

# COMING SOON . . . . .

"The Adventures of Perseus"

BOOK NOW!

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Doug's Shed at 7.30pm. Tickets (£7 & £5) now from Corinne Barham, 850307 or Hazel Galling, 42920

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Doug's Shed at 7.30pm. All parishioners welcome.

BCA Meeting

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

7.00pm at The Otter. Everyone is very welcome.

War in the Shed

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May

See article.

Walk

May or June TBC

Either a walk to see the bluebells in May or a Summer Solstice walk on 21<sup>st</sup> June. We will let you know.

# COMING LATER . . . . .

Buckerell Church Fete

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Charabanc Trip ... subject to sufficient numbers

August

Boules Competition

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Apple Day ... we are hiring in an apple press

October

Quiz Night

November

The BCA currently has £2013 in the kitty

**SShhh!** but a little birdie told me at the New Year's Eve Party that the next BATS village play, "The Good, the Bad and the Cuddly", may be back on for later this year. It was only a rumour then, but now it's in the Bugle it must be true! Let's hope so.

## Buckerell Bugle on Facebook

Steve Baker (Splatthayes Cottage) has done a great job setting up the Bugle page on Facebook. Steve looks after the page regularly adding village events and news. If you have a Facebook account and visit and "like" the Bugle page you can add your comments to it and receive automatic notifications when something new is posted. People are already using it to post photos, ask questions, exchange stuff etc. Come and join in.

[www.facebook.com/home.php#!/BuckerellBugle](http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/BuckerellBugle)

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Bugle. Next one due in May – anything you would like to include to [David.Wayne@care4free.net](mailto:David.Wayne@care4free.net) or Ivy Cottage by the end of April. If you would like an email copy let me know.

and the last word . . . . .

A married man should forget his mistakes.

There's no use in two people remembering the same thing.



## Some great BCA events

The Villages in Action production, 'Crazy Little Thing Called Love', came to Doug's Shed at the end of November. With about 80 in the audience the show was an outstanding success. How we all laughed at the simple but brilliant sketches, some of which involved brave, although somewhat coerced, villagers. There was Jo Gillingham and Steve Baker honking a horn and ringing a bell as their first romantic liaison was re-enacted by Ken and Barbie dolls. The very brave Jane Vanstone being chatted up by a love struck and persistent Frenchman and Corinne Barham having to move the two live 'puppets' around the stage. All highly amusing; we were all laughing so much we were crying!



The **Christmas Bazaar** has been taking place at Doug's for quite a few years now, and is beginning to feel like a Christmas tradition. This year everyone excelled themselves, great games, superb festive craft stall, plenty of cakes and refreshments and we run out of mulled wine way before the raffle finished! A bumper year for takings, the sum of £457.24 has gone to the BCA. Thank you everyone.

**Santa's Christmas Post** saw a record number of cards with £37.30 being raised for Millwater School.

Around eighty people made it to Buckerell's **New Year's Eve party** which was an outstanding success. Excellent decorations made the party atmosphere and the brilliant Tuesday's Child played again live "in da Shed". Some of the dancing styles added even more entertainment to the evening! A big thank you for all those helped make the party happen on the day and to the BCA for allowing the sub-committee to have so much fun organising the event. The evening added £153 to village funds and will hopefully go towards subsidising a Charabanc trip in the summer.

After the night before, 25 hardy souls (and five dogs) still made it onto the **Hair of the Dog Walk** the next day. Over the top to the confusingly named but very welcoming Honiton Inn at Awliscombe and then onwards for the annual cheesy chips pilgrimage to the Otter at Weston.

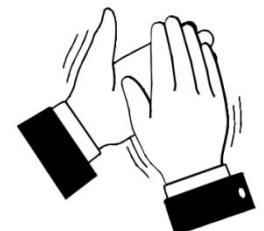
Buckerell's inaugural **Whist Drive** took place on 9th February attracting 32 players of various abilities

from complete beginner to cunning card shark. Once the rules were grasped and a light supper consumed, competition was strong and the game kept sociable by moving players around the tables as they won. Champagne and chocolates went to the two top players Di and Corinne, but there was no wooden spoon award despite there being a clear (but nameless) winner of that category! Thanks go to everybody who attended and contributed to a successful evening. A small profit was donated to the BCA, and feedback was good so the event will no doubt be repeated at a later date.

*Looking at the above events it is worth remembering that few of them would be possible without the continued generosity of Doug and Adrian in making their wonderful shed available to the village at minimal cost. Thanks again guys.*

## No2 Butts Cottages

We are delighted to let you know that the enforced sale action on the property has successfully gone through. We are now awaiting a date for the auction from EDDC Property Services. Any advance on a fiver?





## Buckerell Weather

Many of you will have been interested in David Steele-Perkin's (Glebe Farmhouse) regular rainfall updates via the village email. In this edition of the Bugle you will find enclosed his complete figures for the last 13 years.

We knew that 2012 was an exceptionally wet year and here is the proof for Buckerell. The year had a total of 1496 mls – that's an incredible 146% of the recorded 13 year average (1018.6 mls) and it was the wettest year in the 13 year period. However, perhaps we had it coming, as 2011 (826mls) and 2010 (809mls) were two of the three driest years David recorded. Readers may remember that in 2010 and 2011 there were many grey drizzly days which spoiled the summer but did not yield much rain. We may feel that we get more rain nowadays but the figures show that our rainfall fluctuates and there has not been a steady increase leading up to the 2012 deluge. Now, no doubt, with two weeks of no meaningful rain, it must mean that we are due for a hosepipe ban! *Thanks David*

## Potholes

The best way to report potholes in the road to Devon County Highways is via their website. Go to [www.devon.gov.uk/road\\_maintenance.htm](http://www.devon.gov.uk/road_maintenance.htm) and simply pinpoint the problem on the interactive map by following the instructions for reporting a pothole. The more of you that report them then the quicker they are likely to get repaired.

## Church News

Christmas seems a distant memory but the Carol service held on Wednesday December 19th was a very happy start to the season. The adult readers presented the Nativity Story whilst the children illustrated it with a tableau. We were rather short of children to play kings and shepherds so two of the fathers stepped in to save the day. Our thanks to all who took part especially David Wayne and Scott Grant.

We continue to hold family services, open to anyone who would like to attend. The children contribute a lot to these services which are informal and inclusive - so don't be shy give us a try, we would be delighted to see you. Usually these family services are held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 10.00 a.m., but it will be different in March as Mothering Sunday falls on the 10th and we have therefore moved the service. We hope to see as many families as possible.

Easter is early this year, March 31st, which is also the day that British Summertime starts. There will be a Family Eucharist at 11.15am followed by the usual Easter Egg Hunt.

*Patricia Craig-Macquaide and Penny Mear, Churchwardens*

## Flowers for Easter

Would any of you – young or old, male or female - like to join a happy, amateur band of "florists" decorate Buckerell Church for Easter? Any donation of flowers and garden greenery will also be appreciated. We will be working in Church on Saturday 30th March am/pm. Please come along, the more the merrier. Ann Williams (Coach House), 850082, is the contact



## MASTERS CLEANING SERVICE

General House Cleaning, Oven Cleaning and Ironing Service

Contact: **Ailsa Masters** (Orchard Farm)  
Mob: 07934 488348  
Email: [ailsamasters@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ailsamasters@hotmail.co.uk)

## Poppy Appeal 2012

The annual vote of thanks to the people of Buckerell for their continuing support for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. £ 365 .51 was raised in the village, and Gift Aid added a further £101.50, which makes Gift Aid so worthwhile. Thank you once again, Buckerell, for helping RBL with all their welfare and benevolent work.

## Parish Council

Great news. Following the appeal for new people in the last Bugle there was considerable interest and two new councillors have been appointed. The PC welcomes Ryan Knight of Wallnook Cottage and Stuart Bader of the Old Post Office. There is also a new parish clerk – Heloise Marlow of West Wing, Buckerell House (851470).

Please remember that the Parish Council welcomes input from all villagers to its meetings at Doug's Shed. You can have your say. Every PC meeting has a slot set aside for public questions. If you do not wish to attend in person, by contacting the clerk, you can have a question asked or have an item added to the agenda to be discussed. The only provisos are that agenda items are needed at least 7 days prior to the meeting and that the PC cannot consider any anonymous correspondence.

The next meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> March, please come along.

## Walk for Steve update

An astounding £3,700+ has now been raised in memory of Steve Mear. FORCE and Marie Curie Cancer Care will be so appreciative, as are we. Thank you all. *Penny and Rebecca Mear*

## War in da Shed

### "MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU"

Following the Shakespeare in the Shed event a further evening of all things, this time, war related will take place on Saturday 4th May at 7.30 to 10.00pm in Doug's Shed. The evening will comprise of comedy sketches, poems, songs, speeches and commentary all related to wars both real and fictitious e.g. Star Wars. Each performance will last 8 minutes and there will be an interval when tea and coffee will be available.

If you would like to perform as either an individual or group or for more information please contact:  
Crispin Denny - 850841 (Home) or Mob: 07968 505525  
Email – [info@cdarchitects.co.uk](mailto:info@cdarchitects.co.uk)

## Suma Wholefoods Co-operative

Jacqui Chamberlain (8 Orchard Farm, 851153) organises a Suma order for the village every two months. Several people are already involved in the scheme but Jacqui would welcome more of you. The larger order she is able to put in and the single delivery point attracts a discount on the usual Suma RRP. Have a look at the Suma website to see what they do and give Jacqui a ring or email [1is@talktalk.net](mailto:1is@talktalk.net)

## Mobile Library Service

The mobile library stops at the Memorial every other Wednesday (currently same week as big bin collection) from 4.30-5.15pm. Very helpful service and a good selection of books and DVDs (including a children's selection). Free reservations – reserve online and collect from the bus.

## TOP 20 QUIZ

Can you figure out the 20 pop groups from the clues? For example:

Her Majesty ..... Queen  
 Picture House tune .....Roxy Music

1. Year Quarters
2. Both of you
3. Silhouettes
4. Sad fur coat
5. Hamlet humans
6. Nookie guns
7. Dark Sunday
8. Insanity
9. Warm galaxy
10. East End Revolutionary
11. Nun toboggan
12. Throttlers
13. Unemployment card
14. Merlin
15. Plasters
16. Gorgeous confederacy
17. Revolver & flowers
18. Prosperous city vermin
19. Spinning rocks
20. First man insect

Answers on Facebook and Memorial noticeboard soon.



