



Welcome to our second edition of our revived Parish Pumpings, and we can begin by updating our contact details for the Parish Council, as provided by them Three councillors stood down and as you will see, three new members of the community put themselves forward, so that saved costs associated with an election. Those standing down were publicly thanked at the public conference on May 22nd for their years of service, and chairman Chris Warren also welcomed the new councillors on to the Council.

BICKNOLLER PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors, Parish Clerk, County & District Councillors

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Our thanks to Chris, Claire and the PC for allowing us to share this with you.

As we said from the outset, we would prefer to send Pumpings by email, but that we would deliver the first few editions by hand to every address in the parish. So, apologies for repeating ourselves, **but if you do not use or like Email, just say so by ringing 656489 (David) and we will continue to deliver a copy to you by hand.** If we do not get a call, we will assume in future that you do not want a copy delivered by hand. So as from July/August we will deliver to those requesting it, and everyone else on the Village Hall Mailing List will receive it by email. The Parish Council have also agreed to post future editions on to their website, which is greatly appreciated.

We have yet to hear from you, so we will repeat our invitation to Bicknoller Social Club, WI , St Georges Church, Mothers Union as you were all previously contributors to Parish Pumpings. May we repeat our invitation to you to restart your previous efforts, please?

Artists in our midst.

In our first effort here, I committed the heinous crime of printing an image of work that was NOT produced by the artist, concerned. **So sincere apologies to Gillie King (Lees) for my mistake** and to the anonymous originator, who thankfully will not sue me, if they remain unaware! I have been placed in the village stocks for the last month!

But, seriously, we would like to share awareness of some of the amazing talent that quietly exists here. Anyone like to step up, or are you all simply too modest?

Wildlife

Our latest visitor is a Green ring tailed Parakeet (illustrated) which has been spotted this week in the lower reaches of Hill Lane, so if you are missing one, please give us a call. We can only point to where he was last seen!

(Remember Kilroy was here?)



Readers Corner.

Lots of our parishioners enjoy a good read, and I thought it might be interesting to share a few books that I hear about from time to time. I have invited one or two to write and share their experiences here, but nothing forthcoming so far. Here are just two from me as 'thoroughly good reads' one a real classic, I have never forgotten, one the last words from an amazing man. I know efforts have been made to have a bookshare scheme in the past, and little birdies tell me that it is planned within the shop development, so that's good news.

The Magus by John Fowles

As I am sure you all know, John Fowles was based in Lyme Regis, and best known for The French Lieutenants Woman, but this was the most intriguing and a wonderful example of truly vivid writing with a superb plot. Written in the 1950s it is of course now a vintage classic, and reflects many different repellent attitudes to those we have today.

Brief answers to the Big Questions Stephen Hawking

He needs no introduction, of course, but of all his books I have read and tried to fully understand, this is much more readable, with little or no equations or calculus.

Please, and I know many already do, share with your neighbours and friends, books that you have enjoyed. A few words here and many more can enjoy them too!

Village Memories (Kindly submitted by Avril and Eddy Allen)

An Evacuee came to tea

We have some young friends with children, Lisa and Dave McNally, who, in the summer holidays occasionally, call in to see us. One particular day, Lisa brought her father with her, concerned that her husband had not warned us that there would be one extra for tea. No problem, we had plenty for everyone. It transpired that her father had certainly 'heard' of Bicknoller some time ago. In fact, he went as far back as around 1940 during World War Two. He asked us if we could show him where the vicarage was, as he would really love to see it.

We realised that he must have been talking about the 'Old Vicarage' in Church Lane. The owners were not at home when we called, which was a shame, so we just peeped over the wall.

As a very young child, he recalled arriving at Williton Station, on a steam train, which had carried many children from London. They were brought to West Somerset, designated as a safe haven. They all carried just a few belongings and had a brown paper label with their name written on it. After some refreshment, they were each allocated to a 'temporary' new home. Dave stayed at the Old Vicarage and spent about two happy years here, in our village, with his 'temporary' family.

He may no longer be alive today, but we were so pleased to have made his acquaintance.

Bicknoller Village Hall

MAY MORNING MARKET Saturday 11th May at the Village Hall from 10.00 a.m.

This was a great success with our best ever May Morning Market, raising nearly £1000 towards the Village Hall refurbishment fund. Thank you to everyone who grew such lovely plants, and to all the many volunteers who contributed so much in so many ways.

Flossie Malavialle Concert Saturday 1st June at the Village Hall from 7.30 p.m.

Another great event, fully sold out, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed a great performer, and a superb coq au vin supper. Thanks to all our great chefs and the many volunteers who ensured the evening went well. Thank you Dave and Sally Simpson for all their hard work in bringing Flossie here and ensuring we all had a great night.

Both events raised significant sums for our Village Hall, and our thanks and appreciation to all of you that have supported us. The Village Hall badly needs updating and we are suffering with bookings as other local halls invest in more modern new kitchens and better facilities. We have a long way to go. Please consider helping us in whatever way you can to raise the money needed. So far, we are about 20% there.

Forthcoming Events for your Diary.

Bicknoller Shop.. MONDAY JULY 1st

Do not miss an opportunity to taste Artisan bread, produced by Pullins Bakery of Bampton on Monday July 1st, from 10.00 a.m. in the Shop. This long established bakery has been producing lovely breads for several generations, so do come, taste and share your views with the team. There is a wide range of breads, and for it to work, the shop needs regular orders.

Mr.  T.G
PULLIN'S BAKERY
EST. 1925

	RYE SOURDOUGH - MADE USING LOCALLY MILLED RYE FLOUR, WATER AND SALT. 		SEEDED RYE & SPELT - RYE FLOUR AND ORGANIC SPELT COMBINED WITH PUMPKIN, SESAME & SUNFLOWER SEEDS, INSIDE AND OUT.
	MALTHOUSE - HAND MOULDED USING FLOUR WITH MALTED WHEAT FLAKES - PERFECT FOR A PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER. 		PAIN DE CAMPAGNE - A FRENCH STYLE 'COUNTRY LOAF' WITH A BLEND OF WHITE AND WHOLEMEAL FLOUR. 
	RUSTIC FRENCH STICKS - LEFT TO PROVE BETWEEN SHEETS OF LINEN. THE OPEN TEXTURE MAKES THEM PERFECT FOR DIPPING. 		POLSKI CHLEB - A POLISH STYLE LOAF MADE WITH A 20% RYE SOURDOUGH STARTER AND LOCALLY MILLED WHITE FLOUR.
	SOURDOUGH - HANDMADE WITH THREE SIMPLE INGREDIENTS - FLOUR, WATER AND SALT. VOTED 'OVERALL CHAMPION' AT THE ROYAL BATH & WEST SHOW.		STROMBOLI - A TEAR & SHARE LOAF WITH RED ONION, MUSHROOMS, SUNBLUSH TOMATO, SEASONING & LOCAL CHEDDAR. 
	PURE SPELT - A GRAIN USED IN BRITAIN SINCE ROMAN TIMES. WE ADD A LITTLE LOCAL YOGHURT FOR EVEN MORE FLAVOUR. 		OVERNIGHT WHITE - A WHITE LOAF LEFT TO PROVE NATURALLY OVERNIGHT TO ALLOW THE FLAVOUR TO DEVELOP. GREAT FOR MAKING SANDWICHES.
	4 SEEDED SPELT - MADE USING ORGANIC SPELT FLOUR AND ENRICHED WITH MILLET, LINSEED, SUNFLOWER AND POPPY SEEDS. 		OLIVE STICKS - MINI TWISTED FRENCH STICKS MADE WITH LOCAL MATURE CHEDDAR AND MARINATED CHALKADIKI & KALAMATA OLIVES.
	RUSTIC CIABATTA ROLLS - AUTHENTIC ITALIAN STYLE ROLLS HANDMADE WITH EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL. WE ALSO MAKE A VERSION WITH KALAMATA OLIVES.		FOCACCIA - MADE WITH OLIVE OIL AND TOPPED WITH ROASTED RED PEPPERS AND ONION. LOOK OUT FOR OUR ROSEMARY & SEA SALT FOCACCIA TOO.
	PESTO TWIST - A WHITE DOUGH MADE WITH LOCAL MATURE CHEDDAR CHEESE, SPRING ONION AND GREEN PESTO.		MINI STROMBOLI - A SMALLER VERSION OF OUR TEAR & SHARE LOAF - POPULAR AS A LUNCHTIME SNACK. 

Bicknoller Flower Show Hog Roast July 13th in the Marquee 7.00 p.m.

BFS have decided this year to donate the proceeds to the Village Hall Fund, which is hugely appreciated. So please support us, by coming along. This year, our resident DJ and compere Nigel Williams is in charge, and has promised an 'atmosphere to remember'

**Bicknoller Flower Show
Annual Hog Roast & Disco
In aid of Bicknoller Village Hall**

**Saturday 13th July 2019
Flower Show Marquee 7.00 p.m.**

Cash bar

**Adults £10.00, 12-18s £5.00
Under 12s free of charge**

Ticket No. /

There will be a Cash Bar for Wines, Ales, Ciders, and soft drinks, and also Pimms will be available, all at very attractive prices.

Bicknoller Flower Show Saturday July 27th from 2.00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Undoubtedly our flagship event, and there are several new additions to the Show this year to increase its appeal to all ages. These include the Potato Challenge, the fancy Hat competition, and for the first time, a dedicated Pimms Bar. A date for your diary!



Catalogues available in the Shop or from any Committee member.

Gardeners and Red Cross Open Gardens Day 18th May

Thank you to all our show gardens for the Red Cross Day, which raised a staggering £2,382. I know thanks have been sent, lots has been said already about how high the standard was and the tremendous support shown, but how about a thought that this village could compete with many. ***Should we not be entering Britain in Bloom for Villages?***

The Bick Inn and Bick Lunch. Big thanks Chris and Rachel

May 21st was a day of mixed emotions, with one of the largest attendances for the Bick lunch making it a very happy and lively occasion, but tinged with saying goodbye to the wonderful Chris and Rachel Eveleigh who have looked after us all, so brilliantly. We WILL miss you, but thanks for leaving your great team to carry on. That helps and we will of course extend a warm Bick welcome to your successor(s). The pictures are a few examples taken by Andrew Harrison (Woolston) whose permission to reproduce here is gratefully acknowledged.





Birthdays

Bicknoller is not so well defined by its youth, but *definitely* for its vigour *and* longevity. Rose Fish celebrated her 90th birthday with a family and village party in the Village Hall, in May, and another lady celebrates her 97th birthday this month, we hear. Other younger residents and visitors also shared these days we hear! Please send me any birthdays that you wish to share. We shall respect anonymity unless the 'sages' themselves give us the go ahead to share.

Farm Walk and Gardens visit

I am planning to organise a Farm Walk to Oliver Dowdings farm in Mid Somerset in September, and then a visit nearby to Charles Dowding, who is well done for his no dig gardening. (www.charlesdowding.co.uk)

Oliver has been a leading organic farmer and was one of the first dairy farmers to do so over 30 years ago, He was a pioneer in achieving successful disease management with homeopathy. He previously grew combinable crops and vegetables, but now concentrates on grass and cereals, and apples. He now produces proper cider and Dowdings Apple Juice. As a trustee of the Soil Association, he is one of the best soil stewards I know and this will be a very interesting day, I promise.

If there is enough interest, I will organise a coach. If not, we will have to go by car. Please register your interest with me as soon as you can (656489 or email to localfuel@gmail.com).

Quantock Eco

Quantock Eco have a presentation called 'Forest of the Mind: on people and Trees' on July 5th at *Crowcombe* Village Hall on Friday July 5th by well known biologist, Dr Amy-Jane Beer. Commencing at 6.30 p.m. for a 7.00 p.m. start Go to www.quantockeco.org.uk for more information.