

TAW TORRIDGE ESTUARY FORUM

NEWSLETTER UPDATE – 7th. JUNE, 2007



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TAW TORRIDGE ESTUARY GEOMORPHOLOGY STUDY- PUBLIC PRESENTATION: EDGEHILL COLLEGE, BIDEFORD WEDNESDAY, 13th. JUNE FROM 6.30 p.m.

Further details of the Public Presentation on the Taw Torridge Estuary Geomorphology Study are now available and are quoted below:

NOTE: If you are intending to go, please ring the Northern Devon Coast & Countryside Service to book a place – Telephone: (01237) 423655

Quote:

“The Taw Torridge Estuary Officers Group would like to present the findings of an 8month study into the physical processes of the Taw Torridge Estuary System.

The Estuary System is an important and sensitive feature of the North Devon Coast and includes features such as Westward Ho!, Northam Burrows and Braunton Burrows. How we choose to manage these sites now, will have implications for development of the estuary system as a whole.

Professor John Pethick has been working on our behalf and will make the presentation. The purpose is to:

- **Inform** you of the study and present the draft findings
- **Explain** the coastal processes
- **Invite** contributions of local knowledge
- **Explain** the next steps

The presentation will be made at Edgehill College, Bideford on Wednesday 13th June and we are particularly keen to involve people who have knowledge of the Estuary and its history. Please arrive from 6:30pm to start at 7:00pm.

We are expecting a lot of interest, please ring 01237

423655 (Northern Devon Coast and Countryside Service) to book a place.

The Taw Torridge Estuary Officers Group is a sub group of the North Devon and Somerset Coastal Authorities Group. It comprises Devon County Council, Natural England, Environment Agency, Torridge District Council, North Devon District Council and Northern Devon Coast and Countryside Service. Professor Pethick is an acknowledged expert on Estuary processes and their geomorphology.

Yours Faithfully

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Directions

From A39 Roundabout at Bideford (West of the Torridge New Bridge)

- Take the exit for Bideford
- After approximately 400m you see a garage on your right
- Take the right turn immediately after this garage (Northam Road)
- Continue on this road (600m) to the mini roundabout
- Turn right at this roundabout on to Northdown Road
- Northdown Road - The school is at the top of the hill on the right”

End of quote:

TAW & TORRIDGE MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE: UPDATE – END OF MAY 2007:

Following the resignation of David Karniewicz as Head of Unit, due to pressure of work, Lynn Brown has now been elected as his successor. Charles Harper has become Chairman of Management and also Treasurer.

At the present time, the MVS is waiting for two stickers from DCC for the side of the new Avon 341 boat, which will then be available for service.

The Unit attended the new Taw Bridge fun day and, although it was a very wet day, many members of the public expressed an interest in the MVS and sought advice on lifejackets, etc.

On the recent Bank Holiday Monday, two MVS members were ready to go to Exmouth to assist the Maritime

and Coastguard Agency in maintaining an exclusion zone around the MV MSC NAPOLI, but this was cancelled due to a Force 9 forecast. The MVS will continue to assist the MCA when required through the Summer Holidays or until the vessel is removed.

The MVS is now helping Torridge District Council with launching from the Churchfield Slip at Appledore Slipway.

More volunteers are needed by the MVS – there is no age limit.

For more information, please contact Captain Paul Fronteras:

paul@fronteras.eclipse.co.uk

Information about the MVS can also be found on the TTEF website:

www.ttef.org.uk

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY:

BATHING BEACH MONITORING – SEASON 2007 INSTOW, WESTWARD HO! AND SAUNTON:

Sadly, after excellent results in the 2006 Bathing Season, 2007 has not started well for Instow Beach. Water sampling began on 4th. May and, on the 15th. May, Instow failed the Imperative Standard. Only one failure is allowed during the course of the season. Since then, the results on 22nd. May and 1st. June have passed the Imperative Standard, but have still failed the Guideline (Blue Flag) Standard.

Westward Ho! and Saunton Sands have passed the Imperative Standard, but have each had one failure against the Guideline Standard.

| | Total Coliforms no/100ml | Faecal Coliforms no/100ml | Faecal Strep no/100ml | |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| W Ho! | < 10 | < 2 | < 2 | 04.05.07 |
| | < 10 | < 2 | < 2 | 10.05.07 |
| | 270 | 347 | 25 | 15.05.07 |
| | < 10 | < 2 | < 2 | 22.05.07 |
| Instow | < 10 | < 2 | 2 | 04.05.07 |
| | 54 | 17 | 15 | 10.05.07 |
| | 17,000 | 7,000 | 1,368 | 15.05.07 |
| | 1,364 | 1,240 | 2,600 | 22.05.07 |
| Saunton | 630 | 615 | 72 | 01.06.07 |
| | < 10 | < 2 | < 2 | 04.05.07 |
| | < 10 | 4 | 2 | 10.05.07 |
| | 1554 | 1,332 | 128 | 15.05.07 |
| | < 10 | < 2 | 2 | 22.05.07 |
| | < 10 | < 2 | < 2 | 01.06.07 |

BATHING WATER DIRECTIVE STANDARDS:

Guideline:

Total Coliforms not to exceed 500 (4 in 20 allowed)
Faecal Coliforms not to exceed 100 (4 in 20 allowed)
Faecal Streptococci not to exceed 100 (2 in 20 allowed)

Imperative:

Total Coliforms not to exceed 10,000 (1 in 20 allowed)
Faecal Coliforms not to exceed 2,000 (1 in 20 allowed)

NEWSLETTERS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

Ilfracombe Ferry Proposals:

www.northdevonferries.co.uk

DCC Devon Minerals Update:

Newsletter Issue 4: 4th. May, 2007

Available from:

Environment, Economy and Culture Directorate
Devon County Council

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Exeter. EX2 4QW

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Mineral Core Strategy Page of DCC Website:

www.devon.gov.uk

Workshop Website: DCC Consultant Adams Hendry:

http://www.adamshendry.co.uk/20_devon_home.html

DATES OF FORTHCOMING TTEF MEETINGS:

Monday, 16th July 2007 at Bideford Town Hall
Monday, 15th October 2007 at Barnstaple Civic Centre
Monday, 21st January 2008 at Bideford Town Hall

All meetings to commence at 7.00 p.m



Rose Day

Chairman

Taw Torridge Estuary Forum

The Crow's Nest

Marine Parade

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