



<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 C Richards	Clerk	

<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	
John Grellier 656 799	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:-
 All quiet so far ...BUT...BE WARY!! Sheds are now prime targets. Make sure your latches are BOLTED ON and your padlocks have hardened steel hasps.
 Ask your warden for advice.

YOUR PARISH MATTERS

Mike Anderson Chairman writes:
 The Parish Council is keen to improve its communication within the Parish. Noticeboards still have their place but an email will draw attention more readily to new items.
 Under the Data Protection Act the Parish Council now has to pay a quango to be a data controller. A consequence of this means that the Parish Council may collect email addresses of residents. So those who wish to be kept informed of minutes, meetings, receive Pumpings, and updates to the website can be emailed.
 We just need your e mail address. Please can you send the clerk [at bicknollerpc@hotmail.co.uk] your name and your preferred email details.

Kudos to those dog owners picking up their dog's mess. A question for a minority: Why put 100% biodegradable dog waste into a plastic bag that will take hundreds of years to photodegrade and leave it in hedge/on a gate/on a path? These are unpleasant time capsules, please put them in a bin.
 Finally: 19 October marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of one of Bicknoller's greatest sons: Harold Gimblett.
 The cricket writer and Somerset historian David Foot wrote: "Harold Gimblett is the greatest batsman Somerset has ever produced."
 There is a good article with references here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harold_Gimblett
 Why not read it on his birthday?

Welcome to the Parish

Christopher and Ann Leigh
 Streams Dashwood Lane.
 Lorraine and Paul Mansfield
 Littlecot Combe Close.

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 committee wishes to thank everyone who helped make Show Day so enjoyable. From the tea ladies to the tent erection team, and the draw tickets setters to the show stewards - we acknowledge the fact that we can't do without you!!!

Looking to the Autumn, we sure to enjoy 'Dave Simpson's talk about Strawberries on Thursday 25 September at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

After the AQM, on 23 October 23 we will be having a presentation from expert Nigel Phillips on the coastal flowers of West Somerset.

"Book now for the Annual FAB FEAST, our main fundraiser! The date is 6 December, and lunch includes 3 courses and coffee, plus entertainment. Sorry but the price is now £16 - 'BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS! Members of the Flower Show will have priority when booking. Please contact Carole Darke 656222 or email -carole.darke@btinternet.com

SOCIAL CLUB - Jean Challender writes:

The Social Club meets every third Wednesday of the month (except August and December) at 2.30 pm in Bicknoller Village Hall. Members are not restricted to residents of Bicknoller - we have members from Woolston, Sampford Brett, Williton and Cedar Falls and warmly welcome new members. Membership costs only £10 per year, or if you would like a "taster", you may attend individual events for £2.50.

In September we shall be entertained by Jane de Gruchy of the Somerset Heritage Centre, who will be talking about "Somerset women - stories from the archives". October sees the welcome return of the marvellous raconteur Gerald Toghill, who will be amusing us with tales of daring-do whilst "Riding shotgun: protecting the Royals". The November meeting will feature Pauline Kidner of "Secret World" wildlife sanctuary, who will be talking to us about how she began this venture.

For further details, please contact Jean Challender, the Secretary, on 656760.

BICKNOLLER W.I. - Maggie Pumphrey writes:

At our July meeting members were "down on the farm" learning a little about farming husbandry from member, Alyson Cooper. Before the "lesson" which took place while we walked the fields, we were served a delicious

2 course supper with wine which we enjoyed under a marquee. It was a lovely evening. After our walk around the fields, we discussed our programme for 2015 and voted on suggestions made. This resulted in a great potential programme which will include subjects/demos such as making celebratory garlands, painting on glass, educating with puppets, the history of the mineral line, Islam and Women, exercise with dance and experiencing hand bell ringing and there is more.

We will be putting our skittles team together in September ready to participate in the Somerset WI skittles tournament. We have been practicing at the Bicknoller Inn on a monthly basis since Christmas so we hope to do well.

Our meetings are held at 7.30pm on the second Thursday evening of each month except August and we are at the village hall unless otherwise arranged.

We are a lively bunch and our meetings are very informal and are fun. So if you are not already a member, ladies, do think of giving us a try. You will be made most welcome.

OUR VILLAGE HALL- Marie Robinson writes:

The main fundraisers during the spring and summer were the May Market and the June Coffee Morning. The former, as always, was very successful and the committee thanks all those who 'grew on' the plug plants so that we had sufficient 'stock' for the sale.

The Coffee Morning was extremely successful and raised £224. We shall hold another in September and we have noted the various requests for a cake stall!

As I write the table top/car boot sale is just days away. The event has been advertised in the Free Press so, hopefully, we will have a few more buyers than last year.

We are still on track to hold a Halloween dance on 1 November - the band has been booked and the organisers are thinking about appropriate decorations.

The day-to-day maintenance of the building carries on and recently included the repainting of the interior of the Hall.

The next big project is replacing the worn out equipment in the children's play area - our thanks go to our panel of young users for their advice! This is an expensive exercise and we shall need to raise considerable funds to meet the cost. A sub-committee ably led by

Mary Hill is currently dealing with this but any ideas will be gratefully received.

OUR SHOP

Maggie Pumphrey (Shop Manager) writes:
It is good to report that sales at the shop continue to improve and that our customer base has extended due to support from people who have moved into the village during the past year or so. We hear it said "where would we be without it" but it would still be good to see more residents of Bicknoller in the shop.

41 volunteers are involved. Some carry out one duty per 4 week rota period and some do three. Some volunteers are involved in buying, others in maintaining equipment. Where would we be without all of them!

We support many local businesses by buying local produce and will continue to do so whenever we can. So in supporting the shop, you are supporting small local businesses too. If you have not already experienced the pleasure of shopping in your local village shop, do give it a try—you will be made most welcome.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH -

Belinda Mountain PCC Secretary writes:
The churchyard looks quite lovely this summer as we have had some of the overgrown trees lopped, and not to mention the brambles and undergrowth cleared. What a difference it makes when searching for loved-ones gravestones and to sit quietly on the new donated bench.

The Easter Day Service this year was led by The R't Rev'd Bishop Nigel Stock who is the son in law of one of our parishioners, he told us that he had got married here and loved to come and preach in a little friendly village church for a change. Now we have the new sixth bell, the parishioners can not only have the church lit up in memory of someone or something, but also the bells can be rung for that same purpose, as well. Contact Peter Darke on 656222 for bell ringing. On 29th June three gardens were opened to the public for the N.G.S, plus St George's had a wonderful Flower Festival in church and served cream teas in the village hall, these attracted many visitors and between them raised £283 for our Fabric Fund. The weather was perfect and lovely to see Bicknoller buzzing with approximately 300 visitors. Many

thanks to all those who worked so hard to make it a successful day. Our Songs of Praise service this year was held on 27th July in the big marquee and again the hymns were chosen by the congregation, who sang most heartily to the accompaniment of the Music Group. Afterwards we were treated to refreshments of cheese and wine and other goodies by Jean Pennington-Ridge. And now as Autumn approaches we start to think of Christmas, and the many Christmas 'happenings' that will take place in church. You will find all details in 'Pathways' nearer the time.

MOTHERS' UNION – Quantock Towers Branch

Molly Farmer writes:

Since the May edition of "Pumpings" the Branch has enjoyed a sunny summer's afternoon in the garden at Butterflies- the home of our member, Belinda Mountain.

In August we celebrated Founder's Day with a Service in the Church of St Dubricius, Porlock, where members from the nine Branches in Exmoor & Quantock Deaneries gathered to give thanks for Mary Sumner who (in 1876) founded The Mothers' Union, the work of which has been carried on from Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow!

Our Branch Meeting in September is on Wednesday, 10th September at 2.15pm in Bicknoller Village Hall when we will welcome Mrs Liz Cummings whose Talk is entitled 'VIETNAM -A MISSIONARY JOURNEY'

On Thursday, 18th September it is our turn to conduct a short Service of Prayer in the Lady Chapel at Wells Cathedral. We travel by coach and maybe there will be seats available for non-members who might like to spend 4 hours in Wells, from 11.00am - 3.00pm, joining with us or doing their own thing?

On October 8th in B.V.H. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Val Frank who will speak of the work of "Fair Trade & The M.U" and on November 12th we are to have a visit from Tony Bagwell who will entertain us with a programme of slides showing The Thankful Villages and Others' in Somerset. This afternoon will give us the opportunity to make donations to the children's charity CLIC - Sargent

To each and every event in our Calendar we welcome non-members to join with us. Further details can be obtained from Molly

Farmer on 656486, or any member of the Branch.

BICK OIL

BickOil is the name of the community oil ordering service run for the inhabitants of Bicknoller. Oil is usually delivered four times a year: late January, late April, August / September and early December. By ordering as a group, discounts of between 1p and 2p per litre (ie £10 to £20 per 1000 litres) are made.

In order to achieve this discount, members must monitor the sight gauges on their oil tanks on a regular basis, and order in good time to allow the co-ordinator to phone thirty-plus households and arrange a group order. This process can take over a week.

The co-ordinator of BickOil is Jean Challender. She receives no remuneration from the oil company for providing this service and receives only the same discount as other members of the group.

If you would like to know more /join BickOil, please give her a ring. (01984 656760)

HISTORY IN OUR MIDST John Lees writes:

Lord Carnarvon (d.1923) was perhaps one of the most famous men of his time, having discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun.

His widow was socially a little eccentric. She eventually landed up in Bicknoller at Orchard Grove now owned by Cilla Hall who takes up the story.....

Orchard Grove (14 Dashwood's Lane) was from 1943 to 49 the home of Almina, 5th Countess of Carnarvon. At her family home, Highclere Castle, she had set up, amongst other things, nursing facilities for WWI soldiers. After the death of the 5th Earl (known for his association with Howard Carter and Tutankhamen) Almina experienced some turbulent years, and became short of funds, she moved to Orchard Grove,(she called it her "Cabbage Patch") with a male "companion" 30 years younger, and kept very much in the background, and a housekeeper, Alice. Almina organised seasonal parties in Bicknoller plus a fete, profits, allegedly, going to the rebuilding of the village hall, and The British Legion.

An apple packing business ran here with 2000 cordon trees, but is long gone, the house itself is substantially unaltered. Following an "indiscretion" involving Almina's "companion"

in the orchard, whilst the Countess was in church, Alice was dismissed, and her sister Ann Leadbetter became housekeeper, bringing a son, 7 years old Tony, with her. Tony now lives in Bristol, and visits us annually. In spite of his lowly status at the time, he travelled with the family on equal terms, was almost a God son to Almina, and learnt a lot "at his Godmothers Knee" so has much of interest to relate!

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

1 November Halloween Dance
6 December Annual Fab Feast

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

Parochial Church Council

Rector	Val Plumb	656585
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

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	Marie Robinson	656904
Secretary	Mary Hill	656628
Bookings	Carol Thorpe	656402
Treasurer/Vice Chairman	Clive Raisey	656124

Village Shop Committee

Chairman	Clive Raisey	656124
Treasurer	Ann Raisey	656124
Secretary	Christine Skinner	618300

W.I.

President	Maggie Pumphrey	656394
Treasurer	Glen Heaton	656459
Secretary	Mary Cox	656224

Bickoil

Jean Challender 656760

BickLifts

Rose Fish 656489

Beefriends

Richard Hill 656628
Julian Anderson 656844