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## LETTER from the EDITOR

Dear Readers,

The short days need not be gloomy. There are still opportunities to go out safely if you follow government guidelines, which are explained in more detail in this issue. Businesses and Event Organisers are working hard to keep the great Bigbury heart still beating. If you are able to support commercial and fund raising initiatives please do what you can to keep Bigbury Busy. Stay Alert and you will be safe.

There is a team working on **Carols on the Screen** to replace Carols on the Green which is cancelled this year. More information in Dec/Jan Bigbury News.

On **Christmas Eve** we are all invited to post a home made pantomime video on the **Bigbury TV** You Tube Channel for the **Great Bigbury Pantomime**. You could start planning the scripts, jokes and magic tricks, make costumes etc. in November. Have fun at home with the rehearsals. Please don't post them on the Bigbury TV until Christmas Eve, so it is an 'Event'.

There are a number of '**Bigbury Reminiscences**' in this issue. I hope it inspires others to search their attics for old photos and scratch their heads about the old days. You are warmly encouraged to write in and share your treasures with Bigbury folk.

There are several people who need to find winter accommodation either because they have now sold their house and need to stay somewhere until they can downsize locally, or they have to move out of the local caravan parks for the winter, or they have found jobs in Bigbury but need to find local accommodation. If you can help please contact the Editor. Thank you.

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## REMEMBER

**Hands. Face. Space.**

Continue to follow guidance on:

- Washing your hands regularly and for 20 seconds
- Wearing a face covering in settings where it is required and where it is difficult to maintain social distancing
- Staying 2 metres apart from people you do not live with or 1 metre with extra precautions, such as a face covering.

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**Dec/Jan (colour)**

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Five, slim, black & white versions in **MARCH** (copy date 15 Feb); **MAY** (copy date 15 April); **JULY** (copy date 15 June); **SEPT** (copy date 15 Aug); **NOVEMBER** (copy date 15 Oct). This will feature social club reports, events, Memorial Hall page, Church page and Bigbury Parish Council minutes. There is no Bigbury News in **JANUARY**.

Adverts will appear in the colour issues and in the **Bigbury Business Directory 2021 (copy date 15 Dec)** which will be distributed as a hard copy with the FEB/MARCH Bigbury News to 450 households. The Business Directory can be downloaded from our website:

[www.bigburynews.com](http://www.bigburynews.com)

## 50:100 Club October Draw

Last Draw of the Year

1st Prize (£25) **Jill Gubbins**  
2nd Prize (£15) **Hilary Vanstone**  
3rd Prize (£10) **Bob White**

Thanks for all your support. If you weren't one of the 30 lucky ones this year perhaps you'd like to keep the same number for 2021, when proceeds will go to towards the Church Tower and Bell refurbishment. Further details coming up.

**Pete & Gill Cook**

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(probably) No issue in January

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## BIGBURY NEWS ROUND UP



### BIGBURY COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to everybody who gave so generously to the **Kingsbridge Triangle Centre**. We raised £273 Well done!

The coffee morning on Wednesday 4th November is in aid of the Devon & Cornwall Cancer Fund. Please place orders by **Wednesday 4th November** by phoning **Jean on 810029**.

**Cakes:** fruit £3. Lemon drizzle or orange drizzle or coffee or chocolate or yogurt £2.50

**Savouries:** sausage&egg pies £2

Homity pies £1.50

Mediterranean squares £1

Individual quiche: asparagus or bacon & mushroom or onion Stilton & apple  
Cheese scones 2 for 50p.

In the present COVID 19 situation we have decided not to return to the Memorial Hall until March 2021. So the Christmas coffee morning on **Wednesday 2nd December** for **The Tower & Bells Fund** will be conducted by placing orders:

**Jan** for Phoenix cards Phone **550932** to arrange viewing and collection.

**Yvonne** for silk scarves etc. phone **810971** to arrange viewing and collection.

**Jean** for Christmas Puddings large £5 Individual £1.50 Christmas Fruit cakes large £12 small £4.50 Log cakes fruit £4.50 Malteser £4 Mince pies 4 for £1.

Please place Christmas baking orders by **Wednesday 11th November** by phoning **810029**.

Usual baking will also be available- details next month.

Keep safe and healthy.  
Jean and Yvonne.

## BIGBURY BUSINESS DIRECTORY 2021

Copy date 15th Dec  
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## BIGBURY BOOK CLUB

Four people attended the meeting of The Bigbury Book Club held at Glen Cottage, Bigbury on 9th October 2020. The four remaining members sent their apologies; the reasons for absence being due to injury or a wish to self-isolate, although it was stressed that there should be no more than six people attending.

The book of the month had been 'Middle England' by *Jonathan Coe*. This was about a group of middle-class people known to each other through family, friends, same school/college or work. The book is set in central England during the time when David Cameron was the Prime Minister and progressing through the various stages of Brexit.

Everyone attending the book club meeting had enjoyed the book, which was written in a rather tongue in cheek way and was very amusing. It was considered, however, that many of the characters were rather smug and not particularly likeable. A good and easy read and very typical of 'Middle England' as per the title of the book.

The book for the coming month is 'The Silence of the Girls' by Pat Barker.

Valerie Scott

**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? The giving and receiving of the gift of friendship is the fabric of a strong Community.

Find out more from the Befriending Coordinator, **Sheila Harrison. 07554 997140** or [modburycaring@gmail.com](mailto: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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## NINETEENTH HOLE

Our Seniors Captain, **Mike Heath**, has been a busy man. He is continuing with helping our Seniors, and others, to be involved in match play and team competitive golf, as well as continuing with raising funds for his chosen Charity, the **Devon Air Ambulance**. All Charities are known to be facing a difficult year and Bigbury members are pulling together to help and at the end of October £192 was raised for the **NSPCC**, in the annual NSPCC and Stableford competition.

The **Seniors v. the Presidents Men** competition match and the weather in glorious weather. Our President, **Harry Kerswell**, commissioned himself a buggy which he decided to playfully name **Air Force One**. Harry very much enjoyed the day, although probably not quite as much as Mike whose team were resounding winners taking the match five to one, making for a really good day along with £100 being raised for Devon Air Ambulance.

Mike continued with hosting his **Senior Captain's Annual Away Day**, which in this different year was a "Home Away Day" at Bigbury. Mike's luck with the weather ran out on that day, with the players being called off the course for about an hour due to poor visibility. There were two competitions on the day, individual and team. The winning individual was **Tony Messenger** with a credible 39 points. It was a good day

for Tony who was also a member of the winning team, playing alongside **Holger Neilson** and **Dave Bogue**. Another £200 was raised for the Devon Air Ambulance Trust with a name the bear competition. (The bear was given to Mike's grandson, George, some two years ago when he needed to be air lifted to Derriford Hospital with a breathing problem; George is fine now.) The winning name competition was won by our caterer, Megs, who named the bear Jake.

The **Seniors v. Ladies** annual competition has also been held; this is a match that is eagerly anticipated and takes place in October. It proved to be very close with the Seniors winning by one game. The Seniors generously treated the ladies to "T and Cake" after their games. (A couple more courteous shots would have put the icing on the cake for the ladies!) Finally Mike presented **Jane Wain**, our Lady Captain, with the special Wooden Spoon Trophy.

Bigbury Golfers are continuing to play their golf, and will now be facing much more difficult golfing conditions along with challenging weather. Already the scores for the competitions are reflecting these changes. But, it will not stop golfers playing. Indeed many of our **Lady Vets** continue to turn up on a Tuesday morning for their 11 hole competition, and have recently been witnessed playing not just in blustery winds and rain, but hailstones.

**Marlene Johnson**  
*Golf Correspondent*

(Photo below)  
Club President, **Harry** (left) with the Seniors Captain **Mike** and the "Air Force One" buggy  
Photo (left)  
**Mike Heath** presents the Wooden Spoon Trophy to **Jane Wain**



## WELL BEING



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**Poundwell Meadow**

**Modbury PL21 0QL**

**01548 830666**

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### UPDATE FLU CLINICS 2020 8th Oct 2020

Patients 65 and over: We have contacted all patients who had a high clinical risk and are currently vaccinating these patients.

We have seen an unprecedented uptake this year for flu vaccines and we have not been able to order any more directly from our supplier.

We have been assured that central stocks can be called down at some point in November. We do not have any further details so we would suggest that if you able to get your vaccine from a Pharmacy now then you should not delay.

We will update our website when we have further information.

Patients under 65 for clinical risk patients: We are currently inviting patients under 65 with a clinical risk for their flu vaccines however our deliveries are spread through October and November. These delays are out of our control even though we ordered our vaccines over a year ago.

Patients 50 and over with no clinical risk: We are informed that these vaccines will be offered later on in this winter - We do not have any further details.

Pre-school children over the age of two: We are currently booking these appointments.

**Modbury Health Centre**

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### FRIENDS of SOUTH HAMS HOSPITAL

Parking space has become more of an issue now that South Hams Hospital offers more services to the local community. As part of their ongoing commitment, the League of Friends identified a disused lay-by to the north-west of the hospital which was originally part of the old A379. It was felt that if the owners could be found, the area would provide eight spaces for staff parking, thus freeing up space in the main parking area for the public.

Research by **Beers Solicitors** identified the owners as the **Bowringsleigh Estate**. Mr Michael Manisty generously allowed SHHLoF to purchase the land at an advantageous price. Notably, it was Mr Manisty and his family that originally contributed the land on which the hospital is built. Planning permission was sought, and work began. Wanting the work to stay local, Brooking Hire were retained to oversee the project. The area was cleared and the original surface exposed. It was in very good condition taking into account that it was probably last surfaced 35 years ago and even bore score-marks from snow clearance! Is there anyone reading this who remembers clearing that snow?

Dart Surfacing surveyed the area and identified parts that were failing. These were resurfaced, and the parking bays marked. To enable staff to safely use the area during dark evenings, three new LED lamp-posts were installed by Brooking Hire and **Kevin Baldry** of K P Baldry, Electrical Contractors. Beers Solicitors drew up a lease based on a peppercorn rent

Photo: (LtoR):

**Colin Pincombe**,  
*LoF Chair*,  
**Mandy Ostenfeldt**,  
*Acting Matron*,  
**Michael Manisty**,  
*owned the land*,  
**Andrew Clarke**,  
*LoF Trustee*, and  
**Duncan Currall**,  
*Chair, Livewell SW*.

between Livewell Southwest, the hospital operator, and the League of Friends

The new parking area was handed over prior to an opening ceremony in case COVID put extra demands on the hospital. Once again, with the help of the original owner and local contractors, and a lot of goodwill, our local hospital has greatly benefitted.

**Andrew Clarke**, one of the Friends' Trustees, has worked tirelessly over the past three years to ensure this project came to a successful conclusion. Sadly, restrictions due to Covid-19 have made it impossible to invite to the opening ceremony all those involved in the work done to create the car park. Nevertheless, the Hospital Friends are particularly pleased to provide the additional facility at this difficult time. The staff and **Livewell** should be congratulated, having geared up to accept more inpatients as a result of the pandemic, at the same time as continuing their other services in the best possible manner within distancing rules.

The League of Friends is most grateful to the people of the South Hams for their generous contributions. Without this support, projects to improve our hospital facilities would not be possible.

**Daphne Jefferson**

**South Hams Hospital  
 League of Friends**

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

### THE RULE of SIX

New laws prohibiting social gatherings of more than six people come into effect on Monday 14 September as the Government calls on the public to remain vigilant in the fight against coronavirus.

The new "rule of six" simplifies and strengthens the rules on social gatherings, making them easier to understand and easier for the police to enforce.

It means that – apart from a set of limited exemptions including work and education – any social gatherings of more than six people will be against the law. Police will be able to disperse any such gatherings and fine individuals involved £100, doubling up to a maximum of £3,200.

The rule applies across England and **replaces the existing ban on participating in gatherings of more than 30 and the current guidance on allowing two households to meet indoors.**

Now the only rule that people need to remember is to not participate in social gatherings of more than six people in any setting, indoors or outdoors.

It remains the case that organisers and facilitators of larger gatherings of more than 30 people – such as unlicensed music events – can be subject to fines of up to £10,000.

Exemptions include cases where a single household or support bubble is larger than six people. The rule also does not apply to gatherings for work or education purposes, and to other gatherings including weddings, funerals, and team sports organised in a COVID-19 secure way.

**Venues following COVID-19 secure guidelines** – such as places of worship, gyms, restaurants and other hospitality venues – can still hold more than six people in total. But **within those venues, there must not be individual groups larger than six, and groups must not mix socially or form larger groups.** (*current Tier 1 Rules*) The rule will be kept under constant review and will only remain in place as long as is necessary.

UPDATES HERE

[www.gov.uk/government/news/rule-of-six](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/rule-of-six)



### Bigbury Tea Garden

I became a resident of Bigbury-on-Sea in 2004 and my family enjoyed visiting the Bay View Café for afternoon teas and the occasional evening meal. The café changed hands a couple of times and most recently was very popular in the hands of Craig Worthington. Unfortunately, the sale of the attached house meant that Craig was asked to relinquish his lease and the café closed some four years ago.

Many Bigbury residents bemoaned the loss of the café and I was disappointed that the café was not reopened when the property was purchased by the new owners of the Burgh Island Hotel last year.

Many people commented to me that it was a shame that the café was just lying empty and so I decided to see if there could be an opportunity for the community to work together to reopen the café. I was delighted that the Island kindly agreed to let us use the building and I cannot express how happy I was to see the enthusiasm of Café Manager, Charlie, her family members and various members of the local community to repair and decorate the internal structure and to kit out the kitchen and café area.

It is a shame that we only managed to open the Bigbury Tea Garden at the end of the Summer but we have been blessed with some warm and sunny autumn days

and we have been able to welcome many residents and visitors to the café to enjoy the fabulous views. The café remains open late on Friday's for community events, all socially distanced, of course.

We can only keep the café open if it is commercially viable to do so and therefore it is vital that the community makes use of this local facility. I urge you to come and visit us if you have not yet done so and thank those of you who have already provided support. Please come along and enjoy tea, coffee and cakes, or even a mug of warming soup on chillier days.

**Mike Hirschfield**



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**The Beach Shop**  
www.bigburybeachshop.co.uk

**Discovery Surf**  
www.discoverysurf.com

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### Bigbury Tea Garden

Like many other Bigbury residents in an 'at risk' age group, we have felt deprived of normal social interaction with anybody outside our household owing to our concerns about avoiding infection with COVID-19.

So it came as a blessed relief from our confinement to receive a surprising invitation for tea at the re-vamped Bigbury Tea Room (previously Bigbury Bay Café). This was always an extremely popular venue amongst Bigbury people – residents and visitors alike – because of the stunning views, above all else.

Our recent visit on a sunny October afternoon did not disappoint and was an absolute delight!

Many Bigbury people will still not be aware that the café has been brought back to life from a derelict state through a large donation from a Bigbury-on-Sea resident who was keen to fund a community cafe. That generous donation enabled 20-odd volunteers, working extremely hard and with some vital professional help, to convert the place from the wreck in which it was left to something of its former heyday glory as a wonderful spot to relax - complete with all necessary health, hygiene and safety measures - whilst enjoying the view with a delicious lunch or tea.

All this has been made possible because owner **Giles Fuchs**, of the Burgh Island Hotel, kindly made the premises freely available until Christmas. For a unique outing to enjoy local produce served up with a (masked) smile by local volunteers we'd recommend a visit – 10/10!

**Sally & Stuart Watts**

## Bigbury Tea Garden

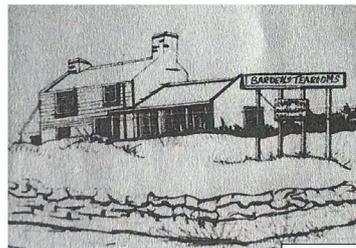
*Serving the community for decades and now ONCE AGAIN OPEN*

*Wednesday – Sunday 11am to 5pm every week doing a roaring trade*

-Devon Teas with delicious scones, Challons Combe Cream and home-made jam.

-Toasted Cheese Muffins with Cheddar and home-made Relish.

-Scrumptious Cakes, Cookies and Brownies all cooked in the café kitchen.



Jan Hammett

-Owens local Fairtrade organic coffee and Miles' tea.

-Home-made ice cream.

-Residents BYO on a Friday evening with £5 platter of irresistible morsels.

*Come and enjoy the stunning views we had all forgotten*

*More Volunteers needed for 3 hour shifts to support this new community venture*

*Please message Charlie the manageress, on 0791 0076 382 to talk rotas*

## ST LAWRENCE MATTERS

As the church year progresses and we continue to adapt to living with Covid restrictions, we need to rethink our commemorations and celebrations in this new light. So, another week, another risk assessment – following Harvest Festival we now focus on Remembrance Sunday.

Normally the parishes of Bigbury, Ringmore and Kingston have a single service which rotates around the churches on a yearly basis. This year, because of the need for distancing and hence reduced capacity, each parish will be having its own service, so we at St Lawrence are working to ensure we can hold our Remembrance service in a Covid precaution compatible way.

Essentially this means only every other row of pews will be available to a limited number of people, and that movement around the church and the memorial in the churchyard will be controlled – and of course face masks will be obligatory.

Nonetheless, you will be very welcome to join in the commemorations on Sunday 8th November.

As part of our fundraising activities a questionnaire has been produced, which asks what people would like to see in terms of local heritage interpretation in and around the church. This is important as it will show funding organisations, in particular the Heritage Lottery Fund, how we can use St Lawrence to showcase our local heritage. This questionnaire will be distributed with Bigbury News. Please complete this and put it into boxes in either Holywell Stores or the church porch.

If you choose to use the church porch, spare a glance at the list of local men who went away to fight for their country and for those who did not return. There has been a lot of loose talk in the media about the sacrifices of a 'lost Covid generation' but, although there are undoubtedly hardships, they seem pretty small beer compared to

the sacrifices of our predecessors in times of national crisis.

Bryan Carson (01548 810296) and I, on the Parochial Council Building Sub Committee, are always ready to discuss the tower and bells restoration project, and any financial and practical help you can offer to our precious Grade 2\* listed church. Until the next time,

**Vic Gubbins**  
01548 810651  
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### The 'inSPIRED apPEAL'

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

The parish may be at 'medium alert' level for Covid, but it is at 'very high alert' level for the Community Christmas Card! So that it is ready to include with December's News, you need to put your household's entry into the box at Holywell Stores or contact me by the end of Saturday 14th November. Please see the information on how to join in elsewhere in the News. Last year was the most successful so far, with 39 households on the card, let's make this year even better!

The **Grand Raffle** will have been drawn at a **Canapés & Cocktails** event sponsored by **Burgh Island Hotel** by the time you read this. The next News will have a report, when the final total raised for the Tower & Bells Fund, and the new owner of the quilt, will be known!

Meanwhile, our very local chippy, Fryer Tucks, is proposing a super tasty fundraising event for the T & B Fund. **Steve Chapman** has already kindly donated a prize for the Grand Raffle and has been a major purchaser and sales point for the book, '**Bigbury Past and Present**'. Fryer Tucks will close its season on 8th November but the following weekend, **Friday and Saturday 13th and 14th November, the Driftwood Diner** will host two dinner evenings in a Covid compliant environment, including table service and masks worn to enter and depart. Menu and other details are elsewhere in the News. Please call me, not Steve, to discuss your booking for these suppers, ideally in groups of 4 or 6 people, although couples can also

be accommodated. The meal price and raffle proceeds are all going to the fund – thank you so much Steve!

Three gift aided donations so far this month, from us, an **Easton resident** and from the **Gilleys**, who many of you will remember, now living in Taunton. Paul wrote: "We now have commitments to St Mary's in Taunton which is having to raise £600k for tower repairs. However, I enclose a donation as we both loved St Lawrence when we were associated with Bigbury from 1980 – 2009." Well, thank goodness St Lawrence needs a much more achievable sum than St Mary's, and I much appreciate the gift from a couple who 'still miss Bigbury'! I reported last time that **Venus Company** will donate 5p from each cup of tea sold over the next 2 years to the fund. **Mike Smith** has written: "It is a great pleasure to support the St Lawrence tower and bells. ... Upkeep on the fabric of such lovely buildings is so key and they are often forgotten amongst the very pressing demands of so many other appeals / needs."

All involved in trying to make this project happen are extremely grateful to everyone who has contributed so far to the appeal. I know other fundraising ideas are brewing but I would still love to hear ideas for acting on now and in 2021 – what can you bring to this so very local and vital community project?

*Take care and thank you!*

**Jill Gubbins** 01548 810651  
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### ST LAWRENCE FUND RAISING

to date



<b>DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST</b>	
Jan 2020	£4,000
<b>PILGRIM TRUST</b>	
May 2020	£1,800
<b>WOLFSON FOUNDATION</b>	
June 2020	£5000
<b>SOUND &amp; VISION 6.5 EVENING **</b>	
March 2020	£ 272
<b>HAWKE'S BIZZARE BAZAAR</b>	£530

#### 'inSPIRED apPEAL'

March to Sept inclusive £3,622  
*(all above awarded; available when work starts)*

**TOTAL TO DATE: £15,374**

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



#### FUND RAISING EVENTS 2020

(to be confirmed\*)

Mon 2nd Nov - Grand Raffle  
NOV – DEC

Community Christmas Card

WED 2nd DECEMBER \*

Community Coffee Morning, Bigbury  
Memorial Hall



# LETTER from MINISTER at ST LAWRENCE

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## SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship
8 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance (10.50 am)	Remembrance (10.45 am)	Remembrance (10.45 am)	Remembrance (10 am)	Remembrance (10.45 am)
	Please see the Team Website for further details of Remembrance Services				
15 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion
29 <sup>th</sup>				Team Service* (10.30 am)	

\* Places need to be booked via the Team Website

### Remember, remember

On Remembrance Sunday we dutifully repeat the words “we will remember them”. But what exactly are we remembering? In one sense the answer is quite clear. We remember those who fought and died in the two World Wars and in conflicts since. We remember the bravery of those who were prepared to sacrifice everything for their fellow men and women. Armistice, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, reminds us of the dangers Britain has faced in the past. But as time passes, memories become stories and vivid experiences become history. Those under the age of 80 have no memory of world wars or even National Service.

The danger is that Remembrance Sunday could end up like that other November act of remembrance, Guy Fawkes Day. In January 1606, before the plotters had even been tried and executed, an Act of Parliament was passed to appoint 5<sup>th</sup> November in each year as a day of thanksgiving for “the joyful day of deliverance” of the King and Parliament, with everyone required to attend church and ponder on the way they had been saved from “slaughter in a most barbarous and savage manner”. But the deliverance bit has been long forgotten; Guy Fawkes is now just one of our traditions, part of our national heritage, an event in history.

True remembrance means honouring the bravery and sacrifice of those involved in the wars and conflicts of the past. These were ordinary men and women who gave up everything – in many cases even their lives – in the cause of freedom. In so doing they gave expression to the two Great Commandments quoted by Jesus: to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself

Oppression and terrorism are today’s realities, and men and women are killed and wounded in conflicts across the world. In this context, we say a heartfelt “thank you” to all Service personnel for their tireless work on our behalf. But “armchair support” is not enough. In a divided society we must seek to be peace-makers, supporting the work of others financially, and active ourselves to make our world a better place. May the example of those who have gone before inspire us to follow in their footsteps.

*Michael*

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## FAMILY TREE - TOWER & BELLS FUND RAISER



Note from Henry Wainwright

*“We are over the moon with the information that Jan has provided us about my family tree, which I am happy to share with Readers (see below). I have shared this with my cousins and it has jogged their memories about our ancestors and initiated a great search for old photographs and letters to illustrate the Family History further. Who knows...perhaps a Family History book will result from this! Thank you Jan.”*  
HW

Letter from Jan -

I started researching my family tree over 40 years ago when it involved poring over original parish registers, some of which hadn't been opened for decades (or centuries!). I recall the feel of the stiff vellum, the musty smell and a sinking feeling when faced with a page of virtually illegible C17th writing with quirky and inconsistent spellings. I scoured those registers for years (subsequently via microfiche to preserve the originals) and now I can see them again via digital images on my laptop. They are like old friends to me as I return to capture the images of my family's hatches, matches and dispatches. Back then, it could take months (even years) to find ancestors but it's so much easier and quicker now with indexed and digitised copies of so many parish records, wills, census returns and directories.

There is a downside though and that is becoming so overwhelmed with information that you see five John Carters born in the same area at the same time and don't know which one is yours. It then requires some rigorous detective work, sorting out all the clues from polling books, old newspaper reports, travel records etc until the jigsaw of jumbled pieces can be assembled to form the correct picture.

This is where I might be able to help and this is my offer for the **Tower and Bells Fund**. I would love to research your family tree for you, whether from scratch, half-way through or just to try and fill in the gaps you have. If you've done it already, you could ask me to check it for accuracy. You might wish to focus on just one ancestral line e.g. 'The Carters' or you might prefer to see the full picture of what you're made of. The latter is my personal preference as it builds up your 2 parents, 4 grandparents, 8 great grandparents and 16 great-grandparents. This initial 4 generation collection gives equal weight to all of your direct ancestors instead of only focusing on one line of fathers while virtually ignoring all the mothers' and grandmothers' contributions to who you are.

Having done this myself (going back many generations) I found my heritage comes from Devonshire lace-makers, farmers, labourers, soldiers, Scottish Earls, Dukes, a Princess and two Kings. Family history has taken me from farms to fishing boats

to castles, workhouses and a prison. I've seen great wealth, grinding poverty, lies, intrigue and heart-breaking child mortality. In summary, it's fascinating, compelling and a legacy you can pass on to the next generation.

I'm not asking for any fees for myself and I can't promise to find all your people or solve all your mysteries but I can promise to use my 40 years of experience to do my best for you in return for your donations to the Tower and Bells Fund. I guarantee complete confidentiality (we all have skeletons in the cupboard!) and I will send you what I find digitally (or in print if you don't have Internet access).

I suggest you donate £40 for an initial 8 hours research and then £10 per hour subsequently. I have worldwide subscriptions to all the main Internet family history sites, including the British Newspaper Archive and several Family History Societies so none of the main research will cost you anything extra. If you require copies of certificates I can order them for you from the General Record Office (£7 - £11 is their typical fee). If you need me to access records from Scotland, some of the sources require small fees eg £1 per record but I wouldn't do anything requiring extra fees without your prior agreement. So that's the offer and I suggest you book early with me so I can put you in my winter calendar before it fills up.

**Jan Davies** *Bigbury Resident*

### HENRY WAINWRIGHT

Parents	Grandparents	Great Grandparents	Great Great Grandparents
<b>Richard Graham Wainwright</b> Engineer / Civil Servant B 1919 Preston, Lancashire D 1989 Holt, Norfolk	<b>Clifford Wainwright</b> Engineer B 1879 Sheffield, Yorkshire D 1950 Liverpool, Lancashire	<b>Arthur Wainwright</b> Solicitor's Clerk B 1850 Sherburn, Yorkshire D not yet found	<b>John Wainwright</b> Provision Dealer 1822 – 1909 Yorkshire <b>Ann Pawson</b> 1817 - ? Yorkshire
		<b>Charlotte Smith</b> B 1849 Doncaster, Yorkshire D 1943 Bournemouth, Hampshire	<b>William Graham Smith</b> Bath Keeper 1809 – 1873 Yorkshire <b>Jane Waits</b> 1810 – 1897 Yorkshire
<b>Elsie Joan Dunthorne</b> School Teacher B 1915 Stratton St Mary, Norfolk D 2012 Cromer District, Norfolk	<b>Naomi Baker Fry</b> Dressmaker B 1873 Taunton, Somerset D 1947 Liverpool, Lancashire	<b>John Fry</b> Coachman B 1843 Wellington, Somerset D 1909 Taunton, Somerset	<b>William Fry</b> Labourer 1799 – 1852 Somerset <b>Ann Hookins</b> 1810 - ? Somerset
		<b>Leah Baker</b> Dressmaker B 1843 Crowcombe, Somerset D 1903 Taunton, Somerset	<b>Moses Baker</b> Blacksmith 1792 – 1863 Somerset <b>Hannah Wilcox</b> 1797 – 1871 Somerset
<b>Elsie Joan Dunthorne</b> School Teacher B 1915 Stratton St Mary, Norfolk D 2012 Cromer District, Norfolk	<b>Alan Dunthorne</b> Master Baker & Confectioner B 1879 Mattishall, Norfolk D 1951 Norwich, Norfolk	<b>Alan Dunthorne</b> Farmer B 1841 Mattishall Burgh, Norfolk D 1932 Depwade District Norfolk	<b>Stephen Dunthorne</b> Farmer 1806 – 1888 Norfolk <b>Louisa Norton</b> 1803 – 1875 Norfolk
		<b>Charlotte Talbot</b> B 1848 Westminster, London D 1921 Stratton St Mary, Norfolk	<b>James Talbot</b> Egg Merchant 1811 – 1870 London <b>Mary Ann Wood</b> Egg Merchant 1812 – 1880 Kent / London / Sussex
		<b>James Mills Weller</b> Chemist & Druggist B 1858 Sussex D 1941 Norfolk	<b>George Cornelius Weller</b> Ins. Agent 1828 – 1872 Sussex <b>Jane Gandy</b> Lodging House Keeper 1829 – 1900 Sussex
<b>Janet Grace Weller</b> Shorthand Typist B 1888 Stratton St Mary Norfolk D 1977 Norwich, Norfolk	<b>Lucy Jane Wardale Coe</b> Business Assistant B 1858 Illinois USA (British subject) D 1930 Norfolk	<b>John Wardale Coe</b> Sawmills Manager 1826 – 1875 Norfolk	<b>Ann Selby</b> Teacher 1821 – 1898 Norfolk

**Friends of St Lawrence's  
Bigbury 2020 Christmas Card**

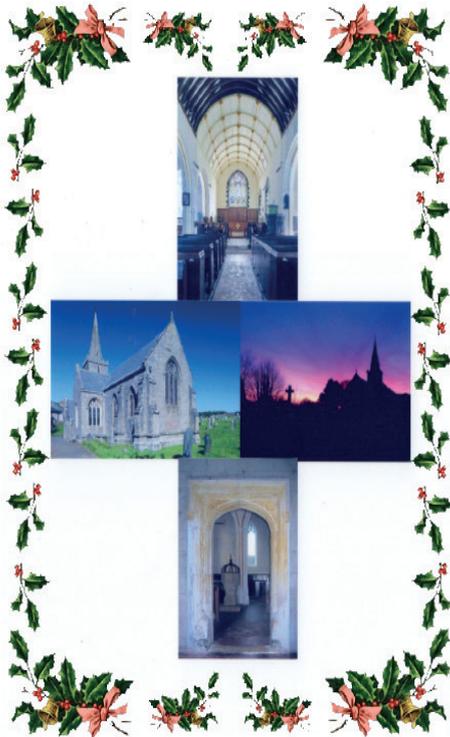
The Friends of St Lawrence's exists to raise funds to help maintain the building and its contents. Over the past 11 years we have raised a substantial amount through our regular events, including Musical Evenings, Quiz and Curry Nights, Barn Dances, Antiques Evaluation Day, and the ever popular Victorian Tea Party.

Our contributions to the works to the church include the painting and redecoration of the nave, ceiling, Court chapel and both aisles, as well as restoration of pews, bibles and, more recently, the guttering and the refurbishment of a new church notice board.

As we are unable to arrange any gatherings at the moment we thought a Christmas card would be a good socially distanced way of raising some funds.

This is a unique little Christmas card with evocative scenes of our lovely church, sold in aid of the Friends of St Lawrence's, available in packs of 5 for £2.50 from Holywell Stores.

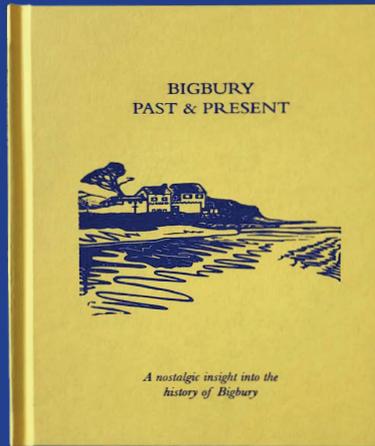
**Alice Taylor,**  
*Treasurer FOSL*



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**THE FRIENDS of ST LAWRENCE**  
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Application form found on:

**www.bigburynews/church**  
or contact **The Treasurer**

**New Fundraising Book  
'Bigbury Past & Present'  
Available to order now!**



A nostalgic collection of over 100 photographs from c1890 to the present day, accompanied by a descriptive narrative.

*Created to raise money for the restoration of the Tower and Bells of St Lawrence Church, Bigbury. All profits on the sale donated to this cause.*

A unique hand-bound book.  
A5 hardback format, containing 44 colour pages.

Book features Bigbury Parish including: Burgh Island, Bigbury-on-Sea, Bigbury, St Ann's Chapel & Easton.

*An ideal gift for those who know Bigbury or to add to a holiday let!*

Copies will be available to purchase in Holywell Stores, direct or by post from Jill Gubbins : 01548 810651, or by emailing : [bigburynewseditor@gmail.com](mailto:bigburynewseditor@gmail.com)

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*Book comes cellophane wrapped and includes four printed postcards!*



The third print run of Bigbury Past & Present is underway and we apologise to those who are waiting for delivery. Delays are due to medical issues which will take a little time to resolve. Thank you for your patience and please do contact Henry to reserve your copy when things get back on track. [henry.wainwright52@gmail.com](mailto:henry.wainwright52@gmail.com) / 810991 In the meantime, Bigbury Past & Present has prompted people to share their Bigbury Reminiscences. These are published in this issue. Henry recently recorded a fascinating interview with **John Braithwaite** (left) and his childhood friend **Alan Babbage** (middle) These will be published as soon as possible. Thanks to all. Do you have something to share too? Contact [bigburynewseditor@gmail.com](mailto:bigburynewseditor@gmail.com) or call 810991





## HMS BIGBURY BAY

My Dad, Norman **Fieldsend**, was born 26th November 1928 in Smethwick which was then in Staffordshire. He was the second of five children and had a dream of joining the Royal Navy. As a result he enlisted in the Navy for his National Service from 1946 – 1948. Unfortunately, or more probably fortunately, for the Navy at least, he decided that the Naval life was not for him. However, it had given him a taste for ships and shipping and he spent most of his working life in the freight forwarding industry and managed the Birmingham office for a Dutch shipping company.

One of the stories that Dad spoke about was during a voyage across the Bay of Biscay. There was a horrendous storm that resulted in all but two of the ships crew suffering from sea sickness, my Dad and the ships captain. They spent the entire

## BIGBURY REMINISCENCES

time during the storm steering the ship through it. I think he was quite proud of this as he was a lowly Ordinary Seaman at the time but left the service as an Able Seaman.

My Dad always spoke fondly of the people he met in the countries where the ship docked. In particular Greece. He and his shipmates were able to go ashore and were quickly met by the locals and taken to their homes where they were fed and watered, with Mavrodaphne wine. Needless to say he only just made it back to the liberty boat in a rather sorry state.

Dad did visit America and again was met by a family who took him into their home. It was the first time he ever saw a tea bag and remembers the grandmother, who was British, insisted that the tea was removed from the bags and placed into a tea pot for a 'proper' cup of tea in honour of his visit.

The photographs showing Bigbury Bay entering and leaving Malta was taken by

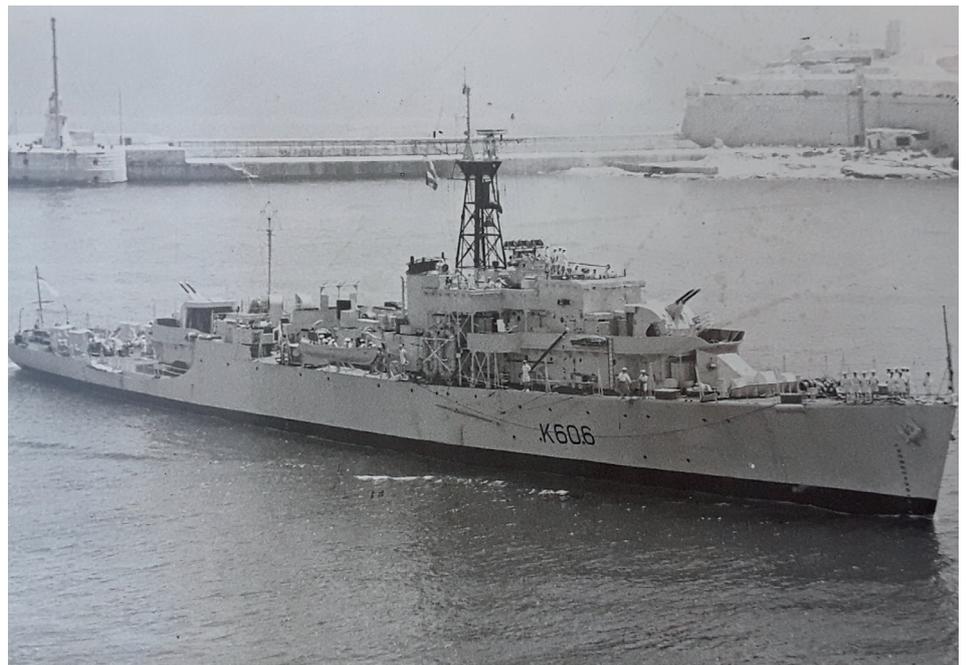
A & J Pavia Photography who can now be found in Ordinance Street Valetta.

It has been a lovely surprise to find that HMS Bigbury Bay's bell was located in the Church of St Lawrence, Bigbury. It was quite an emotional moment to see and I admit to ringing the bell that my Dad had probably rung during his time aboard the ship. Many thanks to the residents of Bigbury for taking such good care of this; it has given me enormous pleasure to be able to see it.

My Dad and Mom, Sheila, married on the 6th March 1956. They had two children, myself, Linda, in 1963 and my sister, Susan, in 1968 and we gave them a grandson, my son and a granddaughter my sister's daughter. Mom died in June 2007 and Dad died in March 2014.

### Linda James

*Regular Visitor to Bigbury and saw the Bigbury Bay's bell in Bigbury Past & Present*



Photos: *Top left*  
Norman **Fieldsend**  
(left)  
*Top right*  
HMS Bigbury Bay  
*Bottom Left*  
Linda James  
*Bottom Right*  
Crew HMS Bigbury  
Bay 1946 - 48



HAPPY MEMORIES

Reference the photograph of Pamela walking through the field from the church (Ed: Sent into Bigbury News by Julia Quinlan - see photo opposite) The fair haired girl with her was my cousin **Hannah Horne**.

It brought back memories of myself as a child walking through the kissing gates & the corn with Hannah on sunny days, going to the church.

My grandmother, **Flora Bartlett** was a seamstress/dressmaker & she & my mum made most of our clothing. I was amused to recognise the familiar detail of the frilled collar on Hannah's dress. I also wonder if the person in the background could be **Jim Woodmason**, as he lived next door to the Burgoynes.

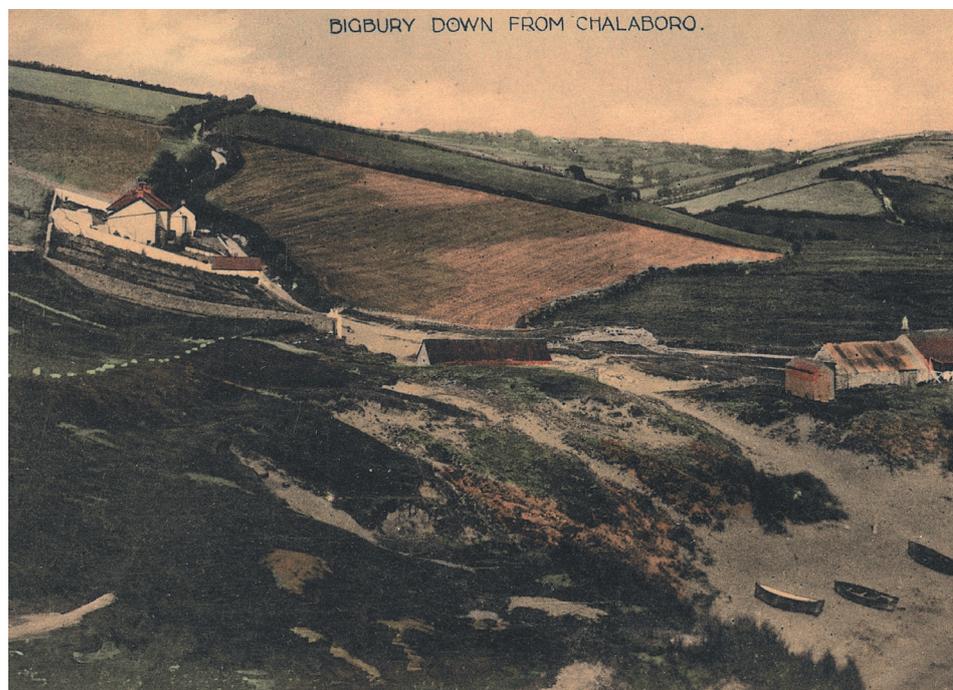
One of the enclosed photographs shows **Mr Burgoyne** bell ringing, next to a young **Harry Bardens**, for our wedding on 23rd June 1962.

**Ursula Thornton**  
Resident in Combe



Photos: Above - St Lawrence bellringers at Noel & Ursula's wedding  
Left - Julia Quinlan's photo referred to in text.

VINTAGE POSTCARDS



**Bryan Jago**, resident at Challaborough Caravan Park has been an avid postcard collector for many years. He very generously donated a number of vintage postcards to Henry Wainwright, who has scanned all of them so that they are not lost to the Community. Sadly many of his collection had already been sold on Ebay during his 'clear-out'!

If you have any old photographs, stories, postcards or other memorabilia, please get in touch with Henry so that we can add them to the collection and print some of them in Bigbury News to illustrate Bigbury Reminiscences.

The postcard (left) is dated 1918 and shows Challaborough before it had a single caravan. The buildings to the left are the Coastguard Cottages which are still there today. [henry.wainwright52@gmail.com](mailto:henry.wainwright52@gmail.com) 810991



## ACCOMMODATION & STORAGE



**Burgh Island Hotel** are looking for local, affordable, accommodation to rent over the winter for their staff. Call Reception at 810514

**Caravan owners** at the Challaborough caravan parks now need to vacate their caravans for three months over the winter. The pandemic rules are making it complicated for some people to make their 'normal' arrangements. Call Louise Wainwright for more information if you know of suitable local accommodation 810991

Let's see if we can help our community stay together and also help young people secure jobs at Burgh Island by providing local accommodation. There are a few storage units still available at Higher Easton Farm if you do not have garage space (see poster). Ed.



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## BIGBURY DRUMS

FOR THE COMMUNITY BY THE COMMUNITY

Once a week 390 subscribers are sent an update of what's on offer from local businesses and receive a "Community Round Up" of local news and events.

Local Event Organisers and Businesses with Take Away Menus or Opening Hour changes etc. are invited to send a JPEG event poster to The Editor

**Louise Wainwright**

bigburydrums@gmail.com



## BIGBURY DRUMS

FOR THE COMMUNITY BY THE COMMUNITY



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### KINGSTON FIRE STATION



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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you self employed and working from home?

Is your employer able to be flexible?

Do you want to serve the Community more?

Are you fit and able to train to be a local volunteer fire fighter?

Please call the crew to find out what is involved without any obligation

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## BIGBURY

### MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

### Week 4

### Tuesday

Jan 21	Apr 14	Jul 7	Sep 29
Feb 18	May 12	Aug 4	Oct 27
Mar 17	Jun 9	Sep 1	Nov 24
Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Ermington	Fawns Close	09:40	10:10
Flete House	Flete House	10:15	10:35
Kingston	Fire Station	11:00	11:40
Ringmore	Church	11:50	12:20
Bigbury-on-Sea	Cleveland Drive	12:40	13:25
Bigbury	Green	14:00	14:30
Modbury	Alyestone Park	14:45	15:30
Modbury	Poundwell Square	15:35	16:35

## WOOD BURNERS

In recent times, wood burning has received some bad press as sources of air pollutants. Wood burners (and coal fires) are the largest source of fine particulate matter (PM2.5), small particles of air pollution that find their way into the body's lungs and blood.

However, this is only the case when you burn wet wood. Hence, legislation has been brought in that prevent sales of wet wood from February 2021.

Wet wood is defined as wood in excess of 20% moisture content. Typically kiln dried wood comes in at a moisture content of between 7 – 10% and is virtually free of PM2.5 particles when burnt. Low cost moisture metres can be found on the internet in the region of £10 so easy to check your home-grown firewood.

Of course the quality of wood burn also determined by the type of wood burnt. This old country poem captures the characteristics of different tree species. At least all those dying ash trees should burn well!

**Henry Wainwright**



Libraries Unlimited are asking for our support to get a new Mobile Library on the road - bringing books and a lifeline to 80 rural communities in the South Hams and West Devon.

The current mobile library, affectionately known as Gertie, will be going into retirement once the new van is operational. This van has given 14 years' service to rural communities, but sadly is becoming more and more difficult to keep on the road.

"It's a good service, even if you don't think you'll use it yourself, you may have an elderly relative that has no access to a big public library. Seeing as we're so rural, it isn't easy, there's no public transport to speak of for most of the villages, so it's a really useful service and well worth supporting" said Sandra from Beeson, mobile library customer.

During lockdown the mobile library team phoned every library customer, and since July we have been on the road again. For the first 2 months to keep customers and staff safe we delivered bags of books, and since September we've been allowing people to come back on board to choose

Beechwood fires are bright and clear  
If the logs are kept a year,  
Chestnut's only good they say,  
If for logs 'tis laid away.

Make a fire of Elder tree,  
Death within your house will be;  
But ash new or ash old,  
Is fit for a queen with crown of gold.

Birch and fir logs burn too fast  
Blaze up bright and do not last,  
it is by the Irish said  
Hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread.

Elm wood burns like churchyard mould,  
E'en the very flames are cold  
But ash green or ash brown  
Is fit for a queen with golden crown

Poplar gives a bitter smoke,  
Fills your eyes and makes you choke,  
Apple wood will scent your room  
Pear wood smells like flowers in bloom

Oaken logs, if dry and old  
keep away the winter's cold  
But ash wet or ash dry  
a king shall warm his slippers by.

Anon

## GERTIE'S RETIREMENT PLAN

their own. Customers have been incredibly happy to see the return of the mobile library; many tell us that using our service not only provides their reading material but also gives them the opportunity to meet and talk to other people. This mobile library carries 2,000 books to rural communities every week and last year, 11,368 books were borrowed by people, young and old. It is much more than a book delivery van though. The mobile library is an educational, social, wellbeing, and cultural service.

Libraries Unlimited has found a second-hand van to replace Gertie. The mobile library has been purchased thanks to a £15,000 grant from Devon County Council. It's only done 29,000 miles, so will give years of service to our communities. However, it's currently geared for under fives inside and out and we need help to get it back on the road to serve all the community.

Purchased at £15,000 from eBay, just a tenth of the cost of a brand-new mobile library, this 6-year old van will improve the reliability of our service for rural communities. It desperately needs to be renovated to meet the needs of our book

**NEW! HOME DELIVERY -  
British Kiln Dried Wood.**

We have supplied Kiln Dried wood from our showroom for many years and continue to do so, but are now also able to offer a home delivery of British Kiln Dried Logs.

These are from a different supplier and have been tried and tested in our showroom and we are really pleased with the quality and heat output. If you would like to find out more about a bulk delivery of 30 or 50 bags of logs, please click on the link below where they can be ordered from our website.

Alternatively our original Kiln Dried Wood by the bag is still available from our showroom.

Our opening hours are, Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm and Saturday 10am – 3pm.

We also have kindling and fire-lighters, wicker baskets, beautiful blankets & throws and other fireside products. Please pop into our showroom and take a look!

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Aveton Gifford  
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lending services and the communities who use them. We need to fund raise £15,000 to help get this new mobile library on the road.

Donations will be used to: • remove existing internal lockers, furniture and shelving aimed at babies and under fives • reinforce the walls • source and fit new shelving systems • adapt the seating • replace the floor covering and re-paint the van inside and out. We need your help so we can continue to support people in your parish or town and communities across the South Hams and West Devon.

You can support us by: • Sharing the word in your village or town through social media and email by sharing our link:

[justgiving.com/campaign/get-mobile-library-on-road](https://justgiving.com/campaign/get-mobile-library-on-road)

I'm happy to talk more about our Mobile Library, please contact me by email using the details below. I hope that you'll feel able to support us.

**Rachel Gee**  
Service Development Manager  
(Rural Services)  
[Rachel.gee@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:Rachel.gee@librariesunlimited.org.uk)

## COVID SUPPORT UPDATE

If you are required by law to self-isolate because you have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, and you are on a low income, you may be supported through a payment of £500, which would be administered by your local Council.

For people who are facing hardship because they have been contacted by NHS Track and Trace and are required to self-isolate for 14 days, the Government has launched a grant to support scheme.

If you are working, and on a low income, and are unable to work from home, you may be eligible to claim the grant worth £500.

Cllr Tony Leech, West Devon Borough Council's Lead Member for health and wellbeing said: "These grants will help support people most at risk of financial hardship and provide a degree of security for those needing to self-isolate. There are a range of other measures that the Council may be able to offer households who are finding things difficult, so if you are experiencing difficulties, please make contact with us.

Cllr Jonathan Hawkins, South Hams District Council's Executive Member for health and wellbeing added: "It is looking like there is a challenge ahead of us all, we must help to control the COVID virus and stop it spreading. This payment will enable those people who would otherwise not be able to afford to self-isolate, protect others and play their part."

You can apply for the Test and Trace Support Payment of £500, if you meet the following criteria:

- You are over 16 and have been told to

self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace on or after 28 September 2020.

- You are employed or self-employed.
- You cannot work from home and will lose income as a result.
- You are currently receiving at least one of the following benefits:
  - Universal Credit,
  - Working Tax Credit,
  - Income-based Employment and Support Allowance,
  - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance,
  - Income Support,
  - Housing Benefit and/or
  - Pension Credit.

If you fail to comply with the Test and Trace isolation rules – not self-isolating following a positive test result for COVID-19, or if you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace and instructed to self-isolate because you are a contact of someone who has had a positive test result – you could face a fine. If you test positive for COVID-19, it will also be an offence to knowingly provide false information about your close contacts to NHS Test and Trace. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in a fine of up to £10,000.

If you are facing financial hardship, please get in touch with your local council who may be able to help or signpost you in the direction of an organisation who can support you. You can find your local Councillor through the Council's website:

South Hams [www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3703/Town-Parish-Councils](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3703/Town-Parish-Councils)  
West Devon [www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/3703/Town-Parish-Councils](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/3703/Town-Parish-Councils)

You can find out more information here [www.southhams.gov.uk/test-and-trace-payments](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/test-and-trace-payments)

## DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE ALERT

We would like to make residents aware that we have received reports of various scams taking place where a fraudster makes contact, normally via a hacked email or messaging account, purporting to be a friend or family member asking for money to be transferred with a storyline and giving bank details.

Please be wary of unusual messages asking for financial assistance, even if the message appears to be from someone you know and trust – please check it is really from them by phoning or speaking to them in person.

You can protect your online accounts by using a strong separate password,

changing passwords regularly, and where available, use a two-factor authentication. More information can be found on the Devon and Cornwall police website:

[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/your-digital-safety/protecting-yourself-online/](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/your-digital-safety/protecting-yourself-online/)

If you think you have been a victim of fraud please report it to **Actionfraud** [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)  
Please pass this information on and consider displaying in public areas such as notice boards etc Thank you.

Message Sent By

**Linzi Berryman** (Police, DC Alert Officer, Devon & Cornwall)

## BPC meeting minutes

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**PRESENT:** Cllrs: E Huntley (EH) (Chair), G Rosevear (GR), S Smith (SS), C Case (CC), V Scott (VS), S Watts (SW), Cllr. K Holland(KH), Cnty. Cllr R Gilbert (RG), Dist. Cllr B Taylor (BT), Clerk I Bramble, (IB) and 7 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 September 9th, 2020 and Financial meeting held on September 30th 2020. GR proposed and EH seconded that these Minutes be accepted as true and accurate records, which was agreed unanimously.

**4.0 Matters arising from Minutes** of previous full meeting held on July 14th, 2020

IB reported that following correspondence from BPC re. a container on her property in Ringmore Drive, Mrs Edwards-Pratt had responded advising that building work, delayed because of Covid necessitated retaining it for storage purposes for longer than originally intended and foresaw needing it for another few months yet.

GR proposed reviewing the situation in 6 months time, seconded by EH and supported unanimously by SW,CC,VS,SS,KH.

### 5.0 Urgent Items

With the Chairman's approval the matter of future car parking charges has been added to the agenda in respect of SHDC requesting Parish Council's to respond by October 30th to proposals by SHDC Executive Council to increase parking charges throughout the District by 4%. A 21 day public consultation will follow on from this deadline date. Objections to charges after 6:pm and overnight were raised, given evening usage of car parks by local residents as well as holidaymakers visiting local restaurants etc. The reduction in the all day tariff from £12 to £10 was welcomed.

RG reminded Councillors that SHDC policy is that decisions on parking tariffs were to be led by local opinion and requirements and that the new tariffs had been set to achieve a 'bottom line'

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revenue figure, so if the overnight tariff was removed the 'lost' revenue would have to be made up by increases at other times. Hence the need for BPC response before the public consultation commences.

GR proposed objection to post 6:00pm charges. This was seconded by EH and supported by SW,CC,VS,SS,KH.

### 6.0 County Councillor's report

- RG advised that work on the Edmeston A379 lights road rebuilding project is planned to start in early January and will continue probably until Easter.
- So far to date during the Covid emergency over 1,000 tons extra glass for recycling and 670 tons of food waste have been collected during lockdown
- School attendance is at 90% of normal and DCC has provided 75 extra school buses.
- Some road repairs in the county have been delayed due to Covid.
- DCC has a Covid related overspend of £45million to date with hopes of Government funding to make up most of this overspend
- A site meeting in Challaborough will be arranged to discuss yellow lining in the village to control parking to prevent the road being effectively blocked by parked vehicles.

### 7.0 District Councillor's report

BT reported the reopening of leisure centres in the District, made possible by £243,000 in grants and loans from SHDC. Collection days for waste and recycling have been changed in preparation for the Super Recycling scheme due to commence in March 2021. SHDC will attend the November Parish Council to present on the proposals. An earlier start time of 7:15 pm will accommodate this presentation before the BPC meeting formally starts at the later time of 7:45.

Initiatives by **Parishes to form cluster groups** are being encouraged by SHDC to conceive local solutions to the '**climate emergency**' issue. SHDC has allocated £400,000 to support such local initiatives, to be released at a date to be determined during the 2021/2022 budget setting process.

**Fly tipping** continues to be an expensive problem throughout the District and BT asked that parishes do as much they can to lookout for those who may be breaking the law on this and also to do as much as can to provide facilities to reduce the incidence of illegal dumping of rubbish.

In response to a query by IB, Cllr Taylor confirmed that SHDC Monitoring Officers

saw no legal barriers to 'hybrid' parish council meetings, whereby live parish council meetings are held to which public access is via Zoom.

### 8.0 Finance – payments to be made and approval of financial statements

GR proposed the following payments be approved. This was seconded by SS and agreed by EH,SS,CC,VS,KH.

£660.0 Mr I Bramble, Clerk's salary, July – September quarter.

£7.27 Mr I Bramble, September postage expenses.

£55.72 BT New Memorial Hall telephone and broadband package from Sept. 16th to October 31st.

£16.00 Cllr S Smith, Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath.

### 9.0 Planning related matters

**2809/20/HHO, 'Sunnynook'**, Clematon Hill, Bigbury on Sea.

VS reported a site visit and subject to the high level slit window being obscure glazed proposed 'no objection', seconded by KH and supported by EH,GR,CC,SW, CC abstained.

**2959/20/HHO, 'High View'**, Warren Road, Bigbury on Sea.

VS reported that councillors had visited the site at which the architect had been present and that the Neighbourhood Plan Committee had also discussed the proposal. In the light of these VS commented on aspects of the proposal which were contrary to Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan(NP) policies with particular concerns about the location of the first floor balcony and its extension towards the pavement line of Warren Road with the property extending to the rear building line too resulting in an overdevelopment of the site, contrary to BP7(ii),contrary to NP policies to maintain front building lines BP7(iii), boundary hedge heights BP7(v) and potential for disturbance to neighbours BP7(vi). VS proposed objection for these reasons, seconded by SW supported by EH,GR,KH, CC abstained.

**2828/20/FUL 'Barby Lodge'**, Cleveland Road, Bigbury on Sea.

VS reported that councillors had visited the site at which the architect and developer were also present and discussed the development in detail. VS also advised that the Neighbourhood Plan Committee had discussed the proposal and believed the proposal to be an development of the site with particular concerns about the increase in ridge height and change to the building lines from the repositioning

the new build further towards the rear of the site which would resulted in over-shadowing, loss of outlook and light to the rear garden of its neighbouring property 'Durley Dene' and also to The Willows and would be contrary to Neighbourhood Plan policies of maintaining front building lines- BP7(iii), ridge heights- BP7(ii), over-dominance and negative impacts on the privacy of neighbouring properties, with regard also to The Willows- BP7(vi). KH spoke supportively of the development and that the design included attractive improvements over the existing property. Positive comments were made about the visual attractiveness and the applicant referred to the permeability of the materials proposed for the surfacing of the front garden, in response to concerns that had been expressed about that permeability and loss of green garden space.

VS proposed objection for the above reasons of over-dominance etc. BP7(vi) and contrary to Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan policies BP7 (ii)-height scale and density, front building lines BP7(iii)and BP7(vi)-over-dominance, overbearing impact , GR seconded, supported by EH,CC,SW. The proposal for the development was supported by KH.

### 10.0 Planning Round Up.

Councillors agreed that there was no need for discussion of this item which was concerned with advising The Bigbury News of planning application notifications, which will be done hereafter.

### 11.0 Modbury Neighbourhood Plan(MNP).

The Plan is now with SHDC for examination and approval (Regulation 15). VS advised that Bigbury Parish Neighbourhood Plan Committee(NPC) has seen the plan and commented that change of use of shops and commercial premises (AI &A3) should not be permitted without SHDC Planning approval. The NPC advised BPC that there was nothing proposed in the Modbury Plan that gave cause for objection. GR pointed out that the public consultation for the MNP had been extended.

### 12.0 Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

Following approval by BPC at its July 14th to retain the Committee with VS as chair. VS proposed SW as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by GR and approved by EH,CC,KH. VS then proposed the following as Committee members; Mr S Bronstein- St Ann's Chapel; Mrs J Gubbins -Bigbury on Sea; Mr J Simes -Challaborough. Thus with VS for Bigbury Village and SW for Easton all

villages in the parish would be represented and membership set at 6 to allow live meetings to take place under the Covid 19 restrictions.

CC expressed reservations about this composition of the Committee as not including representatives of the farming and tourism industries. VS pointed out that those industries would be consulted and also that they would have a voice in any NP discussions etc via BPC. These points were supported by SW. EH proposed acceptance of the Terms of Reference as proposed, seconded by GR. CC objected to the Committee membership as unrepresentative of the farming and tourism industries and KH supported. GR proposed a period of service for the Committee to March 2022 and with 1 further member from agriculture and/or tourism. CC was proposed but declined because of conflict of interests. It was also proposed that VS be given the option to co-opt additional members onto the committee when appropriate. These proposals were unanimously supported by BPC.

#### 13.0) Sedgewell Slipway.

IB reported an indicative quote of £650 for white lining parking spaces in the layby at the head of the slipway and suggested that if BPC was minded to proceed with this a second quote should be obtained and he will do so.

#### 14.0) St Ann's Chapel Triangle development.

With regard to the removal of hedging from the boundary of this development site during construction VS reported that there has been no deviance from the planning approval, which required the hedging to be reinstated before the first occupation of completed properties.

#### 15.0) Memorial Hall BT account.

BPC agreed to defer discussion on this item to its November meeting.

#### 16.0) Future Parish Council Meetings

CC expressed the wish for BPC to return to live meetings in the Memorial Hall. However the necessary, extensive anti Coronavirus precautions are onerous and BPC agreed that for the time being BPC would prefer to continue with Zoom meetings.

#### 17.0) Open Session.

Jason Pheasant, manager Bigbury Golf Club raised the matter of and his concern about the Club car park being used as a temporary stop for drivers searching for a mobile 'phone signal to enable them to pay parking charges in the Bigbury on Sea car park or simply parking there for free. Mr Pheasant referred to traffic congestion and the complete jamming of roads by

wide vehicles, especially static caravans being transported in or out of the area. He believed escort vehicles, when used, had been poor at controlling traffic ahead of the loads and that better escorting would alleviate matters.

However EH expressed the view that although steps taken to mitigate the chaos caused may occasionally be effective the nature of the parish's roads would always have the potential for blockages which cannot be avoided.

18.0) Correspondence Received  
IB reported none had been received.

#### 19.0) Any other business.

IB advised that the Memorial Hall is available during the early weeks of December and was asked to arrange a date with councillors for a meeting to set the Parish Precept for 2021/2022.

**GR** is to liaise with **Cllr Bill Cole** to arrange for a **skip to be available in the parish during December** for use by parishioners only.

**The Bay View Café reopening** is proving to be a successful venture.

SS has now purchased a **Parish Remembrance Day Wreath**.

The meeting closed at 21.35.  
The next meeting is to be held  
WEDNESDAY November 11th at 7:45pm

### Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan Committee (BNPC)

*Terms of Reference* approved by Bigbury Parish Council, 14 October 2020  
Composition:

This is a committee acting on behalf of Bigbury Parish Council composed of at least two elected members plus a maximum of four members of the community (total six members). The **Chair** of the committee is appointed by the Bigbury Parish Council and he/she should have a good working knowledge of the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan and the evidence on which it was based. The **Vice-Chair** is also to be appointed by the Bigbury Parish Council and should have a good working knowledge of the Neighbourhood Plan. The **Members** of the committee will also be appointed by the Parish Council following the recommendations of the Chair and should if possible represent different parts of the parish with if possible at least one member from Bigbury-on-Sea, one from Bigbury

Village and one from either St Ann's Chapel, Easton or the northern part of the parish.

The composition of the membership of the committee will be reviewed by the Bigbury Council after a period of 18 months, at the Parish Council meeting in March 2022. Membership as approved on 14 October 2020:

**Cllr Valerie Scott** – *Chair*  
**Cllr Stuart Watts** – *Vice-Chair*  
Jill Gubbins - *Member*  
Jo Simes - *Member*  
Simon Bronstein - *Member*

#### Objectives:

1. To seek to ensure the consistent and comprehensive implementation of the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan.
2. To seek to engage with the community in achieving the delivery of the Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan.
3. To recommend any amendments or modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan, that may be considered appropriate.

#### Tasks:

- To monitor the Neighbourhood Plan annually and review the Plan and any modification required at least every 5 years following the date of its adoption;
- To provide advice and assistance to the Parish Council in respect of any planning applications to ensure that proper regard is given to the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan;
- To consider and recommend any amendments or modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan to the Parish Council, to consult with the community with regard to any proposed changes and for the Chair or Vice Chair in his/her absence to liaise with South Hams District Council regarding matters arising in this respect;
- To ensure that minutes of any meetings of the BNPC are placed on the Bigbury Community website and in Bigbury News.

#### Meetings:

BNPC will meet regularly, as determined by the Chair and according to specific planning needs.

Recommendations on specific planning applications or for amendments to the original Neighbourhood Plan will be reported to Bigbury Parish Council at one of its regular meetings.

NB Parish Council meetings are always open to the public with the opportunity for members of the public to make comments in respect of any planning applications to be discussed.

**Valerie Scott**  
*Chair*

*Bigbury Neighbourhood Planning Committee*