



# BIDEFORD BUZZ



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## LOVE YOUR TOWN COMPETITION WINNER

Many thanks to all the people who helped to make the 'Love your Town' competition a success, particularly our hard working judges.

We can now reveal that the winner, chosen after much debate, was the RSPCA shop in Mill Street. "Not only were the weeds no longer present, but the shop has had a facelift." was the judges' comment.

This competition was sponsored by John Emms of Lathwells and the lucky winner will receive a voucher to spend at this lovely restaurant. Watch this space for a photo next month of the winning shop!

This in no way detracts from the many shops and businesses in the town who consistently look smart and welcoming. You know who you are! A special thank you to you for maintaining such high standards.



Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness

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## Two important dates for September

**Saturday 4th September**

## BIDEFORD REGATTA

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**Saturday 11th September**

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## "Season of mists, and mellow fruitfulness...."



September is the month of the year when children go back to school again after the summer holidays, and summer slips slowly into autumn. Harvesting is at its peak.

In times gone by, the landowner or farmer would celebrate the safe bringing-in of the harvest by his workers with a Harvest Supper, or Harvest Home. As you can imagine after the exertions of the harvesting, this would be a time of great merry-making : of dancing, singing and drinking. In Victorian times, such rambunctiousness was frowned upon, and the church Harvest Festival was instituted as a more appropriate way to celebrate the harvest. The first clergyman to hold a Harvest Festival service was the Rev. R.S. Hawker of Morwenstow, a custom which then caught on nationally.

Apples are picked at this time of the year, as are blackberries, which provide a free treat for those willing to get their hands messy. Again in years gone by, and still to some extent today, this is a busy time for preserving some of the harvest produce, to ensure a plentiful supply of nutritious food for the lean months ahead: jams, pickles etc.

**Chris Trigger**

## Devonshire Association

On the 16th July members of the Bideford Branch of the Devonshire Association met at Frithelstock Parish Church, dedicated to St Mary and

St Gregor, with the remains of the Priory alongside. Dr Cornford welcomed the members and introduced the speaker Mr Jim Coulter.

Before going into the church Jim Coulter drew attention to the avenue

of poplars leading to the church and representing the stations of the cross. In the church he pointed to the fine plaster work on the wall opposite the door, by John Abbott of Frithelstock, renowned for his craftsmanship. He reminded the meeting of an article written by R Pearse Chope for the Devonshire Association in 1929 resulting in an appeal for funds, and excavation work carried out in 1932/3

He gave us a fascinating account of the mixed fortunes of the priory from the time of its founding by Richard Beauchamp C1220 and its dissolution by Henry VIII in 1537. One of the most notorious happenings in its history – which led to stern action by the Bishop of Exeter – was the building in 1351 by the Prior, Richard de Bittendene, of a chapel in a wood at Waddycleave dedicated to the memory of the goddess Diana rather than the Virgin Mary. When the Bishop heard of it, he ordered it to be destroyed!

Mr Coulter drew an interesting distinction between the (enclosed) monks of Hartland Abbey – following the teachings of St Benedict and the Canons of Frithelstock (not closed) who followed the teachings of St Augustine.

Members were allowed to visit the site of the Priory, with the kind permission of the Ham family. The first meeting of the next session will be on the **15<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm at the Burton Art Gallery** when Duncan Pirrie will be talking on 'Mud, microscopes and murder' **EB**

## Bideford Camera Club

Wondering what you are going to do with those long dark winter evenings. Why not join the Bideford camera club? Come along in September and see how we can help you to get the most out of your camera. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm at the Community Room at the Bideford Youth Centre from 7th September through to April. Contact our Secretary, Carole, on 01237 423242 or just turn up!



## September- an historic month for Bideford

For centuries members of the Grenville family were lords of numerous manors in England including Bideford. In time the ownership of the manors passed to two widows, Jane Gower and Grace Carteret and were then sold piecemeal.

In 1750 the Manor of Bideford was purchased by the Cleveland family of Tapeley, remaining theirs until purchased in 1881 by the Mayor and Corporation of Bideford.

In 1573 Bideford was granted a Charter of Incorporation by Queen Elizabeth 1st through Sir Richard Grenville (the charter can be viewed in the Burton Museum and Art gallery). This charter gave Bideford the status of borough and the authority to elect its own mayor. The town could also have its own 'town seal'. Examples of this can be seen in many places in the town, but an excellent example is on the entrance gates to Victoria Park.

The town seal was used as a symbol of authority until 1936 when it was decided that Bideford should have its own coat of arms

Although it may not generally be recognised **September 12<sup>th</sup> 1936** is a date that will take an honoured place in Bideford's history because it marked the sealing and witnessing by heraldic authorities of the town's coat of arms 'to be borne and used hereafter by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Bideford and by their successors'.

The colourful document granting the Coat of Arms can be seen in the Town Hall.

**Mike Davy**



## One hundred years ago – September

During Bideford's annual Regatta the official launching of the new Appledore Lifeboat 'the Jane Hannah MacDonald' took place. The new boat is of the self-righting type and she pulls ten oars. The crew for that day was Robert Batten, coxswain, Richard Berry second cox, Phillip Berry bowman, Richard Williams, Richard Cann, Walter Ford, John Randall, Steven Bignell, George Powe, Isaac Craner, George Day and George Craner

Ratepayers occupying the new dwellings in Abbotsham Rd would welcome the advent of the steam roller.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held at the Port Mission Church with an abundance of fruit, flowers and vegetables (no prizes for guessing where this church was located)

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

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**Support the RNLI on the 12<sup>th</sup> September-** a new event for the Appledore RNLI Guilds fund-raising calendar.

A 'James Bond Theme Fun Casino' is to take place on board the MS Oldenburg, moored alongside Bideford Quay. Tickets (£15) include a welcome drink in typical James Bond style 'Dry Martini' shaken not stirred of course! and canapés, and a £5,000 Fun Money Voucher to exchange into chips to play at the gaming tables with the option to purchase more. Prizes for the highest lady and gentleman winners.

Ticket holders may board from 7pm, Casino opens at 7.30pm. Live music will be played on the upper deck during the evening. Tickets will be limited ; reserve in advance from **Sue Newcombe**  
Tel: 01237 423335 or [suenewcombeappledoreguild@gmail.com](mailto:suenewcombeappledoreguild@gmail.com)sees



## Good Age Page



**FREMINGTON HOMES**  
*home from home*

### FREMINGTON HOMES

Fremington Homes provide an alternative to going into residential care when your own home becomes too lonely or too much for you, by providing tenanted accommodation for elderly people in North Devon. Spacious bungalows, set in large pleasant gardens, and are created to be a real 'home from home' with 6 people per bungalow. Tenants can enjoy privacy in their own rooms (which they can furnish as they please) as well as company in the communal rooms. Support and/or care available 24 hours a day. Fees are inclusive of rent/food/building maintenance/bills – most tenants are entitled to benefits to help with this and Fremington Homes can arrange a personalised payment plan to assist. Why not visit our website [www.fremingtonhomes.co.uk](http://www.fremingtonhomes.co.uk) for more details.



Fremington Lodge currently has available a large double en-suite room which would suite an elderly couple and a single en-suite room within its luxurious bungalow with lovely garden and patio area. Care provided as required 24 hours a day. Call 01271 889152 or 07769 653477 for more details.

**We also have a new lodge opening on the 1st November 2010 in Yelland, call the number above for further details.**

### Senior Council

The September meeting of the Senior Council has had to be moved to the last Wednesday of the month (29th). All welcome as usual – details from 01237 479711. Steve Wright from Care Direct Plus and a U3A person are expected. 2.10pm Town Hall.

### Bideford O.A.P Association

This club meets again on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm at the Lavington Church (Willet St entrance) New members welcome. Please ring Liz or Cecil on 478896 for further details. It might be just what you need!

### Have you had a call from somebody claiming to be from 'Crime Research UK' or similar?

A new type of telephone sales tactic has come into use recently - to target those who have signed up to the Telephone Preference Service (a register of telephone numbers that telemarketers are not allowed to call).

The caller claims to be from what sounds like a governmental organisation (often named 'Crime Research UK', but other similar names are also used) doing some research on crime 'in your area'. He or she then proceeds to ask you questions about your home security system. According to several online reports, this information is then passed to a company that sells alarm systems, who will then send a representative to your home to try and sell you one. Other tactics have included offering a 'free' system, for which customers have later discovered they must pay a hefty 'installation fee'. While not exactly a scam, this type of activity is clearly very deceitful. If you are already on the TPS register, such calls should be reported to the Information Commissioner's Office ([www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk) / 0303 123 1113)

**TC**  
'There are known knowns. These are things we know that we know. There are known unknowns. That is to say, there are things that we know we don't know. But there are also unknown unknowns. These are things we don't know we don't know.'

**Donald Rumsfeld.**

## Bideford Library celebrates a Local History Week



**13th-17th September**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 7.15pm**

An evening with John Edgeler author of 'Fishleys of Fremington', famous local potters. Bring your slipware along for John to look at and perhaps help with identification  
Includes refreshment

**Friday 17th 10am**

Tour of town hall followed by coffee and cakes in Bideford Library and a chance to view our old photographs and meet archivist Tim Wormleighton and local author Susan Pine-Coffin  
Free but advance booking required

**All week displays of Bideford Library's local history material**

**To book an event please  
telephone 01237 476075 or email  
bideford.library @devon.gov.uk**

## Docton Mill Gardens, Lymebridge Hartland (A hidden gem)

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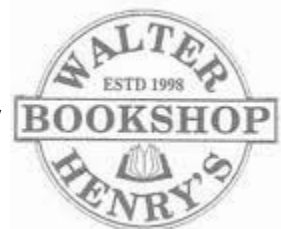
**'I can see angels'**  
Jacky Newcomb

**Tuesday 21st September  
7pm**

**Venue:- The Royal Hotel,  
Bideford.**

**Tickets:- £13.00 including  
food available only from Walter Henry's  
Bookshop**

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Jacky Newcomb is known by her fans as 'The Angel Lady'. She is an award winning, Sunday Times bestselling author, columnist and paranormal experiences expert specialising in angels and the afterlife.

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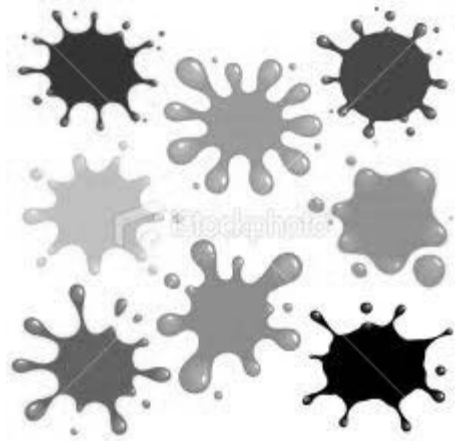


## **Georgia and the deadly paint – a story by Jasmine Fey (aged 7)**

Georgia was a girl who was ten. She loved art at school and did art at home. She went to St David's and lived in Torrington and her house number was 25 Torrington Cottage.

One morning Georgia went to school, had the register done and went into her art class. Today she was doing paintings of famous people and doing her own pictures.

They went to the computer room and looked at paintings. Then she looked at paints. Well she found a paint that was deadly because a magician had put a magic spell on it. He wanted to poison all the children and replace them with evil pixies!



When she came back Mr Luff had put the deadly paint on her table

She tried to tell him that if someone dipped their paintbrush in the paint they would get poisoned

As one of her friends was about to dip their paintbrush Georgia shouted STOP and her friend stopped. Mr Luff said "what's the matter with you" and Georgia said "I tried to tell you that this paint's poisonous" "Oh" said Mr Luff, "sorry" and do you know what - she got a trophy!

**The End**

### **Children in rural areas**

As many may know, **Bideford Bay Children's Centre** was set up to support families with very young children, helping them to make the most of their early years, so that they have a strong start in life and are ready to make the most of school. The Centre has been running successfully for some years, making a real difference to the lives of many families with young children up to 5. It offers a range of provision, including stay and play groups, parenting advice, breastfeeding support and emotional and practical support to families. Some of the services are especially targeted towards those who need it most, including households where parents are unemployed, lone parents, disabled children and parents, minority groups and young parents. In 2008 the Children's Centre area was expanded to cover the coast from Westward Ho! to Clovelly and Hartland.

The Children's Centre realises that young families in rural areas have their own particular difficulties, from high housing costs, rural transport, isolation, and lack of job opportunities. The Children's Centre is working hard towards addressing these difficulties, and thinking about what services can be brought to young families in the rural areas.

The Children's Centre van has been a presence at the village shows throughout the summer, taking play and information to families and trying to ascertain where they need help and in what ways it can be given. Children's Centre staff have been asking families which groups and services they currently make use of, and what would they like to see more of, as well as what are the main difficulties they encounter when bringing up children in a rural area.

If you have any views about the particular difficulties faced by families with young children in rural areas, or about how services could be delivered in a different way, please do let the Children's Centre know, by emailing [patricia.chappell@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:patricia.chappell@actionforchildren.org.uk), or telephoning Patricia Chappell on 01237 425752.





## Young Devon – improving the image of young people

The official motto of Young Devon- a locally based youth charity- is 'Changing the odds in favour of young people'. It's good, but I prefer that of youth worker Sam Lythgoe-Jones:

"They're not all bad- they're not all gangsters!"

True. And if you needed any proof, the skate ramps at Victoria Park were the place to be one Saturday afternoon in the middle of last month.

He showed me around Bideford's first legal graffiti wall- at its open day. He told me that a lot of young people he'd been in contact with had expressed an interest in such a wall, and had been granted permission by the council to build one. Over the last month, it had been erected completely by a team of teenage volunteers- called Cool Beans- who had organised the project themselves, with help from Young Devon.



In fact, the whole day itself had been organised by Cool Beans, and another group, Switch. And everyone was having a great time; there were skate and BMX competitions, DJs and an amateur MC performance- the volunteers (who were all helping out on the day as well) had obviously worked hard.

I also spoke to one of the Cool Beans team, Lewis, a student at Petroc (pictured, right, with his part of the graff wall).

"Young Devon's projects are great, because they help get kids off the street," he told me. But it's more than simply entertaining a bunch of adolescents to stop them causing trouble.

They are encouraged to channel their efforts into projects such as these.

"I volunteer ten hours of my week during term time working at Barnstaple youth club- sometimes more in the holidays."

And with a drop in council funding, Sam said, Young Devon are looking at ways of becoming more self-sufficient, starting with a shop on the High Street.



"We hope to turn it into a social enterprise base- so that young people can get experience in running a business. It doesn't even have a name yet, so we're looking for ideas."

Sam himself got into youth work after doing some volunteering at what used to be the WHISH shop in Westward Ho!.

So it's all about self preservation; young people volunteering their time to get experience for themselves, while helping to maintain something that will aid future generations.

And in an age when government funding is as scarce as legal graffiti walls- that's pure genius.

To find out more about Young Devon and their projects- visit [www.youngdevon.org](http://www.youngdevon.org), or visit their Bideford base, 21 High Street. **Tom Collins**



**Are you a budding reporter?** Bideford Buzz is looking for writers, aged between 11 and 19, to contribute each month. Whether it's reporting on an event like the opening of the graffiti wall, or simply sharing your opinion on a particular matter, we'd like to hear from you. Email [editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk](mailto:editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk) to register your interest today...

## Green Matters

The next meeting of the Bideford Sustainability Group will take place on **Tuesday, 21st September** at Bideford Town Hall. The emphasis will be on setting up focus groups to target areas where, together, we can make positive changes. If you feel strongly about any 'green' issue, come and make it happen for Bideford!

**AND** - if you come to Bideford Baptist Church at **7.30 p.m. on 13th September**, you'll get the chance to hear BRIGIT STRAWBRIDGE from TV series 'It's Not Easy Being Green'. She'll be giving a talk on what works and what doesn't work in terms of lifestyle changes - and about her passion for bees! There will be no charge, but donations will be invited.

For further details, contact : [stuart.fuller454@btinternet.com](mailto:stuart.fuller454@btinternet.com) or phone Amanda Wycherley on 07967572808



## More from your local library!

### Read

Bideford Library will be supporting the **Appledore Book Festival** with a display of books during September of the authors featured at the festival. Have a pre-festival read of their books to become better acquainted with them before you hear them speak. All free to borrow of course. If you want to order any titles you don't see in your local library, remember we have access to all 50 libraries in Devon and will be able to order them in for you.

**Appledore Book Festival September 25th-October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010. Tickets from 01237424949**

[www.appledorebookfestival.co.uk](http://www.appledorebookfestival.co.uk)



## Scene

### Clash of the Titans (DVD)

Starring Sam Worthington (from Avatar) as Perseus and Ralph Fiennes as Hades, the vengeful god of the underworld and Liam Neeson as Zeus. The film from Greek mythology is about the ultimate struggle for power, pitting men against kings, and kings against gods. Sit back and enjoy the action and special effects, especially the battle with giant scorpions and the fight with the Kraken.

### Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (DVD)

Emma Thompson returns as the magical governess alongside an all-star cast. There's a flying motorcycle, a statue that comes to life, a tree-climbing piglet and a baby elephant. Something for the whole family to enjoy.

## Heard

### Affairs of the Heart – Ralph McTell (CD)

A four CD set of love songs spanning the first 45 years of his writing and recording career. There are a number of McTell compilations available, but what makes this collection truly special is that it features just love songs. The perfect companion for a quiet night in.

### Everybody wants to be on TV – Scouting for Girls (CD)

A good mixture of tunes. Perhaps better than the first album and something enjoyable to listen to during the summer. **MP**



<p><b>Bideford Centre for Divine Light</b>  18 Hart Street  Saturday and Sunday services 6.30pm.  With visiting mediums  <b>HEALING AVAILABLE after divine service.</b>  Sunday 7.45pm Monday 2-4 pm</p> <p>For more information contact</p> <p><b>Ann 01805 603171/Dot 01237 471526</b></p>	<p><b>North Devon Animal Ambulance  Charity Shop</b>  <b>Grenville Street</b>  <b>Please can you help?</b></p> <p>We are currently seeking extra <b>volunteers</b> to work in our charity shop, so if you have any spare time to help this worthy cause please phone <b>John 07971135751</b> for an application form or call into the shop during normal opening hours</p> <p><b>Monday-Saturday 9am-4.30pm</b></p> <p>also <b>Jumble sale to be held at Northam Hall Northam on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>  <b>Doors open 2pm</b></p>
<p><b>Kingsley Indoor Bowling Club</b></p> <p>cordially invite you to a</p> <p><b>Bowls Taster Day</b></p> <p><b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <p>sessions <b>10am-2pm</b> or <b>2pm-4pm</b>  <b>Free</b> coaching and equipment provided  <b>Free</b> refreshments  Edwards Drive, off Golf Links Rd,  Westward Ho! EX39 1HD</p> <p><b>Tel 01237 472507</b> or  simply turn up on the day</p>	<p><b>Pete and Sons</b> </p> <p><b>Seafoods</b>  Butchers Row  Shop 5 Bideford EX39 2DR  <b>07747 187 857</b></p> <p><b>Fresh fish from North Devon  delivered free locally</b>  <b>Place your order by phone or  email</b>  <b>Free Delivery over £10</b>  <a href="mailto:petee23@aol.com">petee23@aol.com</a></p>
<p><b>Yoga</b>  with  <b>ATSUKO</b></p> <p><b>Monday and Friday 10am-11.30am</b>  (Re-starts 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010)</p> <p><b>New ! Tuesday 7pm-8.30pm (from 14<sup>th</sup>  September 2010)</b>  At Alwington Village Hall Fairy Cross  All welcome  Enquiries <b>(01237) 451813</b>  <b>Text 07500497162</b>  <b>email akato@live.co.uk</b></p>	<p><b>Quaker Meetings for Worship</b></p> <p>are held at 17 Honestone St, Bideford  (near Pannier market)</p> <p><b>10.30am on Sunday mornings</b>  All are welcome</p> <p>Enquiries Tel <b>01237 421549</b></p>

## You write .....

### Sunny Steve

Thank you very much for including my story in last month's Bideford Buzz. Could I please point out that in the final paragraph it should read "Stephen was my uncle (my mother's brother)" and not (my father's brother). A relative has pointed this out and I would be most grateful if you could correct it in your next edition. Many thanks

**Fiona Tilke**



### Bowling Time

It's that time of the year again. Kingsley Indoor Bowling Club is getting ready for the start of the winter season, and an important part of the job is our annual **Taster Day**. Everybody welcome, old or young; you will all be able to have a go. We have equipment you can borrow and coaches to help give you a taste of the game. And what's more it won't cost you a penny.. You even get a free cup of tea ;now you can't say fairer than that. We can also arrange coaching for a couple more full time sessions to help you on your way to being a really useful bowler. So just turn up on **Saturday 25th September**, from **10 to 1pm** and **2 to 4pm**. Kingsley Bowling Club, Edward Drive,(off Golf Links Road) Westward Ho! EX39 1HD Tel.01237 472507 **Come on, what's holding you back? A warm welcome awaits you.**

### Safeguarding New Road

I am enclosing a copy of this interesting photo( probably taken after 1927), of Devon County Council lorries dumping 6000 tons of stone to widen New Rd

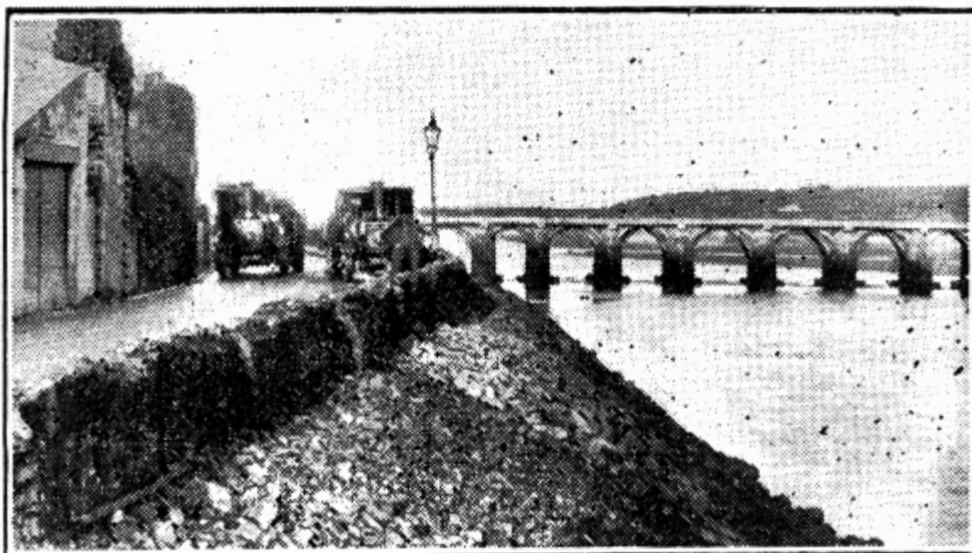
In view of the repair work soon to be carried out on the riverbank near Tantons Hotel this makes interesting reading. The photo has no date and it is unclear who carried out the work for DCC

Does anyone remember the roadworks carried out at New Rd? Can anyone put a date to the photo

Please let us know if you can help?

**Barry Hughes**

North Devon Museum Trust Maritime Museum, Appledore



**D.C.C. LORRIES DUMPING 6,000 TONS OF STONE.**

### Devon Housing Options Partnership

We are currently running a **Recession Impact Campaign** in response to the recent downturn in the economy. Information on the help available to homeowners and tenants can be found at **[www.devonhomechoice.com](http://www.devonhomechoice.com)** and then clicking the 'Has the recession hit close to home link?' or contact **Sustainable Housing Officer 01392 265855**

Send your letters by post or email to [editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk](mailto:editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk)/ Editor C/O Bideford Library New Rd Bideford Ex39 2HR .

### Fire Station Open day

**Bideford Fire Station(Old Town)**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 11am-4pm**

Fun and excitement **tel 01237 423859**

Come along and meet your local heroes

## News from the Burton Art Gallery & Museum

You still have plenty of time to catch the **Quilt Exhibition**, - until the **19<sup>th</sup> of September**, in fact. The variety of design, pattern, materials, colour and skill will astound you, and you may have to rest between visits in order to take it all in. The talent for making handmade quilts, traditionally created for practical use in the main, has been handed down through generations, and in many countries, often using up scraps of fabric left over from tailoring and needlework. Members of the Bideford Quilt Group have gone far beyond the 'scraps' method to create unique, intricate works of art which will undoubtedly be treasured by their families for years to come. The Sampler Quilt, which has been on show in Morrison's Supermarket, is being raffled in aid of the North Devon Hospice, and tickets will be on sale throughout the exhibition. If you are interested in attending the Workshops, you will find a list either at the Gallery. They take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and cost £30 each.

Carry Akroyd's '**Richly Coloured Map**' - to 27<sup>th</sup> September - will also dazzle and surprise you with its powerful images of landscape. Carry is a painter and printmaker, and you will get a good idea of her work when you see the cover of the Gallery's Autumn/Winter programme.

Printmaking with Carry Akroyd takes place on 25<sup>th</sup> September from 10-4, cost is £30; also a talk on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, at 7.30 p.m. on the theme of her book. Adm.£5.

**To book any of the above, phone the Gallery on 01237 471455**

As if our September exhibitions haven't already inspired you to create works of art, you now have one of our most famous cartoonists to emulate – **Ronald Searle**! This year is his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and this exhibition from 25th September to 1st November is a celebration of this. For 75 years, Searle has captured the essence of events, seeing the world, both political and social, with humour, and an eye for detail. The exhibition covers his early cartoons in the 1930s, to more recent work for Le Monde. We wish him many happy returns and thank him for the many times he has put a smile on our faces. **DW**

*Cafe du Parc – Museum – Craft Gallery – Shop – Tourist Information – Toilets.*

*Gallery opening hours: Mon-Sat: 10-4; Sunday: 11-4. Admission Free.*



## BIDEFORD COLLEGE

After years of speculation surrounding its future, the new site is rapidly taking shape. There isn't room for everything though and the old buildings are being demolished as I write this. The first to go was the theatre, followed by the Stucley block, including the canteen. The most recent was, what I remember as the 'maths block', or "General Teaching Block" as some know it, or in its most recent incarnation as the Davie building.

I have heard mixed opinions about the new college. Having spoken to some current members of staff I get the impression that the new site really is a world apart from the old one; the facilities on offer being second to none. Some people are less enthusiastic, though many agree that the "old" college was getting more and more unsuitable.

I would be interested in comparing the views regarding the new Bideford College to those expressed by people when the original grammar school (Abbotsham block) was built there in 1934/5. The school was built at least 6 years later than originally planned due to the financial situation of the time, so it looks like there may be a pattern emerging somewhere here!

I can't really comment on my view, as I have yet to go inside the new buildings, but from what I have seen from the outside they are quite impressive. According to the college website, it will be possible to go and see everything later on this year and tickets can be obtained through the site at [www.bideford.devon.sch.uk/tours](http://www.bideford.devon.sch.uk/tours), or from the college reception.

If you have ever been involved with the college in any capacity and wish to share your experiences, the College Recollections Project would very much like to hear from you. They can be reached via the internet at [www.bideford.devon.sch.uk/recollections](http://www.bideford.devon.sch.uk/recollections). **Greg Smith**

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### **Oddities**

Hello to you all. Family History is on the back burner this month so I thought that I would give you a few oddities found in the parish records around the country.

**Merrington ( Durham ).** 1615, 12 Feb. Katherine White, a Scottish woman, being a stranger, having a passe to travell homeward, fell sick by the way, and being brought hither upon a barrow from Winleston, extream sicke, dyed heare, and was buried. ( A tragic tale of a poor woman far from home).

**St. Helen's, Auckland ( Durham ).** 1643, 25 April. This day William Bryan, being fishing with an angle rod, found in the river a new borne woman child, folded up in an old cloth.

1727, Nov 27. Michael, son of Michael Buck, who was well and playing at the foot ball on Sunday afternoon, but dyed that minute.

**Brancepath ( Durham ).** 1740, 23 Apr.. Memorandum, Ye scattered bones of Mic Robinson, late School Master of Cornsey, were found upon Billyhill, in ye parish , he having been lost since Martinmas last, and found April 21, providentially finding a mastiff dog, eating of him. Yr was only left ye skull and both leggs, also his cloths. ( Ugh! This grim little tale long predates The Hound of the Baskervilles )

The next meeting of the Devon Family History Society, Bideford Group, will be at the Burton Art Museum, on **Sat 18 September 2 -4pm**. The speaker will be Marjorie Snetzler who will be talking about Victorian Education and the records. . Any queries please contact me **Len Collum, 01237 472883**

## Bideford's Cafe Society

The occasional good weather this Summer has encouraged some of Bideford's cafe owners, who are able to, to put tables outside and create a continental feeling in the town (also good news for the smokers among us)

Cafes offering this 'facility' are:-

Cafe Lite (on the Quay)

Gerties (in Mill St - re-opened under new management)

Oxenham and Leigh (Mill St)

Froot Loop (Mill Street)

Three Cs in Cooper Street

Wimpy Bar on The Quay

Any I've missed- please let me know (Ed)



## Reopening Thursday 9 September

Bideford café and bar Velvet & Vanilla will soon be serving their home made cakes, quality coffees and lunches again at our cosy Cooper Street premises. A successful licence application means that we are now able to serve alcohol with or without a meal, and will also be opening on Friday and Saturday nights. So whether you want to meet up with friends for pre- or after dinner drinks, sample our range of authentic cocktails or just relax with a glass of wine and some tapas or something from the specials board. you can be sure of a warm welcome, great service and value for money. We hope to see you soon!

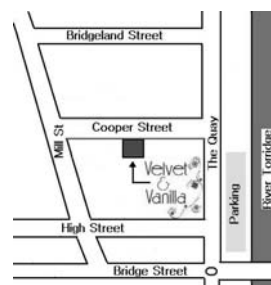
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## Velvet & Vanilla Licenced Café & Bar

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## Northam Lodge Masquerade ball and Christmas Fair

We are hosting a Halloween Masquerade Ball on **Sunday 31st October at The Swan Inn, East-the-Water**. The evening begins at 7.30pm with a free welcome drink on arrival. A DJ and Karaoke will take you through the night, until the finale of a spectacular fireworks display. A raffle and auction will also take place with wonderful prizes.

We know how much Bideford loves dressing up, so the theme is Halloween Fancy Dress, or you could come in Masquerade Ball attire. A prize will be given for the best dressed.

On Saturday **November 27th 2010** we will be holding our annual Christmas Fair at Rose Hill, Heywood Road. If you are involved with any sort of "Christmas Art & Craft", or know of someone who is, and you would like to have a table at our Fair, please get in touch with Fiona or Annabel on **01237.4772381**

## **Open day at the Sea lock on the Rolle Canal September 19<sup>th</sup> from 2pm**

For about a hundred years after the Rolle canal was abandoned in 1873 the canal bed and the lock where it connected with the Torridge Estuary became silted up and overgrown with trees and scrub. Eventually new owners of the property bordering the Torridge at Annery Kiln were investigating some old stonework around a depression in the ground and realised that they had inadvertently bought a site of enormous historical significance.

This is when Adrian and Hilary Wills became bitten with the bug of canal restoration and began the enormous task of excavating and rebuilding the canal basin and sea lock. They persevered over many years with help from local historian Barry Hughes and more recently the Inland Waterways Association until the restored features could be shown to the public.

On the guided walks held by the Rolle Canal and Northern Devon Waterways Association many people ask when they can see the latest progress on the sea lock, so now is your chance. There will be books and leaflets on display plus refreshments. Parking is at Annery Kiln by Halfpenny Bridge on the Weare Giffard Rd, but better still walk or cycle the Tarka Trail

**Chris Hassall**

## **The Dormouse**

Not many people are lucky enough to see dormice in the wild. This is mainly because they are nocturnal and arboreal. This means they appear after dark, in trees or hedgerows where you would never see them unless you know where to look. Occasionally they visit bird feeders, usually late at night or early morning.

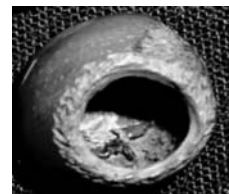
They are very appealing little animals about 70mm ( 2" ) long with a tail about the same length again. Their fur is golden brown and they have lovely big black eyes (to see in the dark with) and long whiskers. The average weight of a dormouse is 17g – 19g (about two £1 coins) but prior to hibernation it can be up to 43g.

They eat a variety of food throughout the season from pollen and nectar from tree flowers in the spring, aphids and small caterpillars in the summer to fruits and berries in the autumn. Nuts are very important to them in the autumn because they enable them to build up fat reserves and put on lots of weight as they prepare for hibernation. You can tell which nuts have been eaten by the characteristic markings round the hole. The inner surface of the hole is smooth with tooth marks around the outside. The hole is usually very round and incorporates the base end of the shell. Wood mice and bank voles open hazel nuts in a similar way but leave a different mark round the hole.

Dormice are often called the "seven sleeper" because they sleep up to 7 months of the year. Not usually all in one go. The winter hibernation lasts from around the end of October to the end of March and during the height of the summer, there is often a lack of food or a rainy spell, so the dormouse will simply go to sleep for a week or three. Breeding usually occurs around June/July when litters of four to six young are born. If the weather is warm in spring, breeding may occur earlier, then the young born will have time to mature and breed themselves in the autumn. Late litters seldom survive the winter as food supplies diminish and the young dormice cannot gain enough weight to see them through hibernation.

Nests are built of anything that is convenient close to where the dormouse is feeding. Chosen materials often include honeysuckle or wild clematis bark, grass, maize, willow fluff and fresh cut leaves. The classic nest will have a woven centre and a coating of green leaves round the outside. A day nest will be about the size of an orange and a breeding nest the size of a grapefruit. They can be found in a variety of places, the favourites being bramble thickets, culm grassland, thick hedgerows and tree holes. In the wild, dormice can live for seven years. Compare this with other small mammals that lead short frenetic lives and only live for about 18 months or so. The long hibernation period and the fact that they breed once, occasionally twice each year contributes to their long life.

**Janice Whittington**







## THE SHIPPING NEWS

Ship	Flag /owner	From	To	Arrived	Sailed	Crew	Cargo Loaded
Mikhail Dudin Built 1996	Valetta Malta Russian	Pasajes	Loviissa	25/7/10	27/7/10	Russian	2826 tons ball clay

**Arco Dart 17.7.10** (seen on **19.7.10** at 0530 on AIS heading for Nab Tower ) Seen again two weeks later returning to Avonmouth.

**Oldenburg** continues her sailing to Lundy from Bideford and Ilfracombe through to the end of October. **Kathleen & May** left the river in June heading for Whitehaven, Liverpool and Bristol ; returned 8<sup>th</sup> August in time for the Water Festival

**28.7.10** The dredger **Mannin** normally based at Padstow, operating off Appledore

### Bristol Channel Observations

**16.7.10** at 18.53 hrs tanker **Palchem 1** 8995 tons d.w, owners Palmali Shipping Services Istanbul, outward bound from Cardiff

**17.7.10** At 11.04 hrs cargo vessel **Flinterborg** 6059 tons d.w owners Fliinter Groep Netherlands, inward bound for Cardiff ; at 16.39 hrs cargo vessel **Balder** 2800 tons d.w owners Sia Aquaruis Management Latvia, inward bound for Newport.

**19.7.10** at 15.50 hrs Container vessel **Charlotte Borchard** 11388 tons d.w owners Allegro Germany, outward bound from Cardiff; at 19.40 hrs cargo vessel **Cora Jo** 6051 tons d.w, owners Cong Shipping Ltd Eire outward bound from Newport.

**22.7.10** at 17.50 hrs Tanker **Stolt Avocet** 5758 tons d.w, owners Stolt Tankers BV Netherlands, inward bound for Cardiff; at 19.22 hrs Cargo vessel **Elm** 2890 tons d.w owners NYKI Shipping B.V Netherlands inward bound for Avonmouth.

**22.7.10** at 20.43 hrs cargo vessel **Baltic Merchant** 3110 tons d.w, owners Pohl Shipping Schiffahrts GMBH & Co Germany inward bound for Barry.

**23.7.10** at 11.27 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Napoli** 14650 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 08.30 hrs

**24.7.10** at 08.53 hrs container ship **MSC Maria** 21370 tons d.w, owners Maria Naveira Hong Kong, outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 05.43 hrs.

**25.7.10** at 19.35 bulk carrier **Julia N** 149391 tons d.w, owners inward Neu Seeschiffahrts GMBH Germany, bound for Port Talbot.

**29.7.10** At 13.46 cargo vessel **Geja C** 10596 tons d.w owners Carisbrooke Shipping Ltd Cowes I.O.W, inward bound for Cardiff; at 17.51 hrs container ship **MSC Maria** 21370 tons d.w, owners Naria Naviera Hong Kong, inward bound for Portbury.

**30.7.10** at 05.49 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Anversa** 12353 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury. **31.7.10** at 09.11 hrs cargo vessel **Monika Mueller** 3723 tons d.w owners Otto A Muller Schiffahrt GMB Germany inward bound for Sharpness; at 11.45 hrs container vessel Elevation 6449 tons

d.w owners Elevation Shipping Netherlands, inward bound for Avonmouth; at 15.10 hrs fruit juice tanker **Bebedouro** 14873 tons d.w owners Atlanship SA Switzerland inward bound for Avonmouth; at 15.44 hrs bulk carrier **Yeoman Bank** 38997 tons d.w owners Foster Yeoman Ltd UK, inward bound for Portbury.

**1.8.10** at 05.56 hrs the cruise ship **The World** 43188 tons gross tons Owners ResidenSea Ltd Norway, inward bound for Cardiff; at 15.19 hrs cargo vessel **Kossau** 3680 tons d.w owners Reederei Erwin Strahlmann Germany, inward bound for Cardiff.

**2.8.10** at 20.46 hrs Bulk Carrier **Battersea** 169391 tons d.w owners KTL Belgravia 11 Inc Singapore, inward bound for Port Talbot.

**8.8.10** at 08.39 hrs tanker **Stolt Razorbill** 5797 tons d.w owners Stolt Nielsen B.V Netherlands, inward bound for Barry.

**13.8.10** at 14.00 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Detriot** 14900 tons d.w owners Grimaldi Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury; at 20.49 hrs bulk carrier **Genco Sugar** 29952 tons d.w owners Genco Sugar Ltd USA, inward bound for Avonmouth.

**14.8.10** at 07.03 cargo vessel **Magdalena Green** 17520 tons d.w, owners Clipper Marines Services A/S Denmark, inward bound for Cardiff.

Finally readers may have heard and read that the shipyard at Appledore has secured an order from the Irish Navy to build 2 fishery protection vessels. Let us hope this is one of many for the yard. For a map of the shipping ports visit [www.bidefordbuzz.org.uk](http://www.bidefordbuzz.org.uk) **Norman**

# September Diary 2010

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

Torrige Ramblers' Evening walk  
451508 for details

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

7.30pm RNLI (Appledore) Jazz evening at the Big Sheep tel 470082 for tickets

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

11am-4pm Bideford Fire Station open day

Bideford Regatta Contact Mike Harper  
422477 [mike@rockbymail.co.uk](mailto:mike@rockbymail.co.uk)

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at Appledore School 7.30pm

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

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

2.30pm Bideford OAP group meet at Lavington Church (Willet St) tel 478896

7.30pm Bideford Camera club enrolment evening Bideford Youth centre tel 423242

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

10.15am Bideford Probus meets at Royal Hotel tel 423153

## 10.30am

British Epilepsy Association meets Barnstaple Library 07990962155

2pm Bideford Readers' Group at Bideford Library tel 476075

8pm Atlantic Jive at Pollyfield tel 07875 201328 ( and every Wednesday)

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

2.30pm Thursday Fellowship tel 421956

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

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

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

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

Torrige Ramblers' day walk tel 01805 625485 for details

6pm Bideford Carnival Contact Mike Harper 422477 [mike@rockbymail.co.uk](mailto:mike@rockbymail.co.uk)

7.30pm Film at Littleham 'The Blind Side' tel 420372

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

8.30pm Quiz at Seagate Hotel Appledore

## Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

Start of Bideford Library's Local History Week tel 476075 for details

10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close tel 07923536908

7.30pm Bideford Stamp Club meets at Bideford Youth Centre tel 472101

7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at Appledore School 7.30pm

[www.theappledoresingers.co.uk](http://www.theappledoresingers.co.uk)

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

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

10.30am Macular Disease Society meets at Burton Art Gallery tel 474128

7.30pm Northam Choral Society at Methodist Church Hall Northam tel 429080

Bideford Camera Club at Youth Centre tel 423242

## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

10.15am Bideford Probus at Royal Hotel tel 423153

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

10.30am North Devon Ramblers walk from Watergate Bridge CP 01271 863727

2.30pm Thursday Fellowship tel 421956

7.15pm John Edgeler talk at Bideford Library on slipware tel 476075

7.30pm Buckland Brewer Gardening Club in village hall.

7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho!

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

10am Tour of Bideford Town Hall 476075 for details

6pm Lundy Art Group meets at St Mary's Church Hall, Appledore tel 423884

Quiz Evening at Littleham. Food. Tel.:01237 473338

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

## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

Torrige Ramblers' day walk 01805 625485 for details

10am-4.30pm Dormouse energy and conservation course at Hallsannery Contact Janice on 459679

10am-4pm Bideford Centre of Light Open Day Hart St

10am Bideford Family History Group meets at Burton Art Gallery

2pm Open day at Sea lock on Rolle Canal 425357 for details.

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

8.30pm Quiz at Seagate hotel Appledore

## Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close 07923536908

7pm -9pm Carers' Support Group meets at Communal Room

Marlborough Court, Park Lane 01271 372811.

7.30pm Bideford Stamp Club at Bideford Youth Centre tel 472101

Appledore and District Amateur Radio Club meet at Appledore Football Club tel 473251

7.30pm Appledore Singers practise at Appledore School 7.30pm

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

## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

10.30am North Devon Lupus Group Burton Art Gallery Cafe contact Mayne Hopkins [maynesun@gmail.com](mailto:maynesun@gmail.com)

7.30pm Bideford Camera Club at Youth Centre tel 423242

## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

10.15am Bideford Probus at Royal Hotel tel 423153

7.30pm North Devon Humanists at Fremington Parish Hall (annexe) 474225

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

2.30pm Thursday Fellowship tel 421956

7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho!

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

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

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

Appledore Book Festival until October 3<sup>rd</sup>

10am Kingsley Bowls Open day 472507

## Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

10am Lip reading classes at Ethelwynne Brown Close tel 07923536908

8.30pm North Devon Jazz Club, The Beaver, Appledore. 01237 421065. .

## Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Bideford Camera Club at Youth Centre tel 423242

## Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

2.10pm Senior Council meets at Town Hall Bideford

## Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

2.30pm Thursday Fellowship tel 471426

7.30pm Modern Sequence dancing at Kingsley Hall Westward Ho!

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