoon.



Please come along and join us in the beautiful garden at Rose Hill, Heywood Road, Bideford EX39 3PG and support Northam Lodge, your local Devon Charity for people with learning and physical disabilities.

AND ! A reminder to book your tickets for the Northam Lodge **Oldenburg cruise** on the **30**th **July** Contact Fiona or Annabel on 01237 477238 or email <u>tickets@Northamlodge.co.</u>

Fashion Show

The Lions Club of Bideford will be staging a fashion show at Merry Harriers on Wednesday 23rd June at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets include a glass of wine and can be obtained from Merry Harriers or Tourist Information Atlantic Village, or any member of the Lions Club. All proceeds for local charities.

Visit the Holy land

Another group visit to the Holy Land is to take place in February 2011 led by Rev John Robinson of Braunton. It will be based first in Jerusalem and then in the Galilee, visiting the major famous holy sites but also with time for private exploration. John has been leading pilgrimages to the Holy Land since 1998. A brochure with full details and a booking form are available on request from John on (01271) 813783.

St Mary's Church, Bideford

We will be having a month of celebrating St Peter ending up with the rededication of the Lady Chapel to St Peter. This is fulfilling a promise made when St Peter's Church in East-the-Water was closed some time ago. We will be holding an exhibition in St Mary's Church from 27 June to 27 July and we need your help with photos,or other relevant items or memories?



Please contact the Church Office on 474078, or call in at 9 Church Walk any weekday morning, preferably by 6th June or bring to coffee morning*We are also hoping to form an archive of St Peter's Church items which will be kept in a chest underneath the altar of the newly rededicated St Peter's Chapel.

Events in June

Tue 1 June 10 – 12 noon Coffee morning* at the Pollyfield Centre

Please bring items for exhibition

Sun 27 June 10.00 am Family Communion and Reception, in St Mary's Church.

Launch with the Ven. David Gunn Johnson, Archdeacon of Barnstaple

Tue 29 June 10.30 am St Peter's Day Communion and Reception, at St Mary's Church

After the service a sherry/coffee & fishy nibbles event (More next month)



Good Age Page



A long walk to freedom (or Torrington)

Last month encouraged by the free bus pass, we boarded the 118 from Bideford Quay. We had decided to to walk the Tarka Trail from its beginnings at Meeth (or was it Merton) - some doubt crept in as we speeded along the highway. My comment -'I'll know the beginning of the trail when I see it' was not convincing. We eventually alighted at Meeth, somewhat alarmed at the distance we had travelled in the bus.



This was borne out when we reached the trail. '11 miles to Torrington' did not bode well. However the thought of the

East Yarde cafe on the trail bolstered our spirits and we set off assuring ourselves that there would at least be an imminent refreshment break.

Alas for false hopes. After 5 miles of admittedly lovely wooded landscapes and Spring beauty all around us, we reached a gate with the sign '3 miles to the East Yarde cafe!'

Not encouraging, though luckily we had our emergency sandwiches and chocolate.

Around three in the afternoon after starting at 12 from Meeth we arrived at the cafe, famous as a sustainable, green experience, yurts and all. Enough to say that on a good day it would have been lovely. But at this point in our travels we were too weary to appreciate it properly.

Now however we were on the downward path to Watergate – quick rest on the bench here – the ancient trainers were really beginning to pinch, and thence through the last lovely wooded valley (a very large herd of cows were anxious to be milked so we hurried through) and finally along the rather scary bridge to the road and the 'Puffing Billy'.

Buses from Torrington are not very frequent and we waited an hour for one to Bideford eventually arriving at 6.30pm - red wine and Mr Ho's takeaway beckoning.

Not bad for two oldies though! RA

Note 'This is the least well known but most peaceful and tranquil part of the Tarka Trail. It's a really wonderful quiet and scenic stretch that heads south on the old railway path through East Yarde towards Petrockstowe and Meeth. Ahead of you, there are some great views of Dartmoor National Park, as you sail through wooded and remote countryside'. (From DCC website) Ash Moor Nature Reserve, 30 minutes along the trail from Meeth, has an open day organised by Devon Wildlife Trust on the **13**th **June 11am-3pm** tel 01392 279244 for details

lan Glover

Local Bideford man, Ian Glover, died peacefully on Friday 30th April 2010 aged 61, with his family by his side, after eight weeks in N Devon District Hospital.

He and his wife Pauline ran Glover's Family Bakery for 30 years and he was also President of N. Devon Master Bakers. Then, following a change of occupation, he was security guard for 10 years at Atlantic Village.

In his youth he was navigator for N.Devon Motor Club during rallies. He was also a keen snooker player for Liberal Saints and a sportsman for shooting with his Best Man and friend of 33 years Dennis Balfour. He will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him. He leaves wife Pauline, daughters Holly, Amber and Jade, and four grandchildren Bryony, Ethan, Jack and Xander who all live in Bideford.

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www.bidefordfilmsociety.org.uk Friday 11th and Saturday 12th June **THE BLIND SIDE (12A)**

Friday 25th and Saturday 26th June **THE GHOST (15)**

N.B. Bideford Cinema will be taking a summer recess and will re-open in the Autumn

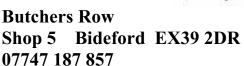
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BIDEFORD BAY CHILDREN'S CENTRE PAGE



Books from birth with Devon's Libraries

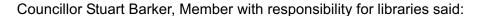
Devon's proud new parents will be given a library card for their newborns whilst registering their birth, in a brand new scheme starting this month.

Devon County Council's Library and Registrars' Services have teamed up to encourage more families to discover what libraries have to offer.

Parents will just need to take the library membership card to their local library, and staff will do the rest. It doesn't matter whether they go straightaway or in six months time and they do not need any ID or other documentation in order to join.

Public libraries play a vital role in providing essential services at the heart of our communities. More than 50 per cent of the population are members of public

libraries and it is hoped that innovative schemes, like this one, will help families to get the most out of their local library services.



"Devon's Libraries offer much more beyond books, from Cds, Dvds and audiobooks of nursery rhymes to storytime, book crawl and 'bounce and rhyme' sessions; there's lots to discover and join in with.

"Libraries really are a great place for families to spend time together. I hope this scheme will encourage more families to go into their local library and see what is on offer.

"There is also just the sheer enjoyment of sharing a book and a cuddle, and having fun together." Remember there are story times at Bideford Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9.30am and at Northam library on Wednesdays at 9.30am

Summer Reading Challenge

This year the theme is "Space Hop'

Check with your local library for events during the Summer holidays

Bideford Library will be 'launching' Space Hop" with a coffee morning for the adults and a fun and activities morning for the children

10.30am-12pm Tuesday 27th July For over fives and their carers

Reptabug (slithering beasts and creepies) coming to Bideford Library

Tuesday 3rd August

10am- 12pm Tickets only

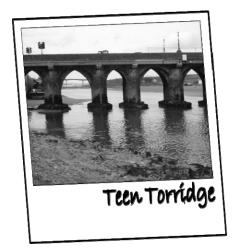
For details of above please telephone 01237 476075

Play day 2010

The 15th annual Play Day will be held on **Sunday 13th June** from 12-6pm at Victoria Park Bideford . This event is part of Playday www.playday.org.uk . A range of art and craft activities, storyteller, circus skills workshops, Big Art for all to add their own art work, and chalk art trails. This year we are including live music from young talented bands and musicians, and the single line kite making and flying festival. Open to all - stalls for groups promoting their children's activities are free. Organised by: Community Arts Network Contact name: Athos Pittordou tel no.: 01237471972

email address: admin@canplay.co.uk





Educating Nick (and Dave)

So I've arrived at the end of my first year at Uni. Well, I say 'year', it's more like eight months, to be precise.

Actually, if you really want to be accurate, take away the Christmas and Easter holidays and it's nearer half a year.

What's more, the university decided it wasn't necessary to teach us any more after Easter, and our final term consisted of exams only.

This got me thinking. I've had five months of tuition (nowhere near a 'year', as it is billed) with only eight or so hours of lecture/seminar time per week. The stooge in me broke out of its cage and protested at how much I'm paying for this.

One of my friends (in a moment of pre-essay writing procrastination) worked out that English students pay about £40 per hour of tuition. For students doing science subjects, who have more 'contact time', the fee per hour is obviously less, despite also having the added benefits of a range of specialist equipment and facilities.

But should English students (whose only equipment is a pile of books, a pad of paper and a pen) pay as much as those who need all kinds of kit? Indeed, they probably should, to prevent some subjects seeming more financially viable than others.

And this is where the government has got it rightwe're all paying a lot, but at least we're all paying the same, and there's no more encouragement to do one particular subject than another. What's worrying is that universities across the country are begging for more money, after the government has recently cut the university budget by £4 million (and despite insisting on paying its top managers salaries in the hundreds of thousands). Of course, the inevitable onus falls on the student.

Universities have suggested putting fees up while business leaders have suggested we pay commercial interest rates on our loans (a notion at which I can only but laugh) and Lord Browne is under pressure to do something, soon.

So I suppose we must accept that we're in a financial mess and, as students, we're going to have to put up and shut up like everyone else. Nick Clegg's dream of a tuition free future will most probably be overridden by the Tories, but I hope the coalition realises nonetheless that encouraging more debt, in a time of incredible financial instability, is surely not the way to go. **Tom Collins**

News from the Army Cadets

"18 year old Karl Rowland,a senior cadet from the Bideford detachment ,has been promoted and is now the most senior cadet in C(North)Company Devon Army Cadet Force."

"Karl received his promotion to Company Sergeant Major at a recent training camp at Okehampton from Deputy Commandant Lt.Col.Dave Lillicrap."

"Karl who is hoping to join the Royal Marines said he was extremely proud and that being in the army cadet force had helped prepare him for life." (Photo on webpage at www.bidefordbuzz.org.uk)

Jim Harvey

Green Matters Initiated by the Bideford Quakers

but open to contributions from anyone.

How about a good read? By Len Stevens

I have always found the staff in Walter Henry's Bookshop to be very helpful. When I asked them if they had anything on green issues and climate change, they came up with this list.

Go green, save money 3.99

The Rough guide to green living 11.99 /Rough guide to climate change 9.99

How green are my wellies, Anna Shepard 7.99

The vanishing face of Gaia, James Lovelock 9.99

I count – your step-by -step guide to climate bliss 3.00

Do good lives have to cost the earth? 7.99

There are also 251 books on green issues available via Devon Library Services and you can reserve on line at www.devon.gov.uk/library/catalogue, or order at your local library.

Finally, moves are at last afoot to set up a Bideford Sustainability Group with a view to making Bideford a 'greener' place to live! If you are interested in being a part of this (even a 'passive' one!), email Stuart Fuller at stuart.fuller454@btinternet.com, giving him your contact details.

Quaker meetings for Worship

are held at 17 Honestone St, Bideford (near Pannier market) at 10.30am on Sunday mornings.

All are welcome Enquiries tel 421549

Velvet & Vanilla Scones - makes 10 (best scones I've tasted - ed)

You can also adapt this recipe by adding grated or powdered cheese, or raisins, cherries etc.

600 grammes self raising flour, 5 tablespoons sugar, 1.5 teaspoons baking powder, 1/4 teaspoon salt,140 grammes butter, or baking margarine, **Mix these ingredients in a food processor to a very fine breadcrumb consistency**

225mls warm milk,1 teaspoon vanilla essence, (adjust to taste) 1 teaspoon lemon juice. Mix these ingredients together - the lemon will curdle the milk, which is meant to happen **Add the liquid** gradually to the mix whilst blending until it makes one large ball of dough. Divide the mixture into 10 equal portions and roll quickly and gently into balls, not too compact. Dust a sheet of greaseproof or baking paper with flour and put this on a warm baking tray. Space the dough balls on the tray to allow them to double in size. Brush the tops with milk. **Bake in centre of a preheated oven at 220C / 425F** for 10 minutes. Best served straight from the oven with clotted cream(we use Church Farm Dairy, near Barnstaple) and strawberry jam, or just a knob of butter. Will also keep for a few days, to reheat simply pop in the oven for a minute or two to warm. **Mike Hunter**

'Velvet and Vanilla' regrets that it will need to close for two weeks in June – see also their ad on 'You write' page



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Plant sales centre - some unusual, some old favourites.

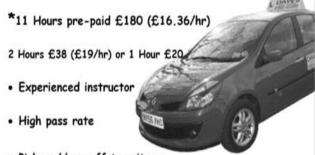
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You write

In reply to: "What is this?" It is my understanding that is a Victorian sewer vent of which there several around Bideford. I wonder how many readers can identify all of them?

Denzil Bath

The air vents in the photo were put along a sewage network in order to release gases from same. The arrows show which way the sewage is flowing. There was one at the top of Barton Tors (this one was demolished- shame) .There is one along Torrington Street and one at the end of Barnstaple Street on the right hand side. I hope that these never get moved

Derek Barnes

There is also one at Clovelly Rd

Colin Jackson

A.J.Wilson enquires in this month's Buzz about the odd looking pipe surmounted by an arrow and crown in Torrington Street. The object is in fact a sewer vent. The arrow points the



way the flow of dirty water was going and the holes were to let out noxious gases well above street level. At one time there were at least 16 of these scattered around the town in various states of completeness. In 1989 South West Water who owned them decided that as they were no longer in active use they would remove them. I and Peter Bullock, two town councillors, started moves to save the best and eventually, in January 1997, the town council took over the three best and renovated them with a grant of £1500 from Torridge district council and £900 from SWW. In addition to these three I had another three 'listed' as ancient monuments and these are still in the care of SWW as far as I know. They seem to have been made by William MacFarlane & Co. of Glasgow and I have a copy of their 1911 catalogue which carries an illustration of one which appears the same as the Bideford specimens. There is a suggestion that the crown on top indicates a date connected with some royal 'event' but I have yet to find out what. I hope this helps. **Peter Christie**

The Bright Stars Theatre Group

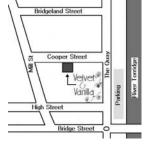
This summer we are doing a musical called:- 'What a life', It tells the story of John the Baptist,written by our director, Michael Sale, and though it is a serious story, Michael has added a lot of humour, without taking away the true meaning. Thank you for your timely help, which does make a difference. After our last pantomime, we were able to give our church, for expenses, £500, & our chosen charity, Edukid, £600. We know that if you don't help us we wouldn't be able to give half that amount, so we do thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and so do the charities Northam Methodist Hall June 17th 18th and 19th at 7pm Sat 20th at 2.30pm Maggie Smale 421956

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Read, Scene, and Heard - The best picks from your local library this month.

Read

In the best sellers' list and available on two week loan from Bideford Library is Susan Hill's latest Simon Serrailler crime novel' Shadows In the street' the fifth in the series

Susan Hill started writing crime fiction with the first novel in this series. Although it is preferable to read them in order each one works well in its own right.

Her hero and chief protagonist, Simon Serrailler, is a high ranking police officer who is also Oxford educated from an upper middle class family- a kind of Adam Dalgleish. His sister Cat, a doctor, plays a prominent role in the novels as well.

The basic plot focuses on a series of murders of local prostitutes in the cathedral city where he lives; at the same time the wife of the Dean goes missing. There is some suggestion that a middle

aged man, a loner and also unfortunately a librarian! Is implicated.

The novel is well written with various twists and turns and excellent characterisation as you would expect from Susan Hill

This move to crime fiction by 'good' authors is welcome -witness Kate Atkinson doing the same-Recommended (RA)

Did you know you can now borrow 12 books from any Devon Library!

Scene

DVDs can be hired for only £1 to £3, for a week, and we have new releases coming in daily, for adults and children.

The Informant (DVD)

Matt Damon is brilliant but don't expect something like 'Oceans 11' or 'Bourne Identity.' Takes a while to get going, and even when it does, the real plot of the movie is not revealed until the end.

Avatar (DVD)

The sci-fi epic meant to trump all previous sci-fi epics, has arrived in Bideford. It's not the greatest film ever, but as an experience it is unequalled. Thoroughly entertaining, which, let's face it, is the ultimate measure of a good film.

Heard

CDs can now be hired from Devon libraries, for a full week, **for only 50p.** Come along and see what we have, and if it's not here, we can order it in for you. Here are some of the new ones.



he SHADOWS

n the STREET

UB40 – Best of: Labour of Love

Some great favourites on this CD – Red, Red Wine, many Rivers to Cross, Cherry Oh Baby, and lots more besides. There is no difference to sound with the new line up; they sound just like they did in their early days.

Ocean Colour Scene - Saturday

A superb collection of very catchy, shortlist songs, with a great variety of sounds. Beatles and 60s influences with a bit of 'The Who' thrown in. Polished, upbeat album from one of the best British bands around. MP

NEWS from The BURTON ART GALLERY & MUSEUM for JUNE

The end of May brought a very special exhibition to the Burton – the sketchbooks of Sir Nicholas Grimshaw, C.B.E., P.R.A. (President of the Royal Academy) from 1982 to 2007.

After graduation in 1965, he worked in partnership with Terry Farrell for 15 years before forming his own architectural firm. In 1989 he won a RIBA award for his design of the Financial Times printworks in East London, designed Britain's Expo pavilion in Seville in 1992, and was credited with 'Building of the Year' with his Waterloo railway terminal. For most of us his most



famous construction is the Eden Project biospheres in Cornwall, but the list of buildings he designed all over the U.K. and Europe is outstanding. At present he is behind the National Institute for research into aquatic habitats, and on completion, this will become the world's largest aquarium.

To have Sir Nicholas's sketchbooks at the Burton is a rare privilege, whereby we can see how all these spaceage constructions are born in the mind of a genius. It is worth looking at his website to see photographs of some of these buildings. **The exhibition ends 29th June.**

You are welcome to a talk by one of our local architects, **John Shardelow**, at the Burton Gallery on 25^{th} June, 7.30, ticket £5. <u>'Building Design - Where does it begin?'</u> Also: Using Sketchbooks with Gerry Davis - 26^{th} June, 10 am to 4 m. £30. Book both of the above on **01237 471455** and also find out about the other exhibitions in June.

Diana Warmington,

Friends of the Burton Art Gallery & Museum.

North Devon School of Art Foundation degree show- -An exhibition of work by students of ceramics, fine art and illustration. Pottington Industrial estate ,Barnstaple14th June -3rd July Weekdays 10am-3pm

"A COTTAGE SURPRISE"

Where can you find where tranquilly reigns
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There's a lady who's special, who makes it all grow
With unlimited colours, to shame a rainbow
It's a spiritual feeling, I can't explain
In a fast moving world it makes you feel sane
It does make you think how we've all paid for cost
It's not what we've gained, but you see what's been
lost

So wild and so tranquil, as it should be And it lifts up your spirits, and makes you feel free.

LEONARD JUNE 25th 2008

News from the Barnstaple Record Office

One of the items received recently by the North Devon Record Office is a foolscap sized volume, bound in faded marbled card covers (produced by Donnison & Son, account book manufacturers of Wormwood Street. London) and emblazoned with a bright red leather title plate reading: 'Sun Insurance Office, London: Policy Book'. On the first page is written the agency name of 'Mr W Pound, Bideford'. William Pound, insurance agent of Bridge Chambers, is listed in the Bideford section of Kelly's trade directory of 1926, and his register of insurance policies sold by him was kept by him between 1913 and 1931, at which date a number of different hands take over until the volume is discontinued in 1975. The book is indexed by name of the policy holder, and contains details of property, household goods and personal effects of people living in Bideford and surrounding parishes.

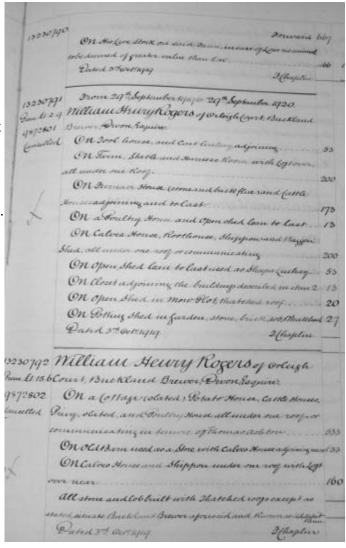
In the case of non-residential buildings, considerable information is recorded, as in the policy of William Henry Rogers, esquire, owner of Orleigh Court, Buckland Brewer, taken out in 1920, which details his tool house, furnace house, poultry house, outside privy and potting shed (described as of stone, brick, cob and thatched construction!). Rogers also took out an insurance policy on his household contents, which included various 'mathematical and philosophical instruments and apparatus all in private use in his Private Dwelling House' and an oil painting of the 'Infant Christ and St John' by Rubens. The volume has been given the reference number B1002/1 and can be viewed in the Record Office during usual opening times. The page showing the buildings policy of William Henry Rogers is shown here.

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

'1955 Captain William Bennet & Gerald Tithecott. Fitting out minesweeper at patent slip in Appledore'.

Photo courtesy of Aubrey Berriman





Family History

Immigration is the theme for today. Britain has been a source of refuge and employment as far back as the Roman invasions via Germanic tribes, Vikings and Normans. In more recent times, Britain has welcomed refugees from religious groups fleeing persecution, such as Huguenots in the 16th century and Jews in the late 19th and mid -20th, while settlers from former colonies and commonwealth partners have enriched our multicultural society.



There is a range of sources to help you track down how your family came to Britain. However, records of life events (birth, marriage and death) that took place outside Britain are likely to be deposited in the relevant national or local archives. One of the best places to pick up evidence of non-British birth before 1901 is through census returns, where a country of origin is usually noted.

If your ancestor applied to become a British citizen, you should look for their nationalisation certificate at the National Archives, along with memorial papers forwarded to the Home Office. Some are closed to the public, though you can apply for them. Many people described themselves as naturalised British subjects who had not actually undergone the formal processes, so don't be surprised if your search fails.

Another useful resource is the Moving Here website, www.movinghere.org.uk where you can find advice about researching specific groups. People who arrived from outside Europe between 1878 – 1960 can be found in inward ships' passenger lists, also at the National Archives. During periods of conflict, arrivals had to register their presence with local police forces, while others were interned in camps. Many records of local committees established to help immigrants adjust to life in Britain can be found in county or local archives and you should also consider community records, such as records of worship. I hope that this helps you with your research and good luck. The next meeting of the Bideford Group of the Devon Family History Society is on Saturday 19th June, at the Burton Art Museum 2-4pm.and it is free to attend. The speaker will be Alan Salsbury and he will elaborate on The Fields Of Red, WW2. Any other problems, please contact me Len Collum. 01237 472883

One hundred years ago in Bideford

The Sunday train service on Bideford, Appledore and Westward Ho! railway is now running. At Bideford Borough sessions yesterday an elderly man pleaded guilty to driving a wheelbarrow on the footway in Meddon Street to the obstruction of the passengers. The case was dismissed with a caution.

The nation has learnt with the profoundest regret that His Majesty King Edward V11 died on Friday night. He was born at Buckingham Palace on 9th November 1841. The Committee of the Bideford Guardians reported to the Bideford Council that it had been undertaken to send 15 tons of lump granite to the Workhouse for the task of stone breaking by the vagrants. The tramp question was a very serious one at the present time, and this job would not encourage them to come here. They did not want to punish them, but every man was better off for a good occupation

Mike Davy (From Bideford Gazette (May 1910)

WARNING to all those who store fuel on their boats.

Several incidents of boaters 'innocently' running out of fuel have been reported in the past few weeks leading to the conclusion that fuel tanks have been emptied at the moorings. Over the weekend a private fishing boat suffered engine failure whilst navigating a rather lumpy bar and had to be rescued by the Lifeboat. The owner had checked his fuel, and estimated 30 gallons, when he previously left his boat. Please check your fuel before you leave - otherwise you too could be the subject of an embarassing rescue. John Needs.





THE SHIPPING NEWS

Ship	Flag /owner	From	То	Arrived	Sailed	Crew	Cargo Loaded
Vitali Kozhin Ex Linda Buck Built St Johns	Antigua & Barbuda	Holland	Rosyth	*	29.4.10	Russian	Parts for aircraft carrier

^{*}Above vessel anchored in the bay pm 23rd; however could not dock until 26th, awaiting suitable tide

Arco Dart 15.4.10, 29.4.10, 30.4.10,

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

Bristol Channel Observations

17.4.10 at 08.47 hrs container ship **Elevation** 6449 tons d.w, owners Elevation Shipping BV Netherlands, inward bound for Portbury

19.4.10 at 19.00 hrs cargo vessel **Antares** 1576 tons d.w owners Koot Scheepvaartunder Neming, Netherlands, inward bound for Newport

22.4.10 at 16.20 hrs cargo vessel **Nordic Diana** 4180 tons d.w, owners Nordic General Partner BV Finland, inward bound for Newport; at 19.23 hrs cargo vessel **Westewind** 2815 tons d.w. owners Weststrate JL Netherlands, inward bound for Newport; At 19.42 hrs cargo vessel **Fast Sus** 3234 tons d.w owners Fast Lines Belgium NV Belgium, outward bound from Port Talbot; at 19.38 hrs cargo vessel **Wisdom** 1842 tons d.w owners Amasus Support BV Netherlands, outward bound from Newport.

25.4.10 at 11.00 hrs seen at Lynton vehicle carrier **Triton Leader** 13000 tons d.w owners Nippon Yusen Kaisha; she would have been seen off Clovelly at about 08.00 heading to go North of Lundy on her maiden voyage

30.4.10 at 16.15 hrs wood chip carrier **Pearl Venus** 53679 tons d.w owners Ena Shipping SA Japan, inward bound for Portbury.

2.5.10 at 12.50 hrs cargo vessel **RMS Lagona** 2688 tons d.w. owners Lagona Germany, inward bound for Sharpness ;at 19.07 hrs buoy vessel **Galatea** 1300 tons d.w owners Trinity House Harwich, inward bound for Swansea.

3.5.10.at 06.20 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Benelux** 12594 tons d.w owners Grimaldi line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury.;at 17.00 hrs cargo vessel **John Friedrich L** 3850 tons d.w owners Rufinia Beheer B.V Netherlands, inward bound for Newport.

7.5.10 at 14.40 hrs cargo vessel **Steinau** 3680 tons d.w owners Reeder Erwin Strahlmann Germany inward bound for Birdport(Newport);At 18.47 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Ellade** 18440 tons d.w owners Grimaldi line of Italy inward bound for Portbury.

8.5.10 at 0623 hrs cargo vessel **Mila** 3500 tons d.w, owners unknown outward bound from Avonmouth; at 06.43 hrs cargo vessel **Ivy** 3030 tons d.w owners Ivy Shipping Cyprus Ltd Netherlands, outward bound from Avonmouth; At 08.06 hrs vehicle carrier **Medea** tons d.w owners Wallenius Wilhelmson Norway and Sweden, inward bound for Portbury

At 09.02 hrs container ship **Elevation** 6449 tons d.w owners Elevation Shipping BV Netherlands inward bound for Portbury.

9.5.10 at 19.47 hrs vehicle carrier **Pegasus Highway** 22747 tons d.w owners Nippon Yusen Kaisha Japan, inward bound for Portbury.

10.5.10 at 20.40 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Colonia** 12292 tons d.w owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury.

12.5.10 at 06.09 hrs vehicle carrier **Asian Breeze** 12562 tons d.w owners Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics Norway & Sweden inward bound for Portbury

13.5.10 at 1841 hrs container vessel **MSC Maria** 21370 tons d.w owners Maria Naviera Hong Kong on charter to Mediterranean Shipping Switzerland, inward bound for Portbury **(Norman)**

June Diary 2010

Wednesday 2nd

2pm

Bideford Readers' Group at Bideford Library tel 476075

8pm

Atlantic Jive at Pollyfield tel 07875 201328 (and every Wednesday)

Thursday 3rd. - 6th

10am-5pm Lundy Art Group Annual Exhibition in St. Mary's Church, Appledore and also Appledore Visual

Arts Festival

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

Friday 4th

10am-5pm Flower festival at St John's 8pm Appledore Band concert on Baptist Church Instow tel01271860377 Appledore Quay - (if raining St Mary's 11am-5pm

Cream teas at Odun Villa Odun Rd Appledore in aid of Hospice

7.45pm Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! Tel 01769 540309 Saturday 5^{tr}

10am-5pm Flower festival at St John's Baptist Church Instow tel 01271860377 group (free) tel 476075

11am-5pm

Cream teas at Odun Villa Odun Rd Appledore in aid of Hospice Parkham Beer Festival 451201 7.30pm film "Wuthering Heights' at Littleham (Black and white) tel 420372 **Sunday 6**th

12-5pm

Flower festival at St John's Baptist Church Instow tel 0127186037 8.30pm Quiz at Seagate Hotel

Appledore Monday 7th

10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close tel 07923536908

7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at Appledore School

8pm Appledore Band concert on Appledore Quay - (if raining St Mary's Church Hall) tel 424946

Tuesday 8th

10am-6pm Docton Mill Gardens Open garden for the lifeboats.

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

Wednesday 9th

10.30-12.30 British Epilepsy Society Barnstaple Library 07990962155 2pm for 2.30pm Bideford Library Group 10.15am Bideford Probus meets at tel 476075

7.30pm Bideford Town Band Concert Westward Ho! (weather permitting)

Thursday 10th

7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho!

Friday 11th

7.45pm Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! Tel 01769 540309 Saturday 12th

1.30pm-4.30pm Art walks on Northam Burrows 01237 478875

Sunday 13th 12-6pm

Annual Play day Victoria Park 8.30pm Quiz at Seagate Hotel Appledore

Monday 14th

10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close 07923536908 Monday 28th

7.30pm Bideford Stamp Club at Bideford Youth Centre tel 472101 Appledore Singers practise at

Appledore School

Church Hall) tel 424946

8.30pm North Devon Jazz Club at Beaver Inn Appledore 421065.

Wednesday 16th

10.15am Bideford Probus meets at Royal Hotel tel 423153

2.15pm Bideford Library Meditation

Thursday 17th

7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingslev Hall Westward Ho! Bideford Town Band concert on Quay (weather permitting)

Friday 18th

1.30pm-4.30pm Art walks on Northam Burrows 01237 478875

7.45pm Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! Tel 01769 540309 Saturday 19th

2pm-6pm Little Webbery Gardens Alverdiscott open to public

Torridge Ramblers' Night Walk tel 476454 for details

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Sunday 20th

2pm-6pmLittle Webbery Gardens Alverdiscott open to public

Monday 21st

10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close tel 07923536908

8pm Appledore Band concert on Appledore Quay - (if raining St Mary's Church Hall)tel 424946

Tuesday 22nd

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

Royal Hotel tel 423153

Thursday 24th

7.30pm North Devon Humanists meeting at Fremington Parish Hall (annex) tel 474225

Modern Sequence dancing at Kingslev Hall Westward Ho!

Bideford Town Band Concert at Westward Ho! (weather permitting)

Friday 25th

7.45pm Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! Tel 01769 540309 Saturday 26th

1.30pm-4.30pm Art walks on Northam Burrows 01237 478875

2pm Abbotsham Village fete(special event from Appledore Radio Club) Sunday 27th

Torridge Ramblers' afternoon walk tel 475168

8.30pm Quiz at Seagate Hotel **Appledore**

1.30pm-4.30pm Art walks on Northam Burrows 01237 478875

8pm Appledore Band concert on Appledore Quay - (if raining St Mary's Church Hall) tel 424946

Wednesday 30th

7.30pm Westward Ho! Youth theatre presents Seussica Junior tel 431842 Thursday July 1st

2.30pm Westward Ho! Youth theatre presents Seussica Junior tel 431842 7.30pm Springfield Centre, Chanters Road, North Devon Fuchsia Society 01271 831292

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th

2.30pm Westward Ho! Youth theatre presents Seussica Junior tel 431842

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