

JUNE 2018

EDITOR'S NOTES

We hope you all enjoyed the Royal Wedding last month. It was a perfect day and many commentators said that if there is one thing we do well in the UK it is ceremonial events. This arises from our long history and again comments arise that we may be entering another chapter in the long history of the Royals "reinventing" themselves to be in tune with popular opinion and the social changes we are now experiencing. We wish them well. Our own Royal Tea went down well, as well as the impromptu get together in Joan's Orchard afterwards. Many thanks to those who worked so hard to prepare the teas and set up the hall.

We would draw your attention to the future Village Hall events inside the Bugle. With the new kitchen, sound and light system together with other upgrades we have a community facility of great benefit. On the 15th June there is the Murder Mystery (see inside for details) and we hope that this will be given good support for the event, which promises to be a good evening of entertainment. Also, keep your eyes open for a potential BBQ to be held sometime in July - if the weather is good!

St Mary's Annual Gift Day will be held at the Bickleigh School Summer Fete on the afternoon of the Saturday 9th June. There will be a display of church artifacts, historical records as well as a Table Top sale of home made produce (cakes, jams, bread etc).

Enjoy the month of June - it is hard to believe that the next Bugle will be coming out after the longest day and the inevitable shortening of the days as summer progresses.

The Editors:

Tim Scott
Calendar Cottage

Steve Batt
The Old School

BICKLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

May has been a busy month for members of the Gardening Club, not only in their own gardens, but helping to hold a successful Plant Sale and Cake Stall etc. on Saturday, 12th May in the Village Hall. Thank you to all who helped by either putting up and covering the tables, manning stalls, providing items for sale, buying things and providing coffee etc. throughout the morning, and not least - clearing away at the end!

On Monday Evening 14th May we all enjoyed a great talk by Nick Oliver. He had brought a good selection of plants, including unusual ones and many were snapped up at the end of the evening by members to enhance their gardens. Refreshments were served before the raffle draw was made and "the flower of the month" certificate awarded.

Our next monthly meeting is on **Monday evening 4th June at 7.30pm in Bickleigh Village Hall**. The talk is "The Secret Nature of the Tamar Valley" accompanied by photographs on the screen. There will be the usual raffle, "flower of the month competition" and refreshments...hope to see you there! New Members are always welcome and visitors are charged just £1 for the evening.

BLUEBELL WALK AT BYWAY FARM

Many thanks to all those people who supported the walk on Sunday 29th April. It was a dry cold day but nearly 150 people turned out and a total of £550 was raised for Children's Hospice South West. Thank you everyone.

John Greenslade



TABLE TENNIS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

For many years past we had an active club in the village hall. We would like to see if there is any interest in starting it again, for all levels. We therefore invite anyone interested to pop into the village hall at **7.30pm on Tuesday June 19th**.

Michael and Steve



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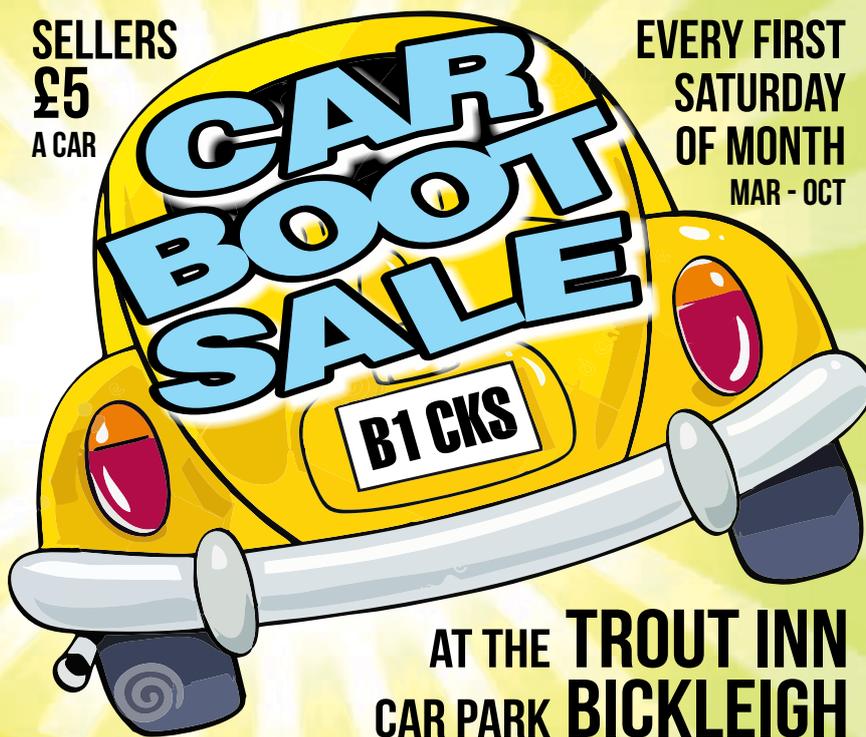
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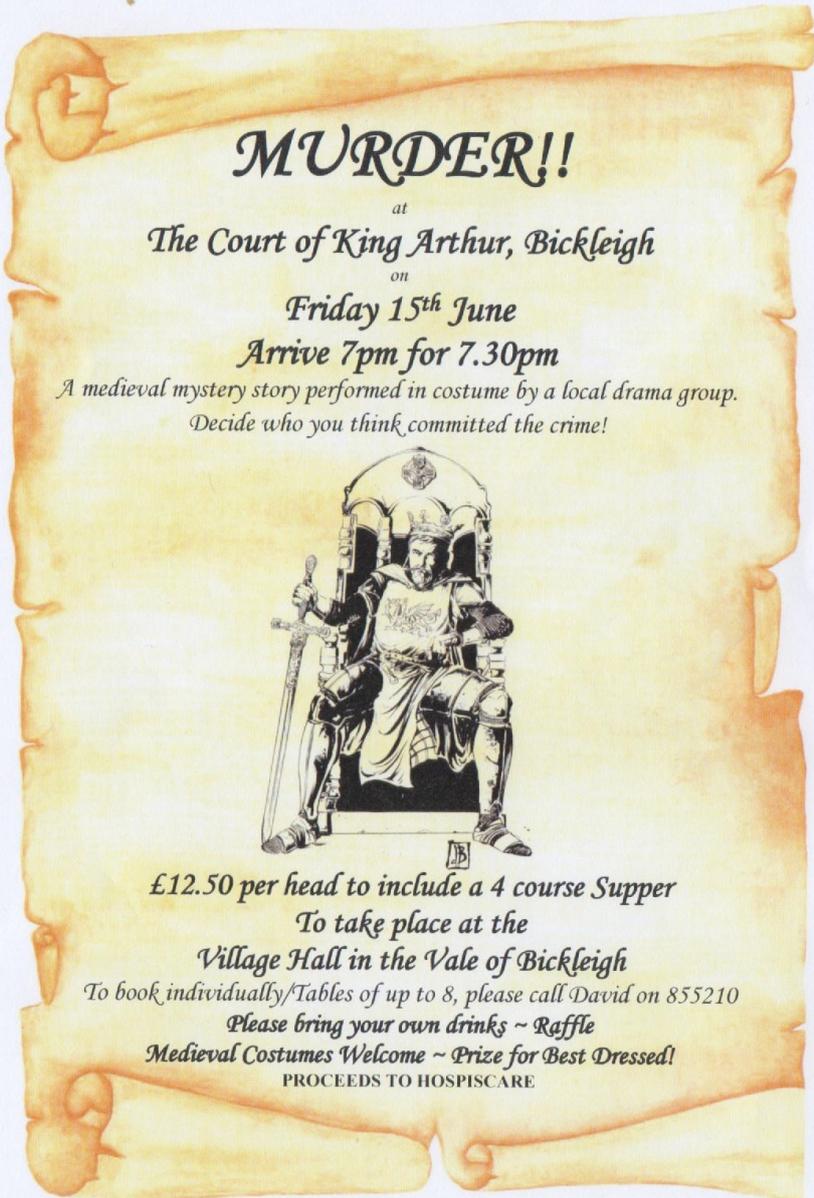
BICKLEIGH MURDER!

Bookings are now being taken for our charity Murder Mystery Night on **Friday June 15th** in Bickleigh Village Hall. The Hall will be transformed into Camelot, the Court of King Arthur and his Knights. Alison Harris, a Tiverton actor and costume designer and 7 others will act out the story which promises lively action (includes a sword fight), lots of laughter, plotting and intrigue. The role of guests at the Banquet is to watch and listen for the vital clues to help reveal the identity of the murderer. The meal will be served as part of the story in 4 different courses: 1) soup and bread; 2) pasties with salads; 3) mixed summer fruits with cream; 4) tea/ coffee with a chocolate brownie. Please bring your own drinks. Dress in medieval style if you wish, the best costume will win a prize! Arrivals from 7pm when guests will be met by the cast for a 7.30pm prompt start. Our local Master of the Court will be Robert Harris whose task is to ensure that no Bickleigh guest insults the King! Places cost £12.50 and proceeds from the evening and Raffle will go to Hospiscare.

Offers of help to set up the Hall from 2pm on the day, to prepare and serve food or to donate a raffle prize please contact Heather. Chris Harris can help with costume ideas if needed. Early booking appreciated to help with catering. Ring 01884 855210 for further information.

David Meredith

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The quiz night on Saturday 28th April proved to be a great success. We were delighted to welcome 12 teams, a good mixture of locals and neighbouring villagers. Our new sound system was up and running, we had plans to buy an amp and speakers, but the school kindly donated a top spec system! Many thanks to Steve Bosley at the school and also to Adam Jones, who lent his technical expertise to enable the set up.

There were six rounds, four were read out and two paper rounds. The lead fluctuated but at the end of the evening, finally there were convincing winners - well done to Dan and Colleen and team! There were also two rounds which raised £60 prize money and £60 for Shelterbox, a heads or tails and a true or false round. A barrel of Exe Valley Bitter was soon dispatched and a number of bottles of Yearlstone wine were emptied too, contributing to a cheerful evening! We hope to run another one early next year!

The Royal Cream tea was well supported - many thanks to all who set it up and for all those who came along. A profit of £161.50 will be split between Heads Together and the Village Hall.



We have a forward programme of events and these are as follows:

FUTURE EVENTS AT YOUR VILLAGE HALL

We will provide more details of these events but you may like to note these:

15th June - murder mystery (see details elsewhere)

July - BBQ (details in next month's Bugle)

28th September - Bingo

12th October - Friday Film Evening

17th November - Live Band night (still provisional)

31st December - New Year Eve party

Early New Year - Quiz

Suggestions are always welcome for events and thanks as always to all those setting up and helping in any way.

Best Wishes

The BVH Committee

Richard S, Matt M, Lauren H, Kerry P, Derek H and Steve B.



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BICKLEIGH WEATHER WATCH

While it now seems an age since the ‘Beast from the East’ and storm ‘Emma’, the impact of the March weather event at the coast was rather overshadowed by the snow and wind inland. The unique nature of the easterly gales in the English Channel meant huge waves were whipped up on east-facing coasts reaching 5.58 m high at Slapton Sands (Start Bay, South Devon). These storm waves were the largest for a decade at Slapton Sands. Many east-facing coasts in the southwest were damaged, including Paignton, Beesands, and even Falmouth. The Slapton Line – the road from Torcross to Strete was severed. But one of the most significant impacts was the volume of beach sediment that was moved, with beach changes of up to 6 metres in height in one day!

Sand and gravel beaches around our coasts naturally act as a coastal buffer, absorbing wave energy and dynamically adapting to the seasonal and long-term wave climate. Significant shifts in beaches can occur during these extreme wave events, but it is now thought that frequency and severity of these storms can be strongly affected by large-scale shifts in patterns of atmospheric variability. The winter North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) index describes a north-south surface pressure difference over the Atlantic region that defines the strength of westerly winds across the Atlantic, with a positive index leading to a westerly dominated airstream (wet and windy). This NAO index has recently been shown to explain variability in beach erosion in southwest England.

In an interesting recent study, scientists re-examined the storm destruction of a small fishing village called Hallsands (located in Start Bay along the south Devon coast) on the 26th January 1917 (Figure 1). The generally accepted, and widely taught, narrative is that the loss of the village was solely due to the removal of gravel (by human intervention) from the coastal zone. A sparse record of historic beach measurements from Hallsands between 1903-1985 provide evidence of the fate of the village.

The study found that the two dominant wave directions at these east-facing channel-coast beaches, southerly and easterly, drive opposing sediment movement along the beach and induce a ‘beach rotation’. Beach rotation over the longer time scales were correlated with the winter North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) index, suggesting that the demise of the village of Hallsands had been significantly exacerbated, if not caused, by decadal oscillations in NAO. Specifically, an extended phase of positive NAO from 1900 to 1930 would have caused strong prevailing westerly winds and southerly inshore waves at Start Bay, driving northward sediment movement. This would have led to a narrowing of the beaches in the southern part of the Start Bay and a widening of those in the northern part. New insights like this are going to be key in our ability to adapt to a rapidly changing climate.

Resident Scientist



Figure 1. Left: Hallsands village looking north in 1894. Right: Hallsands village in 2012.

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ST MARY'S PEWS NEWS

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EASTERTIDE - I agree with Monty Don of BBC 2 Gardeners' World fame; this has been a most beautiful if late spring. Coinciding as it did with the Christian Eastertide, Mother Nature has added significantly to the enjoyment of our services and the beauty of the Churchyard not to mention the surrounding countryside. Have you noticed the abundance of hedgerow Cow Parsley and Pink Campion? Late tilling of the land provides a wonderful contrast of colour; red Devon earth, dark green grass and the bright yellow of rape seed plantations. The trees with their blossom and the stark branches suddenly breaking out in succession, with every colour of green.

The season of Trinity - We enter the season of Trinity, the longest in the Christian calendar. Trinity is that system of Collects (prayers) and Bible readings, read and preached each Sunday. During the course of the season the Gospel Readings come from predominantly one of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. In 2018 it is the Gospel of Mark.

Mission Community Prayer Meeting - Thom and Polly Thompson are hosting the next prayer meeting on **Tuesday 5th June** commencing at 7 pm. The prayer meetings are silent and of about 30 minutes duration. All welcome to attend please just pitch up!

GIFT DAY - Saturday 9th June. In a change from

past practice when the Churchwardens sat outside the West Gate to St Mary's, the Churchwardens have decided to move the Annual Gift Day to the Bickleigh School Summer Fete on the afternoon of the Saturday 9th June and booked a table. There will be a display of church artifacts, historical records as well as a Table Top sale of home made produce (cakes, jams, bread etc). In this way it is hoped it is hoped that we become more visible as part of the village and school community.

PCC Meeting - 27th June 2018 - Would Church Council members please note that the next PCC meeting takes place on Wednesday 27th June starting at 7.30 pm at Gable Cottage. Extra items for the Agenda should be with the Secretary, Rachel Harper, by Wednesday 20th June.

SOUP N' PUDDING - Our next "Soup n' Pud" village event takes place in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 19th June** from 12 midday to about 1 pm; a choice of several homemade soups and puddings will be available. All are very welcome – proceeds go to the ShelterBox appeal

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A POEM BY PHYLLIS NICHOLS

In June we have lots to do
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The children can't wait to go
To have fun on the beach all day

The gardens are still looking good
They have enjoyed the lovely warm sun
I love to see the trees in the wood
While I am taking the dog for a run

The lawns are growing so fast
Keeping us busy on a fine day
Happy when we have finished at last
And put everything clean and tidy away



24 Hours 4 CHAT

In June I will be attempting my first ever 24 hour race called Hope 24 where I am hoping to achieve a distance of 100K (around 60 miles or 3 marathons if you prefer).

Why I hear you cry I am looking to raise £1,000 for CHAT this year by undertaking a number of running challenges the main one being this challenge that takes place on 16-17 June. I decided to raise money for CHAT (Churches Housing Action Team) as I became involved with this charity a while ago and started to see what valuable work they undertake.

The charity helps people in many ways from tenant support, which is helping keep people in their homes and so stops them from becoming homeless. As well as this they run a very busy food banks (boxes in Tesco & Morrisons in town) as well as this they help clients manage their own personal finances again supporting them to enable them to manage their own affairs.

If you can spare anything for this great cause please donate what you can, I have set up a local giving page (www.localgiving.org/fundraising/24hr4chat) or if you would rather you can just donate by giving the money to me when you see me (Probably out running with the dogs!!)

Regards

Matt Melksham

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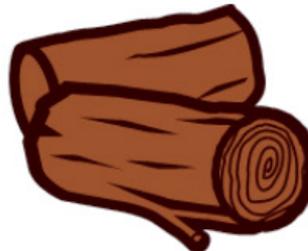


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 WARNING: Fireworks Bickleigh Castle Evening
3 Trinity 1 Holy Communion St Mary's 8 am	4 Gardening Club Talk Village Hall 7:30pm	5 Thom & Polly Prayer Meeting 7 pm	6 Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7 pm All welcome	7	8	9 Gift Day School Summer Fete 2 pm
10 Trinity 2 Evensong St Mary's 6 pm	11	12	13	14 School Ascension Service St Mary's 2:30 pm	15 Murder Mystery Village Hall 7 pm	16
17 Trinity 3 Family Service St Mary's 11am	18	19 Soup 'n' Pud Village Hall 12-1pm Table Tennis Village Hall 7:30 pm	20	21	22	23
24 Trinity 4 & John Baptist Holy Communion St Mary's 8 am	25	26	27 PCC meeting Gable Cottage 7:30 pm	28	29	30

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW ABOUT JUST SEND
US AN EMAIL AND WE WILL SHOUT ABOUT IT FOR YOU!

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