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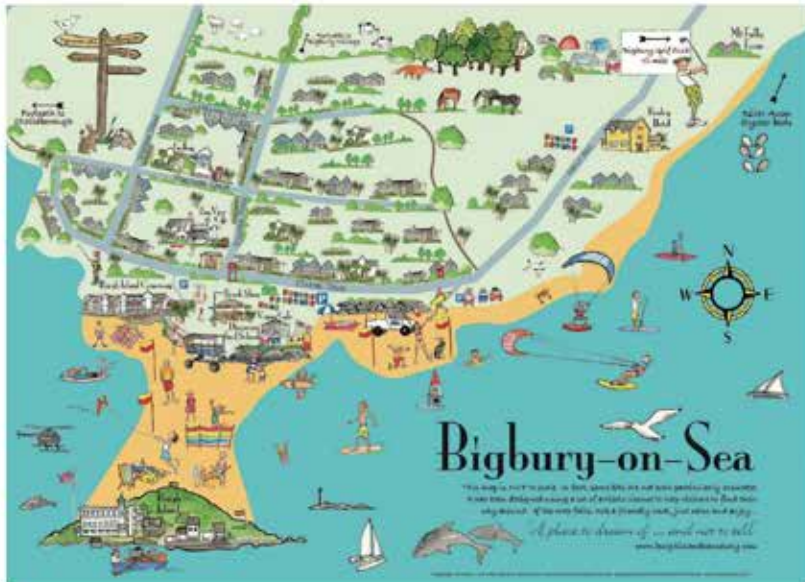


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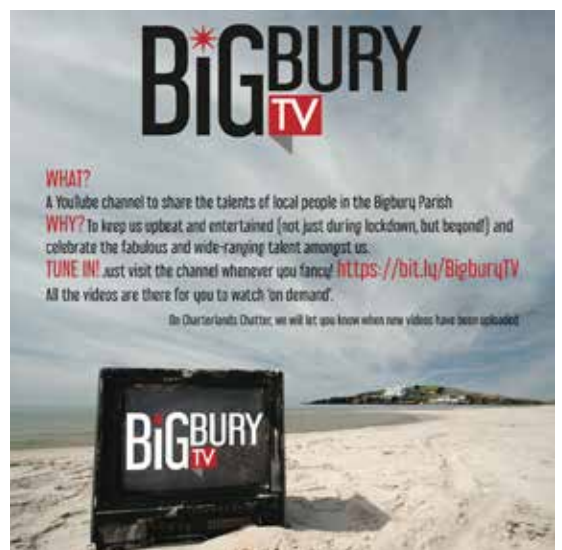
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EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Readers,

As this is the last edition (at least until/unless someone else steps up to be editor), we'd like to thank all the contributors who have sent their interesting pieces and photographs in for the last two years. Thank you to all of our advertisers who have enabled us to keep this magazine as a free publication. Thanks also go to Dane Vanstone and his delivery team in Bigbury and to the deliverers in Ringmore. Out in all weathers, battling the rain and wind, they've brought this magazine to you. Many thanks, as always, to Henry Wainwright for acting as Treasurer and uploading the magazine to the printers.

Over the past two years, being part of Bigbury & Ringmore News has given us a real insight into what makes our communities tick, meeting the people who live here, hearing their stories and learning more about the stunning environment in which we live.

It has been an absolute privilege working together to produce Bigbury & Ringmore News, and to be part of a highly regarded publication that tells your stories, and promotes your events, accolades and achievements. This community has a lot to celebrate and be proud of. We are pleased to have played our part in the collection and presentation of your contributions in a way that we believe we can all appreciate, and this has helped to keep our communities informed and connected.

Many thanks to Louise Wainwright for organising a presentation of gorgeous flowers to us both, to thank us for the last two years. This local magazine has kept us busy and we've had a lot of fun along the way! Now it's time for a Mocktail, or maybe even something bubbly, as we sign off our final editorial meeting. Cheers everyone!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all,

Jan Davies, Editor and Nancy Singleton, Business Editor
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Nancy and Jan

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- Unwind Salon, Bigbury
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They are also on the Bigbury Community website:
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- below the Nisa shop .

They are also on the Ringmore Parish Council website:
www.ringmoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL Bringing the Community Together

Our winter programme opened in fine style with the latest in our series of Film & Food Nights in mid October. Over 40 people enjoyed the film, "Last Chance Harvey", a romcom starring Dustin Hoffman and Emma Thompson, and contributed some great food to share. Watch out for the next one in the New Year.

The fun continues on Saturday December 7th at 7.30 p.m. with a Christmas Party, with a 60s, 70s, and 80s theme. This will feature live music; glad rags are optional! Tickets are only £5, with under 18s free. Bring your own food and drink. Contact Dane Vanstone on 07563 110009.

The next event is our ever popular New Year Quiz on Friday January 10th at 7.00 p.m., presented by well known Quiz Inquisitor Norman Botton. Tickets are only £5, which includes a bottle of wine per team. Great value. Teams are a maximum of six. Don't worry if you're not in a ready made team, we can pair you up on the night. Again BYFD. See poster for further details.

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BIGBURY WATCH



Eamonn & Linda Byrnes
811104 or 07790 485102

Not sure whether to call the police about something? Have a chat with our friendly Bigbury Watch Team and perhaps they can give you some advice. Eamonn and Linda are retired police officers and live locally.

BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Calendar of Events for December 2024 – January 2025

<u>Day & Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Organiser</u>	<u>Contact no.</u>
Mon. 15.45 – 17.00	Table tennis	Angie Bond Janie Grace	811131 811122
Tues. 7.00 – 8.00	Exercise class	Jessica	07805 895592
Wed. 10.30 – 12.00 (1 st Wed. of month)	Community Coffee morning	Jean Wright Yvonne Klidjian	810029 810971
(2 nd Wed. of month) 19.30 19.00	Parish Council Community Choir	Ian Bramble (clerk) Apple Taylor appletaylor72@gmail.com	855712
Thurs. 9.30 – 10.30 10.50 -11.30	Pilates Strong & Steady (plus tea and chat)	Jill Gubbins Jill Gubbins	810651 810651

Memorial Bench for Gill Middleton



A group of friends, along with Gill's family, have contributed to the purchase of a replacement bench situated on part of family land in Bigbury on Sea. The recycled plastic bench is engraved to remember Gill, a very longstanding resident who died in January this year, and her parents and their friend, who built a home and worked the land in the fifties. The previous wooden seat has been well used by both locals and visitors as it provides a peaceful spot alongside a footpath from which to enjoy a good view across the sea. The choice of recycled plastic for the new bench means it will remain in good condition for many years to come, commemorating a well-known family in Bigbury on Sea's history.

Jill Gubbins



Dear Jan

A big thank you for your sterling work in editing the Bigbury and Ringmore News over the past few years. The News will miss you at its helm, but for you, onward to new pastures!

I also wanted to wish successful moves to longstanding residents of Bigbury on Sea, Janice and Peter Walton, and Pat and Michael Holness, both couples due to move in the next few months, both to Bovey Tracey as it happens, certainly a change of scenery and also with more amenities than our lovely area. They will be much missed locally but are wished many happy years in their new abodes! The new owners of their homes, and also those of Curlew and Tamarisk, are warmly welcomed to Bigbury on Sea – enjoy!

Jill Gubbins

Charlie Murray



Charlie (left) and Jo Gregory in Bigbury Tea Garden 2022

We are very saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Charlie Murray, who contributed a great deal to our community. She delighted us with the most creative and delicious food imaginable: wonderful pastries, fabulous savouries and scrumptious cakes. She will be missed by many and remembered very fondly.

BIGBURY COFFEE MORNING

On Wednesday 2nd October we raised £350 for South Hams Hospital League of Friends. It was lovely to have Jo present who told us about the refurbishment of the grounds outside the hospital and the care they give for staff and patients—they provide a bowl of fruit for the staff each day!

On Wednesday 6th November we raised £355 for Kingsbridge Age Concern. It was good to have Amanda with us who spoke about the work of the Care Hub and its many activities and clubs. Many thanks to everyone who came and supported us so generously.

On Wednesday 4th December we will be supporting St. Lawrence Church with our Christmas Coffee Morning. On sale will be Christmas logs, cakes, puddings mince pies and other Christmas fare. We look forward to seeing you between 10.30 and noon in the Memorial Hall.

We do not hold a coffee morning in January but finally to say a huge thank you to everyone who supports us so loyally and generously each month we will be holding just a coffee morning on Wednesday 5th February 2025 (no stalls). Meeting at 11am for biscuits, cake and a natter before we start our New Year supporting local charities again.

Enjoy the festive season,
Best wishes,
Jean, Yvonne and the team.

Food Glorious Food at The 19th Bigbury Golf Club Restaurant

If you've not visited The 19th at Bigbury Golf Club Restaurant to indulge in the fabulous food on offer, you're in for a culinary treat! Head Catering Manager, Maggs, makes everything in house from scratch. She loves baking cakes and puddings and has won prizes for her scrumptious Victoria sponge cake, melt in the mouth chocolate brownies and fabulous flapjacks.



There is no end to Maggs' talent, her Sunday roasts are simply divine, and in my opinion, amongst the best you'll get in the South Hams and sensibly priced. Meats are cooked to perfection served with a rainbow of veggies and delicious roasties all accompanied with lashings of luscious gravy. And for afters, if you have room, the mouth watering desserts are a real treat. There is always a vegetarian alternative on offer too. And...if that wasn't enough, Maggs is also taking orders for Christmas cakes and mince pies, so don't delay in getting your order in. Oh, and there are Sunday Festive lunches in December too, so be sure and book to avoid disappointment.

Did I mention the ham, egg and chips? It would be rude not to... the best ever - thick slices of succulent ham, eggs cooked to perfection and lots of chunky chips drizzled with ketchup to dip in those eggs.

So if you would like to feast your eyes and indulge in a great choice of wonderful food, enjoy stunning views and free parking, Maggs and the fantastic team will be delighted to see you. A warm welcome awaits!

To find out more and book, follow them on Facebook or visit www.bigburygolfclub.co.uk
Tel: 01548 810557

Nancy Singleton

Ringmore WI 100

On Thursday 14th November, Ringmore Women's Institute celebrated their Centenary in the WI hall with a special afternoon tea for members and invited guests. A large photograph of the village was unveiled by Drina Williams to commemorate the occasion.



Jackie Tagent, our previous president, cut the cake, and after the toast a delicious tea was enjoyed.



Ringmore WI is proud to have designed and built their own hall in 1929, and we still own, maintain and care for it. This provides a focal point for many village activities. We hope our group will continue to adapt and grow, and that the hall will host many more fun celebrations and charity events in the future.



Anyone interested in joining us, please contact Jane Baker 01548 811 115, or Tracy Hyde 07884 003152
Jane Baker, President
Ringmore WI



Funding Requests 2025-26

Bigbury Parish Council are preparing their budget for 2025-26. The Council invites organisations and individuals to request for grants that will benefit and support the local community.

Requests should specify the amount, full justification for the funding and contact details of the applicant.

Application deadline: Monday 9 December 2024
Please send applications to the Parish Clerk:
clerk.bigburypc@gmail.com

Bigbury Road Closure



B3392 closed at night from Pond Green Cross to Bigbury Green Cross from 6 to 17 January 2025 from 18.00 to 06.00 hrs. See map. (Excl. Emergency Vehicles)

Alternative route via Ringmore and Challaborough to Bigbury on Sea, Bigbury Green and Golf Club



Parking Arrangements Holywell Stores

Please be aware of the new parking arrangements at Holywell Stores which have been put in place to assist customers who visit the store.



Happy 69th Wedding Anniversary to Harry and Ellen Bardens!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL 2025 Friday 8th - Sunday 10th August

These events are to raise funds for flowers and sundries for the festival. In the Memorial Hall starting with:

Monday 11th November 2024
Soups and puds 12 noon-2pm
Thank you everyone who came and enjoyed various soups and puddings. We raised £245- Thank you

Friday 21st February 2025
Quiz Night

Saturday 19th April 2025
Easter Fayre

Thursday 19th June 2025
Ascot Ladies Day
cream/savoury tea
(Find your hats and glad rags please!)

There will be a meeting in St. Lawrence's Church on Monday 20th January 2025 at 11am for all people interested in decorating the Church for the flower festival on the theme of BELLS.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing and sharing your ideas.

Jean and Hilary



As many of you will have noticed, some of the green verges in our parish are suffering from heavy vehicles ploughing over them. Bigbury-on-Sea's verges are particularly vulnerable owing to the narrow roads and high volume of contractors' vehicles in that location.

The parish council is calling on all property owners to impress upon their contractors the importance of taking extra care when navigating large vehicles up and down our narrow roads. It is illegal to use the green verges for parking. Alternative parking arrangements should be made either on site or in car parks. The use of vehicles that can negotiate the tight turns will stop indiscriminate damage to the verges. We also ask that known obvious damage be made good as soon as possible to demonstrate a positive example to others. Builders should be made aware of this obligation to repair damage as part of a project's Construction Environmental Management Plan.

With everyone's help, we can stop further harm and give our lovely green areas the chance to recover.

What's On

2 December

Tearfund Lunch

Ringmore WI Hall 11.00 - 2.00

4 December

Bigbury Coffee Morning

The Memorial Hall 10.30 - 12

5 December

Bigbury History Society Quiz Night

The Memorial Hall 7pm

7 December

WI Christmas Celebrations

Ringmore WI Hall 11.00 - 1.00

7 December

Christmas Party

The Memorial Hall 7.30

8 December

Jazz Night

The Journey's End 7.30

9 December

Local History Quiz

The Memorial Hall 7pm

10 December

Memorial Hall AGM

Memorial Hall 5pm

20 December

Candlelit Carol Service

All Hallows, Ringmore, 6.30pm

22 December

Christingle & Carol Service

St Lawrence's, Bigbury 11am

24 December

Carols on the Green

Bigbury Green 6.30pm

25 December

Family Service

All Hallows, Ringmore, 9.30am

9 January

Sacred Landscape - WI talk

Ringmore WI Hall 7pm

10 January

Bigbury Quiz Night

The Memorial Hall 7pm

BIGBURY COFFEE MORNING



The Memorial Hall, St. Ann's Chapel
Entrance £1 to include coffee/biscuits
Bric-a-Brac, Books, Cards, Silk items from
Cambodia, Cakes, Savouries, Raffle, Guess the
weight of the cake etc.

10.30 - 12.00

Wednesday 4th December
Supporting St Lawrence's Church

11am

Wednesday 5th February
Biscuits, Cake & Chat

15 January

Ringmore Historical Society

Agatha Christie's Legacy - a talk

Ringmore WI Hall 7.30 pm

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Christmas
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FOLLOWED BY MINCE PIES &
MULLED WINE

20 December
@ 6:30pm

FAMILY SERVICE
WITH CAROLS &
HOLY COMMUNION WITH
REV OLI LONG

25 December
@ 9:30am

NOTICE BOARD

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS
ON THE GREEN**

CHRISTMAS EVE, 6.30 PM
BIGBURY GREEN



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Traditional carols, mulled wine & mince pies
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Christmas Party
Sat 7th Dec 7.30pm
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The Memorial Hall
St Ann's Chapel

LIVE MUSIC
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A CHRISTMAS HISTORY QUIZ

How well do you know your village ?
Sourced from local publications

BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL
MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 7pm

BYO drink & nibbles
Entry £3

**Christingle
and
Carol Service**

St Lawrence's Church
Bigbury

22nd December
11am

Everyone Welcome

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2025**

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Bigbury Memorial Hall

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Christmas

**CELEBRATIONS AT
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SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2024
@ 11:00AM-1:00PM

MULLED WINE, HOT DRINKS,
MINCE PIES, CHOIR, RAFFLE,
CHRISTMAS CAKES

ALL ARE WELCOME



St Lawrence's

CHURCH NEWS

A packed Memorial Hall on Friday 4th October enjoyed hearing about the successful project to get St Lawrence's bells ringing out again. Brief presentations accompanied by photos and slides, from Henry Wainwright, Peter Cook, Vic Gubbins and Mike Wynne-Powell, described the bells' history, the project financing and actual work involved in the restoration of the bells. A fascinating musical demonstration by Jo Lowe followed, exploring the sounds produced by our bells. An impressed audience had an informative and entertaining evening, as well as sharing platters! A generous raffle and of course 'hot off the press' books on the Bigbury Bells for sale helped raise £400, thank you to all donors concerned. Holywell Stores, Henry and Jill have further copies of the book for sale (£5), which will make ideal Christmas gifts of course!



A bellringing taster session on Saturday 2nd November saw a heartwarming turnout by local youngsters, residents and holidaymakers, each given some time to successfully get a bell ringing! This is a sociable activity, good for the brain without being overly physical as the bells at St Lawrence are considerably lighter than at other churches – if you are interested in starting or restarting bell ringing, our mixed team of ringers would be delighted to show you the ropes (forgive the pun!). The more people involved, the easier to provide a regular ring of bells prior to Sunday services, which are separate from the bells activity, and second homeowners and holiday makers are equally extremely welcome – please contact Henry on 810991 for further information. Huge efforts by many volunteers have allowed the bells to hang safely in the tower, let's keep them ringing!

A lovely Harvest Festival led by Rev Matt was celebrated on Sunday 13th October, thank you to those involved in decorating the church so plentifully and beautifully. This was followed by a splendid and much appreciated lunch for 54 people in the Memorial Hall, prepared once again by Jean Wright and which raised £727 – bravo Jean! Bigbury, Ringmore and Kingston held a joint Remembrance Sunday service at Kingston's church, with about 65 people attending. Wreaths were laid on behalf of St Lawrence and Bigbury Parish Council, both were re-laid later at St Lawrence's memorial.

News is still awaited on a start date for the proposed interior roof over the bells to further protect them from water ingress through the spire and tower, and the extra floor to help with sound proofing the ringing chamber. Sadly the organ has been declared unrepairable, and the diocesan organ advisor is helping investigate how best to replace it. Meanwhile a replacement instrument from Sandra Inglis, sister of Fiona Dukes, is hoped to act as stop gap, many thanks to Sandra and Fiona. New hands to play occasionally for services are also very welcome, please contact the churchwarden.

On the subject of Bryan, our churchwarden, as many of you will know he has undergone cancer treatment during the autumn, and therefore has been absent from events, well nursed by Angie. Both are naturally in our thoughts and prayers for his return to good health.

This year the Community Christmas Card can be found in the middle of the News, simply cut out the double sided page and fold into an A5 card. A special thanks to Bigbury on Sea resident Grant Peet for the reproduction of his watercolour as the card's front cover. Thank you again Jas and Jaswinder for your support too, and of course many thanks to all who participated in this community event, raising £200 for St Lawrence and £15 for All Hallows, funds split according to participants' location. On the card are details of Christmas services at the two churches.

Please do visit St Lawrence over the festive season, whether for services, to sit, reflect and remember, or just to appreciate its history, all are welcome in this special place at the heart of our community of Bigbury.

May you enjoy a peaceful Christmas and a healthy, joyous 2025.

Vic & Jill Gubbins 810651
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www.bigburynews.com/church



All Hallows

CHURCH NEWS

A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to all our flower arrangers who made the church look so good for our Harvest Festival service in October.



And a very big thank you to Sally, Heather and their great band of helpers for organising the lunch after the service in the Parish room. Fifty-two people attended enjoying a wonderful spread provided by the Journey's End Inn. It was a joyful event.



ALL HALLOWS CHURCH NEWS - DECEMBER/JANUARY CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We would be delighted to see you at our Christmas services, if not before!

Our Christmas Carol service will be held on Friday, 20th December at 6:30pm. The candle-lit service will be led by our vicar, Matt Rowland and a choir of singers led by Jo Highley. After the service mulled wine and mince pies will be served.

There will be a Communion Service at 9:30am on Christmas Day led again by Oli Long.

TEARFUND SOUP LUNCHESES

Lunches will be available between 11am and 2pm at the WI hall, Ringmore on the following dates:-

- Monday 2nd December
- Monday 6th January
- Monday 3rd February
- Monday 3rd March

HOME COMMUNION AND PRAYER

As a reminder if you would like home communion or home prayer don't hesitate in contacting us. We have a weekly house group on Wednesdays at 10.00am if you'd like to come along please get in touch.

ALL HALLOWS PRAYER GROUP

From time to time, most of us feel the need for prayer (whether or not we go to Church). If anyone has a prayer request, they can phone one of the numbers listed below and give details of the request (as much or as little detail as they wish) That person will contact other members of the chain so that a number of people are offering the prayer on behalf of the individual. Confidentiality is always maintained.

Prayer chain members are:

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- Gill Tomlin 810028 Yvonne Turpin 810798
- Heather Hinkley 714631 Rosemary Piercy 07562 231617
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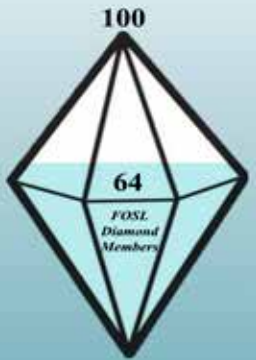


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CHURCH SERVICES: DECEMBER 2024 & JANUARY 2025

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
December 1 st	Sunday Worship	Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion
December 8 th	Sunday Worship	Communion	Village Service	Communion (8 am) (BCP) All Age Worship	Sunday Worship
December 15 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion "Rooted" Carols (6 pm)	Sunday Worship
December 20 th					Carol Service (6.30 pm)
December 22 nd	Family Carols (4 pm)	Christingle and Carols	Carol Service (6.30 pm)	Carol Service (6 pm)	
Christmas Eve	Communion (11 pm)			Nativity (4 pm) Communion (11 pm)	
Christmas Day	Communion by extension	Communion	Communion (9.30 am)	Communion (10 am)	Communion
December 29 th				Team Service (10.30 am)	
January 5 th	Sunday Worship	Village Service	Sunday Worship	Communion	Village Service
January 12 th	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (8 am) (BCP) All Age Worship	Sunday Worship
January 19 th	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
January 26 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship "Rooted" (6 pm)	Communion

UNBELIEVABLE?

Christmas just for the children? For many of us the Christmas story is something heartwarming for the children, but there are too many unbelievable events: signs in the stars, predictive dreams, supernatural beings, a miraculous conception for it to be anything more than wishful thinking

Yet, in many ways there are many supernatural entities that we all believe in, things like human rights, dignity, equality or justice. You can be a believer in things that cannot be measured by science or tested in laboratory.

You may be utterly convinced that all there is are atoms and molecules, but you too (like Christians) believe in a 'miraculous conception.' The big- bang theory when the universe suddenly and instantaneously burst into life. There was nothing and then there was something. No life, and then life. You are a believer in a miraculous conception. We all hold onto beliefs that take faith to believe in, not just Christians

As always you are more than welcome to come to any of our services and events over the Christmas period. Come and enjoy the old, old story but also come with an open mind that what we assume is unbelievable may not just be a children's story, but a true story

Revd Oli Long (curate)

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Readers: Joyce Howitt (07929 117397), Gil Snook (07563 663410), Michael Tagent (Emeritus)*

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Beach Banter



News from Burgh Island Hotel: Winter Works and Improvements Update

As the winter months approach, we are excited to share some updates with our wonderful neighbours and local community. Burgh Island Hotel is undergoing a series of thoughtful refurbishments and maintenance improvements that will preserve our unique spaces while enhancing guest experience and minimizing impact on the surrounding area. Here's what's planned over the coming months:

Palm Court Floor and Lower Windows Refurbishment
The iconic Palm Court floor and lower-level windows are set for a complete refurbishment to restore their timeless elegance. This work will bring new life to our historic venue, keeping it a cherished place for our guests and community alike.

Damp Proofing of the Ballroom Wall
Essential damp-proofing is being applied to the Ballroom's end wall, ensuring this favourite space stays as beautiful and functional as ever for our events and gatherings.

Crittall Window Replacements
Many of the hotel's Crittall windows will be refurbished from January through to May, enhancing both the aesthetics and insulation of the building, while maintaining the hotel's authentic Art Deco charm.

Guest Rooms Refresh
Several guest rooms will undergo redecoration, continuing our commitment to comfort, style, and the heritage feel that is unique to Burgh Island.

Exciting Developments for 2025

Warren Cottage for Letting

We're delighted to announce that Warren Cottage is being carefully prepared for letting through Burgh Island, making it a perfect retreat with friends and family.

January opening

While the hotel undergoes its seasonal improvements, the Pilchard Inn will remain open for both visitors and locals to enjoy.

Quieter Deliveries and Waste Collection

Drinks are now being delivered directly to the island, reducing noise for residents on the mainland. Additionally, as of February, hotel waste bins will be collected directly from the island instead of the car park, contributing to a cleaner, quieter local environment. Plus gas canisters. Warren cottage carpark will be a much tidier area.

Bookings for local residents for dining

Don't forget, we're offering a 10% discount on all dining for non-resident guests! Join us for a delightful Afternoon Tea in the Nettlefold restaurant or a gourmet meal at the Pilchard Inn.



For bookings, please contact our reception team at reception@burghisland.com or call 01548 810 514, and simply quote LOCAL10 to enjoy this offer. Our booking system will be soon available to book via our website.

Follow Pilchard Inn and Burgh Island hotel on our social media channels and watch out for news on our New Years eve party at the Pilchard Inn and return of the famous island Curry nights!

Thank you to our community for your support and understanding as we complete these improvements. We look forward to welcoming you back to enjoy these updates soon and will keep you informed on our progress.

Warm regards,
The Team at Burgh Island Hotel

Beach Banter



www.discoverysurf.com

As we move into the winter months we reflect fondly on another fabulous season here at Discovery in which thousands of locals, school children and visitors enjoyed their first surf, developed their skills or cheered from the beach! We've loved seeing lots of happy smiling faces and already looking forward to lots more adventures next year.

Surf Club is running up until December and will re start again after the February Half term. We're going to be closed for January, and depending on the conditions we will be open for some days over the Christmas holidays for those of you keen to practice your surf skills over the festive period. Keep an eye on our socials or get in touch for up to date opening times.

We've had an exceptional autumn and the water is still a good temperature, but please do be careful in the sea over the winter months where colder water and unpredictable weather can make going in the sea more challenging, especially as there are no lifeguards patrolling.

We hope you all have a fabulous Christmas and make lots of exciting plans for 2025! We're already taking bookings for next season, so please do get in touch if you're keen to get something in the diary or have any questions.

All the best - Annika, Martin, Jess and the Discovery Team



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Village Kitchen

SAUSAGE STUFFED WINTER SQUASH



Ingredients

- 2 small butternut squash (can use Acorn Squash or other)
- 2 cups cooked rice and/or quinoa
- ½ lb Italian sausage
- 2 cups mushrooms sliced
- 2 cups raw spinach
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup breadcrumbs
- 1-2 tablespoon olive oil
- ¼ teaspoon sage
- 2 cloves of chopped garlic
- salt and pepper to taste



Instructions

Heat the oven to 400F.

Wash and dry your squash, carefully cut them in half, and scoop out the seeds. Grease the surface of a baking pan with 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Grease the squash inside and out with the rest of the oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and place cut-side down in the pan.

Bake for about 20 minutes, then turn, and cook for 10-15 minutes longer. Meanwhile, in a medium pot, cook your rice/quinoa. Cook the sausage in a large pan on medium heat - no oil should be necessary as long as the sausages are fatty enough. Cook, stirring often, until the sausage is lightly browned and no pink remains.

Add in the sliced mushrooms and spinach, and season with salt, pepper, sage, and garlic. Cook until the vegetables are soft. Now, add the rice mixture to the sausage and vegetables, and mix in the Parmesan cheese. Empty side up, fill the squash with the rice mixture. Top with breadcrumbs and additional Parmesan, and bake on high for 2-3 minutes, until topping is golden brown. Serve immediately!

Fiona Stace

Cocktail Hour



Burgh Island Hotel has kindly sent us this seasonal recipe.

JAZZY JAFFA ESPRESSO MARTINI

The classic pairing of chocolate and orange brings a jazzy, upbeat rhythm to your day. The perfect harmony of coffee, cocoa and bright citrus notes make this drink both elegant and decadent.

Ingredients

- 50ml Cazcabel Coffee Tequila
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- 50ml Espresso
- 15ml Crème de cacao
- Express of 1 Orange Peel

Shake in a cocktail shaker well with ice and double strain into a coupe glass.

The Detectorists



No, this is not a new series being made of the BBC's comedy series about the metal-detecting ambitions of Andy and Lance, members of the Danebury Metal Detecting Club, but a report on a visit by Chris Noakes and Jim Webster to our field in Bigbury. A regular sight on our beaches at low tide is the sight of the metal detectorist swinging their detector from side to side, yet less common in our fields. Chris came to fix our boiler and in discussion it became apparent that he was a keen detectorist. Curious about what he would find we invited him to go round Cross Park field near Bowls Cross. This field has a public foot path across it that was believed to connect the church with the Rectory, therefore had the potential for dropped artifacts. To note: all detectorists have to the landowners permission to go metal detecting.

The detecting was undertaken in a methodical manner, dividing the field into a grid to ensure that most of the area was covered systematically. Standard equipment used were a metal detector with swivel head, a narrow bladed stainless-steel spade and a point locator. The latter is used to pinpoint an item within a soil clod which is very helpful when you might be looking for, as an example, a single 10 mm coin. The metal detector can distinguish between iron and other metals and iron finds were ignored (pieces of farm machinery and things like horse shoes). Interestingly most finds were found at about 60 cm depth, presumably where the plough had buried those items drop on the soil surface.

There are two pictures of the finds. In the first there is a George I half penny (King from 1714 – 1727) and a George II half penny (King from 1727 – 1760). Both were made of copper. Other coins had deteriorated too much to be identified. The large oval lump of lead is a medieval palm guard and there are a few needle marks to be found in the hollow. A palm guard has a slightly concave face that allows it to sit comfortably into the palm of your hand. It is believed to have been used to push a needle through a tough material, such as leather. Apart from the decimals all the other coins are too far gone to identify.



In the second picture there is the remains of a pot leg, made of a copper alloy and dates between 1200-1650 medieval. There is a 1882 'bun head' Victoria penny and a dandy button. The dandy button (top centre) is the large button with a starlike design in the centre. A dandy was a man who placed great importance on physical appearance, refinement, and leisurely hobbies. During the late 18th and early 19th century, these British men were often self-made and strove to imitate the aristocratic lifestyles of the upper class, despite their often-middle-class backgrounds.



The National Council for Metal Detecting (NCMD) lays out quite clear Codes of Conduct and explains the legal side for metal detectorists which can be found on their website (www.ncmd.co.uk). For significant finds over 300 years old then they get handed onto the Finds Liaison Officer (FLO) who operates out of Exeter Museum. The FLO will formally identify the items and register them with the Portable antiquities scheme which is a nationwide database run by the British Museum. In the unlikely case an item is classified as treasure then a coroner will value the item and if sold (maybe to a museum) then the money gets split 50/50 with the landowner. Chris and Jim are also part of the national ring recovery service. If someone loses a piece of jewellery, then they can report it and a local detectorist can attend and conduct a free search. If the item is found, then we ask for a charity donation to the recognised charity that the organisation is currently supporting. If you are interested in seeing what historic items might lie beneath their soil then Chris would be very interested in hearing from you (07870 791502).

Henry Wainwright



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ALL HALLOWS: FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER

At 18.00 – Carol Service

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Christmas Day Communion

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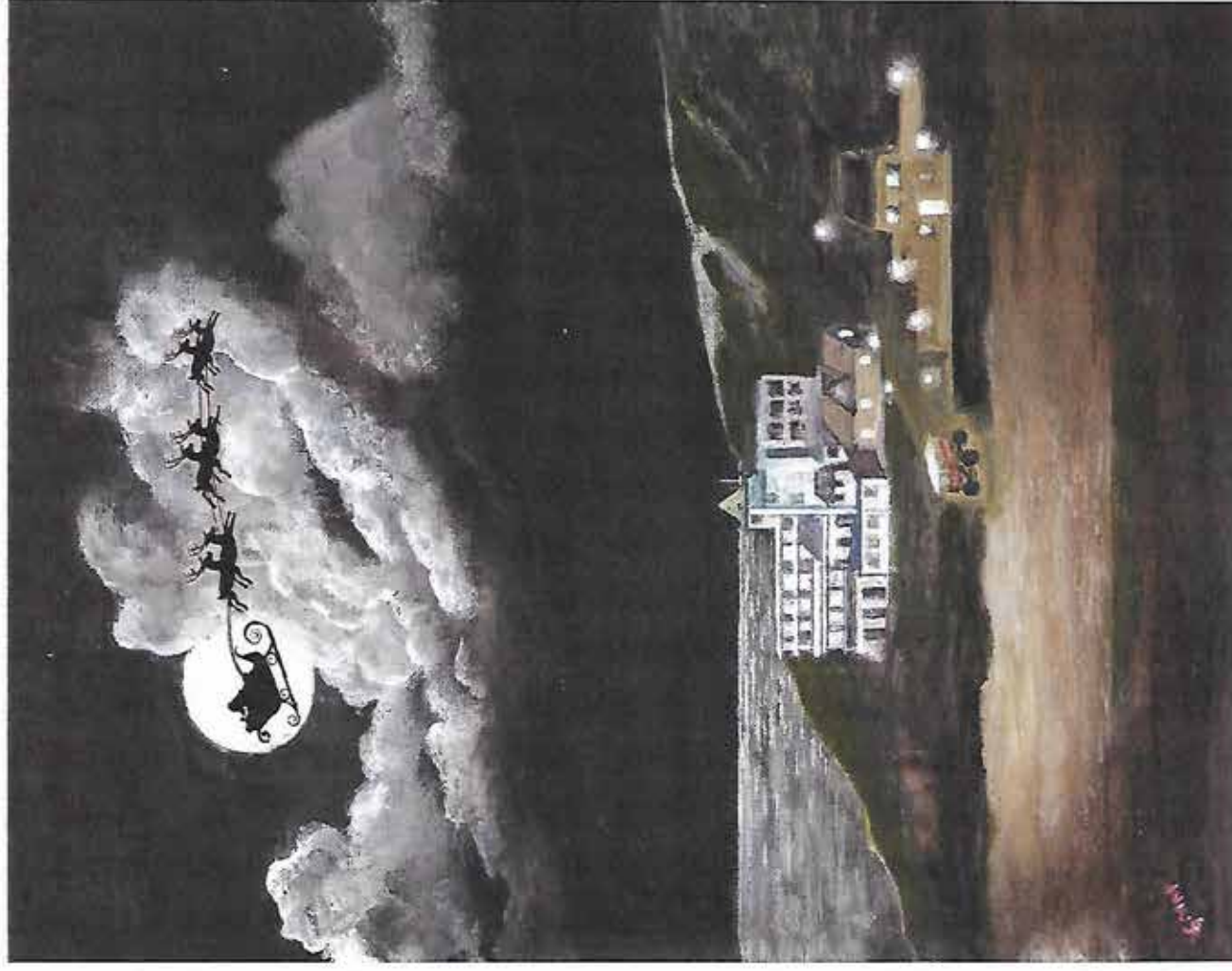
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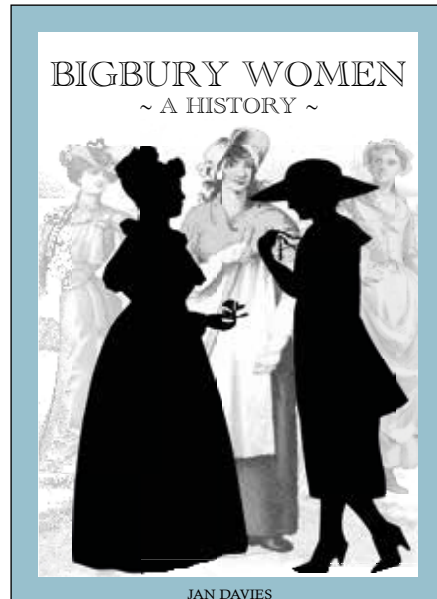
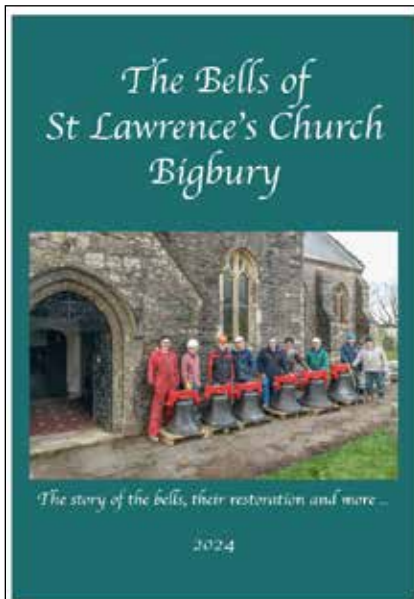
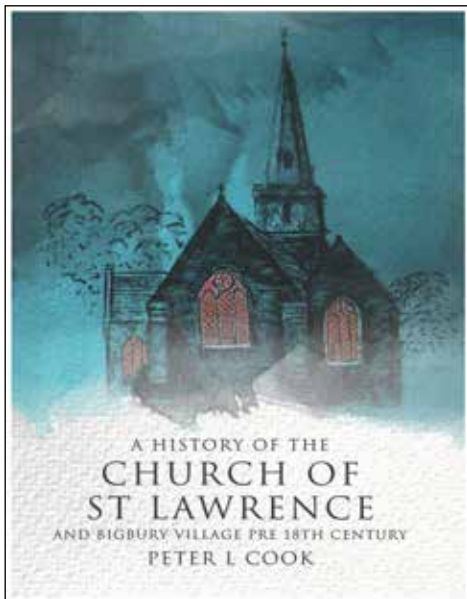
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Three local history books are available now (they'd make great Christmas presents!). Peter Cook's History of the Church of St Lawrence is extremely well researched and also gives us an early history of Bigbury parish. It's free to diamond members of the Friends of St Lawrence's (see centre pages).

Henry Wainwright has compiled The Bells of St Lawrence's Church and filled it with interesting chapters on the internal structure of bell towers, how to hang the bells, and most importantly: ringing the bells! £5 from Holywell Stores.

Jan Davies researched the history of Bigbury Women from the parish records and local archives. It's also £5 from Holywell Stores, with all proceeds going to the Devon Air Ambulance Trust.



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Beekeeping

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Becoming a beekeeper is a fun and interesting hobby. Every year is different from the last and you are constantly expanding your knowledge learning about these incredible pollinators and their vital role in nature. For me, beekeeping is about nurturing and working with my colonies, ensuring that their home is dry, helping stave off diseases and they have plentiful food sources in my garden, just in case the surrounding areas might not be so bountiful.

As a beekeeper you become aware of which plants are growing at certain times of the year and what food sources are available to the bees. To help with the dearth in winter, I have planted more hellebores and snowdrops.

Beekeepers are a very friendly bunch of people, all willing to help each other out. We often meet up to help each other mark new queens and help new beginners to the craft with any questions, guidance and technique over a cup of tea. I have made some lovely friendships with people of which I know our paths wouldn't normally have crossed, yet have through beekeeping, which is truly lovely. When I first started the craft, I was very surprised to learn how all the bees in the colony have a role to play. As a beekeeper it's all about observing and understanding timings, keeping the colony in good health and in some cases swarm control measures. Keeping good records of what is happening in your hive will help you notice any changes.

It's All About Teamwork...

The colony works as a very efficient team, all having their jobs to do, constantly communicating and working in harmony to keep a very clean and thriving hive.

The Queen (marked with a white dot in the photo) is the most important member of a bee colony, she is solely responsible for reproduction and is capable of laying 2,000 eggs per day and continually emits pheromones (a bee perfume) that only the bees in the hive can smell. These pheromones keep the female workers sterile. The queen has attendants, only some of the worker bees get this special job. These bees groom and feed the queen bee as she is too busy laying eggs.



Worker Bees are always females and have lots of different duties depending on the age of the bee.

Nurse Bees and Cleaners are responsible for cleaning and polishing the empty cells by cleaning the cell they hatched out of to prepare it for the next egg. Nurse bees feed and care for growing larvae.



The Male Bees called Drones (above), have no stinger, pollen baskets, or wax glands. Their main function is to fertilise the virgin queen during mating flights. Drones generally go out of the hive around mid-morning to a congregating area in the sky or man club as I like to call it and then return to the hive around mid-afternoon but only if they have been unsuccessful with the mating. If they have been lucky to mate with the virgin queen, that's the end of their life, or unlucky for the male!

Pollen Packing Bees collect pollen from the returning foragers and pack it in cells for later consumption. House Bees also help with cleaning, feeding the colony and collecting the food source from the forager. Once the nectar is brought into the hive the house bees will give it a chew for half an hour or so, during which time they will add an enzyme to the nectar which will help it break down and form a syrup. This syrup is then placed in the cell, overtime the water will evaporate from it to form honey.

Fanners help to control the temperature in the hive. When the weather is hot, these bees collect water and bring it back to the hive and spread it in the hive. The bees fan their wings, which creates airflow inside the hive, cooling it with the evaporating water, keeping the hive at a constant temperature between 34/c to 35/c irrespective of the external temperature around the hive.

Beekeeping

The Architect Bee is responsible for building honeycomb by creating perfect hexagons. Once these bees have matured to around 12 days old, their wax glands produce beeswax flakes. In order for the bees to produce these flakes they must consume large amounts of food. The wax is also used to cap off the honey.



The Undertaker Bee's role involves removing dead bees from the hive and cleaning up any debris from the dead bees. I remember the first time I saw a worker bee pulling a dead bee out of the hive entrance, suddenly, the bee took off holding the dead bee with its legs wrapped around it, it flew up and away from the hive and then just dropped the dead bee on the grass and then flew back into the hive.



Guard Bees are nearly the oldest bees in the colony. They are mature bees who have a good, developed stinger. After a guard bee, they will become The Forager. Guard bees stand at the entrance of the hive keeping an eye and smell on who approaches the hive. Resident bees will have a pheromone on them to indicate this is their home. They also protect the hive from wasps, other bees from different colonies, bumblebees and even mice. If the guard bees feel threatened, they will emit an alarm pheromone to warn the hive of danger.



The Foragers are the breadwinners of the hive and generally the oldest bees. They are tasked with scouring up to a 3-mile radius from the hive for suitable nectar and pollen and bringing it back to the hive entrance. You can always tell if the honeybee forager is old, by looking at their torn wings from doing lots of flights. They will keep flying until they just can't fly anymore.



As the year goes on, the colony will build up and the bees will start to produce honey stores. Most beekeepers take what honey they feel is enough for themselves, ensuring they leave plenty for the bees to live off during the winter months. Enjoying your own honey and having your own beeswax candles in your home is an absolute joy.

If you are interested in taking up the craft of beekeeping, South Hams Beekeepers have a course starting in January 2025, please send me an email on: piff787@gmail.com for details.

Lisa Brown





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Unwind

Here we are in December already! I can't quite believe how quickly this year has flown by for me. I'm not a big one for New Year's resolutions but I am finding that this time of year myself and a lot of my clients are reflecting on what they didn't quite get around to doing and what we hope to achieve next year.

Looking after ourselves is always certainly high up on the priority list of 'to do's' more exercise... more skin care... a new look...more me time...

Well there is no time like the present to start making changes and introducing more or new into your life before another year get away!

You are never too young or too old to get started. Featured in the photographs are my youngest Verity, age 10 who this summer decided it was time to make changes and stop biting her nails. 6 weeks later after a few lovely manicure she has broken the habit of her life time and has now got beautiful nails!



My wonderful glamorous client Hilda has been treating herself at Unwind for several years now. She loves her monthly pamper session. At a grand 94 years young she has set an Unwind record for being my eldest client to have Gel nails! I love this! You are never too old to try something new.



Trying something new and making change can be daunting. Here at Unwind Kirsten (Unwind's hair stylist) and myself will welcome you with open arms and offer you support and advice whether it's to make the big decision about introducing hair colour or embracing your natural you to arranging a schedule of 'me time' appointments throughout the coming year. It's time to put you first!

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We would like to say a massive Thank You to all our existing clients for supporting my small business for another year. We feel very privileged to have such loyalty from our surrounding villages.



We truly hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and very much look forward to seeing existing and new clients in 2025.

Louise Pitt ~ Unwind in Bigbury



Avon River Champions



Avon River Champions

The AGM for Avon River Champions will be held in January 2025. More information soon on BigburyNetZeroDrums (subscribe www.bigburynetzero.org) and to subscribers for the Avon River Voices e-newsletter (subscribe www.avon-river-champions.org)

Please get in touch, if you are keen to be involved in protecting the River Avon and Bigbury Bay from pollution and in rebuilding habitat along the full length of our catchment from Dartmoor to Burgh Island. info@avon-river-champions.org



Avon River Champions is calling upon all parish councils in the Avon catchment to form an Inter-Parish Water Quality Group in the same way that riparian parish councils in the Yealm and Erme catchments have already done. One councillor from each parish council would meet twice per year with Avon River Champions at a collective hybrid meeting chaired by Avon River Champions. Data will be shared on the current pollution issues and opportunities highlighted for our communities to become river-sensitive in the way they use sewer and drainage systems.



The proposed Blue Print Project is still awaiting confirmation of funds from the Water Restoration Fund, financed by fines to South West water and managed by the Rural Payments Agency. Please see more information about this here: <https://www.avon-river-champions.org/blue-print-project> We have a passionate and competent Steering Group which includes Dr Juliette Jackson (Seadream Education CIC), Gary Jolliffe (Force4Nature), Dr Frances Hopkins (Plymouth Marine Laboratories), Richard Powell (Habitat Group and Sustainable Blackawton), Susie Hudon (communications expert), Will Benzie (farmer) and Paul Vann (Friends of Salcombe Kingsbridge Estuary).

Keep in touch. We need to work together to do much, much more.



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Bigbury Golf Club kindly hosted the hybrid AGM of Bigbury Net Zero in October where we introduced exciting new campaigns aimed at helping households, farms and businesses in Bigbury to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels and rebuild habitats for nature to thrive in Bigbury. Please see our website for details of these campaigns and how you can join in this endeavour.
www.bigburynetzero.org

Thanks to Nancy Singleton and Katie Smith for helping to organise the AGM. Als Parker the Octopus UK Development Director for community energy gave a presentation about the proposed wind turbine in Bigbury and explained why it will be of direct benefit to communities in Bigbury, Ringmore, Kingston, Aveton Gifford and Churchstow. Als explained:

“ A wind turbine in Bigbury Parish, such as the Rolliers proposal, would generate renewable electricity and feed it deep into the local area’s 11kV electricity network. This is the local network of wooden poles that we see around the countryside that supply homes and businesses with low voltage power. Because there is very little generation in the area and plenty of demand for electricity, it is likely that the physical electrons from the wind turbine would stay within this local network and supply the surrounding parishes with clean power. In the event that there is more generation than demand, any excess power would be stepped up into the 33kV electricity network at Kingsbridge’s primary substation to be distributed further afield. The Local Distribution Network Operator - in this case National Grid Energy Distribution (NGED), has provided the wind turbine with an unrestricted connection offer, this means that they are confident that the majority of this local power will be used locally”.

Dave Omagba, the Octopus Manager for the proposed Rolliers turbine project, reveals that “The Octopus public consultation has now concluded with an impressive 87 of the total 91 respondents being ‘local residents’ in Bigbury and neighbouring parishes. Of these local respondents, 82% said ‘yes’ they would support the Rolliers turbine if their concerns were addressed, while 7% (6 residents) said ‘no’, and 11% said they were not sure (10 local residents). This public consultation report will be submitted with the planning application in the spring of 2025



The Planet Bigbury campaign provides an opportunity for businesses and individuals to donate to a Community Chest, which will provide small grants to local initiatives that support the main aims – support local businesses, restore & protect natural habitats, increase use of renewable energy, protect the River Avon & Bigbury Bay from pollution and reduce reliance of transport on fossil fuels.



We are grateful to our latest supporters, Oyster Shack (£500), Bigbury Golf Club (£100) and Bigbury Parish Council (£918) and Be the Earth Foundation through Farhana Yamin a flow funder (£2,000). The owner of RCP Carparks, Sarah Naghshineh, for offering to fund a large outdoor information board costing over £1,000 about our Planet Bigbury and Plastic Free Bigbury Bay campaigns. Cllr Bernard Taylor has also promised funds from his ward environment budget from SHDC. We are in discussions with other businesses in Bigbury to confirm their plans to support Planet Bigbury and the Community Chest.

Grateful thanks to Katie Smith who has stepped up to become the BNZ Secretary and Fiona Barker who has offered to be our BNZ Membership Secretary. Fiona is working with our Treasurer, Johnathon Marshall to simplify the process for businesses and households in Bigbury and further afield to support our work through annual membership subscriptions. You will soon be able to donate and also subscribe as a member on our website - £100/yr for businesses and £10/yr for households.

Karen Lawrence (Devon Cow graphics) undertook the design for our campaign posters and we are very pleased with the results of her creative skills. Local climate activists Julliette Jackson and Lynda Kelly are a constant source of inspiration and support for the work of BNZ. If you want to help or have an idea you want to suggest – please contact info@bigburynetzero.org

Please follow BNZ Facebook to get updates on our campaigns and subscribe to BigburyNetZeroDrums e-news about upcoming events. See links on our website.

Finally – thank you to the BNZ Committee (Michael Smith, Johnathon Marshall, Farhana Yamin, Tim Smith, Katie Smith) for their unfailing support and advice and to the Editor and Business Editor of Bigbury & Ringmore News, Jan Davies and Nancy Singleton.

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I hope that over the past two years, the information, support and guidance featured in Business Matters has been useful to our local businesses. As many of you may be aware, this is the last edition of Bigbury & Ringmore News, but please do remember that free impartial advice can always be obtained from the Heart of the South West Growth Hub who will make best endeavours to help and guide you to the support best suited to your business needs.

Helping you to go Greener - The Green Impact Fund

Green Impact Fund launched for local businesses and organisations



The Green Impact Fund is a £1.8 million capital grant scheme funded by the UK government as part of the Devon and Torbay Devolution Deal and managed by Devon County Council. It aims to support local business and community organisations to implement decarbonisation measures, reduce energy use and lower their carbon footprint for more sustainable operations.

The fund is available to businesses and community organisations located within the Devon and Torbay area. Grants available range from £5,000 up to £49,999. By reducing energy consumption, the fund aims to lower operational costs for local businesses and support Devon's commitment to achieving net-zero emissions.

If you're a Devon-based SME ready to make sustainable changes, explore how the Green Impact Fund could support your journey toward a greener future. Find out more and apply: <https://www.heartofswgrowthhub.co.uk/launch-of-green-impact-fund/>

It's been a privilege collaborating with the Growth Hub over the past few years and I hope that you will take advantage of their services to make the best of your business.

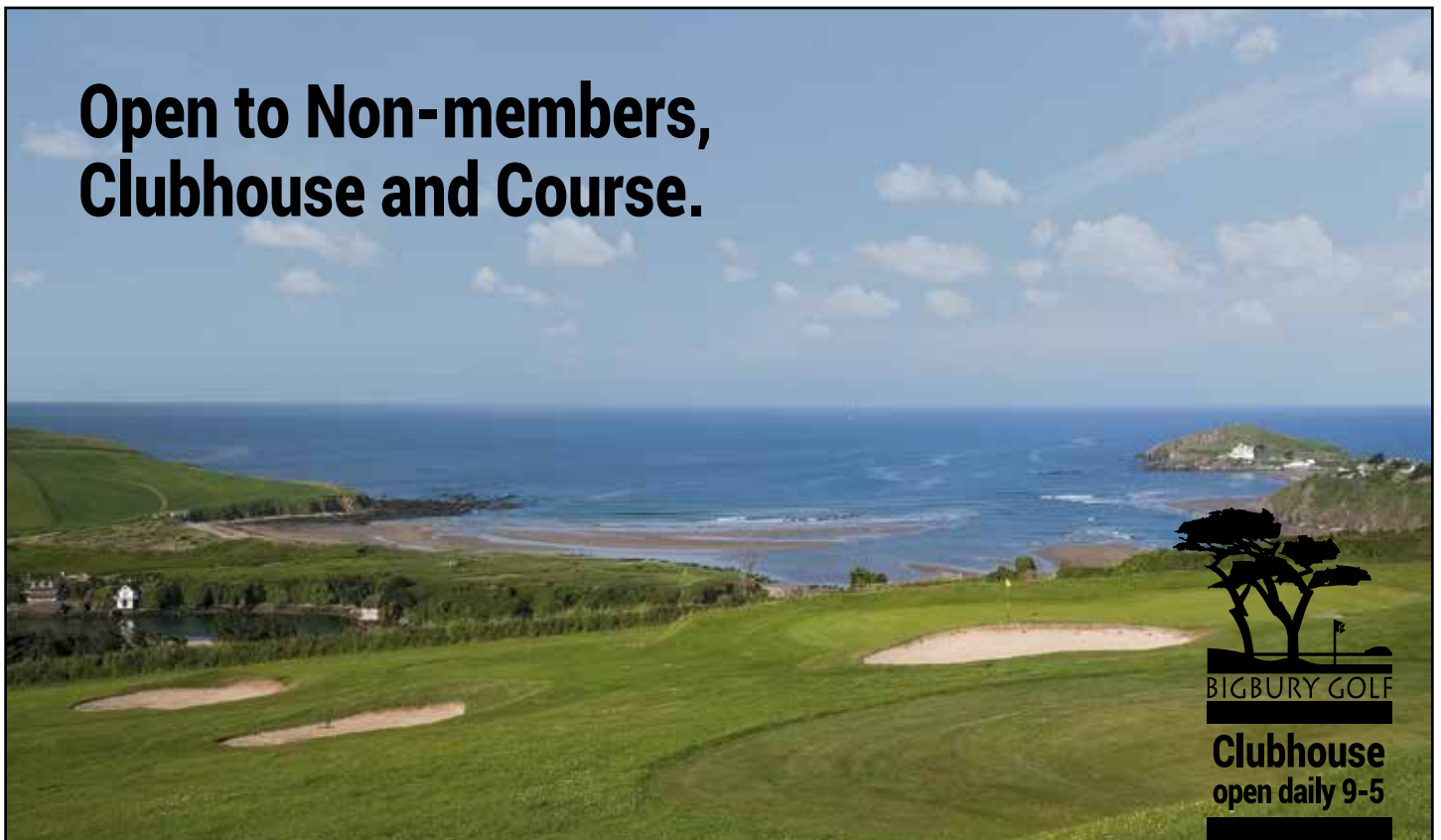
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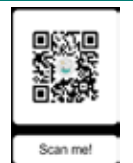
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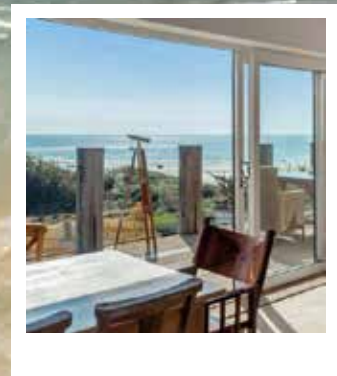
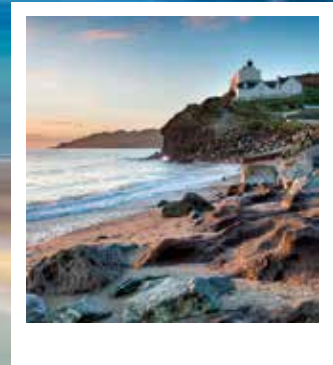
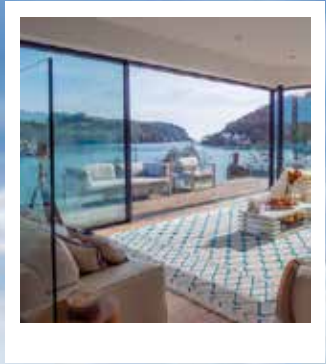


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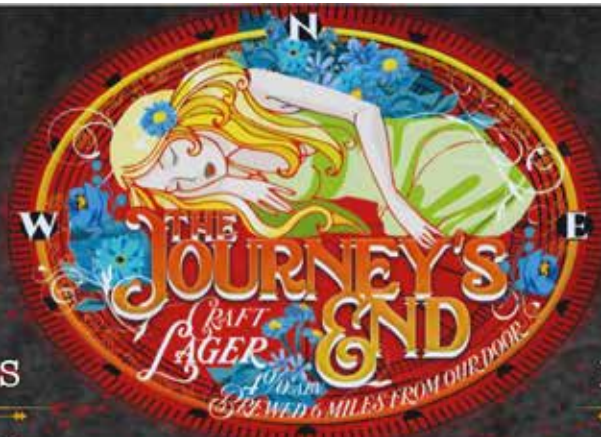
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This year's Ladies Captain, Linda Hanbury, alongside the 2023 Gents and Ladies Captains, Karen and David Graddon, were delighted to be at the Clubhouse recently to present a cheque for £3,250 to Helen Mackie, the senior regional fundraiser for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Also present for the enjoyable occasion and to welcome Helen to the Clubhouse were Chairman Steve Ryder, Ladies Vice-Captain Mary Wilcox, and Seniors Vice-Captain Mick McNulty. The photograph below shows R-L Helen, Karen, Linda and David. Helen was interested to hear from Linda how the donation had been raised, especially the social type events that had been so enjoyed by many people from the local community, always a good thing when fund raising. On behalf of the Association Helen sincerely thanked Linda, Karen and David for all their efforts in raising this considerable donation.



A few weeks earlier a fun team golf competition was played which included fund raising. This time it was Vice-Captain Mary Wilcox who organised a Pink Day in aid of the Breast Cancer Now Charity. All the ladies dressed themselves in varying costumes which included a lot of Pink - as can be seen in the photograph below. As a result of her efforts on the day, as well as an enjoyable day and a fun competition, Mary was able to send off a cheque for £200 to the Charity.



There are many events still to happen before the end of 2024 including the important Annual General Meeting. At this meeting the activities and business of the club will be outlined, as well as the confirmation of the Board Members.

Various Christmas Lunch celebrations and events will also be happening and these will all be enjoyed by players, retired golfers and the many social golf club members keeping Maggs and her team very busy. As well as these events, there will also be Sunday Festive Lunches on December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd - all are welcome but reservations are necessary. (Telephone 01548 810557, option 2)

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