



The Buckerell

# BUGLE



## ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Living in a village it is sometimes too easy to overlook what our youngsters are up to in their spare time and during school holidays. Oh to be young again!



Georgina Pratt qualified for the Mini Show Jumping Championships at Bicton, she had a fantastic day finishing Team 1<sup>st</sup> and individual 4<sup>th</sup> out of 94. She was riding for East Devon Pony Club. She also qualified for the dressage at the Regional Championships also held at Bicton she was unplaced but had a great day.



Will Goodall has had a successful cricket season, playing with Devon County cricket under 13s and also Sidmouth under 13s. He was awarded the leading wicket taker in the Sidmouth team at the recent presentation evening and has just completed the annual Devon cricket trials, so we look forward to hearing if he will be picked for winter training with the County cricket team again this year.



Martha Goodall has just successfully completed her Duke of Edinburgh bronze award. A couple of the activities required to achieve this award over the past 12 months included committing to volunteering (Martha fulfilled hers at The Donkey Sanctuary in the Donkey Assisted Training section) and completing an unaccompanied weekend walking and camping trip, when she and her fellow students, successfully navigated a route and walked over 24 miles in 2 days! All good training for the Ten Tors expedition, which she hopes to be chosen for next May.



Xanthe Wright has been taking part in Tae kwon-Do and recently attended her first grading so she now holds a white belt blue

Euan Wright has achieved 3rd place in his first ever archery competition.



Edward Pratt came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior Handler Class at Honiton Show. He was handling / leading one of Nicky Lockyer's calves. Thanks to Chris and Nicky for turning out the calf to such a high standard!



For 2 weeks of the summer holidays Rowan Hewitt had the opportunity to travel to Luxembourg with Ottery St Mary Scout troop travelling through France, Germany and Belgium. He had a great time, with highlights including a trip to Bastogne to learn all about the 1st Airbourne division activities during WW2, plus sampling delicious waffles in Belgium.



Good luck to Fran Cade who is off to Winchester University to Study Film Production.

Well done to Josh Cade who has secured a place at university. He is taking a year out travelling around Europe and then will Study music.



Sebastian Marlow recently spent a week at the Renault Formula 1 works gaining valuable work experience. During the rest of the holidays he was to be found working at the Nigel Mansell race-track in Dunkeswell



## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

Our Open Morning at church on June 23 was well supported , with displays and activities. On the day there was a chance to ring the bells, try being a stone mason, play the reed organ, look in the vestry at some interesting historical boards and of course, as this is Buckerell, eat cake !

We would be delighted to have your help in keeping the church at the heart of the community in various ways , so do get in touch if you have not already signed up at the Open Morning. It does need your input and volunteering with all sorts of possible activities. For example, would anybody like to help with selling poppies for Royal British Legion, ready for Remembrance Sunday on November 10 this year?

The cycle of life has been in evidence in recent months in the church. There was a Baptism for Stephen David Wellington and a Blessing of Marriage for Helen and Ian Howard – both very happy occasions. Sadly there was also the funeral of Valerie Pratt of Broadlands.

St Giles 's Day was another enjoyable day in our church calendar and so that you don't miss it, please put the date for the Carol Service on your calendar or in your diary. This year we are trialling a late Sunday afternoon, after the schools have finished term, so we hope everyone will feel relaxed and able to stay for the traditional mulled wine and mince pies after the carol singing. It is Sunday December 22 at 4 p.m.



"Accept the things to which fate binds you, and love the people with whom fate brings you together, but do so with all your heart."

— Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*

There is a sense in which the words fate and fete are interchangeable. The lovely people of Buckerell are more than accepting of our **ANNUAL FETE**, and of course we do love the people with whom (the) fete brings us together. In the week before the Buckerell fete there was some wet and windy weather. We were on tenterhooks. Would we have to hold the event IN the Shed? How could that possibly work? But on the day – sunshine, with a gusty breeze that upturned one gazebo and sent our guest singers music and words sailing. Everybody pitched in though and made sure that the afternoon went with a swing. There seemed a constant flow through the gates once cars had been manoeuvred through the challenging tight entrance to the field next door.

If you were involved in any way in helping on the day, then my warmest thanks go to you. If you were just there to support us by spending your money, then special thanks to you as well, and I hope that you really enjoyed the stalls, the folk dance, the folk singer, and especially the cream teas.



And the winner of 'who can fly a gazebo' was Val Pratt on the raffle stall.

### BUCKERELL CHURCH QUESTIONNAIRES

A big thank you to all of you who filled out the questionnaires relating to our Church at the Open Day and the Fete.

The responses were overwhelmingly in favour of keeping the Church as a focal point in the village. Peoples' reasons varied, and can be summarised as seeing it as the spiritual, social and historical landmark for the community.

There was enthusiastic support for using the Church in a more imaginative way. Activities suggested included Choir Practice, Centre for the Arts, Poetry Reading, Technology for the Elderly, Discussion Groups, Coffee Mornings, Concerts and Activities for Children - these are only a few of the suggestions.

There was almost unanimous support for the installation of a toilet - which becomes ever more relevant if we wish to see the Church hosting a greater variety of interests.

Crucially, if we are to expand the use of the Church, we need people to get involved. We all have to " put our money ( or our bodies) where our mouths are ".

We have had many offers of support, with people giving their telephone numbers to be contacted. They will be receiving a call, hopefully quite soon. If you would like to be part of a team to help set up and run any of the activities suggested - or one of your suggestion - please contact Jan on 01404 850347 . We need to gauge which activities will get consistent and reliable support, and may well be requesting more information from you by way of further questionnaires.

### FROM THE TREASURER OF ST MARY & ST GILES.

I just want to say a big 'Thank You' to many of our village residents who support Buckerell Church through giving regular donations via standing order from their Bank account. Your contributions are a huge support to the PCC, and are invaluable in helping us meet the costs of general maintenance, and building & churchyard upkeep. As with any old building, there is a constant list of needs just to keep this historic building safe and useable, and also a 'wishlist' of ideas which would help make this special part of our village more accessible, energy efficient and in step with needs of the modern world.

There are many different ideas about faith, and many demands on our finances, but to all of you who are simply supporting our lovely 700 year old church THANK YOU. Wendy Wayne, Treasurer

On Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> Valerie Pratt of Broadlands died after a long and brave struggle with illness. We think of her family, John and daughters Louise, Julia and Bronia at this sad time. The funeral was held at Buckerell church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, to which Valerie arrived and departed from in a splendid horse drawn carriage of which she would have heartily approved. Valerie was a member of the PCC over many years and was also active in several other organisations, she will be sadly missed by all who knew her.



## NEWS FROM THE BUCKERELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (BCA)

Despite the lack of a permanent chairman there has been no shortage of input and suggestions for future events. It was unfortunate that Buckerell's Apple Day planned for 13th October, at Deer Park Farm was postponed until next year. The only equipment available was from Ugborough near Ivybridge and then for only twenty four hours and the logistics could not be sorted out. We wish to thank Ron Galling for offering to host the event.



On a more positive note **THE EVENING IN CONCERT WITH JIM CAUSLEY** was a great success. Jim is a multi award winning singer-songwriter, folk musician and proud Devonian. Jim's unique delivery of Devonian folk songs and humorous stories of Devon life made for a relaxed and most enjoyable evening. Many Thanks to Sue and Ian Tucker who organized and managed the event and to the helpers who made it possible.



Julie Hellarell is organising the annual **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** to be held on 1st December in Doug's Shed. Mulled wine and mince pies will be on sale, a children's table for creative fingers and competitions will include Guess the weight of the cake, name the Fairy and of course the Christmas raffle. Proceeds for this event are shared between a charity of the organisers choice and the BCA.



Julie is also hosting a Christmas Craft Working Party at the Round House on 5th October in preparation for the Fayre.



The Otter Inn was once a Cider House and every January the villagers would have taken part in a **WASSAIL CEREMONY**. This involved amongst other things throwing Cider over the local apple trees and drinking from a Wassail cup. Buckerell Community Association and Deer Park Country House are working together to resurrect the tradition. It will be held on Friday January 10th at Deer Park House 6pm - 8pm. Jim Causley will lead the musicians. Tickets available from mid November. £5 for pizza and cider/apple juice and the Wassail cup. This will be an outdoor event.. More information in November.

The **VILLAGE QUIZ** returns in February 2020 to Doug's Shed.

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council would like to welcome our most recent recruit, Chris Jacob, which increases our number to five Parish Councillors.

At our last Parish Council meeting, held on 18<sup>th</sup> September, individual councillor portfolios were agreed as:

Claire Slater Chair, Planning and Snow Warden  
Geoff Wright Vice-chair, Ditches and Drains  
Dave Bowen - Highways  
Ron Galling Planning  
Chris Jacob Police Liaison and Footpaths

Ian Tucker – Parish Clerk – supports the Parish Council including maintaining and updating the website, preparing and publishing meeting agendas and minutes as well as looking after the council finances

Please do look at our parish council website [www.buckerellparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.buckerellparishcouncil.co.uk) which is a useful source of information, how to contact councillors as well as information about past and future meetings,

## BUCKERELL'S AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR(AED)

It was in the winter of 2017 when Wendy Wayne first broached the idea all having an AED in Buckerell. A consultation leaflet was delivered to every household in the village and the responses were all positive.

Funding for the AED through a Big Lottery Grant was fairly straightforward. The challenge was where to site it. As there are no community buildings in the village, it has to be outside in the elements. It needs an electrical supply to keep the pads at the optimum temperature. It also made sense to situate it in the most populated part of the village and one that is central to peripheral areas in the parish. The Parochial Church Council agreed to accommodate the AED in the churchyard, behind the noticeboard by the North Gate. According to our partners, the charity, the Community Heartbeat Trust(CHBT) it is not uncommon to have an AED sited on church buildings or in the churchyard, where options are limited. We have tried to achieve the siting in this position, as sensitive way as possible.

The defibrillator's location is linked in with the Ambulance Service and the device has a tracker. The Trust will be continuing to support us for 5 years.

The second training session is to be held on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7 pm in Doug's Shed. This will be delivered by a trainer from the Community Heartbeat Trust so please come along and learn how to use this piece of lifesaving equipment.



## BUCKERELL DIARY DATES

October 5th	Open Craft Day	The Round House	1.00–4.00pm.
October 10th	Defibrillator training session	Doug's Shed	7.00pm
October 15th	HMC Team Skittles	Feniton Bowls Club	7.00pm
November 10th	Remembrance Service	The War Memorial	10.50 am
November 13th	Parish Council meeting	Doug's Shed	7.00pm.
November 28th	BCA Meeting	Doug's Shed	7.00pm
December 1st	Christma Fayre	Doug's Shed	2.00–4.00pm
December 8th	Christingle	Church	10.00 am
December 22nd	Carol Service	Church	4.00pm
December 25th	Christmas Day Service	Church	10.00 am
January 10th 2020	Wassailing	Deer Park Country House	6.00– 8.00pm
February 2020	Village Quiz		TBA
March 5th 2020	BCA Meeting	Doug's Shed	7.00pm
March 29th	Afternoon High Tea	Doug's Shed	TBA

### CONGRATULATIONS



Jon, Becky and Stevie along with the God Parents at the Baptism of Stephen David Wellington (Grandson of Penny)

To Helen and Ian Howard for the Blessing of their marriage and for becoming new grandparents to Arthur Jack Hodgson



To Tom and Chris Gabriel on becoming grandparents for the first time. Baby Douglas is the son of Matt and Helen Atkinson

Happy Birthday (belated) to Geoffrey Wright who celebrated his 70th in April.



Wendy Wayne's scone with a hint of honey that won first prize at the Honiton Show

### WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE

DAN HOLLOWAY who has moved into Meadowside Cottage

### FUNDING TO HELP TACKLE LONELINESS IN EAST DEVON

We are delighted to announce that TRIP Community Transport has been awarded £18,000 for an exciting new project, taking our established Honiton Befriending Scheme out to rural areas. This project has been made possible by an award from Postcode Community Trust, a grant-giving charity funded entirely by players of People's Postcode Lottery.

With this amazing funding, TRIP will work to breakdown the cycle of loneliness and rural age-related isolation, encouraging individuals to become more active in their community, by matching befriender to befriended. We will provide accessible transport, supporting befrienders to engage in rural areas and activities, establishing a guided friendship in the befriendees own homes. The idea being to support the befriended's future engagement with other community activities such as Community Hubs, Mum & Toddler Groups, Memory Cafes, 'Men in Sheds' etc. We will work alongside established Community Groups, supporting these relationships. The aim is to encourage more people, through TRIP's community transport provision, to enable them to take part in and enjoy local groups and events.

TRIP Befriending, by working alongside multi-agency groups, will be promoting our project through all media and networking. We will be starting to recruit, train, supervise and mentor both volunteer befrienders and drivers for this project. This is an inclusive, intergenerational & integrated project supporting people of all ages to interact and engage with each other for the benefit of the entire community.

*Carole has been befriending for seven years and enjoys it immensely. She said: "The best thing is that the Befriendees all say they enjoy the company and being able to talk to someone. I have lots of very good memories from my experience over the years and I am still enjoying visiting people. It is wonderful to walk on Honiton High Street and meet so many people out and about who may not have had the opportunity to do that were it not for their Befriender. TRIP Befriending service is 100% important because it gives people the opportunity to talk candidly to people who aren't their family."*

We are looking to start working more closely with Feniton and Dunkeswell from August. If you are interested in more information about this project, please call in or contact Janine 07841525646 or Sharon 01460 46529 or [befriending@tripcta.org](mailto:befriending@tripcta.org).