

THE BUCKERELL BUGLE

SUMMER 2011

PLANT SALE

The plant sale on Sunday May 22nd was less well attended than in previous years but we still managed to raise £231 from the sales of plants, cakes, teas and coffees. The weather was kind to us, sunny and breezy. It was felt by all involved in the organisation that it was probably time to give this event a rest and so it will not be run next year. Thanks are due to Corinne and Julia for sorting out the plants and to the ladies who sold the cakes and served the teas and coffee, with the able assistance of the Galling twins.



THE BUCKERELL VILLAGE FETE AND B-B-Q JULY 16TH AT SPLATTHAYES

The Village fete is the major fund raising event for our church St Mary & St Giles and preparations are well under way to make this year's event the best ever.

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.

B-B-Q commencing at 7.00 p.m. and till late.

The evening entertainment is a friendly social event for all age groups. Mike Carson and friends will be manning the B-B-Q while indoors a D.I.Y. disco will provide music for dancing.

For any further information or offers of help please contact Roy Williams on 01404 850082, at the Coach House or email: roy.williams46@btinternet.com

ROYAL WEDDING TEA PARTY

Nearly 100 people attended the tea party in Doug's Shed to celebrate the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. Everyone brought plates of food and a team of volunteers made jellies which were served with ice cream. The noise level was extremely high as people enjoyed the occasion which was rounded off with a loyal toast. It was nice to see people who would not normally attend village events and people who have recently moved into the village. A big thank you to Doug and Adrian for letting us use the shed.



NOTICEBOARD

- Congratulations to Hannah Courtney and Peppa Denny on passing their medical finals – well done
- Welcome to Alex & Victoria Upson and their children who have moved into Russets
- Welcome also to Russell and Ella who have moved into Colhayes Cottage
- Cynthia Parr, known as Cynny, died on Friday March 25th 2011 aged 86 years. Cynny had lived in the village since 1955 when she married James Parr.
- The BCA thanks David and Wendy Wayne for donating 9 large white sheets and tablecloths for use at Village Events. If you are having "a bit of a do" the large sheets would be ideal for covering long tables

Dear Friends,

A very big thank you for your most generous gifts, donations, cards, good wishes and not least the great send-off you gave Marilyn and me at the Team Service. As a climax of the all too short a time when I was privileged to be your Vicar, it has left an unforgettable impression on both of us. The cash donations have gone towards curtains for the house - as they keep out the winter cold we'll have warm thoughts about Buckerell and the holy people of God there. The picture is on the chimney breast in our living room - where it looks like it has been specially commissioned. The antler and hazel thumb stick have already been well used. And, once Marilyn is fully mobile following her foot op, we intend to revisit old walks on Exmoor - fortified by the thumb stick and of course the hip flask!



Again, heartfelt thanks to you all for your many kindnesses. And may God continue to bless you all in your life together.

Allan and Marilyn Sheath.

I am doing a tandem skydive on July 30th from Dunkeswell Airfield. I'm doing it to raise money for Motability which is part of the MS Trust which helps disabled people to have access to aids, such as walking aids, wheelchairs, scooters, cars, hoists etc. It is a very good cause and as I have had MS for 8 yrs., I wanted to give something back to a charity that has been very supportive to me.

I am trying to raise £1000 and have reached over £500 already. I was hoping that the village would support me and help this charity. I will be going round the village before July 30th, knocking on doors and asking people to support and sponsor me. It would be most helpful if I could collect the money there and then so I don't have to go round again collecting, as it will totally exhaust me! Every little really does help, so I don't want people to feel pressured!

Diana Pullan, Well Cottage, Buckerell House.

TITHE MAP PROJECT

The County Archivist at Devon County Council has asked for volunteers from each parish to transcribe information from the 1840 Devon Tithe Maps onto a computer spreadsheet. It was agreed that a volunteer should be sought via The Bugle. If you are interested please contact Richard Reeve on 01404-850593

POLICE MESSAGING SERVICE

Community message is a targeted messaging service that allows the police to contact subscribers with a message to help prevent or solve crime in your local area.

Enclosed with this edition of The Bugle is an application form for joining this service. This service allows you to be informed of criminal activity in your area or any specific area of interest i.e. farmers etc. Alternatively you can access it online at the Devon & Cornwall Police website (www.devon-cornwall.police.uk) and complete an online registration form.

BUCKERELL WEATHER FACTS

The Spring months of March, April and May have been dramatically drier than any before in the 11 years of records at Glebe Farmhouse. The figures, with 11 year average in brackets, are March 27mls (79.2), April 24mls (66.3) and May 50mls (74.5).

Looking at the first five months of 2011, 279mls have been recorded against an 11 year average of 389.9 for the same months.

It would seem that we were fortunate in having two localised downpours, totalling 41mls, during the first few days of May.

David Steele-Perkins - Glebe Farm

2 BUTTS COTTAGE

East Devon Council are still processing the matter of the Red Cottage but it would be at least 3 months before it was finally resolved. Concern was expressed about the deteriorating condition of the White Cottage, it was agreed that photographs would be taken and forwarded to the Building Department.

HELP WANTED

I don't know if anyone has noticed but one or two of the people who regularly help organize village events are getting older!! For the community to keep flourishing we need others to step up and help so that there is continuity. It can be fun –it is not all hard work- it means we all get to know each other- so why not think about it? Think about it- talk about it- ask questions and then VOLUNTEER—Please.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

Our Mothering Sunday service was very special. As no priest was available the whole service was led by the churchwardens and a large number of children. The older children did the readings and the prayers whilst the younger ones brought pictures of 'What my mother does for me'. Willow Casbot-Grant introduced the service by explaining the meaning of Mothering Sunday, Ffion Gallantree and Francesca Cade read the lessons and Joshua Cade and Laurence Wayne read the prayers that they had written. The younger children were Arlo and Rowan Hewitt, Georgina and Edward Pratt, Sebastian and Beatrice Marlow and Jonathan Triner. At the end of the service posies of flowers were given to Mothers, Grandmothers and Great-grandmothers. Then we enjoyed refreshments including Simnel cake made by Penny. Father Allan has retired as our vicar and we will miss him very much. The send off Tea Party organized by the villages was a huge success with more than ninety people attending. Gifts were presented to Allan and flowers to Marilyn; the gifts included a picture from the three villages and from Buckerell alone a walking stick and hip flask as well as a cheque.



Until a replacement is found for the position of vicar there may be changes to the pattern of services. In July, instead of the usual Family Eucharist we would like to have a Family service along the lines of that at Mothering Sunday, on the 17th at 11.15am. This would be led by your Churchwardens but with as many children as possible taking part.

Please look at the Church Noticeboards for information as well as the Parish magazine as changes may occur after publication.

Penny Mear & Patricia Craig-Macquaide, Churchwardens

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report 2010/2011

This has been a productive year for the Buckerell Parish Council. A number of changes in personnel saw the retirement of Mrs Dianna Galling who had been involved in the PC as clerk and councillor for many years. Mr Nick Doman also left but we welcomed Mrs Karen Denny and Mr Stephen Stone in their place. At the end of the year Mrs Sheil stepped down as Parish Clerk and is replaced by Mr Reeve.

The Parish Council have welcomed the continued support that community police officers PCs Vickery and Anning provide to the village. We are fortunate that Buckerell remains a low crime village; however, a few incidents of theft in the past year should remind us to remain on our guard. The Council also thanks Councillor Roger Giles for his regular attendance at meetings and his invaluable advice and support.

The refurbishment of the Phone Box was completed in this year with a complete cleaning, repainting and the replacement of damaged parts. It looks wonderful now it is finished. The decision was taken to use the phone box as a book exchange and village noticeboard. Duly shelved out and with donated books to start it off this has been a successful project.

The previous hard winter had persuaded the PC that it needed to make more provision itself to keep its lanes open in adverse conditions. Three grit bins were purchased and placed in strategic positions (with half the cost being reimbursed from Councillor Giles' Locality Budget). They were well used in another long winter this year. The PC also appointed a Winter Warden to co-ordinate snow clearance, response to flooding etc.

David Wayne

BUCKERELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The last few months have been very hectic for the BCA with the Royal Wedding Tea Party, The Plant Sale, The Boules and the Funday. It is felt that we may be trying to do too much as it tends to be the same people organizing, running and attending the events. We shall be meeting in a month or two and will decide how many events to stage during the coming year.

Steve Mear & Donovan Galling

BUCKERELL FUNDAY

The Funday on June 4th was blessed with fine weather and well supported. The juggler and entertainer, Elfic, started the afternoon with a children's show in Doug's shed followed by a circus-skills workshop. It was extremely enjoyable and from the skills on show, we have some budding circus entertainers for the future. The cart race started from the war memorial and featured 12 drivers using 6 carts. Each run was monitored by the marshals enroute and measured at the finish. This year's Distance Winner was Steve Stone driving 'Ruby's Racer'. Nicholas Maxwell-Lawford kindly presented medallions to all the drivers, with Winner's Certificate to Steve Stone and Best Cart Certificate to Josh Cade for his wonderful cart, the 'Flying Banana'. The day ended with about 50 people gathering for a DIY barbecue at Doug's shed. All-in-all, a good day was had by all who attended and took part. Thanks to all the participants, marshals and Nicholas Maxwell-Lawford.

BUCKERELL BOULES – 2011

The 29th May saw the annual Buckerell Boules competition take place on the hallowed gravel at Deer Park Farm. A cloudy morning gave way to bursts of warm sunshine as the contestants plied themselves with adequate sustenance under a canopy of bunting and the French tricolour.

To date no winners have retained the trophy in successive years but the previous holders, Val and Will Pratt, were clearly ready to take on the new pretenders.

A first round of 10 games produced some unexpected results with several couples who were new to the sport going through to Round 2. There were of course the usual disappointments, disputes on the distances of a boule from the jack, and requests not to be in competition with blood relations. However, as the afternoon wore on the final was declared between Jack Ainsworth and Will Gallantree (winners 2009) and the scratch pair of John Pratt and Peter Summers. Within a few rounds the score was 8-2 to Pratt/Summers with the bookies favourites clearly on the back foot. Some interesting long distance placing of the jack however by Ainsworth/Gallantree ensured a decisive victory overturning the 8-2 score to win 9-8. The winners will retain the trophy for 12 months ensuring bi-weekly polishing and the dubious glory of adding their names to the plastic plate roll of honour.

Thanks to the following for their assistance –

Catering - Hazel Galling and Penny Mear

Bunting erection – Steve Triner

Transport – Donovan Galling

Crispin Denny



"Thinking About Moving House?"

Red Homes Estate Agents Director Richard Spiller has lived in Buckerell (Yew Tree Cottage) for over 4 years now! If anyone would like any advice with reference to the housing market, valuations or the great service Red Homes can provide please do not hesitate to knock on the door or call the office on 01404 43355. Alternatively visit our website www.redhomes.co.uk or email on info@redhomes.co.uk

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COMING SOON

Buckerell Events

SATURDAY 16TH JULY - CHURCH FETE

2.00 -4.00 p.m. - Splatthayes followed by BBQ and D.I.Y. disco at 7.00 p.m.

THURSDAY 21ST JULY - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

COMING LATER

HARVEST FESTIVAL

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

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