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Bideford Bridge Goes to War

Peter Christie concludes his history of Bideford Bridge in World War 2

More notes from Frank Whiting's reports.

That the Allies were winning the war is shown from an entry in April 1944 which reads, 'Now that the Government have given sanction for all the sign posts to be re-erected again, I see no reason why the bronze tablet to commemorate the widening, should not be refixed again.' Evidently the authorities had ordered its removal, probably back in 1940, to ensure invading Nazis didn't know where they were. A few months later in September 1944 Whiting was asking the Trustees to 'consider the lighting of the Bridge' after the black out regulations were lifted.

By 1945 it was clear that the war was being won – and long delayed repairs to the Bridge and the Trust properties began to be noted. Thus in April 'Various lengths of the Bridge coping of the parapet have been pointed in during the month.' The May report then notes the painting of the 'Lamp Standards' on the Bridge, another harbinger of peace.

This May entry also notes a wonderful example of a 'Jobsworth' and how Whiting outsmarted him. He records 'Knowing you would like the Bridge lights on as soon as possible I sent a reply paid telegram to the Secretary of State asking if we could put them on for 1½ hours on VE [Victory in Europe] Day. The reply was by wire was: "Bideford Blackout Area Lighting not permissible. Home Security" which was rather what I expected. On May 11th three days after VE Day the Blackout ban was lifted in Bideford and all coastal areas, and I asked the Gas Company if they could get the lights on that evening. At 5 o'clock they told me they were ready to put them on but the Inspector would not allow it, as it would be contravening the Fuel & Power order that street lighting should not start till July 16th. The Gas Company told him that the Bridge was private property, and he was surprised to hear that the Bridge paid for the lighting, but even so it was public lighting according to the law and he could not sanction it. I went along and saw him and pointed out that after 5½ years the lighting would have to be tested and I could not see why this could not be done at night as well as the day time, and further that a light each end were [sic] navigation lights and as the ban on shipping coming up the river at night had been lifted, these two would have to be on from sunset to sunrise. He accepted this and I believe the lighting was very much appreciated and quite a number of people went to the Bridge to see it.'

A month later he records how he had asked the 'Regional Allocation Officer' in Bristol for two masons and one labourer to carry out repairs to the Bridge – but the gentleman had cited the need to prioritise work on housing as a reason for rejecting his request. Not to be thwarted he then wrote to the 'Director General of Ministry of War Transport' – who approved his request but told him to find the men himself.

On July 26th he asks the Trustees to bear with him as his architectural office 'is going through a rather difficult time owing to the amount of Post War Housing to be done.' He did, however, manage to survey the Bridge arches and in a very worrying reference notes that the 'concrete cantilever between the arches Nos.8 & 9 on the South Side' was cracked to such an extent that 'I hardly know what is holding it up.' One wonders if the lack of maintenance during the war was a contributory factor to the later collapse of the Bridge arches in 1968?

*I have saved one intriguing entry to the end During the war salvage drives for paper and metal were common often being carried out by local school children. This may be put forward as an explanation why Bideford has so few original pre-war railings. Such losses were very visible but one wonders how many historical records were sent for salvage when we read from July 1943, 'Mr.Langford has handed over to me the Bridge Rent Roll of 1830 and asked me to present it to the Bridge Trustees on behalf of the Grammar School. The son of Mr.Short of Bridgeland Street found it when looking over the paper salvage.' There are sizeable gaps in the Bridge Trust archives and we can only suspect they went for pulping 'to help the war effort'. Be that as it may we can be thankful that Mr.Whiting's reports have survived to give us this glimpse of a traumatic period in Bideford's history. **Another woman's war - see next page***

Some memories of World War 2 in Bideford

REME soldiers were stationed at Instow and many families made friends with them.

The church in Bridge St on a Sunday evening hosted by various churches would put on a singsong after church services, and somehow provided simple refreshments for those troops who liked to come. On the return from war service many were presented with a leather wallet inscribed with the Bideford coat of arms together with a letter from the then Mayor, Mr WH Chubb and either a ten shilling (50p) or a £1 note. The wallet and letter I still have, but not the monies I'm afraid.

My elder brother was a navigator, Flt Lieutenant in the RAF, and flew 50 bombing raids, after which he became navigator to Sir Archibald Sinclair (air minister) and sometimes Sir Winston Churchill. Another important mission was to navigate the plane which flew Rudolf Hess for the Nuremburg trials from Scotland. Many local lads came home rather sick from prison camps which was very sad to see. My father was in the Home Guard during which he had one nasty experience from an exploding mine.

Kath Akerman nee Langland

Although I was very young during World war 2 Peter Christie's articles brought back a few memories. I remember the bomb crater on Clovelly road as we kids looked for shrapnel, the bigger the lumps the better. However I am interested in the crash of a RAF Bomber on "round hill" East the Water. I was there at the time and I think that there were no survivors. Can you help me with this topic? Thank you

Peter Lamprey (Australia)

There is a small permanent memorial to this event by the Tarka Trail. It gives brief details of date, aircraft, and crew ; I can take a photo next time & forward it to you, if that would be of interest.

(Ed)

Readers who have been following my articles on the Bridge Trust during the Second World War may recall my saying that no bombs fell on any buildings in Bideford. Well, Ronald Joy, who now lives in Tavistock wrote to me with his eye-witness account of a bomb that greatly damaged his house at Bowden Green. During the war he was living at No.33 when '2 large bombs hit our house sideways on'. Ron describes how these 'blasted all our windows out, and the glass was stuck in the walls opposite our windows. All our doors that were shut were blown off their hinges' adding 'the worst was the lath and plaster heavy ceilings all fell down'. Ron and his brother were both in bed at the time and were hit by this plaster – indeed Ron still has a scar on his wrist to this day. Ron's sister Muriel was home on leave from the WAAFs at the time and received some cuts to her head – leaving her with a scar as well. The bombs (thought to be parachute mines) left two huge craters one of them some 28' across which Ron and his friends later used as a 'wall of death' cycle track! The other was opposite the town waterworks up the road a little way. Apparently the borough council officials turned up and had felt roofing material put over the broken windows causing Ron's father to describe the interior as being 'Dark as a cow's gut' – although later they were properly repaired with glass.

I was thrilled to read this account as war news was heavily censored in the local papers and I have never seen the near-fatal effects of these bombs referred to anywhere else so thank you to Ron for sharing his memories with us.

Peter Christie.

Poppy Flaxman from Bideford College recently visited Auschwitz as an ambassador for the school. She writes:-

It's incredibly difficult to put into words how horrific seeing Auschwitz was. When we left the camp, I found myself for the first time ever, truly lost for words. 200 of us walked the long walk back to the coach in a stunned silence. Nothing can prepare you for seeing Auschwitz. Standing in the grounds, seeing victims' personal belongings piled up, seeing quite how

small a room hundreds of people were crammed into, makes you realise the magnitude of it all.

Then you get to view photos salvaged from victims' suitcases of their lives before the Holocaust. In front of us were baby photos, wedding photos and school photos, no different from those which make up our own family albums. Seeing these brought the realisation to life that each victim was an individual with their own past and their own story.

News from the Burton Art Gallery & Museum

Prepare to be delighted with the current exhibition in the Burton, on display in both the ground floor galleries until the 19th April.

Michael Brennand-Wood has been playing around with textiles since he was a boy; his grandmother was an industrial weaver, and there were always bits and pieces of fabric lying around for his creations. He studied textiles at university; an unusual choice for a young man in the 1960s, the only man, in fact, among 30 women students. What you will see in the exhibition are pieces of work from his early years, moving through his creative imaginings to more recent sculptures and wall hangings. Many of them stand out from the walls, with embroidered butterflies that almost fly, flowers and beads on long pins that nod and quiver. Part textile, part sculpture, and full of colour to rival the Schools' Exhibition, this is an exciting collection, and it would be well to look very closely at the materials and small items Michael has incorporated into the designs – I'm sure there were some toy soldiers in one, in particular....

Forever Changes – this exhibition is on loan from the Ruthin Centre.

The Craft Gallery is full of unique works of art, and **Eleanor Bartleman's** Ceramics are especially fine. She is holding a *Modelling and Moulding Workshop* on 13th April, from 10am to 4pm. Cost: £35 (Book a place on 01237 471455)

Another of Rowena Light's Workshops – 'Fabulous Fabric Flowers' on 18th April, 10am-4pm. £35.

The Cafe du Parc hosts **First Friday Late Night** on 5th April, 6pm, and Sunday Lunch **Jazz with Zadgeist Quartet** on 21st April, 1-3pm

Harry Juniper is coming to talk to us – with humorous stories about his life as **A Traditional North Devon Potter**, on Wednesday, 3rd April, at 7.30 p.m. £5 at the door. All welcome.

Gallery opening hours: Monday to Saturday: 10am to 4pm, Sunday: 11am to 4pm. Free. The Tourist Information Centre's opening hours are as above. Tel: 01237 421853 & 477676
Diana Warmington. (for the Friends)

Family History

Following on from last month's Quarter Sessions tips, **www.oldbaileyonline.org** contains trial transcripts for over 100,000 trials at the London's Old Bailey. It's mainly concerned with the capital and surrounding area. It covers 1674 - 1913 and deals with felonies and misdemeanours. Details include sentencing, so it's a good place to look if you think a London ancestor was unfortunate enough to be transported.

You might also want to look at charities and there were many local ones, some of which still exist today. A good starting point is to enter the name of the charity at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

The next meeting of the Bideford branch of the Devon Family History Society will be on **Sat 20th April at the Burton Art Museum. 2.00pm - 4.00pm.** The speaker will be Peter Christie and his subject will be "The history of photography in North Devon". Free to all and please bring a friend. Any queries please contact me on 01237 472883. **Len Collum**

One Hundred years ago - April 1913

(From *Bideford Gazette*. Compiled by Mike Davy)

Manor Court

The occasion attracted so little public notice that the only person present in addition to the Mayor, Council, the Jury and officials was the representative of the Bideford Gazette !

Church Institute

In Lower Meddon Street the laying of the memorial stone for the building of the Church Institute was officiated by the Mayor, Mr.HNC Stucley. He was the nephew of the late Rev, Roger Granville – the new promises to be known as the Granville memorial.

Builders' wages

With regard to the application by men in the building trade in Bideford for an increase in pay of one penny per hour. The Masters have intimated that they will grant an increase of a halfpenny on condition that the builders in the neighbouring towns of North Devon do the same. (*Current pay 6d per hour about 2p*)



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It's been a bad week!

It's been a bad week. First I lost the button on my hip pocket where I keep my wallet and haven't got a replacement. I tore the hem at the bottom of one leg of my best trousers. I went out for lunch and spilt gravy down my new sweat shirt. My iron has given up the ghost. I stumbled on the edge of the pavement whilst trying to avoid being run down by a buggy and jarred my back. I hate shopping, I always forget something, particularly in supermarkets. My yard tiles need cleaning but I don't have a pressure hose. Fighting cats have overturned and broken one of my pots. The walls I had painted nine months ago have flaked off in the rain, my computer has got a virus and there's the damned ironing to be done.

Earlier today, because of the bitterly east wind, I looked out my old leather jacket only to find it needs dry cleaning 'by an expert' apparently; where do I find one of those? When I was a boy everyone knew who could fix what and where they lived. . Charlie Waters used to paint or hang wall paper. Mr. Holmes the postman chopped firewood and sold the bundles. Waghorns charged batteries and did electrical repairs. Stan Blytheman repaired watches. Mr. Hunt did some gardening. Mrs. Charwood made and iced cakes, she also ran a clothing club. Mrs. Stone did alterations and repairs and her mother took in washing. May Crittenden made artificial paper flowers. I didn't know them all but someone to replace a pane of glass or plumbers, locksmiths, etcetera etcetera, whatever was needed, were known to everyone but where are they now? I don't mean the faceless names in local directories but real local people that one can rely on.

Grampus

I'm sure there are lots of local people in Bideford who offer the kind of services described. Please send us in your nominations for this spot, and help Grampus as well! (Ed)

Reminiscence Session – Take a trip down memory lane Wednesday 10th April 2:00-3:30
at Bideford Library. Remember back... and look forward to sharing your memories with others -
chatting, looking at old items, perhaps creating a book of memories together.
For anyone aged 60+ **Refreshments provided**

Opportunities to Volunteer and make a difference

Could you spare some time to help local families and vulnerable children in your community?

Bideford Bay Children's Centre is looking for people who are caring and have compassion for children and their family circumstances. Volunteers directly support children and their families through childcare provision, family group-work and drop-in services and non-directly through administration.

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For further information contact Trish Braunton

01237 425752 patricia.braunton@actionforchildren.org.uk



Other events for children.

Burton Art Gallery

Crafty Kids: continues every Monday at 10am. For under fives and families. 01237 471455.

There's an Easter Workshop for Children, **'Window Webs'** 11th April, from 10am-4pm, £15, based on the Michael Brennand-Wood exhibition. The **Young Friends** meet on the last Saturday of each month (27th April this time) £1 donation, with *Karen Hawkins*. Age range – 7 to 11. Have fun creating.

Your Local Library

Two drop-in craft sessions on an Easter theme - **Tuesday April 2nd and 9th 10:00 – 12:00 at Bideford Library.**

Bideford and Northam Libraries continue to run their under fives story time sessions ; Bideford's is on Tuesdays (**not in school holidays**) and Thursday mornings from 9.30am- 10am and Northam's Bounce and Rhyme is every Wednesday morning **9.15 – 9.45.**

(and for adults.)

Meditation and Relaxation Group Wednesday 17th April 2:15- 3:00 pm at Bideford Library.

North Devon Hospice's Big Breakfasts in April.

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What is fashion ? *Two 'takes' on the subject*

I see fashion a little differently from everyone else.

You see beautiful models walking down a catwalk in elegant fashion statements. I see far too skinny people struggling to walk in massive heels and impractical dresses. I don't get why some things are cool and some things aren't. Maybe it's just me. But surely I can't be the only person in the world who doesn't get this stuff? Do any of you, the Bideford Buzz readers, truly know why you wear the clothes you do?

Is it because you've seen your friends wearing it? Would you wear something because it's fashion? No, of course you wouldn't... You wear your clothes because you like them... But why?

Why is that t-shirt so perfect? Why is that bag so lovely? Do you like the colour, the style? Think about your favourite item of clothing.... Why do you love it so much? The clothes we wear show who we are. If you wear a jumper with a cat on, it shows you are different from someone with a leather jacket on. And we automatically try and choose friends with a similar fashion style to us. Why? Because your style shows your personality and you want friends like you. But does it go a little deeper than that?

Maybe in cave people days, the clothes you wore truly would show who you were. If a tribe came from an area with a particular berry or plant, then you could dye your clothes with it, or paint your face with it. Therefore tribes could be identified by their clothes. And your tribe was the place you were safe. Maybe that prehistoric survival lives on. People have used clothes to identify who they are, and always have done. You judge yourself and your friends on your clothes. Maybe I not being able to see all this stuff is an advantage.... But just remember.... Your fashionable boots are a leftover part of a survival instinct that lasted for millennia. And that is cool.

Gaby Fey



Cats and Hats

Fashion is a very controversial topic. Some like to wear tank tops, some people like trainers. Some like shorts and some are obsessed with shoes. What's important is that you should pick your own style, and don't feel pressured to follow what others wear.

However, unfortunately (at least this is the way I see it) a lot of people do feel the need to follow the fashion of celebrities, or their friends. Nowadays we live in a judgemental society so I can see that many people fear the criticising eyes of others.

It's great to view other people's styles, as some people can astonish you with funky outfits and crazy clothes.

Don't be afraid to be a trendsetter - often new ideas can be considered crazy at first but years later they are the height of fashion. In 1797 John Hetherington was seen as the first man to wear a top hat and ladies fainted at the sight! However soon they became rather stylish indeed. I myself try not to be a clone in what I wear by following everyone else.

Hats are probably my favourite item of clothing and I own many. As well as this I adore cats so try to incorporate that in my outfits. These two fit together nicely and I own 2 cat hats, which I think look awesome and are certainly snug to wear. Although I do think about what outfits I want to put on, I find a lot of the time it is best to just dress to comfort. If I'm just staying at home, I'll put on whatever suits the weather even if it looks completely ridiculous. What I am trying to get across is that you should never be afraid to be different. Fashion is only something society has invented and you should never be controlled by it. Be who you are and let nobody stop you!

Seraphina Allard-Bridge

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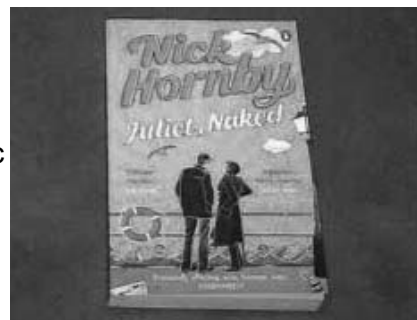
Bideford Library Readers' Group

***Juliet Naked* by Nick Hornby**

"Silly", "light", "funny", "sad" were some of the words used by members to describe the book. There were only a couple of us who thoroughly enjoyed it - the rest had reservations - but we had a lively discussion. The story concerns Duncan and Annie who are stuck in a fifteen year

old relationship which is going nowhere, at least, this is Annie's perception. Duncan has an obsession, an obsession with the music of an American singer called Tucker Crowe who hasn't written anything for twenty

years and who has disappeared from view leaving behind him an active and devoted fan group consisting mainly of middle-aged men.



The book opens with Duncan and Annie filming a toilet in Minneapolis (they have come to America at Duncan's instigation to visit Crowe sites) where Crowe apparently had an apocalyptic moment which triggered his retirement. On the same trip Duncan has his own moment in another Crowe-related toilet. Back home in Goolenness, an undistinguished northerly seaside town, the catalyst in the destruction of Duncan and Annie's relationship is a packet which comes through their front door containing a previously unreleased album by Crowe, the *Juliet Naked* of the title. They have diametrically opposed opinions of the album and when Annie posts a review of it on the Crowe website there are unforeseen consequences. Enter Tucker Crowe in person with his complicated legacy of past wives and children.

The novel is light in tone - a contrast to last month's book - but it is well-written with colourful characters and touches on interesting ideas:- what, for instance, constitutes "art"? What is the nature of obsession? Can a life, wasted by drugs and non-commitment be healed? According to one of the group, this is not the best of Nick Hornby's novels. For anyone wanting to read more, then *High Fidelity* might be the best choice.

Hilary Aikman.

*Bideford Library Readers' Group next meets on **Wednesday 3rd April 2:30 pm.***

*Discussing **Italian Shoes** by Henning Mankell*

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Bideford, First Fridays April to September 2013

Bideford's Mill St will once again be alive with sights, sounds and tantalising smells as **First Fridays kick off for 2013 on Friday April 5th**. This cultural 'happening' is for everyone to come and enjoy a bit more of Bideford a bit later and runs on the First Friday of the month from 2pm – 7pm from April through to September.

Come and enjoy great food and drinks at Blazey's Café and Froot Loop. Hear live music with various local musicians dropping by to entertain. Performers and artists will also be out and about to add to the creative atmosphere. If you are a musician, performer / performing community group or an artist you are welcome to take part by contacting Bideford First Friday via Bideford Bay Creatives at info@bbcdevon or message us on facebook at www.facebook.com/BidefordFirstFriday

Everyone is invited to come and relax - eat, drink, watch artists and listen to music, meet your friends and family in this wonderful creative and social event. See you there.

You can find details for each month's programme on Facebook at <http://www.bbcdevon.org/firstfridays/>



**BIDEFORD AND
DISTRICT CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
2013 AGM**

The Chamber's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th April at 6.30pm at The Pier House, Westward Ho!

Guest Speaker will be Mr Paul Coles from BT, who will be presenting the High Speed Broadband for North Devon. There will also be more news about an exciting joint enterprise with Bideford Town Council. The Bideford Shop "Discover Bideford" will be opening at Atlantic Village to help promote Bideford Town Centre and the goods, services, history and culture it has to offer. We will overview the achievements of the past year including issues on parking; signage; the involvement in Tidy Towns; and building relationships with both Bideford Town Council and Torridge District Council.

All are welcome to attend. Election of officers will take place, only Chamber members votes may count.

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New volunteers are welcome to join the FREE training to gain a qualification OCN Level 1 & 2 Kitchen & Work Skills

The Old Tennis Pavilion, Golf Links Road, Westward Ho!

three set courses

£5.00

every Friday at 1pm

Cooked by trainees as part of accredited kitchen skills course.

Bookings essential, call 07773 679559

Café usual opening times:

Thursdays and Fridays

10.30am until 2.30pm

Take away also available, please ask



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Northam Lodge's Summer Cruise

Setting Sail once again – Northam Lodge's summer cruise on the MS Oldenburg takes place on Friday June 14th 2013. This year we embark from Bideford Quay at 7.30pm and sail at 8.00, returning to Bideford at 10.15pm. Once again we will be entertained by The Alan Lewis All Stars Jazz Band and if you wish to bring a picnic, please do so. Tickets will be £15.00 per person ; to reserve a place please contact **Annabel Cope on 01237.477238 or annabelcope@northamlodge.co.uk** **Don't delay as these tickets tend to sell FAST.**

Chairman treads flames for charity

The Jaden Cornelious Foundation organised a sponsored Firewalk at The Big Sheep. Thirty entrants undertook 2 hours of training before walking the 20 feet of burning embers, more than hot enough to melt aluminium, at a temperature of 1236 degrees Fahrenheit. "It was a very interesting experience" said Tim Malone, Chairman of Trustees at Northam Lodge. "The event fired up a large number of sponsors, enabling me to present Northam Lodge with a cheque for £1,000.

Lions Club of Bideford

Quiz Night Merry Harriers Garden Centre Thursday 25th April 7pm for 7.30pm Teams of 4, £5 per person. To book please telephone Merry Harriers on **01237 431611** All proceeds to charity

BBC Radio Devon Give a Gift

Radio Devon are celebrating their 30th birthday by giving money to the local community. The funds raised will be distributed throughout the year with a panel of BBC Radio Devon listeners helping to decide how the money is spent. We need your help to raise funds! or just get in touch with laura@devoncf.com if you want to find out more. Of course you can always Donate Now...by Texting DEVN30 £10 to 70070 to donate. Donating online at <http://www.justgiving.com/bbc-radio-devon-give-a-gift> Or sending cash or a cheque made payable to BBC Radio Devon Give a Gift to: The Factory, Leat Street, Tiverton, EX16 5LL.

Parkinson's UK Torridge Branch

As part of Parkinson's Awareness Week in April we are having a stall and display board at Bideford Library. We will have a presence there, along with literature, and leaflets and details of the local Torridge Branch Support Group on **Mon 15th, Thurs 18th and Friday 19th from 10am – 1pm**. We will be on the Road for a series of informative evenings during the week. The evening commences at 6.30pm with a formal presentation on the condition of Parkinson's, Current Research Projects, a Question & Answer session, and with information on the local Support Group. The venues are as follows:-

Monday 15 th April	– Hartland Church Hall
Tuesday 16 th April	– Torrington, Woodland Vale
Wednesday 17 th April	- Bideford, Burton Arts Centre
Thursday 18 th April	- Holsworthy Memorial Hall
Friday 19 th April	- Northam Hall

also A Spring Fayre at Weare Giffard Village Hall from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday 20th April

If you require any further information, please contact Chairman: **John Wilson 01271 860918**

Bideford College needs volunteers

An appeal to mums, dads, grandparents and valued members of the community.

Bideford College has taken care to identify students who need extra help with reading and writing in exams, so that now we have a large number of students we can help. We have a key number of dedicated people who give up their free time to aid these students through exams. The volunteers get a great deal of satisfaction from helping the pupils. If you are interested in volunteering or want more information, please contact **Janet Davis at Bideford College on 01237 477611 ext 1212.**

Bideford Sustainability's next talk will be on Wood Fuel and Wood Fuel Boilers on 30 April 2013, 7.30 pm, (details will be on our website, below, nearer the time) . See diary page for Tuesday meetings. Visit our website at www.bidefordsustain.org or email mail@bidefordsustain.org

News from Bideford Film Society

Recently Bideford Film Society screened a wonderful film to packed audiences. *Quartet* has a 'feel good' factor to it similar to that of 'Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' but for a different reason, The film tells the story of a group of retired opera singers who live in Beecham House (actually Hedsor Hall in Buckinghamshire), a magnificent home for gifted musicians. The resident musicians give a concert each year on the anniversary of Verdi's birthday. This year the concert is particularly important as the home needs to raise the money or it will close. The film has a stellar cast. Reg (Tom Cissy) Pauline Collins, a caring friend) enjoy a happy and supportive friendship until ex wife Jean (Maggie Smith, a mega star who betrayed her husband) arrives. Neither Reg nor Jean are aware of each other's residence in the home. Other brilliant actors include Michael Gambon as Cedric the conceited impressario, Sheridan Smith in a serious role as the attractive doctor, Andrew Sachs and Trevor Peacock.

Quartet is an elegant British film where the clothes, settings and mannerisms all communicate the bitter sweet story. Dustin Hoffman directs and although American he understands the British characters so well and permits them to tell the story.

The film does not have social themes as in *Marigold Hotel* but as the life story of each character unfolds you can understand, laugh and cry with that person. It is a series of detailed pastiches lovingly put together to make a whole. The glorious music of Verdi also makes it worth seeing played by living gifted musicians. As the final credits roll you see their photos and details. Unlike *Les Miserables* the singing is dubbed, for sadly, most voices age.

If you enjoy British films acted in beautiful settings then see the film. I plan to buy the DVD and watch it over and over again. I cannot praise it enough.

Bideford Film Society will screen further interesting films in its current programme.

See below for details.

Mavis Blow



Friday 5 and Saturday 6 April Kingsley School *Hitchcock (12a)*

***Sunday 7 April 2.30pm** Kingsley School *Chasing Ice (12a)* **5pm** Kingsley School *Lincoln (12a)*

Friday 12 and Saturday 13 April Kingsley School *A good day to die hard (cbta)*

Friday 19 and Saturday 20 April Bideford College *Cloud Atlas (15)*

Saturday 27th April Bideford College *Oz the Great and Powerful (ctba)*

Doors open at 7.00pm, film starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets: General £5.50 Concessions £5.00 Members £4.00 Family (up to 3 children & 2 adults) £12.00 To avoid disappointment please check local press for confirmation of above

programme or visit our web site www.bidefordfilmsociety.co.uk *Extras to programme.

Appledore Lights

It's a funny time of year to think of Christmas but villagers in Appledore are making plans very early. Apart from a magnificent angel in the churchyard Appledore has had no community lights in recent years, leading to a very sad and dejected mood around the festive season. NO MORE !!!!! A fund has now been set up and the whole community is being asked to add to this in any way they can either with events or donations. **So COME ON APPLIEDORE** Let's make the village shine for Christmas 2013. Just pop into Seagreen of Appledore in Market Street for more information if you'd like to get involved.

World Tai Chi and Chi Kung Day Saturday 27th April 2013 Victoria Park Bideford

Connect with the rest of the world. . . and yourself too!

It starts in New Zealand. Join in the celebration of these healing arts along with sixty other countries around the world. There are no guarantees in life, nor the weather.

This join in event is open to all, and only the most severe of weather will prevent it. There is a café nearby too. Cost FREE; Time. 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm Town end of the park by the flag pole.

Asteroid Strike

An asteroid is predicted for Bideford (eventually.) Hopefully not during the Mayor -Making.

NASB



THE SHIPPING NEWS



Ship	Registered Flag Owners	From	To	Arrived	Sailed	Crew	Cargo loaded
Celtic Freedom Built 1986 ex Marlies Sabran 06 Petra Gunda 96 Loaded at Bideford	Nassau British	Poole	Castellon	28/02/13	01/03/13	Russian	2500 tons ball clay.
Rig Built 1989 ex Boerniero 05 Amrum 95 Port Sado 93 Loaded at Yelland	Valletta Malta Latvian	Drogheda	Wismar	07/03/13	09/03/13	Russian	2600 tons timber. see latest on this at TDC website.

Amendment to last month ; **Baltiyskiy 202** arrived from Dundalk and sailed for Wismar

Arco Dart no sightings

Oldenburg has started her new season from Bideford and Ilfracombe to Lundy.

The Southern Beaver still alongside the Oil Jetty at Yelland waiting to be towed away.

Bristol Channel Observations

16.2.13 At 11.54 bulk carrier **Meredith Victory** 179362 tons d.w, owners Sinokor Maritime Co Ltd Singapore, outward bound from Port Talbot, having sailed at 08.06 At 12.25. vehicle carrier **Grande Scandinavia** 18440 tons dw. owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury. At 16.17 vehicle carrier **Tongala** 22585 tons d.w. owners Wallenius Wilhelmsen Norway and Sweden inward bound for Portbury and cargo vessel **Wilson Borg** 3720 tons d.w. owners Wilson ASA Norway, outward bound from Newport ,having sailed at 10.36.;

17.2.13 at 08.49 Vehicle carrier **Grande Sicilia** 14900 tons d.w, owners ACL Management Sweden, in Grimadi line of Italy colours, inward bound for Portbury. At 13.40 vehicle carrier **Aniara** 30089 tons d.w, owners Wallenius Wilhelmsen Norway and Sweden inward bound for Portbury Anchored in Bideford Bay the cargo vessel **Mosvik** on **23rd** and sailed on the **24th**.

22.2.13 at 08.09 vehicle carrier **Grande Ellade** 18440 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury. At 09.20 container vessel **Maersk Windhoek** 21442 tons d.w, owners Takanawa Line Inc Tokyo Japan, inward bound for Portbury. At 11.30 vehicle carrier **Grande Anversa** 12353 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 06.59 .

24.2.13 at 10.00 vehicle carrier **Planet Ace** 15327 tons d.w, owners Mitsui Line Osk Japan, inward bound for Portbury. At 11.20 vehicle carrier **Viking Drive** 10817 tons d.w, owners Gramcar Shipping HK Ltd Singapore, inward bound for Portbury.

25. 2.13 at 07.20 bulk carrier **Alam Pesona** 87052 tons d.w. owners Alam Pesona Maritime Ltd London, inward bound for Port Talbot.

28.2.2013 at 08.11 container vessel **Maersk Windhoek** 21441 tons d.w, owners Takanawa Line Inc Tokyo, inward bound for Portbury.

2.3.2013 at 16.31 vehicle carrier **Asian Grace** 21421 tons d.w, owners Eukor Car Carriers of South Korea , outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 12.35.

3.3.2013 at 17.53 Tug mts **Vengeance** and rig **Deep Diver 1** inward bound for Avonmouth. At 1830 vehicle carrier **Sapphire Ace** 15204 tons d.w , owners Mitsui OSK Line Japan,inward bound for Portbury.

8.3.2013 at 16.20 cargo vessel **Bramau** 3704 tons d.w, owners Reederei Erwin Strahlmann Germany outward bound from Newport, having sailed at approx 08.30 . At 17.09 bulk carrier **Ian M** tons 179700 d.w owners Freeway Champion SA Greece, outward bound from Port Talbot having sailed at 13.59 .

9.3.2013 at 12.22 bulk carrier **City of Dubrovnik** 75460 tons d.w, owners Atlant Liberty Corp of Croatia, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 07.19.

10.3.2013 at 14.45 whilst at Ilfracombe saw the vehicle carrier **Hoegh Kunsan** 23228 tons d.w owners Leif Hoegh & Co Ltd Norway passing inwards towards Portbury ; she would have passed Lundy approx 13.15.

12.3.2013 at 09.40 hrs vehicle carrier **Grande Colonia** 12292 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, outward bound from Portbury having sailed at 08.59. At 16.07 the vehicle carrier **Gran Bretagne** 18461 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy inward bound for Portbury.

Sorry no news in last edition regarding Richmond Drydock ; the **Monkleigh** is still off the drydock entrance as at the **22nd** February. it will be approx 8 weeks before things return to normal.

Dear readers my next edition of this page in May will be number 100 if there are any questions you wish to ask or anything puzzling you. I would like to thank the members of the Bideford Probus Club for their kind reception at the Royal Hotel on the 27th and many interesting questions . **Norman**

Lost Shops of Bideford (final) compiled by Mike Hudson.

What's a shop dad? (c) Michael Darling

Taylor's China Shop, High Street
Taylor (Miss) Ladies Clothing, Meddon Street
Taylor, Hairdresser, Clovelly Road*
Taylor's Boot Repairers, Old Town
Truscotts Newsagents, Quay
Truscotts Jewellers, High St
Torridge Inn, Meddon St
Trapnells, Haberdashers, High St.
Tradesmans Inn Cooper St.
Trumps, Florist, Mill St
Turner Chemist Mill St
Webbs, Furnishers, Mill St.
Woolworths. High St.
Wickhams Wine, High St.
Wynne Olleys, Hair Dresser, Quay
Wine Bar Bridgeland St – next to Lavington Church
Walters Newsagents Mill St
Warmingtons Garage, Bridgeland
Whitefield, Grocer, Grenville Street
Worlds Stores, Market Place



*Betty Evans mentions the barber's shop at the junction of Clovelly Road and Meddon Street. It was Desmond Taylor, my father, who was there for many years until his retirement.

Mrs. Cynthia Taylor. (nee Taylor)

Interesting front page of March Buzz, regarding business directory.

I was at **Garlands Stationers Allhalland Street** for 32 years, (owning it for 17) .

The name of Pearse and Son, in mosaic, is still at the entrance to the shop. Previous to Mr Arthur Garland owning the business it was **Vinces printers and stationers** (Mr Vince had shop in Ilfracombe as well).

I can always remember Mr Garland stating that the flooring on the first floor was very strong indeed to take the weight of the printing presses!!

Pam Balfour.

Meanwhile please keep these interesting stories coming in! Thank you to the many other people who have sent us their own lists and memories of the lost shops. We will be returning to the theme later in the year with a separate publication.

SAMARITANS

Do you have the skills to be a listening volunteer?

Samaritans are recruiting and urgently need people just like you for their branch in Barnstaple, North Devon

Samaritans offer a confidential emotional support service which is available 24 hours a day.

If you are interested in becoming a listening volunteer, please contact

Samaritans on: BARNSTAPLE 01271 374343 Real People – Real

Lives - Real Difference Charity No. 261807 Selection Days held regularly throughout the year

Buzz Word -

Please send us your Buzzes!! Write to editor@bidefordbuzz.org.uk or to the address on front page.

Mysteries at St Margaret's (Bideford Buzz Dec/ Jan issue)

I am currently researching my family history. ; I live in Australia and my ancestor William Henry Bligh born in Bideford Devonshire 1825-1904 sailed as a deck hand to Australia where he is buried in Warnambool Cemetary, I have a photograph of his rather impressive head stone; his father James Bligh was born in Devon in 1790 and is recorded as a Merchant. There are rumours in my family of a relationship to Captain Bligh, which is exactly what I am researching. It is difficult to do so from Australia. I am certainly interested in finding out if your discovery in the churchyard is connected to my ancestry.

Sarah Crombie

(Letter passed to Catherine Webb who wrote the article in Buzz) Do any other readers know of a Captain Bligh connection?

Centenary Celebrations

Bideford Methodist Church is celebrating 100 years and over the coming months a number of new initiatives are being planned and put into action. The first new venture has already been launched. Do you need a cup of coffee or a refreshing pot of tea? Every two weeks '**Coffee on the Hill**' will **be open from 10am till 12pm**. Come and relax awhile. There are also homemade cakes and biscuit for sale plus A Craft and Card stalls available. Next dates are April 6th and 20th. Watch this space there are more events to follow.

Rev Stephen Hill

April Diary 2013

Easter Monday

3pm Bideford AFC v Frome Town

Tuesday 2nd

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun & Fellowship' Club meets at Baptist Church Upper Hall.

7.15pm Bideford Camera Club meets Ethelwynne Brown Community Centre, East-The-Water. 423242

7.30pm Bideford Sustainability meeting at Blacksmith's Arms

7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearses at Northam Methodist Church Hall. 429080

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 3rd

2.30pm Bideford Library Readers' Group. 476075

7.30pm The Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room. 01271 860061

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris Baptist Church, Mill Street, Neil Bennion 473798

Thursday 4th

10.15am Northam Men's Forum meets Northam Methodist Church Hall. CAB – Stephen Davis. 478123

2-4pm See Hear on Wheels (SHoW)

bus at Pill Car Park. Mobile service with wide range of sensory equipment to try/borrow. 01271 373236

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship at Northam Methodist Church Hall. Social afternoon, 421956

Friday 5th

7.30pm Abbotsham WI meets at Abbotsham Village Hall. 474711

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

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632

Palladium Club - Smokestack Shakers

Saturday 6th

Torridge Ramblers Day Walk. 01598 760419

3pm Bideford AFC v Barwell
Palladium Club – DJ Wendy May £3

Sunday 7th

2.30pm 'Chasing Ice' film at Kingsley School.

8pm Devon Hall - Russell Kane

Monday 8th

7.30pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Primary School. 01769 560034

7.30pm Bideford Stamp Club, Old School Room, rear of Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! 472101

Tuesday 9th

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches.

10am Macular Society meets at Burton Art Gallery. 474128
10am-4pm Food Collection Day for Bideford Foodbank at the Co-operative Store, Mill Street, Bideford.

2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun & Fellowship' Club meets at Baptist Church Upper Hall.

2-4pm Epilepsy Action Group meets at The Corner House Café, Boutport St, Barnstaple. 07875577428

7.15pm Bideford Camera Club meets Ethelwynne Brown Community Centre, East-The-Water. 423242

7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearses at Northam Methodist Church Hall. 429080
Palladium Club *Jam Night*

April Diary 2013 *continued*

Wednesday 10th

10.15am Probus Club at Royal Hotel
473337

7.30pm The Two Rivers Wind Ensemble
Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room
01271 860061

8pm Buckland Brewer Parish Council
meeting & presentation by Bideford
Foodbank Ambassadors at Buckland
Brewer Primary School.

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris, Baptist
Church, Mill Street. 473798

Thursday 11th

10.15am Northam Men's Forum meets
Northam Methodist Church Hall. 478123

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship at
Northam Methodist Church Hall. Launa
Ward. 421956

7pm Hartland Aikido Club for over 18s
at Bucks Cross Village Hall.

Friday 12th

2pm Devonshire Assn at Burton Art
Gallery. 477701/471749

7.30pm Abbotsham WI meets at
Abbotsham Village Hall. 474711

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

8pm Barn Dance with Steamchicken &
John Blackburn at Alverdiscott Village
Hall. 476632

Palladium Club – Sons of God £3

Saturday 13th

2pm The Big Church Jumble Sale at
Instow Parish Hall.

Palladium Club – Roughnecks £3

Sunday 14th

10am-1pm Antiques & Collectors Fair
at Instow Parish Hall supporting RNIB.
Admission 20p. 01271 812711

Monday 15th

10am-1pm Parkinson's UK Awareness
morning at Bideford Library.

10am Lip-Reading classes at
Ethelwynne Brown Close.

Heather Smith 07994390807

7.30pm Appledore Singers rehearse
at Appledore Primary School.
01769 560034

7.30pm Appledore Amateur Radio Club
at Appledore Football Social Club.
473251

8.30pm North Devon Jazz Club at The
Beaver, Irsha St, Appledore. Tina May
& Craig Milverton Trio. 421065

Tuesday 16th

10am-1pm Lavington Church Coffee
and lunches

2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun &
Fellowship' Club meets at Baptist
Church Upper Hall.

7.15pm Bideford Camera Club
Ethelwynne Brown Community Centre,
East-The-Water. 423242

7.30pm Northam Choral Society
rehearses at Methodist Church Hall,
Northam. 429080

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 17th

7.30pm The Two Rivers Wind

Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band
Room.

01271 860061

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club
meets Northam Hall. 423554

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris, Baptist
Church, Mill Street. Neil Bennion
473798

Thursday 18th

10am-1pm Parkinson's UK Awareness
morning at Bideford Library.

10.15am Northam Men's Forum meets
Northam Methodist Church Hall. Morris
Dancing – John Blackburn. 478123

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship at
Northam Methodist Church Hall. Sharon
Snell – Rotary. 421956

7pm Hartland Aikido Club for over 18s
at Bucks Cross Village Hall.

8pm Bideford Folk Club at 'Next Door'
Cooper St

Friday 19th

10am-1pm Parkinson's UK Awareness
morning at Bideford Library

10am-12pm Northam Memory cafe at
Northam Hall. 459337

6.30pm Auction of Goods & Promises
at Bideford Rugby Club in aid of St
Mary's Church audio-visual system
fund. £10 inc. 2-course supper.
474078

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

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall.
476632

Palladium Club – The Verbals/Silk
Offenders £3

Saturday 20th

10am-1pm Parkinson's Torridge Branch
Spring Fayre at Weara Giffard Hall

3pm Bideford AFC v Leamington
Palladium Club – Zamba £3

Sunday 21st

Torridge Ramblers afternoon walk.
451820

Monday 22nd

10am Lip-Reading classes at
Ethelwynne Brown Close.

Heather Smith 07994390807

7.30pm Appledore Singers rehearse
at Appledore Primary School.
01769 560034

Tuesday 23rd

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee
and lunches; Macular Society at
Bideford Library.

2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun &
Fellowship' Club meets at Baptist
Church Upper Hall.

2pm Talk on Wills & Lasting Power of
Attorney by Jonathan Goodge of
Bazeleys Solicitors at Glebe Court,
Northam. Lucy 420134

7.15pm Bideford Camera Club meets
Ethelwynne Brown Community Centre,
East-The-Water. 423242

7.30pm Northam Choral Society
rehearses at Methodist Church Hall,
Northam. 429080

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 24th

10.15am Probus Club at Royal Hotel
473337

7.30pm The Two Rivers Wind
Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band
Room. 01271 860061

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club
meets Northam Hall. 423554;

Gardening club at Bideford Library

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris, Baptist
Church, Mill Street. Neil Bennion
473798

Palladium Club – Wild Willy Barretts
French connection £10

Thursday 25th

10am – 12 noon Bideford Library
Homoeopathy drop in session

10.30am Northam Men's Forum meets
Northam Methodist Church Hall. AGM.
478123

2.15pm Thursday Fellowship at
Northam Methodist Church Hall.
421956

7pm Hartland Aikido Club for over 18s
at Bucks Cross Village Hall.

7pm Lions Club Quiz Night at Merry
Harriers. Proceeds to charity. Teams of
4. To book telephone 431611

Friday 26th

7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble
Spring Concert at Lavington Church £5.
Mike 01271 860061

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

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall.
476632

Palladium Club – Dennis Bovell/Orange
Street £14

Saturday 27th

11am-4pm 'Raise a Smile' Tea Party for
Children's Hospice SW at Buckland
Brewer Village Hall. £2.50

Palladium Club – Rev Hammer £6

Sunday 28th

3pm Concert by Petrovian Orchestra at
St Margaret's Church, Northam. £6

Monday 29th

10am Lip-Reading classes at
Ethelwynne Brown Close.

Heather Smith 07994390807

7.30pm Appledore Singers rehearse at
Appledore Primary School.
01769 560034

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

Tuesday 30th

10am-1pm Lavington Church Coffee
and lunches

2-3.30pm Salvation Army 'Fun &
Fellowship' Club at Baptist Church
Upper Hall.

7.15pm Bideford Camera Club
Ethelwynne Brown Community Centre, .
423242

7.30pm Northam Choral Society
rehearses at Methodist Church Hall,
Northam. 429080

Palladium Club *Jam Night*