

TAW TORRIDGE ESTUARY FORUM

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BRAUNTON BURROWS PUBLIC MEETING: THURSDAY, 16th. NOVEMBER 2006 BRAUNTON PARISH HALL at 7.30 p.m.

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, 16th. November at 7.30 p.m. at Braunton Parish Hall to provide an update on the fundamental changes that have taken place in the wardening and management of Braunton Burrows. A brief presentation from those involved will be followed by a question and answer session.

For information, Braunton Parish Hall is just north of the traffic lights at the central crossroads in Braunton, on the road towards Ilfracombe. Car parking is limited, so those attending are advised to park in the main Caen Street Car Park, on the left-hand side of the road towards Saunton – it is only a very short walk around the corner from Caen St. Car Park to the Parish Hall.

If you need any further information, please contact:
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A copy of John's latest report on Braunton Burrows for the TTEF meeting on 16th. October 2006 can be found on the TTEF website:

www.ttef.org.uk

TDC PLANNING APPLICATION: APPLEDORE FISH DOCK Application No: 2191/2006/FUL

Chris Hassall has kindly notified me that a planning application has been made concerning the Appledore Fish Dock. The plans can either be viewed at the Torridge District Council offices at Riverbank House, or on-line on Torridge District Council's website:

www.torridge.gov.uk

I have been in touch with Northam Town Council, and I am informed that this application will be considered by the Town Council at its meeting on 15th. November 2006.

The Torridge District Council Planning Committee will then be considering the application at its Planning Meeting on 23rd. November 2006. Any comments should be received by: **15th. November 2006.**

MANAGEMENT STUDY FOR BRAUNTON MARSH:

You will be pleased to know that this project is progressing very well. Clare has been working very hard collecting information, searching archives, and interviewing local people. She is now well advanced in collating all of this information and is starting to write the Management Study.

The project finishes on 31st. January 2007, by which time the Study will be available both in print and electronically. If you have any further information for Clare, please contact her as soon as possible on:

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We are most grateful to LEADER+ and to the North Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty Sustainable Development Fund for funding this worthwhile project.

BARNSTAPLE WESTERN BYPASS: NEWSLETTER 16 – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2006

Mike Phillips has sent me ten copies of the Barnstaple Western Bypass Newsletter 16, which are available upon request. The newsletter can also be accessed on:

www.barnstaplebyypass.com

DEFRA: ACCESS NEWSLETTER ISSUE 21 – OCTOBER 2006

This Newsletter contains information on:

Access to Water

Local Access Forums

Guidance on Means of Access

Online Guidance on Rights of Way provisions in the NERC Act 2006

MoD Byelaw Review

Understanding Walkers with Dogs

This, and previous versions of the Access Newsletter, can be found on the Defra website:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/cl/accessopen/accessopen09.htm>

DEFRA: MARINE BILL NEWSLETTER – ISSUE #4

Issue #4 of the Marine Bill Newsletter has now been published, giving details of the summary of responses to the Marine Bill consultation, and the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee's report on the proposals for a draft Marine Bill.

Copies are available from:

Marine Bill Consultation Team

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

3-8, Whitehall Place

London. SW1A 2HH

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The Marine Bill Newsletter can also be accessed on the link below:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/water/marine/uk/policy/marine-bill/index.htm>

The summary of responses is available at:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/marinebill/index.htm>

NORTH DEVON NATURAL HISTORY NETWORK: 2006-7 CALENDAR

Paul Madgett has kindly sent me a copy of the 2006-7 Calendar of North Devon based meetings of various natural history organisations for the period November 2006 to April 2007, which please find attached.

If you have any queries, please contact Paul Madgett by:

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BIDEFORD HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT: 16th. OCTOBER 2006

A copy of Captain Roger Hoad's report to the TTEF meeting on 16th. October 2006 can be found on the TTEF website:

www.ttef.org.uk

For information, Roger has also updated the shipping movements in the Taw Torridge Estuary to show that the Dawn Monarch sailed from Yelland on Sunday, 29th. October 2006. She was taken out under tow, and should now be in Manchester. Roger will update us on details of the trip at a later date.

Details of shipping movements in the Estuary can be accessed through the Port of Bideford page on the Torridge District Council website:

www.torridge.gov.uk

BATHING WATER QUALITY: INSTOW, WESTWARD HO! AND SAUNTON:

If you were not able to attend the TTEF meeting on 16th. October 2006, you will be delighted to know that Instow, Westward Ho! and Saunton Beaches have all passed the Guideline (Blue Flag) Standard for water quality in 2006. This is the first time that Instow has ever achieved this higher standard.

Following the 2005 season, when Instow failed both the Imperative Standard and the Guideline Standards outright, this result is very heartening.

You may remember that the Environment Agency brought a successful prosecution against South West Water in June 2006 for a pollution incident in Instow on 18th. July 2005. Since that time, South West Water and its two contractors, Engenica Ltd. and May Gurney Ltd., have worked very hard to secure this good result for Instow in the 2006 Bathing Season.

The full results for Instow, Westward Ho! and Saunton Beaches can be found on the TTEF website:

www.ttef.org.uk

DATES OF TTEF MEETINGS FOR 2006/7:

Monday, 15th. January 2007 (AGM) – Town Hall, Bideford
All meetings begin at 7.00 p.m.



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