

# THE BUCKERELL BUGLE

WINTER 2011

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Kick off the festive season at this year's Christmas Bazaar which starts at 3.00 p.m. in Doug's Shed at Splatthayes. Come along for a glass of mulled wine or tea and coffee and a mince pie.

There will be cakes and produce, a raffle, Christmas gifts & crafts, toys and games together with some festive music.

Donations are needed for the stalls and raffle prizes, if you have anything, please drop off at 6 Orchard Farm or Ivy Cottage by 10th December. If you want any more information or would like to help in any way please call Jenny on 851353 or Wendy on 850637 .



## BUCKERELL CHRISTMAS POST

Don't go to the effort of delivering your Christmas cards around Buckerell - we'll do it for you! Simply post your cards for friends in the village into Splatthayes letterbox (Doug's front door) from the 1st to the 11th of December and we will deliver them for you. Bring them with you to the Bazaar if you haven't done them before.



Cards will be sorted on Sunday 11th December at the Bazaar and we will deliver them around the main village that evening. Cards for outlying homes will be delivered the next day. Minimum donation of 10p per card please. Proceeds will go to Mill Water School in Honiton.



*All cards must have persons name and house name/number. Delivery area bounded by The Lodge on Hembury Lane, Buckerell Cross towards Feniton and Russets towards Weston.*

## BUCKERELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Our thanks to Wendy Wayne and Jenny Pleasants for organizing the Christmas Bazaar on Sunday 11th December, which I am sure will be a great success as usual. Don't forget the Buckerell Christmas Post collection, too!

As there has been no response to our request in the autumn edition of The Bugle, for other people to organize future BCA events, there is nothing planned at the moment except the Diamond Jubilee Celebration in 2012. Your offers of help will be appreciated in the spring, as the level of activities will depend on the number of people prepared to get directly involved.

The BCA would like to thank all those who have helped with BCA events in any way during 2011, we can only keep going with your enthusiastic support. Here's to a successful 2012.

Steve Mear

## NOTICEBOARD

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Decorating of the church for Christmas will take place on Monday &amp; Tuesday 19th &amp; 20th December, Valerie Pratt (Broadlands) would appreciate any assistance on these days.</li><li>Somebody left behind a garden fork with a green handle after the churchyard clear up on 29th October, is it yours?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On the weekend of November 18-20th a number of empty beer cans were found near the green garden seat in the church yard. In addition a small amount of cannabis was found and because of this the Police were informed. <b>Please</b> use the bin outside the lychgate.</li></ul>
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**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO EVERYONE IN BUCKERELL**

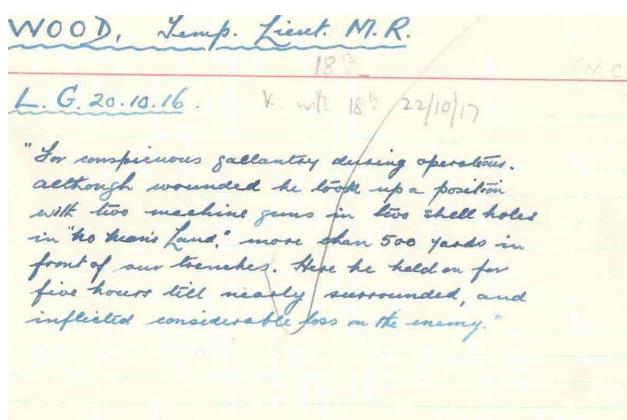


The two large brass candlesticks on the altar in Buckerell church are dedicated to the memory of Captain Matthew Rodney Wood who died in WW1. The following information, researched by Steve Mear, gives us a good idea of how much is owed to men like Captain Wood in defence of our country.

Captain Wood's parents lived at The Manor House in Weston, although the family originated from Durham and according to the 1911 Census, they were living in Newport, Monmouthshire. Matthew Wood served in France with the Lancashire Fusiliers, 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, from 29<sup>th</sup> January 1916 until he was killed on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1917 aged twenty-one. The Lancashire Fusiliers were previously known as the 20<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot and were founded in Exeter in 1668 and then known as the East Devonshire Regiment until 1881.

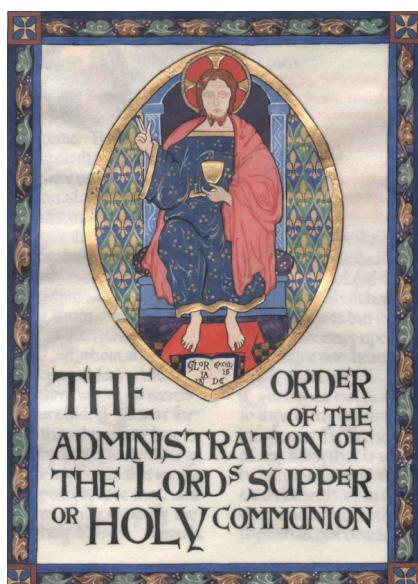
Matthew Wood was awarded the Military Cross, the victory medal and the British war medal all of which were applied for by his father in 1922.

In 1916 at the Battle of the Somme, Lieutenant M R Wood, though wounded, established two Lewis guns in two shell holes, with the help of Lance Corporal Plant and twelve men. For these actions he was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry. The citation for the Military Cross is shown below and reads as follows:



Picture from The Lancashire Fusiliers' Annual 1918 - Roll of Honour

"For conspicuous gallantry during operations, although wounded he took up a position with two machine guns in two shell holes in 'no man's land', more than 500 yards in front of our trenches. Here he held on for five hours till nearly surrounded and inflicted considerable loss on the enemy."



In October 1917 he was involved in the 3rd Battle of Ypres, commanding X Company in the Battle of Cambrai in Houthulst Forest, the company advanced but moved too far away from the adjoining units. Whilst trying to re-establish contact with the other units, the company were outflanked by the Germans and suffered numerous casualties, it was during this time that Captain Wood was killed.

Captain Wood's name is included on the Tyne Cot Memorial which means that no body which could be identified as his, was ever found.

The Tyne Cot Memorial is one of four memorials in Flanders at Zonnebeke that now bears the names of 35,000 officers and men whose graves are not known.

Captain Wood's sister, Ruth Mary Wood presented the church with an illuminated book containing the Communion Service and collects for Christmas, Easter, Ascension Day, Whitsunday and the Feast of the Trinity. She completed the work to the memory of her brother in 1921.

The family's connection with Buckerell Church goes further, Captain Wood's mother, Elizabeth was buried in the churchyard in 1936.

## POPPY APPEAL

Once again a big thank you to everyone in the village for their support of the Royal British Legion and all its works. The collections raised £312.77, of which £83.00 will be Gift Aided, an extra bonus for RBL funds. Your presence at the War Memorial and in church Remembrance Sunday is always appreciated. Thank you all.



## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

Our Harvest Festival Service in September was a joint event with the other churches within the Honiton Team and we were pleased to have the church so full. The children told and illustrated the story of The Sower, and a variety of readings and hymns completed a lay-led Songs of Praise. The auction of produce held at Armoury Cottage raised £253.45, the church collection was donated to R.A.B.I., The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. Thanks are due to all those who provided food for the supper and to everyone who helped decorate the church.



On October 4th interviews took place at the rectory in Honiton to find a replacement for the Reverend Allan Sheath. Mrs Jane Lankester has been appointed and will be licensed on February 15th at St. Paul's by Bishop Bob Evans. She will be resident at Awliscombe Vicarage.

On Saturday 15th October a group of people from Buckerell joined others from Awliscombe and Combe Raleigh for the annual Parish Breakfast at The Otter Inn. Lester, Charlie and their staff served a really good breakfast.

A team from Buckerell, competed in the Honiton Team Skittles

Competition held at Feniton Bowling Club. We did better than last year coming third.

On Thursday 27th October, a short service was held in the churchyard for the burial of Cynny's ashes in the grave of her husband.

Saturday 29th October saw the annual churchyard clear up - thank you to all those who gave up their time to help. Our Carol Service is on Wednesday 21st December at 6.30 p.m. and we hope to see as many people as possible. There will be mince pies, tea and coffee afterwards.

Although a new vicar has been appointed, it will be some time before the patterns of service return to normal so please continue to use the Parish Magazine and the two church noticeboards for information. Alternatively phone the churchwardens.

There will be no service at Buckerell on Christmas Day, instead there will be a joint service at Awliscombe at 11.15 a.m. conducted by Bishop Bob.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported the church in whatever way throughout the year and we wish everyone a Happy Christmas

*Patricia Craig-Macquaide and Penny Mear  
Churchwardens*

## PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November the resignation of David Wayne as both chairman of The Parish Council and as a councillor was announced. David has been actively involved with the council in a variety of roles over the past 10 years and has decided that it is time to give someone else the opportunity to get involved. We are extremely grateful for his outstanding contribution to the working of the council and he will be sadly missed. He will however continue with the plastics collection. Details of how the vacancy for a councillor will be filled will be issued in due course.

The meeting was chaired by Sonya Gallantree (vice chair), the main items of discussion revolved around planning, roads and the village noticeboard.

It seems likely that a 30mph speed limit will finally be introduced throughout the village by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. The question of flooding on the roads was also discussed and this is now being followed up.

It was agreed that a new noticeboard would be purchased and it is hope to have it in place early in the New Year. Full details of the meeting are included in the minutes which are displayed on the village noticeboard, however if you would like to receive your own copy via e-mail, please contact Richard Reeve by e-mail using the following address : [clerk@buckerell.eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@buckerell.eastdevon.gov.uk)

We would remind villagers that Parish Council meetings are open to the public and that questions can be asked in person during the appropriate section of the meeting. Alternatively questions can be put in writing and will be raised provided they are received by the clerk 5 days before the meeting.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 p.m. in Doug's Shed, Splatthayes.

*Sonya Gallantree  
Vice Chair*

## **VILLAGE LIBRARY**

Since the library was started in the telephone box, Ross Scarratt has been looking after its day to day running, however Ross and Sheila are shortly moving out of the village and we need someone to take this over. If you are interested please contact Sonya Gallantree on 850062.

We would also like to express our thanks to Ross for all his efforts not just with the library but also with maintenance of the Parish Pump and also helping with Plastics Collection. We wish Ross and Sheila every happiness in their new home.

At Easter time 2012 it is hoped to hold an open day centred around the church which will include an exhibition of photographs and as much about the history of Buckerell as we can gather. However we need your help – old photographs, newspaper cuttings or just memories from family and older members of the village, would all add to our knowledge so please get your thinking caps on!! Can you please let Richard Reeve have any items which he will then scan on to his computer and then return the originals . The day is planned to be an event for the whole village , more details later to follow in the new year.

## **BUCKERELL WEATHER FACTS**

The rainfall (with 11 year average in brackets) for September was 66mls (51.8), October 90mls (124) and November 81mls (120). Of the 11 months so far in 2011, three have been wetter and eight drier than the 11 year average.

The 11 year average for the 11 months is 892mls so far this year we have had 728mls. 2011 however is unlikely to be the driest year as during the whole of 2003 only 747mls fell. My guess is that by the time you read this at least 28mls will have fallen in December.

*David Steele-Perkins - Glebe Farm*

## **2 BUTTS COTTAGE**

We have been assured by East Devon District Council that action is being taken regarding this property, regrettably however we are still unable to provide you with any definitive information as to what will be done and by when. As soon as there is something to report we will let you know.

**COMING SOON . . . . .**  
**Buckerell Events**

### **SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

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

### **WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER - CAROL SERVICE**

6.30 p.m. in the church followed by tea, coffee and mince pies

### **WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**COMING LATER . . . . .**

### **Diamond Jubilee Celebration**

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

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