

November 2019



Autumn is holding back for now, although we have had a fair bit of rain the temperature holds up. No doubt as daylight gets shorter the weather will cool off. Looking at the longer term forecast it seems we may have a mild winter, or maybe not!

By the time you read this Rose and team will have had their plays at the village hall and by all accounts they were a great success.

Tickets had more or less gone by late October, so well done! We hear the village hall committee were hoping to have a weekly all day booking and at the last moment it was discovered that Bickleigh near Plymouth was what was wanted. This reminds us that many years ago the Army turned up in force outside the

church. Asking where the barracks were, an older villager asked if they had the right Bickleigh. Of course they did not as most of you will know there is a large army presence in the other Bickleigh! Words were exchanged through the ranks, we understand.

Don't forget the tabletop sale in the Hall on Saturday 16 November. So far it looks as if 15 tables will be there with some exciting gifts. More village hall news inside.

Any articles to us by 20 November please ready for the bumper Christmas/New Year edition. After this the next edition will be February 2020. Lastly, yes it is that time again - for those who have paper copies we will require your £3 please.

Your editors, Steve Batt, The Old School and Michael McAndrew, 2 Bell Meadow

***Your submissions to the Bugle are very welcome!
Email bickleighbugle@outlook.com by 20th September***

Bickleigh Gardening Club

Bickleigh Gardening Club held its Autumn meeting on 14th October. We had an interesting night, the subject being *Planting Winter Containers* given by Nick Oliver from St. John's Nursery, Barnstaple.

The talk gave useful hints about what provides Colour and variation in the garden over the winter months, he also brought along a wide variety of these plants, which as always proved to be very popular.

The September meeting *Unusual Herbaceous Borders* given by Peter Cantrill was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all

giving us plenty to think about when planning to change or create new spaces in the Garden.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday November 11th at 7.30pm in Bickleigh Village Hall, followed by entertainment from local "Barber Shop" singers and refreshments.

Amanda McCarthy



Bickleigh Benevolent Fund

Early in December Bickleigh Benevolent Fund trustees meet to consider the applications for financial assistance from Bickleigh villagers.

If anyone knows of a person or persons who they think are need of help and with their permission, please let the Secretary know. Applications should be made in writing, if possible. It is helpful if reasons are given for the need of assistance.

The type of assistance considered most favourably are the essentials of modern day life i.e. help with heating, lighting, transport and so on.

Applications need to be received by 2nd December.

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Armistice Day and Parish Remembrance service

Sunday 10th November
St Mary's Bickleigh
at 10.55am



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 10.55am, prior to the start of the main service.



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St Mary's Pews News

Advent - At the end of the month the universal Christian church moves to the beginning of its 'New Year', the season of Advent, the coming of Christ. The season starts on the Sunday nearest St Andrew's Day which in 2019 falls on Sunday the 1st December. Advent, from a Church of England perspective is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement:

The Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – have been traditional themes for Advent meditation. The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation, rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent. The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16.22). Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. In the UK, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas. The lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century, and is now a common practice.

Christingle - The Moravian custom of the Christingle has similarly enjoyed great success in Britain since the latter part of the

twentieth century, with the encouragement of the Children's Society. **Bickleigh School's own service takes place in St Mary's Church in the afternoon of the Wednesday the 11th December.**

Men's Breakfast 9th November – It is our turn to host the Mens' Breakfast on this Saturday morning at 8am. Our guest is the Revd. Ed Channing. Ed trained as a GP in the NHS and spent a lot of his working life as a doctor in the North Devon town of Bideford. Ed is well known in many circles for his commitment to the necessary training and experience required to become a much respected Spiritual Director. The title of Ed's talk is: "To be a pilgrim".

Bible reading – we continue to read and discuss "Women of the Bible" on our Thursday evening meetings at Gable Cottage from 7.30 pm to 9 pm. All welcome – a very interesting and revealing set of characters.

Remembrance 2019

10th November – The annual Service of Remembrance takes place in St Mary's Church Bickleigh on Sunday 10th November starting at 1055 am. We are pleased that the Chair of the Parish Council has kindly agreed to lay the wreath with other Councillors attending as well. Their presence will be a first for Bickleigh in recent history.

11th November - Remembrance Day, the 11th November, will be marked by a short service in Joan's Orchard attended by pupils and staff from Bickleigh School. All are very welcome to attend. We aim to mark the two minutes silence introduced and concluded by the tolling of a church bell.

Rev Thom Thompson

Soup and Pud

Tuesday 19th November in the Village Hall

Last month the Central Band of the Royal Air Force, playing the Dam Busters' theme via iPhone, introduced our Battle of Britain luncheon with a brief account on the significance of the RAF Roundel with its heraldic background stretching back to the First World War.

The money raised to the amount of £50.00 is to be donated to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

We meet again on Tuesday 19th November starting at 12 midday.

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Village Hall Events

This months big event...

Christmas Tabletop Fair



We have some great stalls lined up for **Saturday 16th November** for our Christmas Tabletop Fair ! It's a great way to start your Christmas shopping- please come along and support the Village Hall, tell your friends too. We are **open from 10am until 1pm**. There will be a café, with hot or cold drinks and cakes.

More Upcoming events...

Wed 31st Dec

New Year's Eve Party

Last year's event was a great night, with food, a bar, dancing and a great chance to socialise with friends and neighbours without the hassle of having to drive home ! Come along and enjoy yourself !

Tickets are available for £3 each from Michelle on 07956314237.

**For any of these events
please contact Michelle
07956314237 or Richard
07508071791 to book early**

Sat 18th Jan

Casino & Cocktail Evening

Evening dress please! BVH transforms itself into Monte Carlo for one night only.

Fri 24th Jan

Family Film Night

Film yet to be decided. Add your suggestions on our Facebook event page.

Sat 8th Feb

Quiz Night

Teams of 6, can your team beat Steve and Rachel Harper's reigning champions?

Village Hall News

Our Facebook page

Please follow Bickleigh Village Hall on Facebook- we are advertising all of our events on it.

Work Party

Thank you to those who helped out at our Work Party on Sat 19th October, painting the stage ceiling and walls black in preparation for future stage events.

Film nights

Having run three film nights now, we have come to the realisation that we need to purchase a larger screen which can be pulled down in front of the curtains. The current

screen is about 2 metres square- with TV, the classic screen is 3 to 4 ratio, but cinemascope is 9 to 21, so we need a much greater width.

Maybe someone in the village would like to run a film club ?

Village website

Did you know that we have a village website?

Have a browse at <https://bickleigh.org.uk/>.

If you have news you'd like to share or an event you'd like to promote, email Michael michael@3sd.io and we'll set you up with an account.

Kerry Peters

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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Mens Breakfast | 10 Annual Service of Remembrance |
| 11 Remembrance Day | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Christmas Tabletop Fair | 17 |
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