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**1. Welcome to new members.**

- Torbay Compost Company.
- Brixham Wine Loft.
- Sampford House.

**2. Matters arising.**

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**3. Guest Speakers.**

- Susan Laurie. Susan announced the Brixham Santa Run.** This is an off-road 3k fun run for charity, hosted by Brixham Harriers in conjunction with Brixham Soroptomists on flat level paths. Sunday 8th December 2019 at 11am.
- Helen Hart – Devon and Plymouth Chamber.** Helen introduced the Devon Chamber and talked about their activities and actions this past year, which include : exports; networking events; weekly newsletter; lobbying; forum for new businesses.
- Pauline Neal – Time and Tide Bell.** Pauline described the purpose and scope of the Time and Tide Bell project. It is part of a national scheme to have these 6-foot-high bells established on selected coastal locations around Britain. The planning application for the Brixham bell is due to go before the Torbay Planning committee in early December. After planning approval, it will need Marine Maritime Organisation approval (at a cost of £1400). The cost of manufacturing the bell, about £30,000, will be met by national funds. The costs of installing the bell will have to be met locally and fundraising will start soon. Anticipated installation cost is circa £10,000.
- Chris Bryson - Brixham Town Hall Regeneration.** CB Explained the purpose of the project and gave an update on progress. There will be a public Consultation in January. All BCC members are encouraged to submit their views and opinions, either online or at the Town Hall.

- e. **Soalstone pool** A representative from the pool management presented a plan for ensuring the future of the pool. She would welcome public opinions which can be expressed at [www.shoalstone.survey.fm/shoalston-pool-strategy](http://www.shoalstone.survey.fm/shoalston-pool-strategy). There was a discussion on charging for use of the pool, which is currently free.
- f. **Laura Jury – South Devon Players.** Laura described how they started from just four players into the award-winning troupe that they are now. They focus on Devon history, but have also worked with the BBC and Disney. Recently won an award at the New York Long Island Festival. They currently have 22,000 followers on social media.

#### 4. AOB.

- a. **David Giles.** Reminded us that:- this is the last week of the Brixham Budget Consultation, and that next week is the start of the Brixham Cinema – showing Rocket Man.
- b. **The Devon Office of Police and Crime Commissioner** has offered to provide support to our area to help with preventing business crime.
- c. **All applauded** the excellent organisation and management of the Lantern and Lights Parade.

Next Exec. Meeting: - Tuesday 14th January 2020 18.00 hrs at The Conservative Club.

Next General Meeting : - Tuesday 25th February 2020 19.00hrs at Berry Head Hotel.