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MAY 2019

Many of you who have lived in this wonderful Parish for more than 5 years will remember the Parish Pumpings, edited and distributed by the late **John Lees**.

Many parishioners were sorry to see Parish Pumpings end, and so, the Village Hall Committee thought they would try to revive it, to see if it is still wanted, whether people will contribute to it, and to continue Johns aim of enabling better contact and communication within Bicknoller.

So this is for you, and now up to you to help make it work. We need YOU to tell us what is going on, what you think may interest your neighbours, things they might like to know. Please tell us anything that you think may be of interest.

We would prefer to send Pumpings by email, but initially plan to deliver this first copy by hand to every address in the parish. 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. Where online information is all that's available, just ask and we will print a copy off for you. Not being online is NO barrier to receiving Parish Pumpings! Finally, if you don't want to see it, anyway, but are on the Village Hall List, again, just say so, by email (localfuel@gmail.com) or phone. We will not bother you again. We are also hopeful that our new Parish Council will approve posting it to the Village website, where archived copies can still be accessed today (www.bicknoller.com)

So, to get us going, this edition is just a rerun of some of the items John covered in Pumplett number 66 in September 2015, as well as few topical items that we think may be of interest. Johns view was to create an issue every time he could fill a sheet of A4, both sides.

There is a small group gathering news and information for Pumpings, and the current members are;

David Croxton 01984 656489
Sally Simpson 01984 656266
Gary Sears 01984 656616
Michele Sears 01984 656616

Just phone or email anything you think is of interest to any of these four folk

Parish Council Elections.

After the Election, with their approval, we will publish the list of your Parish Councillors, as John did before, together with particular job responsibilities, when agreed.

Neighbourhood Watch Wardens.

We will hope to update this for you, if needed, although NW are very good at doing this themselves, so we await their response.

Village Agent.

Village Agents are employed by the Community Council for Somerset (<https://somerstrcc.org.uk/>)

The Village Agent for Bicknoller is Izzy Sylvester. Tel 07931 018045

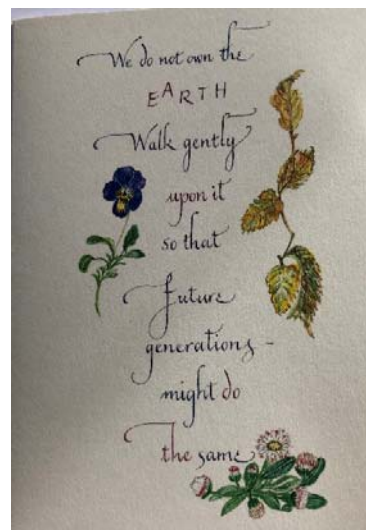
This is a service for people in rural communities who may find it difficult to get help with maybe even simple problems in life for all sorts of reasons; Lack of information, no internet access, not wanting to trouble anyone or just determined to stay independent. Village Agents live within or close to the communities they support and offer free and confidential, but practical support to local people. They can help bridge the gap between isolated, excluded, vulnerable or just lonely individuals with statutory and/or local voluntary organisations which can offer specific solutions for many identified issues, be they loneliness, health, social care, pensions and benefits, home safety and aids, community transport and many more. Izzy is a wonderful caring woman dedicated to doing everything she can to help. We are fortunate to have her for this area.

Bicknoller Social Club, WI , St Georges Church, Mothers Union were all contributors to Parish Pumpings. May we invite you to restart your previous efforts, please?

Artists in our midst.

In the last Pumpings, Paul Mansfield wrote a great article about John William North and George Pinwell and their connection to Bicknoller Church which was fascinating. We hope to attract further writings from anyone interested and knowledgeable about the history of the area.

Bicknoller is well blessed with some wonderful artists living here today and some of them have work for sale in our Community Shop and at the local Gallery in Williton. Johns widow, Gillie is one such example and I have been amazed by her depth of knowledge and skill. I have been privileged to learn calligraphy with her over the past 14 months, and the images below are an example of her wonderful and creative work, which she is still producing prodigiously today. With her permission I hope to write an informative article about her work very soon.



Bicknoller Village Hall

Dates to remember....

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

There will be lots of wonderful plants for sale at very competitive prices, all grown locally by some very good gardeners, so do please come and support us. There will be morning coffee, teas and lots of lovely cakes etc, as well as our bric a brac display.

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



Flossie has built an enviable reputation with both her excellent renditions of many very popular songs, couple with a rare combination of a North Country accent, French style. The price includes a French themed meal and cash bar, so should provide a highly entertaining evening.

Tickets £16 including supper, available in Bicknoller Shop

Local Wildlife

We are fortunate in this village to have many keen and very knowledgeable twitchers (Bird Watchers) and wild life enthusiasts, both plant and animal. We need YOU to send us brief notes about what you have seen in our community or up on the hill. Pictures always welcome too.

On that note, whatever happened to Donald Duck or is Trump still missing him? We would like to know!

Gardeners

Share your secrets, let us have the makeup of that compost tea, how you produce that wonderful show stopping bloom. Events you know of, anything to share. On that note, virtually all places are now gone on the coach to Malvern Show on 9th May.

Bicknoller Community Shop

Now here we expect to really hear everything hot off the volunteer press. If you hear something interesting (gossip excluded, always), phone it through. If someone wants something, ask. If they want to sell or give away something useful, tell us.

And, of course, to our wonderful Shop itself. There must be something to share with your community, every pumpings!!

So please, everyone, send us your contributions, by phone, by email, text or any other means.

The Pumpings Team