

The Shipwrecked Sailors of Start Point



Introduction

Thank you for taking part in our Story Challenge!

This challenge has been set for you by the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty team, as part of our 60th anniversary project, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. It is delivered in partnership with the Chivelstone Church PCC restoration and community project.

The project has come about because of the sad tale of the ships lost during the Great Blizzard of 1891, which raged across the South West of England from 9th to the 11th March. It caused huge disruption, devastation and loss of lives, with 11 shipwrecks occurring off the coast of South Devon, around East Prawle and Start Point over the days of the storm.

Some of the sailors have been buried in the churchyard at Chivelstone and we wanted to tell part of their story, based on what we know from records of the time. From here we invite local children to make their own endings, which we will share. One ending will be picked to film as the completion of the story. Any artwork, the film and the stories will be exhibited in the church during the Open Day and at the AONB 60th anniversary finale. We will also be happy to come in and show the finished film in school.

There is a lot in this pack which we hope will help you develop this work with your pupils, please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any more information or have a query.

Important Dates:

- Story submissions must be sent electronically to nicky.bailey@southdevonaonb.org.uk by **FRIDAY 23rd April**
- We will read through them all and select one to film during May, ready to share back with you in the second half of the Summer term.
- We are hoping to hold the Chivelstone Church Open day in September
- The 60th anniversary project finale will be in October

We hope that you enjoy taking part!

In this pack you will find:

- A film of Mrs. Perry telling the beginning part of the story - watch this with the children to give them the start of the story.
- Teachers Notes - please read before starting the project, also contains useful links
- Top tips and instructions for story making
- Images from Cookworthy Museum archive
- A written version of Mrs. Perry's story
- Some old maps of the area
- News reports of the Great Blizzard - please note that part way through this there is a section in red showing where the information for the film is taken from. **It also asks for the remaining part of the article not to be shared with the children**, but is included for your reference. This is because we want them to make their own endings up to the story.
- A managing bereavement guide in case it is useful

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