

West Buckland Community News

May 2016

Do you like our new name? We've decided that West Buckland Community News better describes what we're all about.

It would be really nice to have a few new contributors to the newsletter so if you think you could provide some interesting words of wisdom, a recipe, a poem or a puzzle please do e-mail us by the 20th of the month to be considered for the following month's newsletter. We used to have a wonderful contribution of monthly nature notes. Perhaps you'd like to continue this theme? Or it would be lovely to have a monthly contribution about farming, seasons, crops or cattle.

All contributions gratefully accepted at westbucklandnews@hotmail.com

The Editor

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHURCH TOWER CHALLENGE?

The date has been set for the fundraising abseil down the Church tower: Saturday 30 July 2016. If you're up for the challenge please contact Betty on 664775 for more details.

WOULD YOU TOY WITH THE IDEA OF HELPING US OUT AT THE FETE?

Can you help out at the village fete this year? We are looking for someone, or a family/group, to run a toy stall on Saturday 2 July 2016. The pre-school has traditionally run a second-hand toy stall but has chosen to alter their stall this year. It would be a shame not to have the ever-popular stall so if you would be able to collect toy donations in advance, and set up and run the stall from 2-4pm on the day, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Rachel Lane on 07867 877811 or e-mail to rach_lane@live.co.uk

HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE?

Just a reminder that the flower show schedule is still available from the shop, hall, church and the school office. I hear there are carrot cakes being practiced to perfection and seedlings are being tucked up in cosy beds all over the parish. Enter one class or as many as you like. If you've never entered, give it a go. Full instructions are on the schedule. The flower show happens in the village hall on the same day as the fete. Saturday 2 July 2016.

POLICE BEAT SURGERY

The next beat surgery will take place on Thursday 19th May between 5pm and 5.30pm outside West Buckland Village Hall.

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

May READINGS on pew sheets provided. <i>The Revised Common Lectionary</i>	1st May	8th May	15th May PENTECOST OT Acts 2. 1-21 NT Romans 8. 14-17 Gospel: John 14. 8-17 (25-27)	22nd May
	OT Acts 16. 9-15 NT Revelation 21. 10. 22-22.5 Gospel, John 5. 19	OT Acts 16. 16-34 NT Revelation 22. 12-14. 16-17. 20-21 Gospel: John 17. 20. -26		OT Proverbs 8. 1-4. 22-31 NT Romans 5. 1-5 Gospel John 16. 12-15
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	10am Parish Praise	9am HC	9am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30 am HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30 am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC	9.15am HC
Langford Budville	10am HC	9.15am HC joint service	10am Morning Worship	<i>Join Runnington</i>
Nynehead	10.30am Court Non HC	10.45am HC	<i>Join others.</i>	10.45am HC

OTHER SERVICES

Thursday 5th May Bradford on Tone midweek BCP Service 9.45am.

29th May Joint East Group HC service 10am Runnington.

Readings OT: 1 Kings 8. 22-23. 41-43

NT: Galatians 1. 1-12

Gospel: Luke 7. 1b-10

Dear Friends,

Have you ever had a job where you couldn't do all aspects of it yourself so you had to come up with a plan?

Most of us at sometime or other have to delegate jobs to other people because we simply cannot be everywhere at once. That's why people who followed Jesus were given important jobs to do that he couldn't always be on hand to do himself. We know them as disciples.

2000 years on we have people today who like to be known as volunteers but they're really disciples or at least that's what I prefer to call them! Anyone can be a disciple (or volunteer). The main qualification is that you need to turn up.

Our schools in the East Group parishes are keen to have 'Open the Book'. 'Open the Book' is a way of telling children Bible stories through drama, acting out Bible scenes, dressed in the best old bed sheets and cotton wool beards. Children love a good story and the best way to get one across is to act it out. We need mums and dads to be part of this. There's nothing like having a laugh at your mum and dad at a school assembly, (kids have not yet got to the stage of being embarrassed at their parents efforts).

Our Churches would love mums, dads, even Grandmas and Grandpas to be involved too. Help our kids to learn about Bible stories in a fun way. There's an actor in you somewhere, waiting for that all important role, come on give it a go, and give the kids a laugh too!

Alan (East Group vicar)

DATE	SIDESPERSONS	READERS
MAY 1	CHURCHWARDENS	C RAYSON
MAY 8	CHURCHWARDENS	-
MAY 15	F & C HOLWAY	D FASEY
MAY 22	D STAGG & P FORD	-
MAY 29	UNITED SERVICE -	RUNNINGTON
JUNE 5	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE

SMILE AT ST JOHNS CHURCH IN WELLINGTON

This takes place between 3.15pm and 4.30pm, after school on the 1st Wednesday of every month.

Smile is 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

PARISH COUNCIL

The May meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Meeting and takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 31st May at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There is concern about inconsiderate parking in the centre of the village. Some older and less able people need to be able to park close to the shop to do their shopping and it would be helpful if people do not park in front of the shop for long periods when the shop is open. The bus also needs to be able to stop safely beside the bus stop.

The litter bin in the play area is there for the convenience of people using the equipment and the field. It is emptied by a member of the Parish Council and lately this has contained household rubbish and a bag full of vegetables, which should all be recycled at home.

Just a reminder that we would like to hear from walkers who feel they could help with the Adopt a Footpath Scheme, as mentioned in the April newsletter. More details can be found on the Parish website www.westbuckland.org or by contacting Margaret Blogg on 663378.

We are hoping that the BT phone box will soon be removed as the electricity has been disconnected and therefore the telephone is no longer in use.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



Motorists who speed through residential neighbourhoods are very often unaware of the impact their actions have on local residents, or the danger they pose to other road users and pedestrians and this is something we are working with communities to address.

Community SpeedWatch gives local people the ability to actively get involved in road safety.

- A Community SpeedWatch can be set up in any village, small town, or urban area, governed by either a 20, 30 or 40 miles per hour speed limit.
- Community SpeedWatch is a partnership between the Community, the Police and Local Authorities.
- A SpeedWatch consists of local residents, who are willing to volunteer a small amount of time each week to monitor speeds with speed detection equipment.
- Persistent offenders will receive up to two warning letters, and on a third occasion, offenders can expect further action by police.

Get involved

There has been an expression of interest in setting up a Community SpeedWatch Group in West Buckland but more volunteers are needed. If you are interested in getting involved please contact PCSO Louise Fyne, Wellington Police Station, mobile no 07889 659476 or email louise.fyne@avonandsomerset.police.uk

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A warm welcome was extended to members at the April meeting followed by the business aspect of the morning. This included explaining the new terms and conditions for the booking of outings, and also arrangements for the forthcoming lunch at Oake Manor.

The speaker for the morning was Dawn Lawrence who enlightened us with facts about critically endangered animals from different parts of the world. Her talk also included renditions of poems taken from her numerous books on topics such as gharials, glis glis, olinguitos and hyrax to name but a few.

Our outing to Slimbridge would be in place of the May meeting as the hall is required for election purposes. Therefore the next monthly meeting will be on Thursday June 2nd when Kate Forthage will be speaking about dowsing.

WEST BUCKLAND WI APRIL MEETING

A happy atmosphere and warm welcome from president Jean Morrish was given to members and several visitors, who soon felt they wanted to join to take advantage of all the activities available to them at both local and County events.

Recently members have attended the county literary day, soup and pudding lunch, coffee morning, new members evening, and road shows. They have also walked, read, skittled, kurlled, rang handbells, and will soon be taking up their paint brushes, and knitting twiddlemuffs!

Visits will be made to The Big House, Tonedale and to see the musical *Sugar*.

Help is needed by members for several shows: Bath And West, Taunton Flower Show, and Dunster. Cakes are needed for the Wellington League of Friends sale on Saturday May 28th and again for the Glastonbury Festival in June.

The speaker Yvonne Whittamore filled several tables with specimens of her fabric flowers, produced in a great variety of colours and materials, suitable for decorating a large number of different articles. Her ideas fascinated members who were soon enquiring about Yvonne's workshops.

The competition for a fabric piece of jewellery was won by 1. Ivy Voysey 2. Carole Smith 3. Marion Upton.

Diane Goring was presented with the silver bowl she had won for her painting at the Group meeting.

Members were reminded, school vouchers, used stamps ,and milk bottle tops are collected. They should also take advantage of the trading stall at each meeting to buy and sell items.

The next meeting is the AGM and is on Tuesday May 10th at 7.30pm. Veronica Adams will tell us about her experience on the TV programme Bargain Hunt. The competition is for a bargain find. Do please join us. For more information call Marion on 01823 660266.

Jean Morrish

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

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