

West Buckland Community News

March 2018

WEST BUCKLAND VILLAGE SHOP

Regrettably, your village shop is now permanently closed. Trade has been declining for over a year, resulting in the decision to cease trading. Attempts to sell the property as an ongoing business have, unfortunately, failed. However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the village for their support over the time I have managed the shop.

Lastly, **huge, personal thanks** to those customers who gave outstanding daily or weekly support for three whole years!! Your community spirit and loyalty are highly commendable. I wish you all the best and will miss you xxx

Kindest regards, Julie

Thank you to Julie and all her family ,who have worked so hard over the last three years to give us not only a useful very well stocked shop ,but an attractive centre to our village ,all the year round and especially at Christmas. A pity we have not in return given them more custom and support. I am afraid we have lost something special we may regret in the future.

Jean Morrish

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Dogs mess - There has been an increase in dogs mess down Hockholler Lane. It seems to be the same largish dog that leaves a deposit in the road on a regular basis. Children walk this route to and from school. PLEASE pick up after your dogs. (From a local resident)

CHURCH QUIZ SHEETS

Thanks to Sarah Drury for her quiz and for all who had a try at it. Only nine returned and the winners were:

1. Elaine Fordham ; 2. Andrew Hill; 3. Julie Gard. The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday March 31st from 9.30am if you want to help. Come and view the result plus the Easter Garden and a cream tea between 3pm and 5pm the same day.

Happy Easter, Jean Morrish

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN?

West Buckland WI will be taking part in the Great British Spring Clean over the weekend of 2, 3 and 4 March. If you would like to join in and spend an hour or so picking up litter from the verges in our Parish, just contact me the week before the event and I will give you more details. Maggie Hall - hall.maggiea@gmail.com

RACE NIGHT IN AID OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, WEST BUCKLAND

Come and have supper and a whole lot of fun at the Race Night on Saturday 24th March 2018 in West Buckland Village Hall. 7pm for first race at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 each from Chris 667470 or Jean 663009.

THANK YOU

Grateful thanks to the Parish Council for its grant and the Village Hall Committee for its donation towards the cost of the Newsletter. It is much appreciated.

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

2018 READINGS on pew sheets	4th March	11th March Mothers Day	18th March	25th March Palm Sunday
	OT Exodus 20. 1-17 NT 1 Corinthians 1. 18-25 Gospel John 2. 13-22	OT Exodus 2. 1-10 NT Colossians 3.12-17 Gospel John 19 25b-27	OT Jeremiah 31.31-34 NT Hebrews 5. 5-10 Gospel John 12. 20-33	Liturgy of Passion OT Isaiah 50. 4-9a NT Philippians 2. 5-11 Gospel Mark 11. 1-39 (40-47)
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	10am Parish Praise	9am HC	10am Morning Worship with Palm Crosses
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30am HC & APCM	10am Morning Worship with palm Crosses
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC with hymns	9.15am HC with Palm Crosses
Langford Budville	10.30am HC	9.15am joint HC	10am Service	<i>Join others</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	<i>Join others</i>	10.45am HC with Palm Crosses

DATE	SIDESPERSIONS	READERS
4 March	CHURCHWARDENS	C RAYSON
11 March	CHURCHWARDENS	-
18 March	D & S FASEY	D FASEY
25 March	N HAYES & P MEEK	S SMITH
1 April (Easter)	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE

1st March East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, at Bradford on Tone followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group. **2nd March** 2.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer at St John's Parish Church, Churches together in Wellington & District.

Following Sandra's departure from the East Group after February 4, help is needed with non communion services, can you help by becoming a Lay Worship Assistant? To find out more contact Alan, the vicar.

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. Craft, games, stories, music, and prayer activities for all the family. 3.30pm- 4.30pm (drinks and snacks from 3.15pm). 7 March & 11 April. See 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 Tel: 01823 669824

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

Team Gathering Monday March 19 Wellington and District Team Churches Gathering: Langford Budville Village Hall 7pm Journeying Together with Jesus in Mission Celebration, updates and conversation about the next steps. Please invite members from all your PCCs and any other interested individuals to this personally as it would be good to have representatives from every parish present if possible.

'EMBRACE' Lent Course for East Group – last 3 of 6 Sessions. With refreshments.

Please come along & if possible bring a Bible and pencil. Held at Chant Room Bradford on Tone Village Hall

4th Session Monday 5th March 2.30pm - Softening hearts again.

5th Session Monday 12th March 2.30pm - Fuelling perseverance.

6th Session Monday 19th March 2.30pm - Crafting transformation.

EAST GROUP HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday 26th March 10.30am HC at Runnington Church.

Thursday 29th March 7pm Maunday Thursday Holy Communion
with Stripping of the Altars at West Buckland Church.

Friday 30th March 2.15pm Good Friday reflection Service
'The Way of the Cross' at Bradford on Tone Church.



30th MARCH 10.00AM Wellington GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT THE PARISH CHURCH & WALK OF WITNESS TO BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTH STREET, and after HOT CROSS BUNS.

31st March St Johns Wellington Vigil from 8pm.

EASTER GROUP EASTER DAY SERVICES Sunday 1st April

9am Easter Holy Communion at West Buckland Church

10am Easter Holy Communion at Bradford on Tone Church

10 am Easter Holy Communion Runnington Church

10.30am Easter Holy Communion Langford Budville church

10.30am Easter Holy Communion Nynehead Church



EAST GROUP TRIP

Come and enjoy a visit to *Buckfast Abbey, Totnes, Devon Wednesday 16th May*

Coach leaves Longforth Road Wellington

9am Returning 5pm

Tickets £10 from your Churchwardens

Wide range of Refreshments available in Abbey Restaurant or picnics in grounds, weather permitting!

Rural Ministries Training Saturday March 17th 10am -4pm: Dear Deanery friends, we are hosting a national South West conference at St Johns, Wellington being run by Rural Ministries exploring reaching your community in mission If you could each think about anyone from your parishes, especially from the PCCs who might be able to help in writing Mission Action plans locally, then do gather them and bring them along. Places can be booked via Sharon in the office: stjohnswellington@google.com
Tel: 01823 665254 costs of £15 per person will be covered by the Learning Community Funding. If you book in keep receipts and we can refund the cost of tickets, Tim and I will be there to welcome you. See link below for more information to. There is more information in your church. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rural-ministries-regional-conference-south-west-tickets-38325259884>

The Revd Selina Garner T: 01823 6622 27 M: 07952 522976 E: selina@thegarner.me.uk

1914-1918 WORLD WAR 1

In 2014 we held a display day at the Village Hall in August to mark the beginning of the war. On November 3 we are repeating this as it will be 100 years since the end of the conflict. This is advance notice as many local residents provided memorabilia and maybe there are other items hidden away which would be of interest to people. More information will follow nearer the time but meanwhile, please contact me if you have any queries.

Margaret Blogg - Tel: 663378

PARISH COUNCIL - MARCH MEETING

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

POLICE BEAT SURGERY

The next Beat Surgery is between 5.00 pm and 5.30 pm outside the Village Hall on Thursday 1st March.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

A very big thank you to all who supported our afternoon of music, dance and cake in memory of our dear friend, Andrea Williams, on Saturday 3rd February. We had many donations of cakes, raffle prizes and financial contributions from family & friends, raising a staggering £870 on a rainy Saturday afternoon. This was split between the 2 chosen charities, Macmillan Cancer Support and St Margaret's Hospice, Taunton. There were a few tears amongst the laughter and we all had a very enjoyable afternoon. Thank you to all who supported and participated in the fundraising event.



WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB MEETING FEBRUARY 2018

The past months have been quite hectic, in December we held our annual Christmas Lunch at Oake Manor Golf Club where nearly 100 people attended and a good time was had by all. In January it was back to normal with our monthly meeting and a return visit by Ian Williamson who gave a very interesting talk about his Machu Picchu trip.



On 25th January some 75 members of the club congregated at the village hall for what was advertised as 'Route 60/6' a celebration of the club's sixth birthday. We were royally entertained by some sixties music whilst food and drink was consumed and then Ray Denning took over and played a variety of music on his keyboard. This went down particularly well as the dance floor was full and undoubtedly helped to burn off some of the buffet.

At our February meeting the talk was given by Ken Atherton entitled 'Where's my little ducky'. It was an exploration of waste products found in the sea and washed up on the beaches around the world. The hall was at bursting point with 96 people attending and receiving more details about our trip in March to Torquay for the day including lunch.

WEST BUCKLAND WI FEBRUARY MEETING

It was so nice to see so many ladies this February. Our President welcomed everyone to the meeting. In the formal part of the meeting there were a lot of notices and a lot of talk at what was happening in the forthcoming month. We then introduced our speaker for the evening, Ian Williamson talking about his Experiences in Tasmania. What enjoyable evening, we learnt a lot about Tasmania and his travels. The first part of his talk was all about his sight-seeing trip and photos of the sights of Tasmania. Then the second half was about his trekking where we saw photos and stories of what he got up to. Despite some rainy days the photos of the landscape were stunning. At the end of the evening Ian Williamson told us about all his charity work that he helped raise money for.

The competition was Unusual Holiday Souvenirs, and there were some unusual things on the table. Next month's meeting will be on Tuesday 13th March at 7.30pm. Our speaker for the night will be Chris Ewan talking on the Life and Crime as an Author. The Competition is 3 criminal gingerbread men.

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

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