

BUCKERELL BUGLE

FEBRUARY 2016

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & CHRISTMAS POST

The annual Buckerell Christmas Bazaar was held in Doug's Shed on Sunday 6th December signalling the start of the Christmas season in Buckerell. There were numerous stalls offering a range of home-made cards, Christmas gifts and wreaths, chocolates and cakes. There was also an activities table for the children plus a Teddy Tombola and a raffle. To help the afternoon go smoothly tea, coffee, mince pies and mulled wine were also available. A big thanks is due to all those people who ran the stalls and in particular Jen and Soo who spent weeks making many of the items that were on sale. The highly popular Christmas Post delivery service operated by David and Laurence Wayne proved as successful as ever. The end result was that an amazing £754.21 was raised from the event. £400 from the proceeds was donated to "Balloons", a locally based Child Bereavement Charity.



NEWS FROM THE BCA

The Buckerell Community Association is for the whole village and anyone living in the village is automatically a member. All the meetings are open to everyone so please feel free to come along and bring your own ideas for events the association could be running. The Christmas Bazaar was a great success as highlighted in the article above. Likewise the recent Villages In Action evening is mentioned elsewhere.

On the back page you will find details of what is planned for the rest of the year. You will receive a flyer through your door for each event.

On Easter Monday - 28th March Malcolm and Sue Routh are planning a walk up across The Knapp to The Honiton Inn, just turn up at The War Memorial at 11.00 a.m. wearing colourful clothing and an interesting hat.

Soo and Jen are planning one of their famous high teas in Doug's Shed on Sunday 1st May at 2.30pm.

The annual Boules Competition is to be held on Sunday 29th May at Deer Park Farm reverting to its usual date on the May Bank Holiday weekend. This is a fun event for all ages and no experience is required.

At the last meeting discussions included ideas for other events including the Queen's 90th birthday in June but at the time of going to press there are no definitive details so these will follow.

Other events yet to be finalised/confirmed, are a skittles match at the Honiton Inn, a car boot sale for villagers (and their family and friends only) and an open gardens day in 2017. If there is some event you would like to see, come along to our next meeting on March 17th at 7.00 p.m. in Doug's Shed.

NOTICEBOARD

- Welcome to the village to Barbara and Gerry Hook who have moved into Rose Cottage and John and Clare Slater who have moved into The Oaks

- Dog owners are reminded that it is a legal requirement to clear up after their animals. Notices will soon be appearing in problem areas warning dog owners that they face prosecution.

WHOSE TRICK IS IT ANYWAY ? Oliver Meech's spontaneous magic show

Gasp! Ooh! Clap! Boo! Cheer! Laugh! Aaah!

We practised all these reactions as an audience at the beginning of Oliver Meech's show, but the one we didn't need was "Boo!" What an unpredictable evening!

This was a very unusual show, with the audience providing suggestions, ideas and prompts, and the normal control of the audience by the magician taken out of the equation. Or was it ...? Oliver engaged with people of all ages, especially the children, and the show appeared to be improvised and amazingly spontaneous - but just how much were we being manipulated? It was so slick and his repartee and reactions so fast that maybe we were all being tricked into doing what he wanted anyway! He was a very approachable personality, quite a comedian as well



as a talented performer - magician, mimic, actor. A good example of this was when he told an entirely improvised story involving a sheep and a pink and purple portal, from an idea suggested by one of the children. Based on 12 seconds memorising a card sequence, Oliver wove all 52 cards into the story whilst blindfolded ! Gasp and cheer ! The second part of the show was equally diverting and often inexplicable. At one point Oliver had to take the role of an undertaker but he took everything such as this, which the audience gave him as ideas, and just got on with the show. We were certainly deceived with Timing and Time. This was a fast and furious evening's entertainment, full of trickery, fun and magic. A very enjoyable event to a packed and appreciative audience.

Our thanks to Ron and Hazel Galling for their organising of Villages in Action events in recent years.

HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM ON THE ROADS

Type the following address into your web browser or click on the following link if you are viewing the Digital Edition <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Click on appropriate icon e.g. Pothole, flooding /blocked drains, hazardous or fallen tree, this will bring up a map. Zoom to the location and if a marker is shown, click on that and ask to be added to that "pothole". You will be asked to provide your details, which will be kept confidential , and press submit. The more people that report the problem, the better

If no marker is shown, zoom in on the map to as close to the location as possible and double click, then follow the instructions as above.

FROM THE CHURCH

We are now in Lent and before we know it, it will be Easter Sunday on March 27, when we look forward to celebrating in the church with you all. There may be Easter eggs

Church services involving the children continue to be well supported by everyone, and we thank the parents, families and children for their willing help and participation. At Christmas the children dressed as Victorians for the Carol Service as part of the Victorian theme, not only in Patricia's telling of Charles Dickens's Nativity story but also in the church decorations. On Christmas Day the children also took an active part in the service.



Our Christingle service was held in January, as there were so many events in December in other churches.

Everyone, adults included, had fun making their Christingles, which were subsequently spotted all over the village, indoors and out.

Our next family event is for Mothering Sunday on March 6, and we hope to see you all, from mums to great-grannies, aunts and carers. On that day we will welcome the Rev Anne Stuckey, the new curate, to take the service. Please check on the church noticeboards for details of services each month.

As ever, we are so grateful to all who help with the day-to-day running of the church and those who help with the services. Thank you .There may be some changes to the Parochial Church Council after the AGM in April, so please continue to support your parish church.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Stockland primary school teacher Caroline Ainsworth who won the Gold Plato award for a primary school teacher at the Annual Pearson Teaching awards. Caroline was nominated for the award by a group of parents who wanted to demonstrate their appreciation for her work. Caroline who lives in Buckerell was applauded for her work in Maths and her ability to instil in her pupils a love for and an enjoyment in the subject. Caroline received her award at a ceremony held at the Royal Opera House in London hosted by, TV historian, Dan Snow.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Many thanks to everyone who helped with decorating Buckerell Church for Christmas. Let's try and do the same for Easter. We always welcome new folk, no talent is required just a mountain of enthusiasm ! If you can spare an hour of your time, or if you have any foliage or flowers in your garden it would be much appreciated. We will be in church on Saturday morning March 26th from 10.00am and look forward to seeing you there.
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PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you, everyone who attended the most recent meeting and for listening to the presentation by Tim Spurway of EDDC Planning Dept. re the purpose and process of adopting a Neighbourhood Plan. Many thoughtful questions were raised, and the BPC will now give everyone the chance to find out more about the concept, and be able to give an opinion on whether we undertake the process or not, before our next meeting on 12th April. More details will follow. 'Potholes' and the lack of repair by Devon Highways was something many people wanted to comment on at the meeting. There is something positive YOU can do with little effort and time involved. Simply follow the instructions on the previous page. The more complaints they have logged about particular sites the more likely the problem will be fixed. Many other items were dealt with last night. The marathon meeting did not finish until nearly 10pm. A late night out in Buckerell! The best way to hear about what is discussed and what decisions made (apart from attending the meeting) is to obtain a copy of the minutes. If you would like to have these emailed to you following meetings then please let our Clerk know. A copy of the minutes is also posted on the Parish notice board opposite the war memorial. Do you know who comprises the current Council? Nicholas Maxwell-Lawford (vice chair), Jo Gillingham, Vincent Parkes and Prue Pinsent all work hard for our village and are all happy to speak to anyone who wishes to raise a point about our home parish. Richard Reeve is our Clerk, who has recently taken over from retiring Heloise Marlow. I am tempted to publish photos of us all for those of you who may not know us, but don't want to waste precious Bugle space unnecessarily. Our contact details will be on the Parish notice board and we are always 'Open For Business'.

Wendy Wayne

Chair of Buckerell Parish Council



THE BUCKERELL VILLAGE FETE AND B-B-Q

July 9th at Splatthayes

The Village fete is the major fund raising event for our church St Mary & St Giles and preparations are already under way to make this year's event the best ever (but we say this every year).

You can expect an eclectic collection of stalls and games for your enjoyment and of course on which you can spend your money. These include our old favourites such as bottle tombola, books, cakes, tombola, white elephant, skittles and plants and produce. As usual contributions for the stalls are always gratefully received so please start collecting and we will let you know who to contact nearer the day. Refreshments and cream teas will be available during the afternoon.

Every year we look for new ideas for stalls and especially some entertaining games. If you have not already been nobbled and have any suggestions, are willing to organise something or volunteer to help please let me know. No idea will be considered too outrageous! New residents may also find that helping on the day is a great way to get to know fellow villagers.

The evening entertainment is a friendly social event for all age groups. Food is provided at our B-B-Q while indoors, music to suit all ages will set the scene for dancing into the late hours.

For any further information or offers of help please contact Roy Williams on 01404 850082 or email roy.williams46@btinternet.com.



COMING SOON
Buckerell Events

SUNDAY MARCH 6TH MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE AT 10.00AM

THURSDAY 17TH MARCH BCA MEETING 7.00 P.M. AT DOUG'S SHED

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH - ANNUAL CHURCHYARD CLEAR UP - 10.00 A.M.

SUNDAY MARCH 27TH EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE AND EASTER EGG HUNT 11.15AM

MONDAY MARCH 28TH EASTER KNAPP WALK - 11.00 A.M. - THE WAR MEMORIAL

MONDAY APRIL 11TH ANNUAL PARISHIONERS' MEETING IN CHURCH 7.25PM

TUESDAY APRIL 12TH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN CHURCH 7.30PM

SUNDAY MAY 1ST VINTAGE HIGH TEA DOUG'S SHED 2.30PM

SUNDAY MAY 29TH BOULES COMPETITION AT DEER PARK FARM 12NOON.

COMING LATER

SUNDAY JUNE 26TH SUE AND MALCOLM'S CAR BOOT SALE (VILLAGE ONLY)

CHURCH FETE AND BBQ 9TH JULY AT 2.00 P.M. AT SPLATTHAYES

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16TH APPLE DAY AT GLEBE FARMHOUSE

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18TH WHIST DRIVE

THE BUGLE PUBLICATION DATES

JUNE 1st - items required by 20th MAY

SEPTEMBER 1st - items required by 19th AUGUST

DECEMBER 1st - items required by 18th NOVEMBER

Please drop items in at Armoury Cottage or

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