



The Buckerell



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Winter 2016



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Buckerell marked the beginning of the festive season with its annual Christmas Fayre at Doug's shed on Sunday 4th December. There was a wonderful display of items for sale including decorations, gifts, homemade cards, mince pies, liqueur chocolates, shortbread and Christmas cakes; silly hats, woolly gloves and the opportunity to buy some special reindeer oats for Santa's reindeers plus stockings for Santa to put the presents in. For the children a table was set up for them to make their own decorations and there was also a bran tub, treasure map and a Teddy Tombola. Whilst the children were kept busy the adults were able to enjoy either a glass of mulled wine or a cup of tea or coffee accompanied by a warm mince pie. The afternoon finished with the much anticipated drawing of the raffle and winners were able to select from a wide variety of prizes including tickets to a Carol Concert. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this such a successful event and especially Soo and Jen who not only organized everything but made so many of the items on sale. Thank you also to those people who helped move all the equipment and also cleared up afterwards.

Fifty percent of the money raised from the Fayre and all that from the Village Christmas Post will be donated to the Balloons Charity in Exeter. For more information about the charity, please click on the following link; <http://www.balloonscharity.co.uk/>

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

At the Parish Council meeting on 8th November Nick Steenman-Clark, Public Rights of Way Officer - Devon County Council gave a presentation about the Definitive Map Review. He started by explaining that Definitive Map was the legal record of the existence of public rights of way. This record is made up of a map, a description of the right of way and the status. He then outlined the basis on which the current maps were drawn which dated back to a Parish Meeting in 1951. There are currently 5 footpaths within Buckerell plus one B.O.A.T. (Byway open to all traffic) details of which can be found at the following link: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/buckerell-definitive-map-review/>

He then explained how the review process would work and how members of the public and landowners could get directly involved in the process. This could be by confirming the status of existing rights of way, suggesting amendments, deletions or additions to the public rights of way within the Parish. Examples of the Evidence of Use forms to be used were provided, copies of which are available on line.

Details of previous and current issues with PROW were highlighted. Nick concluded his presentation by outlining what needs to happen next which included gathering evidence of use, coming forward with any suggestions to the rights of way network, provide examples of any old village maps. The deadline for any suggestions is 6th January 2017.

If you do not have access to the internet and would like to find out more information about the Definitive Map Review, please contact Richard Reeve, Parish Clerk on 850593.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

St Giles's Day was celebrated on Sunday September 4th with the traditional gingerbread (but not the traditional gin !) with refreshments after the service.

The theme at **Harvest Festival** on September 25th was farms and farming in Buckerell parish, both past and present. Several farming families kindly gave interesting accounts of their farms over the years during the service, and we thank all those who contributed to a questionnaire. All their information has been collated into a simple booklet – a real glimpse of village history and family stories.

The church collection was given to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and all the packaged food went to Honiton Food Bank. Thanks to Phil Courtney who auctioned the fresh produce at the Harvest Supper, and to all who decorated the church so attractively, donated produce and contributed food to a delicious supper.

It was a pleasure for everyone to be present at **the baptism of Harriet Chloe Tuck** in October. Harriet's parents Ben and Sarah were married in the church and her big sister Maisie was also christened here. With both sets of grandparents, the Glaesers and the Tucks, living in the parish this was very much a local affair. Our good wishes to Harriet and all the family.

The Annual Ceremony of Remembrance was held at the War Memorial on Sunday November 13th, followed by a church service . It was poignant this year to hear the name of one soldier, who died on the very first day of the Battle of the Somme in 1916, when the names of the fallen were read out. Thank you to all who spoke read or prepared music this year. Thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion by buying a poppy this year. Proceeds of £322.99 from the sale of poppies and the church collection were donated to the RBL. This helps serving military personnel with problems as well as supporting those in need, so your donations are well spent.

It has been decided to keep the light, usually illuminating the **clock face**, on during the darkest part of the winter for safety reasons.

We look forward to seeing you at **the Christingle service** on December 11th and at **the Carol service** on December 21st and wish everyone a Happy Christmas.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

We had no less than 26 items on the agenda of the recent parish council meeting. I threatened to conduct the meeting with everyone standing up, to speed things along, but fortunately we somehow managed to plough through it all (including a presentation about Public Rights Of Way in Buckerell) in just over two and a quarter hours. Would you believe there is that much to discuss on a bi monthly basis?? You can read about all of the latest issues in the minutes that have been circulated by email recently, or on the village noticeboard opposite the war memorial, but just to give you a taste of the items raised, here are some 'soundbites'

- ◊ Dog fouling continues to blight the village (see separate article)
- ◊ Car parking issues continue to rumble on.
- ◊ We've contributed some funds to the repair of the Church clock face
- ◊ The 2017/18 precept requirement will stay the same as this year. Hurray!
- ◊ DCC's new recycling contract has been delayed until June next year.
- ◊ Meadowside Cottage has new owners. Hurray!
- ◊ Honiton Hospital may lose its beds. See the Future Care Consultation.
- ◊ David Wayne has been awarded the contract of annual village maintenance.
- ◊ The Parish Council website has been kick-started, and awaits contributions.
- ◊ The Council is considering the provision of a bus shelter.

Future meetings will take place in Doug's Shed. Join us at the next meeting on Wednesday 4th January, starting at 7pm prompt. Everyone is welcome. Sitting down will be allowed!

Wendy Wayne (Chairman, Buckerell Parish Council).

THE BUGLE PUBLICATION DATES

March 1st items required by 18th February

June 1st items required by 18th May

September items required by 18th August

Hair of the Dog Walk

New Year's Day - 11.00am from the War Memorial

Want to walk off that morning after the night before fuzzy head? Then there is no better way than to join us for a stroll over Bushy Knapp to the pub at Awliscombe for a "hair of the dog" snifter - or a pot of black coffee if you prefer!

The pace will be very gentle and a lift back can be arranged for those who want one. Sensible shoes and a sense of humour are all you need. Friends and stray relatives are very welcome. This is a popular event with over 30 walkers in the past. Everyone welcome.

Malcolm Routh at Glebe Farmhouse is organising - 850116



Silly Christmas headgear is compulsory for all Hair of the Dog walkers!

NEWS FROM THE BUCKERELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Unfortunately the planned Whist Drive in November had to be cancelled due to lack of interest but in contrast the New Year' Eve party is all sold out.

The next planned event is in Friday February 3rd 2017 and is a Villages in Action production called "Dare Devil Rides to Jarama".

"Dare Devil Rides To Jarama" is a new play by Neil Gore that tells the story of the British and Irish volunteers at the beginning of the brutal Civil War in Spain, and captures the raw passions and emotions of idealism and despair, hope and anger, determination and fear, through powerful storytelling, stirring songs, poetry and puppetry.

Further details including time and cost will be circulated in the New Year.

At the meeting on November 10th ideas for future events were considered one of which is a possible Open Gardens day. It would be helpful to have some feed back regarding interest in such an idea. Please let Soo Sims (chairman) know if you would be willing to open your own garden – large or small gardens can be included and possibly teas could be served.

No further details have been discussed but we need your ideas for the next meeting which is on Thursday January 26th at 7pm at Doug's Shed.

BCA meetings are open to all villagers and your presence and your input are always welcome.

CHURCH MAGAZINES

The Christian Review @ £5.00 per year covers all the Honiton Churches. The Parish Magazine @ £3.60 covers Feniton, Buckerell and Escot. Both magazines include local news, contacts etc. Anyone wishing to order or renew either (or both) magazines should contact either Penny Mear (850048) or Valerie Pratt (850150)

PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

The Parish Council website can be viewed by clicking the following link; <https://buckerellparishcouncil.co.uk/>

If there are any suggestions for items or subjects you would like to see included please use the Feedback section of the web site.

DOG FOULING

At the Parish Council meeting of 13th September the issue of dog fouling was raised once again. It was felt that since the signs about dog fouling had been placed around the village the problem had reduced, however there are still some irresponsible dog owners who fail to clear up after their pets. A question of whether dog waste bins could be provided for the village was raised and discussed. Due to the costs involved, not only with the actual bins but also with the collection of the waste, it was agreed that it would be not viable for a Parish this size.

The solution to the problem is for dog owners to collect their own pet's waste, put it inside 2 poop bags and put it in their own landfill bin. An unpleasant task, but much better than encountering dog mess on the lanes and perhaps being unfortunate enough to find it with your feet!

Please, get into the habit of clearing up.



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DIARY DATES

Sunday 11 th December	Christingle Service	Church	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday 21 st December	Carol Service	Church	6.30 p.m.
Christmas Day	Family Eucharist	Church	10.00 a.m.
Saturday 31 st December	New Year's Eve Party	Doug's Shed	7.30 p.m. - 12.30 a.m.
Sunday 1 st January	Hair of the Dog Walk	War Memorial	11.00 a.m.
Wednesday 4 th January	Parish Council Meeting	Doug's Shed	7.00 p.m.
Thursday 19th January	Buckerell Book Club	Applemead	8.00 p.m.
Thursday 26 th January	BCA Meeting	Doug's Shed	7.00 p.m.
Friday 3 rd February	Dare Devil Rides to Jarama	Doug's Shed	7.30 p.m.

NOTICEBOARD

Welcome to Patricia and Terry Halls who have moved into 12a Orchards Farm.

Good luck to Crispin and Juliana in their new home at Colyton.

Welcome to David Mayo and Rachael Cannon who have taken on the huge task of renovating Meadowside



Congratulations to Douglas Cowan and Roy Williams on their 70th birthdays on October 6th and September 27th respectively.

John Bishop and family would like to express their sincere thanks for all the cards and letters of sympathy received after the loss of Amy on July 4th. Also thank you to all who attended the funeral service from which donations amounted to over £1120 for the charities Exeter Leukaemia Fund and Cancer Research. Amy will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Many thanks to everyone who helps with **flowers in church**, both for special occasions and normal weekly services, new help is always welcome so if willing please email Ann Williams at ann.williams59@btinternet.com

Terry Halls of 12a Orchards farm has a double 15foot aluminium ladder which anyone can borrow, contact Terry on his mobile number 07592766277.

BUCKERELL WEATHER FACTS

The Buckerell rainfall for the Autumn (September to November) has been extremely mixed. September with a total of 87mm of rain was 60% wetter than average, but there were 19 days without any rainfall at all. October with 55mm was 56% below average, and 40mm of the rain that fell was on just two days, there were 23 days without rain.

November with 174.5mm was 44% above average but at one stage looked like being a very dry month. This all changed with the weekend of 18th culminating with the drenching on 21st which led to the flooding on the roads. The rainfall figures for the four days were - 18th (11mm), 19th (44mm), 20th (14mm) and 21st (62mm) without this and the 17mm that fell on 8th November, the picture for November and the autumn would be very different. The result was that the Autumn ended up being 9.1% wetter than average.

November 30th was the coldest day of the year so far with a maximum temperature of just 2.1°C, compare this with November 8th last year when the temperature reached 17.8°C.

