

# The BUGLE



## As good as the **Ritz!**



Around 90 hungry people came together at Doug's Shed for this year's Vintage Afternoon High Tea, organised by Soo and Jen. And what a feast was in store. Cake stands were piled high with scones, sausage rolls and sandwiches, whilst Ann and Juliana were in charge of serving up an amazing array of homemade cakes. The biggest dilemma of the afternoon was which cake to try. Chocolate, coffee & walnut, carrot cake and much more besides. The kitchen team was kept busy making up the afternoon teas, and coping with all the washing up.

It was all in aid of the charity Devon Freewheelers, which has its headquarters on the Heathpark Estate. Devon Freewheelers provides a free out-of-hours service to the NHS, transporting blood and other medical supplies to hospitals across Devon and beyond on their motorbikes. The service is run entirely by volunteers, one of which, rider Dave Cook, joined the tea party for a cuppa!

Over £605 was raised for the charity, a really impressive amount. Many thanks to Soo and Jen for organising the event and to the lovely waiting team, Doug and Adrian, doorman Roy and everyone who came along.

## Orators to the Fore

A small but appreciative audience came to Speeches Night, and were entertained with a wide variety of the spoken word ranging from Mark Twain to Malala, all very different in content, from Sue Routh's dangerously misplaced words in Ronnie Barker's version of Cinderella to certain members rehearsing their Father of the Bride speeches on us!

The speech by Veronica Jones, Julia Gillard's angry and impassioned plea against sexism and misogyny in Australian politics (only in Australia....?), set the tone for a revealing selection by several of the ladies of heartfelt words on freedom, equality, and education for women. Emmeline Pankhurst and Hillary Clinton vied with JFK and Martin Luther King for our attention. The chair-person of your BCA donned Greek robes to be Cassandra for a monologue in modern humorous style. A Native American Chief provided a contrast to it all. The wedding couple, represented by balloons with costumes, were addressed by a future Father of the Bride to much laughter from the group. Many thanks to the eleven brave performers and to the compere, Crispin, for an evening of wide-ranging and thought-provoking performances.



## Easter Monday Walk

The walk on Easter Monday was a great success. We all met up at the War Memorial at 1100 and set off to climb the Knap. It was a bright and breezy day and the visibility from the top was excellent. We gently descended down to Awliscombe with the only hazard being the very muddy ground near the gates. We were warmly welcomed by the staff at the Honiton Inn. After some refreshments and a lot of banter the official part of the walk was over. Some of us returned at low level via the Otter for a top up. I hope to see more of you next time. Malcolm.



## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

Since the last edition of The Bugle, the two major services have been on Mothering Sunday and Easter Sunday. Both services were very well attended and the children were actively involved particularly in the Easter Egg Hunt which followed the service on Easter Sunday.

The Rev. Ann Stuckey has joined the Honiton Mission Community Clergy team and has already taken a number of services.

The next phase of the internal decoration of the church is now complete following the painting of the North and South Transepts. In addition the two lines of lettering above the chancel have been beautifully restored by Anna Ricketts and we thank Anna for an excellent job. Thanks also to Geoff Triggs for repairing some of the decorative metal work in the church.



At our Annual Meeting of the Parochial Church Council, Patricia Craig-Macquaide stepped down as Churchwarden after 14 years in the role. She received flowers from the children at the Family Service the day before the meeting, plus other gifts from members of the church and the PCC at the meeting. We are immensely grateful for all her work over the past 14 years. Penny Mear is now our only churchwarden but other members of the PCC will be supporting her as much as they can.

### News from the Parish Council.

Our most recent meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May was in fact the Annual meeting when we review the year past and have chance to re allocate roles and portfolios. This will be my second year as Chair and I am pleased to now have Prue Pinsent as Vice Chair following Nicholas Maxwell-Lawford's decision that it is time to give up his role as councillor. Nicholas your contribution will be sadly missed. Consequently, we now have a vacancy for a new councillor, and would welcome enquiries from any resident of Buckerell who is interested, or would like to know more about the role. Don't hesitate to contact either Richard Reeve (our clerk) or myself and we promise not to bribe, cajole or beat anyone into doing anything they don't want! Seriously, it is the most direct way to make a difference to where we live and it is very rewarding.

An issue of interest to many people is our Broadband connectivity and we were pleased to welcome Matt Barrow of 'Connecting Devon & Somerset'. His presentation of the current progress of 'Superfast' rollout and where it leaves Buckerell was well received and enlightening. There may be capacity for some joint community action in the village to get something done to improve our broadband speeds here. Councillor Vincent Parkes has taken on the task of gathering information and coordinating our approach. He has already emailed you (if you have the capacity and are on the village mailing list!) and is happy to talk to everyone, connected or not. Watch this space.

More details of the councillors, the clerk and our contact addresses are available on the village noticeboard opposite the War Memorial. Notices, agendas and minutes of parish council meetings are also posted there and of course available on the village email system. I would urge you to join this list if you can, as it is an easy way to stay in touch about a lot of things, and if it is something that doesn't interest you, just hit 'delete'. If you have not made it into the digital age yet, copies of minutes can be made available upon request.

Finally, as ever, the Parish Council welcomes the views, ideas and involvement of everyone in Buckerell, and we are "open for business". **Wendy Wayne 01404 850637**

### Who, what, why, how, and where is the Buckerell Community Association (BCA)?

#### Who is the BCA?

Well...you are! All residents of Buckerell are automatically members of the BCA. Members elect a (volunteer) Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice-chairman each year.

#### What is the BCA?

It's a villagers group run *by* the village *for* the village. Organising events for all residents, their families and friends to enjoy. Sometimes to raise money for future events and sometimes for charity.

#### Why does it exist?

To bring entertainment and fun directly to us whilst helping to create a closer working community.

#### How does it function?

Those present at meetings come along with ideas to share and discuss. People then volunteer (in smaller groups) to help organise the agreed events.

#### Where does the BCA meet?

Meetings are held every 2 to 3 months, usually on a Thursday, starting at 7pm and usually lasting 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Come along to your next meeting on 1st September in Doug's Shed. It's relaxed and informal.

## Car Boot Sale



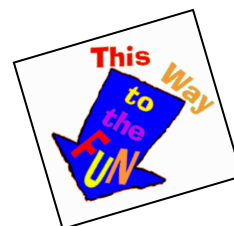
We are hosting a car boot sale at Glebe Farmhouse on Sunday 26th June. I have space for about 30 pitches in my garden. The pitches will only be available to Buckerell residents who have booked with me first and will cost £5 which will go to the BCA.



I will send an email via the Village e-mail on 12th

June when I will start the first come first serve pitch booking. The plan is for pitch holders to arrive at 10.00 a.m., and the car boot sale to start at 11.30 a.m. Pack up after 16.00 p.m. to avoid cars moving during the sale. There will be a basic BBQ at lunchtime but it would be best if you were self sufficient. If the forecast is for rain on the 26th I will postpone the boot sale until a later date as you won't want to get all your things wet. Please don't come with large or heavy cars.

Malcolm and Sue Routh - [malcolmrouth@aol.com](mailto:malcolmrouth@aol.com)



## 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 will follow the tried and tested format of previous years.

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.

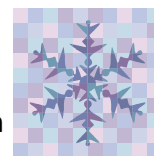
The evening entertainment is a friendly social event for all age groups. Food is available at our B-B-Q while indoors, music to suit all ages will set the scene for dancing into the late hours.

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.

For any further information or offers of help please contact Roy Williams on 01404 850082 or email [roy.williams46@btinternet.com](mailto:roy.williams46@btinternet.com).



## Buckerell Weather Facts



The only way to describe the weather up to the end of April is wet and cold. The average highest temperature for the 4 months was 9.1°C compared with 14.0°C last year and the average lowest temperature was 2.2°C compared with 7.2°C.

In terms of rainfall January to March was the second wettest start to a year since the records began, the actual rainfall was 388mm which is 51.3% higher than the 16 year average. This followed on from December which exceeded the monthly average by more than 30%. Fortunately April bucked the trend and with only 30.5mm was 56% below average. So far during May rainfall is just below average but daytime temperatures slightly higher, hopefully this trend will continue.



## DIARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday June 12th	Big Picnic Lunch for the Queen's Birthday	Doug's Shed	12.00 to 4.00pm
Sunday June 26th	Village Car Boot Sale	Glebe Farm	11.30am
Saturday July 9th	Buckerell Fete and BBQ	Splatthayes	2pm and 7pm
Thursday August 4th	Honiton Show all day		
Thursday 1st September	BCA meeting	Doug's Shed	7.00p.m.
Sunday October 16th	Apple Day	Glebe Farm	TBA
Friday November 18th	Whist drive	Doug's Shed	TBA
Sunday December 4th	Christmas Fayre		
Saturday December 31st	New Year's Eve Party		

## Notice Board

Welcome to the village Philip and Amanda Callard and family of Glebe House, and Dana and Stephen Watts who now reside in the beautifully restored No. 2 Butts Cottages.

John Bishop celebrates his 90th birthday on June 26th, congratulations and our very best wishes.

Happy Birthday wishes to David Wayne who will be 60 on July 3rd .

On February 11th this year Ron and Hazel Galling celebrated their Diamond Wedding, and received a card from the Queen in recognition of 60 years of marriage. Congratulations from us all.



## The Clock on the Church Tower.

Are you wondering what has happened to the church clock? Don't worry it will be back.

The clock face was successfully removed from the building by Martin Glaser, Crispin Denny and Geoff Triggs. Many thanks to Phil Callard of CC Plant Hire for supplying a cherry picker to help get the clock face down.

The clock face is being restored by Anna Ricketts over the next few months. This is a job that cannot be hurried due to the clock's age. Further information will be supplied in the September edition.

**THE NEXT EDITION OF THE BUCKERELL BUGLE WILL BE PUBLISHED ON 1ST SEPTEMBER. ANY ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED SHOULD BE SENT TO PATRICIA CRAIG-MACQUAIDE( [armourycottage@btinternet.com](mailto:armourycottage@btinternet.com)) OR ROY WILLIAMS ([roy.williams46@btinternet.com](mailto:roy.williams46@btinternet.com)) BY AUGUST 19TH. ALTERNATIVELY THEY CAN BE DROPPED IN AT ARMOURY COTTAGE.**