



The Buckerell

BUGLE



Spring 2017



BUCK(ERELL)'S FIZZ NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY !

"That was the best New Years Eve party I have been to. We loved all of it and especially how you transformed the shed into an ice palace!", "what a superb do!" and "my hearty congratulations on the success of NY Eve bash – what a huge amount of work you did, but boy was that a great evening!" are just some of the comments received following the BCA's New Year's Eve party at Doug's Shed. Everyone looked amazing, with men in their dinner suits and women in their glitz and glam.

The evening began with a warm welcome from Mike and Ges. Guests enjoyed a delicious 2-course dinner cooked by Doug and Jen and served by five fine waitresses. When the band struck up the dance-floor immediately filled up, with dancing until after midnight.

Great prizes of meals out at various local eateries were won on the party raffle, and the New Year was heralded in with bottles of prosecco on each table being drunk to the sound of the bongs of Big Ben.

A big thank you to the organisers – Doug and Adrian, Mike and Jackie, Jen and Soo. Also to the those that helped out before, during and after the event – Kath, Lyn, Wendy, Klaus, Tom, Penny, Phil and Mollie.

Hair of the Dog Walk

The annual Hair of the Dog Walk took place on 2nd January this year, rather than the traditional New Year's Day because of the poor weather.

Nearly 30 people, some with their dogs had a sunny if cold day for the walk, organised by Malcolm Routh, from the War Memorial over the Knapp to The Honiton Inn in Awliscombe and back to the village via The Otter Inn.

Some dressed in silly hats, whilst Lawrence Wayne completed the walk wearing very little at all and by doing so managed to raise over £300 for charity.



CRISPIN DENNY



As many of you are aware Crispin Denny moved out of the village last summer but it was only at the end of January that he finally gave up his last two positions within the village - Treasurer to the Parochial Church Council and Captain of the Tower. During his 24 years in the village he became an integral part of village life, whether it was his involvement with the church - treasurer, looking after the building, bell ringing and clock winding; or the village - prominent roles in a number of BATS (Buckerell Amateur Thespian Society) performances - a Queen, Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Who, starting The Buckerell Boules Competition and organising it every year, controlling the finances for the village fete, coming up with ideas like Buckerell's Got Talent, War in the Shed, Famous Speeches and Buckerell Does the Bard. Additionally he has also provided professional advice to many people through his work as an architect.

To say he will be missed is an understatement!

On behalf of the village we thank Crispin for all his efforts over the years and look forward to seeing him and Juliana back in Buckerell in the not too distant future.



NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

The period of Advent and Christmas seems quite a while ago already, but our services in December went well, and the Carol Service always starts the festive season in the village with a happy community feeling. Thank you all for your kind donations at this time to The Children's Society, which totalled £122.90. We are very grateful to the Parish Council for their contribution of £100 towards the restoration of the clock face, which is now under way.

In January at the Parochial Church Council meeting we said our reluctant farewells to Crispin Denny, our Treasurer, who has had so much to do with Buckerell Church for over 22 years. From the Fete to raising flags on the tower, caring for the fabric of the building to being Captain of the Tower, training bell ringers, caring for the clock and so much more. He has been fantastic supporter of not only the church but also the village. Thank you so much, Crispin, and best wishes for the future.

Mothering Sunday is on March 26th this year, which coincides with Back to Church Sunday, so please bring not only your mothers, carers, and relatives to our service at 1000 a.m., but also your friends and neighbours. Simnel Cake is traditionally eaten on Mothering Sunday, not at Easter, so there will be Simnel cake with the refreshments after the service. As for Easter Day on April 16th - of course there will be Easter eggs, with our customary egg hunt in the churchyard after the service.

Before Easter it would be wonderful if as many people could join in and help us with our annual church and churchyard clear up which will be taking place over the weekend of April 1st and 2nd. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

The Annual Parishioners meeting will be held in church on Monday 24th April at 7.25pm. This is the meeting where the churchwardens are elected and any resident of the Parish is entitled to attend.

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL - WHAT IS IT?

Your parish council is an elected body made up of local people representing the interests and concerns of the community of Buckerell. As the most local tier of government we get to hear about what is going on and have an input into bodies like EDDC and Devon County Council on policies that concern us. We are able to comment on planning applications and sometimes influence outcomes.

WHAT DO WE DO? In a practical sense we manage a budget, called the precept, which we spend on behalf of the village. In recent years the Parish Council has - amongst other things - refurbished the village pump, organised regular plastics collections, saved and refurbished the phone box, planted daffodil bulbs and planters and maintained the War Memorial. We have lobbied for better broadband speeds and are set to monitor the impact of our new green exchange box.

Small things, parochial stuff, of course they are. But in a community our size these things are important and make a difference. The Parish Council serves the village. We are now looking for another person from the village to serve on the Parish Council.

THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING was held in Doug's Shed on Wednesday 22nd February at which Vincent Parkes decision to step down from the Parish Council was announced. Vincent has been an important member of the team for the past two years, but due to his work commitments, was no longer in a position to continue. A vote of thanks to Vincent has been recorded in the minutes. The main issues raised at the meeting focussed on roads, drains, the Parish Council website, a possible bus shelter and a defibrillator, full details can be found in the minutes which are on the Parish noticeboard, or if you are on the village e-mail you will have already received them in your Inbox. If you have not received your copy of the minutes via e-mail, please contact the Parish Clerk - buckerellclerk@gmail.com. The minutes will also be included on the Parish Council web site which is just about to undergo a revamp.

Buckerell Parish Council is looking for a

Parish Councillor

Specific Duties include: attendance at six PC meetings a year, occasionally representing PC at outside meetings or attending training, responsibility for a specialist area (e.g. roads, footpaths), input to planning applications. Other duties may arise from projects in hand.

No formal qualifications are required. We just want approachable, enthusiastic people who are able to make a small but regular commitment. Access to e-mail is essential. This is an unpaid post.

Phone Wendy Wayne (850637) for more information and an informal chat about the role.

Email address is Wendy.wayne23@btinternet.com or drop into Ivy Cottage, Buckerell.

BUCKERELL WEATHER

Buckerell's rainfall during 2016 was a bit of a roller coaster, some months being significantly above average whilst others significantly below. July was the driest individual month since the records began in January 2000 with only 10.5mm, but on 1st August we had 24mm. 21st November was the wettest day of the year with a massive 62.0mm and on 17th June, 41.0mm fell in under three hours. There were seven days when the rainfall exceeded 25mm (1inch) but by the end of the year total rainfall was 996mm which was 3.2% below the 16 year average. A very mixed picture! Temperature wise, the average maximum and minimum temperatures were slightly below the previous year but nothing significant. The warmest day of the year was 19th July with 27.2°C and the coldest 1st December with a maximum daytime temperature of 0.9°C and a minimum of -3.7°C.

The winter (December to January) with 191mm is 35% below average and a lot less than last year when we had 411mm.

The next edition of The Buckerell Bugle is due to be published at the beginning of June. We are always looking for items to include whether it be significant birthdays, anniversaries, old village photographs, bits of history about the village or its people. Also if there is some aspect of village life which you think should be covered but is missing, please let us know. Could you please e-mail any items to be included to either armourycottage@btinternet.com or roy.williams@btinternet.com by **Thursday 18th May** at the latest. Alternatively, please drop them in at Armoury Cottage.



BCA NEWS



The Christmas Fayre on December 4th was really well supported; thank you to everyone who helped organise and contributed to the event. £639 was raised with an additional £74 from the Village Post. A cheque for £394 was sent to 'Balloons', and Exeter based charity that provides support for children, young people and families before and after an expected death of someone significant in their lives.

The New Year's Eve Party was a great success as the separate article on the evening shows.

Future events include an Easter Walk on Bank holiday Monday April 17th, the Annual Boules Competition at Deer Park Farm on Sunday May 28th and Hidden Gardens on Sunday July 30th. We hope the many lovely gardens in Buckerell could be opened for all to enjoy for an afternoon. More details will follow later by email and flyer. Yet to be confirmed is a Fun Wine tasting evening in November probably the 18th.

EASTER MONDAY WALK



Please meet at the War Memorial at 11.00 a.m. with colourful Easter clothing and funny hats. For those who have not done the walk before. The walk over the Knapp to the Honiton Inn at Awliscombe takes about an hour. After refreshments, the walk to the Otter is about 45 min and then back to Buckerell after lunch. If the weather forecast for the day is bad I will let you know

VILLAGES IN ACTION

A smallish but noisy audience (armed with football rattles) were treated to an entertaining and deliberately educational evening at Doug's Shed on Friday Feb 3rd. Daredevil rides to Jarama is a multifaceted play depicting the life of Clem Beckett a brave, talented and very political showman and activist, who fought and died for the Republicans as part of the International Brigade in the bitter Spanish Civil War of 1936/37.

The first half charted his life as a mechanic, motorcycle racer and stunt rider, taking him on travels to the Continent and forging his left wing activism. The play was peppered music, puppetry and poetry, and supported by very inventive sets. It gave a real sense of English life in the 1930's, and also what it must be like to ride a motor cycle racing around the Wall of Death.

The second half centred on the Spanish Civil War, and drew us into his relationship with his wife, and also with a man called Christopher Cauldwell, who had a similar political zeal, but a very different background (as a writer, poet and aeronautical engineer). The practical man fighting alongside the thinker, a deep unexpected bond, and both dying for their cause. It was a vivid and harrowing account of passionate commitment in a desperate and divisive war.

This was an exceptional production: lively and entertaining throughout, with a cast of two energetic and multitalented performers in David Heywood and Neil Gore, who also wrote the play. They really deserve their success.

Sadly, we are unlikely to have another Townsend Production in Buckerell, or indeed any other VIA events. The VIA organization has lost the majority of its funding and this is the last season in the current format. Currently, it is uncertain if there will be any further VIA productions. **A real shame.**

POP UP RESTAURANT

After Robin Ray of the Rusty Pig, Ottery St Mary, held his Hall & Hearty' meal in Doug's shed, Tom Dalton (Doug's son) suggested we held a Pop Up Restaurant of our own at Splatthayes. It seemed like a good idea but the time wasn't right.

Only after Soo and Jen suggested it again last year did we decide we would in fact 'Give it a Go', so after several meetings discussing Menus, timings, décor and of course copious meals (with the odd tippie), the plan finally was hatched and made a reality. Our trial run was of course the New Year's Eve sit down meal which was well received by the local villagers and this gave us confidence for our first PopUp event held on Saturday 18th February 2017.

We tried to create an informal welcoming effect by zoning the lounge and dining areas with soft drapes, lighting and music. Jackie and Adrian were front of house, meeting, greeting and entertaining, whilst like a well oiled machine, Doug, Soo & Jen were in the engine room producing the delicious meal, for the prebooked Guests (Guinea Pigs!).

Everything seemed to go smoothly and from the feedback forms (courtesy of Adrian) the clientele was most impressed with the meal and ambiance of the evening.

Doug & Adrian would like to thank everyone involved and those who attended our inaugural PopUp. We would also appreciate any comments from neighbours or locals who did not attend, particularly if they have any concerns over the creation of our PopUp, as we would in no way wish to cause any inconvenience or annoyance. Our aim is to hold no more than 4 similar events per year, depending on demand and the availability of the shed. Numbers will always be limited and more information will follow.

The next event is scheduled for **Saturday 12th August 2017** so make a note in your diaries and keep an eye out for flyers! Anyone who is already interested in attending the next event, please email Doug & Adrian direct, doug.cowan@btinternet.com or phone **01404 850464**, so your details can be noted and you can be contacted nearer the time.

BUCKERELL DIARY DATES

26 TH MARCH	MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE	THE CHURCH	10.00 A.M.
1 ST & 2 ND APRIL	CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD CLEAR UP	THE CHURCH	10.00 A.M.
16 TH APRIL	EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE FOLLOWED BY EASTER EGG HUNT	THE CHURCH	11.15 A.M.
17 TH APRIL	EASTER WALK	START AT THE WAR MEMORIAL	11.00 A.M.
24 TH APRIL	ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS	THE CHURCH	7.25 P.M.
26 TH APRIL	ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	DOUG'S SHED	7.00 P.M.
28 TH MAY	BUCKERELL BOULES	DEER PARK FARM	12.00 TO 4.00 P.M.
21 ST JUNE	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	DOUG'S SHED	7.00 P.M.
15 TH JULY	FETE AND BBQ	SPLATTHAYES	2.00 P.M. ONWARDS
30 TH JULY	BUCKERELL HIDDEN GARDENS	TBC	TBC

NOTICEBOARD

Congratulations

Steve & Angie Triner celebrate their 20th Wedding Anniversary in March. Since getting married in Florida in 1997 they have spent the last 13 years living in Buckerell.



Laurence Wayne

Thank you so much to everyone who supported me in my snorkelling trip over the Knapp. I managed to raise an incredible £340.62 out of everyone's generosity! All of the money raised will be going to the Goodwill Orphanage in Kerala, Tamil Nadu. The 14 students going (me included), from my school, are heading over to India for 12 days in October, where we will take everything we have raised with us to the Orphanage.

Thanks again to everyone, Laurence Wayne

Adrian and Doug would like to inform the neighbours that live near Splatthayes of the following event.

Tom (Doug's son) is getting married at Buckerell church on April 22nd and following that will be having the reception and evening do at Splatthayes. There will of course be some noise but we will try and keep it to a minimum and to hope you will not be disturbed too much. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

Josh Cade from Buckerell House had his first taste of professional theatre when he took part in the Northcott Theatre's production of Peter Pan during December. Josh played a Lost Boy and understudied the part of John, working with professional actors playing the adult roles, including Kerry Peers (Captain Hook) who used to be in The Bill. A huge amount of work went into the production, which ran until New Year's Eve. Josh also had his mock GCSEs and a drum exam in the same month!



BUCKERELL VILLAGE E-MAIL

The village e-mail system has been running successfully now for over 10 years providing details of village events, roadworks, weather, minutes of meetings from the Parish Council and the Buckerell Community Association plus other items of news etc. It is also a way for villagers to contact other villagers about various things e.g. problems with deliveries going missing, looking to borrow a particular tool or having an item for sale.

If you are not currently subscribed to the e-mail list and would like to be, please send your e-mail address to:

richard@reeve-consultancy.co.uk.

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