

THE BUCKERELL BUGLE

SPRING 2011

BUCKERELL DOES THE BARD (SHAKESPEARE IN THE SHED)

Due to a chronic shortage of good transport in 1596 William Shakespeare never visited Buckerell, but he would have been flattered that so many people turned out on a cold night to enjoy his poetry 400 years later.

On 29th January Crispin Denny and his wife Karen organised a very successful evening of reading, acting and reflection on his works. He might have been surprised to see that ladies were involved and that a splendid buffet supper had been prepared by



Carol Stone.

Favourite excerpts from tragedies and comedies were read by a wide selection of people who had clearly rushed to

find works they had known for years, but had put in a safe place for the next generation. The village is a better place for this happy evening and is grateful to Crispin and his supporters for all their hard work.



BUCKERELL QUIZ NIGHT

The annual Buckerell Quiz Night was held at The Otter Inn on Friday 11th March courtesy of Lester and Charlie. Seven teams with 44 people in total taking part, had to answer 9 rounds of questions on subjects including history, science, sport, entertainment and probably the most difficult subject local knowledge. How many of you know which is the nearest shop to the War Memorial where you can buy a packet of bacon or where you would find Tom, Dick & Harry in Honiton? The eventual winners were "Vicar & Tarts" led by the Reverend Allan Sheath with an impressive score of 141 points, runners up were "Westenders" with 130 points and in third place Apple Dumplings with 119. This is the second year running the Vicar's Team has won the quiz. This event would not have been possible without the hard work of Brian Megilley and Nick Doman who organised, ran and hosted the event, a big thanks to them both.



NOTICEBOARD

- Mrs Valerie Pratt (Broadlands) would be grateful for assistance with decorating the church for Easter on Friday & Saturday 22nd and 23rd April or donations towards the flowers.
- Congratulations to Amy Bishop who will be celebrating her 80th birthday on April 16th.
- Welcome to Sarah and Vincent and their children who will be moving into Ancroft in the near future.
- Sue Cade has been sorting out her children's books and a crate full is at Armoury Cottage. Anyone with young children (or grandchildren) is welcome to come to see if any of these books would be of interest. Please ring 850593 to ensure someone is in.
- Congratulations to Wendy Wayne who will be 50 on the 9th May.
- We wish Cinnie Parr a speedy recovery from her current illness.

VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS

In order to reduce the amount of paper used to provide details about Village Events, Parish Council etc. we are trying to use e-mail as much as possible. If you have e-mail and are not currently receiving details via e-mail and would like to, could you please send your e-mail address to Richard Reeve : richard@reeve-consultancy.co.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY

Please note that the day and time has been changed. In future it will be at The War Memorial every fortnight on Wednesdays starting from 23rd March between 16.30 p.m. and 17.15 p.m.

BUCKERELL VILLAGE HALL

The following is taken from a newspaper article that was in the papers of the late Peter Manley. His widow Janet thought it might be of interest to people within the village. The full article is too long to publish here, but an abridged version can be found below. If you would like to read the full article, please contact Richard Reeve.

"The hall at Buckerell, which was formally opened on Wednesday evening by Miss Kathleen Peek, of Hembury Fort, is worthy of special notice because of the large amount of voluntary effort by men of the parish towards its construction. Mr. H. C. Edwards, one of the foremost pioneers in this project and his co-workers are to be heartily congratulated upon the outcome of their labours. They secured a site on advantageous terms; obtained a loan repayable when convenient without interest; enlisted the services of a builder, whose price was extremely nominal; got the haulage of materials for the foundation of the hall done by Mr Stamp (Weston) free of charge; men of the parish gave their time and labour in the decoration of the interior of the building; and last, but not least, came gifts of pictures and furnishings. The total cost of the hall is about £200. It has an exterior covering of steel sheets, and inside it is lined with wood.

The village was beflagged in honour of the occasion; school children attended the opening ceremony in fancy dress, and Honiton Town Band, who gave their services, played outside the hall.

The original aim was to have a Men's Club-Room only; then the idea grew, and that fine room with an extra room at the rear, was the result. The intention was to call a meeting at an early date to lay the matter before the parishioners of Buckerell and decide how the building should be run and maintained in the future."

The hall is now a private residence

'HOLLYHAYES' - A NEW PLAY ON FARMING

A farming family's joys and pain is to be brought vividly to life through an original play to be staged in East Devon this summer. And there is a strong 'Buckerell flavour' to this piece of art.

The Tale Valley Community Theatre (TVCT) will be seeking scores of actors, singers and backstage crew to stage an ambitious project which has already been more than two years in the making.

The story of *Hollyhayes* will be brought to life in an enormous barn at Victoria Dairy Farm, Payhembury from June 16th to 18th 2011. The play has been written by three local authors and the story will draw extensively on over 40 interviews with locals connected with the world of agriculture. Five of the interviewees are from Buckerell and the play has been co-written by Trevor Vanstone, who lives in the village.

The production spans over 10 years at the fictitious but authentically drawn Hollyhayes Farm and tells the story of inter-generational pressures affecting the Craddock family as they battle with the vagaries of economics, politics, market forces and, of course, the weather.

The play, which has been written by TVCT members Trevor Vanstone, Geoff Nicholson and John Somers, will move to the next stage of its production with casting workshops and rehearsals (see TVCT website).

If you want to discuss taking part, John can be contacted on 01884 277390 or at J.W.Somers@exeter.ac.uk ,

Trevor can be contacted on 01404 851008 or at trevor@amarisk.co.uk .

To read more about the TVCT and community theatre go to www.tvctheatre.org

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A meeting was held at East Devon District Council on 24th February to discuss the proposed sale of the property. At the time of going to press no details of the outcome of the meeting had been received by the Parish Council.

TELEPHONE BOX – BOOK EXCHANGE

Just a reminder to everyone about the Book Exchange at the telephone box. It's currently bursting with books - in there there's some Dickens for the erudite, some Sudoku for the puzzled, plenty of Goddard and Clancy for those wanting a thrill and even "A Village Affair" by some Trollope or other. There's bound to be something in there you like. Just take along a book you've read and swap it – give it a try.

David Wayne

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

In spite of ice and snow our Christmas Services were well attended. It was particularly good to see so many families on Christmas Day. Thank you to all those who decorated the church and made mince pies for the Carol Service. A special vote of thanks is due to those stalwarts who braved the cold to clear the paths which enabled the services to go ahead.

The hard work of those who helped with the planting of bulbs and sowing grass seed is now paying dividends as flowers appear around the churchyard.

On Sunday April 3rd, Mothering Sunday, there is to be a special Family Service at 11.15 a.m. and it is hoped we will be able to involve as many children as possible in the service.

On Monday April 11th at 7.25 p.m. in the church the Annual Parishioners' Meeting and Parochial Church Council Meeting will be held. The Annual Parishioners' Meeting is open to all residents of the Parish and at this part of the meeting the Churchwardens are appointed by all attending. After this the public leave the meeting and the new PCC is elected from those on the Church electoral roll.

On Sunday 24th April, Easter Sunday, there will be a Family Eucharist at 11.15 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard (weather permitting).

The Reverend Allan Sheath will be taking his last service on Sunday May 8th and we hope to mark his retirement in a suitable way – as soon as our plans are finalised we will let everyone know.

Penny Mear & Patricia Craig-Macquaide, Churchwardens

PARISH COUNCIL

There have been a number of changes in personnel on the Parish Council, with the resignation of Dianna Galling and Nick Doman as Councillors and the need to appoint a new parish clerk with Jacqui Sheil's intention to step down at the end of the month. Advertisement for new Councillors and clerk brought a refreshingly enthusiastic response. Initially co-opted are Karen Denny (Hillside), Jan Campbell-Young (Sowton Farm) and Steve Stone (Bramley). Our new clerk will be Richard Reeve of Armoury Cottage. All are most welcome.

Other Parish Council news included a planning application for minor alterations at Deer Park Hotel, our three new grit bins are now installed and, thankfully, EDDC are to reconsider their Local Development Framework proposals amongst which was the development of 300 houses and industrial units at Hayne Lane, Gittisham to which we objected.

Independent Councillor Roger Giles reported to us on the Devon County Council Budget meeting at which £50 million cuts were announced. Amongst the gloom of this report he told us that, although £1.35 million is being cut from support for local bus routes, our bus will not be affected. So, although we may not get our bins emptied, pot holes will go unfilled, libraries might disappear and council tax go up, we shall at least still have one bus a week on a Friday!

David Wayne

BUCKERELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Quiz night was held on Friday 11th March, see separate article for more details.

Activities planned for the first half of 2011 are :

Sunday May 22nd – Plant Sale – War Memorial – 2.00-4.00 p.m.

Sunday May 29th – Boules Tournament – Deer Park Farm from 12.30 p.m.

Saturday June 4th – FunDay, starting with Elfic the Jester at 2.30 p.m. in Doug's shed.

We would like to have some volunteers to organize a Royal Wedding Tea Party, in Doug's Shed on April 29th as well as barbecue cooks for the FunDay evening. Please ring Steve Mear – 850048.

Separate flyers regarding all these events will be issued nearer the time

Steve Mear & Donovan Galling

BUCKERELL WEATHER FACTS

The rainfall for December was only 40mm. Readers will remember that the month was very cold but not wet. A temperature of minus 13.1°C was recorded at Glebe Farmhouse on 26th December. The total for 2010 was 809mm, the second driest year in the 11 years of records at Glebe Farmhouse.

Technical Note - After the first dump of snow in December, the rain gauge looked like an ice-cream cone with about 2ins of snow above the top. After it was brought carefully into the warm and allowed to melt, only 0.2ins (5mms) of water was in the gauge. There is a rough guide that 1/10th of the depth of snow is the amount of precipitation.

Allowance had to be made for the shape of the gauge and for some excess to have fallen off. The figures for the snowy days reflect two entries of 10mms each. We measured a total of 9ins of snow. 1/10th of that is 22.86mms which is not far from 20mms! Perhaps we had the wrong kind of snow!

2011 started with January 108mm (11 year average: 95.9mm) and February 70mm (average:74mm)

David Steele-Perkins - Glebe Farm

VILLAGE PLASTIC COLLECTION

Conscious that there are some new people in the village who may be unaware of this, village plastic collections take place about every 6 weeks. This collection is for those hard plastics and tetrapaks (juice containers etc) that the council do not collect, that is, all hard plastics apart from plastic bottles. So, for example, plastic fruit and meat trays, yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, clean flower pots etc but not soft plastic like plastic bags or cellophane. The service is free to residents (supported by Parish Council) and has been running successfully for a couple of years now. We collect from over 30 houses in the village. If you would like to be included let David Wayne know on 850637 or email David.Wayne@care4free.net.

COMING SOON

Buckerell Events

SUNDAY APRIL 3rd - FAMILY SERVICE FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

11.15 a.m. in the church, we hope the children of the village will take a major part. Refreshments after the service including Simnel Cake!! Everyone welcome.

MONDAY APRIL 11th - ANNUAL PARISHIONERS' MEETING

7.25 p.m. in the Church

SUNDAY APRIL 24th - EASTER SUNDAY

Family Eucharist - 11.15 a.m. in the church, followed by Easter Egg Hunt (weather permitting)

THURSDAY 19th MAY - PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30 p.m. - Doug's Shed, Splatthayes

SUNDAY 22nd MAY - PLANT SALE

2.00-4.00 p.m. at The War Memorial

SUNDAY 29th MAY - BUCKERELL BOULES

12.30 p.m. - Deer Park Farm

SATURDAY 4th JUNE - BUCKERELL FUNDAY

2.30 p.m. - Doug's Shed, Splatthayes

COMING LATER

CHURCH FETE SATURDAY 16TH JULY - SPLATTHAYES

If you have anything you would like included in our next edition, please either send to or drop items in at Armoury Cottage, by June 1st or alternatively e-mail to: richard@reeve-consultancy.co.uk

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