

West Buckland Community News

October 2018

Did You, Or Someone You Know, Attend West Buckland Primary School As A Child?

If you are a former pupil of West Buckland Primary School, we would love to hear what you have done in your life since leaving us. Whether you are a plumber, a student, an astronaut, a homemaker or an accountant, whether you've recently left school or recently retired, it would be great for us to be able to share some of your stories with the children so that they begin to understand more about the world of work and the opportunities that are open to them.

A few lines telling us when you were at West Buckland, maybe with the odd memory, and a brief description of what you do now and why you chose this path, would be wonderful. And if you felt brave enough to add a couple of 'then and now' photos, so much the better! Please either post your stories to the school or email westbucklandprimary@educ.somerset.gov.uk

We very much look forward to hearing from you.

West Buckland Primary School Open Day – Tuesday 2nd October

West Buckland Primary School is holding its annual Open Day on Tuesday October 2nd. Between 2pm and 3pm visitors will be able to see the school in action, look around the classrooms and grounds, and meet staff and governors. We will also open again in the evening between 6pm and 7pm. Everyone - members of the community, former pupils and current and prospective families - is welcome to come along and learn more about what makes our school such a special place. We very much look forward to meeting you.

World War One Commemoration – Thursday 8th November

To mark the centenary of the end of World War One, West Buckland School will be holding a commemoration event on Thursday 8th November at 2pm in the church. We would very much like this to be a village event and would love to hear from anyone who has memorabilia which they would be willing to lend to us. We promise to take very good care of it. We are also hoping that some of the older members of the community could join the children for some of the singing. If you, or anyone you know, would like to be involved with this, please either call in, telephone us on 01823 663376 or email the school office at westbucklandprimary@educ.somerset.gov.uk. Please watch out for posters with further information appearing around the village.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Celebrate The Harvest Festival at the Church Service on Sunday October 14th at 11am followed by lunch in the Village Hall at 12.30pm. Tickets are £5 each from Jean, 22 Church Drive, 01823 663009.

'ROCK WITH THE DOCS'

A special fund-raising event is being held in aid of Patient Heart Monitors and a Patient Transport Scheme at Wellington Medical Centre. A Grand Black Tie Evening to take place at the Beam Bridge Inn on Saturday 27th October, 6.45pm – 1.00 am.

All details on the village notice board and on the information board in the Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL - OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 30th October 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 November. There is no Beat Surgery in October.

WORLD WAR 1 DISPLAY

I have cancelled the display of memorabilia which I had planned 10th November. There has been much less media interest in commemorating the end of the war as there was four years ago when the centenary of the start of the conflict was big news. However, if anyone would like to see the information I have on the men who are listed on our War Memorial, then please contact me – email margaretblogg@btinternet.com.

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

2018	7 th Oct	14 th Oct	21 st Oct	28 th Oct <u>Bible Sunday</u>
READINGS on pew sheets	OT Genesis 2. 18-24 NT Hebrews 1. 1-4, 2. 5-12 Gospel Mark 10. 2-16	OT Amos 5. 6-7. 10-15 NT Hebrews 4.12-16 Gospel Mark 10. 17-31	OT Isaiah 53. 4-12 NT Hebrews 5. 1-10 Gospel Mark 10. 35-45	OT Isaiah 55. 1-11 NT 2 Timothy 3. 14- 4.5 Gospel John 5. 36-47
West Buckland	9am BCP HC	11am Family Harvest Service, followed by harvest lunch in the village hall.	9am HC	10am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30am Harvest HC service, followed by Harvest Lunch in the village hall	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30am Parish praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC with hymns	9.15am Joint HC
Langford Budville	10.30am HC	9.15am Joint HC	10.30am Family Harvest Service, followed by Harvest lunch in church	<i>Join Runnington</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	Join others	10.45am HC

DATE	SIDESPERSONS	READERS
7 October	Churchwardens	M ROSE
14 October	Churchwardens	-
21 October	N HAYES & P MEEK	B DUMMETT
28 October	C & J HAGLEY	J MORRISH
5 November	Churchwardens	C RAYSON

OTHER SERVICES

Oct 4th 9.45am East Group Midweek BCP HC Service Bradford on Tone, refreshments - village Hall with coffee morning group.

4th November All Souls Service for everyone at St Johns Wellington 3pm.

Churches Together "Hospital Service" will be held at Wellington Methodist Church on Sunday, 14th October, at 6.30pm. The preacher will be the Reverend Robin Pfaff, Co-ordinating Chaplain of Somerset Partnership NHS Trust. Robin is a minister of the Swiss Reformed Church. This service is a joint op between the Wellington Hospital Chaplaincy and Churches.

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. Open The Book is also being taken to other schools in the Benefice including Rockwell Green & Stawley. Please contact your vicar Alan for more information. *Also: 'Open the Book' needs strong large card for making props, - very large boxes please, contact your vicar Alan if you have any.*

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

FOOD BANK please fill up food bank boxes in your churches.

Dear Friends,

We are inviting you to join us in our launch of **The Tone Valley Filling Station**: A new informal way of expressing the Christian faith. Official opening on Friday October 26th when the speaker will be Revd. Richard Fothergill the founder and International Director of the Filling Station movement. Every evening opens at 7pm with great coffee supplied by Brazier roasters and delicious muffins from Topside Catering, and finishes around 8.45pm.

What is the Filling Station? We are not seeking to solely attract those already thriving and plugged into churches - more those Christians who are de-churched or feeling spiritually dry and tired on the fringes - so if you know any do please pass the information on. We will really appreciate your support. We would love to meet you at our meetings if your diary permits, if only to stand alongside you and lift up your arms for all you are doing in the ministry. It is our hope that the monthly 'celebration' meetings are a means to an end (spiritual refreshment, renewal and evangelism, building and strengthening friendships). We also find the meetings often help to strengthen the local Christian community and the huge blessing that God promises us from unity. We must emphasize that this is very much an addition to what's on offer at our churches - it is not, and never will be, a new church. (Hence not running on a Sunday or within a church building.) The hosting team is comprised of a group of people who attend various churches. Hence, we're aiming to bring together people across the denominations for informal sung worship, Biblically based teaching and prayer ministry, as well as providing a fun & social evening. Tea, coffee and cake will also be served. It would be wonderful if you could come and we will appreciate your prayers as well. Do let us know how you sense we can be praying for the area from your perspective as well as how we might be able to support you in the future. We often find Church leaders find it a resourcing place to come for themselves as well as an additional ministry tool for them.

If you wanted to look at the origins / endorsements or where other meetings are located (we currently have over 90 operating across the UK and wider) do look us up online at fillingstation.org.uk. On the 'home' page is a fantastic video that articulates the vision beautifully.

We really look forward to meeting you soon at Langford Budville Village Hall Ritherdons Lane Langford Budville TA21 0RL [venue will be signposted] for the Dry Run on 28th September 7.00 for 7.30 and then on the 4th Friday of the month. For more details contact: **The Revd. Selina Garner, The Vicarage, 62 Rockwell Green, Wellington, TA21 9BX T: 01823 66 22 27 M: 07952 522976 E: selina@thegarner.me.uk**

LETTER FROM THE RIGHT REVEREND RUTH WORSLEY BISHOP OF TAUNTON - BACK TO SCHOOL...?

It's now a month into a new school year. Some families will relish being back in the 'normal' routine with structured days for indefatigable youngsters. Others will miss the relative freedom of weeks without the treadmill of various sports fixtures, practices, after school clubs and picks-ups.

When I was a child I remember the school holidays seeming to stretch of forever, lazy, hazy days spent breakfasting in the garden on stewed apples and rhubarb (it was always sunny!); making tents with blankets and the swing frame or clothes line; or fishing for tiddlers in the nearby stream. Like all of us of a certain age, I'm sure I'm looking back with rather rose-tinted spectacles!

I'm sure for hard working teaching staff in our 182 church schools, whose 'holidays' are often spent planning the new term, the six weeks is never long enough. We give thanks for them and their calling. I also want to pay tribute to some of the more unsung heroes diligently working away behind the scenes- our network of 400 church school governors.

These volunteers give up their time to serve and support their local school, its children, families and staff. They truly enrich what the school can offer and promote its distinctiveness as a church school through their knowledge and experience. It's a vital role but in our diocese right now we have governor vacancies in over half of our church schools. That's a big gap, with 98 out of 182 schools missing out on the full and diverse range of skills and expertise that governors bring.

We're seeking people from a range of backgrounds and ages to fill those gaps and serve as governors. If you'd like to give back to your community, and feel you have skills that will help local children and your local community thrive, I encourage to you find out more and apply at: www.bathandwells.org.uk/be-a-governor. We look forward to welcoming you to our church school family!

With thanks for all our wonderful schools and remembering our children and students in their endeavours this term.

WEST BUCKLAND WI SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our meeting started off with our President welcoming everyone. We were informed that the minutes from the previous meeting were on the table if anyone wished to look at them. Then our treasurer went through the accounts, then went on to tell us about all the activities that members had signed up for and that the monies were due to be paid for. Our secretary then told us about all the other things that were going on over the next few months either at our WI or within the group. There were boards on the table for us to sign up to. The green sheet was handed out to everyone, so the members could see what was going on over the month. The members were informed that if there was anything that they wished to have a go at on the green sheet please give the person that is running it a call.

The floor was opened up for any members that had other events on that they wish to tell us about and a short discussion ensued. Our president then introduced our speaker for this month, Denise Thompson from a charity called Brainwave. She commenced by telling us how and when the charity started and what it tries to achieve. The charity was set up to help children who have had strokes or bleeds on the brain. They now help about 600 children ranging from a few months to 12 years old. After an initial session to understand the child's needs, a programme is created especially for the individual using a variety of professionals who volunteer to help. Brainwave operates solely on donations from the public and gets no funding from government. A lot of the members were very interested in Brainwave as they either have or know of someone that has or had a child with a bleed on the brain. Denise then finished off the evening by showing us a couple of small videos of families that Brainwave has helped over the years. The evening then finished with tea and nibbles.

Our next meeting is on the 9th October at 7.30pm at West Buckland Village Hall when our speaker will be David Mournian with his talk 'Grumpy Goes to America'. Everyone is most welcome.

SHEEP/LIVESTOCK WORRYING

The local police team have had an increase in reported incidents of attacks against livestock. Please be aware as a dog owner your responsibilities and the legalities surrounding this issue.

If you require further information please contact me on Sharon.baker@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Please also be reminded that if you are walking on public footpaths and through private land, you must keep your dog under control. They should be on a lead near livestock. Please also shut gates particularly through lambing season.

If your dog attacks livestock, you could end up being responsible for offences including criminal damage and sheep worrying in addition to potential prosecution under The Dangerous Dogs Act. Additionally farmers do have the right to shoot dogs that are worrying or attacking livestock. The Police do not want anyone to lose their beloved pet.

Sharon Baker, PCSO 9511, Wellington Police Station

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

At the moment we have no one to deliver the Newsletter in the Chelston area (25 copies) and to Blackmoor and Ruggin (32 copies).

If anyone is prepared to deliver to either of these areas would they please contact Chris Hagley on 01823 667470.

TREASURER REQUIRED BY YOUR VILLAGE HALL

Could you take on this worthwhile position helping to support your community? If so, please contact our retiring treasurer Mrs Margaret Blogg on 01823 663378.

WALKING BOOKS

Are you walking to keep fit? We have a guide book of 11 circular walks around West Buckland. For sale @ £3 each. Proceeds to West Buckland Village Hall. Available from Jean @ 22 Church Drive, 01823 663009.

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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