

November 2021



WAfter a very warm autumn so far it looks as if we may now pay the price as rain beats down and temperatures are set to drop, perhaps more like normal for the time of year. With the big climate conference being held as you read this we were interested to look back at the history of a potential warming world due to carbon dioxide.

Amazingly in 1856 Eunice Newton Foote raised questions about the effect of gases and sunlight and postulated that gases such as carbon dioxide may induce a warming effect. It was not until 2010 that her pioneering work was

recognised. John Tyndall followed with more work relating the build up of greenhouse gases and the effect on our climate. His early work is recognised at the Tyndall Centre in the University of East Anglia.

We have therefore been warned about the dangers of fossil fuels for well over 100 years, so we can't say we were not warned. The latest science suggests we have left it too late and the next 100 years may now be catastrophic with a runaway climate change.

Despite this gloomy message we wish you a good November!

**Your editors
Steve and Michael**

Your contributions to the Bugle are very welcome!

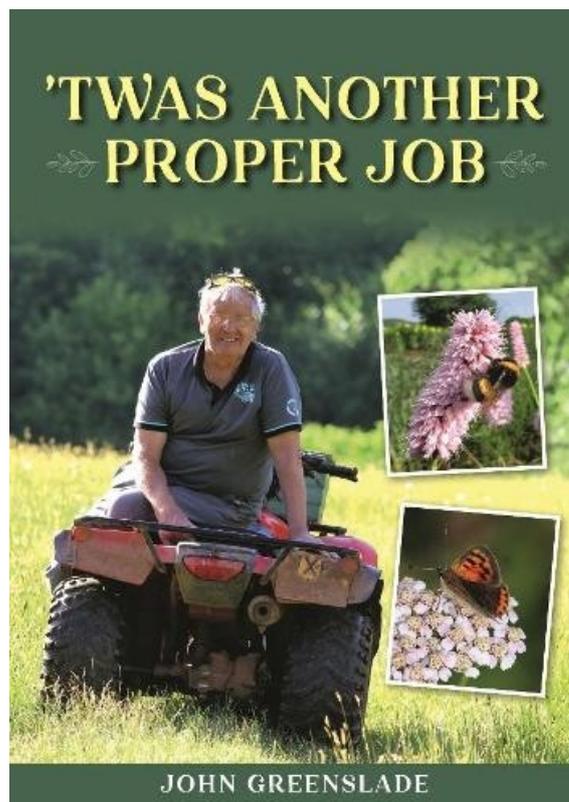
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'Twas another Proper Job

Copies of John Greenslade's follow up book 'Twas another Proper Job' are now available. Following John's sudden death last year his family has arranged for his handwritten script to be typed, edited and printed. The book is a follow up to his first book 'Twas a Proper Job' and covers his life and experiences on the Farm from 2010 to 2020.

The Flysheet reads, "John Greenslade died at work on the farm he loved in 2020, but having lived his life to the full. This book helps to celebrate his achievements, with relections by others to underline the affection in which 'Farmer John' was held by all."

Copies priced £12.99 are available from the family or at the Exe Valley Farm Shop. Indeed a lasting tribute to an amazing man.



Bickleigh Gardening Club

**Our next meeting will be held on 8
November at 7.30pm in Bickleigh
Village Hall.**

**After a very short AGM we will have
Stephen Powles to speak on Hornets
- Gentle Giants. Stephen brings a
selection of wonderful wildlife cards
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**All members and visitors (£2.00
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Thoughts from Clive

Whilst in London recently visiting family, my wife and I spent a day at Greenwich where we took in the Royal Observatory and the National Maritime Museum. Whilst the museum is a fascinating place and full of interesting artifacts and exhibitions about Britain's naval seafaring heritage it was the Royal Observatory that I found the more interesting and memorable. There was a particular section on the ships that had foundered off the coasts of Devon and Cornwall simply as a result of not knowing where they were. Unable to establish longitude they had to rely on estimating their position as best they could. It wasn't until the invention by John Harrison of a timepiece that could be effectively used onboard a ship that the problem was solved, and thousands of lives were saved as a consequence. John Harrison had spent many years trying to come up with a solution to the problem of using pendulum clocks on the rolling deck of a ship and it was only his dogged persistence that eventually saw him design an early pocket watch that was unaffected by a ship's motion.

I can't say I'm particularly blessed with dogged persistence but you've got to admire those people who simply will not give up or take no for an answer.

Which brings me nicely to Christmas and 8 words that I just dread to hear at this time of the year – 'What are we doing for Christmas this year?' I'm not suggesting that dogged persistence has a big part in our family's Christmas but let's just say that certain rules need to be born in mind. There are rules around present giving, who's turn it is to host the Christmas and Boxing Day

lunches and even what games must be played! I'd better say no more!

I appreciate that many readers are current or previous volunteers but for those that haven't considered it you may want to think about it. For a start volunteering has been shown to offer enormous benefits to the volunteer such as: helping combat depression and stress, increasing your self confidence and sense of purpose, helping with physical well-being, gaining new skills, and meeting new people.

I mention this, partly as the Parish Council is still seeking someone to take on the role of Lengthsman. The role simply involves keeping the drains and gutters clear, mainly of leaves at this time of year, as well as maintaining the appearance of the village as far as is possible. This is a volunteer role with a difference though, in that you actually get paid! The current rate is about £15 an hour and on average the work involves no more than 2 hours a week. Please let me know if you are interested or know anyone else who might be interested.

Finally, I'd like to mention that copies of John Greenslade's book 'Twas another Proper Job' are now available and a thoroughly good read it is too. This is a follow up to Farmer John's first book 'Twas a Proper Job' and is based on handwritten notes that John had made before his sudden death on the farm last year. It's a true celebration of his life and achievements with reflections by others. It is available from the Exe Valley Farm Shop or the family, priced £12.99. An ideal Christmas gift perhaps?

Clive Williams



Defibrillator Awareness Session



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Free attendance
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Village Hall News

Coming up

Sat 27th November - Christmas Craft

Fayre - it's free entry and there are some great stalls already lined up, so get a head start with your Christmas shopping! Cafe, pies and pasties, teas, coffees, soft drinks and snacks. Please let Michelle know if you would like to book a table (£5 to hire a table).

Fri 10th December.... Christmas Film Night (film to be announced)

Our 2022 plans include...

- **Jan - the return of the Fun Casino!**
- **Feb - quiz night - get your team sorted out early**
- **March - gig night!**

We now have a card machine which we can use for Village Hall events! No more hassles with change! (You will still be able to pay in cash if you wish)

Past events

Thank you to all those who attended the Chocolate Bingo- it was a fun evening with much chocolate won and consumed- look out for Easter Bingo!

Village Hall Improvements

Hopefully on your next visit you will notice the upgrade of lighting in the hall. A local contractor was engaged to fit new LED lamps in the main hall, bathrooms and outside- hopefully this will help to reduce our energy use.

We await re-carpeting of the back part of the stage and new fire doors are on order for the main hall.

Are you handy with a sewing machine? We have a number of tablecloths which were cut from a long piece of material for a wedding a few years ago that would look better with some hemming. If you would be kind enough to offer your services, please contact Richard (855053 or 075080717910)

Maintenance morning

Please help us keep the Village Hall environment looking good. Sat 4th Dec from 10am (clearing gutters, sweeping leaves, removing moss etc)

Richard, Michelle, Matt, Steve, Katinka

Bickleigh Benevolent Fund

Early in December the fund trustees meet to consider the applications for financial assistance for Bickleigh villagers. If anyone knows of a person or persons who are in need of help and with their permission please let the secretary know.

Applications should be made in writing if possible. It is helpful if reasons are given for the need of assistance. This information will be held in strictest confidence.

The type of assistance considered most favourably are essentials of modern day life.

Olive Taylor, Little Beck, 01884 855770

Parish Remembrance Service

Sunday 14th November
at St. Mary's Bickleigh

Starting at 10.45am

The annual Remembrance Day service, falls on Sunday 14th November. The Service of Remembrance takes place in our Parish Church of St Mary. Weather permitting the Act of Remembrance and the Exhortation will take place at the War Memorial.

An act of Dedication is included for the life of Leonard Vowler RAF formally of Church Green, Bickleigh, shot down over Germany, in March 1945."

Bickleigh Village Hall



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