

October 2021



When the dog days of summer are almost behind you, all you can think about is ushering in the cooler weather. You're more than ready to finally trade out those sandals for boots and go for a brisk walk among the changing leaves.

September has been unusually warm and dry which will help the winter along, we hope.

It is good to see the village hall back in use again. The film night was well attended and the first event to be held in the "deep cleaned" hall. Other events are planned so do support what ever you can.

Have a good October!

**Your editors
Steve and Michael**

Bickleigh Village Hall presents...

Chocolate Bingo!



**Sandra is back with a delicious
tried and tested formula**

**Fri 15th October -
6.00 for 6.30pm start**



Plus teas, coffees, soft drinks!

Shelter Box

Bickleigh Village has been supporting the charity Shelter Box since 2005 when we were able to fund our first box (£490.00). To date, we have raised over £10,000.00. We started by organising events such as "Call my Bluff", a valuation evening of personal antiques, car boot sales, a stall selling grown and donated plants, various other events and ,of course, donations.

Recently our main source of funds has been the monthly "Soup 'n Pud" which were a great success, not just from the money raised but also from from the community aspect of the occasion. People enjoyed meeting, chatting and sampling the choices of soups and puddings.

Originally there were four involved - Sally Taverner, Polly Thompson, Alison Nelson and Olive Taylor - now there are only two. Sally and Alison have moved from the village and sadly we feel it is time to wind-up this project. However, it would be a great shame for the village to discontinue its support of Shelter Box after all these years. So it would be wonderful if a new person or team with fresh ideas could take on this challenge. Could that be you?

Finally, we four would like to thank everyone who has generously supported "Soup 'n Pud" and the many other events over the past 21 years

Help, advice and suggestions can be obtained from Polly (855309) and/or Olive (855770)

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Village Hall News

Coming up...

Fri 15th October

Chocolate Bingo is back! Turn up on the night for a chance to win fantastic confectionery-based prizes, 6.00 for 6.30pm 'eyes down'.

Sat 27th November

Christmas Craft Fayre. Please let Michelle know if you would like to book a table. There are some great stalls already lined up, so get a head start with your Christmas shopping!

Fri 10th December (TBC)

Christmas Film Night (film also TBC!)

Our plans for 2020 include...

- Jan - return of the Fun Casino!
- Feb - Quiz Night - get your team sorted out early
- March - Gig Night!

Keep checking our Facebook page for details of other upcoming events.

Past events

September saw the return of Village Hall events- thank you to those who supported our Pre-Loved Sale- we had 4 stalls and a

steady flow of customers through the morning.

Around 30 folks turned up to watch 'Dream Horse' on the big screen.

Improvements

As we have been unable to employ a new caretaker/ cleaner, the committee have decided to buy in the services of Lima Cleaning (from Tiverton). Matt and Jordan did a deep clean on the hall this month and from now on will do a monthly clean. We have written into the hirer agreement that all hirers are responsible for leaving the hall in a clean, tidy condition and a committee member will check up after a hire.

We have also decided to upgrade lighting in the hall. A local contractor has been engaged and will fit new LED lamps in the main hall, bathrooms and outside. This will help to reduce our energy use.

Also the stage area is due to be re-carpeted and new fire doors fitted in the main hall.

Please help us keep the Village Hall environment looking good.

Maintenance morning

Sat 4th Dec from 10am (clearing gutters, sweeping leaves, removing moss etc)

From your Village Hall Committee: Richard, Michelle, Matt, Steve, Katinka.

Bickleigh Gardening Club

The October meeting will be held on 11 October at 7.30pm.

The speaker will be Jeremy Wilson who will give a talk on
The Fragrant Garden and he will bring plants to
purchase.

The competition for Flower of the Month will be held!

We give a warm welcome to all members and visitors.

***(As if you didn't know!) Your
contributions to the Bugle are
very welcome!***

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