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COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING
Orders placed by
3rd Oct
810029

BIGBURY
PARISH COUNCIL
via Zoom
Wednesday 14th Oct
7.30 pm

password will be on Bigbury Drums

DRIFTWOOD
DINNERS
for Tower & Bells Fund
Fri & Sat 13th/ 14th Nov
6.30 for 7pm sit down
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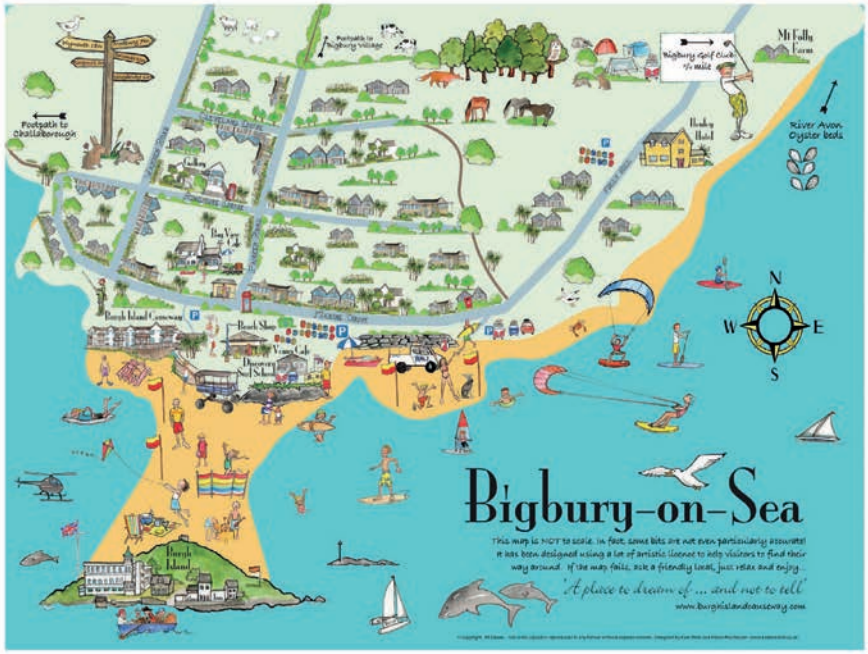
Please confirm details with organisers

BIGBURY ON SEA HOLIDAYS

Bigburyonsea.co.uk

The site for great holidays in a great community; now gives the accommodation, holiday activities, many useful links and maps.



Now features community events and dates.

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Thank you to **Unwind** for donating Raffle prizes to the Grand Raffle draw (2nd Nov) for the **Tower & Bells Fund**.

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If you would like to sell tickest or offer a Raffle Prize please talk to Angie.
We need YOUR help to save the church building for future generations.
Let's get those bells ringing!!

TOWER & BELLS FUND*
GRAND RAFFLE
Ticket £2

Star Prize
Art deco style hand-quilted double bed spread Made by a team of 16 quilters in villages near Bigbury over the last 12 months. An heirloom piece which will be much loved for generations

Wonderful prizes
Bed & Breakfast Burgh Island Hotel, **Gift Vouchers** from many local businesses and the hospitality industry - More prizes to be announced in Bigbury Drums & Bigbury News

Grand Draw: *Canapes & Cocktails* at Burgh Island Hotel
Mon 2nd Nov 2020 - 1.00 to 2.00 pm. £15 per ticket. Limited to 30 people.
Tickets in advance **only** from The Organiser, **Angie Carson** 01548 810296

Promoter: Mr David Scott, 3 Benedict Way, Modbury, PL21 0TJ. Registered in accordance with Schedule 11 of the Gambling Act 2005

LETTER from the EDITOR

Dear Readers,

As you know, the **UK Coronavirus Alert Level has been increased to Level 4** indicating that nationally the transmission is high or rising exponentially and warrants increased social distancing measures. Social Distancing Rules have tightened to reduce the risk of further increases. Teenagers and young adults are particularly encouraged to sign up on line for on line updates on the Covid 19 situation and to take responsibility for implementing social distancing rules.

www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Amid the uncertainty and dismay we have some positive facts to hold on to:

Devon remains one of counties with the lowest incidences of Covid-19.

Unless you come into physical contact with the virus by touching people or surfaces contaminated with the virus - you will remain safe and well.

The virus is easily killed by soap and water so thorough hand washing (for 20 seconds) and diligently not touching your face will provide significant protection.

TOWER & BELLS FUND

Many local businesses and people, for whom Bigbury is an important part of their history and their lives, have been working hard under very difficult conditions, to keep the fund raising ball rolling. Our church tower is in a very dilapidated state and we need to focus during the winter months and beyond, on how to raise the funds needed to sort this out. You will read in this issue about all the generous gestures which have been made in an endeavour to raise the £70,000 needed to restore this **Grade 2* listed building**.

As part of the immense personal efforts being made by **Vic Gubbins** in his bids for funding - he needs as many poeple as possible to complete and return the enclosed **Questionaire.** This will demonstrate to potential funders, how important the church building is to people in Bigbury and beyond because of its **heritage importance.** If you have ever had to make bids of this kind you will know how hard he has worked. Thank you Vic! Please pick up a pen now and complete the form. Further copies can be obtained from Vic. You do not need to live in Bigbury to complete the form.

LOCAL BUSINESSES

The winter is drawing in. We want our local businesses to stay open for us. Please do what you can to support them by visiting our pubs, cafes and resturants as often as you can. They need to **Bounce Back.**

Louise Wainwright

Editor Bigbury News
& Bigbury Drums, Bigbury News website

JOB VACANCIES

Challaborough Bay Holiday Park
Chef and Front of House team members (posts until end November). You will need to be available evenings and weekends. Contact Karen Thompson.
Karen.Thompson@Parkdean-Resorts.com

Journey's End
Full / part time positions both front of house and kitchen. Great rates of pay and share of tips Please contact us on 01548 810205
thejourneysend@btintetnet.com

Burgh Island Hotel
Career opportunities have opened up for the Burgh Island Hotel. • Chef De Partie – Hotel • Chef De Partie – Pilchard Inn• Food & Beverage Assistants – Hotel & Pilchard • Food & Beverage Manager – Hotel • Housekeeping – Hotel
Contact: Rachel Blay Administration Manager Burgh Island Hotel
01548 810514

Friday Changeovers
Cleaner required for Friday changeovers for guests and family. 5 bedroom house in St Ann's Chapel. Contact Rowena Westacott 07785 73767

BIGBURY DRUMS
FOR THE COMMUNITY BY THE COMMUNITY

Please encourage all local friends and neighbours to subscribe to Bigbury Drums which will be providing regular updates on local support and action needed during the Covid-19 Emergency. These alerts will come directly to your in-box. Subscribe on line:
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BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL
Bringing the Community Together

REOPENING PLANS

After what seems an age, we're finally planning to reopen the Hall as from **Wednesday October 7th**. Initially this will only be for the regular user groups and, of course, some of these may choose to delay starting up again.

The new **Rule of Six** has caused more problems so anyone attending cannot congregate in groups of more than six people. Obviously this will apply for all events while this Rule operates.

At present the maximum number of people allowed in the Hall at any one time will be 25.

Other main points are :-

- The main toilets will be closed but the disabled ones will be available.
- The kitchen will be available but the crockery and cutlery cannot be used
- There will be a one way system with entry through the main door and exit via the fire door
- All users must, of course, clean all surfaces and equipment used and practice the required social distancing.

Clearly the general situation is volatile, with further national restrictions a real possibility. Subject to this, if all goes well after we reopen we would hope to organize a Hall event around Christmas or the New Year, with general use being available after that.

Finally, at this time of year we would normally be holding the Bigbury Produce Show at the Hall. This has now been switched online and, as you will see elsewhere in this issue, has attracted many fantastic exhibits. The winners are announced on page 4, See also pages 16 & 17.

Charles Harrington.
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LOCAL EVENTS

SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY
BEACH CLEANS

Oct 17, Saturday, 11am, Soar Mill Cove.
Meet in car park behind Soar Mill Cove Hotel

Nov14, Saturday, 10.30am Beesands,
Meet parking area by Britannia @ The Beach cafe

Dec 4, Fri 2pm,West Charleton Marsh,
Marsh Lane. Meet at bird hide, far end of the Marsh

Litter picks usually last for an hour. Please bring a pair of gloves and your own refreshments Dogs welcome. Litter picks only cancelled in the event of extreme weather. For more info visit the South Hams Society Facebook page.

HARBOUR HOUSE EXHIBITION
Tues 20th Oct - Sun 1 Nov
Emma Carter Bromfield's work will be exhibited at the Harbour House in Kingsbridge. Visit Emma's website and The Harbour House website for more information.

See pages 20 & 21

ISLAND ARTISTS EXPERIENCE WORKSHOPS
Tues 3rd Nov and Thur 3rd Dec
A day with Island Artist – Emma Carter Bromfield. Suitable for all abilities and tailored to bring out your creative juices. Emma will not only help you create a wonderful work of art to take home but will also keep you entertained with stories of her 43-year span of island life, island legends, and life as an artist. Small Group Workshops:£95 per person Includes coffee, all materials and lunch. To book your place email Reception at Burgh Island.

If you hear of any local events or would like help to pormote them, please get in touch with:

bigburynewseditor@gmail.com

THE SOUTH HAMS HOSPITAL LEAGUE of FRIENDS

So far we have been very lucky in the South Hams as we have not been subjected to the high spikes of the Covid-19 virus seen in London and the North West. For the moment it is reassuring to know that the hospital is remaining on standby to open more beds in the event of a 2nd wave of Covid-19 and is well prepared.

Our 13 beds are in use as usual but social distancing does mean fewer visitors are allowed than normal. Arrangements are being made for visitors to meet patients in a side room by prior appointment. Masks do have to be worn by everyone visiting the hospital for any reason. The Friends have provided 2 computer tablets that can be used by inpatients to use for video calls to help to keep them in touch with their friends and family.

Despite the preparation for a 2nd wave of Covid-19 several clinics have now returned to our hospital. **The Minor Injuries Unit** is operating as usual 7 days a week from 9a.m. until 5 p.m. The **X-Ray unit** is operational 5 days a week and several clinics are now operating again, including physiotherapy, although this may involve a video appointment in the first instance.

May we suggest that any patient being referred to a Specialist by their doctor does check to see if they can be seen at South Hams Hospital as this would save them the long trip to either Derriford or Torbay.

We would like to take this opportunity to send our sincere thanks to **Jean Wright** and **Yvonne Klidjian** who arranged a coffee morning in these difficult times by home baking and delivering directly to people in Bigbury. The South Hams Hospital League of Friends benefited from the proceeds and received a cheque for £282. It was much appreciated and thanks go to all involved.

Please see our website
www.shhlof.co.uk
for information about the League of Friends or email our Chairman,
Colin Pincombe
colinpincombe@gmail.com

Daphne Jefferson

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MEMORIAL HALL
Bringing the Community Together

Men from the village and beyond have questioned the female bias of September's Draw, but after an in-depth investigation the result still stands:-

!st Prize (£25)	**Pat Holness**
2nd Prize (£15)	**Pam Trundle**
3rd Prize (£10)	**Rachel Bucknill**

Peter Cook

If you have any memories or photographs of times gone by in Bigbury - please think about sharing these with us through Bigbury News. If you know of anyone who might have a treasure cupboard full of memories - please encourage them to share this with Bigbury. Thank you! *Editor*

Flu Clinics 2020

The immunisation programme has started for common flu. Flu vaccination is important because if you're at higher risk from coronavirus, you're also more at risk of problems from flu. If you get flu and coronavirus at the same time, research shows you're more likely to be seriously ill it'll help to reduce pressure on the NHS and social care staff who may be dealing with coronavirus. If you've had COVID-19, it's safe to have the flu vaccine. It'll be effective at helping to prevent flu.

The flu vaccine is given to people who: are 65 and over (including those who'll be 65 by 31 March 2021); have certain health conditions; are pregnant; are in a long-stay residential care; receive a carer's allowance, or are the main carer for an older or disabled person who may be at risk if you get sick; live with someone who's at high risk from coronavirus (on the NHS shielded patient list); front-line health or social care workers

If you're aged 50 to 64 and have a health condition that means you're more at risk from flu, you should get your flu vaccine as soon as possible.

Other 50- to 64-year-olds should be contacted about a flu vaccine later in the year.

Modbury Health Centre
Poundwell Meadow
Modbury PL21 0QL
01548 830666
www.modburyhealthcentre.co.uk

Flu jabs are offered by Modbury Pharmacy for those not eligible for a free jab (cost £11)

Modbury Pharmacy
5 Broad St, Modbury, PL21 0PS
01548 830215
www.modburypharmacy.co.uk

NHS COVID-19 APP and QR CODES

Across the South Hams, pubs, restaurants, hairdressers and cinemas are being told to have **NHS QR code posters** displayed on entry to their businesses by **24 September** so customers can use their smartphones to easily check-in. The move comes following the national launch of the **NHS COVID-19 app** across England and Wales on Thursday 24 September.

Customers and visitors will be able to check-in to events or premises on entry with their phone instead of filling out a check-in book specific to a business. This will allow **NHS Test and Trace** to contact customers with public health advice should there be a COVID-19 outbreak.

Use this service to create a **QR code** for display in your venue. Get visitors to scan the QR code when they arrive, using the **NHS COVID-19 app.** This is to help trace and stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

You should create and display a QR code if you are:

- A business, place of worship or community organisation with a physical location that is open to the public
- An event which is taking place in a physical location

If you have more than one venue, you need to create a separate QR code for each location. You can add multiple locations in the service.

Use this link to create the QR Code **www.gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster**

You will receive your QR code poster by email soon after you have submitted your information. If you have more than one location, the manager (or point of contact) for each location will also receive a unique QR code poster by email.

When you receive your QR code poster you should: print the poster, display the poster somewhere visitors can see it and scan it when they arrive, for example next to the entrance. You should ask visitors to scan the QR code when they arrive, using their **NHS COVID-19 app.** Display as many posters as you need to, to avoid queues forming. If you do not have a printer, you can show the QR code on a display screen, such as a TV or tablet. Make sure it's within reach so visitors can scan it with their mobile phones.

For more information on creating a QR code for your venue, visit the NHS website. If you have problems using this on-line service, call the QR code support service.

QR code support
Telephone: 0800 540 4900
Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm

BIGBURY COVID SUPPORT GROUP

Support is still offered to people who need help to fetch essential supplies or prescriptions. Please contact the group manager if you need any advice.
Stuart Watts 01548 810373

CITIZEN'S ADVICE - UNIVERSAL CREDITS ADVICE

There have been some changes to the Citizens Advice **Universal Credit helpline.** If you have been made redundant and need support applying for Universal Credit call the national helpline on **0800 144 844. Press 1** at the first option to be directed to a group of highly-trained Help to Claim advisers who can support with complex situations.

The Redundancy Priority Service runs Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm. For help with other issues such as employment, debt or housing contact **Citizens Advice Devon** on **03 444 111 444** or contact them via their website.

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BIGBURY COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you to everybody who gave so generously to the **Devon Air Ambulance**. We raised £251. Well done!

The *virtual coffee morning* on **Wednesday 7th October** is for the **Kingsbridge Triangle Centre** it will not (yet) be in the **Memorial Hall.** Please place orders by **Saturday 3rd October** by phoning Jean on **810029**.

Cakes: Fruit £3 Lemon drizzle or orange drizzle or coffee or chocolate or yogurt £2.50

Savouries: Homity pies £1.50, Mediterranean squares £1, Individual quiche £1 - bacon& mushroom or leek&ham or broccoli spinach & courgette. Cheese scones 2 for 50p.

We will be supporting **Plymouth & Cornwall Cancer Fund** on Wednesday 4th November.

Keep safe & healthy

Jean and Yvonne.

BIGBURY PRODUCE SHOW

Not thwarted by the restrictions imposed by *Covid 19*, the organisers of the **Bigbury Produce Show 2020**, **Angie Bond** and **Sally Watts,** took the show on the road! Bigbury gardeners were encouraged to take photographs of their entries and send these in for the Judges. All entries were posted on Bigbury News website:

www.bigburynews.com

BIGBURY PRODUCE SHOW PHOTOGRAPHIC RESULTS 2020

Class	Description	1st	2nd
A1	Beetroot	Anna Lindeque	Elaine Gilbert
A2	Onions	Elaine Gilbert	Henry Wainwright
A3	Potatoes	Elaine Gilbert	
A4	Runner beans	Stuart Watts	Anna Lindeque
A5	Courgettes	Henry Wainwright	Stuart Watts
A6	Leeks	Henry Wainwright	Anna Lindeque
A7	Peppers	Henry Wainwright	Stuart Watts
A8	Tomatoes	Elaine Gilbert	Anna Lindeque
A9	Squash	Elaine Gilbert	
A10	Cucumbers	Henry Wainwright	Anna Lindeque
B1	Fruit/veg. arrangement	Elaine Gilbert	
B2	Flower arrangement	Elaine Gilbert	Anna Lindeque
B3	Fru/veg/flower picture	Anna Lindeque	
B4	3 identical flowers	Henry Wainwright	Anna Lindeque

C1	Largest marrow	Elaine Gilbert	Anna Lindeque
C2	Longest runner bean	Henry Wainwright	Anna Lindeque
C3	Heaviest onion		
C4	Unusual shaped fruit	Elaine Gilbert	
C5	Unusual shaped veg	Stuart Watts	
C6	Tallest sunflower	Anna Lindeque	Henry Wainwright
C7	Limerick – Lockdown theme	Stuart Watts	Janie Grace
C8	Scarecrow (hedgerow)		

Overall winner (Six 1sts in Classes A and B) : **Elaine Gilbert**
Runner-up (Five 1sts in Classes A and B): **Henry Wainwright**
Limerick winner : **Stuart Watts**

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CHURCH FUND RAISING EVENTS 2020

MON 2ND NOVEMBER
Grand Raffle

NOV – DEC
Community Christmas Card

WED 2nd DECEMBER
Community Coffee Morning at Bigbury Memorial Hall tbc

MODBURY CARING
SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Could you spare a few hours for the **Modbury Caring Befriending Service**? Or - perhaps you feel that you, yourself would benefit from a few hours a week from a Befriender? Find out more from the Befriending Coordinator, **Sheila Harrison**. **07554 997140** or **modburycaring@gmail.com**.

You can drop in to see her on Wednesdays from 11.00 – 12 noon at the Modbury Parish Office by the Co-op in Galpin Street, Modbury.

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Well done to all the entrants who joined in and made the effort to get the **Bigbury Produce Show** on the Road.

Please see **page 16** for a photo of **Sally Watts** organising the photographs for the Judges. All entries were anonymous and the Judges names are only known by the Organisers. See **page 17** for the new **Bigbury Produce Certificates**

Lets hope that 2021, we will be able to get back to a **Real Bigbury Produce Show.**

The Editor

Mr & Mrs Chadwick (Pat & Jim) celebrated their **Blue Sapphire Wedding Anniversary** on Thursday 3rd September by dining out at St Elizabeth House, Plympton St Maurice, in the company of Hazel & Rose. Jim celebrated his 90th birthday in March this year & Pat will celebrate her 90th next August.
What a wonderful achievement by a very special couple.

Hazel Osborne

southamsfillingstation@gmail.com
for Zoom Meeting details

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Rev Matt Rowland

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NINETEENTH HOLE

Our Honours Board and Trophy competitions are continuing to be played at the golf club, and there are big numbers entering.

The first Men's competition in September saw 65 players enter the Stableford, all wanting to win the coveted **Vets Trophy.** The playing conditions were good and this was reflected in the excellent scoring. Two players needed the computer to decide first and second, with two players recording an excellent 42 points. The computer showed that the winner of the Trophy was **Roger Edwards** (22), with **Roger Hurrell** (10) the runner up.

The Men have also competed for the coveted **President's Trophy**, when the **Silver Division players** compete playing off the **White Championship Tees,** making for a longer course. The winner of this Trophy for 2020 is **Dave Moulding** (11), but this was on count back from **Keith Naylor** (10) as they both recorded 69 points, an excellent score off the white tees.

The first weekend in September saw the **Ladies 4BBB Stableford** competition, as well as the **Men's Oakleigh Memorial Trophy**, which is also played in pairs; both these competitions are played off 9/10 handicaps. The 84 golfers who took part in these competitions enjoyed playing on a course which is very good condition, especially considering the heavy footfall it is experiencing in the current pleasant golfing weather. Indeed congratulations and thanks to **Richard Shapland**, our **Head Greenkeeper, and his team**. Richard and his team have also been reporting on the nest of Skylarks (which some members had spotted) alongside the 16th hole. It seems that all eggs hatched and the three young ones have been seen flying in and out as they followed the mowers looking for insects.

The **Men's and Ladies Coronation Trophies** competitions have now been finalised with 73 players entering. The winner for the men was **Ian Harris** with an excellent score of Nett 67. The winner for the ladies was **Kathryn Ackland** who recorded a very good Nett 71 in the blustery conditions on the day.

After a very long wait, **Mike Heath** and **Dave Bogue** are so pleased to have now finally got their hands on the **Jim Daw's Trophy,** being the winners of the Seniors Winter League. Mike says it is so good to win such an important Trophy during his year as the **Senior's Captain.**

An important part of his year for Mike is raising funds for the Senior's Charity, the **Devon Air Ambulance.** A recent event included a "Guess the Number of Tees in the Jar" competition, and everyone bought a ticket which raised a good total of £150.

Our golf course, clubhouse and the light refreshments that are available are all being managed in accordance with the necessary social distancing and other appropriate measures. Thanks need to be recorded to our General Manager, **Jason Pheasant;** our members are wanting to comply with the arrangements and procedures in place to ensure we can stay safe.

Photo: **Dave Bogue**, left, with **Mike Heath** and the *Jim Daw's Trophy*

Being able to play and enjoy golf is helping all golfers to exercise regularly, as well as bringing a little normality into their lives in these continuously difficult times.

Marlene Johnson
Golf Club Communications

Photo below: Club President, **Harry Kerswell,** left, presenting his Trophy to winner **Dave Moulding.**

ST LAWRENCE MATTERS REPORT

As we move into Autumn, any hopes of a quick end to the Covid epidemic have faded and we are adapting our lives to the 'new normal'. In St Lawrence, hand sanitising and physical distancing measures have been adopted, which are working well for our regular Sunday worship and communion, but Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday and, of course, Christmas services will present a challenge.

To us today, this seems a big deal but if the walls of St Lawrence could talk, they would probably dismiss Covid-19 as a minor transient event. St Lawrence through its congregations has seen bubonic plague, a civil war, the Reformation, great victories and tragic defeats, and the innumerable joys and sorrows of the local population.

All this reminds us of the importance of St Lawrence in the life and local culture of the community. In support of appeals to funding providers, work continues to seek ways to raise the profile of St Lawrence's heritage and show how St Lawrence can contribute to community life.

Looking forward to the day when the bells have been refurbished, we are now looking for volunteers to train as bell ringers in neighbouring parishes, against the day the bells of St Lawrence can ring again. If this communal activity interests you, please contact Bryan Carson on 810296.

Apart from the ambitions for the tower and bells, routine maintenance continues. The church is due its five-yearly inspection by the church architect, and an electrical installation inspection, both of which we pay for. The church now has a smart new notice board by the gates. The renovation of this redundant parish council board has been funded by the **Friends of St Lawrence**, whose support remains invaluable for the upkeep of the church.

As ever, please contact **Bryan Carson** (01548 810296) and me, on the *Parochial Council Building Sub Committee*, to discuss the Tower and Bells restoration project, and any financial and practical help you can offer to our rare and special Grade 2* listed church.

Until the next time,

Vic Gubbins
01548 810651
vic.gubbins@homecall.co.uk)

The 'inSPIREd apPEAL'

for the Restoration of the Tower and Bells at St Lawrence!

Autumn arrives with days drawing in, leaves spiralling down from the trees – but thankfully, September saw donations to the Appeal float up, to reach the highest monthly total yet!

In a late August Drums, Louise Wainwright wrote that if 140 people gave £500 each, we would raise £70,000, (which would substantially demonstrate to the Lottery Heritage Fund and other grant providers that the community was serious in its support to restore St Lawrence). One long-term resident couple in Bigbury on Sea, donors also in April, responded that they were "happy to be one of Louise's 140", and so became the 4th donors of £500 in 2020! Combined with generous donations from other residents in this parish and Kingston, and 3 owners of apartments at The Causeway, a total of £1,150, all of which is gift aided, has been added to the funds this month. Thank you all, and let's keep up the momentum!

Please see the fundraising update box for details of funds raised in 2020 purely for the **Tower and Bells Fund.** This does not represent the total available for the restoration project, as the **Friends of St Lawrence** will also contribute; any interim payments necessary to progress the project come from the ring fenced fund, but the funds are growing and must be in place before work commences.

Another local business has kindly stepped forward to help – thank you. **Mike Smith** of the **Venus Cafes,** is donating 5p from each cup of tea or coffee sold over the next 2 years to the fund – a very welcome contribution. So do visit the Venus Café on the lower Bigbury-on-Sea car park and help the project whilst enjoying your drink!

This month's BIG fundraising event is of course the **Grand Raffle**, which will be drawn on Monday 2nd November at Burgh Island Hotel. The attentive handiwork of sixteen local quilters in the form of a beautiful Art Deco influenced, double quilted bedspread (see photo) will be the star prize. Other lovely prizes, such as a night's B & B, and vouchers, are being generously donated by Burgh Island Hotel, the Driftwood Diner and Unwind. We would be delighted to receive further offers of prizes from businesses and individuals, please do contact organiser Angie Carson or myself if you can support the raffle in this way.

Raffle tickets are £10 for five, (£2 individually), and can be bought at Holywell Stores (thank you, our lovely local shop!), or via individual sellers, including myself, Rose Owen, Jane Tucker, Peter and Gill Cook, Carole Hext in Ringmore and Karen Freeman in Kingston. Please ensure your name and landline or mobile number is on the ticket stubs when you purchase physically. To buy raffle tickets remotely, please contact Angie Carson on 01548 810296, she will allocate you numbered tickets by phone; or email me with your phone number and I'll get Angie to call you. If you haven't yet bought tickets, please do so – don't miss out on this chance to win the heirloom quality work of art that is the Bigbury Quilt, amongst other items!

So far, I haven't received any designs for the Bigbury Community Christmas Card! This is an area full of artistic talent – please see the article elsewhere in the News and send in a design. The card pulls the community together at Christmas, as well as adding to the Tower and Bells Fund, so do join in!

Bigbury Past and Present continues to be available through Henry and Louise. Currently £1400 has been generated by this wonderful effort for the restoration – let's not stop there though – buy now for Christmas! Please see www.bigburynews.com/church for information about St Lawrence and this project.

Take care and thank you!

Jill Gubbins
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ST LAWRENCE FUND RAISING UPDATE 2020

DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST Jan 2020	£4,000
PILGRIM TRUST May 2020	£1,800
WOLFSON FOUNDATION June 2020…….	.£5,000
(all above awarded; available when work starts)	
SOUND & VISION 6.5 EVENING March 2020	£272
HAWKES' BIZARRE BAZAAR August 2020	£530
'inSPIREd apPEAL' Donations:	
March to Aug inc.	£2,472
September	£1,150
TOTAL TO DATE:	£15,224

All monies above were raised for the **Tower & Bells Fund**
Thank you, all much appreciated!

LETTER from MINISTER at ST LAWRENCE

Modbury Mission Community

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
4th	Sunday Worship	Harvest Communion	Harvest Festival	Harvest Communion	Sunday Worship
11th	Harvest Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	All Age Worship	Village Service
18th	Lay led Service	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
25th	Communion	Evening Prayer (4 pm)	Village Service	Sunday Worship	Communion

The Vicar writes

The yearly celebration of harvest is a celebration of the kindness of God.

Psalm 145, which is often read at Harvest festivals, reminds listeners that *'The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made… The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.'* Yet it is not only in the sending of sun and rain that Christians see the kind hand of God, but also in the sending of the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the writers in the New Testament reflected: *'But when the **kindness** and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we have done but because of his mercy.'*

They say you are what you eat but we are also products of what we experience. One episode from history that moves me is the story of a Dutch man during the religious upheaval of the 16th century. He found himself in trouble with the authorities for his new found Christian convictions and faced execution. He managed to escape from prison and, half-starved from prison rations, fled across a frozen lake, being pursued by the prison guard. He made it to the other side but the guard who was chasing him fell through the ice into the freezing water and started to drown. He turned around and pulled the drowning guard out of the water. The guard wanted to release him but by that time more guards had arrived and arrested him, he was put in prison again and went to his death.

His spontaneous reaction shows that ingrained into his character was kindness. Kindness had become a habit.

When I first heard that story, the question I had was how does that happen? First of all, what generates that sort of amazing kindness, to rescue a man who wanted you dead, and secondly how does it become second nature like that?

You become like what you experience. He was able to act like that because he believed he received great, great kindness from God.

This harvest as we experience the kindness of God in another yearly harvest, we can also experience the kindness of God in the sending of his Son.

Vicar: The Revd Matt Rowland (830260: every day except (normally) Saturday)
Readers: Joyce Howitt (01364 73370), Michael Tagent (810520)
Website: www.modburyteam.org

THE BIGBURY QUILT

GRAND RAFFLE

Please visit the Tower & Bells RAFFLE website: **www.bigburynews.com**

You can now buy raffle tickets via email or phone by contacting :

Angie Carson 01548 810296
bryanecarson@hotmail.com

There are several village representatives (e.g. **Rose Owen, Karen Freeman**) who have hard copy raffle tickets for you to buy as well. Holywell Stores is selling raffle tickets. Please buy as many as you can. We need to raise £70,000 to help restore the church tower and bells for future generations

To donate cash with a **GIFT AID DECLARATION** - please contact

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If 140 people gave and average of £500 each...we would have the £70,000 we need. AND/OR please buy as many raffle tickets as you can afford..... Don't let this generation be the one that let the tower fall down!

If other businesses want to support this local endeavour with Vouchers for the Raffle please contact the Organiser, Angie Carson. What can you do to help us reach the £70,000 target?

Thanks to **Burgh Island, Venus Cafe, Driftwood Diner and Unwind** who have all made some special donations to help the Tower & bells Fund. See features elsewhere in Bigbury News.

Thanks to those who have donated personally to the Tower & Bells Fund.

FRIENDS of ST LAWRENCE

NEW NOTICE BOARD

If you have driven or walked past the church recently you will have seen a new Notice Board. This has been refurbished by **Roger Hawkins**, who also restored a number of pews in the church a few years ago, and funded by the **Friends of St Lawrence's**.

It makes the entrance to the pathway of the church much more attractive and inviting, as well as being a good durable piece of "furniture".

Alice Taylor,
Treasurer
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www.bigburynews.com/church

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Jan Hammett

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REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE

NEW REFUSE & RE-CYCLING COLLECTION DATES

From the first week of October our collection dates for refuse and recycling will change. There should have been a circular posted to your home to explain how different parts of Bigbury will be affected. This change is in preparation for the implementation of a more comprehensive kerbside collection from our homes in 2021. You can check the **New Collection Timetable** to confirm your collection date as from Oct 2020.:

https://southhams.fccenvironment.co.uk/mycollections

Parts of Bigbury will have their collections on a Wednesday and other parts will be collected on a Friday. Bins and sacks must be at the boundary of your property by 7 a.m. on collection day. Alternatively, you can take it to your local Recycling Centres

In 2021 the new service will introduce a new weekly separate food waste collection and weekly recycling collection. It will allow residents to recycling glass and plastic packaging, such as yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, meat trays and fruit punnets, at the kerbside. Garden waste and refuse collections will remain fortnightly. This is all part of the SHDC response to the **Climate Change & Biodiversity Emergency.**

www.climatechange.southhams.gov.uk/climate-emergency

The brown bin is for any cooked or uncooked food waste and garden waste. The bin remains the property of the council and should not be removed from your home. It is the resident's responsibility to keep the bin clean. The Council no longer sell compostable liners. You can purchase these from most supermarkets, but please make sure they have the **compostable logo** Please do not dispose of food waste in normal carrier bags as most of these cannot be composted. We are not able to accept 'bio' or 'compostable' plastics in the brown bin, except liners with the compostable logo Please place 'bio' and 'compostable' liners without this logo in your black bin.

Producers of this packaging advise that their products can be processed through in-vessel composting, which is how the contents of the brown bin is treated. However a lot of in-vessel composting facilities, including the one we use, do not accept the material for the following reasons. The items look almost identical to their plastic counterparts so when they are mixed with organic waste they are difficult to tell apart from the plastic version and would likely be removed before processing, which comes at an additional expense. The processors have found that the material doesn't always break down completely during the process. This can affect the end quality of the compost and in some cases prevent it from reaching the relevant quality standards (PAS100) to be used as compost.

Cardboard can no longer be placed in the brown bin. Cardboard should be placed in your blue recycling sack, or flattened and placed beside it.

SMALL ADS (Local Residents)

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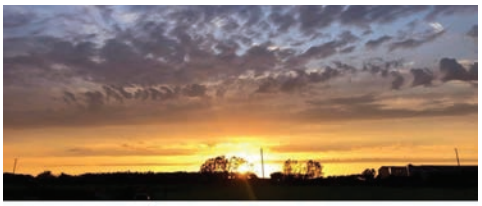

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Well done to **Karen Marshall** who took the initiative to set up this group. *Ed*

Ed: This '**Bigbury Story**' is sent in from the USA from old time Bigbury Resident (in the 1940s), David Ellis. Thanks David, for reminding us that we should and can make something very satisfying and durable from old items.

Sometimes, what you substitute for things you cannot afford is much better.

My Dad was good at woodworking and Mum was very good with a needle and thread. This was fortunate for us as a Policeman's wages were never very high. (Exactly £4 per week in 1945 according to an old record I have.) In the late 1940s, money was tight everywhere.

A surprising amount of our furniture was hand made by my parents. One of the more notable pieces was an upholstered bench seat, Ottoman style. It was about 4 feet long, 2 feet wide and stood about 18 inches high with a full length upholstered seat. Like most of the stuff Dad made, it started out as something else. In this case the wood came from an old oak table. For several months, Dad spent his spare time in the garage cutting down bits of wood from the dismantled table. I used to watch. Unfortunately, I never mastered his woodworking skills. I recall him making each leg. First, he planed them down to be 2 inch square legs, 18 inches long. Then he cut a ball shaped foot on one end of each leg using a tenon saw and a large rasp. The really clever part was a double spiral around each leg. He used the rasp to round off the edges along a 12 inch section in the middle of each leg. Then he wound two lengths of string around the leg in a spiral between four small pins and penciled in the two lines that it made. Finally, and it took him several weeks, he cut away the wood between the lines with the saw and the rasp till the spirals were smooth and even. He did not have a lathe to turn the wood to make it round! The rest of the frame was much simpler as it was just made from rectangular pieces of wood. All this was joined together with mortice and tenon joints. The glue was home made. He got horse hoof clippings from the blacksmith and boiled them up with a small amount of water to form the hot glue. The finished frame was successively sanded and stained till it was smooth. Finally he used a wax polish to finish it.

Mum made the seat that rested in the frame. The cover was an intricate floral pattern, similar to Paisley but with flowers. She bought an "iron on" pattern and wools from the store that used to be beside the village green. She spent a long time sewing the pattern with different coloured wools.

That Ottoman was still in use by them when they died. One of my brothers is the present owner and I expect it is still very serviceable.

David Ellis

DRIFTWOOD DINER;s DONATIONS for TOWER & BELLS FUND

Steve Chapman has not only sold many of the **Bigbury Past & Present** books to his customers but has also most generously offered to sponsor at least two fund raising dinners at the **Driftwood Diner** in Challaborough when the season is finished. Thank you from all of us. Very kind!

The normal Driftwood Diner hours will close on *Sunday 8th November*. Steve thanks all those who supported him this season.

TOWER & BELLS DRIFTWOOD DINNERS

Bookings will be via **Jill Gubbins** (not Steve) so that she can discuss your booking and help to organise table groups of four or six people who are in existing social groups. There is one table for 6 people and 5 tables for four people. £20 per person **jill.gubbins@homecall.co.uk 01548 810651**

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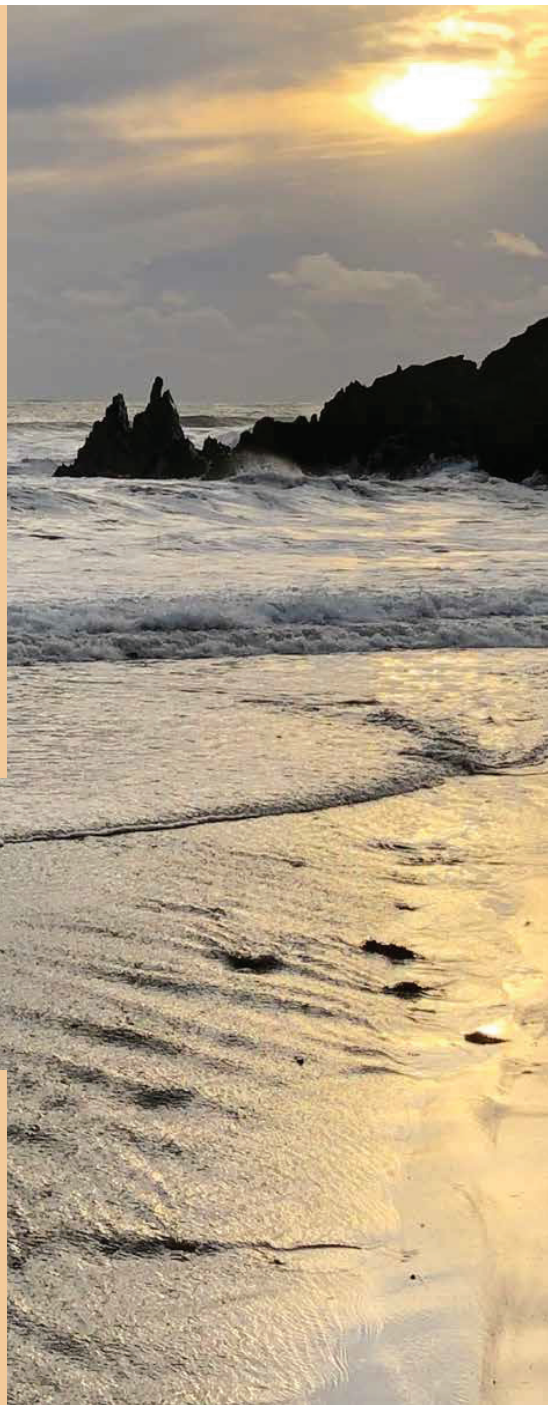

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The departure of summer sees us moving our opening hours to **10am to 5pm daily throughout October.** We will have a new breakfast and daytime menu which will be available both as take away and in the new indoor seating area on our home compostable palm plates. New items will include crispy chicken tacos, vegan tapas, cream tea, chorizo & cheese croquettes and much more. We would be delighted to reserve you a table inside so please call 01548 810141. Please note we only accept credit or debit card payments.

Venus has a long tradition of raising money for local projects. The footpath on Burgh Island was funded by monies we raised. We are delighted, therefore, to move our fundraising efforts over the next 24 months to support the **Tower & Bells Fund.** We will ring fence 5 pence from every cup of tea we sell into this fund which we estimate will raise about £1,000 a year.

Michael Smith
Venus Cafe

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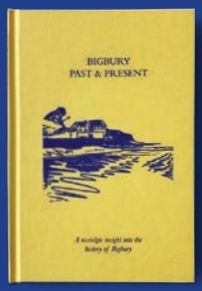

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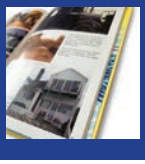

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT to save our Church

We are now on our third print run for Bigbury Past & Present. Many thanks to all those who have purchased a copy. Some people have bought several copies for family members. Thanks also to The Beach Shop, Fryer Tucks and Holywell Stores for helping us to sell copies to raise funds for the **Tower & Bells Fund.**

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Countries around the world have agreed that carbon emissions from fossil fuels needs to be reduced, to try and help the environment begin to recover from the last 50 years of intense industrialisation and rapid human progression.

Scientists have been collating the data and we now know that it is time for action. We all have a part to play in moving forwards in a way that can help our environment. As a nation we have already begun to make small strides by taking responsibility to recycle our waste, reduce our single use plastics and reduce our consumptions.

We can do more. If your heating currently runs on fossil fuels, Artizan can change that to a more sustainable energy source such as biomass (a wood based, carbon neutral fuel) or an air source heat pump which collects heat energy from the air outdoors to heat your home and provide hot water.

As an individual household every little thing we can do to help protect and heal our environment should be looked at.

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Jamie & Ellie

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Thank you to **Jamie and Ellie** for helping to sell Bigbury Past & Present to raise funds for the **Tower & Bells Fund.**

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In life there are a few special people who touch you in such a profound way that you never get over their loss. In my case it was my grandparents: my Nanny: **Violet Burgoyne,** who died on the 25th August 1979 when I was 14 years old, and my Grandad: **William "Bill" Burgoyne** who died 5 years later on the 19th July 1984. They were a truly lovely couple and the best grandparents anyone could ever wish for.

Recently, I came back to Bigbury with my Dad for a jazz event on Sunday 30th August held by Louise and Henry Wainwright at Long Easton, Bigbury. This gave me the opportunity to visit St Lawrence Church and place more flowers on their grave. Louise made me aware of the existence of the "Bigbury Past and Present" book which has been collated with the profits to be donated to restore the church tower and bells. It also included 4 postcards, one of which was of the six bell ringers and bells. As I studied them the image of my Grandad, 4th Bell ringer "Bill Burgoyne" leapt out at me. My Grandad died 36 years ago and I never had any pictures of him, but he was unmistakable. It became quite a surreal experience between the image of my Grandad and the fact that I was viewing his photo from what had previously been the Smallwood's Estate, where my sisters and I had grazed our ponies as children.

I was very touched when Louise and Henry further emailed me the two photos they had of my Grandad and suggested that if I could provide more detail, other Bigbury residents might also have some photos of my Nanny Violet Burgoyne. As far as I am aware there are no family photos, so I cannot even begin to put into words what any photos, if they exist, would mean to me. To start, let me give everyone a snapshot of what I think people are most likely to remember about my Grandparents.

Violet Burgoyne was a very active member of the WI and the Mother's Union, as well as being part of a sewing circle which used to meet, I think on a monthly basis, on a rota at each other's houses in the village. I think the sewing circle was connected to the church and would have made things to sell to raise money for church funds. Nanny always took part in the cooking part of the annual Village Festival in the village hall and without fail came away with First prize for her bread, as well as other things. I remember this brought out a friendly if healthy spirit of competition with her next-door neighbour, **Mrs Woodmason**.

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Nanny ran "**Honeynook**" as a B&B for years, and after that used to clean some of the big houses on Folly Hill for summer visitors. She had her own window in the church - situated on the far side, past the pulpit, second window in, which was a source of great pride to her and my Grandad. Nanny made all her own jams and chutneys from the abundance of fruits and vegetables that my Grandad grew in their garden at "Honeynook".

Bill Burgoyne was a professional gardener and helped to maintain many of the larger gardens in the village and beyond. He also maintained the St Lawrence Church graveyard keeping it neat and tidy and digging all the graves by hand. I believe he did this for more than forty years. I certainly never forgot him saying "when his time came, he wanted to be cremated rather than buried because digging graves was a horrible job and he wouldn't wish that on anyone". I was struck by how selfless that was, and how matter of fact he was about it. Grandad would always pop down to the **Royal Oak** for just a half a pint, between church finishing and Sunday lunch being served up. His other great passion was bell ringing; I remember being fascinated when I watched the village competitions as a child.

My grandparents had one child, a daughter - **Pamela Westwood** - who went on to have four daughters: Claire, Heather, Julia and Sarah. Our Grandparents were a huge part of our lives, but were fairly quiet and unassuming, so we don't have any big stories about things they did or people they knew. They were both part of the fabric that made up the village rather than the big characters everyone always remembers. I hope these thoughts jog people's memories, although I appreciate many people that would have remembered them have now passed away. These are the main things my sister Sarah and I remember about them. We were hoping that if this is published in the Parish Magazine it might prompt some memories or even better find some photos. We none of us are getting any younger but memories such as these become even more important with the passage of time.

With warmest wishes from
Julia and Sarah - their granddaughters.

Please pass on any information to Julia and Sarah via the Editor. **01548 810991 bigburynewseditor@gmail.com**
If you would like to celebrate or commemorate any **Bigbury Ancestors** who are buried in St Lawrence graveyard , you are warmly invited to do so, as Julia and Sarah have done in "**Not Forgotten**".

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LOCK DOWN LIMERICKS

It seemed a shame not to share all the entries for The Lock Down Limericks so here they are.....

A virus called COVID-19
Did stealthily enter the scene
In China it sat
Down a cave, in a bat
With disasters to come unforeseen

Collected by Man
For research, the line ran
It escaped to wreak havoc widespread
'round the world it did fly
Causing millions to die
Or simply to live on in dread

With economies trashed
And livelihoods smashed
Cowered by fear, societies broken
Lockdowns prevail
Through a mask we inhale
Because Mr Hancock has spoken

"Test, track and trace" they intone
Stick an app on your phone
And all will be well in your region
Stay two metres away
Keep the Covid at bay
Avoid any risk of contagion

For a vaccine we search
Whilst policies lurch
From "Stay home" to "Go back to work"
Let's hope one comes quickly
Our future looks sickly
Forever, without such a perk

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*There once was a weaver from Coombe*
*Bewildered by something called Zoom*
*Her sons insisted*
*So she persisted*
*But quickly went back to her loom.*

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There was a young man from Marlowe
Who found himself on the furlough
He did what he could
He tired to be good
But sadly succumbed to the Merlot

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*A man who lived at number 10*
*One day, with a flick of the pen,*
*Said "You must stay at home",*
*And he then wrote a tome*
*Of Commandments to rival the Ten.*

*Rightly cautious, the people of Devon,*
*Not desiring to go straight to Heaven,*
*Said "At home we must stay".*
*And then went on to pray*
*For a rule not of Six but of Seven.*

*Photo (top left)* ***Sally Watts*** organising all the photographic entries for the **Bigbury Produce Show 2020.**


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DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Those Bigbury residents who have lost close members of their family during the pandemic have had to struggle with their grief and manage somehow to say farewell. To those people and to David Ellis, whose wife, Denise has recently died, there is nothing that we can say or do to lessen their sadness. Perhaps it makes a difference to know that we feel for them and their loss. Everyone matters, in life and even in death. Julia, Sarah and David have shared their thoughts and memories with us. *Ed.*

Following the recent death of my wife, I do not feel much like recounting reminiscences of my early life at Bigbury. Perhaps I can share an interesting aspect of the most gentle and caring woman I ever knew.

Denise was 1/8 Native American. The rest came from the Ukraine, Lancashire, the German Alps and other parts of Europe. Her great-great-grandparents were western Abenaki, probably from Odanak on the St. Lawrence river or from the Mohawk settlement at St. Regis in southern Quebec. Her great-great-grandfather was called Kayie. That meant "hoof" or "horn" but, without a written language, spelling is meaningless.

The birth of his second child was recorded by missionaries in 1834 at the St. Regis Mohawk settlement. Those missionaries used to refer to the Native Americans as "dogs", which in Abenaki was Mdawa. That term stuck and when Denise' ancestor assimilated into European life he initially took the name Medor Cayie then later, Peter Medor. His youngest daughter married Charles Sisco, the descendant of an immigrant from the Ukraine. She is the older woman in the family photograph. My wife's grandmother is the youngest child.

The Abenaki did not have a strong tribal structure but formed extended family groups. Denise' ancestors planted crops and fished the Missisquoi River where it enters the bay on Lake Champlain. In the winter they hunted the valleys of the Green Mountains.

Abenaki family history was verbal and passed down through the youngest daughters in each family. Denise had no daughter and I have passed her ancestral history to her grand-daughter.

I shall return with more of my Bigbury reminiscences in a month or so.

David Ellis
Son of the police constable for Bigbury who served the parish in the 1940s.

Charles Sisco's Family - A few days after Minnie's death on 11-May-1911

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Guided by Jo's Royal Navy career, the Halfords moved from Bigbury to New England in Jan 2019.

On 20 July, we were fortunate to witness the Mayflower II leaving our local historic dockyard in Mystic as it set sail for Plymouth, Massachusetts following a three year restoration project. Living in New England and seeing the replica of the original Mayflower that brought the Pilgrims to America 400 years ago (almost to the day), prompted me to write a piece about them this month.

The Puritans left England, initially for Holland, in 1608 partially because of persecution in England and partly because they believed that the Church of England was tainted by its Roman Catholic roots and could not be saved. However, life was difficult in Holland and following a series of political machinations between Holland, Spain and England, the pilgrims sought to get beyond the threatening influence of the Church of England.

In 1620, a number of the Puritans bought ships in order to cross the Atlantic for a new 'Promised Land'. Understandably, travel to America was considered dangerous and risky. A previous attempt in 1607 to settle Jamestown in Virginia had failed. Most of those settlers had died of starvation within the first year and stories of attacks by indigenous tribes were rife. Despite these concerns, the Puritans' conviction held that God wanted them to go.

The plan was that a smaller ship (The Speedwell) would first carry them from Holland to England and then it would join the larger Mayflower and transport the passengers and supplies the rest of the way. In the event, many of the intended passengers were not able to settle their affairs in time or couldn't afford the necessary provisions for the passage. It was therefore decided that the younger and stronger members of the community should be sponsored and should go first. The Pilgrims had originally hoped to reach America in early October, but after a series of mishaps (the Speedwell leaked like a sieve) in the English Channel, the Mayflower finally set sail alone and overcrowded for America in September 1620.

The living conditions on board were grim. The 102 passengers (plus live animals, including dogs, sheep, goats, and poultry!) lived in an area no bigger than the Pickwick's bar and dining area, and with a ceiling height of 5' it made for a claustrophobic and wet experience. Initially calm, the conditions for the second half of the voyage were horrendous. On one stormy night a man died and was buried at sea at one end of the ship whilst a baby was born and christened Oceanus Hopkins at the other! Amazingly, despite the overcrowding, the unsanitary conditions and chronic sea sickness, there was only that one death recorded during the voyage.

After ten grueling weeks at sea, the Mayflower, with 102 passengers and a crew of about 30, reached the tip of Cape Cod on November 11, 1620. With winter already upon them, they had to survive unprepared through the harshest months. As a result, only half of the original Pilgrims survived the first winter in Plymouth, Massachusetts and without the help of local tribes who taught them food gathering and other survival skills, all of the colonists would have likely starved. The following winter, the colony celebrated their first harvest along with those same indigenous people, - the first Thanksgiving festival.

To be continued…
(part 2 in December Bigbury News)
Craig Halford
Bigbury Resident on Safari

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Big stormy seas, wild winds and the raw coastline of the South West inspire me. My happiest moments are spent on a South Hams beach or cliff path at any time of the year, alone or with company, young or old. I guess I'm not the only one.

Burgh Island is a very special place, somewhere I can come home to with my family. Since a child I've carved out an imagination fed by tides and elements, sea journeys and sea fables told from the seats of ancient mariners in the Pilchard Inn. Anyone that has been here will understand the attraction to this unique island 200 meters from the English mainland, sometimes it feels like a different country.
It is why I am an Island Artist.

I like the hidden empty beaches where I can swim on hot hazy summer English days, and big wide winter skies that offer up a myriad of colours. I like tides coming in and watching tides going out. I dream, I think, I paint. I paint what I love. I try to translate that free spirited essence that I think we all crave from time to time.

My time during Lockdown here afforded me an artist recluse lifestyle, very different from the 45 years of history with the island. Lockdown for me was unique and wonderful even at such a desperately worrying time for humanity. I felt like the luckiest person alive as I got to experience the island in all it's splendour without any public permitted. As much as people bring the stories and the connection, it was fabulous to see the island pathways restore, the wildlife flourish and to see the island's natural rhythm really sing without the normal familiar soundtrack of boats, tractors, cars and people enjoying themselves. I spent the days mostly in solitude painting and walking up the river mouth, cleaning the beaches as I went; ready for people to return. I loved watching the island reclaim it's wildness. It was a once in a lifetime gift.

This experience led me to work with the fabulous Burgh Island Hotel team on a new project, an '**Island Artist Residency**' which happened in August, eight days spent painting on location again and an exhibition of some of the works created during Lockdown as an artist recluse. It is a lovely community here on the island and I'm so happy to be invited to be an even bigger part of it. It is a lifelong ambition to be here; part of the landscape if you like, exhibiting my paintings, a dream since I was a little girl drawing in the Palm Court of the hotel.

We have also had some Island Artist experience days which sees budding artists come for the day and paint alongside me which is

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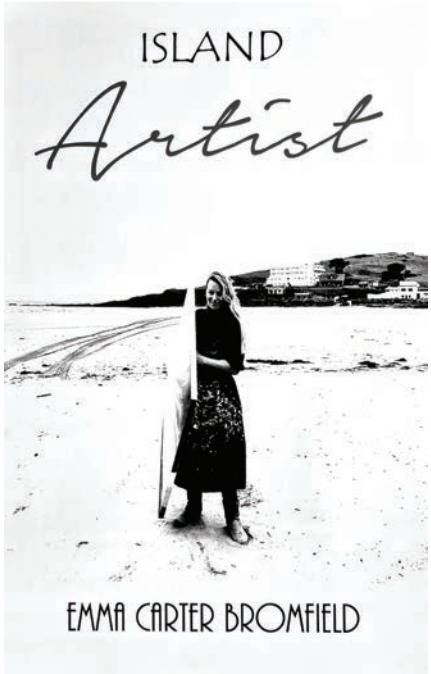

proving very popular way to develop your artistic skills and a fantastic way to spend the day.

My new body of work is full of expressive emotion, my practice sees me let loose with a brush, rag or hands on a canvas. Paintings give relief from all that ties us down to an otherwise ordinary life, a window back to our favourite places and is a reflection of our relationship with the world and our place in it. I paint natural wild places that I myself return to time and time again, and as I paint from my mind in my studio, I have at least a thousand paintings waiting to be painted. I hope I am lucky enough to grow old enough to fulfill that ambition and have the courage to always challenge myself as an Island Artist…'

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HEDGEROW NEWS

HAZEL (*Corylus avellana*)

What's in a name? Hazel is a derivative of the Hebrew word hazael meaning "God Sees". I wonder if our own Hazel Osborne's parents had this in mind when they named her? The Spaniards use the Latin name avellana as their word for hazelnuts and include them in numerous delicious recipes, especially romesco sauce for fish, polvorones and turron sweets for Christmas.

We have hazels in abundance here and see them mostly as bushy shrubs in the hedgerow. It is monoecious (good word!) as both male and female flowers are found on the same plant. The pollination has to be from other hazel trees and, apart from producing two forms of catkins, they yield the wonderful hazelnuts, or cobnuts, which are still cultivated as a crop in Kent.

The hazel has bendy stems and is very valuable for coppicing and is a welcome shelter for many birds – yellowhammer, willow warbler, woodpeckers, tits and wood pigeons to name a few - and provider of food for moth caterpillars, squirrels and dormice. Hazel flowers are a good early source of pollen for bees, however it is a particularly difficult pollen to collect as the grains are not sticky and repel against each other.

It has a reputation as a magical tree – a hazel rod protects against evil spirits and can be used for water divining and as a wand. In medieval times it was symbol of fertility and in Ireland it is known as the Tree of Knowledge.

Alice Taylor
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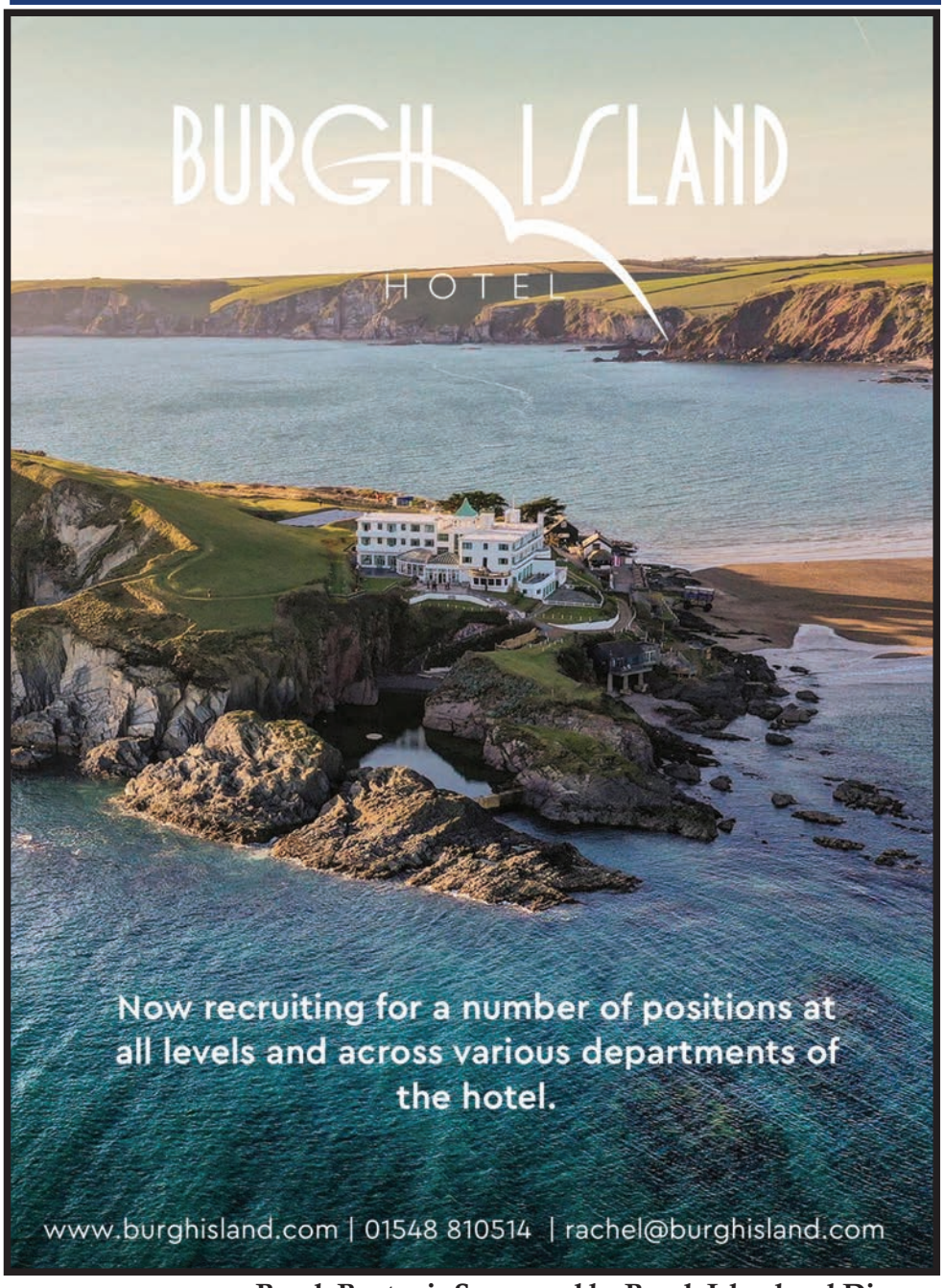

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Dear Fellow Coasters,

My, these are the good old days, whether you like them or not. All this mask wearing will be fondly remembered in years to come when we go back to how it once was. I shall miss the home made ones: I made one out of wincyette and another out of a candlewick bedspread I found when the hotel laundry came back last week. Most comfortable to wear, I can tell you and I shall miss them. Mind you, what a quick year it's been, which is a bit of a blessing with all this nonsense. Roll on next year. Whether we like it or not, we have fifteen weeks left before Christmas - can I put this in Ed? - so best I get a wiggle on regarding presents.

The island was forever busy. Even now, with the children back at school, the Pilchard is crammed on most sunny days and the hotel does its fair share of repeat business. Unsuspecting future regulars are quietly being groomed by Vlad and myself. They're oblivious. It's a skill we've developed over the years.

One cannot beat a seaside holiday and most of us enjoy that. Such a reluctance to leave when the time comes. Why go back to a packed office? Why indeed?
Sun worshipping was always a serious business here. We remember them all coming here, don't we? I'm reminded of a visit once, way back in the dim and distant when we had none other than the Queen of the Nile, Cleopatra herself and two of her dusky maidens. Mind you, the Nile in the summertime must be a bit high and I believe she'd had a tiff with Caesar - such a nice man. Under that sinew and those tendons must have beat a heart of pure protein. They'd had an argument: Caesar was off plundering in the Sudan and Cleo steadfastly refused to go with him. Shopping in Tanis was more her thing and the "shops were so much better there." Of course, we all knew that in reality, Cleo was none other than little Sadie Pilbeam, from Honicknowle in Plymouth, who' d been knocked on the head in the playground at Knowle Primary. Her behaviour - erratic at first - soon changed completely. She revealed her "true" identity one day during a Religious Studies period and was expelled.
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Anyway, I digress. On arrival at Reception with her two maidens, she demanded an asp! Of course these snakes are not indigenous to Devon so we procured instead the grass snake that Rose Owen found behind her wheelie bin some two years ago so thanks to Rosie, we could all breathe a sigh of relief. Thank You Rose! You see, sometimes you can't have it all. It is indeed lovely to think back on those days. I do it often.
Which reminds me. A thought crossed my mind as I enjoyed my Anchois a la Colmar at the Rose and Crown in Yealmpton last week. It's time for an autumn cocktail and here is the very dab for the longer nights.

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Mind you, we know the score now, don't we? I had four! I was always good at water colours and I was brilliant at flooding the art market with false Matisses. I was so good at them. I would dash off three a day while listening to Aretha Franklin. I was caught good and proper. No use denying it. And I could do good work for the community but no, I was back inside. The boys were happy to see me. Me? A collector of Oscar Wilde first editions? Back in Jug? I must go. I'm needed in the canteen. Spotted Dick tonight. Remember where you heard it first. Until our next outing. Fare thee well my friends.

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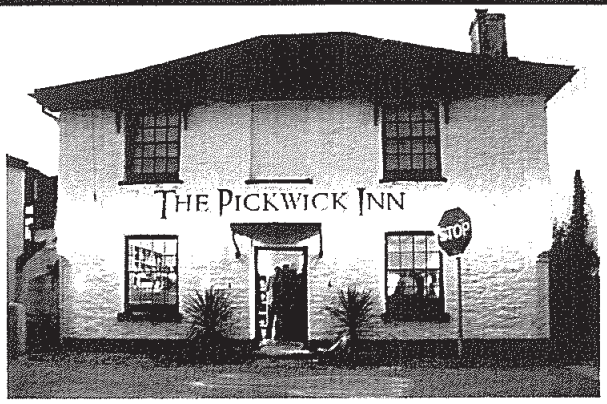

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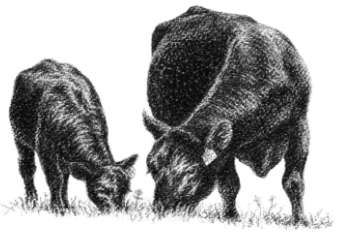

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BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL - meeting minutes
Wed 9th Sept 2020 at 7.30 pm via video link (ZOOM)

PRESENT: Cllrs: E Huntley (EH) (Chair), G Rosevear (GR), S Smith (SS), C Case (CC), V Scott (VS), S Watts (SW), Cllr. K Holland, Cllr. R. Gilbert (RG), Cllr. B Taylor (BT), Clerk I. Bramble, (IB) and 3 members of the public.

1.0 Declaration of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.

2.0 Apologies for absence:
There were no apologies for absence

3.0 Approval of Minutes of previous monthly meeting held on July 14th, 2020 and Extraordinary Planning meeting held on August 10th.

With the proviso that the minutes for the August 10th meeting were amended to contain the following clarification in the second sentence para.2, with regard to 3450/19/ARM St Ann's Chapel: 'especially for the dwellings on Plots 1,2,&3 in the location of the Pickwick Inn end and that these dwellings would be too high and too large a scale and would domineer and overlook neighbouring properties'. GR proposed and SW seconded that these Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record, which was unanimously agreed.

4.0 Matters arising from Minutes of previous full meeting held on July 14th, 2020 (matters not completed or covered as a topic in this agenda)

IB updated the Council on Covid 19 policies in respect of play parks and public spaces referring to the most recent Government statement of September 8, which limits to six the number of people who can meet either indoors or out, including in parks, with clarification expected from Devon County Council(DCC) and South Hams District Council(SHDC). IB awaiting a quote for delineating parking slots in the Sedgewell Slipway parking area. IB commented at this point that following a request by BPC to meet with the developers of the St Ann's Chapel development 3450/19/ARM the developers had declined to do so.

5.0 County Councillor's report

Cllr. Gilbert reported on the 'Edmeston' major highway repair project and that work is expected to commence in November and might be likely to continue into January 2021 for completion.

BH reported that recently a resident had suffered a half hour wait in a traffic queue on this stretch of road because of a lights failure and as a result had missed a cancer treatment appointment at Derriford.
Cllr Gilbert expressed profound apologies on behalf of DCC and SS asked for proper notice of the work commencing and of subsequent traffic control measure arising from the works.

Cllr. Gilbert reported that the cost of measures to deal with ash die back were running at £1.3million over budget as the scale of the problem becomes ever more apparent as work progresses. Also Covid 19 measures were currently c£500,000 over budget but that both of the above budget overruns will be met from non-earmarked reserves and that DCC would achieve a balanced budget for 2020/21.

6.0 District Councillor's report

Cllr. Taylor reported that due to the Covid 19 situation SHDC would face a budget shortfall for 2020/21 of £1.3million and that this could be covered from non-earmarked reserves, without pushing those reserves below the minimum level of £1.5million it considers essential to maintain for a council of its size.

7.0 Finance – payments to be made and approval of financial statements
GR proposed the following payments be approved. This was seconded by SS and agreed to by all Councillors:
£ 35.00 Honorarium to Mr G Ross to contribute to personal costs in voluntary Covid 19 work.

£ 76.12 SHDC SD 16559 DD payment
£200.00 SHDC SD 16599 DD payment
£177.39 Mr. R. Mathews Post June final expenses
£188.70 Mr. I Bramble – Purely Paper for supply to Bigbury News
£ 14.39 Mr. I. Bramble – Zoom – monthly invoice
£ 4.04 Mr. I Bramble - postage ref. cheques for signatures
£100.00 TGO Web Services – updating etc parish laptop
£ 64.12 SHDC SD16599 – Parish contribution to AONB Gateway sign, St Ann's Chapel
The cash book for the period has been uploaded onto the Bigbury community website and IB confirmed the key numbers and indicators to be: Cash book and bank statements to reconciled; t.b.a at a future meeting Working surplus; t.b.a at a future meeting

8.0 Planning related matters

2139/18/HHO – Lincombe Barn, Lane to Hexdown Farm, Bigbury.
The parish council has received complaints from members of the public that recent extensive work to the exterior of the Barn, identified as a Heritage Asset in the Bigbury Parish Neighbourhood Plan, had considerably altered its external features, appearance and landscaping without SHDC planning approval. After extensive, detailed research into the planning history of the 'Barn' VS advised that the original 1997 planning approval for this barn conversion removed Permitted Development rights from the property and further advised that, since the original conversion, a great many significant changes had been made to the property itself and also to landscaping of the site, which did not adhere to the conditions of the 1997 approval.

Given the removal of Permitted Development Rights many of these changes required specific planning approval . VS had compiled a considerable list of unapproved changes and a letter to SHDC recommending enforcement action. These were discussed in detail and at length by the council.

Cllr Taylor advised that SHDC was already considering enforcement action and that correspondence from the Parish council, with the extensive evidence compiled by VS would support such action.

VS proposed enforcement action and that she forward her letter to SHDC. BH seconded and the council unanimously supported the proposal.

2447/20/TCA – Badgers Drift, TQ7 4AP.

The council had been advised of work to trees on this site and the PC's Tree Warden had visited the site and advised that in her view the work proposed and being carried out was in order. VS proposed support SW seconded and the council offered unanimous approval.

9.0 Internet Banking.

SW commented that this has been a long running issue for the PC, interrupted by the change in Parish Clerk which has required changes to the bank mandate for signatories to the account. This process also enables on-line access by those signatories to the PC accounts.

SS reminded councillors of a proposal to change bank accounts but that a previously recommended change had not been proceeded with. GR commented, with a number of reasons, that there was merit in leaving the account with the present bank but to review matters at a future date before any further decisions are made.
As new Parish Clerk IB made similar

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comments and asked that we continue with the present bank, with added internet access and review matters in 3 month and then at 6 months.

GR proposed support for this. SS seconded and the council unanimously supported.

10.0 Mr G Ross – Volunteer nomination.

SW proposed PC support for his nomination of Mr Ross for an SHDC 'Star Volunteer' award for those who had actively contributed significantly to their communities during the coronavirus situation.

11.0) Cllr. Watts update on Coronavirus Support Group.

SW advised that present volunteers were happy to stay on and continue with their support, should the need arise.

12.0) Parish Remembrance Wreath.

SS advised that cost of a wreath would be a little more than last year, probably about £18? and proposed that she orders a wreath for the forthcoming service. Concern was expressed about the likelihood of church services not being possible but that we must await further advice on that.

SS proposed purchase of a wreath, CC seconded and the council unanimously supported.

13.0) Devon Association of Local Councils

Parish presence at future on line conferences/meetings,

GR agreed to attend the next event on Friday September 11. (for information beyond that there is another event on Wednesday October 7.

14.0) Open Session

The matter of a container in the garden of 'Overseas' in Ringmore Drive was brought up as an unsightly presence which had been in position for a couple of years. Comment was made that pending completion of work on the property it was being used for storage and that the PC should write to the owners to ask for clarification of their intentions for it.

A member of the public raised the matter of the unfenced triangle of land of the development at St Ann's Chapel and that fencing around the site probably had been removed to aid viability at a difficult road junction for construction vehicles. VS thought that probably a planning condition required a boundary to be reinstated upon completion of the works. BPC was asked to monitor the situation.

A member of the public was critical of the recent daytime delivery of static caravan, presumably to Parkdean at Challaborough which had become jammed between two walls in Bigbury Village and which required considerable time and effort to deal with. The consequent traffic jam into and out the parish in the middle of an afternoon at the peak of the holiday season was unpleasant and extremely inconvenient for those affected by it. IB advised that he witten to Parkdean about this but as yet had not received a reply. This is a recurring problem and BPC although it respects the difficulties involved in delivering static caravans it will do as much as it can to try to find a solution to the problem.

A member of the public had complained that trees and shrubbery overhanging Folly Hill were now creatring significant inconvenience, if not becoming a danger, and also obscuring road markings. Ultimatey DC Highways are empowered to cut back where it considers it necessary to do so and recover its costs from the land/ property owners concerned and the means to report overhanging growth specifically exists on the DCC website. CC suggested discreet contact from BPC to ask owners to deal with this in the first instance. The clerk is to liaise with councillors with regard to future correspondence on this issue from BPC.

15.0) Correspondence Received

A letter to the Parish Council from Henry Wainwright was read following receipt by the Bigbury News of a discretionary grant of £1,000 from SHDC, helped by Cllr Taylor. This means that Bigbury News and Bigbury Drums will not need to draw down the funding from BPC agreed at its meeting of June 10.

16.0) Agenda Items for next meeting

Triangle of land at St Ann's Chapel
Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan Committee

The meeting closed at 9:32 pm.

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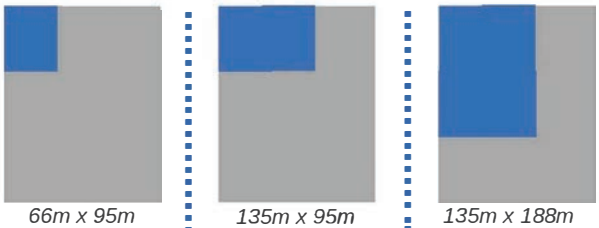

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