

NOVEMBER 2017

EDITOR'S NOTES

We don't know about you but November can be a favourite time of the year. But so are other months we hear you say. We were blessed with a warm and dry middle part of October which may make for a delayed autumnal November. However, as it is now raining and storm Brian is making its presence felt as the editorial is being written, the leaves are being stripped off very quickly.

Walking around the village just before "hurricane" Ophelia the sun glowed red and mixing with the leaves already on the ground and in the trees the whole experience was magical - the whole landscape was that of autumn. The sky was hung with various shades of grey and yellow - a melancholy nature. The leaves were falling on all sides like the last illusions of youth under the tears of irremediable grief. A brood of chattering birds (long tailed tits it appeared) were chasing each other through the shrubberies, and playing games among the branches, like a knot of hiding schoolboys. Every landscape is, as it were, a state of the soul, and whoever penetrates into both is astonished to find how much likeness there is in each detail.

We all enjoyed the Castletown Boys last month and well done to Kerry and helpers for a lovely evening. Only one complaint (whose fault we ask) but someone a) moved the beer keg too close to usage and b) we ran out! Better to run out than to have some left, perhaps. In the "old days" when some of us remember the Street Market, one year we did over order and we all had to have an evening of free beer and cider to finish it off. Oh, it was such hard work!

Well done Rose and Friends for yet another hilarious evening on the 28th and 29th of last month. Over the years Rose and her players have raised a substantial sum for charities and the hall, so thanks for all your support. We know your support is much appreciated by all of the players.

On the 25th of November (Saturday) in the Village Hall residents and friends are invited to an informal games evening. This is just a social and a chance to impart your games' skills to others. Just turn up a 6.30pm, free entry, bring a board game and any drinks you may wish to consume.

"Remember remember the fifth of November Gunpowder, treason and plot. I see no reason why gunpowder, treason Should ever be forgot..."

The Editors:

Tim Scott Calendar Cottage Steve Batt The Old School

NOVEMBER A POEM BY PHYLLIS NICHOLS

In November we might get snow The children love all the fun They are always sorry when it begins to go But we are happy to see the sun

Not long to go for Christmas Day The summer has been quite good The children can still go out to play The trees have changed colour in the wood

Mum has been very busy all of the day I am sure the cake will turn out fine We must'nt forget to hide the presents away Lots of things to get ready on time

A PRAYER FOR THOSE GROWING OLDER

Lord, Thou knowest that I am growing older, Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject. Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs. Keep me from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains. They are increasing with the years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong. Make me thoughtful but not nosey; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom and experience it does seem a pity not to use it all, But Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end

ANON

Prayer sent to Chris Taylor by an American friend who found it in the personal file of a deceased friend.

ST MARY'S PEWS NEWS

NOVEMBER

I approach the gate that opens to Bickleigh Hill with our two Border Terriers. A question forms in my mind, is it to be up the hill or is it to be down? Who is in charge? Answer, normally the boy, he decides. I appear to have no say in the matter. I try the other way. No good. Having served in the army I denote what in my training was referred to as "dumb insolence". The boy will not meet my eye. He stands his ground. As soon as I relent off he goes in the direction he intended. Eventually I have to exert my authority. These incidents remind me of Jesus saying to his disciples: "You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name[i]". Dogs have little choice but to obey the commands of their owners we humans on the other hand can choose to do as we please, can we not?

Men's Breakfast - The next Men's Breakfast to be held at Cadeleigh Village Hall on **Saturday 4 November 7.45 am for 8.00 am**. There is still time to book in. Unfortunately our original speaker has had to cancel. Instead we will repeat the successful session we had earlier in the year "Anonymous Questions – A Discussion". This relies on questions from those attending and put it in the hat. Whatever comes out will hopefully be energetically and informatively discussed etc. The subjects are based around religion/ethics/morality etc. If you would like to try out a breakfast please let me know I can offer a lift as well. **Remembrance** – "Lest we Forget" - The Bickleigh Community Service of Remembrance takes place at St Mary's Church on **Sunday 12th November 2016 starting just before 11 am**. We are using a form of service that has that has been authorised by "Churches together in Britain and Ireland". A contemporary and meaningful service at a time when there is so much conflict near to and yet far from our homeland. A prayerful presence by as many as can come, would demonstrate our collective desire for peaceful means to resolve the many imponderables caused by war fighting.

Soup and Pudding – We had an excellent "Soup and Pud" last month and almost a full house. It is also one way of catching up with local news from Councillor Bob Deed who is a frequent visitor. This month the lunch takes place on **Tuesday 14th from Midday to 1 pm**. We are also delivering to homes, so if you know of anyone else who might like a lunch in their home please let me know or Olive Taylor (855770).

Church Council - The Church Council meets at **Gable Cottage at 7.30 pm on Thursday 23rd November**. This meeting determines the budget for 2018 with written reports for the year 2017. Any other items for the agenda are requested by 16th November. (DF Thompson – Secretary).

The Gospel According to St John (Chapter 10 onwards) – The topic for study and discussion as the House Group continues to meet at **7.30 pm on Thursday evenings** at Gable Cottage.

[i] Gospel of John chapter 15 verse 16

Revd Thom Thompson (01884 855309) or tmdfthompson@uwclub.net

BICKLEIGH HISTORY

Nick Thom who lived at Church Cottage has kindly donated 3 legal agreement documents relating to Bickleigh Old School to our local history archive. They were found among his father's papers.

In 1906 then Rector, Walter Gawen Carew, allowed the Managers of the school to take water from the Reservoir which supplied his house for payment of one shilling per year. The Rector could end this agreement at any time by giving 1 month's notice and fixing a notice on the "principal door of the same school" and sending a copy to the School Master or Mistress. The School Managers at the time were the Rector; William Elston; John Pearcey; William Webber; William Farley; Mary Francis Daniels; Edwin Vowler; and Joseph Heaman. Their signatures were witnessed by Thomas Fouracre, and W J Brooks of Bickleigh (maybe Steve and Mary Batt should be paying this to Jill Brownlow!!).

In 1926 an Agreement between Sir H P Carew, Landlord, and Bickleigh School Managers allowed the school to take and rent the cottage and garden known as Church Green Cottage Number1. for 1 shilling per annum. Only 1 family permitted to reside there and no underlet, except to a school teacher employed at the school, or take in a lodger without consent. The tenants to keep the premises in good repair: keep the windows clean: replace broken glass: have the ground floor chimney swept at least every 6 months: keep the garden wall and fences in good order: the garden clean and well manured and properly cultivated with vegetables; clear away ashes and remove all manure filth and soil near the cottage every week: clean out the spouting when required but not less than once a year: and effectively cleanse the earth closet or privy as often as may be necessary. Christopher Leigh Buckingham, Rector. signed the agreement as Chairman of the School Managers, witnessed by Risina May Williams, Domestic Servant at Bickleigh [Rectory.

In February 1944 a Principal Teacher's Agreement was made between the School; Mangers and Mrs Winifred Irene Mary Scott to serve as Principal Teacher from the 11th day of October 1943 at a commencing salary of £185.5s.0d. per annum. The Managers were then L G Chamberlen; Mrs Chamberlen; J Bishop, Bickleigh Post Office; Mrs F Gold, The Bungalow; Mr J P Bulkeley; Shot Ash; and Mrs Henson, Bickleigh Castle..

If anyone else has similar papers which help throw light on Bickleigh's past, or indeed old photos, we would be glad to receive them.

David Meredith 01884 855210.







Devon County Royal British Legion

A Concert for Remembrance

Thursday 2nd November 2017



The Okehampton Community College Band Cassy Jane (mezzo-soprano) Pupils of St Sidwell's School, Exeter

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BICKLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

There was a very good turn out on Monday Evening 9th October, for the talk "Autumn into Winter" and apart from the August Show, the village hall has never seen such a fine display of flowers and plants! There was the fantastic variety of flowering and foliage plants brought by the speaker, the display of "flower of the month" entries was one of the best ever and there were Harvest Home flower arrangements left from earlier activities! Alan talked about most of the plants in turn and answered member's questions throughout the evening. Members were keen to get to the front of the hall as soon as he had finished speaking, to purchase quality plants for display in their own gardens! Refreshments were enjoyed by all. The Raffle/Draw was held and the Flower of the Month Competition was won by Sylvia Goff with a

stunning large yellow chrysanthemum.

If you haven't signed up for the **Xmas/New Year Lunch on Wednesday 10th January 2018**, please remember to do so at the AGM or phone Judi before 13th November.

Next Month we meet again in the Village Hall on Monday 13th November for the Gardening Club Annual General Meeting (starting at 7.30pm prompt!).

This will be followed by a concert by the Tiverton Ladies Choir to include several songs from "The Shows". As usual after the AGM there will be a finger supper....(food contributions by members gladly accepted!).

BICKLEIGH BENEVOLENT FUND

At this time of the year Bickleigh Benevolent Fund trustees are considering the distribution of funds among villagers who need financial assistance.

We ask that all requests for assistance should be made in writing and sent to the Secretary before **Thursday, 7th December 20017**. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

Olive Taylor

Little Beck Bickleigh EX16 8RH

SHARE YOUR BOARD GAME SOCIAL

This is a chance to show off your skills, socialise with others and play a board game or two. Perhaps your favourite one or to try something new.

All are very welcome as are friends, Romans and countrypeople. No age limits either!

Entry is free, bring drinks and snacks if you wish.

Teas and coffees available at the hall.

Village Hall, Saturday 25 November at 6:30 pm

Steve Batt

BICKLEIGH VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Bickleigh Village Hall Committee are very pleased with how our first Live Music night went! The Castletown Boys pulled out all the stops with passionate covers of Black Jack Davy, Bonnie Ship The Diamond and many more, playing two superb sets of over 45 minutes each. The evening finished with a rousing rendition of "My old man's a dustman" which went down rather well as we all seemed to know the words to this one...THANK YOU so much to Del (Guitar and vocals), Theo (Double Bass) and Neil (Violin) You are clearly extremely talented musicians and all round great guys!

Much dancing and arm twirling with friends, neighbours and complete strangers was very uplifting and huge grins seemed to be plastered on faces (though the 72 pint keg of Exe Valley Dob's may have had something to do with this!) Several people said it was years since they danced on a dancefloor and that they really enjoyed catching up with people they had not seen for ages. We also had comments that the hall looked beautiful inside and out! (Thanks Harpers!) I have to say that we are very pleased with how the hall looks at the moment and Robin and Elaine have been doing a really great job of keeping it up together. The Committee would like to sincerely thank Stan Sharland for making the delicious pasties, Camilla Melksham and Polly Thompson for their beautiful floral displays and loan of tea light holders, Bickleigh Primary School for the tablecloth loan, Amanda Somerwill, Mark Peters, Charlotte Prentis, Matt Melksham, Richard Somerwill, Robin Maynard, Steve Batt and Elaine Maynard for their fantastic help setting up/mucking in on the night. Special mention to Michelle Dennis who did a great job of sourcing the red wine but unfortunately could not be there on the 7th.

Ticket prices were purposely kept very low as this was the first event and was mainly geared at getting people together for a bit of a social knees up. It was also a challenging weekend in terms of selling tickets as there were lots of other big events going on locally, on both Friday and Saturday nights, BUT 63 people had a very good time and £131.14 was raised to go towards improving the stage area so we are very happy!

Many many thanks to all who supported the event. To those who couldn't make it, see you next time!

Many Thanks

Kerry Peters, Bickleigh Village Hall Chairperson On behalf of The Bickleigh Village Hall Committee *Michelle, Robin, Matt, Chris, Derek and Richard*



BICKLEIGH WEATHER WATCH

On the 27th of August in 1883 one of the most dramatic natural events in recorded history shook the world when the Mt Krakatau volcano explosively erupted on its small tropical island in the Indian Ocean. Signs of the impending eruption had been apparent for several months and smaller eruptions had occurred before but nobody was prepared for the intensity of the event that followed. The eruption of Krakatau utterly destroyed the island, firing millions of tonnes of rock into the surrounding ocean and creating a Tsunami that quickly travelled to surrounding islands and engulfed neighbouring coastal areas. The eruption also injected millions of tonnes of hot gas and tiny ash particles deep into the tropical atmosphere. This material was so hot that some of it rose to altitudes above the weather systems and into the guiescent and tenuous stratosphere where it remained for several years after the eruption.

Brilliant red and purple sunsets and sunrises began to be reported worldwide soon after the eruption. The displays were so dramatic that artists of the day began to depict the stunning evening skies that followed Krakatau in numerous paintings. Many dramatic sunsets over the river Thames in London were painted by William Ascroft in the years immediately following the eruption and although it was painted a few years later, even the striking red sky in the background to Edvard Munch's famous painting 'The Scream' is thought to be inspired by the same red evening skies following the Krakatau eruption.

Scientists across the world are now on standby for the imminent eruption of another tropical volcano: Mt Agung on the island of Bali at 8 degrees south of the equator. Mt Agung has remained quiet for more than 50 years since it last erupted; the internal pressure from subterranean molten lava slowly building like a pressure cooker to the point where it is now rumbling ominously and threatening to explode as it last did in 1963. Geologists are monitoring the

Resident Scientist

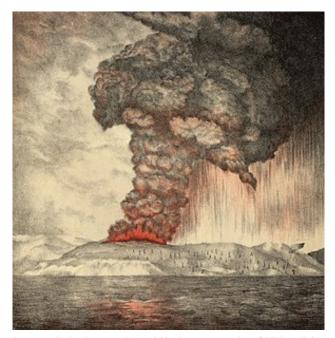


Image: Artist impression of Krakatau erpution (Wikipedia)

local earth tremors at Agung and estimate at least a 50% chance that it will erupt in the next few months. Thousands of local people have been evacuated from the immediate vicinity, but if it does blow, then as well as the local devastation, many millions of tonnes of sulphur based gases in the volcanic plume will again be injected into the atmosphere where they will rapidly change to produce a fine mist of sulphuric acid particles. These particles scatter sunlight from the atmosphere, much as raindrops do in a rainbow, resulting in a temporary cooling of the earth as they reflect incoming sunlight. We know from historical weather reports that this will weaken monsoon rains and likely cause droughts in the following year or two in many regions of the tropics. However, in our part of the world the effects of tropical volcanoes are a little different, the jet stream tends to be stronger in winter following tropical volcanic eruptions and so we would likely see a stormy mild and wet winter in the following year if Agung does erupt.

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NEW BICKLEIGH WEBSITE GOES LIVE

Over the past nine months or so, I've been working (slowly!) with David Meredith and lots of others to create a new website for our village and the surrounding community. The aim is to keep people informed about whats going on, let people know about local groups, associations and so on, and to promote upcoming events. It is also a space for local individuals and businesses to advertise their services. So all in all, a bit like the good ol' Bugle you're holding in your hands!

We've been adding bits of bobs to the site over the past few months and we think there is enough there now for us to 'go live', but there's lots more we could add. Which is where you might come in...

If you'd like to post some news, promote an upcoming event, add a group or club that is missing, or have any other ideas for ways that we can improve the site, we'd love to hear from you.

To get started, register for an account on the site which will allow you to add content (once it has been approved) and get in touch about what you'd like to add. You can get in touch by filling in the form at https://bickleigh.org.uk/contact, giving me a call, or popping by to number 2 Bell Meadow in person!

The site is volunteer run, and doesn't have too many running costs. Fingers crossed, we will be able to secure a small amount of money via the a fund

The Bickleigh village website team

for Parish council websites to get started. Longer term, we plan on keeping it sustainable through sponsorship and advertising from local businesses. To that end, we have place banner adverts at the bottom of the site, which are priced at a very reasonable \pounds 5 per year for individuals and \pounds 20 for larger businesses. Just next to the adverts you'll see a link to a directory of local services that is free of charge for everyone. Get in touch if you would like to advertise or listed in the directory.

In case you're wondering how this relates to the Bugle, we are hoping that they both have a long and happy life together. We've been uploading copies of the Bugle to the website for the past couple of months and fingers crossed, the website will serve as a good source of content for the Bugle and visa versa.

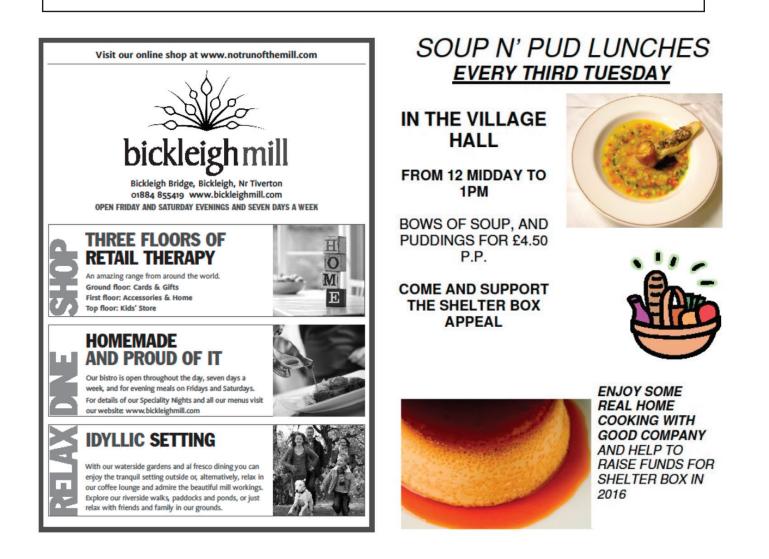
We'd love to see a few more pictures (historical and current) on the site so if you have any please send them in. An for those of you that are into social media, we're hoping to link the site up with a Facebook page and an Instagram account shortly.

Finally, many thanks to everyone that has added content already, and especially to David Meredith who has served as an excellent cat herder over the past few months. We're really excited to see how people use the site over the coming months.

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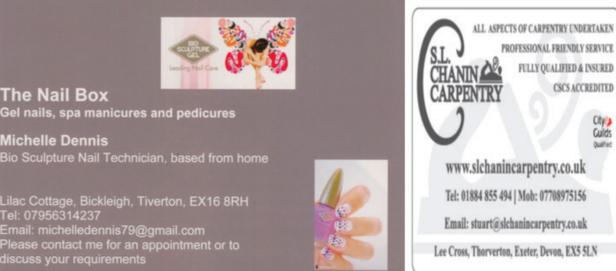
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November 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Concert for Remem- brance 6:30pm The Mint, Exeter	3	4 Men's Breakfast 8am Cadeleigh Village Hall
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Remem- brance 11am St Mary's	13 Gardening Club AGM 7:30pm Village Hall	14 Soup and Pudding Midday Village Hall	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Share your board game social 6:30pm Village Hall
26	27	28	29	30		
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