





July 2010 Edition



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See next page for details of our competition, and a chance to win a night out at Lathwells Restaurant ...

# FARMERS' MARKET on Bideford Quay

Saturday 10th July - Saturday 24th July - Saturday 31st July Saturday 14th August - Saturday 28th August - Saturday 11th Sept



 $^{\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}}$  Dennis Davis









#### **Bideford in bloom or Bideford in weeds?**

Would you like to be part of a lovely new Bideford? Do weeds, untidy shop fronts, tatty or dirty entrances annoy you? Do you care about your town?

Help us to help you. John Emms of Lathwells, Restaurant in conjunction with Bideford Buzz, is offering Lathwells vouchers to the value of fifty pounds to the **smartest/ most appealing/ most improved business in central Bideford**.

Our judges, two well known Bideford people, will be making before and after visits in the next 2 months and results will be announced in September's Buzz.

So come on, let's see what you can do. No need to enter your name; we will assume you are taking part if your shop/business is within the main shopping area.

**Don't have a business?** No worries. Tell us why you think a local business deserves to win - there will be a separate prize for the best answer. Send your entries to us by the **15<sup>th</sup> August** for September's Buzz.



Can we improve? See photo .....

<b>Parkinsons UK Torridge Branch</b>	Our events in July are:-
We are part of this (formerly the Parkinsons	<b>Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning 10.30am-</b>
Disease Society) and we support local people	12.30pm at Bideford Youth Centre
with Parkinsons as well as their carers and	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July Cream tea 3-5pm at Weare
families	Giffard
According to national statistics 1 in 500 of the population are affected	Please come along to one of our events, where you will receive a warm welcome.

#### **Raining Angels**

It's raining angels on my face for every foot I pace, a new life's dream is what I chase. Like tears from the skies, they fall to earth upon my green and blurred eyes. There's an angel cleaning my dirty skin, from inside out,my soul within. I am guided by an angel's hand, as i walk the streets of west ENGLAND, I no longer sit,now I stand.I'm free at last,I've won back my voice. And it wasn't by luck or the roll of a dice, I was destined to find my paradise. The roads of Devon I now roam, i have found heaven, I've made it home. My earthly body is on a lease, I've got peace of mind,my mind's at peace. Never again will I ever stray, until my last breath,my dying day. So it rains no more as I look to the skies, with hearts and wings,the angels no longer cry. Now they sing and they rejoice Lawrence Linciano (lawbreaker28@hotmail.com)

#### Two Free Services- the Library and the Burton Art Gallery

The public library has been with us for over a hundred years. Although as a librarian I'm biased, I still believe that it offers something very rare these days - not just books, free to all, but also companionship, community links and friendship. Without sounding too trite the library offers stability in a changing world It's a place where if you like you can stay all day, reading, browsing the newspapers, keeping warm, using computers, discovering new facts - and it

costs NOTHING. Where else can you do this without someone trying to sell you a product? This is just a small sample of what's on offer.....

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Thursdays 9.30am-7pm; Fridays 9.30am-5.30pm and Saturdays 9.30am-4pm If you'd like a talk from us to your group about the library service, just ASK RA

#### NEWS FROM THE BURTON ART GALLERY FOR JULY

The **William Hogarth Exhibition** leaves the Gallery on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, so if you have not yet visited, make a special attempt to take in Hogarth's cynical, but humorous view of 18<sup>th</sup> century life in London – the Rake's Progress from riches to Bedlam.

**Roger Copple** is the founder of The Hero Manufacturing Company, and has been producing hand made toys since the early 1980s. He won an Award Status from the Design Council, and is a member of the British Toymakers' Guild. You will find some of his most popular creations in the Craft Gallery until 18<sup>th</sup> July.

**The Westward Ho! & Bideford Art Society** is well known in our area, and far beyond, for the high standard of art work in its annual exhibition. Once again, this will be borne out by the quality and content of paintings, sculpture, prints, ceramics and textiles by artists from the South West, as the reputation of this Society, founded in 1922, continues to attract the best in their field. The exhibition begins on **10<sup>th</sup> July**, ending on 8<sup>th</sup> August.

The Friends of the Burton Gallery arrange events throughout the year for all the next one being **21st July** in the Burton Workshop, <u>'Aspects of Photography'</u>, an illustrated talk by <u>Paul Milsom</u>, tutor at the Bideford Arts Centre. Bring your own camera if you need advice. Start time is <u>7.30 p.m.</u> and admission is <u>£5</u>. To book, phone 01237 471455.

The Cafe du Parc will feed you; the Museum will give you an insight in Bideford's history; the Ceramic Collection will inspire you to be creative; the Tourist Information Centre will help you to enjoy North Devon; the Shop will provide you and your family with books and playthings, and when you have seen it all, you can have a pleasant walk in Victoria Park, one of the very best in the area, family friendly and free. Have a good Summer **Diana Warmington** 





Good Age Page

#### **Two Bideford Soldiers from World War 1**

(Photo is of William Lewis May)

Recently at our local history society meeting, here in Netley Abbey, Hampshire, we had a talk about the First World War (WW1). Afterwards my wife Betty spoke to the lecturer about a distant relative, who enlisted early, at 15 years old and who was killed at the battle of Loos on Saturday 25 September 1915, when he had just turned 16 years we understand. This very knowledgeable gentleman said he would research the name and report back to her. In a few days he was able to tell us that William Lewis May, a Bideford lad, had joined the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Devonshire regiment and was killed in action during the attack on the Breslan Trench, on the first day of the Battle of Loos. Further, thanks to the kindness of Betty's aunt Lily, formerly of Westleigh, we are in possession of his medals and death plaque, together with a more detailed account of his last battle.



It was also suggested that, as we live very near a WW1/ WW2 Military Cemetery here in Netley Abbey we might like to visit the grave of another Devonshire Regiment casualty Private J Walling, who died on 24 September 1916 and who also came from Bideford.

The Military Cemetery at Netley Abbey was a part of the largest Military Hospital ever built to care for the wounded and sick of the wars being fought by our troops abroad. Opened in 1863 as a direct result of Queen Victoria's insistence that her soldiers fighting for her abroad, should have proper and better hygiene and treatment, as more soldiers were dying of disease and poor treatment than in battles, it was claimed. At this point Florence Nightingale became involved, and was asked to suggest how this new Military Hospital might be built to take into account the above problems. It seems however that not too much notice was taken of her suggestions because the hospital buildings were too advanced in construction for them to be incorporated. The Royal Victoria Military Hospital played a major part during WW1 and WW2, but was allowed to become derelict, finally being demolished in 1966. All that is left is the Chapel building, now a visitor centre and viewing tower.

We wonder if any of J Walling's relatives still live in Bideford. We already know those from William Lewis May's family; as they may like to know that on the very few occasions each year we walk around the war graves, we pause at Pte. Walling's headstone, just for a quiet moment with him.

#### John and Betty (Nee May) Lawrence

3 June 2010

**The next meeting of the Senior Council of Devon will be on** Wednesday 28th July at Bideford Town Hall 2.10pm with a guest speaker from the Citizen's Advice Bureau.For more information contact Alan Rayner on **01237-479711** 



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## BIDEFORD BAY CHILDREN'S CENTRE PAGE



### Space Hop! at a library near you!

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 27<sup>th</sup> July For over fives and their carers
And
Reptabug (slithering beasts and creepies) coming to Bideford Library
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August
10am- 12pm Tickets only
For details of above please telephone 01237 476075

Bumbles A Pre School Music Group The sessions will include Singing nursery rhymes Learning new songs Listening to music and clapping to beat

The hourly sessions will be held weekly and will run in line with school terms 3.50 per child (child and adult or 4.50 if more than one child. Bideford Mondays 10am-11am To book a place call Louise on 01271 325181 www.bumblesmusicgroup.co.uk



#### Special Charity Open Day at Northam's Yeoldon House Hotel

Yeoldon House Hotel in Northam welcomes you to a special Charity Open Day on Saturday 10th July.

It offers you a unique opportunity to wander the extensive gardens of this lovely Victorian house. Enjoy glorious views of the River Torridge as you walk down through the gently sloping gardens with their mixed borders of colourful herbaceous plants and shrubs. Delicious cream teas will be available.

## Proceeds will go to FSID, the UK's leading baby charity working to prevent sudden deaths and promote infant health.

Entrance is £2 and the gardens will be open from 10am to 3pm. Because of the gradients and steps wheelchair access is not advised.

Yeoldon House Hotel, Durrant Lane, Northam, Bideford. Tel: 01237 474400 Website: www.yeoldonhousehotel.co.uk





## Teen Torridge is dead, long live V the youth page

Hello, and welcome to 'the youth page'which we hope will be a hub of information for and about the young people of Bideford.

As before, the focus will be on young people, but we hope to make it readable for everyone.

If you have any news you'd like to share, or any views you'd like to express drop us an email- <u>editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk</u> (with the youth page in the subject line).

Visit the Bideford Buzz Facebook page and become a friend of Buzz.

## Wings- flying high in Bideford

Tucked away in the winding narrow street Lower Meddon street is the base of local youth charity 'Wings'. This unassuming building is a hive of activity for the town's young people- on Wednesday and Thursday evenings its doors are open for 'The Source'- a youth club-cum-cyber cafe for years 7-8 (Thursday) and 9 upwards (Wednesday).

But it's more than just a drop-in for kids. Since its inception ten years ago, Wings has grown considerably, and is now a large organisation catering for hundreds of young people in the area. Café nights are now more than just a place to chat to friends and check your emails.

"We formed a dance group, some nights there's even a nail bar for the girls and there's even a multimedia production suite" Sally Ellis, volunteer and recruitment manager told me. "We listen to what our young people want, and try to provide it."

Beyond that, Wings has created courses for 16-24 year olds who are out of work, including in mechanics and construction, based at a renovated barn in Abbotsham. Many of the courses are accredited,

but Sally told me it's not just about practical skills.

"All of the courses include the development of life skills, as these are often just as important."

Previous projects have involved environmental conservation, including one project which involved over a hundred people planting trees. "We try to listen to the needs of the community," she said.

So what drives the staff at Wings? The founding members of staff are a group of local Christians, who responded to a request for a place for young people to meet. Their website states that Torridge is one of the most deprived areas in the region, but Sally is optimistic.

"Wings is all about giving young people a hope and future," she said. "And that is at the heart of everything we do."

Looking ahead to the summer, Wings has several events going on, including screenings of World Cup matches at the café. Year 6 students are invited to Bideford College on 26<sup>th</sup> July to find out what Wings has in store for the summer.

What's more, eight of the staff are attempting to swim the Channel in July to raise money for the charity. To donate, visit www.justgiving.com/big-swim .

For more information about Wings, you can contact them on 01237 472000. A short film about their practical courses is also available. **Tom Collins** 

## **Green Matters**

#### Initiated by the Bideford Quakers but open to contributions from anyone. How Green is your group?

This is a chance for community and voluntary groups who are trying to tackle climate change and make a difference to our environments to win a prize of up to £2000! from Devon Community Foundation

If your group saves energy, recycles or has a green project in mind please contact me on

laura@devoncf.com before 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

#### A New Bideford Sustainability Group

There was an initial meeting of the Bideford Sustainability Group on Wednesday, 16th June. About 20 people have expressed an interest in promoting more sustainable living in the town. It's still very early days and, clearly, there are so many different directions we could go in. What we can do and how to go about doing it will be up to those of you willing to 'get stuck in'.

There's so much we *could* do but only a limited amount of time and energy. How about coming along to the next meeting and helping to make a difference? The idea is to promote 'greener' living, save money and have fun doing it! For further information, date of next meeting, etc. email Stuart Fuller on : <u>stuart.fuller454@btinternet.com</u>

#### Ferrer melting come deviab?' Dreed also from Ferrer' Merket

**'Fancy making some dough?' Bread plea from Farmers' Market** Where have all the breadmakers gone? That's the plea from Hartland Farmers' Market.

The market lost its last bread stall at the beginning of the season when Sargie's Cornish Kitchen moved on to bigger things after their pudding lines were picked up by major supermarkets. Since then market organiser, Rod Landman, has been scouring the South West for someone to pick up the baton.



Rod said, "We know it's very difficult for anyone to make a good profit just from bread these days as the margins are so low. That said, anyone who has ever brought bread to the market has sold out really quickly, and our customers are crying out for a good loaf. Bearing this in mind I am prepared to offer a good discount on our usual traders' rate if someone wants to have a go. This could be an excellent opportunity for someone just starting out in business and someone wanting to take a punt on extending their range. Get in touch and we'll talk."

As well as the stall discount a good regular order from the market café is guaranteed as its policy is to buy all its ingredients from market stallholders wherever possible. Rod points out, "This would mean a minimum order from us of six loaves and 30 rolls at every market."

The next market is on **July 4** at the Parish Hall in Hartland. Even without the bread you can buy the best local meat, poultry and game, vegetables (including organic), eggs, pies and pickles, pates and preserves, ice cream, fair trade produce, cakes, plants and flowers, biscuits, cheeses, meringues and cake . . . and there's always something there to surprise you. Markets will continue to run on the first Sunday of the month through to October, 10am - 1pm.

The markets continue to raise money for the Small School, and offers fund-raising opportunities to other local charities. To talk to Rod about the market call him on **01237 441 786**.

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#### You write ..... Congratulations on your first 10 years, well done! Although not now resident in Bideford, we have read the Buzz from issue one and think it an excellent publication.



#### Torridge pilot gig club

John and Betty Lawrence

Please keep it going.

Pilot gig rowing is becoming an increasingly popular sport, with U14, U16. Ladies, Mens, Mixed, Veterans and Supervets categories, it caters to a wide range of ages and abilities.

The Torridge pilot gig club is based in in Appledore, and has seen its reputation and success grow in recent years The Club is looking for new members in order to do even better. If you would like to try a sport which can be competitive and physically demanding yet also extremely sociable and exciting, you are welcome to attend a 'general row' All year round these are normally held on a Sunday as near to high tide as possible. During the summer they will also take place on Thursday evenings



from the Ferry Crabbing slip, opposite the old Co-op.

Please visit <u>www.torridgeoilotgigclub.org.uk</u>, or the facebook group entitled 'Torridge Pilot Gig Club.' or contact club chairman **Jeff Sharpe on 01237 422336.** 

### Bideford Heritage Day July 17th 11am - 4pm

An exciting day of Medieval activities and displays is set to celebrate our town's past ; the spectacle includes Jousting on horses and armed Medieval Combat in the park throughout the day. There will also be demonstrations of ancient skills and games, as life in Medieval times is re-enacted bringing the sights, sounds and smells of a fascinating era. Bring the whole family for a fun and informative day out.

Jousts are at 12noon and 3pm; the armed Combat display is at 2pm.

For more information see <u>www.bidefordheritage.co.uk</u> Sadie Green

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## Read, Scene, and Heard – The best picks from your local library this month



#### <u>Read</u>

#### The Flesh Tailor', by Kate Ellis

Kate Ellis,one of my favourite crime writers, cleverly links the past and the present in her books. 'When Dr James Dalcott is shot dead in his cottage it looks very much like an execution. And as DI Wesley Peterson begins piecing together the victim's life, he finds that the well-liked country doctor had been harbouring strange and dramatic family secrets. '(from website)

The plot also features an old farmhouse in South Devon now undergoing gentrification by two ex Londoners. Bodies are discovered in the grounds and a sinister link is found between these and a group of evacuees who occupied the house in the 1940s. As usual a gripping read and unusually for me I did not guess the murderer until the last chapter. Recommended **RA** 

#### <u>Scene</u>

#### A Single Man (DVD)

The story of a despondent George (Colin Firth) struggling to come to terms with the loss of his longtime partner. We follow him through a single day where a series of events and encounters ultimately leads him to decide if there is a meaning to life. Colin Firth gives an awesome performance. Quite simply a triumph and the stuff of great movies.

#### The Book of Eli (DVD)

Post apocalyptic action film as Eli (Denzel Washington) walks alone on a mission he doesn't fully understand, to deliver a book to a place of safety. Thrilling, with a good build up of tension and excitement which finally climaxes with a couple of cracking twists. Worth a watch.

#### <u>Heard</u>

#### Brother – Boyzone

Following the tragic death of bandmate Stephen Gately, this is their first recording as a four-piece. Emotional and introspective, this is a great album. A fitting tribute to the talented and sadly missed Gately.

#### Love never dies – Andrew Lloyd Webber

Probably the most anticipated music of the millennium, being the sequel to The Phantom of the Opera. It is very clever at subtly developing themes from the original, but not using obvious melodies. The singing is superb and the orchestrations lush. Some negative reviews coming through, but just listen with an open mind.

#### ST PETER'S MONTH - July

At St Mary's Church, Bideford, we will be celebrating St Peter, ending up with the rededication of the Lady Chapel to St Peter, fulfilling a promise made when the Church in East-the-Water was closed for worship some time ago. To mark the event we will be holding an exhibition in St Mary's Church until the 27th July, and will include an archive of St Peter's Church items It's not too late to contribute any written records, or items relating to St Peter's Church – contact the Church Office on **474078 at 9 Church Walk** 

Sat 10 July	10.30 am Coffee Morning and exhibition at St Mary's Church-					
Wed 14 July	2.30 pm Social Afternoon – crafts with fishy theme, in St Mary's Church					
Fri 23 July	uly 7.00 pm Rock and Chips, in St Mary's Church – an evening of entertainmen with excerpts from the musical Rock, the story of the life of St Peter, and a fisl and chip supper; £5.00 admission by ticket obtainable from the Church Office (see below). telephone 474078.					
Sun 25 July	10.00 am Family Communion with St Peter focused sermon, in St Mary's					
	Church, reflections of the past of St Peter's Church LOOKING BACK - 10.30					

#### One hundred years ago in June

#### Free passages to Australia

Wanted – about 100 Female Domestic Servants and helps – 18 to 35 years of age – to sail on August 10<sup>th</sup> next. This special party will be in the charge of a matron, and sent out by the orient liner "Oaterley", and may rely on promptly securing situations at good wages upon landing – apply G,Manley Tucker, 16 Bridgeland Street, Bideford.

#### Motor Service to Bude

Messrs R Dymond and son of Bideford have inaugurated their Observation Motor Car Service from Bideford to Bude,running on Mondays and Thursdays. The 26 mile run is over good roads with ever changing scene of well wooded dale and rolling moorland with Lundy island and occasional peeps of the Bristol Channel . Leaving the Royal Hotel Bideford at 10.30am after the arrival of the train from Exeter, the journey to Bude is completed by about 10'clock and the return is at 50'clock. The char-a-banc used is built in order that passengers at the rear have as good a view as those in the front and accommodates 26 passengers.

Mike Davy (from Bideford Gazette, courtesy of Bideford Archives)

#### **Family History**

There is some excellent news for Family Historians who are researching Irish Ancestors -the Irish 1901 & 1911 Census. The National Archives of Ireland has announced that the 1901 & 1911 Census of Ireland details will be freely available on its website (see below)

The next meeting of the North Devon Group of the Devon Family History Society will be on **Saturday 17th July, 2-4pm** at the Burton Art Museum, Bideford. All are welcome and it is free to attend.

The meeting will be devoted to Beginners and Slow Starters in Family History Research.

Len Collum .http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/about/futureplans.html

#### North Devon Record Office

One of the many new collections deposited recently in the North Devon Record Office consists of a bundle of miscellaneous papers of the Bideford Highway Board. This body was one of many such organisations established around the middle of the nineteenth century to administer the construction and maintenance of the growing rural road network, and the boards were really the forerunners of the comprehensive district council network introduced at the end of that century. The papers include correspondence, plans, posters and agreements covering the period 1875-1886. Many items are written by the Bideford Highway Board's surveyor in chief, John Turner. He appears, aged 31, along with his wife Elizabeth and their children, in the 1881 Census living at Northway, Parkham. Work for the Highway Board took him to Abbotsham, Alwington, Buckland Brewer, Bulkworthy, Clovelly, Hartland, Landcross, Monkleigh, Newton St Petrock, Parkham, East & West Putford, Welcombe and Woolsery. The papers complement another substantial deposit of records from the Bideford Highway Board, which includes surveyor's reports, wages books, stores accounts and labourers' contracts, as well as John Turner's own exercise book on land surveying from his time as a teenage scholar at Chulmleigh Academy (ref. 3721A/F1). The elaborately decorated title page from that book is shown here. If you would like further information please visit our website at www.devon.gov.uk/recordoffice. **Tim Wormleighton** 



#### **Northam Lodge Photos**

Graham Hobbs (award winning photographer) and Northam Lodge have teamed up to produce a set of 5 greeting cards - all local views - as a new fund-raising venture for Northam Lodge. These will be available at The Cooper Gallery in Bideford, the Northam Lodge offices at Rose Hill, Graham Hobbs' stall in the Pannier Market and of course at the Northam Lodge annual **Summer Fete on July 10th.** The full set can be bought for £5 and individual cards cost £1.10 (**Photo By Graham Hobbs(c)**)

#### **Online Everything!**

It must be deeply irritating to those who are not internet savvy to be constantly pressed to go online, visit this or that website, give your email address etc. You have to rely on your spouse, children, friends for basic essentials or just get by somehow.

Still, it's easier than it seems and it's a pretty amazing world out there in cyberspace.

I use it constantly, for information, for connecting to people, for entertainment, for shopping, for study and for fun. Here's a sample of my personal uses:-Email

**Skype** to connect with my children and grandchildren in Australia.

**Shopping** Mostly books, but also fabric, plants and garden items. Related to this is **Paypal** An easy and safe way of buying online

**Reviews & comments** about products by recent purchasers (Amazon is excellent for this) **Price comparison** sites for best prices

**Travel bookings** For coach, trains and flights. Saves time and petrol

**Directions** Useful to get a print-out of your intended journey. (Especially for motorway phobics like me - you can get a motorway-free option!)

Bank transactions. I can check my balance anytime.

**Google search.** Not for nothing has 'google' now become a verb. I use it all the time **You Tube and other video sites** There's a lot of rubbish on You Tube but loads of excellent stuff. Informative, thought-provoking, funny.

News To supplement TV news I read the online Guardian and some world news sites.

Educational websites As a maths coach, I scan the maths websites for best ones to recommend to parents

Wikepedia An invaluable, continually updated and reviewed encyclopaedia

**Dictionary** As well as standard and specialised dictionaries there's a clever little programme that lets you select a word and it instantly brings up a definition and Wikepedia entry

**Website** There are programmes which let you easily create your own website I made mine with my own domain name for just £3.50 a month

Entertainment BBC iPlayer is useful for downloading missed TV programmes .

**Forums** On anything and everything. They come up on Google Search too. I once googled 'how to remove lily pollen stains?' It took me to a forum where someone suggested 'pulling' it off with blue tack. It worked!

**Comments** There's usually a place to comment at the end of articles, blogs, videos. Some of these comments are incredibly abusive, unhelpful or cynical. I enjoy trying to counter this with more positive and encouraging comments of my own. I hope I've inspired you to dip a toe into the amazing world of the Internet. And of course there's Ebay, Facebook, Twitter, dating, music, sports, stocks, games which I haven't even mentioned! In case you're wondering - I do have a 'real-life' as well! The internet simply enhances it.

Marianne Green



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#### **European Health Insurance**

Having booked a holiday in Europe for the first time in several years, I needed to apply for EHIC (European Health Insurance Cards) to replace the outdated E111.

Investigating whether I could apply online, I "Googled" EHIC and, as it was the first on the list of Google options, I chose to go to the ehic.org site. Yes I could complete an online form for the two of us and it would cost £9.95.

Now, somewhere in the back of my mind I was sure that this insurance is free to UK residents, so I tried another site - ehic.co.uk. This takes you to exactly the same site as ehic.org where you have to pay. So I tried the <u>www.direct.gov.uk</u> site and followed the links to "Apply Online" for EHIC. Sure enough it is free.

So, if you are applying for EHIC, please make sure you do it through the official UK Directgov site and don't pay these other people who want to charge. Not only will they take your money, they will then possess your name, address, phone number, email address, details of the account you have used to pay them and your National Insurance Number!!!This must be a lucrative business as the internet address ehic.com is on sale. Price: US\$4875.By the way, if you don't want to do it online, EHIC is also available from the Post Office. **Mike Dunton** 



#### THE SHIPPING NEWS

Ship	Flag /owner	From	То	Arrived	Sailed	Crew	Cargo Loaded
<b>Raba *</b> Built 1984	Sczecin Poland Polish	Aviles	Castellon	13/6/10	15/6/10	Polish	2100 tons ball clay 3 grades

\*previous names Erkaburg 90 Lys Coast 91 Erkaburg 97 Mareike 98

The tug **MTS Vengeance** arrived at Appledore on **14.6.10** at 19.10 hrs to take caisson from shipyard back to drydock at Plymouth. Sailed **15/6/10** 

Arco Dart 15.5.10 27.5.10 28.5.10 12.6.10 14.6.10

**Oldenburg** continues her sailing to Lundy from Bideford and Ilfracombe through to the end of October. **Kathleen and May** due to leave the river late June, bound for Whitehaven

#### Bristol Channel Observations

**15.5.10** at 08.27 hrs cargo vessel Lijun C 8050 tons, d.w owners Carisbrooke Shipping Ltd Cowes I.O.W, inward bound for Portbury

**17.5.10** at 14.10 hrs cargo vessel **Emscarrier** 5486 tons inward, owners Emscarrier Germany, bound for Avonmouth.

**19.5.10** at 11.30 hrs vehicle carrier **Coral Leader** 12164 tons d.w, owners Kujyukuri Maritima SA Oslo, inward bound for Portbury.

**22.5.10** at 18.50 hrs vehicle carrier **Columbia Highway** 13491 tons d.w, owners Los Halillos Shipping SA Japan, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 16.20 hrs.

**23.5.10** at 0910 hrs heavy lift carrier **Comdock 11** 5952 gross tons, owners Harren & Partners Schiffahrts Germany, outward bound from Newport; at 1845 hrs cargo vessel **Islay Trader** 2386 tons d.w owners Faversham Ships Ltd Ryde, inward bound for Newport.

**24.5.10** between 1000/1100 hrs not actually seen, but spotted on <u>WWW.Shipsais.com</u> the fast ferry **Rapparee** ex Fastcat Ryde crossed the bay at 25 knots enroute to Ilfracombe ; she is the second of two ferries intended for use on the ferry service to Swansea (It has been reported this service will not commence now until next year surprise surprise!)

**27.5.10** at 09.25 hrs cargo vessel **Wisdom** 1842 tons d.w, owners Amacus 2CV Netherlands inward bound for Newport.

**28.5.10** at 13.33 hrs cargo vessel **Fehn Castor** 1750 tons d.w ,owners Fehn Castor Germany, inward bound for Newport.

**30.5.10** at 16.16 hrs cargo vessel **Oslo**4245 tons d.w, owners Oslo Reederei Bajen GMBH Germany, inward bound for Avonmouth ; at 16.36 hrs vehicle carrier **Autosun** 6670 tons d.w owners UECC Unipessoal Lta Maderia inward bound for Portbury

**31.5.10** at 11.53 hrs cargo vessel **Helse 2**378 tons d.w owners Strahlmanne Germany, inward bound for Portbury; at 12.28 hrs vehicle carrier **Manon** 14863 tons d.w, Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics Norway and Sweden, inward bound for Portbury.

**3.6.10** at 10.15 10.15 hrs buoy tender vessel **Galatea** 1300 tons d.w, owners Trinity House Harwich anchored in Bideford Bay off Fairway Buoy; at 19.22 hrs vehicle carrier **Grand Benelux** 12594 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Group Italy, inward bound for Portbury.

**4.6.10** at 08.25 hrs container vessel **MSC Maria** 21370 tons d.w, owners Mediterranean Shipping Switzerland, inward bound for Portbury; at 12.06 hrs vehicle carrier Favorite Ace 17709 tons d.w owners Mitsui OSK Lines Japan, inward bound for Portbury.

**5.6.10** 17.07 hrs cargo vessel **Arklow Faith** 4500 tons d.w owners Laga C261 Naviera Aie Wicklow Eire (Arklow Shipping), outward bound from Cardiff.

**6.6.10** at 16.57 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Sicilia** 14900 tons d.w, owners ACL Management AB Sweden under the colours of Grimaldi Line Italy, inward bound for Portbury; at 18.03 hrs vehicle carrier **Procyon Leader** 17361 tons d.w, owners NBB Sail Panama Japan (in NYK Colours) inward bound for Portbury. **11.6.10** at 15.35 hrs bulk carrier **Poplar Arrow** 47818 tons d.w, owners Poplar Shipping Sarl Norway

(Gearbulk Holding Ltd Bermuda) outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 10.18 hrs. **14.6.10** at 19.20 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Portogallo** 12594 tons d.w owners Grimaldi Group Italy, inward bound for Portbury.

**15.6.10** at 08.15 hrs cargo vessel **Arklow Spirit** 3211 tons d.w, owners BBS Bulk I KS Netherlands (In colours Arklow Shipping Eire), inward bound for Newport

#### Norman

## July Diary 2010

#### Thursday July 1<sup>s</sup>

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

Bideford Town band concert Bideford Quay (weather permitting) tel 475653 Saturday 3rd

11-5pm Kingsley Junior School Alison Murray's amazing 'Above & below the Waves knitting installation' ( in aid of RNLI) Free

2pm Fun dog show at Litleham Fete tel Friday 16th 473338

2.30pm Westward Ho! Youth theatre presents Seussica Junior tel 431842 Torridge Ramblers' Day walk tel 01271 860393

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

11-5pm Kingsley Junior School Alison Murray's amazing' Above & below the Waves knitting installation ( in Appledore aid of RNLI) Free

#### Wednesday 7th

#### 2pm

Bideford Readers' Group at Bideford Library tel 476075

#### 8pm

Atlantic Jive at Pollyfield tel 07875 201328 (and every Wednesday) Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Torridge Ramblers' evening walk tel

01805 622183 for details 7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at

Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! North Devon Fuchsia Society meets at Springfield Centre Bideford tel 01271 831292

7.30pm Bideford Town Band concert at 10am-2pm Lavington Church Summer Westward Ho! Tel 475653

#### Friday 9th

7.45pm Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! Tel 01769 540309 Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

10am-3pm Yeoldon House Hotel gardens open tel 474400 12noon Northam Lodge fete at Rose

Hill 7.30pm Film at Littleham 'A single man' 7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at tel 420372

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

1.30pm-4pm Woolsery Village Fayre at Ho! Tel 475653 Sports and social club.

8.30pm Quiz at Seagate Hotel

#### Appledore

Monday 12th

10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close tel

07923536908

7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at Appledore School

**Tuesday 13th** 

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

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

10.15am Bideford Probus meets at Royal Hotel tel 423153 2pm for 2.30pm Bideford Library Group1pm Bideford Library help with CV tel 476075 7.30pm Appledore Singers 'Songs of

**Thursday 15th** 7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! Bideford Town Band Concert Bideford

Quav (weather permitting)

7.45pm Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! Tel 01769 540309 Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 11am-4pmBideford Heritage Day Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Torridge Ramblers' afternoon walk tel 451508 for details 8.30pm Quiz at Seagate hotel Monday 19th 10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close 07923536908 Saturday31st 7.30pm Bideford Stamp Club at Bideford Youth Centre tel 472101 Appledore Singers practise at **Appledore School** Appledore and District Amateur Radio Club meet at Appledore Football Club 8.30pm North Devon Jazz Club at Beaver Inn Appledore 421065.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30am North Devon Lupus Group coffee morning at Burton Art Gallery

Melanie Edge mijedge@sky.com Wednesday 21<sup>s</sup>

Fayre Bridgeland St

10.15am Bideford Probus meets at Royal Hotel tel 423153

2.15pm Bideford Library Meditation group (free) tel 476075 Entrance via town hall

Torridge Ramblers' evening walk tel 451820 for details

Thursday 22nd Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! **Bideford Town Band Concert Westward** 

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

#### Monday 26th

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 27th** 7.30pm REME North Devon Branch at Appledore Social Club tel 424946

#### Wednesday 28th

10.15am Bideford Probus meets at Royal Hotel tel 423153

writing and internet tel 476075 for details

Summer' at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! 2.10pm Senior Council of Devon meet at Bideford Town Hall 01237-479711 6.15pm North Devon Ramblers' walk tel 01271 863727

> 7.30pm North Devon Humanists meeting at Fremington Parish Hall (annex) tel 474225 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! Bideford Town Band Concert at Bideford Quay! (weather permitting) tel 475653

#### Fridav 30th

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

2pm Appledore Treasure Hunt organised by Bright Stars Theatre Group starts from Appledore Community Hall

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