

# West Buckland Community News

## June 2018

### **PARISH COUNCIL - JUNE MEETING**

The June meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **POLICE BEAT SURGERY**

The next beat surgery is between 5.00pm and 5.30pm outside the Village Hall on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June.

### **DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION**

Only one person contacted me after this item was included in the May newsletter. We would like to see younger residents involved in the training. If you are interested please telephone Margaret Blogg – 663378.

### **TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO HAVE YOUR SAY**

Anyone with an interest in Somerset's libraries has until Wednesday 13 June to take part in a consultation on the future of the county's library service.

More than 4,000 responses have been received already but Somerset County Council is keen for anyone yet to complete the questionnaire to go online at [www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation), view the proposal on the future of the library they visit most often and give feedback. Or you can complete the survey at your local library.

Decision makers want to know the impact potential changes to the library service would have on you, your family and communities. There is an opportunity to comment on proposals and make alternative suggestions. Councillor David Hall, the county council's cabinet member with responsibility for libraries, said: "I encourage anyone who has yet to have their say to complete a questionnaire and make their voice count. It's important to us as many people as possible tell us their views on our proposals and how they may affect them before we make our final decision."

A final decision on Somerset's library service is expected later this year.

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SCARECROW FESTIVAL**

The PTFA of West Buckland School will be holding the Scarecrow Festival again this year. It was so well received and supported last year that we are doing the same again on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm on the School field. Full details to follow in next month's newsletter.

For those who missed it, you can look forward to cream teas, stalls, games and lots of scarecrows to guess who they are. This year's scarecrow theme is pop stars (any era). So if you fancy making a scarecrow yourself, get your thinking cap on and we'll publish next month how to tell the 'secret keeper of the list' what pop star your scarecrow will be.

## EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

<b>2018 READINGS on pew sheets</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> OT Deuteronomy 5. 12-15 NT 2 Corinthians 4. 5-12  Gospel Mark 2. 23-3.6	<b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b> OT Genesis 3. 8-15 NT 2 Corinthians 4. 13- 5. 1  Gospel Mark.3.20- end	<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b> OT Ezekiel 17. 22-end NT 2 Corinthians 5. -10.(11-13). 14-17 Gospel Mark 4. 26-34	<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b> OT Job 38.1-11 NT 2 Corinthians 6. 1-13  Gospel Mark 4. 35-end
<b>West Buckland</b>	9am HC	10am Service	9am HC	10am Morning Worship
<b>Bradford On Tone</b>	10am Morning Worship	10am Service	10.30am HC	10am Morning Worship
<b>Runnington</b>	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm <b>NON HC</b>	9.15am HC
<b>Langford Budville</b>	10.30am HC	9.15am Joint HC	10am Morning Worship	<i>Join others</i>
<b>Nynehead Court</b>	10.30am non HC	10.45am HC	<i>Join others</i>	10.45am HC

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SIDESPERSONS</b>	<b>READERS</b>
JUNE 3	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE
JUNE 10	CHURCHWARDENS	-
JUNE 17	C & J HAGLEY	J MORRISH
JUNE 24	D STAGG & S SMITH	S SMITH
JULY 1	CHURCHWARDENS	C RAYSON

June 7<sup>th</sup> East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, at Bradford on Tone followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

Don't forget FOOD BANK collection boxes are in your churches, please support this!

**SMILE:** first Wednesday of each month after school at St John's Church. Smile is fun, free and for families with primary school-aged children with craft, games, stories, music, and prayer activities for all the family. 3.30pm-4.30pm (drinks and snacks from 3.15pm). See [www.wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk](http://www.wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk) for more details and contact information.

Our two primary schools in the East Group, West Buckland and Langford Budville are enjoying 'Open the Book' and would like to continue. For this to happen we need more people to join our friendly team of volunteers for a couple of hours on some Wednesdays between 9.45am and 12.30pm. Please contact your vicar Alan for more information.

The East Group are looking for volunteers to form a Pastoral & Visiting Group to visit local care homes at Nynehead Court & Camelot House at Chelston. Please contact your vicar Alan if you are interested.

**Information about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals:** contact Revd. Alan Ellacott email [rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com](mailto:rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com) Tel: 01823 669824

Wellington & District Team Ministry website: [www.wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk](http://www.wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk)

Plans for **The Big Tent 2018** are well under way in Wellington and I'm looking forward to being part of the team again!

The 3 day holiday club for Primary School-aged children run by the Wellington churches will be back in a large marquee at Wellesley Park Primary School on **Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 August** running from 10am–3pm each day. As always we're looking for all kinds of people to join the team, some behind the scenes and others working with the children or leading things up front. It's a great team to be part

of and always a week to remember. Volunteers aged 14-104 can apply! All subject to the usual Safer Recruitment process. Any questions do ask. Booking info can be found at [www.thebigtent.co.uk](http://www.thebigtent.co.uk) and you can watch highlights from last year on the Big Tent Wellington Youtube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEOcOLDQ2MyvJ9JvWXNFwxA>

Big Tent preparation Evenings: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm at Wellington Baptist Church hall (South Street). All welcome with programme planning ,details circulated separately by WBC team.

### **Street Pastors**

3 street Pastors have recently stood down and Patrols will be restricted to two per month. There is an urgent need for more recruits to come forward to help in Wellington so look on our website if interested.

**Food Bank (Wellington)** Rev Jenny welcomed new Manager Clare Lucker, who reported on an already busier 2018 than this time last year, caused by delays in Universal Credit, spiraling debt, low income and sickness. More couples were asking for boxes than in 2017. Wellington Foodbank now accounted for 20% distribution of vouchers. The majority of vouchers were coming from TDBC, and she was encouraged by the council's positive response. She thanked the excellent work of volunteers from the churches, and said the depot was in need of rice pudding, meat pies, longlife juice/milk, tinned carrots, and deodorants. She also thanked the URC for their generous hospitality, in allowing her to reorganize the office.

I have just confirmed a new date for our **whole Wellington Team Gathering** to replace the event at Langford Village Hall (postponed due to snow) and this will be at the village hall in Langford Budville on Monday July 23 (7pm for refreshments and welcome and a 7.30pm start.) **Please come along!** *Selina.*

### **LETTER FROM RT REV RUTH WORSLEY BISHOP OF TAUNTON, "FILLING THE GAPS"**

We all know the old adage, one volunteer is worth 10 pressed (wo)men. As we celebrate Volunteer Week 2018 (1-7 June) I want to give thanks for and to the thousands of volunteers across Somerset who love and serve our communities. Former US first lady Rosalynn Carter once said that a nation without volunteers is a nation without a soul.

As we experience continued cuts to our local services, it is volunteers who are 'filling the gaps'. Offering anything from Volunteer drivers ensuring isolated older people can get to the shops, to church groups providing space for young families to meet, to share stories and support each other. Yet they are not only a lifeline for the more vulnerable groups, all our lives are so much richer thanks to our volunteers.

Our churches, and the ministry of each, rely heavily on the generosity of our volunteers. Whether working with children and younger people, helping serve tea and coffee after a service, delivering a reading or leading prayers, or being part of the flower or cleaning rota. Your vicar may be a volunteer too- as more people are called to serve as self-supporting ministers. Volunteering is at the heart of Christian service and discipleship. It's about stewardship of our time and talents.

However we are hearing that nationally, volunteering is in decline, and so it may take a rethink in our approach to release those talents, those gifts. There are many hugely talented people within the churches and our communities but sometimes they may feel reticent about putting themselves forward. People might be too humble, or not confident in their own abilities; feel they are not the right fit or not 'churchy' enough to put their hand up. How much more powerful for all of us if someone we know says to us "you'd be great for that, you have a real gift for it." What an encouragement! By having those conversations we recognise and release those God-given gifts.

And let's be creative. The accountant worshipping in your congregation every Sunday who you have earmarked for the Treasurer role next time around might actually have a passion for creative prayer. Not everyone wants to do their day job in their spare time! Imagine how our churches might be transformed if we create the roles around the people we have and their gifts, rather than the other way around! So **thank you** for your gifts of time and talent and be sure to encourage those around you in theirs!

## **WEST BUCKLAND WI MEETING MAY 2018**

Our May meeting was our AGM as well as our normal meeting. It started with our president welcoming everyone, once the monthly meeting was conducted we then had a short break before the AGM meeting. During the AGM we looked back on what we had been up to over the last year, it was so nice to hear of all the things that we do in our WI. Like the walking group which this year celebrated 15 years, the reading, lunch, hand bell, singing, croquet, kurling, and art groups. Plus taking part in the skittles league and friendly events. During the year we started two more groups, the coffee and chat group which meet once a month at a local pub or garden centre, and a craft group. Plus a lot of our members went on other events run by Somerset WI. A few members went on holidays as a group as well.

Sadly we lost a few of our long standing members over the last year. Two committee members stood down from the committee and we now have two new committee members. Our President was duly elected to stand for another year. The meeting was ended with a lot of thank-yous to everyone that runs a group or helps out with anything else which of whom there were too many to name, but without them West Buckland WI would not be as vibrant as it is.

There was lots of talk of what we are going to do this year and it looks promising. Then the evening took on a fun time by three of our members making sure that our brains were still working and having a quiz which ended up with two teams neck and neck so we had a tie breaker on our hands which ended with both teams having one question to answer to see who the winner was. Half way through the Quiz we stopped for Tea and food which, as normal, was a very good spread.

If you wish to come along to see what we are up to, we meet on the second Tuesday of each month at West Buckland village hall at 7.30pm. You will be made most welcome. Our next meeting is on 12 June and our speaker will be John Crabbe, all about Art & Adventure in wildlife. The competition is Amusing wildlife photograph.

## **WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB OUTING MAY 2018**

Our May meeting this year, as with most years, is our summer trip instead of a meeting in the hall. This year we went to Compton Acres in Poole Dorset. The day started of bright and sunny and 53 members gathered to be picked up by the coach which was a little late and then proceeded to take the wrong turn and we headed towards Bridgwater. Despite the minor setbacks we arrived at our first stop, The Martyrs Inn in Tollpuddle in bright sunshine and after coffee and biscuits we were on our way again to Compton Acres.

With three hours to explore the gardens what a sunny day we had. The grounds were in full flower with a lot of the plants just starting to open up. The Japanese Garden was a favourite of most people with the Azaleas putting on a stunning display. The coffee shop and sales areas were well frequented and many had an added bonus whilst eating outside as the site was hosting an Indian wedding with an amazing display of traditional costumes being worn by the guests. There was even a 1931 Rolls Royce to pick up the happy couple.

We arrived back home about 6pm, after a long day. The feedback was that most people thought the day was a worthwhile trip. We are back to normal on June 7, when our speaker will be John Dando with a talk entitled 'A walk up the garden path'. Our meetings are held at West Buckland Village Hall on the first Thursdays of the month at 10.30am.

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

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