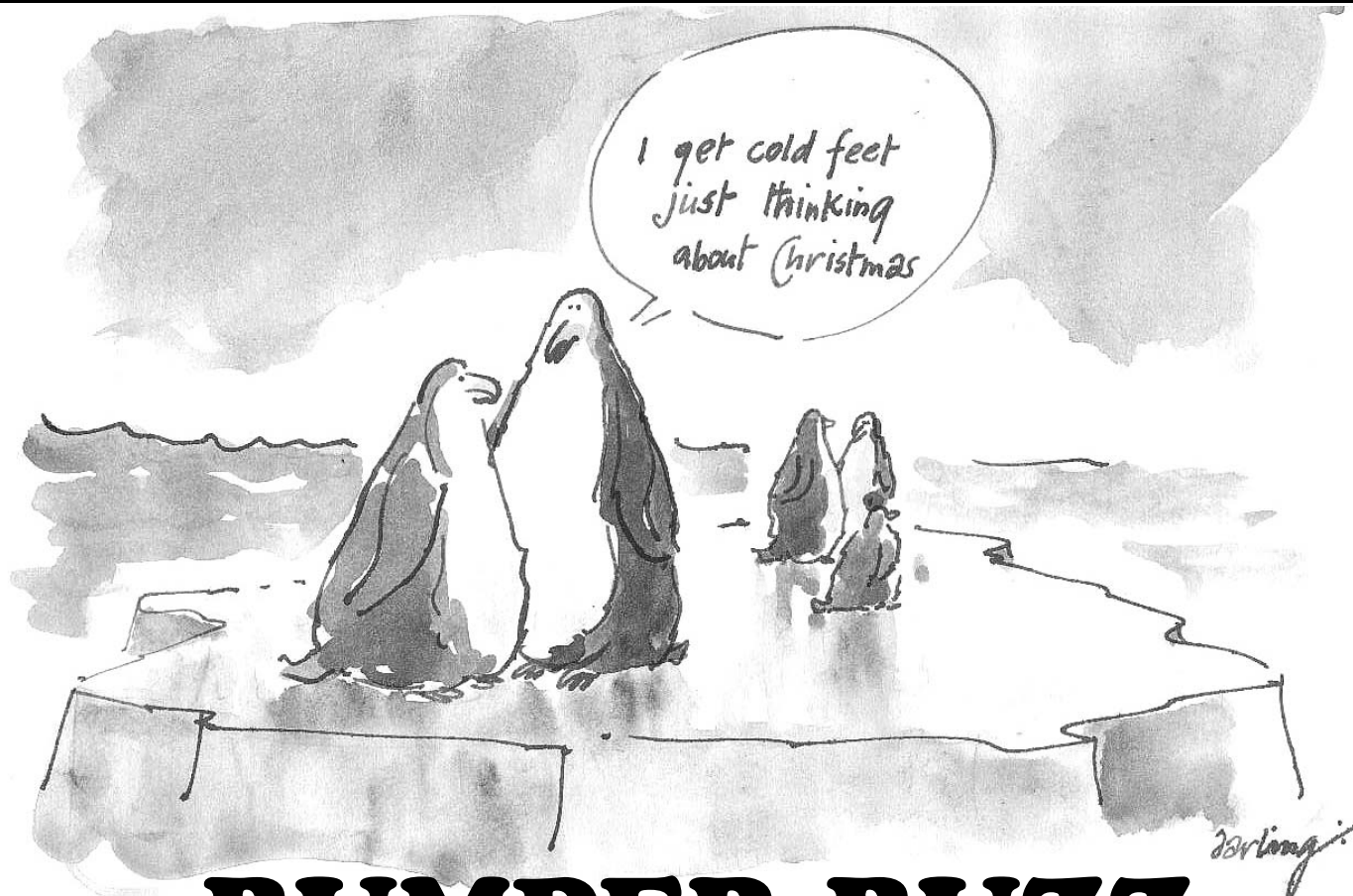




BIDEFORD BUZZ



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



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*Thank you for your continued support of Buzz, we look forward to seeing you all again in February.
Have a lovely Christmas and New Year ... from Rose and the Buzz Team.*

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Christmas is coming

Every picture tells a story.

Window shopping has never been so much fun! Bideford Businesses will be turning their premises into their favourite children's story, with many linked to their business so expect a real treat from whole scenes to storyboards across the windows.

What a magical way to celebrate Christmas in Bideford, with our favourite children's stories.



Northam Lodge Christmas Gift Fayre

Northam Lodge will be holding their annual Christmas Fayre on **Saturday December 6th 2014 from 12.00 pm - 3.30pm at Northam Hall, Fore Street Northam.**

Come along and buy your Christmas Gifts here – there will be lots to choose from. Candles and scarves, cakes, spicy nuts, planted tubs, books, jewellery and much much more. There will also be a raffle and you could win a lovely prize.

The Refreshment Stall will provide sustenance and, most important, Santa will be in his Grotto.

There is free parking in both the Northam Doctor's Surgery and the Northam Dental Centre – in easy walking distance of the Hall. Parking at the Hall is for the disabled only. There is a bus stop opposite the Hall.

Please come along and support your local charity and we look forward to seeing you on December 6th.

Big Lunch

The Big Lunch Community Christmas Coffee Morning is being held on **Friday 12th December** between 10am – 12pm at the Kingsley Memorial Hall in Westward Ho! Unlike this years' "Big in the Ho!" Big Lunch, tickets will not be required as everyone from the local community are welcome to come along to meet fellow local residents and enjoy some Christmas cake, seasonal biscuits, tea, coffee and fruit punch. This will be a free-to- all community event but, should any donations be received on the day, these would be donated to the Westward Ho! Community Association, the charity responsible for the running and upkeep of Kingsley Memorial Hall.



Cards for Good Causes

The United Kingdom's largest multi-charity Christmas card organisation, *Cards for Good Causes*, is currently at St Mary's Parish Church in Bideford, as well as at outlets throughout the United Kingdom.

The cards of over two dozen national and local charities will be represented.

As one of the organisers put it: 'Not only are the cards an important source of funding for charities, they also help to raise awareness of the work those charities do.'

In the past five years charities have received more than twenty million pounds from Cards for Good Causes.

The Cards for Good Causes 'shop' at St Mary's will be open from **10.00am until 4.00pm, Monday to Friday and from 10.00am until 1.00pm on Saturday until 10th December.**

Buckland Brewer Traditional Christmas Market New Food Mall

Always looking to improve, this year we are introducing a Food and Drink Mall which will include butcher Steve Gladwin from Torrington, who will be taking Christmas Turkey orders, Holsworthy Beekeepers selling honey for Christmas, North Tawton Cheeses, Bray Wines and Winkleigh Cider. Established favourites such as Brilliant Fish, the village confectioner Fancy Something Sweet, cakes, preserves and pickles will also be found in the market, as well as numerous Christmas themed stalls. Add to this homemade mulled wine, and you have a delicious recipe for Christmas. The Market will run from **11a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday 6th December.**

Music will be provided by Torrington Silver Band and the village choirs. There will be thirty five stalls both inside and out.

It has become one of Devon's Biggest Traditional Village Christmas Markets

Contact Jim Lowe 01237 451193

The Appledore Singers Charity Christmas Concert

The Appledore Singers' Charity Christmas Concert will take place on **Sunday December 14th, 2.30pm at Northam Hall** (top of Fore Street) and we are delighted to announce that the concert will be in aid of Northam Lodge – a very worthwhile local charity.

The Choir will delight the audience with arrangements of festive music – both traditional and modern - and, as always, there will be the opportunity for participation in singing favourite carols! The afternoon's entertainment will also include amusing poems, piano duets and a grand raffle! All proceedings will be ably, and wittily, coordinated by Anthony Chambers our compere and the choir, accompanied by Chris Beechey, will be conducted by our Musical Director, Pam Beechey.

Admission is £6 at the door (under 16s free), to include light refreshments.
For further information contact Pam Beechey 01237 420652



The Northam Choral Society

Our local four-part choir brings live classical choral music to our area, and was founded over 150 years ago. Our next concert is on **Saturday December 6th in St Mary's Church Bideford at 7.30pm.**

We shall sing the choruses from Handel's Messiah which relate to Christmas, plus a selection of carols old and new. In the interval there will be mulled wine and mince pies.

(Tickets £6 on the door.) We are about 40 strong and all live in the local area. Our conductor is Michael James and we rehearse in the Methodist Hall, Cross Street Northam every Tuesday at 7.30pm and we have a lot of fun as well as applying ourselves to the music!

Paul Smith (Chairman)

Schools' Carol Concert

Come and join us for an hour of traditional Christmas carols at the annual Schools' Carol Concert on **Tuesday, 2nd December, 7pm at High Street Methodist Church**, Bideford. Four local schools will be taking part together with the Appledore Junior Band. Our soloist will be the local talented singer, Yazzi Chamberlain

Admission is free – a collection will be taken for Christian Aid. Further details from Carol North (425311).

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6th December 10 am to 2 pm St. Margaret's Church, Northam Christmas Fayre. Various stalls including craft, cakes, jewellery, toiletries and plants. Many children's activities.

Demonstration of Christmas table decoration at 11 am. Grand Christmas Draw at 12.30.



Friday 5 and Saturday 6 December at 7.30pm at Bideford College: **Gone Girl** (18)

Friday 12 and Saturday 13 December at 7.30pm at Kingsley School: **Interstellar** (12A)

Saturday 13 at 5.00pm and Sunday 14 December at 6.00pm at Kingsley School: **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day** (PG)

Friday 19 and Saturday 20 December at 7.30pm at Kingsley School: **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1** (12A)

Friday 26 and Saturday 27 December at 7.30pm at Kingsley School: **The Imitation Game** (12A)

Friday 2 at 7.30pm and Saturday 3 January at 4.00pm at Kingsley School: **The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies** (12A)

Saturday 3 January at 7.30pm and Sunday 4 January at 6.00pm at Kingsley School: **Mr. Turner** (12A)

Friday 9 and Saturday 10 January at 7.30pm at Kingsley School: **The Pyramid** (15)

The Best Christmas Present - A short story.



Dennis was hoping to find a special present for his great-nephew; Christmas was for children really and Adam was the only child in his family. He reversed into a space in the Bridge Street car park and checked that each door of his old but cherished Ford Anglia was locked. He adjusted his scarf and fastened the top button of his overcoat because it had got a lot colder since the rain had cleared away. He glanced down the hill towards the river; although it was partially obscured by the Victorian stone-built town hall, it was still possible to see the long bridge and a narrow stretch of silvery water.

He didn't often come into the centre of Bideford these days. When his mother died and he no longer had to buy the meat and bread and vegetables from certain people, he started to shop at the supermarket once a week and continued even when he retired. But it pleased him to be in the town today because every street held memories for him, unlike the aisles of the supermarket. He didn't have many presents to buy. He always bought his sister Nancy a box of chocolates and she had suggested a new torch for her husband Bill to light his way to bell-ringing practice. Their daughter Michelle could have chocolates too and there was no need to buy anything for her husband because he had skedaddled and had been seen around town with a girl barely out of her teens. That just left Adam. He wanted to get something really special for Adam. It was only after lunch that he had decided to go out. Staying indoors all the time, watching the news and thinking about all the changes in the world could play on your mind especially when you lived alone, so Dennis tried to go out for a walk every day whatever the weather, and he had the Classic Car Club meetings and the Model Railway Club to go to. You had to keep busy.

On Sundays there was lunch with Nancy and Bill; Michelle and Adam usually came too. He was a lovely lad, Adam. He would come running in, shouting, 'Uncle Dennis, Uncle Dennis!' his freckled face animated by a broad smile and his brown eyes alive with possibilities, and he would bounce all around Dennis with excitement at the game or trick or joke he had to tell.

'Slow down, boy, slow down, there's no need to make a song and dance of it', Dennis would say. Dennis reached the High Street and looked up at the decorations strung across the street and the glittering trees erected over doorways, the illuminations drawing his gaze away from the gloomy sky beyond. The town was busier than he'd seen it for a while, and the bustle, the cold and the sparkling lights reignited a little of the seasonal excitement he used to feel when he was young. The shops in Mill Street had their doors closed against the cold, but little bursts of warm air and Christmas music wafted out as customers entered. He looked shyly away from the Big Issue seller smiling at him from outside the Co-op and dived into the sweet shop that had been there for as long as he could remember. He chose two boxes of chocolates and was secretly pleased when the assistant remembered him from previous visits and wished him a Merry Christmas. As he walked along the old, narrow street to the hardware shop to buy the torch, he looked in the windows, hoping to see something that would suit Adam. The old toy shop had long since gone and in any case he didn't seem to be much of a boy for toys, although he was still only eight; he liked fast, bewildering computer games and he liked to be out and about, exploring new places and finding out about things, riding his bike. It was years since Dennis had been on a bike but he had wondered whether he should get one, especially now that Adam's dad wasn't around to take him out. Adam was considered old enough to go out for the day with his uncle now, so in September they had gone to a steam rally together. The exhibits were wondrous when seen through a young boy's eyes, and even eating fish and chips in the car while they sheltered from the rain had been fun, but there wasn't always something special like that to go to.

Mill Street was bustling with cheerful people carrying long rolls of wrapping paper under their arms and calling out greetings to each other, and Dennis saw several people to whom he could wish a Happy Christmas. Since he was last here, several of the old properties had been taken over by new businesses. It used to be all butchers, greengrocers and bakers when he was young, but now it was mostly cafes and places selling candles and ornaments for the home. It was a wonder how the owners were able to make a living because none of it seemed to be things that people needed. And there was nothing to suit Adam.

Michelle worried about the boy, especially since his dad had left. She had to increase her hours to make ends meet and Adam had to go home from school on his own. He wasn't doing too well at school, she said, which Dennis found extraordinary because he seemed as bright as a button and clever at so many things, but there was talk of him being rough and hurting children in his class and Michelle having to see the head teacher. *Continued on Page 5*

The best Christmas present (continued from page 4)

One recent Sunday, Dennis offered to take Adam out for a walk. They walked out along the Tarka Trail together and leaned on the parapet of the Iron Bridge watching the river flowing out towards the sea, carrying with it branches and leaves thrown down by the latest storm.

Dennis asked him about school and Adam looked down and kicked the base of the wall. School was stupid, he said, and he named some boys he said he hated.

'I'm going to beat them up on Monday.'

Dennis wasn't sure what to say.

'You'll worry your mum if you don't behave yourself. You must look after her now that she's on her own.'

It didn't seem enough to say but not having had children himself he couldn't be sure what was right, so he changed the subject and instead pointed out a pure white egret flying upstream and circling slowly down to land with its wings raised like an angel. Adam stood still in wonder and the difficulty passed; he seemed happy again, holding Dennis's hand and skipping along in time to Dennis's steady walk and asking him, what does the egret eat? How does it catch the fish and does it eat other birds? Why not? Where does it go when the weather is cold and why does the tide come in and out?

'You'll wear me out, you will', Dennis said.

Dennis bought the torch and looked around at the displays. There were tool kits that might be suitable for a boy but he wasn't sure that Adam would be interested. He liked playing with Dennis's model railway but he wasn't mechanically minded. He wished he had asked Michelle if she had any ideas.

He decided to take a walk down to the Quay. He wasn't used to shopping and it would be a relief to see open skies and the wide view over the river.

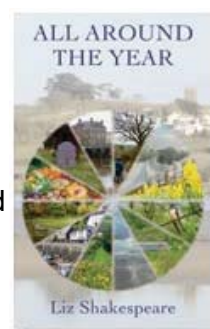
Along the Quay, sparkling trees and white Christmas lights were beginning to glow as the afternoon grew dim; a fine mist drifted low over the Torridge and feathery clouds were tinged with pink from the setting sun. As a lad he used to go crabbing here. He used to ask the fishmonger in Mill Street for pieces of rotten fish and attach them to his line and lower them carefully into the water. After a few minutes there would be several crabs attacking the fish with their giant pincers and he would haul them out and imprison them, sidling and scratching, in a bucket but he always threw them back in the end.

A flock of silent starlings preparing to roost under the arches of the old bridge wheeled and turned above the river in the pale winter light, looking as small as insects as they rose and fell in perfect harmony against the fading sky, and his spirit soared with them. He was so lucky to have a family to share the festivities with! He remembered the first Christmas after Michelle was born, all those years ago. At the time he still hoped that he might one day meet someone and marry and have a family of his own, although even then he couldn't imagine how this could be accomplished. He had always been shy around women, and he didn't tend to meet many at the Model Railway Club.

He wandered up the High Street and stopped outside a shop selling mobile phones. The dazzlingly bright window held tiny phones suspended like jewels and next to each was a small card bearing incomprehensible numbers and letters. Adam said that he wanted a mobile phone but probably Michelle would buy him one. He had told Dennis that he too should have one so that they could send each other messages, which sounded intriguing but he would not know where to start. Perhaps one day he would go into the shop and ask. He turned up the hill towards the market. The arcade in Butcher's Row was open so he walked through, looking at the window displays of paintings, pottery and amusing wood carvings. There was nothing for Adam. He was beginning to despair of finding the right present and seeing his nephew's face light up with pleasure on Christmas morninHe strolled along the pavement below the market, reluctant to return to his car. He would have to ask Michelle for ideas. He hoped she wouldn't suggest a computer game. He wanted to get something exceptional, something that had a purpose. He came to the end of the pavement and glanced idly at a tiny shop which formed the corner of the huge Victorian building. It had escaped his notice when he passed it the first time because there was no garish sign board to declare its purpose, no gaudy lights to attract attention; the small windows were barred for security.

He stepped closer and peered in.

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The complete story is included in **All Around The Year** by Liz Shakespeare, a collection of twelve stories set in Devon. Available from Walter Henry's Bookshop, £8.99.



THE SHIPPING NEWS



Ship	Registered flag owners	From	To	Arrived	Sailed	Crew	Cargo loaded
Fehn Courage (at Bideford) Built 2009	Madiera Portugal German	Avonmouth	Castellon	06/11/14	07/11/14	Russian Ukranian	2375 tons ball clay.
Welsh Piper * (at Yelland)				04/11/14	05/11/14		

* Vessel arrived 15.10 ; however could not discharge due to cargo being very wet from sea conditions on passage ; she sailed from Yelland, having only discharged approx. one third of her cargo due to problems with the discharge conveyor. She sailed for Avonmouth for repairs.

Arco Dart 24.10.14 27.10.14 5.11.14

On Saturday **31.10.14** the Jersey Coast Guard Tug **Duke of Normandy**, 200 tons d.w, was at the RNLI Buoy Appledore to undertake welding work; she sailed on Sunday **2.11.14** for her home port of St Helier. By the time of publication the second Irish patrol vessel **LE James Joyce** should have been launched from the shipyard at Appledore with delivery to the Irish Navy March/April 2015; further details in next issue.

Bristol Channel Observations

17.10.14 at 13.00 vehicle carrier **Emerald Leader** 10819 d.w. owners in the colours of Nippon Yusen Kaisha Japan, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed 00.56, **16th**.

20.10.14 at 09.08 cargo vessel **Vectis Progress** 10260 tons d.w, owners Carisbrooke Shipping Cowes IOW, outward bound from Newport having sailed at 03.26.

22.10.14 at 07.27 cargo vessel **Fluvius Taw** 5050 tons d.w, owners Quay Marine Services BV Netherlands, outward bound from Swansea, having sailed at 02.24. At 09.27 cargo vessel **Fri Wave** 3280 tons d.w. owners Fri Wave Shipping Co Norway, inward bound for Avonmouth. At 09.31 chemical tanker **Stolt Sanderling** 4453 tons d.w, owners Outward Bound Brovig Stainless AS Netherlands departed from Barry, having sailed at 03.19.

25.10.14 at 13.09 container ship **Endeavour** 9167 tons owner J.R Shipping Netherlands, inward bound for Avonmouth. At same time cargo vessel **Hathor** 3850 tons d.w owners Hathor Beheer BV Netherlands, outward bound from Newport, having sailed at 07.22.

27.10.14 at 15.55 vehicle carrier **Grande Europe** 18461 tons d.w, owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury.

1.11.14 at 08.02 cargo vessel **Aquarius** 1500 tons d.w owners Baltnautic Shipping Ltd Lithuania outward bound from Avonmouth, having sailed at 22.47 **31.10.14**.

3.11.14 at 11.16 cargo vessel **Eems Dollard** 3850 tons d.w, owners Amasus Shipping BV Netherlands outward bound from Newport having sailed at 03.12.

4.11.14 at 10.50 container vessel **Endeavour** 9167 tons d.w, owners J.R. Shipping Netherlands, outward bound from Avonmouth having sailed at 05.50. It is unusual to see this vessel outward bound for Spain; it appears the owners have changed her rotation. She went to Liverpool first, then to Avonmouth. The following week she maintained the new rotation .

6.11.14 at 09.45 cargo vessel **Ingunn** 5004 tons d.w, owners Vaagebulk 111 KS Norway, outward bound from Avonmouth, having sailed at 03.20.

9.11.14 at 08.23 vehicle carrier **Grande Ellade** 18440 n tons d.w owners Grimaldi Line of Italy, inward bound for Portbury. At 15.25 **Grande Detroit** 12353 tons d.w, owners ACL Shipmanagement AB Sweden, which is part of the Grimaldi Line of Italy, outward bound from Portbury, having sailed at 10.59.

11.11.14 at 10.07 cargo vessel **Pernille** 3450 tons d.w owners Pernille Interscan GMBH Germany, inward bound for Newport.

14.11.14 at 13.34 cargo vessel **Bekau** 3701 tons d.w, owners Roland Ship Administration Germany, outward bound from Newport (sailing unknown.) At 15.30 cargo vessel **Antwerp** 3600 tons d.w owners Sibet Attena Germany, outward bound from Briton Ferry, having sailed at 10.59.

As this is the last edition of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the readers of the *Shipping News* a Happy Christmas and Great New Year and many thanks for all the wonderful comments.

Regards *Norman*



Northern Devon Sustainable Energy C.I.C. For up to date information see our Facebook page or call 01237 477 852.

Cosy Devon scheme to help reduce fuel bills.

Winter is coming and we all know that with high energy prices just heating our homes will be tough. Despite this, the North Devon uptake of a scheme aimed at helping homeowners, social housing tenants and landlords to reduce their energy consumption and bills has been disappointing.

Out of just over 1,000 enquiries to the Devon-wide ECO scheme run by Cosy Devon on behalf of the county's local authorities, only 10% are from North Devon and Torridge.

The Cosy Devon scheme is open to homeowners, social housing tenants and landlords and can offer a number of energy saving products that could save around £600 a year. To find out if you're eligible and to discuss how the scheme can help you get a warmer and more comfortable home visit <http://www.cosydevon.com/> or contact them on 0800 0511 548

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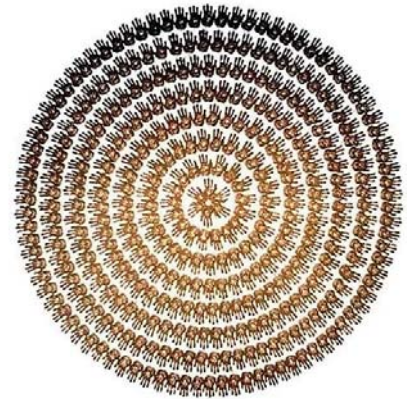
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State of the art.

As well as their futuristic pot-assembly emulator, tucked away behind antique spoons and pieces of local history salvaged from the jaws of time, The Burton Art Gallery and Museum has an amazing amount of well known artists' work streaming through their doors on a regular basis. Last year's selection of Andy Warhol, Dali and Picasso prints set a pretty high precedent, and this year it's the turn of Turner prize winning installation and land artist, Richard Long, to take the baton.

Running until 10th January (2015) there's still time to witness his vistas drawn from soil and pebble, and vast orbs of rock arranged on the floor- which on closer inspection aren't what they seem at all (the doughnut arrangement in room 2 also responds eerily to photography- like a spectre suddenly appearing in the window of a Premier Inn, it's lemon tart centre only reveals itself on film. How? Nobody's quite sure, but it's well worth a look all the same.) As part of the Artist Rooms tour, these same images have been on show throughout the UK, but dismantled and re-arranged from location to location, it's more than likely no one gallery has exactly the same view.



A site of pilgrimage for art students, the display is greatly influenced by Long's surroundings in the South West, drawing inspiration from the moors and the sea and, in many cases, incorporating materials from this into his work. A-level pupils from Bideford College visited earlier this month as part of an ongoing project into sense/perception, and managed to spend two hours sitting on the floor sketching the little vistas. (The gallery was very nice, they didn't chuck us out, even if we were little Bohemian gnomes..)

It's long been a mystery how the Burton manages to entice such high profile road shows down to Bideford, but it always seem to pull it off, so if you fancy seeing some unusual pieces of landscape made from that same landscape for free it comes highly recommended!

Are we there yet?

In times past people knew that Christmas was nearly upon them when the decorations and festive fare arrived for sale in shops. Now that the major retailers begin to deck their halls with a great deal more than holly as early as August it's quite difficult to tell when the season really is approaching.

In our technological age the tried and tested method is to spot Christmas adverts on T.V. We enjoy looking for the new delights; Ant and Dec about to devour a terpsichorean gingerbread man or a snowman's trek to buy a scarf set for his snowwoman, but those are just teasers.

No, it is the first sighting of THAT train- with its red livery and twinkling lights against a snowy night sky which tells us that the holidays are- really- coming!

Merry Christmas and a peaceful new year everyone-
see you in February.

Bideford Bay Creatives Christmas e-card 2015

Bideford Bay Creatives are a not for profit organisation who make projects and events happen using creative people within the local community. This year we would like to send a festive Christmassy picture to all our contacts and supporters and are looking for a lovely unique design to send as our Christmas e-card. The winning image will also feature on our website and Facebook banner. If you have an image you can send us that conveys Christmas and the festive season, we would love to receive it by email at info@bbcdevon.org. There are no restrictions on the subject or medium of the image (jpeg) as long as it's appropriate for Christmas and looks good on a computer screen. Please include your full name so we can credit you.

Deadline for sending your image is December 5th. The winner will have their image used as the e card, and will win a prize of £50 cash. All submissions will be featured on our website at

www.bbcdevon.org For any other information contact Chair of BBC Sadie Green at

info@bbcdevon.org

We look forward to hearing from you.

Bideford Town Council's Tourism Committee Present Bideford Winter Fair

Bideford Town Council's "Winter Fair at the Pannier" will be on the Saturdays leading up to Christmas. Once again it is going to be a fun packed experience for all the family. The entertainment will start at about 10am and run through until around 1.30pm. These are also the free parking Saturdays from 10am in designated car parks.



Saturday 06 December

Town Mayor and Council – Signing of the Pannier Lease
Bideford Town Band will start the day with a lively selection from their outstanding repertoire
Entertainingly Different –courtesy of Bideford 500 with the Bideford premier of *Pantomonium*, four interactive mini pantomimes; Pynes School Choir – with a charming and delightful selection of their favourite songs.



Saturday 13 December

Westward Ho Youth Theatre present extracts from their sensational new show "Showcase of Stars."
Entertainingly Different – with their very own singing, clapping, slapstick shows.

Treepanning Through History – four different FREE craft sessions

Devon Face Painting – FREE face painting

Saturday 20th December.

Westward Ho Youth Theatre ;Treepanning Through History – four different FREE craft sessions - Devon Face Painting – FREE face painting



The 1950 coach is back running a free shuttle between the Quay and the Pannier!!

For more information contact Councillor David Howell 01237 421 347 davidhowell@bideford-tc.gov.uk

New Year's Eve extravaganza.

This year looks set to be one of the best yet, with a series of free events running throughout the day, hosted by organisers, The Bideford Festivals Committee.

Events get underway in Bideford with a large Open Air Market on the Quay from 10.00am. There will be a selection of craft stalls, charitable and trade stands on the the Quayside, with a number of attractions available throughout the day, including a traditional Ferris Wheel, Roller Skate Rink, Fun Fair rides located in the Riverbank Car Park, side shows and a wealth of local caterers who will be creating a real taste for Bideford throughout the day.

Throughout the day, shoppers coming into the town will be treated to all kinds of entertainment with a few surprises along the way too including not one but two appearances from Titan the Robot who makes a welcome return to Bideford this year...

From 2.00pm, Bideford's historic Pannier Market plays host to a traditional, fun-filled fancy party for the children in the community, as 'Magical Moments' makes a welcome return to the town. The team from the Voice will be back on stage just before midnight for the big build up and countdown to the chimes of St Mary's at midnight, when members of The Bideford Youth Pipe Band will pipe Auld Lange Syne, just ahead of the now legendary display of Fireworks which this year will have one or two additions that looks set to really wow the audience and see 2015 in true style! Don't forget, this year's theme for the fancy dress is 'Storybook', so plenty of scope for some really creative costumes ; let's make some history, together.

More information on all the events and highlights that have been mentioned can be found by searching online for 'The Bideford Festivals Committee',

**CHRISTMAS AT
ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH BIDEFORD**

- **CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE**, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. **Sunday 21 December at 7 pm.**
- **NATIVITY SERVICE**, Christmas Eve at 4 pm.
Especially for families with young children. Children can come dressed up and join in with the Christmas story.
- **MIDNIGHT MASS**, Christmas Eve, at 11.30 pm.
Traditional Eucharist, candlelight, carols and incense.
- **CHRISTMAS MORNING FAMILY COMMUNION WITH CAROLS** at 10 am Christmas Day.

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BIDEFORD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

100 Years ago - December 1914 & January 1915

In early December the well-known local song "The Lads that are away" is published by Vernon Boyle and Keal Parkhouse as a tribute to all who have volunteered for the war effort and are now spread as far as India and around the world. Copies were available at 7d from Mr Parkhouse at his home in Lime Grove and the newspaper suggests that it will make a "timely and seasonal gift".

We had been warned last month to expect shortages of goods that have to be imported and the traditional plum puddings and Christmas cakes might have been in jeopardy. However, Farleighs Stores in Old Town are now advertising fresh stocks of: Stoneless Raisins 6½d per pound; Currants from 3½ to 5d per pound; Sultanas from 6d to 7d depending on quality; Candied Peel, orange, lemon and citron from 3d per pound; Barbados sugar at 3d per pound. If you are unable to make your own cake Mr J Madge of 40 High Street Bideford (29 years in business) will make and decorate it for you at his new Hygienic Machine Bakery.

The latest Bideford recruits to have taken the Queen's shilling and volunteered for the New Army are Frederick George Colwill, John Baker, Alfred Lewis, Ernest Violet and John Harris. In addition, volunteering for the 6th Devon Territorials are Herbert F Fulford, Hedley James, Howard Cameron Hart and Jason Giddy.

Messrs Toller, Oerton & Balsdon have written to the newspaper to refute the rumour circulating that a nursing sister, Miss Constance M Schmidt, is a German. Miss Schmidt's father was a naturalised Englishman for 30 years before his death. Her mother is Scottish and she herself was born here in Bideford and her brothers are now serving in His Majesty's Navy.

The first edition in January 1915 has a banner advert on the front page for Bideford Motor Works. The all-British Swift 10 motor car has all modern accessories and a spare wheel and costs £200 on the road.

Heywood & Heywood, 1-2 Grenville Street will be closed on Friday 8th January to prepare for their Sale the next day prompt at 9.00 am. They promise that no article will be taken from the window display until 9.30am on Saturday.

A H Butler Esq will be giving a lecture entitled "The Great War to Date" with lantern slides, including the latest photographs from the seat of war, in the Church Institute. It will be chaired by the Mayor, S R Chope. No start time is advertised but tickets for the front row will be 2/-, the 2nd row 1/- and a limited number of 6d tickets will be available on the door. Profits will go to the War Fund.

Several inches of snow fell overnight on Bideford on the 22nd January but, as usual, it had melted quickly during the following morning.

Dairymen and milk sellers in Bideford give notice that on the 1st February the price of milk will increase to 4d per quart.

Please come and visit the Bideford & District Community Archive between 11-12:30 on its Open Day, Wednesday 3 December, and view our materials, facilities and meet our volunteers. It is based in the Council Offices, Windmill Lane Northam. Ginette Berry (Hon. Secretary Bideford & District Community Archive)

Herbert John Harding

My great grandfather was born in Bideford in East the Water and was brought up in the Swan Inn. He was persuaded to sign the pledge by John Cock, a strict Chapel man who also belonged to the Ancient Order of Rechabites. John Cock offered him an apprenticeship and he worked on many of the large buildings including the Wesleyan Church in Bridge St. Among his many enterprises was the building of the houses in Northdown Rd and Northview Avenue.

He also built Kenvale (1926) in Northview Avenue where he lived until his death in 1937.

At the time of his death he owned Kenvale, 2 Hillside Terrace, Pitt lane, 12 Northview Avenue, 64 Lime Grove plus his businesses. He also owned the Eagle Restaurant, 27 Mill St, and was described in Wilson's commercial almanack as a builder and contractor, Mason, Chimney sweep; also carpet and window cleaning and hoopla and swingboat hire!

His son, Sergeant W Harding, was awarded the military medal in World War 1 for bravery and received a special presentation by the Mayor (Mr.R.Chope.)

Helen Brown *Helen wrote to us as a result of reading a mention of her great grandfather in Buzz.*

Book News

Ideas for Christmas presents

There is a very good selection of books to choose from for Christmas this year. Hardback fiction comes into its own at this time - and what a treat it is to be given a special novel in hardback. For those who like thrillers there is a new Lee Child featuring Jack Reacher, *Personal* (£16.99) and Anthony Horowitz has written another well-crafted, exciting Sherlock Holmes adventure, *Moriarty* (£18.99). For the followers of C.J. Sansom's hunch-backed lawyer-cum-detective, Shardlake, *Lamentation* (£20.00) is the 6th in the series, set in 1546 with Henry VIII dying and possible treachery involving Queen Catherine. Another historical novel, this time set in 14th century Devon at the time of the Black Death, is *Vixen* (£16.99). And Robert Edric's latest book, *Sanctuary* (£17.99), is about the troubled, self-destructive brother of the Bronte sisters, Branwell. Rachel Joyce has written a kind of parallel book to *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* which is the story of the woman Harold walks all those miles to see, *The Love song of Miss Queenie Hennessy* (£14.99).



Cookery books are popular presents at Christmas and the much-loved Mary Berry has a recently published book *Cook Now, Eat Later* (£20.00) with lots of recipes for preparing dishes ahead and making life easier. How about the impressive starter Twice Baked Tomato & Feta Souffles followed by a main dish of Chicken Olives Provencal and for dessert Toffee Apple Pudding? For more exotic cooking there's *Persiana* by Sabrina Ghayour (£25.00), delicious looking recipes from the Middle East and beyond.

The centenary of the start of World War 1 has spawned a sea of books on the subject. A particularly good paperback is *The War that Ended Peace* by Margaret MacMillan (£9.99) and if you want a hardback there is *A Broken World*, Letters, Diaries and Memories of the Great War, edited by Sebastian Faulks. For something more local, *The First World War Memorial Book of Bideford* by Ian Arnold and Richard Morris might fit the bill, or *A Devonshire Lad in the Great War, the autobiography of Frank Ellis* (8.99). There's a little book from the Running Press, *Poems of the Great War* (£3.99). Another small hardback on the war is Michael Morpurgo's *The Best Christmas Present in the World* (£5.99) about the Christmas truce.

Staying with **small books**, *The Christmas Wren* by Gillian Clarke (£4.99) is a delightful paperback which comes with its own envelope to send instead of a card. She was commissioned by the Dylan Thomas Centre to write a response to *A Child's Christmas in Wales*. (There is still an attractive little hardback of this at only £4.99).

There are so many wonderful books for **children**, but to mention a few:- among the new picture books, *Dragon Loves Penguin* by Debbi Gliori, *Peck, Peck, Peck* by Lucy Cousin and *Abigail* by Catherine Rayner, all at £6.99. David Walliams has brought out his first picture book, *The First Hippo on the Moon* (£12.99). His book for older children, *Awful Auntie* (£12.99), is very funny and will be appreciated both by the children who read it themselves and by the adults who read it to them. A new Jacqueline Wilson is always welcome and the latest is called *Opal Plumstead* (£12.99). The wonderful 40-year old classic, *Cars & Trucks & Things That Go* by Richard Scarry, has been given a facelift by the British designer, Paul Smith. It comes with an interactive slipcase and although it costs £25 is well worth the money for a very special present.

These are just a very small sample from the myriads of books which would make wonderful presents. Call in at your local bookshop - Walter Henry's, 12 High Street - to see a full range. HAPPY GIVING! HAPPY READING!

Hilary Aikman

Cavaliers and Corruption are two novels by local author Barbara Hilton; they provide good fire-side reading with seasonal elements including modern mystery, traditional atmosphere and even the sighting of a ghost! Set in local North Devon countryside, throughout each book historical and present-day stories are interwoven. They can be obtained from Walter Henry's in Bideford.

Events in Bideford Library

Christmas Opening Hours

The library will close at 6pm on Tuesday 23rd
December Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th
December: Closed

Saturday 27th December: Open.

Sunday 28th December – Thursday 1st January:
Closed Friday 2nd January, Library reopens at
9:30 am.

For Kids:

Story time for under-fives

Every Thursday. 9:30-10:00 am (except school
holidays)

With stories, musical instruments and songs.

Christmas Crafts

Saturdays 6th, 13th and 20th December. 10Am -
12 noon

Drop-in craft session for children with a
Christmas theme. Free.

Sleepyheads Christmas Storytime

Thursday 18th December 6-7 pm

Get ready for Christmas with festive stories and
hot chocolate. Wear your pyjamas or come in
fancy dress. Bring your favourite teddy.

Free of charge but booking in advance essential.
Tickets available from the library.

For Adults:

Nifty Needles

Every Thursday. 2 – 4pm

For anyone who enjoys embroidery, quilting,
knitting, crochet and other handcrafts.

Board Games Afternoon

Every Friday 2 – 5pm

If you enjoy games like chess, scrabble,
backgammon or dominoes come and join other
enthusiasts for a game.

Feel Better with a Book (please check with
library to confirm the group is running each week)
Every Wednesday 10:30-12:00 am

Come and lift your mood through the joy of
reading! The aim of the groups is to enable you
to enjoy the pleasure and relaxation of listening
to great stories and poems - classical and new -
and sharing responses with others. No pressure
and no reading required. The group is led by an
experienced facilitator.

Bideford Reading Group.

Wednesday December 3rd 2.00 pm.

Discussing *A Short History of Tractors in
Ukrainian* by Marina Lewycka

Reminiscence Session – Take a trip down
memory lane Wednesday December 10th 2:00-
3:30 pm 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

Meditation and Relaxation Group

Wednesday December 17th 2:15- 3:00 pm

Guided meditation and relaxation group for adults
with Nicola MacDonald

Bideford Pannier Market & Butchers' Row

We are now looking forward to Christmas – all the shops and stalls have put up
their decorations and the traders are donning their fancy dress costumes .

In the Pannier market stalls come and go which is the norm for most pannier
markets and last Saturday we had 29 stalls with the addition of a pet food stall
and a bric-a-brac stall, but there is always a steady core of around 24 stalls for
you to peruse. Come and support these hardy traders ; you will be amazed at
the variety of goods on offer and think of the money you could save

There is room for additional traders so if you want to explore the opportunities
then call in for a chat or contact Richard Coombes at the Bideford Town
Council on 01237 428817. Stalls available from £3.00 per day if you pay
monthly or £5.00 per day if you just want to do the odd day

The shops in Butchers' Row, Market Place and Grenville Street are open for business six days a
week with a wide range of shops and services all ready for you to explore and enjoy. **Be different
buy the unusual.** Explore these shops and studios - you are sure to find that perfect present even
if it's just for yourself (you are allowed to treat yourself at anytime not just Christmas! well I think
so!)

Trev Hill - Minxy's Sweets

Breaking News! *This unusual character has been spotted in the area, no-one knows his name or
what his story is :- keep watching*

More Pannier Market News on Page 9.



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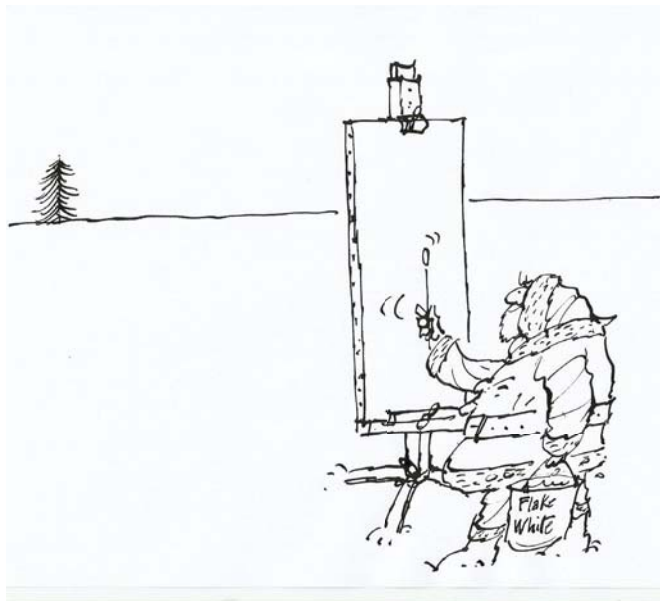


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News from the Burton Museum and Art Gallery

Richard Long's Slate constructions continue to enthral visitors to the Gallery, as well as his 'natural' works of art around the walls. This touring exhibition is part of Artist Rooms, which is supported by the National Lottery through the Arts Council England and the Art Fund. International modern and contemporary artists' work is being shown throughout the U.K. and Artist Rooms is jointly owned by Tate and the National Galleries of Scotland. Richard Long won the Turner Prize in 1989, and is fascinated by landscape, often making his own marks to enhance or change it. His relationship with Cornwall, its slate and its moorland, is apparent in this exhibition, which continues until 10th January, 2015.



Cartoon by Michael Darling.

The Friends hold their Annual Christmas Quiz on **Wednesday, 10th December**, with a One-Course supper in the Cafe du Parc. Start time is 6.30pm and the cost is £12. Booking is essential as numbers are limited to 50. Phone: 01237 471455 to book. Teams of 6 maximum, please. .

Please note that the Gallery will close on Christmas Eve at 1.00 p.m. but will re-open on Saturday, 27th December for four days, closing again on New Year's Eve, 31st and New Year's Day, 1st January, 2015. The Cafe du Parc will be open for refreshments, but not hot meals.

Please also note that, in order to carry out maintenance, stock-taking, etc., the Gallery will be closed from Saturday, 17th January, until 2nd February, 2015.

As soon as the Gallery re-opens on **2nd February**, you will be able to view part of the Permanent Collection in the form of a good selection of paintings from the Ackland-Edwards Collection. Judith Ackland and Mary-Stella Edwards lived in the Cabin at Bucks Mills for many years, painting their surroundings in watercolour. The Burton is privileged to have a stunning variety of their work, and you can also discover the actual tools of their trade in the Museum, - paint-boxes, brushes, even the clip used by Judith, who used a walking-stick as a support for her portable easel! Judith's 'Dioramas' are also in the Museum, - figures she made from cotton wool, and dressed to form characters from famous paintings; there is also one of Mary-Stella, seated, in a landscape.

The Friends of the Burton Art Gallery wish all Buzz Readers a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, 2015.

Diana Warmington,

Friends of the Burton Art Gallery & Museum.

Other Burton News

We are creating our very own 'Countdown to Christmas' this year with an exciting Burton Advent Calendar in The Craft Gallery. Each festive numbered box will contain a piece/pieces of work from different Craft Artists which will be revealed every morning - we have some special guests coming along to help us but we will also be looking for members of the public to be involved. Some of the Artists are bringing in work especially for our display so this may be your opportunity to purchase a unique piece. Join us each morning 10am - 10:15am throughout December for the 'reveal' and get some ideas for that special, individual Christmas gift.

Still-Single Mum Returns.

I was clearing out documents on my PC the other day and stumbled across the mournful pieces I wrote for the Buzz six years ago soon after my ex Husband had deserted me and our young son. Six years ago. SIX YEARS! Good grief. Yet sometimes, it feels like yesterday. As I read them back, my palms begin to sweat and my heart thumps a little harder. They were bad, bad times.

So how has life treated us in the intervening years? Well, my son has brought me unparalleled joy and pleasure. Seeing him grow and go through the usual milestones of childhood – losing his milk teeth, dressing as a shepherd for the Nativity, setting off on his first camping trip without me, grasping the mysteries of addition and subtraction, winning his pen license at school - have all been snapped, savoured and stored as gorgeous digital memories which I look at often.

But our journey as 'the A Team' as we call ourselves, was cruelly interrupted again, almost three years to the day that my ex disappeared. In May 2012 my son was diagnosed with leukaemia. He was four and a half. Our world was altered, forever, in a single moment, in a side room at the Children's ward in Barnstaple hospital.

The gruelling treatment of chemotherapy, endless tablets, hospital admissions and weekly blood samples is ongoing; he has a year left to go. The anxiety has been crippling. Friends have come and gone. I have managed it all alone and, for the most part, quite well. My son has managed it magnificently. Throughout, we have received support from two marvellous charities: Clic Sargent and Care for Kids North Devon. If you ever have some spare cash, please donate to either of these incredible, hard-working organisations. A friend asked me the other day if I would ever consider another relationship. I have given this some thought. My honest answer? Never say never. But for the time being, I have the most wonderful man in my life – he is brave, kind, thoughtful, honest, wise, funny, handsome and quite a good cook! He may only be seven years old but he is more of a man now than his father ever was or will be. And his needs trump anyone else's, while he copes with what no little boy should have to – cancer.

JP

Shipping Review of the year 2014

Activity at Bideford has been very sparse this year with only a few ships loading ball clay for Castellon; the Baltic trade has disappeared completely, which is a great pity as visitors on holiday who never see a ship from one day to the next, enjoyed watching the ships berthing loading and sailing. The **Oldenburg** has maintained her service to Lundy from Bideford and Ilfracombe which is a credit to her crew when weather conditions have not been at their best.

The shipyard at Appledore completed the first patrol vessel **LE Samuel Beckett** and the second vessel the **LE James Joyce** is due out in late November and delivery to the Irish Navy March/April 2015 - and the good news the yard are to build a third vessel still to be named for delivery in 2016.

The Yelland jetty has been reasonably busy with vessel discharging chippings from Glensanda in Scotland for the plant operated by Notts Construction; the discharge is quite rapid taking about 8 hours to discharge 3000 tons plus, with the same company cranes which used to load the timber at Bideford. This operation has saved many hundreds of road miles as lorries do not have to go down the A39 to the quarries in Cornwall to collect material. **The Welsh Piper** has made a few trips with dredged material from the Bristol Channel; it's always good to see her coming back to the area where she was built in 1987. There have only been a few timber ships loading for Wismar and Lubeck.

In the Bristol Channel the size of vessel passing inward and outward seems to be growing each year; ships of 200,00 tons can be seen heading for Port Talbot, Portbury has seen larger vehicle carriers carrying as many as 8,000 vehicles, not all for Portbury, but still very big. The usual visitors, Grimaldi Line, the Grande ships, and NipponYusen Kaisha NYK painted on the side, and Wallenius Wilhelmsen ships, and the container vessel **Endeavour** on her weekly run to Bilbao in Spain. Best wishes for 2015 (*Shipping News on next page*)

Norman

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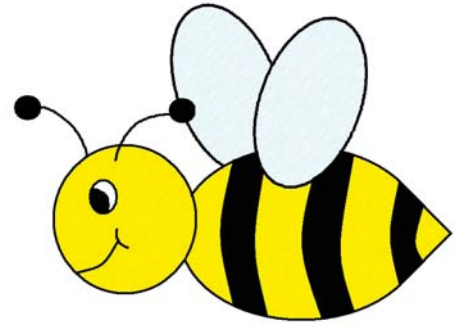


Buzz Word

SS Thistlemore

Thank you so much for taking and sending me the photographs, I really appreciate the trouble you have taken. I have actually downloaded the document which relates to the inquiry of the SS Thistlemore, and it does seem to have been a tragedy which it appears could have been avoided. At least James Fuzzard is laid to rest in a beautiful place.

Lydia Kirkham



North Devon Relate has moved.

RELATE in North Devon is pleased to announce they have moved to lovely new premises in Paiges Lane, Barnstaple. They will now be seeing clients in The Tarka Clinic suite of rooms. There is also a new phone number 0300 7729681 All appointments need to be booked by phoning this number - it is not a drop in service.

Appledore Kidz Club

We are looking for volunteers (CBS and DBS checked) who would be willing to help out for an hour a week. The club is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.30 – 5.30pm for ages 5 – 11, at Appledore Community Hall, Newquay St. If you feel you could help please contact us by email at appledorekidzclub@yahoo.co.uk or phone us on 0798467878, or visit us on Facebook.

Verity Jarvis

Northam Knit & Natter Group

Come to St Margaret's Church on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 1.30-3.30pm for craft, chat and coffee (or tea) and biscuits.

Bring your knitting, crochet, tapestry, cross-stitch, embroidery, loom weaving or any other handwork you enjoy. Stay for two hours or just drop in.

Call Fran on 470183 or Catherine on 475720 if you have any questions.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Torridge Walk & Talk

Winter Walk Wednesday December 3rd, 10.30-12.30

This is a special Walking for Health event at Bideford Rugby Club when we hope lots of people will be with us for coffee and biscuits to discover all the benefits of gentle exercise and friendly company.

Do join us and talk to existing Walking for Health people, hear from the people with experience about the benefits, browse the programme on offer around Bideford and take part in a short taster walk.

You do not have to join a club or pay a fee, just turn up and have fun as we do every week throughout the year. Our walks range from 1 to 3 miles and all finish with a cheerful coffee/tea break.

Port and Starboard

The word 'starboard' originates from the nautical term 'Steering Board.' In the past boats were steered by means of a broad oar or board held over the rear right side, while the other side was known as the 'larboard' or 'loading side.' As these terms sounded quite similar 'larboard' eventually fell out of use. To protect the steering oar, boats used to moor up with the larboard side by the dock. As this dock was usually in port the side moored to it was referred to it as 'Port Side' which eventually took over from 'larboard.'

Derek Barnes

December Diary

Monday 1st

6.45pm Breakaway Social Club for adults with learning/physical disabilities. 475051

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

7.45pm Bideford Band Christmas Concert at Royal Hotel. Tickets 475653

Tuesday 2nd

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

10.30am Walking for Health. 421528

2pm Bideford WI at Sea Cadet Bldg.

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

6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653

7pm Fashion Show at M&Co, High St, presented by The Lions Club

7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearses at Northam Methodist Hall.

7.30pm Bideford Camera Club at The Stables, Kingsley School. 479462

7.30pm Bideford Keyboard & Organ Club at Bideford Methodist Church Hall. 475914

7.30pm Bideford Sustainability Group at Blacksmith's Arms. 07783384982

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolsey Village Hall. 470913

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 3rd

9.30am-2.30pm Free Social Club for ages 19+ at Happy Café, Westward Ho!

10am Bideford & District Community Archives, Northam Council Offices, Windmill Lane. Opening of new room by Mayors of Northam & Bideford.

10am-12pm Bideford Healing Group at Sea Cadets Bldg in Victoria Park.

10.30am Parkinson's UK meets at Ethelwynne Brown Close. 478128

10.30am Walking for Health – Winter Walk Event at Bideford Rugby Club.

11am-1pm Creative (Memory) Café at Quay Meeting Rm, 5 Danver Court, Clovelly Rd Ind Estate. 07817976053

1.30-3.30pm Knit & Natter Group at St Margaret's Church, Northam.

2pm Bideford Library Readers' Group. 476075

4-6pm Sew Together at Northam Library

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club at Northam Hall. 423554.

7.30pm Bideford Music Club, High St Methodist Church – Goldman Ensemble

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

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearses at Baptist Church Hall. 473798

Thursday 4th

10.15am Northam Men's Forum Christmas Lunch 479917

10.30am Walking for Health on Tarka Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528

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

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

7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk. New members welcome.

Palladium Club – Phil Jupitus

Friday 5th

6-8pm Christmas Fayre at Allardice Hall, Parkham. Proceeds to Primary School.

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

8pm Bideford Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall 476632

Saturday 6th

10am-1.30pm Bideford Winter Fair at the Pannier Market + Signing of the Pannier Lease & Bideford Band.

10am-2pm Free craft activities for children at Happy Café, W. Ho!

10am-12pm Families for Children Adoption Info Meeting at Buckfast. 01364 645480

11am-3pm Buckland Brewer Traditional Christmas Market.

12-3.30pm Northam Lodge Christmas Fayre at Northam Hall.

7pm Film 'It's a Wonderful Life' at Littleham Village Hall. 473707

7.30pm Northam Choral Society Concert at St Mary's Church. 'Messiah' choruses + Carols.

Sunday 7th

10am-2pm Model Railway & Toy Collectors Table-Top Sale at Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! 07805409190

10.30am Coast & Country Walkers. Arlington 6½m. 421883

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8.30pm North Devon Jazz Club at the Beaver, Appledore – Stekpanna. 421065

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2pm Tea with Friends -St Mary's Church

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club at Northam Hall. 423554.

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

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearses at Baptist Church Hall. 473798

Thursday 11th

10am-4pm Christmas Tree Festival at Lavington UR Church.

10.30am Northam Men's Forum at Northam Methodist Church Hall – Carol Concert with St Margaret's School.

10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528

6pm Bideford Band at Tesco ETW.

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

7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk. New members welcome.

Friday 12th

10am-4pm Christmas Tree Festival at Lavington UR Church & Craft Fair.

10am-12pm Big Lunch Community Coffee Morning at Kingsley Hall, W Ho!

2pm Devonshire Association talk at Burton Art Gallery 459224

7.30pm Abbotsham WI meets at Abbotsham Village Hall. 474711

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

Saturday 13th

Farmers Market in Jubilee Square

9-11.30am Christmas Coffee Morning at Bideford Bowling Club, Chingswell St.

10am-1.30pm Bideford Winter Fair at the Pannier Market.

10am-4pm Christmas Tree Festival at Lavington UR Church.

10am-2pm Free craft activities for children at Happy Café, W. Ho!

10.30am Bideford Band – Mill Street

12-4pm Christmas Fete at Grow@Jigsaw, Victoria Park in aid of Morwenna Community Garden.

2pm Bideford Band – Atlantic Village

6pm Bideford Band – 'Light Up a Life' in Pannier Market.

Sunday 14th

12.30pm Torridge Ramblers 01805 622183

Monday 15th

2pm Bideford Ladies Club, Marlborough Court. 421925

6.45pm Breakaway Social Club for adults with learning/physical disabilities. 475051

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

7.30pm Bideford Stamp Club at Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! 472101

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

Tuesday 16th

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

10.30am Walking for Health. 421528

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

3pm 'Reflections' Grief & Loss Group at St Mary's Church. 475765

6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653

7.30pm Bideford Camera Club at The Stables, Kingsley School. 479462

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolserly Village Hall. 470913

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 17th

9.30am-2.30pm Free Social Club for ages 19+ at Happy Café, W Ho!

10am-12pm Bideford Healing Group at Sea Cadets Bldg in Victoria Park.

10.30am Walking for Health in Victoria Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528

11am-1pm Creative (Memory) Café at Quay Meeting Rm, 5 Danver Court, Clovelly Rd Ind Estate. 07817976053

1.30-3.30pm Knit & Natter Group at St Margaret's Church, Northam.

4-6pm Sew Together at Northam Library

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club at Northam Hall. 423554.

7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearses at Baptist Church Hall. 473798

Thursday 18th

10.15am Northam Men's Forum, Northam Methodist Church Hall. 479917

10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528

6pm Bideford Band – Carols at Asda

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

7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk. New members welcome.

Friday 19th

10am-12pm Northam Reminiscence café at Northam Hall. 459337

10.30am Coast & Country Walkers. Roadford Lake 5m. 421883

7.30pm South Molton Singers & Petrovian Orchestra at Lavington UR Church.

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

Saturday 20th

10am-1.30pm Bideford Winter Fair at the Pannier Market.

10am-2pm Story of Westward Ho! in pictures. Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho!

10am-2pm Free craft activities for children at Happy Café, W. Ho!

10.30am Bideford Band in Mill Street

2pm Devon Family History Society Christmas Quiz at Pollyfield Centre.

Sunday 21st

3pm Candlelight Concert with Appledore Band at Holy Trinity Church, W. Ho!

Monday 22nd

6.45pm Breakaway Social Club for adults with learning/physical disabilities. 475051

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

Tuesday 23rd

Bideford Band at Morrisons

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

10.30am Walking for Health. 421528

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

6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653

7.30pm Bideford Camera Club at The Stables, Kingsley School. 479462

7.30pm Lions Club meet at Royal Hotel

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolserly Village Hall. 470913

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 24th

9.30am-2.30pm Free Social Club for ages 19+ at Happy Café, W Ho!

10am-12pm Bideford Healing Group at Sea Cadets Bldg in Victoria Park.

10.15am Probus Club at Royal Hotel

10.30am Bideford Band in Mill Street

10.30am Walking for Health in Victoria Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528

7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearses at Baptist Church Hall. 473798

Thursday 25th - CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday 26th - BOXING DAY

12.30-3pm Boxing Day Barbecue at Clovelly Harbour. 431237

Saturday 27th

Farmers Market in Jubilee Square

10am-2pm Free craft activities for children at Happy Café, W. Ho!

11am Coast & Country Walkers. Westward Ho 5m. 421883

Monday 29th

6.45pm Breakaway Social Club for adults with learning/physical disabilities. 475051

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

Tuesday 30th

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

10.30am Walking for Health. 421528

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

6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653

7.30pm Bideford Camera Club at The Stables, Kingsley School. 479462

7.30pm Lions Club meet at Royal Hotel

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolserly Village Hall. 470913

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 31st - NEW YEAR'S EVE

JANUARY DIARY

Thursday 1st - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Friday 2nd

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

Saturday 3rd

10am-2pm Free craft activities for children at Happy Café, W. Ho!

10am-12pm Families for Children Adoption Info Meeting at Buckfast. 01364 645480

Monday 5th

6.45pm Breakaway Social Club for adults with learning/physical disabilities. 475051

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

Tuesday 6th

10am Macular Society meets at Burton Art Gallery. 474128

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

10.30am Walking for Health. 421528

2pm Bideford WI at Sea Cadet Bldg.

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

6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653

7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearses at Northam Methodist Hall.

7.30pm Bideford & District Cacti & Pot Plant Club at Bideford Methodist Church Hall. 475914

7.30pm Lions Club meet at Royal Hotel

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolserly Village Hall. 470913

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 7th

9.30am-2.30pm Free Social Club for ages 19+ at Happy Café, Westward Ho!

10am-12pm Bideford Healing Group at Sea Cadets Bldg in Victoria Park.

10.30am Walking for Health in Victoria Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528

11am-1pm Creative (Memory) Café at Quay Meeting Rm, 5 Danver Court, Clovelly Rd Ind Estate. 07817976053

1.30-3.30pm Knit & Natter Group at St Margaret's Church, Northam.

2pm Bideford Library Readers' Group. 476075

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club at Northam Hall. 423554.

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

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearses at Baptist Church Hall. 473798

Thursday 8th

10.15am Northam Men's Forum at Northam Methodist Church Hall.

January Diary Continued

10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528
7pm Hartland Aikido Club for over 18s at Bucks Cross Village Hall.

7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk. New members welcome.

Friday 9th

2pm Devonshire Association talk at Burton Art Gallery 459224

7.30pm Abbotsham WI meets at Abbotsham Village Hall. 474711

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

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632

Saturday 10th

Farmers' Market in Jubilee Square

10am-2pm Free craft activities for children at Happy Café, W. Ho!

Monday 12th

6.45pm Breakaway Social Club for adults with learning/physical disabilities. 475051

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

7.30pm Bideford Stamp Club at Kingsley Hall, Westward Ho! 472101

Tuesday 13th

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

10.30am Walking for Health. 421528

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

3pm 'Reflections' Grief & Loss Group at St Mary's Church. 475765

6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653

7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearses at Northam Methodist Hall.

7.30pm Bideford Camera Club at The Stables, Kingsley School. 479462

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolserly Village Hall. 470913

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 14th

9.30am-2.30pm Free Social Club for ages 19+ at Happy Café, W Ho!

10am-12pm Bideford Healing Group at Sea Cadets Bldg in Victoria Park.

10.15am Probus Club at Royal Hotel 473337

10.30am Walking for Health in Victoria Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528

4-6pm Sew Together at Northam Library **7.30pm** Bideford Folk Dance Club at Northam Hall. 423554.

7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearses at Baptist Church Hall. 473798

Thursday 15th

10.15am Northam Men's Forum, Northam Methodist Church Hall. 479917

10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528

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

7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk. New members welcome.

Friday 16th

10am-12pm Northam Reminiscence café at Northam Hall. 459337

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

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632

Saturday 17th

9am-2pm Farmers Country Market at Atlantic Village

10am-2pm Free craft activities for children at Happy Café, W. Ho!

Sunday 18th

2pm Torridge Ramblers walk. 01271 322082

Monday 19th

2pm Bideford Ladies Club, Marlborough Court. 421925

6.45pm Breakaway Social Club for adults with learning/physical disabilities. 475051

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

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

Tuesday 20th

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

10.30am Walking for Health. 421528

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

6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653

7.30pm Northam Choral Society rehearses at Northam Methodist Hall.

7.30pm Bideford Camera Club at The Stables, Kingsley School. 479462

7.30pm Lions Club meet at Royal Hotel

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolserly Village Hall. 470913

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 21st

9.30am-2.30pm Free Social Club for ages 19+ at Happy Café, W Ho!

10am-12pm Bideford Healing Group at Sea Cadets Bldg in Victoria Park.

10.30am Walking for Health in Victoria Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528

11am-1pm Creative (Memory) Café at Quay Meeting Rm, 5 Danver Court, Clovelly Rd Ind Estate. 07817976053

1.30-3.30pm Knit & Natter Group at St Margaret's Church, Northam.

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club at Northam Hall. 423554

7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearses at Baptist Church Hall. 473798

Thursday 22nd

10.15am Northam Men's Forum, Northam Methodist Church Hall.

10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528

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

7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Wk

Friday 23rd

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

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632

Saturday 24th

Farmers Market in Jubilee Square

10am-2pm Free craft activities for children at Happy Café, W. Ho!

Monday 26th

2pm Bideford Ladies Club, Marlborough Court. 421925

6.45pm Breakaway Social Club for adults with disabilities. 475051

7.15pm Appledore Singers rehearse at Appledore Baptist Church. 420652

Tuesday 27th

10am-1pm Lavington Church coffee and lunches

10.30am Walking for Health. 421528

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

6.30pm Bideford Band Beginner's Group at Band Room. 475653

7.30pm Bideford Camera Club at The Stables, Kingsley School. 479462

7.30pm Lions Club meet at Royal Hotel

8pm Torridge Male Voice Choir meets at Woolserly Village Hall. 470913

Palladium Club *Jam Night*

Wednesday 28th

9.30am-2.30pm Free Social Club for ages 19+ at Happy Café, W Ho!

10am-12pm Bideford Healing Group at Sea Cadets Bldg in Victoria Park.

10.15am Probus Club at Royal Hotel 473337

10.30am Walking for Health in Victoria Park. Meet at Cafe du Parc. 421528

11am-1pm Creative (Memory) Café at Quay Meeting Rm, 5 Danver Court, Clovelly Rd Ind Estate. 07817976053

1-2.30pm SHoW (See Hear on Wheels) at Tesco, East-the-Water.

7.30pm Bideford Folk Dance Club at Northam Hall. 423554

7.30pm Two Rivers Wind Ensemble Rehearsal at Bideford Band Room

8pm Bideford Phoenix Morris rehearses at Baptist Church Hall. 473798

Thursday 29th

10.15am Northam Men's Forum, Northam Methodist Church Hall.

10.30am Walking for Health along Tarka Trail. Clarence Wharf Car Park. 421528

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

7.30-9pm Samba Baia Rehearsal at Community Arts Network, 13 Rope Walk. New members welcome.

Friday 30th

10am-1pm Lundy Art Group at St Mary's Church Hall, Appledore. 472158

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

8pm Ceilidh Club, Northam Hall. 476632