



<u>Parish Council</u>	<u>Job Responsibility</u>	<u>Area /Responsibility</u>
Mr M Andersen(Chmn) 07760 170300	Roads	Dashwoods Lane, Combe Close
Mr C Warren(Vice Ch) 07872 470133	Planning	Trendle Lane, Quantock Moor, Chilcombe La.
Mr D Venner 656637	Quantock Hills	Culverhayes, Newton, Kingswood, TA4 4ET
Mr J Grellier 656799	Police Liaison	Church Lane, Parsons Close, Gatchells Lane
Mrs N Russell 656710	Young People	13 Church Lane
Mr R Murphy 639394	Rights of Way	Quantockside, TA4 4EH, Woolston
Mrs C Skinner 618300	Environment	Hill Lane, Honey Row Lane, Halsway
Mrs J Leeming 656870	Parish Clerk	9 Pickpurse Lane Stoagumber

<u>Neighbourhood Watch Wardens</u>		
Murray Bush 632 878	Woolston	
Carol Darke 656 222	South of A358	
John Lees 656 333	Dashwoods Lane, Combe Close	
Mark Ogden 656 371	Church Lane, Gatchells Lane, Parsons Close	
Cerys Randell 656 956	Trendle Lane, Quantock Moor, Chilcombe Lane	
Kees ter Braak 656 633	Honey Row Lane, Hill Lane	

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - John Lees writes:
Nil Report. Well done everyone **BUT** don't stop being vigilant and sensible. Today's thieves like the summer. Daylight, windows and doors open (that is if we get any summer!).

Do you live on your own? If you do and are concerned about Suspicious Callers, the Police can help with their Nominated Neighbour Scheme. Please contact your warden if you want to know more.

YOUR PARISH MATTERS

Ticks: Now that summer has finally arrived it is great to get out and about on the Quantocks and Exmoor. Just spare a thought for what you might inadvertently pick up on your walk. Some useful advice about tick removal can be found here:
<http://www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/about-ticks/tick-removal/>

Footpaths/strimming: If you find a public footpath [not pavement] or bridleway that needs strimming to keep it open you can call Mike Andersen on 07760 170300.

Dog Fouling: Always an issue. If you are reading this online then have a look at this cheerful poem on ways to take ownership of your dog's mess:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BoY9T1m88zk>

For those of you without internet access here is the Dog Poo Poem by Murray Lachlan-Young. To get the gist of the video read it in a 1940's BBC public announcement type of voice:

Old Mr Milligan walking down the lane
Slipped on the mess of his own Great Dane.
Now he's in a bath chair looking rather sad,
Never would have happened if he'd put it in a bag.

Guide dog, gun dog, guard dog, stray.
Put it in the bag man, squirrel it away.
Put it in your hat man, it'll keep you warm.
Keep it in your pocket on a frost bit morn.
Poor Mrs Harrison slipped when she tripped,
off on the prom with her poodle - toodle pip.
Didn't see dog mess, slipped off the quay,
Caught by a rip tide, swept out to sea.

Welcome to the Parish

Tony and Barbara Parsons to Warrescote
David and Sally Simpson at Purlands
Kate and Andrew Harrison at Quantock Barn
William and Sue Watton at Moor Cottage
Christopher & Rachel Eveleigh at The Bick

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT - it cheers us all to see the church lit up. If you want that done in memory of someone, please call John Lees - 656333

BICKNOLLER FLOWER SHOW - Carole Darke writes:

The annual flower show will be on Saturday 27th July opening at 2 p.m. But before that we hope you will enter an exhibit or two, as the show has classes for cooking, painting, crafts, floral art and photography as well as fruit, vegetables and flowers!!!

All the details on how to enter are in the schedule - extra copies can be found in the shop. Donations for the RAFFLE very gratefully received!!!

On Saturday 20th July in the marquee, we are having our HOG ROAST PLUS evening! Fun for all the family - after last year's experience, bring your wellies, coats, fleeces and umbrellas!!!!

SOCIAL CLUB – Jean Challender writes:

We are a friendly group of Bicknoller residents who meet at the Village Hall every third Wednesday in the month, apart from August and December. We enjoy discussions, talks, quizzes, visits and demonstrations (not the violent type!). Most of our meetings start at 2.30 pm, with some evening meetings in the Summer.

We have already had a most interesting talk on the lives and horrendous working conditions endured by the Brendon Hills iron miners and an amusing anecdotal talk on working in the Royal palaces. We are looking forward to a talk on the Mercy Ships Charity, a talk with slides on the work of the National Trust on the Holnicote Estate, glorious slides and commentary on Venice so come and join us! Membership costs only £8 a year. Please contact Jean Challender (656760)

BICKNOLLER W.I. - Maggie Pumphrey writes:

Every village should have one! And in Bicknoller we have a lively, friendly WI consisting of 19 members. We have tried to age beautifully with a demonstration on skin care and make up in February by Bicknoller resident Shirley Cropper, a Boots No.7 specialist. We have made a healthy lemonade drink, which some members have now added to their repertoire in their own kitchens.

We have been educated about Life on the Canals in the 19th century. We have had a quiz to test our general knowledge organised by member Michele Sears and her husband Gary.

Other meetings this year include a visit to Halsway Manor for a talk about the special

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wall hangings there, depicting various types of folk dance. The talk will be accompanied by music to depict each dance. This is an open meeting and if you are interested in joining us, please let me know. We also have an afternoon visit planned for September, to Bishops Lydeard Mill.

Belly dancing is on the agenda for our birthday meeting in October and cameras will be at the ready as members have a go under the direction of the guest dancers.

Making Christmas cards and gift boxes is the subject of our November meeting – hands on of course. And we end our year with a Christmas dinner with a bit of fun thrown in for the last course.

As well as our monthly meetings, a number of us are meeting at The Bick for a friendly game of skittles on a regular basis with the view of forming a team to compete in the Somerset Federation WI Tournament during the autumn/winter months.

The WI is not just another village organisation. A National Institution ready to celebrate its 100th birthday and an organisation to be proud of. WI resolutions over the years have resulted in government action on a number of important issues. This year, each Institute, Bicknoller included of course, voted on a resolution concerned with saving our high street shops.

In the film "The Calendar Girls" about famous WI calendar, the description of WIs meaning "fun and friendship" was often mentioned. And it is true. Ladies, do come along and find out for yourselves. You will be most welcome.

OUR VILLAGE HALL- Robert Hardy writes:

We have had two successful fund raising events. On the 12th of April there was our first Quizlotto, a novel form combining fact of general knowledge with the chance elements of Bingo, which challenged both the contestants and the adjudicators and was much enjoyed by a good audience. Gary Sears proved an accomplished and unflappable Quizmaster. Then on the 18th of May our traditional May Market raised a welcome sum, with Clive Raisey's plant stall as popular as ever. We are planning a Table Top Sale for the 31st of August.

Work on the Hall has included putting a new handrail outside the main entrance and extensive repainting of the north and south faces. The PV system is generating more power than originally estimated; we have now had our first payment of the feed in tariff

for £407. A new grant of £4832 from the Lottery will enable us to go ahead with refurbishing the Ladies' and Gents' lavatories. So we continue to improve the facilities.

OUR SHOP - Maggie Pumphrey writes:

Thank you to everyone who responded to our recent questionnaire.

The response was good and comments were positive with the majority of people being very happy with the shop, its staff, its stock, etc. Only 3 replies were negative and one of these was from a household who was against the shop from the beginning and has never given it a chance. Some constructive criticism came back and we will be considering the comments made.

We have 38 volunteers doing shop duty of which 9 are over 80 years of age. There are 9 volunteers who have extra responsibilities (not the same 9 who are over 80, I should add)

Isn't it wonderful that so many people are willing to give their time and commitment?

We do need more volunteers though. Filling the rota is very difficult over holiday periods.

We have recently changed our supplier of fruit, vegetables and salad stuff. Quality is better and prices are better, so do come and see what we have.

Gundenham Dairies is now supplying our milk, cream and butter and yoghurts from Yeo Valley.

We are now stocking a small supply of sliced bread, especially in the freezer.

By the time this issue has been published the stock of greetings cards will have been replenished. Cards do sell well – and why not? The range and quality is excellent and the prices are the best in the area.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH - We were delighted that the Jubilee Committee chose to donate funds raised from the weekend celebrations to the bell appeal. We are pleased to tell you along with funds raised from that weekend, individual donations, events organised by Peter & Carole Darke and the Bell ringers and a grant from the Diocesan Association of Change Ringers we have just about reached our target. The bell has been purchased and will be engraved with '**Bicknoller Jubilee 2013.**' We hope the bell will be installed by the end of July when all parishioners will be invited to attend the dedication service. Our sincere thanks to everyone who has given their time or money to support this appeal.

Our next project will be to install a toilet. Planning permission has been granted by English Heritage and West Somerset. This will be our next fundraising project.

The Church Action Group continues to offer events and activities in the hope that Parishioners who do not attend Sunday Services are aware of the presence of the Church in our village. In December we invited village organisations to decorate a tree for the Church windows. This was very successful and we hope to do the same again this year.

Our next event will be our Songs of Praise on Sunday 28th July.

Cheese and wine will be served following the singing.

Please let Jean Pennington-Ridge know on 656555 if you have a favourite hymn you would like sung. Please do come and enjoy this summer event held in the marquee at the Village hall.

Over the next few weeks you may see quite a bit of activity at the Rectory. The Benefice Administrator has moved out and we are delighted to tell you that Rev Val will be taking up residence once some decorating and garden maintenance has been done. The approximate date for Rev Val moving into the village is mid August. We would welcome help from keen gardeners or decorators if any one finds themselves with a few spare hours!!

Please contact Cerys Randell on 656956 if you would like to help in any way.

I would like to record our very warmest thank you to Jenny Jenkins. Jenny has been Treasurer for the PCC for quite a number of years and has decided this year to hand over the reins to someone else. We are very grateful to Dr David Gover who has volunteered to take on this role.

Finally our Benefice magazine is delivered to a large majority of houses in Bicknoller. If you don't receive it and would like one or you would like to place an advertisement in it please contact Cerys Randell on 656956 or Jean Pennington-Ridge on 656555. The magazine costs £5 per year and is delivered monthly. We are very happy for you to have a trial month if you would like to do so.

BICKNOLLER'S JUBILEE BELL - Dr Peter Darke Tower Captain writes: I am sure that there are not many villagers who do not know about our plans to hang a sixth bell in the tower of our ancient church. It was the object of our

village Jubilee Appeal last year, and I am very pleased to say that large funds were raised through the efforts of some of my colleagues, in holding events such as the Valentine Dance in the Village Hall, and the Open Gardens with lunch in May, and a Village Recipe Book which is now for sale for £5 through Michelle Sears. Furthermore, generous contributions from many villagers to the Bicknoller Jubilee Bell Fund, along with a grant towards hanging the new bell which was generously awarded by the Diocesan Association of Change Ringers Bell Fund, funds from the Rotary Club of The Quantocks and Giraffe Media Ltd, support that we have received from the Bicknoller PCC, we have purchased a suitable bell (from High Wycombe), and we are now in a position to have the new bell hung in our tower (hopefully during the month of June). However, despite almost reaching our target in fundraising, more contributions would not go amiss for the purchase of new ropes and ancillary equipment.

Six bells are the 'standard' ring in most parish churches in England. With 6 bells, our band should be able to progress further in our ringing techniques, and to practise some of the more melodic rhythms that are available for a ring of six bells. We found ourselves in Bicknoller with a sound and melodious set of 5 bells with which our ability to celebrate events and to call parishioners to worship was slightly limited. Furthermore, our ability to train newcomers fully is somewhat stifled by the lack of a 'standard' ring. Not only have we trained several adults new to ringing, but we also wish to attract youngsters to learn to ring in the tower.

There is a long history (over 500 years) of melodic bellringing in England, and this is a pastime which is almost uniquely English. Our oldest bell dates from about AD 1420, and it was cast in Exeter Foundry. Other bells date from the 17th Century, and fortunately these are all still in very good condition. Fortunately, we seem to attract almost overwhelming support from parishioners in Bicknoller for our ringing, and have been able to ring to celebrate a number of events in the last year or so, including the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics, and this year we were able to ring on St Georges Day. As our church is dedicated to St George, this seems to be particularly appropriate. I hope that we can continue to

please residents of Bicknoller for years to come.

MOTHERS' UNION –

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We are WOMEN but not always
(MEN belong as well)

We are MARRIED but not always
(Some of us are SINGLE or DIVORCED)

We are MOTHERS but not always
(Some of us do not have children)

We are MEMBERS OF THE C of E
But not always (some of us attend other
Churches)

We are not limited in our Age range

We often meet monthly

But some of us are Carers or Working-so we
are DIOCESAN MEMBERS

We support our scheme for HOLIDAYS FOR
THOSE IN NEED

We give goods to the WOMENS' REFUSES &
LOCAL SAFE HOUSES

We KNIT and SEW for needs at HOME and
ABROAD

We care for you, your family and your
community

We campaign to protect children in society

We support our LOCAL CLERGY and
CHURCHES

We regard PRAYER as a vital part of our lives

Molly Farmer writes:

The Quantock Towers Branch of The Mothers' Union has 20 members and is growing! Since the previous 'Pumpings' was produced our Speakers have included Sandra Lee, who fascinated her audience with the story of the life of Julian of Norwich; Lynda Munday, who enthralled us with her account of Five Years as a missionary in Nepal and Desmond Venner whose "Walk on the Great Wall of China" was beautifully illustrated by his photography of that adventure. Branch members visited the Dulverton & Brushford Branch to hear our former Diocesan President, Jane Tibbs, tell of her new work at Mary Sumner House, (the H.Q. Of the M.U.) Forthcoming events include our Garden Party on Wednesday, 10 July and a Tea Party in Minehead in aid of our 'WHEELS APPEAL' which raises funds for our Community Development Coordinators (CDCs) who, as professional staff, work all over the world to bring MU programmes and mission to isolated families. They help to transform family life through relevant grassroots activities, reaching into the heart of the communities,

even for those who live in the most isolated areas. To carry out their work CDCs often travel enormous distances and sometimes cover difficult, dangerous terrain, travelling by boat, by poor roads in vehicles or on bicycles, or on foot and often in dreadful weather. Hence the name 'WHEELS' appeal. Please read the flyer which tells of our work, which is enclosed here.

If you need to know more then speak to any member of the MU in the Benefice or with our Rector, the Reverend Val Plumb, who can put you in touch with other members.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - QUANTOCK BRANCH

In 2012 we raised just over £2000 which was divided and given to the Welfare Fund Dunkirk Memorial House and the Poppy Appeal.

Our next event is the our annual BBQ in the Marquee at Bicknoller Hall on August 3rd.

HISTORY IN OUR MIDST

THE ROYAL OAK - ESCAPE AT BOSCOBEL SHROPSHIRE - CONCLUDING PART

In Part One, we looked at the origin of the pub name, 'The Royal Oak', and recounted how, in May, 1651, an officer, Major William Carlis saved Charles the Second from the Cromwellian forces, by hiding the King in a pollarded oak tree in the Brewood Forest, Staffordshire, after the defeat at the Battle of Worcester. What happened to the two of them, subsequently?

For safety, they split up: Charles, who had a £1000 bounty on his head, a massive sum, made his way successfully to the Continent, through the help of safe houses of his supporters. Meanwhile, Major Carlis made his way secretly to France, to inform Charles' sister, Mary, Princess of Orange, that her brother was safe. He then continued serving with his regiment in the Civil War. In 1656, he is listed as Royalist a Colonel in the King's Royal Regiment of Guards, now the Grenadier Guards.

Charles was known for his appreciation of those who had helped him. In 1658, Colonel Carlos (his name changed at the King's insistence to the Spanish for Charles, Charles' mother being from Spain) was granted a new Coat of Arms. It consisted, in non-heraldic terms, of a green Oak Tree, against a gold background, with a red bar across it, on which are three gold regal crowns. Motto: "SUBDITUS FIDELIS REGIS ET SALUS REGNI", ('Faithful concealer of the King, and saviour

of the Kingdom'). The three crowns refer to the kingdoms of England, Wales and Ireland. Later, after the Restoration in 1660, Carlos was further rewarded, in 1666, by being appointed a Gentleman of the Privy Chamber. Disregarding its connotation in modern English, this was a signal honour. The holders were empowered to execute the King's commands, without the need to produce a written instruction, their person and character being deemed sufficient authority. Finally, as a financial reward, Carlos, with others, was given, as a pension, the right to the proceeds of the lucrative tax on hay and straw brought into Westminster, and the right to sell ballast on the Thames. He was also appointed Inspector of Livery Horsekeepers. Nice little earners, which descended to his heirs, until 1820.

William Carlos died in 1689, and is buried in Brewood Parish Church, near his Broom Hall estate, and not far from the scene of the rescue.

So, next time you are in a Royal Oak pub, drink a toast in memory of William Carlos, who saved a King's life. Also, you can visit the site at Boscobel.

Further Reading:

Biography of Charles the Second, by Antonia Fraser

Royal Escape by Georgette Heyer

Written by a distant descendant, living in the Parish, pen name 'Agas': 18.06.2013

YEARS AGO

WESTERN DAILY PRESS 31 January 1931

A judicial limerick brightened the annual dinner of the Society of Somerset Folk at the Holborn Restaurant London.

Mr Justice Hawke, a Cornishman, in proposing the health of the Society and in coupling with the toast the name of Mr W Jennings, a Bicknoller Somerset man, did it in this way: -

There was an old man from Bicknoller
Who went out to dine with no collar
When they called out "Oh fie"
He answered "For why?"
It makes it more easy to swaller.

DATES TO REMEMBER - all events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

20 July Hog Roast in the marquee

27 July Flower Show

3 August British Legion BBQ

31 August Table Top Sale

LIST OF CLUBS, COMMITTEES AND SOCIETIES

Flower Show Committee

Chairman	Claire Rawle	618362
Secretary	Carole Darke	656222
Treasurer	Jean Challender	656760

Mother's Union

Molly Farmer	656486
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Parochial Church Council

Rector	Val Plumb	
Church Warden	Mike Pennington-Ridge	656555
Secretary	Belinda Mountain	631491
Treasurer	David Gover	656252

Quantock Eco

Chairman	Ian Myers	01823 423370
Vice Chairman	Gill Gray	01823 423017
Treasurer	Carole Darke	656222

Royal British Legion

Chairman	John Lees	656333
Vice Chairman	Martin Cox	656224
Treasurer	Clive Thorne	641713
Secretary	Robin Miles	632742

Social Club

Chairman	Marian Gresswell	656285
Treasurer	Brian Towler	632809
Secretary	Jean Challender	656760

Village Hall

Chairman	Robert Hardy	656738
Secretary	Marie Robinson	656904
Bookings	Carol Thorpe	656402
Treasurer/Vice Chairman	Clive Raisey	656124

Village Shop Committee

Chairman	Clive Raisey	656124
Treasurer	Ann Raisey	656124

W.I.

President	Maggie Pumphrey	656394
Treasurer	Glen Heaton	656459
Secretary	Jean Pennington-Ridge	656555
	Michele Sears	656616

Bickoil

Jean Challender	656760
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Beefriends

Richard Hill	656628
Julian Anderson	656844