



SEPTEMBER 2018

EDITOR'S NOTES

Well, we are back to the start of Autumn - not quite of course because we call it Autumn for school purposes. Autumn does not start until September 23rd. Summer this year will be remembered for many years; some of us make a comparison to 1976, which perhaps was not so hot but did seem to be just as dry. Whatever you were doing we hope you were able to enjoy this summer. There are predictions that we may have more hot, dry summers but it does not seem that long ago that we had some awful, wet holidays. Time will tell.

If you have had visitors we are sure that, like ours, whatever the weather they all comment on how lucky we are to live where we are. Contrast this with the terrible images emulating from other parts of the world. Tim Peake (our UK astronaut) was asked the other day about his thoughts on looking back on our planet when orbiting the Earth. Like others who have left the confines of our world two things really struck him - the beauty of our planet and its fragility. Meanwhile back on our fragile home the debate continues as to whether we have now left it too late to continue civilisation as we know it, or we still have a chance to avoid a potential disaster.

However, we can still appreciate the fact that we have two National Parks on our doorstep, two beautiful coasts and lovely countryside (now rapidly greening up). We hope the recent rain will not be too late for our hard-pressed farmers.

Look inside for local events coming along. The main event for the month is the Harvest Home on the 15th of September at 2.00pm in Joan's Orchard followed by teas in the Village Hall. Do support those whose hard work enables these events to happen.

The Editors:

Tim Scott
Calendar Cottage

Steve Batt
The Old School

BICKLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

On Saturday 11th August, Bickleigh Gardening Club held their Annual Garden and Craft Show in the Village Hall. After such a long hot dry summer, you may have wondered if the gardeners would have enough quality fruit, vegetables and flowers etc, to enter in the many classes, BUT in fact they produced the best show in recent years!

The Perpetual Challenge Shield for the most points overall was won by Liz Richardson. The Gurney Perpetual Trophy for best children's Exhibit was won by Thomas Jenkins, The Crediton Perpetual Cup for the best exhibit in the Floral Art Classes was won by Sue Lock, The Ridd Perpetual Cup for the best Domestic Exhibit was won by Sally Monday, the Bennett Perpetual Salver for the most points in the Domestic Classes was won by Sylvia Goff. John Greenslade was awarded a cup for the best entry in the fruit classes.

A large number of Children from Bickleigh on Exe C.of E. School aged 5, 6 and 7 years had entered class 65 (a hand written poem about a garden on A4 paper with drawings around the edges). Monetary prizes were awarded for 1st 2nd and 3rd places in both age sections ie 6 and under and 7 and over. These will be presented to the children at the start of next term.

A big thank you to Janette Greenslade for preparing a delicious lunch for the judges and the club committee and also for preparing afternoon cream teas for everyone!

It was good to see so many visitors.... We hope we have inspired them to take up gardening and hopefully join the club! We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. (Next meeting **10th September when the talk is on Autumn Propagation**, As usual there will be a raffle/draw, Flower of the Month Competition and refreshments). Enjoy the rest of the summer and hope to see you at the September meeting!

CHARITY PLAY NIGHTS AT BICKLEIGH VILLAGE HALL

Bickleigh Drama Group

(In aid of Devon Air Ambulance Trust)

Bickleigh Village Hall

Sat 27th and Sun 28th October

from 6.30pm

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and

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Mob: 07856 057 006

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More details next month

This will be the fifth year running that this small Drama Group will have presented a full length play after a delicious meal of Ceylon Curry or the very popular "Thai" selection. Your support would be most welcome and you are promised an evening of fun and laughter, good food, and a chance to add to the proceeds for the sterling work of the Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

Rose Chanin



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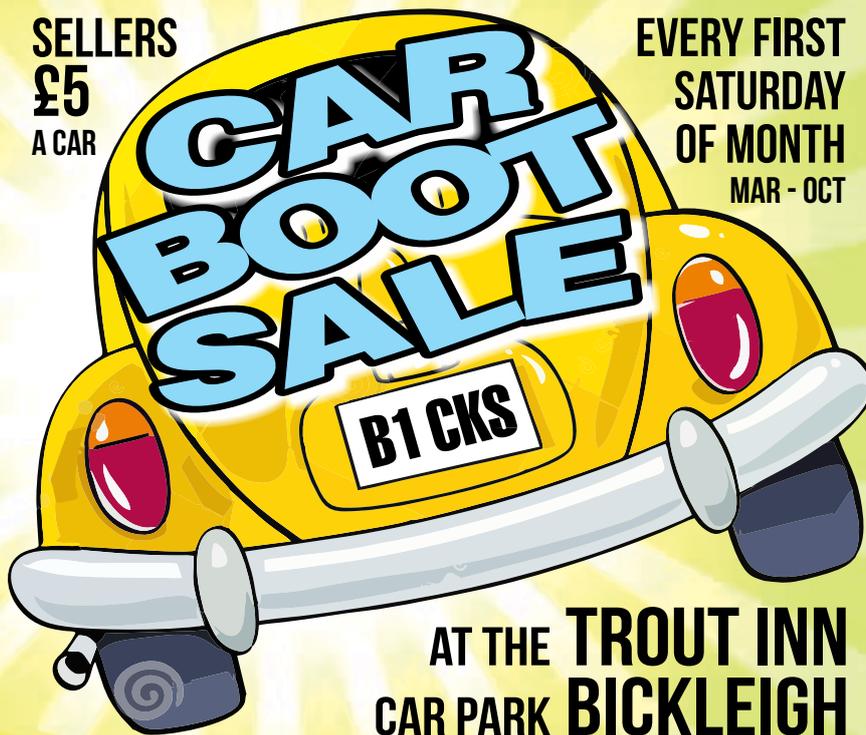
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CHURCHYARD CONSERVATION

We were expecting to see an increased number of butterflies this summer because of the hot dry weather. Unfortunately few have been seen around apart from the Meadow Brown and the White (often known as the Cabbage White). Even the buddleia in the surrounding gardens have failed to attract any significant numbers. Strangely according to the 2018 butterfly survey, results have been submitted from the village stating that quite a few different species have been seen in one location!



We have had a number of grasshoppers around. These are probably the meadow species and their distinctive sound is produced by rubbing the hind legs against the wings. In the UK we have 11 species of grasshopper and 23 species of cricket. All have their unique calls.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to assist us in carrying out some more management. We will be in touch towards the end of October, as the leaves fall and the foliage dies back.

Matt Melksham

Steve Batt

Adam Scaife



BICKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

A Defibrillator awareness/reminder session has been arranged for **Wednesday 19th September at 8pm**. In the Village Hall. And will probably last for about an hour.

Everybody is welcome and indeed encouraged to come along and for those amongst us who do not know how to use the machine, a chance to learn. After all, the more people who can use it the better!!

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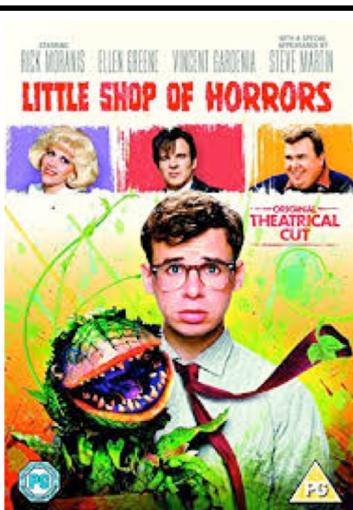
We hope everyone had an enjoyable Summer break. The BVH Committee have some great events lined up for the Autumn. We hope to see you at one or more of them! Get them in your diaries now!

We are very pleased to now have the technology to offer Film Nights and would like to profusely thank Richard and Amanda S, Steve Bosley at Bickleigh Primary School and Adam Jones for making this possible. Michael McAndrew has also been of great help in linking the donated projector to the Internet (as many who attended the Royal Wedding Cream Tea will have seen). We are also hoping that this kit, as well as disco lights donated from Bickleigh Primary School, will also allow us to put on a Village Hall Party over the festive season this year!! More info to follow in October Bugle.



Friday 28th Sept
7pm for 7.30pm start

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Film Night
Friday 12th October

7pm for 7.30pm start
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Cheers! and hope to see you soon.

The BVH Committee

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



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The prolonged heatwave earlier this summer has set the UK on course for record summer temperatures this year. The lack of rainfall was not quite so extreme, but summer 2018 still ranks around the top 10 percent of dry summers in historical records and residual scars are still visible in lawns and fields all over the country, making animal feed a pricey commodity.

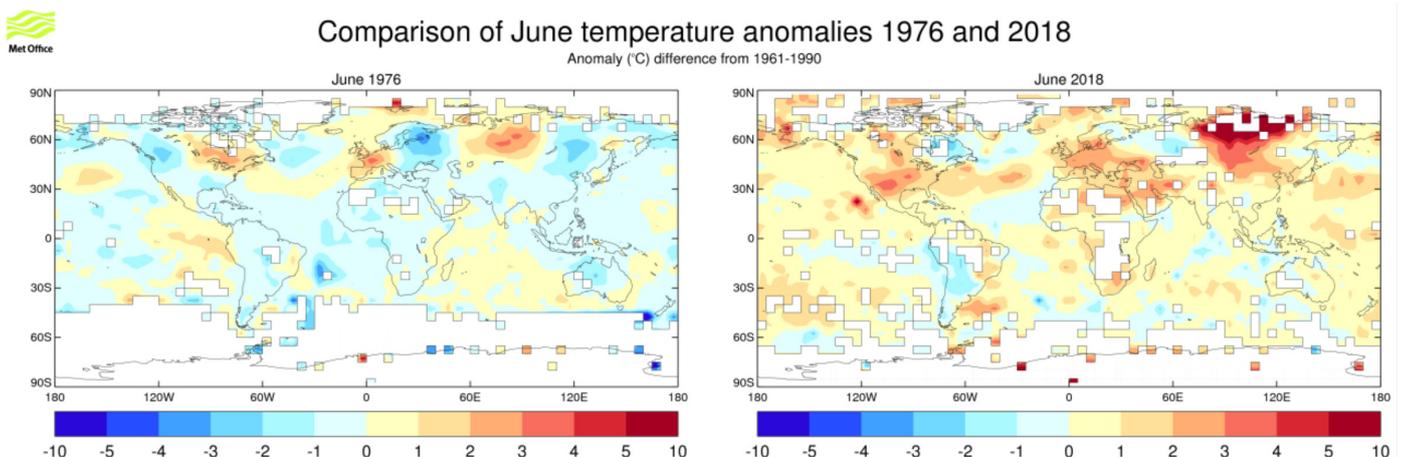
Commentators have blamed the heatwave on climate change and the ever-growing temperature of the globe due to increasing greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide. However, while global warming is driving increasing temperatures, the numbers don't fully add up. Summers are warmer now than they were a century ago, but only by about one degree. So this added to the heat, but it can't fully explain the summer, which amounts to several degrees above normal when we average over the months of June, July and August.

So where did the 2018 heatwave come from? One clue lies in the fact that long range forecasts from as early as April were indicating that the UK and much of northern Europe would be basking under high

pressure. These forecasts predict the atmosphere just like short range weather forecasts, but they also include the world's oceans and that's why they picked up on the heatwave. In fact, the Atlantic Ocean temperatures showed a special pattern this year: they were much warmer than normal off Newfoundland but relatively cool in a horseshoe stretching from the southern tip of Greenland, down the east side of the Atlantic and then west across the tropical Atlantic. This pattern is well recognised by meteorologists and was present before the 1976 heatwave. It limits the supply of moisture to Europe and steers the jet stream north and away from the UK. This is exactly what happened, and while we were swimming in the warm sea under clear skies, Iceland had their wettest summer for many decades.

Finally, the ocean is a sluggish beast compared to the rapidly changing atmosphere, so the pattern that brought the heatwave is still sitting out in the Atlantic and despite the cooler interlude as I write this piece; there is a good chance the fine weather will return in September...

Resident Scientist



Comparison of 1976 and 2018 June atmospheric temperature anomalies (Met Office).

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ST MARY'S PEWS NEWS

SEPTEMBER

Remembrance 2018 - This centenary year Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday. The Bickleigh parish roll call of the fallen in the First World War reads as follows: Of the Devonshire Regiment: 2Lt A. Pearcey, LCpl F. Buttle, Pte W. H. R. Venn, Pte W. Gribble, Pte L. J. Butt and Pte G. Greenslade; Pte J. Lee Royal Marines Light Infantry; Pte W. T. Greenslade RE; Pte T. Tackle Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. On Monday 24th September I am attending a working seminar at the Devon Heritage Centre in Exeter (Sowton) to see if I can flesh out the characters of these men as a mark of respect and as a reminder that the sacrifices of so many both home and abroad in two world wars are acts deserving of our respect and admiration. I would be very grateful to hear from any reader who can add to our collective knowledge of these men and may like to join me on 24th September.

Harvest Home 2018 – Our village celebrations this year take place over the weekend **15/16 September** (see flyer elsewhere in the Bugle). No doubt Bickleigh School will lead with their own service at **2.30pm on Friday the 14th** followed by the Parish Harvest Home sports and tea in Joan's Orchard and the Village Hall on **Saturday 15th** and the Harvest Home

Parish service in St Mary's on **Sunday 16th starting at 11 am**. The bread for the Harvest Home is made from scratch by pupils from Bickleigh School led by Nicki MacKenzie with Classes one and two. On this occasion we welcome the Rev Judith Wright to lead our service of thanksgiving.

Soup and Pudding – The floods in the southern state of Kerala, India will bring requests from ShelterBox charity for financial support to increase the number of boxes available for those made homeless. An opportunity exists to do just that by attending the next "Soup n' Pud" meal in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 18th September**. The meal starts at **12 midday**. This is also a lovely opportunity to meet and greet and chat.

Church Council meeting – Tuesday 25th September, items for the Agenda of the next PCC meeting should be with the Secretary, Mrs Rachel Harper, by **17th September**. We meet at Gable Cottage starting at 7.30 pm.

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SEPTEMBER

A POEM BY PHYLLIS NICHOLS

The summer is fast going away
But the weather has been good
The children have had time to play
All the trees are changing in the wood

Now it is back to school after the summer break
I expect they have all had a good time away
Lots of lessons they will have to take
Then it is playtime if it is fine today

All the gardens have looked really nice
But the weeds have grown so fast
Cutting the lawns every week once or twice
Now the hard work is finished at last

SCYTHING: MAINTENANCE OF GRASS AND MEADOWS

I recently went on a demonstration of grass maintenance by use of a scythe. I thought it would be hard work but it seemed so much easier than it appears. I learnt that there is a revival of scything in the UK and scything summer growth by hand is usually quicker than using a strimmer, and there is no noise, vibration or pollution. Mowing an acre of grass with a scythe is probably less hassle than maintaining and using a motor scythe. Once you have learnt how to sharpen and use an Austrian scythe properly, mowing a meadow by hand becomes a joy, rather than a struggle.

I could fully appreciate that scything with a good tool relaxes the mind and attunes the body.

One of the quotes I picked up on the day: As Levin says to his brother after a day's mowing, in Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina* : "You can't imagine what an effectual remedy it is for every sort of foolishness." Something for us all to consider? If anyone is interested there is a course not too far away at Monkton Wyld on 15 September - see website for details (monktonwyld.co.uk)

Steve Batt

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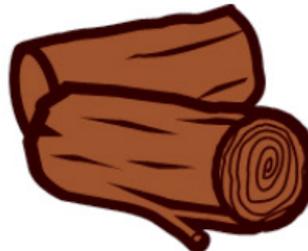


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HARVEST HOME: A BRIEF HISTORY

At one time the annual 'Harvest Home' was very much a celebration between local farmers, their workers and neighbours but today, where the tradition is carried on, it has expanded to a community affair in the village or town and anyone who wants to can attend. Below is a brief description of a typical Harvest Home from 1838:

"There are boys in almost every tree by which the wain passes, looking down upon the last load, and shouting with all their might – then descending, and joining the 'rain' before of behind, and keeping up the cheerful sound of 'Harvest Home.' Now they near the large good-looking farmhouse; see, the old farmer is at his gate with a foaming tankard in his hand! His wife, too, is beside him; and his handsome daughter hath taken off her round gypsy hat, – hark, how her clear voice rings! There is a youth, too, beside her, – it is the young squire: he has also come to share in the merriment of 'Harvest Home.' But listen! for they have halted beside the gate which opens to the front of the house and are singing a stave nearly as old as the hills.

Summer's toiling now is past: – **H**arvest now hath sent her last – **H**er last, last load. – **I**f the field containeth more, – **M**aster, give it to the poor! – **A**broad – abroad, – **L**et them through the cornfield roam, – **W**hile we welcome harvest home – **H**arvest Home, harvest home: – **S**ongs shall sound and ale cups foam – **W**hile we welcome harvest home.

The food which was laid on would differ from farm to farm but the more common items would be beef, pork, sides of bacon all served with a selection of vegetables. Following the main course would come a variety of local puddings such as; Viggy Pudden or Junket, both accompanied with lashings of farmhouse cream. Once the plates had been cleared the proceedings would have probably been clouded with the smoke from numerous clay pipes, their smokers



quietly letting their food settle before the next stage of the proceedings. The cider or beer would continue to flow and there would be various toasts made, mainly in thanks for a successful harvest and to the 'Master' for his hospitality.

The Harvest Home

Once the feast and the toasts were done it was time for the singing of traditional harvest songs and dancing. One of the popular songs was the 'Barley Mow' which on these occasions was very fitting and did more than encourage the cider and beer to flow even more. It is a lengthy song but the first verse went; "Good luck to the Barley Mow – Now here's jolly good luck to the quarter gill, – Good luck to the Barley Mow. – Jolly good luck to the quarter gill, – Good luck to the Barley Mow. – Oh, the quarter gill – Fetch in a little drop moor, – Good luck to the Barley Mow." In the remaining verses the words; half pint, pint pot, quart pot, half gallon, gallon, half bushel, bushel, half barrel, barrel, bar maid, land lady, land lord, brewery, and company would in turn replace the words quarter gill.

Steve Batt

!! NOTICE !!

Beaky the rescue crow (from Calendar Cottage, who some of you may know) has gone walkabout (flyabout!).

He can now just about fly, but if you see a crow in need (with a slightly dodgy wing) please ring Phoebe on **07734362677**



We hope he is surviving well in the wild!

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Holy Communion <u>St Marys</u> 8 am Trinity14	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Evensong <u>St Marys</u> 6 pm Trinity15	10 Gardening Club Village Hall 7:30pm	11	12	13	14	15 Harvest Home <u>Joans</u> Orchard 2pm
16 Harvest Home <u>St Marys</u> 11 am Trinity16	17	18 Soup 'n' <u>Pud</u> Village Hall Midday	19 <u>Defib</u> awareness Village Hall 8pm	20	21	22
23	24	25 Church Council Meeting Gable Cottage 7:30pm	26	27	28 Bingo Village Hall 7pm	29
30 Matins <u>St Marys</u> 11 am Trinity17						