



West Buckland Community News

December 2016 / January 2017



FATHER CHRISTMAS

Wellington Carnival Committee will be coming to West Buckland with Father Christmas on Thursday 15th December at 6.30pm. When you hear the Christmas music come out and see him and all his helpers and enjoy sweets and mince pies! Donations for local charities and the Church.

EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

West Buckland Church is holding an evening of entertainment on Saturday 10th December at 7pm in the church. We are going to launch a CD recorded by Pat our organist and Alan with his violin, the CD sounds fab-u-lous! it is being sold at £10 each for the church fabric fund.

Please come and support us, there will be music, raffle and refreshments. No tickets, just come! Hope to see you there.

WEST BUCKLAND RACE GOERS

Our trainer says the horses are resting at the moment but as soon as Christmas is over, they will be in serious training for our RACE NIGHT sometime in March. Details in February.

WEST BUCKLAND PRE-SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

New Year - New You! A Clothes Swish evening to be held 7-10pm, Wednesday 24th January, Village Hall, £5 entry.

Please dig deep into your wardrobes and save ALL your old unwanted clothes & accessories, children's and men's too, and bring them along – anything not claimed at the Swish will be put into the...

Bags to school collection - Friday 26th January.

NOTES FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT

Winter time can be a wonderful time but it can also be a cold and lonely time when people find the days short and the evenings long. Maybe you have an activity or event coming up that you could ask a neighbour or friend who lives alone, to join you. They may really enjoy the company and the thought of doing something new. You will see in this newsletter several events taking place so help us end loneliness this winter!

Unfortunately a new scam to report this month with bogus calls from BT advising of underpayment and threatening to cut off your phone! Please do not get fooled- they will ask for your card details for immediate payment to stop your phone being cut off! This is a scam please do not give your card details to anyone over the phone unless you have initiated the telephone call yourself.

Please do contact me about any of the above or any other issue that is causing you concern or hardship. gary@somersetccc.org.uk or 07931 018019 A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR


POLICE BEAT SURGERY

The next Beat Surgery will take place on Thursday 15th December between 5 pm and 5.30 pm outside West Buckland Village Hall. The dates for 2017 are not available yet.

PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY MEETINGS

As there is no meeting of the Parish Council in December, there are two meetings in January 2017 – Tuesday, January 3rd and Tuesday 31st at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

December READINGS on pew sheets provided. <i>The Revised Common Lectionary</i>	4th Dec OT Isaiah 11. 1-10 NT Romans 15. 4-13 Gospel Matthew 3. 1-12	11th Dec OT Isaiah 35. 1-10 NT James 5. 7-10 Gospel: Matthew 11. 2-11	18th Dec OT Isaiah 7. 10-16 NT Romans 1. 1-7 Gospel: Matthew 1. 18-25	25th Dec  OT Isaiah 52 7-10 NT Hebrews 1. 1-4 (5-12) Gospel John 1. 1-14
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	10am Family Carol Service	9am HC	9am Christmas Day Family HC
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Family Carol Service	10.30am HC	Join West Buckland
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	4pm Christingle with Crib Blessing	10.30am Christmas Day Family HC
Langford Budville	10am HC	9.15am HC	10am Family Service	<i>Join Runnington</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	3.30pm Christingle with Crib Blessing	10.45am HC

January 2017 READINGS on pew sheets	Jan 1st READINGS on pew sheets	Jan 8th Baptism of Christ READINGS on pew sheets	Jan 15th READINGS on pew sheets	Jan 22nd READINGS on pew sheets
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	10am Parish Praise	9am HC	9am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30am HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30am Morning Worship	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm Epiphany Carol Service	9.15am Joint HC
Langford Budville	10am HC	9.15am HC	10am Family Service	<i>Join Runnington</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	<i>Join others.</i>	10.45am HC

DATE	SIDESPERSONS	READERS
4 DECEMBER	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE
11 DECEMBER	CHURCHWARDENS	
18 DECEMBER	S FELLGETT & N HAYES	J MORRISH
25 DECEMBER	T B A	T B A
1 JANUARY	CHURCHWARDENS	C RAYSON
8 JANUARY	CHURCHWARDENS	C RAYSON
15 JANUARY	F & C HOLWAY	D FASEY
22 JANUARY	D STAGG & P FORD	B DUMMETT
29 JANUARY	UNITED SERVICE (TBA)	
5 FEBRUARY	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE

OTHER SERVICES 4th January East Group's midweek 9.45am BCP HC Service at Bradford on Tone, refreshment after the service in the village hall with the coffee morning group.

29th January East Group Joint Public Worship with Communion by Extension Service 10am Langford Budville church, followed by refreshments.

Smile At St Johns -3.15pm- 4.30pm after-school. 4th Jan 2017

For children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Please do join us in praying for the children and families we seek to serve and share God's love with. If you're interested in getting involved as part of the Smile team, do get in touch: More details contact: Andy Levett on 07595 311183

Children's Festival '**Camels and Candles**' **Date:** Saturday 21 Jan 2017 **Time:** 10am-3pm **Venue:** Wells Cathedral **Cost:** £1.50 per person **Details:** A fun day for children of Primary School age, Church Groups and Leaders with worship, games, activities animals and fun! For more information contact Education department at the Cathedral 01749 674483

Information about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals Contact: Revd. Alan Ellacott Tel: 01823 669824
email rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com

Wellington & District Team Ministry website: www.wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk

Dear Friends,

On behalf of all our churches in the East Group of the Benefice we wish you a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

If you get the chance, come and join us at a service. There will be many and varied especially for the kids. We're really fortunate to have some excellent cooks so you'll always find welcome home-made cakes, and a drink.

As this time of year is also about remembering the lonely, the suffering and those struggling financially; we try and support varied charities both local, national and international.

We at St. Mary's Parish Church look forward to seeing you at one of our services through Advent and Christmas. A chance for kids to sing their favourite Carols together and with you a chat over refreshments.

It's been a busy year with weddings, and lots of baptisms and funerals. Ongoing repairs have been constant and we thank the many people who abseiled down the tower to help raise much needed funds.

Alan (East Group Vicar)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2016 EAST GROUP



Sunday 11th December

10am Bradford on Tone Family Carol Service.

10am West Buckland Family Carol Service.

Sunday 18th December

3.30pm Nynehead Family Carol Service with Crib Blessing.

4pm Runnington Family Christingle Service with Crib Blessing.

Sunday 19th December

(Langford Budville Carol Service. Provisional-yet to be confirmed.)

Saturday 24th December

3.30pm Langford Budville Family Crib Service with Carols.

3.30pm Bradford on Tone Family Family Christingle Service with Crib Blessing.

6pm West Buckland Family Christingle Service with Crib Blessing.

10.30pm Bradford on Tone Midnight Mass.

11.30pm Langford Budville Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December

9am West Buckland Family Christmas Day Holy Communion Service.

10.30am Runnington Family Christmas Day Service - Public Worship with Communion by Extension.

10.45am Nynehead Family Christmas Day Holy Communion Service.

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WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting was our AGM and the hall was packed, whether this was due to the AGM or the buffet was up for debate. The meeting commenced with the minutes for the 2015 meeting, which were unanimously accepted and then moved on to the officers' reports and election of new officers. Ann Browne stood down as Secretary and was presented with a token of the club's appreciation by the Chairman and a rapturous round of applause by all.

With the conclusion of the AGM the Chairman then moved on to present the programme for 2017 and what a year it is going to be. 7 trips have been arranged including visits to Exeter Cathedral, Longleat Safari Park, Rosemoor Rose Festival, a private boat on the River Avon and a trip on the West Somerset Railway. The Chairman also announced the speakers for the year which should provide some very interesting and varied talks. Following the presentation everyone partook of the buffet and thanks must go to everyone who contributed to a magnificent spread.

Diary dates: 5 Jan, Ian Williamson will be presenting a talk entitled '3 weeks in Nepal' and on 26 Jan we will be holding our 5th Anniversary celebration. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

WEST BUCKLAND WI NOVEMBER MEETING

The chilly evening outside was in contrast to the warmth inside as a full house met in the Village Hall. The meeting got underway after the singing of Jerusalem with a report from our delegate at the County AGM that was held at Wellsprings. A donation of Christmas shoeboxes filled with toiletries and gifts for the YMCA was taken from the group. Another delegate reported back from an enjoyable Group Meeting at Wiveliscombe where a demonstration of Arabic dancing took place with lots of people willing to have a go at shimmying! With preparations being made for the Carol Service, Christmas Party, Christmas Faye and bookings being taken for the Wellington Pantomime we certainly started to get into the festive spirit! The speaker for the evening was Brenda Climpson one of our own members – Great Ormond Street and my time nursing there. Brenda explained something of the history of the hospital - it was founded on Valentines Day 1852 when it was the first in-patient hospital specifically for children. She brought along many mementos and anecdotes of her days there, explaining how things had changed over the years. The competition for Your Favourite Childhood Toy was won by Heather Harmsworth with her wooden cat with its push button moving head and tail! Second was Marion Upton and third Ann Sparkes. The next get together in December will be the Christmas Party. The next meeting will be Tuesday 10th January 2017 with a talk and demonstration of Pilates and Zumba new members and visitors welcome.



Expecting your Winter Fuel Payment? Don't need it? Donate it! Surviving Winter is an award-winning campaign that encourages people to donate some or all of their unwanted Winter Fuel Payments to other people in their communities who need it most. A Surviving Winter grant doesn't just pay for extra heating. It's hand delivered by one of our small number of trusted local partners, like Age UK Somerset and Taunton Deane Borough Council. A Surviving Winter grant becomes the foundation for a new relationship that can help overcome the isolation and loneliness that many older people experience. With the support of over 300 donors, Somerset Community Foundation was able to provide vital grants to 390 older people to help them through last winter. Please help us grow this campaign to reach every isolated and vulnerable household in the county.

To find out more about Surviving Winter, please visit www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter To donate some or all of your Winter Fuel Payment, please send a cheque made out to Somerset Community Foundation (SW written on the back), Yeoman House, Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN. You can also donate online or call 01749 344949. Gift Aid forms are also available to download on the website. Thank you for making a difference to an elderly person in your community this winter!

The Newsletter is available directly to your e-mail inbox – simply send an e-mail indicating your wish to **westbucklandnews@hotmail.com** and you will be added to the mailing list.

The deadline for next month's edition is, as usual, the 20th of the month preceding.

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