

THE BUCKERELL BUGLE

SPRING 2012

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND POST - SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER

The annual Christmas Bazaar was as well attended as ever on Sunday 11th December. It is great to see everyone come out of 'hibernation' for the afternoon and catch up with friends and neighbours over mince pies and festive beverages in Doug's Shed. (or is that the Buckerell Xmas Grotto?). New games like "Feed Santa" proved to be far harder than they looked and again young village entrepreneurs came up with their own money making schemes – the sweet jar tombola proved very successful! The Produce stall, Jen's Craft stall and the raffle all did really well, thanks to the generosity of all those giving and attending. Many thanks to Doug and Adrian for hosting this great event, and of course to all who manned the refreshments and the stalls. Overall the event raised **£304.24** for the BCA. How brilliant is that?



The Christmas Post raised £43.40 which is being donated to Millwater School

Wendy Wayne

BUCKERELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

It had been hoped by the time this edition of The Bugle was published we would be in a position to give information about BCA plans for future events and in particular the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. Unfortunately at the time of going to press, nothing has been received. We have heard that there will definitely be an event on Monday 4th June, but have no confirmed details as yet. We have asked for something to be written for inclusion but this has not been forthcoming.

We hope that there will be further information in time for as many villagers who want to, to get involved. Perhaps a village meeting could be held at a neutral venue such as Doug's Shed or The Otter, on a date and at a time published well in advance, so more people have the opportunity to attend and put their questions regarding the activities of the BCA.

KAREN DENNY

On the 16th February, Karen passed away after a long battle with illness. Our thoughts are with Crispin, Peppa and Saxon at this difficult time. Karen was involved in many aspects of village life, at the time of her death she was a committed and active member of the Parish Council, she was still raising issues the week before she died. Over the years, Karen was heavily involved in with the BCA and Church Events, she had helped organize the annual Buckerell Boules Competition since its inception. One year she still managed to show a profit from the Boules even though the event was cancelled due to bad weather! Karen will be sadly missed not only by her family but also by her many friends from within the village.

NOTICEBOARD

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EASTER at BUCKERELL CHURCH Any volunteers out there who would like to help with a little flower arranging, and /or could donate some flowers would be welcome on Friday 6th or Saturday 7th April at Church. No talent required! Thank you Ann Williams 850082• Congratulations to Russell and Ella at Colhayes Cottage on the birth of their daughter Erin Jean. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If anyone is feeding a young ginger cat, please note he belongs to the Cades at Buckerell House and is already well fed and loved!• Congratulations to Richard and Jemma, Yew Tree Cottage on the birth of their son, Joshua James |
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2 BUTTS COTTAGE

Over the past two years, the condition of this cottage and the fact that EDDC are taking action against the owner has been covered regularly in The Buckerell Bugle. Finally, the case is going to trial but unfortunately not until 23rd July. It would be helpful to EDDC's case if support for their actions from within the village could be demonstrated. It is two years since the front of the cottage started to fall down and EDDC were forced to erect scaffolding and shore up the property. The action they are taking is partly to recover the costs of these "emergency repairs". It is hoped that once this initial action is taken, EDDC will do something about the White Cottage (Meadowside) on the corner which is owned by the same person. The owner is also responsible for the wall on the bend which needs repairing, although this damage was caused by a hit and run driver. If you wish to express support for EDDC in this action, please write to:

Giles Salter
Solicitor
East Devon District Council
The Knowle
Sidmouth
Devon
EX10 8HL



CHURCH OPEN DAY

An open day will be held on Saturday 14th April between 2.00p.m. and 4.00 p.m., there will be an opportunity to visit various parts of the church and grounds and learn a little about the history of the village of Buckerell and its church. We hope to raise some money towards the repair and maintenance of the church clock.

An outline programme is as follows;

An exhibition of photographs and potted histories inside the church.

Organ music provided by Paul Barrows.

Escorted visit to the bell tower.

Escorted visit to see the clock workings (restricted).

A treasure Hunt in the churchyard for children.

Teas.

Full details will be published nearer the day.

SOAP BOX

DOG FOULING - people are reminded that not clearing up after your dog is an offence punishable with a fine. If you do clear up, please take the bag home and don't dump it in a hedgerow or even worse in someone's garden.

LOOSE DOGS - could the owners of dogs that are let out on their own, causing disruption to traffic and damage to gardens, please take responsibility for their dogs. If the problems continue people should contact East Devon District Council.

BURNING RUBBISH - whilst it is acceptable to burn some types of rubbish in your garden, the burning of plastics and other items that produce noxious fumes is not. Please be considerate to your neighbours.

SPEEDING - Whilst at present there is no speed limit within the village (Buckerell is one of only two in East Devon not to have one), please drive carefully, at the moment only three cats and a dog have been killed plus a few ducks, next time it could be a child!

BUCKERELL WEATHER FACTS

2011. The rainfall in December was 98mms (99.4 is 12 year average). The total for 2011 was 826mms (12 year average total 978mms); thus 2011 was noticeably drier than average but not the driest (2003 - 747mms and 2010 - 809mms). It will be seen that the last two years have been appreciably below average.

2012. This year has started drier than average with January 76mms (average 96.9) and February only 25mms (average 73.7mms). We have suffered many grey drizzly days yielding very little actual rain.

David Steele-Perkins - Glebe Farm

KAREN DENNY

Crispin, Peppa and Saxon would like to thank all those who helped and attended Karen's Funeral on 1st March.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

It is hard to believe that we are already a quarter of the way through 2012 which makes reporting on Christmas events sound strange. However the annual Carol Service on December 21st was a happy occasion and thanks for the success of the event go in no small measure to those people who stepped in at the last minute to read for others taken ill. The Rector was due to take the service but she too was ill so it was left to your churchwardens to lead. Coffee and mince pies were provided by members of the congregation and were much appreciated.

At last we have a new Team Vicar, Revd. Jane Lankester, who is living at the vicarage in Awliscombe. Her licensing took place at St. Paul's in February and her first service at Buckerell was on Sunday February 19th. A Tea Party to welcome Jane in a more informal way was held at Awliscombe Parish Hall on March 2nd.

Following three separate incidents in the churchyard it has been considered necessary to provide a security light in the area near the green bench. The police have made it clear that no one should approach any suspicious characters as confrontation could prove unsafe. Instead all incidents should be reported to the police using the 112 number. This is not only safer but also gives the police a chance to apprehend any offenders.

We are trying out a new style of family service which we hope will become a regular event. The first was held on Sunday 26th February and centred on the story of Noah. We want to make coming to church for the younger children be more in touch with their world by the use of simpler language, stories, songs and prayers. The adults who attended in February seemed to enjoy the service as much as the children. The services will be led initially by the churchwardens but interaction with other adults would be good for us all. As these services are not necessarily require a priest it would also be possible to change the actual time. Discussion with some parents seemed to favour 10 a.m. or 10.30 a.m.

Our Easter Sunday Service will be at 11.15 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg Hunt

Plans are in hand for our Church Open Day on Saturday 14th April; see separate item for details.

On Monday April 23rd 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.

As part of the Honiton Team's series of events, Buckerell will be celebrating Rogation Sunday May 13th. The plan is to have a walk around the village at 10.30 a.m. followed by a service in the church at approximately 11.30 a.m. and then to Doug's Shed for a picnic lunch. Further details will be posted on the church noticeboards.

Patricia Craig-Macqaide and Penny Mear, Churchwardens

PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting scheduled for the 8th February was cancelled because insufficient councilors were unable to attend due to illness. The re-arranged meeting was held on Wednesday 21st March, prior to the start of the meeting, a period of silence was held in memory of Mrs. Karen Denny. At the meeting, two new councillors were co-opted, Mrs. Jenny Palfrey (The Cider House) and Mrs. Wendy Wayne (Ivy Cottage), Mr. Steve Stone was elected chairman with effect from the next meeting. A variety of issues were discussed including an article on Broadband for inclusion in The Bugle, the Diamond Jubilee and the BCA. Concern was expressed that since Mr. Steve Mear was sidelined from the BCA due to his illness, there has been a lack of communication about what the BCA is doing. It was suggested that the BCA should go back to using the Village e-mail system to advise people of meetings and publish any minutes or accounts. As this system provides a "paper alternative" for those not on e-mail, it will ensure that no-one in the village can say that they are unaware of what is happening.

A full copy of the minutes of the meeting will be displayed on the village noticeboard shortly.

Sonya Gallantree - Vice Chair

DIAMOND JUBILEE 1897

Over a hundred and fifteen years ago, in 1897, a village meeting was held in Buckerell to plan another Jubilee party, that of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. There were suggestions made and discussed, volunteers recruited and funds raised, but on this occasion, by subscription.

The Vicar proposed that a meat tea should be held for the villagers on June 22nd. It was agreed that the tea should consist of beef, plum pudding, cakes and cider. At a second meeting held some weeks later it was decided that the children should have their tea at 4 o'clock in the schoolroom and that mothers with babies should be admitted. Furthermore the dinner for 'Men and Women, and Boys employed on the farms should be given at 6pm'.

The amount of meat required was suggested as being 120lbs of beef, 60lbs of which was to be salted for boiling, 60lbs of pork for baking and all to be provided by Mr. Horn of Weston. Mr. Dare of Awliscombe was to be asked to cook the meat and provide 80lbs of fig pudding, 60 two pound loaves of bread, 12dozen farthing bread cakes, and 60lbs of currant cake. Later still a small committee was formed to make arrangements, one of whom gave '30gallons of cider and more if required' as his subscription.

By June 16th a total of £22 and one shilling had been subscribed and the dinner arrangements had been changed to 3pm. The meat, puddings and cakes were to be delivered to Glebe Farm on June 21st the day before the celebrations. The Chairman also noted that he was glad that the labourers were to have a half day holiday.

I wonder what those 19th century villagers would have made of our 21st century celebrations?

BROADBAND

EDDC is actively supporting a move to bring faster broadband to the region.

Devon and Somerset County Councils, together with North Somerset, Plymouth and Torbay Councils, are working in partnership to bring faster broadband to the area and are among the first local authorities to have secured money from the Government to do this.

The aim is to have:

Improved broadband (more than 2mbps) to every business and community across Devon and Somerset by 2015

Superfast broadband (more than 24mbps) to at least 85% of the area by 2015, with 100% by 2020

Faster broadband supports our businesses to be more competitive and helps communities' access to services, saving them money and widening information and learning opportunities.

This is our one big opportunity to shape the future of our digital services, so it's vital everyone gets involved to help us get connected and up to speed.

The next step is to secure investment from the private sector to install the broadband and to do that the project needs public support help. It is important to show that there is strong demand for faster broadband and also to show what current speeds and coverage we have in the area.

To do this the project needs as many people as possible to fill in a simple survey via the website

<http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/connection-speed-survey/>

COMING SOON

Buckerell Events

SUNDAY 8TH APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY

11.15 a.m. Family Eucharist in the church followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard.

SATURDAY 14TH APRIL - CHURCH OPEN DAY

2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

MONDAY 23RD APRIL - ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHONERS

7.25 p.m. - The Church

WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY - ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

FRIDAY 11TH MAY - BUCKERELL ANNUAL QUIZ

Details to be confirmed but will be in Doug's Shed, Splatthayes

MONDAY 4TH JUNE - DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENT

Details to be confirmed but will be in Doug's Shed, Splatthayes

COMING LATER

CHURCH FETE - 14TH JULY

THIS IS THE LAST EDITION OF THE BUCKERELL BUGLE TO BE WRITTEN AND PRODUCED BY PATRICIA CRAIG-MACQUAIDE & RICHARD REEVE, WE THANK YOU FOR READING IT OVER THE PAST 9 YEARS.