



BIDEFORD BUZZ



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



QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Monday 4th June 2012 will see Bideford marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a civic parade along the Quay followed by a family-friendly party in the park. The parade, led by the Youth Pipe Band, will leave the Town Hall at 3.00pm and anyone wearing 1950s dress will be invited to become part of the procession. There will be a temporary road closure between 3.00pm and 3.45pm for Bideford Quay. The parade will stop at Jubilee Square for a 10 cannon salute and then continue on to the park where it will be greeted by music from the Bideford Town Band.

Following on from this, music will be provided throughout the afternoon by the ex radio one roadshow. Local groups will be providing displays and entertainment, and there will also be traditional fairground rides and food outlets with the festivities continuing until 8.00 pm. So come along, bring a rug and a picnic, and make it a day to remember.

More Jubilee news and pictures of past Jubilees on pages 2 and 3

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Jubilees and Jubilations

Jubilees, coronations, and the like have marked some seemingly notable events in my family's life. For instance my mother was born in 1897 the same year as **Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee**, Mum would have been one hundred and fifteen in April. In 1901 at the ripe age of four she went with one of her sisters to watch Queen Victoria's funeral and the seven kings who rode in the procession. I think she was really more interested in the Queen's little dog as it obediently trotted along on its lead held by a footman. She told me the crowds were immense and at first all she could see was a sea of legs making an impenetrable barrier between her and the procession. Prevented from seeing anything she complained loud and long "I want to see! I want to see!" Suddenly in sheer exasperation, a man picked her up and sat her on his shoulders for a grandstand view denied to her sister; who the man was we shall never know.

Next came the coronation of **King George VI** and **Queen Elizabeth**, latterly the Queen Mother who, as a little girl of seven, danced several jigs and reels for my Grandmother. In 1937, I was aged four, it was a beautiful day and one of my uncles gave all of my brothers and cousins a coronation mug. Bitterly disappointed not to be included, I asked my mother "Why haven't I got one?" "You're too young, you would only break it if you had it". "No I wouldn't. Mick and John and Wally have got one. Why can't I have one?". "If you start making a fuss I'll take you home and send you to bed". I never did get one.

In 1952 my in-laws were invited to the **Coronation of our present Queen** and they had to be at their places in the Abbey four or five hours before the ceremony began. They sat on narrow but especially made wooden

stools upholstered in royal blue velvet edged with gold braid. Thoughtfully the designer and maker had provided a concave seat to fit the seats of the privileged, but after five hours conversation had long ground to a halt, and for more than a few the generous curve was not generous enough. However, once the ceremony began all was forgotten and the 'stool pigeons' were allowed to keep the stools they had sat on. My in-laws came away with two sequentially numbered, and a yard of cloth-of-gold that had been woven by members of the Royal Institute of Embroidery, part of the Abbey drapery. It's 2012 another Diamond Jubilee, I won't be invited and I don't have a television so I can't watch but God bless her Majesty all the same

Grampus© Robin Stowell



Hartland Farmers' Market

Hartland Farmers' Market marks the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend with a very special tombola. Market organiser, Rod Landman, said, "There will be 60 fun prizes, all with a diamond theme. We think it's an appropriate way to observe the day. You could win a Neil Diamond CD, a DVD of the Bond classic 'Diamonds are Forever', or even some Black Diamond Watermelon seeds. We will also be raffling a specially commissioned diamond-shaped chocolate gâteau."

All of the market regulars will be there, including local favourites Lang's Traditional Meats, Holsworthy Organics, Vera's Cheeses, Kings Cottage Nursery, Christine's Kitchen, Chocolat de Caprine and The Bee Team. You can also buy pies, pasties, smoked fish, milk, eggs, and just about anything else you can think of! The June market will feature the debut of Dan 'The Fish Man' Garnett and Jess Heard with her luxury cup cakes.

The markets will run on the first Sunday of the month until September 10am – 1pm, in the Parish Hall. **For more details, or to book a stall, contact Rod Landman on 01237 441 786.**

Jubilee Celebrations at Bideford Pannier Market

Come and join us for a great day, fantastic food, great beers and wines and more. on Saturday **June 2nd**, There will be lots happening all day including a free street party for the children at **2pm**

Blazeys hog roast will be at the Portobello Pub to join the Jubilee celebrations at the pub and Pannier Market. For the programme see more at www.bidefordbuzz.org.uk. See also *Bideford Bay Page* for events on *Butchers' Row*.



Silver Jubilee 1977 in Stucley Rd 'I can just about remember the day even though I was only 4ish at the time. Mum said they had a huge tea urn to supply the street and were serving hot dogs at the other end of the street.' **Gaylena Humphries** ©

Below Silver Jubilee 1935 Torrington Lane Photo © Alison Goodyear



Sitting left: Beryl Braunton, next two girls called Mills, Joyce Rivers holding Pam Shortridge, Herb Squires, Reg Mower, 'Jimmo' Geary, Derek Shortridge, Billy Paddon, Reg Spearman, 'Curly' Paddon, Arthur and John Osborne.



Who are the others?

Clovelly Ale and Cider Festival

To celebrate this momentous royal occasion, Clovelly is holding their annual ales and cider festival with live music on each day, where a range of tasty local brews can be enjoyed. The New Inn, in the heart of the village, will also host a fabulous street party on **Saturday, 2nd June, starting at 3pm. 01237 431781. www.clovelly.co.uk for more information.**

Northam Lodge - the Diamond Jubilee Cruise.

We are sailing again on the MS Oldenburg, departing Bideford Quay at 7.45pm on **Friday June 8th** and return at 9.30pm. Tickets are £15.00 each and are available from Annabel Cope on 01237 477238 or annabelcope@northamlodge.co.uk.

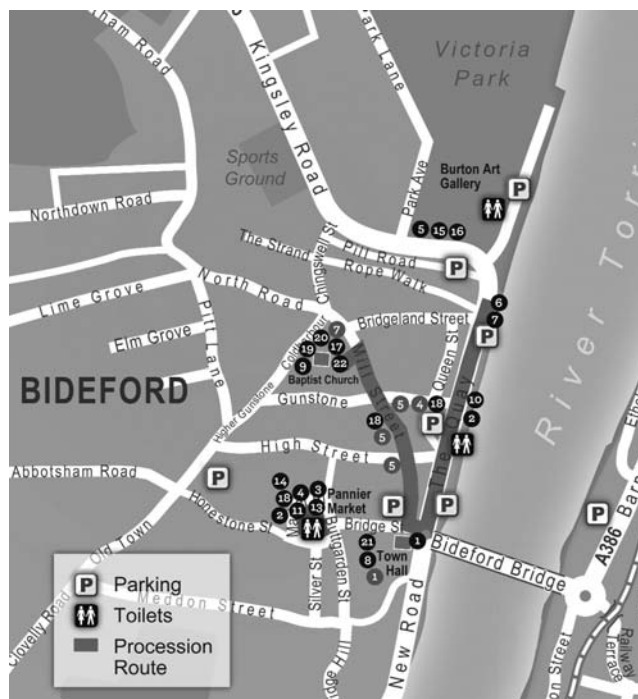
Bideford 500 & Bideford Folk Festival invite you to join in the celebrations as Bideford celebrates 500 years of history on 30th June 2012. Bideford's Annual Heritage Day takes place all day and into the evening in the town centre streets, including Mill St, The Quay, The Pannier Market, Butchers Row and Jubilee Square.

● Procession & Cannon Fire – the Cannon fires and the procession starts at the Quay at 11am, goes towards the Long Bridge, crosses to St Mary's Church, down Allhalland St, cross High St, down Mill St and finishes at the Baptist Church approx 11.40. Come and join in wearing Elizabethan costumes and maybe win best the dress or hat competition!

- Live Performance & Music
- Afternoon Guided Walks
- Costumed Elizabethans portraying everyday life
- Special Heritage Beer 'Grenville's Tyger Ale' served in the pubs
- Evening Folk music Concert

Celebrate Bideford's fascinating history and discover how the port & town developed from the 1500's with mariners & adventurers colonising land for Elizabeth 1st. With history to be found on every street come & celebrate on the 30th June. An action packed day awaits with something for everyone, lots to get involved with and have some fun.

Visit www.bidefordheritage.co.uk www.bidefordfolkfestival.co.uk



<p>1 Elizabethan Crafting 9:30 - 10:30, Bideford Library Get the kids making Elizabethan hats with a craft session. They can wear their creations & join the procession at 11am.</p>	<p>9 Procession Finishes Costume & Hat Competition 11:40, Baptist Church The Mayor and Sir Richard Grenville choose the winners.</p>	<p>17 Music & Drama 14:00 - 16:30, Baptist Church Join the pupils of Kingsley School as they entertain with a range of performances.</p>
<p>2 Massed Morris Dancing 10:00 - 11:00, Bideford Quay & Pannier Market Experience the thriving tradition of Morris Dancing with a series of performances.</p>	<p>10 Morris Dancing 12:15 - 13:00, The Quay Local Morris dancing groups take to the Quay in a vibrant celebration of this traditional dance.</p>	<p>18 Morris Dancing 14:30 - 16:00, Mill St, Jubilee Square, Pannier Market & Pubs The Morris Dancers make their way around the town in a vibrant display of traditional dance.</p>
<p>3 Traditional North Devon Pottery & Stained Glass 10:00 - 14:00, Butchers Row Harry & Nick Juniper throw and decorate sgraffito pottery. Bill Hudson & Rob Paterson design and cut stained glass.</p>	<p>11 Living History 12:00 - 16:30, Pannier Market Discover & get involved with the history of Bideford with a range of displays & activities.</p>	<p>19 Appledore Writers 15:00 - 16:00, Baptist Church A selection of readings & excerpts from plays by the Appledore Writers Group.</p>
<p>4 Traditional Wood Carving 10:00 - 14:00, Butchers Row Watch John Butler bring wood to life through demonstration.</p>	<p>12 Wandering Musicians 12:30 - 17:00, Various Locations Throughout the day wandering minstrels & musicians will be on hand to entertain you at various locations across the town.</p>	<p>20 Meet the New Scorpion Band 16:00, Baptist Church Meet the players & their instruments ahead of the bands much anticipated evening performance.</p>
<p>5 Map Making Workshop 10:30 - 12:30, Burton Art Gallery Release your creativity & discover Bideford in this hands on workshop. Free, places must be reserved through the Burton.</p>	<p>13 Tudor Games Family Workshop 12:45 & 14:15, Pannier Market Unplug the kids from their game consoles & encourage them to play like the Tudors.</p>	<p>21 History of Bideford Churches 16:30 - 17:30, St Mary's Church Join Roger Thorn in conjunction with the Devonshire Association for this talk on churches.</p>
<p>6 Firing of Cannon 11:00, Bideford Quay Cannon firing with Sir Richard Grenville making an appearance. Come dressed up in Elizabethan fancy dress & join in the parade.</p>	<p>14 Folk Singing 13:30 - 14:30, The Joiners Arms Join the Bideford Folk Club in The Joiners Arms for a pint & a sing-a-long.</p>	<p>22 New Scorpion Band 19:30 - 22:30, Baptist Church Experience one of the most entertaining & original groups in British traditional music. Led by Dorset folk singer Tim Laycock, plus support acts Shake a Leg and Andy & Linda Knight. Adults £10 Under 16 £6 Tickets available from Blazey's of Bideford (Mill St) or by calling: 01237 470 792</p>
<p>7 Elizabethan Procession 11:10, Bideford Quay Join in the procession with Bideford's Mayor, the Town Crier & Sir Richard Grenville in a fancy dress celebration.</p>	<p>15 Heritage Trail 13:00 - 16:30, Burton Art Gallery Take a tour of Bideford's Heritage in this guided trail. Booking essential through the Burton Art Gallery. Every 30mins.</p>	<p></p>
<p>8 Remembering Rawley 11:20, calls at St Mary's Church Procession stops here to remember the resting place of 'Rawley' the native American brought back from Roanoke Island.</p>	<p>16 Map Making Workshop 13:30 - 15:30, Burton Art Gallery Release your creativity & discover Bideford in this hands on workshop. Free, places must be reserved through the Burton.</p>	

Programme correct at time of going to press.

Photographs by David Green and courtesy of New Scorpion Band.



All Day Events

- 1 Exhibition of Local Childrens Artwork**
St Mary's Church
Exhibition of childrens' artwork from various local schools.
- 2 Period Recipes & Special Menus**
Bideford Town Centre Eateries
Tickle the tastebuds with some traditional Elizabethan fare.
- 3 Sample Heritage Beer**
Various Pubs in Bideford
Enjoy a pint of Country Life Brewery's new Heritage Day 'Grenville's Tyger Ale' at one of the many town centre pubs.
- 4 Rope Making Demonstration**
Jubilee Square
See the traditional skill of rope making & have a go yourself.
- 5 Costumed Townsfolk**
Mill St & Cooper St
Step back in time with period costumed townsfolk roving around Mill St, Cooper St & Jubilee Square.
- 6 Guild Signs**
Shop windows in the town centre
Enjoy PETROC art students' clever & delightful re-working & re-interpretation of old trade Guild signs.
- 7 Heritage Day Information**
Baptist Church, Mill St
Bideford 500's volunteer crew will be on hand to chat to you, share facts & give programme updates. Do come & see us!



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Good Age Page

The Inner Wheel Club of Barnstaple present a **Jubilee Concert, Friday 15 June 2012** at 7.30 pm at Bear Street Methodist Church, Barnstaple in aid of Age Concern.

Northam Memory Cafe

The cafe is open on the third Friday of each month, between 10am and 12pm at Northam



Hall at the junction of Fore Street and Heywood Rd, Northam.

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Do you want to do something when or before your children start school?

Have you got a business idea/dream but unsure how to get started?

Would it help to be with other parents to try out and help your dream come to fruition?

If the answers to the last three questions is yes, yes and yes! (and you have a child under 5) then now is the time to find out more about Bideford Bay Children's Centre's social enterprise . . . we will be working with a group of parents to set up a business.

Step out to make your business or vocational vision a reality.

Contact Chaz Luther (Parent Participation Worker) Tel no: 01237 425752



All hands on deck at Appledore Primary School Artsweek!

Arts Week saw 220 children from Appledore Primary school making everything shipshape and creating big beautiful willow and paper sculptures inspired by ships made in Appledore Shipyard.

Children from ages 3 to 11 worked with artist Jane Churchill to create their colourful 'ships and fish' sculptures inspired by Appledore's shipping through the ages, in a project launching the schools new Dock Arts Centre. The school have named their classes after the ships Seahunter, Lundy, Puffin and Beechcroft ; they have made brightly coloured sculptures using patterns from the Prince Edward islands to decorate them.

Come and see them yourself as the children carry them in **Appledore's Visual Arts Festival "A life on the Ocean Waves parade' on Sunday June 10th.**

Or come and take part...You can make your own ship to carry in the parade at one of the free family drop in workshops at Appledore Primary School on **Saturday June 2nd. 10am-3pm.** All are welcome.

Join in the Jubilee Fun on 2nd June at Bideford Pannier Market



Children's workshops running throughout the day at Butchers' Row from 10.30am – 2.30pm. Come and make a: -
Leather crown, key ring or necklace.(Golden Bear Belts)
Crown decorated with sequins (Green Gull Gallery)
Design your own flag (Niche)
Decorate chocolate and sweet jewel (Sweet Memories) (£2 per activity).

Other Events in June

Story times and songs for Under fives and their carers.

Bideford Library; Every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30am -10am

Northam Library : (NEW) Every Wednesday from **Wednesday 13th June** 9.15 – 9.45am.

Burton Art Gallery and Museum : Crafty kids 10 -12 every Monday under 5's art and craft group at the Burton Art Gallery and Museum. Dates for June are:- 4th ;11th ; 18th ;25th.

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Friday 1 and Saturday 2nd June (12a) **Mirror Mirror** (PG) venue
Kingsley School; Friday 8th and Saturday 9th June **Salmon**
Fishing in the Yemen (12a) venue Kingsley School ; Friday 15th
and Saturday 16th June **Albert Nobbs** (15) venue Kingsley
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BUZZ WORD

Welcome to Buzz Word- the new updated letters' page. Feel free to send us your Buzzes!

' If you want to be in the know, you know where to go!'

Donna Lawrence (About Buzz)

Opening of Torridge Bridge

Yes we remember the day the Torridge Bridge was opened.

Before the houses were built underneath the Bridge, our dad had an allotment there and his boat was also moored nearby. As you can see from the photo it was a breezy day and we all had our jackets on.

Phyl Higgins



Session Musicians wanted

"I am looking for musicians to help me produce this album of mine with no guarantee of income. I would need you to listen to my songs and see if you find them worth putting your time and energy into this project which could be rewarding, both creatively and financially. I wish to make an album for release in the music industry. The songs are basically and sometimes "interestingly" recorded and available to hear, here:<http://soundcloud.com/simon-david-groves>. I need musicians to help me **record** these songs, not perform them initially at least. Contracts would ensure that any income from the songs is shared properly. I need a singer, male and/or female, lead guitarist, bass player, drummer, keyboard player and any other instrumentalist including **string** and **wind** instruments.

Please contact me

Simon Groves, on 01237 423411, or mobile 07845414026."

Questions you never thought to ask!

The geographical position of Bideford is 51 degrees 1 minute North and 4 degrees 13 minutes West.

Robin Stowell



The Happy Cafe

Some people might not of heard about the happy cafe but it's originally the name of the cookery project that first started in Hatherleigh and then moved to Westward Ho! Happy Cafe still offers a training cafe experience, but has now become so much more through the work of volunteers putting in so much time and effort into the building and the gardens. It is funded by Princes Countryside Fund & Local Food, with assistance from Torridge District Council.

So why not come down to the Happy Cafe for some lovely refreshments and some really delicious cakes that our trainees have made, and for games like pool or chess The Happy Cafe is a fantastic place to work ; you get to make new friends, make lovely delicious cakes, and get to have real good fun. **Scott Craner**

The next meeting of the Bideford Group of the **Devon Family History Society** will be on Saturday 16th June at the Burton Art Museum from 2pm - 4pm. The speaker will be Gary Knaggs, archivist at North Devon Record Office who will be talking on the Archives that are held at the North Devon Record Office. The meeting is free and open to all. Any queries please contact me on 01237 472883. **Len Collum.**

The perfect place for a family surfing holiday

The North Devon Surf School have taught people to surf from every walk of life, ability and all fitness levels, not to mention age variations.

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Westward Ho! has the European blue flag award for clean water and is patrolled by the RNLI lifeguards. The

surf school is situated at the Westward Ho! end of the beach at the Burrows entrance, this is actually a country park with a golf course and lots of parking and picnic space. With 2 miles of golden sands, surfers can surf as badly as they want! There are no worries about getting in the way of others, or crashing into people. This is as good as it gets!

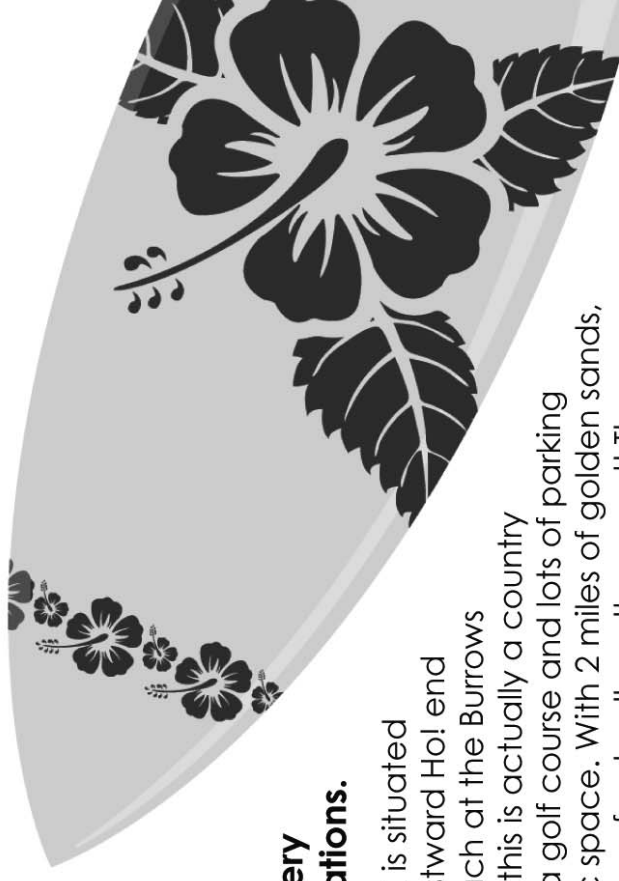
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The Appledore Visual Arts Festival, a Landmark event ! 7th to the 10th of June

The annual Appledore Visual Arts Festival is a cornucopia of inspiration and imagination, a 4-day celebration of the best of visual arts with an impressive range of exhibitions, workshops, art-creation events, talks and walks to stimulate and excite everyone.



Appledore will be alive with the activities of local artists, alongside those of national and international fame, who will be sharing their skills with visitors to this internationally acclaimed event.

Among the many delights to be found in the extensive programme are several exhibitions of painting, sculpture and ceramics, artists in residence, workshops on a variety of creative practises, talks by artists, discussions, forums, walks, installations, music, film, theatre, comedy, and an exhibition of contemporary crafts, all culminating in a vibrant parade along the Quay led by samba band Energia. In this year of great occasions the Appledore Visual Arts Festival promises to be an event full of excitement for all and one that is not to be missed.

For more information go to www.appledorearts.org where you can download a copy of the programme and book a place on an artist-led workshop.

Appledore Maritime Museum

Book Sale 7th - 10th June 2012

Come to The North Devon Maritime Museum during Appledore Visual Arts Festival when books and booklets of local interest will be greatly reduced, most only £1!

The museum is in

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Opening times, weekdays 11a.m. - 1p.m. and 2p.m. - 5p.m.

Saturday and Sunday 2p.m. - 5p.m.

COME AND SNAP UP A BARGAIN

Rolle Canal

A guided walk is scheduled for Sunday afternoon **June 17th** when visitors will be shown the present site of the Inclined Plane, the Wheel Chamber, and excavation work that Rolle Canal volunteers carried out a couple of years ago.

The walk starts at **2:30pm** from Annery Kiln, on the Weare Giffard Road by Halfpenny Bridge, and follows the Tarka Trail about half a mile south to Ridd. Anyone interested in this piece of local industrial history, or just in enjoying a walk and looking at the wild flowers, is welcome to come along. A donation of £2 towards the on-going work of the Rolle Canal Society would be appreciated.

Chris Hassall

The king and I

Westward Ho! Youth Theatre will be performing this. It is full of lovely songs and a treat for all the family to enjoy. The shows will be held at the Kingsley Hall Atlantic Way Westward Ho! The doors will open 30mins prior to the shows and the dates and performance times are **Friday June 29th at 7.30 pm ; Sat 30th at 2pm ; Sun July 1st at 2pm ; Sat July 7th at 2pm**. Some of the money made at the box office will be donated to the work of the community nurses based at our local adult hospice.

On May 2nd one of our volunteers had the great honour of being presented to the Queen and Royal Party at Exeter, in recognition of our recent "Queen's Award for Volunteers." The Queen asked about our group, and was pleased with our work and wished our youth theatre success in the future.

Last chance to visit Cherubeer Gardens this year

The three gardens in the hamlet of Cherubeer, 2 miles east of Dolton and 8 miles south east of Torrington, will be opening for the charity, The National Garden Scheme, on **Sunday 3rd June from 2pm to 6pm.**

Well-known for its snowdrop and cyclamen collection the three Cherubeer gardens also provide a wealth of colour right through the season. Entry price is £4.00 for the three gardens and children are free. There will be home-made teas available and plants for sale. The hamlet of Cherubeer is 2 miles east of Dolton village at the top of Aller Road. EX19 8PP. Take the "Stafford Moor Fisheries" turn off the Dolton Beacon to Winkleigh Road. Tel: Jo and Tom Hynes, 01805 804265. For further information about Cherubeer Gardens and others open for the National Garden Scheme visit www.ngs.org.uk or read more at www.bidefordbuzz.org.uk

Devon's smallest community centre!

A celebration of the completion of All Saints Chapel Community Centre took place on Friday May 11th 2012

It is situated on the B3233 Anstey Way near bus stops. It is used twice a month for services. In 2008 the idea of a dual purpose use was conceived by the late Rev Geoffrey Calway and the PCC .

Volunteers cleared building stone and rubble from the car park. The overgrown stream was cleared, planted and fenced as a garden. A local family adopted the chapel garden. Jigsaw Growth of Bideford is joining in the maintenance of these areas.

All village organisations supported the project as the Parish Hall is fully used. The need was identified for an intimate smaller place providing for social interaction in the daytime. Instow has the third highest percentage of persons over 65 years out of the 63 parishes in North Devon.

We now have a friendly meeting place for coffee and socialising every week; outdoor play for preschool and small children; and a venue for small groups, For more details :-

Contact: -

Rev Paul Hockey 01271 373879

Mrs Pam Cantle 01271 861165

From Across the Manche La Fin

Bonjour, I'm Tom, from near Bideford, currently on the year abroad of my undergraduate degree in English and French. I'm living in a town on the outskirts of Nantes, France, working as an English language teaching assistant.

It feels strange to think that my residence in France will be bientôt fini. I have become so accustomed to the French way of life that the idea of returning to my normal life in England is alien. I'll be able to go the bank at lunchtime. There won't be any good bread.

I don't want to turn this final piece into a sentimental France-loving, England-bashing tirade, but there is so much about this country that I will miss.

I will miss living in a country where everyone shakes hands or kisses each other on the cheek when they meet. Where it's standard to say 'Have a good day' at the end of a conversation with anyone, from your closest friend to the person at the supermarket checkout. Where everyone, young and old, cares about politics and talks about it in the street and where 85 percent, rather than 62 percent, turn out to a general election. I'll miss living in a country that respects and helps its young people; 300euros/year tuition fees and government rent subsidies come quickly to mind. I'll miss the reasonably priced, generally reliable, regular and comfortable public transport. And I'll miss being easily able to go to a market and buy fresh produce. It's been a year filled with surreal cultural experiences - ones which I'll never encounter again - from being an audience member at the Miss Nantes competition, to taking part in an impromptu street party in Strasbourg to celebrate François Hollande's election. But the day-to-day experiences with the French were equally valuable, whether that's the discussions with my colleagues about their way of life or the experience of a French young person's night out.

There are few better ways to test your adaptability than to live in another country and immerse into its culture, fighting through the cultural confusion and frustration that ensues. Having done this I'm more ready than ever to discover new places and ways of life. So thanks go to France, and all it has given me over the last months. **Au revoir. For Now!**

News from the Burton Art Gallery and Museum.

Starting on the 13th June, you will see works by E. Aubrey Hunt from the Gallery's Permanent Collection. Hubert Coop, co-founder of the Burton Gallery with Thomas Burton, was a contemporary of Hunt, and when he handed over his collection of paintings to the Gallery in 1951, it benefited greatly from obtaining works by many eminent artists of his time. E. Aubrey Hunt was born in Weymouth, Massachusetts, U.S.A., in 1856.

He travelled widely in France and also in North Africa, and his colourful style reflects the ambience. There is also a portrait of Hunt, painted by Sir John Lavery, and Hunt's wife commented that he 'looked like a missionary who never made a convert.' It will be a privilege to see these paintings that are usually in store, as the Burton has one of the most varied and eclectic collections in any gallery in the country.

A little later, from 23rd June, ceramics by Svend Bayer and Clive Bowen will take precedence.

These two potters have made their names on the international scene, and their pottery is much sought after. Clive was born in 1943, and studied painting and etching at Cardiff College of Art. He came to North Devon, and Michael Leach at Yelland encouraged him to try his hand at pottery. His first pot, a very small bowl, is perfect. In those 5 years he learned all he needed to know. He also worked as a thrower for Brannams at Barnstaple, and with Michael Cardew at Wenford Bridge. In 1971 he moved to Shebbear and built a double-chamber wood-fired kiln that can hold 1,000 pots. He uses North Devon clay and decorates his pots with slip, a liquid white clay from Petersmarland. He is considered Britain's finest slip decorator.

Svend Bayer was born in 1946 in Uganda of Danish parents, but came over to Britain to study at Exeter University in 1965. He was a pupil of Michael Cardew at the Wenford Bridge pottery in 1969 - "easily my best pupil," in Cardew's opinion. Svend travelled to the Far East, Asia and America, but arrived at Sheepwash, North Devon, in 1975, where he used local ball clay to form his pottery in a wood-fired kiln. We can enjoy the works of these two potters well into July.

The Gallery's opening hours are 10am to 4pm (Sundays 11-4). Admission is free.

The Cafe du Parc offers Sunday lunch on 24th June, with *French Music Avec Moustache et le Mec* - booking essential on 01237 429317.

Don't forget that Bonham's will value your antiques every 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10am to 1pm.

The Museum, Craft Gallery, Shop and Tourist Information Office are open every day.

E-mail: burtonartgallery@torridge.gov.uk Website: www.burtonartgallery.co.uk

Diana Warmington,

Friends of the Burton Art Gallery & Museum



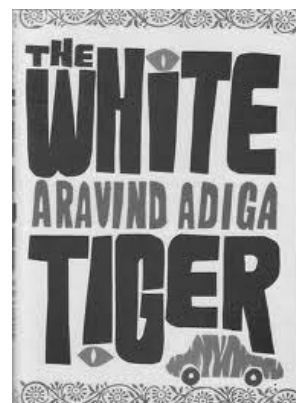
First Fridays

Baptist Church Square in Mill Street was buzzing on the first Friday of May. From 4pm as the shoppers started to leave, a small PA was assembled outside of Blazey's Cafe. Richard Narbett started to entertain the growing crowd from 5pm with original songs and some covers. He sounded great in this unlikely amphitheatre. The rich tones of voice and guitar and the warming smell of barbecued burgers began to fill the town and good reports started to come back from local gardens. Meanwhile bunting making workshops were taking place at Craftihands and a free felt making workshop was offered by Bideford Bay Creatives. With the cool evening air the Arts and Craftspeople started to head into the late opening cafes. Froot Loop's organic wine, cider falafels and salad was a big draw and was full to capacity as the crowd enjoyed the sounds of Louis Anderson, who headlined the Open Mic until 8pm. June's First Friday celebrations have a Bideford Heritage and Mad Hatter theme. Internationally respected fiddle players Nick Wyke and Becki Driscoll are all set to play traditional and contemporary tunes. **The fun starts from 4pm on June 1st.**

Bideford Library Readers' Group .

The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga -

This book was a good choice for the group as it stimulated a lively discussion. Our chair for the meeting, Jill Martin, first asked each of us to consider whether it was a worthy winner of the 2008 Man Booker prize. The majority decision was "yes":- the book was well-written and the sights, sounds and smells of India's underbelly vividly conveyed. But the moral compass of the book was more difficult to gauge.



The narrator is Balram Halwai, the White Tiger of the title, and the book consists of letters he writes over seven nights to the Chinese Premier who is about to visit Bangalore. Balram wants to show him what is the real India as opposed to the India of the politicians' spin. He tells of his life as a young boy in a village weighed down by poverty and the caste system, and his determination to get away from the Darkness into the Light, the world of people with money. But in order to do this he has to lie and cheat. His perseverance gets him a job as a driver to Mr. Ashok, who as an employer is better than most, having been to America and picked up more liberal ways. But Balram is still subjected to humiliations, one in particular which pushes him to take the final step out of the Rooster Coop. Is his eat or get eaten philosophy justified? Are his much-loved chandeliers worth the price he has to pay? Have the poor any choice if they want freedom? We were left pondering these questions.

H.A.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday June 6th at 2.30pm at Bideford Library when the book discussed will be 'The Boy in Striped Pyjamas'. New members welcome.

Also this month at Bideford Library.

Reminiscence Session – Take a trip down memory lane

Wednesday 13th June 10:30-12

Remember back... and look forward to sharing your memories with others - chatting, looking at old items, perhaps creating a book of memories together

Meditation and Relaxation Group

Wednesday 20th June 14:15-15:00

Guided meditation and relaxation group for parents with Nicola MacDonald

Gardening Club

Wednesday 27th June – A visit to Cheristow Lavender Farm near Hartland. Meet at 18.30 at Cheristow. For more details contact Angela Dixon on 01237 478053.

The Mystery of the Bottom Shelves In The Library?

How can a bottom shelf have mystery and allure? This happened once my knees gave up. No more crouching down – the bottom shelves were no longer mine. The thing is dear readers that my common sense tells me that the books on those shelves are unlikely to be any better than those on any of the other shelves, but part of me is certain that on that bottom shelf is "The book". You know the one that entrances you from the first word, the one you can't put down, the one you'll skip lunch for so that you have more time to sit down and read it. Having been a lifelong reader so much of what I pick up now is predictable; you know what the plot is going to be after the first chapter. You've read something similar before! I'm in a quandary, do I make that extra effort to crouch down in order to reach the bottom shelf? Will "That book" be worth the effort and if so how then do I get up again? Would I summon help? Hmm perhaps not – too embarrassing. Yet I don't want to be known as the old lady who crouched down and then got stuck Yet "The book," keeps calling me. Is there some way to loosen up the knees. Should I try Zumba, join a gym club, go swimming? All things are possible? Perhaps. This could be the start of a whole new era. One in which I'm fitter and flexible, able to bend and, as a result dear readers, solve the mystery of the bottom shelf. **Margueritte**



THE SHIPPING NEWS



Ship	Registered Flag	From	To	Date arrived	Date sailed	Crew	Cargo loaded
Vasily Shukshin Built 1995	Valletta Malta Russian	Glasson Dock	Loviissa	27/4/12	5/5/12	Russian	3000 tons brick clay
Baltiyskiy 202 Built 1994	Valletta Malta Russian	Dundalk	Wismar	27/04/12	05/05/12	Russian	2460 tons timber
Cassiopeia 1981 ex Bellatrix 09 Helm Voyager 05 Angelburg 04 Magaretha 96	Dominica Portsmouth Latvia	New Ross	Castellon	04/05/12	09/05/12	Ukrainian	2480 tons ball clay

Similar to last month, the reason for **Vasily Shukshin** and **Baltiyskiy 202** remaining alongside the Quay for so long was that they arrived on the last of the spring tide and could only sail on the rising next spring tide. Due to all the rain water flowing down the river there was a lack of salinity which also affected their buoyancy. Members of the public who where on the Quay whilst the **Cassiopeia** was berthing may have noticed that the berthing area was taped off; this was for everybody's benefit and safety reasons and to prevent serious injury. After sailing at 20.50 hrs the vessel anchored in Clovelly Bay awaiting weather conditions in the Bay of Biscay to moderate. (seen by Chris Tolley), She eventually sailed at about 21.00 hrs on the 10th.

Arco Dart 6.5.12 ;**Oldenburg** resumed service to Lundy from Bideford and Ilfracombe

Bristol Channel Observations

15.4.2012 at 07.50 hrs vehicle carrier **Viking Drive** 10817 tons d.w, owners Gramcar Shipping HK Ltd Singapore, inward bound for Portbury and cargo vessel **Aasli** 6630 tons d.w., owners Hans Martin Torkelsen Norway, inward bound for Cardiff. At 08.40 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Portugallo** 12594 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury. At 10.17 hrs vehicle carrier **Autosun** 6670 tons d.w owners UECC Unipessoal Ltd Maderia, inward bound for Portbury. During the afternoon the buoy maintenance vessel **Patricia** 990 tons d.w, owners Trinity House London, for work on the buoys in the bay; she sailed the following morning about 09.30 hrs for her base in Cardiff. At 18.45 hrs the cargo vessel **Huelin Endeavour** 1874 tons d.w, owners Huelin Renouf Shipping Ltd Channel Islands, outward bound from Avonmouth, having sailed at 14.09 hrs At 1905 hrs the Wood Chip carrier **Crimson Saturn** 49997 tons d.w, owners Pegasus Shipholding SA Kobe Japan, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 15.07 hrs

18.4.2012 at 13.20 hrs vehicle carrier **Viking Chance** 10834 tons d.w, owners Onslow Shipping Singapore, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 09.48 hrs. At 18.53 hrs tanker **Bro Deliverer** 14766 tons d.w, owners Moller Maersk Co of Copenhagen, inward bound for Pembroke.

20.4.2012 at 11.10 hrs chemical tanker **Stolt Kittewake** 4710 tons d.w, owners Stolt Tankers BV Netherlands, outward bound from Barry, having sailed at 06.00 hrs

1.5.2012 at 20.21 hrs vehicle carrier **Baltic Breeze** 12466 tons d.w, owners Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics Norway and Sweden, having sailed from Portbury at 17.11 hrs.

2.5.2012 at 16.47 hrs cargo vessel **Nordic Chantal** 3895 tons d.w, owners Bergen Shipping AB Norway, inward bound for Sharpness

4.5.2012 at 12.50 hrs cargo vessel **Anmar.S** 1590 tons d.w, owners Rederij H Steenstra BV, Netherlands, outward bound from Newport .At 13.11. tons **Laura Schulte** 23570 tons d.w., owners Reederei Thomas Schult GMBH & Co Germany, inward bound for Portbury ;

5. 5. 12 at 10.35 hrs cargo vessel **Drogdenbank** 6000 tons d.w owners Pot Scheepvaart BV Netherlands, inward bound for Swansea.

6.5.2012 at 12.42 hrs CFL Prospect 6500 tons d.w, owners Canada Feeder Lines BV Netherlands, inward bound for Newport. At 20.04 bouy tender vessel **Patrica** 990 tons d.w, owners Trinity House London, inward bound. At 20.25 hrs cargo vessel **Arklow Wave** 13977 tons d.w owners Arklow Shipping Ltd Arklow Eire, inward bound for Avonmouth.

11.5.2012 at 17.36 hrs cable ship **Responder** 10144 tons d.w, owners Tyco Responder Inc Baltimore USA, outward bound from Avonmouth, having sailed at 13.25 hrs.

12.5.2012 at 20.05 hrs cargo vessel **Celtic Mariner** 2886 tons d.w, owners Charles M Willie & Co Shipping Ltd Cardiff, outward bound from Cardiff

13.5.2012 at 06.17 hrs container vessel **Laura Schulte** 23579 tons d.w, owners Reederei Thomas Schulte GMBH & Co Germany, outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 03.18 hrs

June Diary 2012

Friday 1st June

7pm for 7.30pm Bideford Cinema
'Mirror Mirror' at Kingsley School
Palladium Club Basil's blues band -
4pm onwards First Friday in
Bideford's Mill Street
7pm Carl Herring at Lavington URC
Church tel 422858

Saturday 2nd

10am onwards Pannier Market
Jubilee events -see page 3
Palladium Club Wendy May's Boom
Boom room

7pm for 7.30pm Bideford Cinema
'Mirror Mirror' at Kingsley School
Sunday 3rd

Palladium Club Jubilee 70's disco -

Monday 4th

Jubilee Bank Holiday

Palladium Club Louise Latham -
singer/songwriter

Tuesday 5th

Jubilee Bank Holiday

Palladium Club Jam Night

Wednesday 6th

10am Parkinson's UK Coffee Morning
at Ethelwynne Brown Close, Common
Room 1 01237 478128.

Thursday 7th

Start of Appledore Visual Arts Festival -
10th June appledorearts@gmail.com

2.15 pm Thursday Fellowship tel
421956

7.30pm Abbot sham WI meets at
Abbot sham Village Hall 474711

8pm Bideford Folk Club Joiners' Arms

Friday 8th

11am - 5om Refreshments & cream
teas Odun road, Appledore part of
Appledore Arts Festival for North Devon
Hospice

10am- 5pm

Flower Festival at St Helen's Church,
Abbotsham (01237-474480)

7pm for 7.30pm Bideford Cinema
'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen' Kingsley
School

7.45p.m. to 10.15 p.m.

Modern Sequence Dancing Kingsley
Hall, Westward Ho! Cyril Arnold - 01769
540309

Palladium Club *Wishbones* - new
bluegrass/folk trio - £3 07947 157099

Saturday 9th

9am - 2pm Bideford Farmers' Market
on the Quay.

10am- 5pm Flower Festival at St
Helen's Church, Abbotsham (01237-
474480 including Hidden Gardens of
Abbot sham

Palladium Club *Stackshakers* - 7pce
soul/ska band - £3

7pm for 7.30pm Bideford Cinema
'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen' Kingsley
School

Sunday 10th

1pm-4pm Flower Festival at
St Helen's Church, Abbot sham
(01237-474480)

Monday 11th

7:00 to 7:45 pm Appledore training
band Appledore Quay; **8:00 pm to 9:00
pm** Senior Band (St Mary's hall if
wet)

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

Tuesday 12th

10am Lavington Church coffee and
lunches

10.30am Macular Disease soc meets
Burton Art Gallery 01409231309

2pm Bideford Salvation Army Fun and
Fellowship Club Bideford Baptist
Church ;Epilepsy Group meets at Henry
Williamson Room Barnstaple Library tel

07875577428

Palladium Club Jam Night

Wednesday 13th

7.45 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. Two Rivers
Wind Ensemble Rehearsal Bideford
Town Band Room 01271 860061

Holy Karaoke at Crealock Littleham

Thursday 14th

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship tel 421956

8pm Bideford Folk Club Joiners' Arms

Friday 15th

10am Northam Memory cafe Northam
Hall 459337

- Palladium Club *Uk Subs* - punk
legends supported by local bands , the
dead betas/baddadz

7pm or 7.30pm

Bideford Cinema 'Albert Nobbs' at
Kingsley School

7.45pm Modern Sequence Dancing
Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! Cyril
Arnold - 01769 540309

Saturday 16th

2.00 - 6.00 p.m. Garden open Little
Webbery, Webbery, Alverdiscott, EX39
4PS.

Palladium Club *Some old bloke,his*

son & another fella - covers - £3

Bideford Cinema 'Albert Nobbs' at
Kingsley School

Sunday 17th

10.30am Table top sale at Devonia 3
The Quay Appledore in aid of David
Rundle Trust tel 477470

2.00 - 6.00 p.m. Garden open at Little
Webbery, Webbery, Alverdiscott,
Bideford, EX39 4PS.

Monday 18th

10-12noon Lip reading classes at
Ethelwynne Brown community room
(heatherathoneywells@hotmail.com)

7:00 to 7:45 pm Appledore training
band on Appledore Quay; **8:00 pm to
9:00 pm** Senior Band (St Mary's Hall if
wet)

Tuesday 19th

10am Lavington Church coffee and
lunches

2pm Salvation Army Fun and
Fellowship Club; Bideford Baptist
Church

Palladium Club - Open Mic Jam Night

Wednesday 20th

Palladium Club
Damnation Game - new rock outfit -

Thursday 21st

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship outing tel
421956

2.30pm Jubilee tea party at 5 Lenards
Rd Northam in aid of David Rundle
Trust Best Jubilee Hat competition.tel
477470

8pm Bideford Folk Club Joiners' Arms

Friday 22nd

7.45 p.m. to 10.15 p.m.

Modern Sequence Dancing Kingsley
Hall, Westward Ho! Cyril Arnold -
01769 540309

Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal
Bideford Town Band Room 01271
860061

Palladium Club *ifunk* - funk/soul covers
band - £3 07947 157099

Saturday 23rd

9am - 2pm Bideford Farmers' Market
on the Quay.

Bideford College Summer Science day

8pm Hartland Orchestra Picnic prom
concert Buckland Brewer playing field

tickets Walter Henry Bookshop

Sunday 24th

Torrige Ramblers' afternoon walk
423663

Monday 25th

10am Memory cafe meets at Northam
Hall ;**10 - 12 noon**. Lip reading classes
at Ethelwynne Brown community room
07923 536 908 HeatherSmith
(heatherathoneywells@hotmail.com)

7pm to 7:45 pm Appledore training
band on Appledore Quay; **8:00 pm to
9:00 pm** Senior Band (St Mary's hall if
wet)

7.30pm Appledore Singers rehearse at
Appledore School 01769 560034.

8.30pm Jazz at the Beaver Inn tel
421065

Tuesday 26th

10am Lavington Church coffee morning
lunches (-1.15pm)

2pm Bideford Salvation Army Fun and
Fellowship Club; Bideford Baptist
Church

8pm Tarka Morris at Bideford Amateur
Athletic Club 01237 476632

Palladium Club - Open Mic Jam Night

Wednesday 27th

10.15am Bideford Probus Club (Tel 473
337) Royal Hotel, Bideford

7.30 pm British Humanists' Society
meets in annex of Fremington Parish
Hall 01237 477851

Thursday 28th

8pm Bideford Folk Club Joiners' Arms

Friday 29th

10am-1pm Lundy Art Group St Mary's
Church Appledore

7.45 p.m. to 10.15 p.m.

Modern Sequence Dancing Kingsley
Hall, Westward Ho! Cyril Arnold -
01769 540309

Palladium Club *maybe naked* - rock
covers - £3

Saturday 30th

Bideford 500 Heritage Day (see page 4)