

West Buckland Community News

June 2017

WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL PTFA SCARECROW FESTIVAL

The PTFA would like to invite you to its summer event to enjoy a cream tea, various stalls and a Scarecrow Festival displayed around the grounds.



Scarecrow Festival

2pm
Saturday 15th July
at the School

Free entry



Come and take part in the scarecrow festival by purchasing an entry sheet then go in search of the scarecrows around the school grounds to guess what Disney themed character each scarecrow is modelled on. Hand your entry sheet back in and enjoy a cream tea in the beautiful school grounds while you wait to see if your guesses have won you a prize.

We would love as many scarecrows as possible so if you would like to make and enter a scarecrow of your own please do – the more the merrier! Get your thinking cap on, start making, and next month we'll publish how to give your details to the 'Secret Keeper' of the list to whom you can disclose what Disney character scarecrow you are bringing along on the day. Free to enter and no School connection necessary, entries welcome from across the parish. A prize will be awarded for the best Disney scarecrow.

And finally... The PTFA Annual Grand Prize Draw tickets will soon be on sale and the draw will take place at 4pm at the Scarecrow Festival.

SO MUCH GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH:

Thanks For Your Support At Wellington Park

Thanks to everyone who helped and supported us in Wellington Park on 30th April, it was very wet and cold, but we still raised £144 for church funds.

Cream Teas In The Church Throughout Summer

The Church will be open on Saturday afternoons in June, July and August, serving tea, cake and cream teas, do come and join us in return for donations for the Church building fund.

An Evening Of Razzmajazz

The Wivi Wind Band will be performing in the church at 7.30pm on the 21st July, for an evening of RAZZMAJAZZ. Please join us for a fun evening, tea, coffee and light refreshments will be served. No tickets, donations very welcome for church building fund.

Date For Your Diary

QUIZ NIGHT 25th November, time to gather your teams! Contact Betty 664775.

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

June 2017	4 th June White Sunday (Pentecost)	11 th June	18 th June Father's Day	25 th June
READINGS on pew sheets	OT Acts 2. 1-21 NT 1 Corinthians 12. 3b-13 Gospel John 20. 19-23	OT Isaiah 40. 12-17. 27-31 NT 2 Corinthians 13. 11-13 Gospel Matthew 28. 16-20	OT Exodus 19. 2-8a NT Romans 5. 1-8 Gospel Matthew 9. 35-10. 8, (9-23)	OT Jeremiah 20. 7-13 NT Romans 6. 1b-11 Gospel Matthew 10. 24-39
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	10am Parish Praise	9am HC	10am NOTE: (Change of time from now on.) Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30am HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC with hymns	9.15am Joint HC
Langford Budville	10am HC	9.15am Joint HC	10am Family Service	<i>Join Runnington service</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	Join others	10.45am HC

DATE	SIDESPERSONS	READERS
4 JUNE	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE
11 JUNE	CHURCHWARDENS	-
18 JUNE	F & C HOLWAY	J HAGLEY
25 JUNE	D & S FASEY	D FASEY
1 JULY	CHURCHWARDENS	C RAYSON

OTHER SERVICES June 1st 9.45am East Group Midweek BCP HC Bradford on Tone, followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

Saying Farewell to Andy and Ruth There is to be a farewell service for Andy and Ruth in Bath Abbey on Monday 26 June at 7.00. This will be open to everyone who wants to be there, and there will be no tickets issued. Just turn up! Afterwards there'll be some refreshments and an opportunity to say goodbye.

Revd Selina Garner will be praying in all 14 churches of the Wellington Team, over the period of 25th May-4th June, It is called a Prayer Wave.

There is also a wonderful opportunity for Bible study in June Bringing the Old Testament Alive

Tuesday 20, Wed 21, Thursday 22 June There will be a teaching slot from 10 -12.30am each morning and the cost is only £5 per day (if people want to take lunch they can do so and stay and enjoy Mill House)

There is also a separate Wednesday 21st evening slot from 6-9pm costing £10 this includes a simple supper (for those working)

This looks really great so can you let people in your small groups and churches know about it please!

God has so much more than we can ever ask for or imagine to bless us with!! **The Revd Selina Garner**

Father's Day Sunday 18th June



Smile at St Johns -3.15pm- 4.30pm after-school. June 5th 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

The Big Tent Holiday Club will be back in Wellington on August 15, 16 & 17 for Primary school-aged children. Lots of team needed as always. Come along and hear more about what's happening this year on Thu 15 June, 7.45pm, Wellington Baptist Church hall.

Churches Together In Wellington & District

There are increased numbers visiting both Taunton & Wellington Foodbank. Such was the demand on groceries and toiletries stocks of supplies were getting low. We are encouraged to fill the foodbank bins in Waitrose, and soon at the Co-op. *DONT FORGET, FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS HAPPENING IN YOUR CHURCHES! (East Group)*

Churches Together In Wellington & District

Bible Society events: *The Sale & Coffee Morning is on 24th June 10.00 am in URC.*

LETTER FROM THE RIGHT REVEREND PETER HANCOCK, BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS

As you read this one of the issues dominating the news will be the General Election. Some wit once said: "If you don't vote, you get the government you deserve, and if you do, you never get the results you expected." Witty that may be, but it is also somewhat cynical and it is one of the things our Archbishops have warned us against. In a Pastoral Letter released to all parishes and chaplaincies they have said that the first obligation we have as Christians is to pray for the election and to recognise the very real burdens and responsibilities carried by those in political life and their families. The second obligation they suggest is to set aside apathy and cynicism and to renew our commitment to the virtues of love, trust and hope in God and in each other. These virtues they suggest should guide and judge our own actions and shape and determine the life of our nation. Faithful, humble, trusting prayer is one mark of true discipleship and I hope that many of us will be engaging in the opportunities to pray with others between Ascension and Pentecost. If we do we will be praying with millions of other Christians across the world, praying that many more people, among them our own friends and families, will discover and open their lives to the love of Jesus Christ. Services are being held in Bath Abbey on 25 May and in the Cathedral on 4 June. At Bath Abbey there will be interactive prayer stations, mixing traditional and contemporary worship and at the Cathedral there will be a Prayer Fayre. We are all invited to take part and to pray together expectantly for the empowering of the Holy Spirit. Come and join your bishops in praying: 'Thy Kingdom Come'. **Rt Rev Peter Hancock**

Information about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals Contact:

Revd. Alan Ellacott Tel: 01823 669824 or e-mail rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com

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

WEST BUCKLAND WI MAY MEETING

A full house was welcomed at this our AGM. Voting commenced on the Resolutions being taken to the National AGM in Liverpool. Reducing the amount of micro plastic fibres in the oceans and alleviating loneliness were voted in unanimously. The Chairman Jean Morrish was stepping down after 3 years in office and will certainly be a hard act to follow. Under her leadership the group has continued to flourish and has seen several milestones such as the group's 80th birthday last year. A new Chairman, Barbara Edgehill was voted in. She will be ably assisted by her Committee which saw 5 new members. We wish the new President and Committee every success for the next 12 months and hasten to add that the retiring President and Committee members won't be allowed to put their feet up too much! An interesting talk and presentation was given by one of our members Tracey Richbell on her time spent with the charity His Hope in Uganda. It was fascinating to see the houses they built, especially with the time lapse filming! The competition for the most unusual postcard was won by Linda Bryant and the raffle, Val Harris. The next meeting will be Tuesday 13th June in West Buckland Village Hall at 7.30pm with a talk by Bill Bailey entitled Kitchen Chemistry. The competition will be for the most unusual strawberry recipe. Visitors most welcome.

NOTES FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT

I have been involved over the past few months with various Organisations on the snappily entitled, “Dying Matters awareness week.” This awareness event has certainly focussed my attention on matters that are going to happen to all of us one day.

Benjamin Franklin said ” *In this world nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes* ”

It can be a very difficult conversation starter with your family but if you don’t talk about in now, just when do you?

Everything from making a will, planning a funeral, the music you would really like, right through to how are you going to afford it?

There are numerous agencies out there who can give you information on how to talk about all those things and one of these is *independentage.org*. They have lots of different leaflets and they also have a support line number 0800 319 6789. I always have a selection and can give advice on where to go for support or advice.

On a different note, I have been contacted by some residents who have had property stolen from their garages while they were working in the rear garden or they have left it open while they went to the shops. Always remember to close the garage door if you are not there, yes it can be time consuming but better than losing your lawn mower and having to buy another. Further advice can always be given by your local PCSO from the police or myself if you give me a call.

On a lighter note, bluebells are around everywhere and this is the time to get out, fill yourself with fresh Somerset air and enjoy life. Enjoy that walk!

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Check out the CCS website: www.somersetccc.org.uk and see the variety of work we are doing.

POLICE BEAT SURGERY

The next Beat Surgery will take place on Thursday, 15th June between 5 pm and 5.30 pm outside West Buckland Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL MAY MEETING

The June meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday June 27th at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

HEARTFELT THANKS

I wish to thank all the villagers for their kind messages and cards of condolence and sympathy on the death of my wife Bunty, 23rd of April 2017. We have lived in the village since 1961 and have many happy memories of good times and good neighbours. Thank you. Percy Cooper

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

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