



The Buckerell BUGLE



BUCKERELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (BCA): looking back at 2019 and looking forward 2020

2019 was another great year for the BCA; producing a number of different events for all members of our community to enjoy.

WINTER: We welcomed the New Year in with the annual, bracing, Hair of the Dog walk on NY Day. In February, our brains were well and truly tested at the fun-tastic Village Quiz Night : repeated very successfully this year too!

SPRING: Two very different events in May. At the beginning of the month there was an opportunity to gather at the War Memorial to buy plants for your garden; whilst at the end of the month, a competitive test of skill at Buckerell's Annual Boules Tournament, was on display at Deer Park Farm.

SUMMER: The post Fete BBQ in July, as usual, was thoroughly enjoyed by many villagers, their family & friends. As the summer holidays drew to a close, our spirits were lifted by a fun evening of music with local folk singer Jim Causley.

AUTUMN/WINTER: We have a great number of artisans/crafters in our village. Some of these came together in October for an enjoyable afternoon of craft at The Roundhouse, Orchards Farm. This kicked off the lead up to December's Buckerell Christmas Fayre. The Fayre was extremely well supported and many of those who were there, soaked up the Christmassy atmosphere with a mince pie and delicious glass of mulled wine. Grateful thanks to the following people that have headed up all of these wonderful events: David Wayne, Terry Halls, John & Clare Slater, Barbara Hook, Jackie & Michael Carson, Sue & Ian Tucker and Julie Hellawell.

2020 was kicked off with the Hair of the Dog walk from Buckerell, over the knap and on to two hostelryes . This was quickly followed in February with a Quiz night, superbly organised by Terry Halls and John Slater, ably supported by Clare doing the scoring.. The Shed was packed with nine teams of very enthusiastic participants. 'Team 1', of Pru, Clive, Julie and Sammie battled to first place, with 'The last Turkeys in the Shop' coming a close second.



Lots of events are planned or are in the planning stage for this year. Look out for info about all of the following:-

Vintage Afternoon High Tea (**Please note that this event is postponed until the Autumn**)

An evening of cookery with Zero to Waste on Friday April 17th

The Annual Boules Tournament in May

Apple Day in October

Villages in Action evening event

Jim Causley is returning to Buckerell for a Special Christmas Folk Music event on Friday December 11th

NY Eve Party with a 20s Art Deco theme on Thursday 31st December

BCA meetings continue to offer a forum for anyone in the village to come along to, with ideas for events. These can be for fun or for fundraising. Your next BCA meeting is on Thursday May 28th, 7pm, Doug's Shed. All very welcome.

Friday 17th April 2020
Doug's Shed, Buckerell, 7pm

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

ZERO WASTE COOKERY

flavour for the saver
Chef Pierre Graeber

ENTRY £20 PER PERSON -

Ticket numbers are limited to 30

TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT JEN PALFREY
ON



Buckerell's Vintage

Afternoon High Tea

In aid of Devon Freewheelers



Come along and enjoy a selection of finger sandwiches, tasty sausage rolls, gorgeous cakes and scones and wonderful company

Postponed until the Autumn

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Splatthayes: Doug's Shed (EX143ER)



NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

Where did the months go since December and the last issue of The Bugle? In a blur of grey skies, storms, wind, rain and sodden ground, making it seem an age since last autumn. Just as we would like to be outdoors all we can do is watch the weeds growing after the wettest February on record.

We began the church year with Plough Sunday to celebrate the start of work on the land after the festivities of Christmas and Epiphany. The Wright family of Jenirens Farm gave us a great deal of help with that- thank you all.

This year saw the start of a new newsletter for all the six parishes, called Around the Parishes. You can subscribe on-line to this colourful and informative monthly and there is always a copy to read in the church.

There are various events where all the churches meet and socialise, the next one being on March 29 at St Paul's Honiton, with a Bring and Share lunch afterwards. There will be a similar event on Sunday May 31 for Pentecost (Whit Sunday). All are welcome.

If anybody has a good idea for fundraising for various repairs and maintenance projects around the church and churchyard the PCC and the Treasurer will be delighted to hear from you. Please remember that our monies, trusts and accounts are mostly ring-fenced or very specific in their uses and applications, so any financial help for other projects is most welcome. An example of a kind idea was the donation of notelets designed and printed by Christine Gabriel which are for sale in church. These have sold fast and we are grateful to Chris for her idea. Congratulations to Chris for having the same painting used as the front cover of the March Parish Magazine. (Ed Note, I wonder where that idea came from).

And no, the churchwarden is not being sponsored for abseiling down the church tower! If you see such activity there it will be for the removal of gutters and down-pipes for repairs and painting by abseiling professionals.

Thanks are due to all those who help so much with church activities, among them David Wayne for caring for the ancient clock mechanisms (a lot of effort and commitment needed!), The clock-winding team, Helen and Ian Howard for gardening, Roy Williams for once again creating the Lent tree, Tom Gabriel for clearing the churchyard before Candlemas on February 2nd, Jan Studley and Sue Routh for doing refreshments after lay-led services, Ann Williams and all the flower helpers, and of course Patricia who locks and unlocks the church every day.

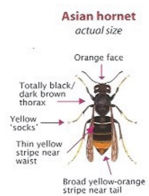
We look forward to seeing you at the service for Mothering Sunday on March 22. There is an interesting article on the noticeboard in the church about Mother's Day and Mothering Sunday – not the same thing, please note!

We hope you remain healthy and safe as Easter and the school holidays approach. Don't forget to bring your youngsters for the Easter egg hunt after the service on Easter Sunday, April 12th.



THREAT OF THE ASIAN HORNET

The Asian or Yellow Legged hornet (*Vespa velutina*) was accidentally introduced into France around 2004. Its migratory spread is thought to be 75 kilometres per year and are now found in much of Western Europe. They are a problem on Jersey and since 2016 there has been some sightings in the UK and nests have been discovered.



The Asian hornet feeds its lava on protein and is a serious predator of honey bees, bumblebees, solitary bees and other insects. It appears to have no natural predators itself in Western Europe and is highly successful in reproducing. A nest can produce up to 300 queens in late summer/autumn which then hibernate over winter. In early spring when temperatures reach 11-15 centigrade the queens emerge and the reproductive cycle begins.

IDENTIFYING ASIAN HORNETS

Asian hornets are 25-30 mm in length which is smaller than our native European hornet (*Vespa Crabro*) which is 30-35 mm in length. The Asian hornet has a mostly dark brown/black body with an orange yellow band near its tail and yellow legs. Native hornets look like very large wasps with brown legs and bright yellow and black/brown markings. Our native hornets fly day and night, while the Asian hornet fly only during the day.

REPORTING SIGHTINGS

The best way of reporting the Asian hornet is by using the app: *ASIAN HORNET WATCH* or you can send photos and location details to: alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk

General advice and help on identifying and reporting the Asian hornet can be found on the British Beekeepers Association web site: www.bbka.org.uk

Asian hornets are very aggressive when defending their nest and will sting. So be warned do not go within 5 metres of a nest which can be found in outbuildings, garages, hedges and trees such as Oaks and Sycamore.



NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The War Memorial

The area around The War Memorial which was once a village green, is owned by the Parish Council. The surface, which has been re-patched in places, is beginning to deteriorate again. We could continue to re-patch or alternatively completely resurface the area and perhaps incorporate environmental improvements. There are no fixed ideas and we are very mindful of the sensitive setting. The area is also used for a variety of purposes. We would very much like fellow villagers' views on whether to take this on as a project or continue to patch and maintain the existing surface.

If or have any views or comments please contact the Parish Clerk, Ian Tucker - buckerell.parishclerk@gmail.com

Precept

It was unanimously agreed at the last Parish Council meeting to keep the precept unchanged. So the Parish Council component of your Council Tax bill for the second year running.

Village Speed Limits

The proposed change to the speed limit to 20mph through the centre of the village has been rejected by HATOC (Highways and Traffic Committee) as it does not meet their criteria of significant vulnerable road users, record speed related accidents and speeding. The extension of the proposed 30mph limit up through Hillside has also been declined as it does not meet the housing density criteria. Dave Bowen is in communication with residents and has asked their concerns to be put in writing so he can collate a response.

Minutes of all Parish council meetings, contact details and dates of future meetings are on the parish Council website or village notice board.

Clare Slater - Chair Buckerell Parish Council

Next meeting 18th March 7pm at Doug's Shed

IAN TUCKER HAS HELPED RESURRECT TWO TRADITIONAL EVENTS

January 2020 – Wassailing the cider apple trees at Deer Park Country House



It was a bright and dry night. The moon was full (a wolf moon in fact), and 80 folks from Buckerell, Awliscombe and Weston met up at Deer Park Country House orchard. As Devon dwellers know, the apple trees need to be wassailed to ensure that they grow healthy and strong, and all pesky spirits are frightened away. This needs people making a noise, so we sang, we enjoyed the Tale Valley Choir and the Otter Morris. The Deer Park wassail song was



written and introduced by Jim Causley, well-known local folk singer. Of course, sustenance was required to give us the energy to process around the orchard and wassail the trees. A pizza and lashings of mulled cider were provided for we intrepid wassailers. Toast was hung on branches, cider and rotten apples were hurled at trees, and shotguns were fired. All in all an enjoyable evening for the wassailers, but less so for all those pesky spirits that may have been lurking in the orchard. A great evening, with proceeds going to Hospiscare.

Beating the Parish Bounds of Buckerell on Rogation Sunday 17th May 2020



Come and join in the very ancient tradition of beating the bounds of Buckerell. It isn't possible to walk the whole boundary and the A373 will be avoided but the walk will take us to a number of points along the boundary. The day will begin with a short service in the Church at about 10am and then meet at the war memorial to set off at 10:30am. Along the way there will be some reflections and blessings. Traditionally there are prayers for the 'aliens' over the border so we will pray for the people of Feniton and Weston! Final details are yet to be worked out but it will be possible to

join in with parts of the walk and also to for non-walkers to meet up with the walkers for coffee and lunch. It is envisaged we will finish with a cream tea at about 3:30pm. More details later.

Rogation Sunday has its roots in the 5th Century after an earthquake devastated the land in Gaul. There was a call to pray for the soil and the crops. The custom of beating the bounds is also ancient and the two became linked. In the days before maps and written title deeds, beating the bounds played an important practical purpose. Awareness of the parish boundaries was necessary to settle disputes, such as who should contribute to the costs of maintaining the church, and who could be buried in the churchyard. The Poor Laws, which made parishes responsible for caring and providing for their poor residents, were another reason why it was important to know where the parish boundaries lay.

BUCKERELL DIARY DATES

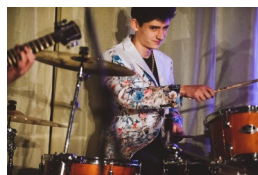
Wednesday 18th March	Parish Council Meeting	Doug's Shed	7.00pm
Sunday March 22nd	Mothering Sunday Service	Church	10.00am
Autumn	Vintage Afternoon High Tea	Doug's Shed	2.30 –4.30pm
Wednesday April 1st	Annual meeting of Parishioners	Church	7.25pm
Sunday April 12th	Easter Sunday Service	Church	10.00am
Friday 17th April	Zero to Waste Cookery Demo	Doug's Shed	7.00pm
Sunday 17th May	Rogation Sunday parish walk	Meet at Church	10.30am
Sunday TBA in May	Buckerell Boules Tournament	Deer Park arena	
Thursday 21st May	Ascension Day Bells and Breakfast	Church	07.30am
Thursday 21st May	Ascension Day Evening Service	Church	7.30pm
Thursday 28th May	BCC meeting	Doug's Shed	7.00pm
Saturday 18th July	Summer Fete and BBQ	Splatthayes	2.00pm to close

THANKS



We reinstated the Village sign yesterday and also the drain cover on the opposite side of the road.

CONGRATULATIONS



Josh Cade has been offered a place at a music conservatoire in Leeds, which is very exciting. He'll be studying jazz and popular music performance. Starting in September.

Robert John Lockyer born 6th February to Chris & Nicola Lockyer of Curscombe Farm. Great grandchild no 10 for John Bishop and baby brother for Annabella.



To Phil and molly Courtney on the birth of their twin grandsons, Herby and Barnaby. Duncan and Emily are the proud (and probably by now, exhausted) parents.

To Malcom Routh on the birth of his grandson Oliver to Andrew and Brittany in Galveston USA.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Belated birthday wishes to Terry Hall who was 80 on January 2nd

To Jan Studley who enjoyed her "17th Birthday" on 29th February

GOOD LUCK

To Sue Cade who is taking part in a charity walkathon in Malta on Sunday in support of a teenage mental health charity.

Village Equipment

A reminder that the village has a range of equipment available for hire including tables, benches, heavy duty pop-up gazebos, tea urn, cups and saucers, tea pots, P.A. System, dustbins and Hi-Vis vests. There is a daily hire charge per item and the monies raised are used to cover storage, general wear and tear, and the purchase of replacement items.

Please note that anyone wishing to hire the equipment should contact Penny Mear – Tel; 850048 or e-mail; pennymear32@btinternet.com at least 5 days before they are required. Please contact Penny for details of the individual hire charges. Items can only be hired by people living within the village.

The next edition of The Buckerell Bugle is due to be published 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 Patcraigmac83@outlook.com or roy.williams46@btinternet.com by Thursday 18th June at the latest. Alternatively, please drop them in at Armoury Cottage.