

West Buckland Community News

November 2016

WEST BUCKLAND FETE & FLOWER SHOW - A FOND FAREWELL

It is with great sadness that the Fete & Flower Show has been unable to form a full committee to enable it to continue into next year or beyond.

Despite pleas for help for two years running a dwindling committee were not joined by any new faces at the EGM on 11 October. The committee has fallen so low in numbers that it has been a struggle to share the workload and responsibility and, most crucially, unfortunately there was no-one forthcoming to take up the role of chairperson.

The proceeds from this year's event have already been divided up between the seven village charities and the remaining reserves will now also be divided up between the same organisations and the accounts will be closed.

Many thanks are extended to all who have been involved over the years in this fun and profitable central village event.

WEST BUCKLAND PRE-SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

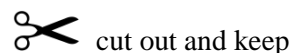
Test the old grey matter at West Buckland Preschool's Quiz Night which is being held in the village hall on Saturday 12 November. Doors open 7.30pm for prompt 8pm start.

The quiz is open to all, with 4-6 people per team. Tickets are £2.50 per person. Proceeds go to pre-school funds.

There will be a licensed bar and snacks available but participants can also bring their own nibbles. There will also be a raffle and a cash prize for the winning team.

Anyone interested in a fun night out and wanting to register a team should call Angela Wills on 07779 459386 or email westbucklandpreschool@gmail.com Many thanks, Angela Wills (Pre-School Manager)

WEST BUCKLAND STORES TRADING HOURS



Now with the darker mornings and evenings the village shop winter opening hours are as follows:

MONDAY - FRIDAY	8 AM - 5.30 PM
SATURDAY	8 AM - 1 PM

NOTES FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT

It's amazing how many of us have First Aid kits in our home and in our cars and they sit there for years without ever getting used or checked - apart from the odd plaster.

This morning was one of those odd days when you need it in an emergency. After dropping my boy at school I was sat in traffic when I saw a lady trip on a kerb and hit her head badly on a small wall. Out came the kit and I thank my previous career in that it was drilled into me to check you had everything before starting work. The padding, bandage and tape came in handy until the ambulance arrived. So, perhaps it's time to just have a look and see what you have in there and if it's in date. If you haven't got one think about getting a box and filling it with essentials, including a small torch, if it goes in the car. If I have enough interest I can organise some essential first aid courses locally.

One last thing... If anyone is on Pension credit or you know anyone who is, Wessex Water is giving a 20 per cent reduction in their bills. I have the details and application forms if you contact me.

Enjoy our surprisingly warm Autumn. Gary Larsen, Village Agent 07931 018019

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

November	6th Nov	13th Nov	20th Nov	27th Nov
READINGS on pew sheets provided. <i>The Revised Common Lectionary</i>	OT Job 19. 23-27a NT 2 Thessalonians 2. 1-5. 13-17 Gospel: Luke 20. 27-38	Remembrance Sunday OT Malachi 4. 1-2a NT 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Gospel: Luke 21. 5-19	Christ The King OT Jeremiah23. 1-6 NT Colossians 1. 11-20 Gospel: Luke 23. 33-43	First Day Of Advent OT Isaiah 2. 1-5 NT Romans 13. 11-14 Gospel: Matthew 24. 36-44
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	Meet 10.30am at Memorial for 10.45am Remembrance service	9am HC	9am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	Meet at Memorial for 10.50am Remembrance Service	10.30 am HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30 am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC with hymns	9.15am HC
Langford Budville	10am HC	10.45am Remembrance Service	10am Family Service	<i>Join Runnington</i>
Nynehead	10.30am Court Non HC	10.45am Remembrance Service	<i>Join others</i>	10.45am HC

OTHER SERVICES

NOTE: In November East Group's midweek 9.45am BCP HC Service at Bradford on Tone will be on the 2nd Thursday of the month - **Thursday 10th November**. Refreshment after the service in the village hall with the coffee morning group.

DATE	SIDESPERSONS	READERS
6 NOVEMBER	CHURCHWARDENS	C RAYSON
13 NOVEMBER	CHURCHWARDENS	-
20 NOVEMBER	D & S FASEY	D FASEY
27 NOVEMBER	S FELLGETT/N HAYES	B DUMMETT
4 DECEMBER	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE

Smile At St Johns -3.15pm- 4.30pm after-school

For children under 12 accompanied by an adult. 2nd Nov, 7th Dec, 4th Jan 17 Details: contact Andy Levett 07595 311183 Please join us in praying for children and families we seek to serve and share God's love with blessings. Andy from the Smile team.

On behalf of the Chairman & Committee of Wellington Branch of the Royal British Legion, we would like to invite the members of your congregation to attend this year's Services of Remembrance.

The Field of Remembrance at Wellington Baptist Church at 12noon on Sunday 6th November

The Commemoration of the National 2 Minutes Silence in Wellington Town Centre at 11am on Friday 11th Nov.

The Service of Remembrance & Wreath Laying Ceremony in Wellington Park, at 3:15pm Sunday 13th Nov. 2016.

CHURCH FUNDRAISING

We have been busy: helping with the collection at the Wellington Carnival; holding a very nice Harvest Service and lunch and the Jumble Sale. Many thanks to all who helped and supported us, you were wonderful, we couldn't do it without you! Special thanks to Julie in the Village Shop for her help.

CHURCH LETTER

Dear Friends,

As we approach the festive season with all its time honoured traditions it's easy to forget those people from around the world whose lives through war and drought will never be the same again. Closer to home, people we know have had their lives changed through tragedy and loss and we may think for a moment what if anything the festive season will mean to them.

In the Church lectionary we celebrate All Saints Day on November 5th this year. Easy to pass this by on fireworks night. All Saints for me is not just about those stained glass windows Saints but modern day Saints who, like Mother Teresa, made a difference in such a wonderful humble way.

I expect you could easily nominate a local saint whose contribution to town or village life is quite understated who most would never know. What about the person who does the ironing regularly for someone who is too ill to do it themselves? What about the people who regularly donate food to the Food Bank and those who work in it.

There's a longer list of people I know and probably you do to who give of themselves 110%. These are my ideas of modern day saints. They don't go around dressed in white or have haloes, but they do have compassion, devotion, love and self sacrifice; actually a lot like a stained glass window saint.

But these folk on stained glass windows were ordinary people too, like the ones we know today who make our lives richer for it. We all carry within our hearts the potential to be a saint to somebody else, to reflect the love and compassion holy people have passed on to us through the ages.

So...how do you begin to follow the example of a saint? As Woody Allen once said "90% of life is just showing up"
Alan (East Group Vicar)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2016 EAST GROUP



Sunday 11th December

10am Bradford on Tone Family Carol Service.

10am West Buckland Family Carol Service.

Sunday 18th December

3.30pm Nynehead Family Carol Service with Crib Blessing.

4pm Runnington Family Christingle Service with Crib Blessing.

Sunday 19th December

(Langford Budville Carol Service. Provisional-yet to be confirmed.)

Saturday 24th December

3.30pm Langford Budville Family Crib Service with Carols.

3.30pm Bradford on Tone Family Family Christingle Service with Crib Blessing.

6pm West Buckland Family Christingle Service with Crib Blessing.

10.30pm Bradford on Tone Midnight Mass.

11.30pm Langford Budville Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December

9am West Buckland Family Christmas Day Holy Communion Service.

10.30am Runnington Family Christmas Day Service - Public Worship with Communion by Extension.

10.45am Nynehead Family Christmas Day Holy Communion Service.

Information about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals Contact: Revd. Alan Ellacott Tel: 01823 669824

e-mail rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com

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

NEWSLETTER WINTER DEADLINE – DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Please note that there will be no January newsletter therefore please submit any copy for December by 20th November as usual and remember to include any information about your January events if so wished. The following deadline will then be the 20th January for the February newsletter. Many thanks, Editor.

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB OCTOBER MEETING

At the October meeting of the West Buckland Friendship Club visitors for the morning were Star (a tawny owl), Mumbles (a Bengalese eagle owl), Tinan (a kestrel) and Shadow and Zazoo (both barn owls). These wonderful birds brought along their minders Sheila and Sue who are volunteers from the Secret World Wildlife Rescue Centre. Both ladies give a most interesting talk about the centre, their voluntary work there, and the love of the birds that they had the privilege to care for. The centre relies on donations to continue their work rehabilitating rescued animals and visiting schools to impart their knowledge on conservation and it will be the 25th anniversary of the centre next year.

Preceding this wonderful opportunity to view the birds at fairly close quarters the business part of the meeting included a recap on the excellent outing to Exmoor, an appeal for help to man our stall at the village Xmas Fayre and a request for payment for the Xmas meal. The 2017 itinerary of speakers and outings will be unveiled at the AGM on Thursday November 3rd which will conclude with a buffet together with a glass of wine. Offers of help with food appreciated (speak with Denis or Penny).

Dates for your diary: 1st December Xmas meal (no meeting); first meeting of 2017 will be 5th January.

WEST BUCKLAND WI OCTOBER MEETING

The singing of Jerusalem to the accompaniment of the piano keyboard started the October meeting. A warm welcome was given to Christine Wombwell who had brought a selection of WI gifts and cards from Wilton Lodge for members to purchase. Future activities were arranged including an Abba tribute concert, preview days to listen to potential speakers, our annual 4 C's (standing for Coffee & Cream, Chat, Charity and Christmas!) at the home of one of our members, a visit to the Fox family's Tonedale House in Wellington and Wellington School's performance of The Importance of being Earnest. A visit date was even given for 2018!

The speaker for the evening was Mr Dando who had all enthralled with "The Magic of Somerset Carnivals". His involvement with carnivals spanning some 37 years had provided him with a tremendous amount of satisfaction and fun as well as hard work. He explained carnivals originated back in the 1600s with Guy Fawkes and his attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament and King James ordering towns to celebrate his downfall with bonfires and fancy dress parades. Initially on foot, the parades then moved to horses and carts to avoid stepping in animal spoils! He brought a scary looking 'squib' used in the Bridgwater Carnival – a large firework that is lighted and held aloft on a pole. Thank goodness this was a spent one and couldn't be demonstrated in the Village Hall for real! We were all amazed that participants in the tableaux stay frozen in the same position for up to 2½ hours! Mr Dando went on to describe ongoing projects that have received Heritage Lottery funding encouraging young people to get involved with the making of carnivals. One person he knew went on to a career in television programme production. He most definitely lit up the evening with an illuminated talk about the world of Somerset's illuminated carnivals!

Lots of entries were received for the Most Colourful Scarf Competition. The winner was Val Mister, Val Harris was 2nd and Ivy Voysey 3rd. The next meeting is at 7.30pm at West Buckland Village Hall on Tuesday 8th November do come along and see how friendly we all are!

POLICE BEAT SURGERY

The next Beat Surgery will take place on Thursday 17th November between 5pm and 5.30pm outside the Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 29th November at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is no meeting of the Parish Council in December.

Don't forget 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.

Please include any January events for a joint December/January edition.

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