



**NOVEMBER 2018**

## **EDITOR'S NOTES**

One hundred years ago this month marked the end of the First World War, at least as far as hostilities were concerned. However, many never returned and for their loved ones (and for those who bore both physical and mental scars) the suffering and pain must have continued long after 1918. Little did survivors realise as this terrible conflict came to an end the seeds were already being sown for the next great conflict - the Second World War.

Let us, with all humility, remember those parishioners who gave the ultimate sacrifice 100 years ago - as recorded inside St Mary's Church:

In proud and grateful memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-18.

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Pte G. Greenslade  
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Pte T. Tackle

We do hope the special service to be held in St Mary's on Sunday 11 November, starting at 10:55 am (at war memorial) will be supported by all as a special (and moving) tribute to those who sacrificed so much a century ago. We will not forget them.

Please also note that at the last church council meeting, for important reasons, the service of Carols and Readings will now take place on Sunday 23rd December 2018 starting at 6.30 pm.

The Editors:

**Tim Scott**  
Calendar Cottage

**Steve Batt**  
The Old School

# ST MARY'S PEWS NEWS

NOVEMBER

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## “LEST WE FORGET” -

A difficult belief of the Christian is that in order to live we must die to self. The four hundred year old poem below, plaintive yet hopeful and etched into Elizabeth's tomb within St Mary's Church Bickleigh, carries with it the theme of self sacrifice and the practical working out of the spiritual life in an age apparently so different from our own. What we do now or, do not do now, has effect well beyond our own mortality. That much has not changed.

*“CAREWS DAUGHTER, ERISEYES WIFE,  
ELIZABETH THAT HIGHT  
EXCHANGED LIFE FOR DEATH TO GIVE  
A SOONE THIS WORLDS LIGHT  
TO GOD SHE LIVED IN GOD SHE DIED  
YOUNG YEERD IN VIRTUES OLD,  
AND LEFT UNTIL IT RISE AGAINE  
THIS TOMB HER CORPS TO HOLD”  
AN DO 1618*

In the 21st century, Remembrance (that is being present during two world wars) must give way to “Lest we Forget” since many of us now were never there. We can hardly claim peace in our own time when we witness the plight of millions fleeing and suffering from the awfulness of brutal conflict. Yet we try not to lose the hope for peace and reconciliation. Peace leads to reconciliation or should. These will be themes in our Service of Remembrance in St Mary's on **Sunday 11th November starting at 1055 am.**

A daughter tells me that during the practice of being evacuated from her city home to the countryside in 1939, war was declared against Germany. She never saw her mother again until much, much later. The practice became a searing reality. How many of us now are really interested in such vivid memories or even the lives of the men who died for “King and

Country” and whose names are recorded on a brass plaque inside our parish church?

## BICKLEIGH SCHOOL

A feature of Bickleigh School (and many others) is an adherence to good traditions of the local community. Remembrance is one of those. Not only do they have their own service but join with villagers on the Friday before Remembrance Sunday in a simple act of remembrance followed by refreshments in the village hall. On this occasion we hope to hear some World War 2 poetry written during the greatest conflict the world has yet known. In this centenary year the school will also support our service in St Mary's church on Sunday 11th November.

Classes 1 and 3 have been into St Mary's Church recently to learn something of the church and its history (Class 1) and the place of Baptism as a sacrament in the Christian life (Class 3). Two very happy occasions when young children ask the most surprising and thoughtful questions.

## VILLAGE HALL

Soup and Pudding on **Tuesday 20th November** in aid of ShelterBox charity from 12 midday to about 1pm.

## ANNUAL SERVICE OF CAROLS AND READINGS

At the last Church Council meeting, for various important reasons, the service of Carols and Readings will now take place on **Sunday 23rd December 2018 starting at 6.30 pm.**

**Rev Thom Thompson**

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# NOVEMBER

A POEM BY PHYLLIS NICHOLS

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Christmas is not far away  
The children will have lots of fun  
Plenty of time to go out and play  
Or we might take the dog for a run

I wonder if we will have any snow  
I love to see the snowmen they make  
Always sorry when it begins to go  
I am looking forward to the Christmas Cake

Perhaps we will see the fireworks tonight  
Up in the sky then hit the ground  
Different colours all sparkle and bright  
Exciting everyone all around



**This year, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the annual recalling of Armistice Day 1914 and the Remembrance Day service both fall on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The traditional service takes place in St Mary's Church. Weather permitting the Act of Remembrance and the Exhortation will take place at the War Memorial at 1055 am, prior to the start of the main service.**





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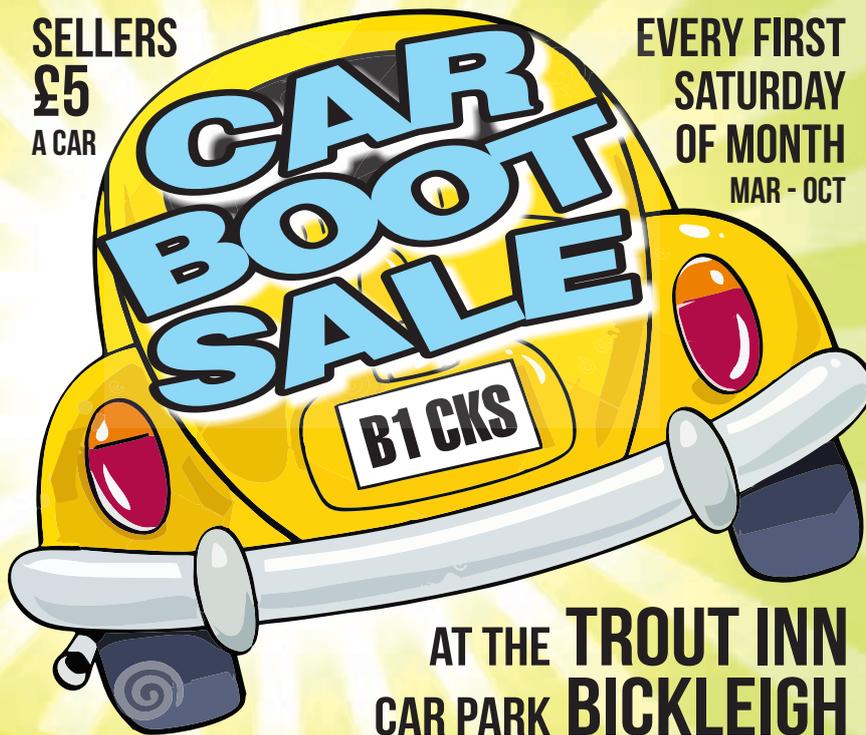
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**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST**  
**SATURDAY OCTOBER 6TH**

# BICKLEIGH VILLAGE HALL NEWS

It has been a busy month at the village hall, with two events over the last few weeks. We held a Bingo Night on Friday 28th Sept, which was attended by around 35 people. It was run by Sandra Brown from Stoke Canon and prizes were chocolate-themed.

A fortnight later, we held our inaugural film night - around 40 people turned up to watch 'Little Shop of Horrors' - which seemed to be enjoyed by all ! As with the bingo event, there was a bar too. We are able to show films onto a screen, using the projector that the committee purchased from a local school, and also using the superb sound system donated by Bickleigh School. This has now been fully set up - many thanks to Adam Jones for his hard work and expertise.

Over the last few weeks, the stage blocks which extend the stage have been re-carpeted and look very smart. The next plan is to replace the current vinyl flooring, which was installed almost 30 years ago and has done amazing service! However, the committee has recognised the need to consider health and safety, so it is time to replace it with something with a little more grip.

On **Saturday 3rd November**, we are having a work morning at the village hall - there are plenty of jobs

such as weeding, sweeping, cutting back and the committee would be very grateful for support with this - if you could give an hour, that would be great. There will be someone present from 9.30am. On that morning, we are starting work on planting up a hedge between school and the village hall- there is currently a fence there, but it is in a poor state. Please call Richard on 855053 or Kerry on 855856 or Facebook message one of us if you would like to help. We will provide tea and maybe even bacon sandwiches!

By the time you read this, Bickleigh Players will have performed their 5th full length play- 'The Sharp End' twice - hopefully it was well attended and raised a good amount for charity. Please support your local Village Hall with the events below - we are trying hard to have something for the community at least every couple of months.

See below for our future events:

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## **MORE DATES AT BVH.....**

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Jan.**

**Film night 'The Mask'** 7pm for  
7.30pm start. Cans/Popcorn on  
sale Suggested entry donation  
£2 per person

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Feb....**

**Bingo night !**

6pm for 6.30pm start. Chocolate  
prizes ! Tuck shop/ bar.

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> March...**

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# BICKLEIGH BENEVOLENT FUND

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Every year at the beginning of December Bickleigh Benevolent Fund trustees meet to receive and consider any requests for financial assistance from members of the village. Requests and reasons for assistance should be received in writing to Olive Taylor ( secretary ) Little Beck by **1st December**. These are held in strictest confidence.

*Oliver Taylor*

# SHELTERBOX

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Earlier in the year ShelterBox sent an Appeal in view of the ghastly situation in Syria. We were able to respond with a donation of £500.. A month later in March, Polly and Thom Thompson very kindly held a coffee morning which was well attended by the village and raised £200 which again was donated to ShelterBox.

The monthly Soup and Pud together with the Plant stall (£40 ) and sale of some art (£20) make these donations possible, so thank you to everyone who has supported the fund raising in some way and a special big thank you to Polly and Thom.

*Oliver Taylor*

A large banner image for a ShelterBox campaign. It features a man, a woman, and a child in a tent. The text "NO FAMILY WITHOUT SHELTER" is overlaid in large white letters. Below it, smaller text reads: "WE'RE IMPATIENT TO HELP FAMILIES AROUND THE WORLD WHO NEED US RIGHT NOW. WE MUST ACT FAST." At the bottom, a paragraph states: "This is Ahmed's family. They live in an emergency camp in Syria, and they received a ShelterBox which included a tent and essential aid items. Families like Ahmed's all around the world are now in desperate need of shelter." The background shows a woman in a green patterned top and black headscarf standing next to a green plastic storage bin, with a child and a man in the foreground.

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### LOST IN BICKLEIGH....

Black puffa jacket, Ayecucho. Yellowy  
green trim.

We think we might have left it on top of  
the car and drove off !

Very grateful for it's return.... worth at  
least a couple bottles of wine !

Richard Somerwill, Shute 855053/  
07508071791

### !! NOTICE !!

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

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He can now just about fly, but if you see a  
crow in need (with a slightly dodgy wing)  
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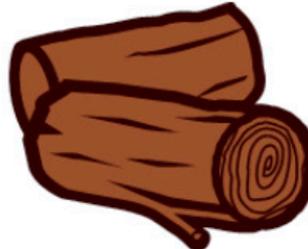


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4 Holy Communion St Mary's 8 am	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Remembrance Service St Mary's 10:55	12	13	14	15	16	17 Quiz Night Village Hall 7:30pm £2 (book early)
18 Family service St Mary's 11 am	19	20 Soup 'n' Pud Village Hall Midday-1pm	21	22	23	24
25 Holy Communion St Mary's 11 am	26	27	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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