

West Buckland Community News

May 2017

WEST BUCKLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our school has retained its status as a “good school” following a recent Ofsted inspection. The inspection is rigorous and standards are continually rising, so our small school has done well to continue to be a good school. We continue to have more parents wanting to send their children to our school than we have spaces. This is very encouraging for the school but disappointing for those who miss out.

The school has vacancies for three potential governors to join the school’s Governing body. Would you like to help our successful village school become an outstanding school? We need new governors who can give time and experience to join and strengthen our school Governing body.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a school governor please contact either Helen MacGregor, our Head Teacher at the school tel. 01823 663376 or Chris Winter, Chair of Governors on tel. 01823 662714 or cwinter@summerfield.co.uk We look forward to hearing from you.

OPEN DAYS AT THE SPINNERS' AND WEAVERS' WORKSHOP, TRULL, TAUNTON TA3 7HG

Anyone interested in knitting, crochet, spinning, tapestry and weaving will find the studio in Sweethay Lane, Trull a truly fascinating place to visit and it will be open to visitors from 10am until 4pm on 13th and 14th May 2017.

Throughout the weekend there will be an exhibition of work done at the studio including the famous “Somerset Tapestry” and there will be people on hand to demonstrate the techniques used and the amazing equipment available on the premises. There is parking on site and it is well worth dropping in to find out more about this centre of expertise in textile crafts. www.spinnersandweaversworkshop.com

NOTES FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT

Well it looks as though Spring is finally on its way and it is lovely to see and makes you feel glad to be alive.

On a more serious note, scams are everywhere these days and I’m absolutely amazed at the brazen cheek of some of them going around at this time. A current one is that you receive a phone call from someone purporting to be a solicitor and that you have won £5,000 in a quiz/lottery/draw. They tell you that you need to have £200 in cash handy so you can claim the money and they will send someone round to your house to collect it or even take you to the cash point free of charge!!!! No, **it’s a scam**. If it’s too good to be true, it probably is.

Another is affecting computer users. You get a phone call telling you that you have a virus and they can remove it for you if you pay them a certain amount. No, **it’s another scam**.

The most current problem is opening an email from a friend/company/anyone with an attachment that you don’t really recognise **BUT** as soon as you open that attachment it releases the virus into the computer and you have to ring a special telephone number to pay criminals to unlock your computer.

Please don’t open any email attachment that you haven’t specifically asked for or you can verify the owner immediately. It could come from a friend whose own computer has been hacked.

If you are concerned about any computer issue, call me and we can discuss it, I may have the answer.

So, hopefully you can all get your vitamin D from the sun that will be shining for the rest of the year. Enjoy!

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

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

May 2017 READINGS on pew sheets	7th May OT Acts 2. 42-47 NT 1 Peter 2. 19-25 Gospel John 10. 1-10	14th May OT Acts 7. 55-60 NT 1 Peter 2. 2-10 Gospel John 14. 1-14	21st May OT Acts 17. 22-31 NT 1 Peter 3. 13-22 Gospel John 14. 15-21	28th May OT Acts 1. 6-14 NT 1 Peter 4. 12-14, 5. 6-11 Gospel John 17. 1-11
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	10am Parish Praise	9am HC	
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30am HC	
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
7 MAY	CHURCHWARDENS	C RAYSON
14 MAY	CHURCHWARDENS	-
21 MAY	S FELLGETT & N HAYES	B DUMMETT
28 MAY	C & J HAGLEY	J MORRISH
4 JUNE	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE

OTHER SERVICES

May 4th 9.45am East Group Midweek BCP HC Bradford on Tone, followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

25th May Ascension Day Service 10.30am West Buckland.

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

Smile at St Johns -3.15pm- 4.30pm after-school. May 3rd 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

Pray for Schools Fortnight As a Deanery we will again make our local schools the focus of our prayers during May: dates for Pray for Schools Fortnight nationally are 7 – 21 May which includes 3 Sundays (7th, 14th, 21st) on one of which we'd encourage you to include special prayers for schools.

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 11 May & Thu 15 June, 7.45pm, Wellington Baptist Church hall.

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.

Christian Aid Week 14th to 21st May 2017 60th year Anniversary. British churches founded Christian Aid in 1945 to support refugees who had lost their homes and possessions in the Second World War. Twelve years later, we launched Christian Aid Week to help fund this ongoing work. Your donations help us fight poverty and injustice around the world, offering hope to millions. Making an online donation is a simple and secure way of giving to Christian Aid. Telephone donations: Call **020 7523 2493** to make a telephone donation. Postal donations: Send cheques, Postal Orders and charity vouchers to **Christian Aid, Freepost RSUR-YSTS-KJUL, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London, SE1 7RL** (no stamp required). Please do not send cash by post. OR Call **020 7523 2046** and speak directly to our regular giving team.

Information about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals Contact:

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

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

LETTER FROM RIGHT REVEREND RUTH WORSLEY BISHOP OF TAUNTON

This month I want to say a huge “THANK YOU!” to you all. In 2016, for the first time since 2009, the parishes in the Dioceses collectively contributed over 99% of the Parish Share requested for the Common Fund. All but 21 parishes made their full financial contribution. We know that for most parishes the Parish Share is the largest amount in your budget. You have made great efforts. Thank you so very much!

There will always be a few parishes each year that have particular financial issues which mean you can't quite make the full amount and I want to say “thank you” to you too. Thank you for doing your best and thank you for working with our central staff in finance and stewardship as they seek to help your parish rise to the challenge.

Parish Share is essential to the mission of the Church in the diocese, without it our parochial clergy could not be supported. The Common Fund is the diocese's largest single income stream. Through Parish Share, each church is given the opportunity of contributing towards the financial cost of ministry in the entire diocese. Larger and wealthier parishes are asked to make greater contributions so stipendiary ministry can be provided to less wealthy areas that otherwise might not have been able to afford it.

As Paul wrote...

“Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need.” (2 Corinthians 8: 13-14a NIV)

So, “Thank you!” for your commitment and generosity in this past year. It is a wonderful response to the generous love of God for us which is demonstrated so amazingly in the Easter story.

RACE NIGHT SUCCESS IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDRAISING

The race night was again a wonderful evening raising a magnificent £1,000+ towards the ongoing work of the Church. Thanks to all who came and generously supported us: our fantastic sponsors; the ladies who provided the supper; and of course Denis and Colin who looked after the bar.

But our biggest vote of thanks must go to Bob Payne who was clerk of the course, trained the horses, looked after the runners and riders, prepared the evening and worked nonstop.

William Hill sent three young tellers who did a top job and have been offered the position for the next ten years.

We all had great fun and are overwhelmed by your generosity.

Thank you all again, West Buckland Church PCC.

WEST BUCKLAND WI APRIL MEETING

It could have been a summer's evening as we all got together in the Village Hall. The inside of the building greeted us with a sea of green from the vast array of shrubs and blooms displayed on the plant stall. After a rousing rendition of Jerusalem the meeting got under way with lots of feedback from events attended and details of planned activities. Our speaker for the evening, Jim Watts an ex-Police dog handler was welcomed. Jim kept us enthralled with his tales of one policeman and his loyal dog. We were kept on the edge of our seats as he recalled the life threatening situations they found themselves in in the line of duty as well as lots of humorous anecdotes. The competition for the flower of the month was won by Pat Meeks with a beautiful Iris. The monthly raffle was won by Val Mister. At next month's meeting at West Buckland Village Hall we will have our AGM as well as a speaker. Visitors are welcome for the 7.30pm start.

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB APRIL MEETING

The room was almost full and included 6 new members for our April meeting which as usual started with the Chairman welcoming everyone especially those who were new to the club and distributing cards to those members whose birthday fell during the month. Like all clubs there is always a certain amount of regular business which needs to be attended to and we are no different. The secretary updated the member on the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer provided a report.

The club's next trip is on 4th May to Longleat, a trip that was sold out very quickly, so the Chairman went through the arrangements for the outing and advised members that the trip would include light refreshments on arrival, the safari park and the some time to explore the rest of the estate or the house.

He then went on to update the members of our future activities and especially the trip in August where we have hired a boat on the river Avon. This has proved so popular that we have now hired a much larger boat to accommodate all those who wish to attend

A defibrillator was recently installed at West Buckland Village Hall and on 22nd March a total of 12 club members joined many others for a training session. Although everyone hopes that it will never be necessary it is great to have one. Following this the committee thought about our trips throughout the year and following discussions with the charity who provides the defibrillator it have now been agreed that the club can loan a mobile one for use on trips.

Our speaker for the day was due to be David Beckley who was due to give us a talk on the history of the magic circle but unfortunately he failed to materialise so at the very last minute one of our own members, Rachel Fenwick, stepped forward and gave us a talk on her archery career and her time competing a various international meets including her representing Great Britain at the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games.

The next meeting will be on 1st June when Patricia Pearson will be presenting a talk entitled 'Life in the Diplomatic Service'.

POLICE BEAT SURGERY

The next Beat Surgery will take place on Thursday 4th May between 5pm and 5.30pm outside the Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL MAY MEETING

The May meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday May 30th at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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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