

West Buckland Community Newsletter

February 2020



Hello everyone of West Buckland! My name is Brandon and if you haven't noticed already, I have just opened a functional fitness gym located at Morrishes Farm called Pulse gym.

Our gym is a friendly, fun, welcoming gym for everyone!

No matter what your shape, size, age, or fitness level, you will feel comfortable with us and our supportive community. We offer various types of memberships or pay as you go for over 25 classes a week, these include bootcamp, boxcamp, HIIT, circuits, core fit, fight fit, kettlebell conditioning, and yoga, with more classes to be added soon!

If you would like to know more information and to sign up for a free trial class head to www.pulsegym.co.uk and give us a message if you have any questions, we would be happy to chat to you.
Brandon & the Pulse team

WEST BUCKLAND PUB NIGHT

We would like to wish you all a very happy new year and thanks for your support over the last few months. We hope you all enjoyed the quiz night, and we hope to have another one later in the year.

The Buckland Arms will be open in the village hall on Friday 7th February from 7.30pm, everyone is welcome. The pub nights are the first Friday of every month.

WEST BUCKLAND CHURCH RACE NIGHT

Date for your diary, after a long winter break. The horses are now in easy training, the going is still a bit heavy.

However the Race Night will be on Friday 20th March in the Village Hall at 7.30pm with support this year from the West Buckland Pub Group. More details next month.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The February meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 25th February at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

POLICE BEAT SURGERY

The next Beat Surgery is between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm at the Village Hall on Monday, 24th February.

2020	2 nd Feb	9 th Feb	16 th Feb	23 rd Feb
READINGS on pew sheets	OT Malachi 3.1-5 NT Hebrews 2. 14-18 Gospel Luke 2. 22-40	OT Isaiah 58 1-9a (9b-12) NT 1 Corinthians 2. 1-12. (13-16) Gospel Matthew 5. 13-20	OT Genesis 1. 1- 2. 3 NT Romans 8. 18-25 Gospel Matthew 6. 25-34	OT Exodus 24.12-18 NT 2 Peter 1.16-21 Gospel Matthew 17. 1-9
West Buckland	9am BCP HC	10am Parish Praise service	9am HC	10am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30am HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC	9.15am HC
Langford Budville	10.30am HC	9.15am HC	No service	<i>Join Runnington</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	No service	10.45am HC

OTHER SERVICES

6th February East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

ASSOCIATE PRIEST - WELLINGTON AND DISTRICT TEAM MINISTRY

I am delighted to announce the appointment of The Reverend Martin Beaumont to the post of Associate Priest in the Wellington and District Team Ministry. Martin is currently living near the benefice and is looking forward to his new role. We hold Martin, Ruth and the benefice in our prayers at this time of transition. More details in your church. [The Revd Tim Treanor](#)

PIONEER CURACY IN THE WELLINGTON TEAM – RICHARD KELLEY

From July 2020 Richard Kelley will be joining the Wellington Team to complete his title post as Pioneer Curate under the supervision of the Rev. Selina Garner. Richard is currently completing his BA in Theology, Ministry and Mission at St Mellitus South West alongside his placement in the Frome deanery. He is also a member of the Diocesan Vocations Team and chairs the management group of the Diocesan Ministry Experience Scheme. He is married to Charlotte, an English teacher, and they have a cat called Jasmine. More details in your church.

'OPEN THE BOOK'

Our 2 primary schools in the East Group, West Buckland and Langford Budville are enjoying 'Open the Book' once a fortnight. We have also just started 'Open the Book' in the wider Wellington Team Benefice at **Rockwell Green & Stawley primary schools**. They would all like this to continue! For this to happen we need more people to join our friendly team of volunteers for some Wednesdays between 9am and 12.30pm. Refreshment break included.

Please contact your vicar Alan for more information.

Contact: Revd. Alan Ellacott Tel: 01823 669824 email rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com

There is a good explanatory video at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/>

We are **collecting clothes for Syrian refugees at St Giles Church Bradford on Tone**, to be sent through R.A.F.T (Refugee Aid From Taunton). All types of clothing and blankets welcome, but must be in good condition and clean.
June Best (Churchwardens).

FOOD BANK There are Food Boxes in our churches- 'East Group' to put your donations : all donations to Wellington are very welcome and should preferably be received at the URC in Wellington (Mondays and Thursdays 3-4pm) Clare Lucker, M:+44 (0)7979 694 931 clarelucker@yahoo.co.uk

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP GROUP

62 attendees began the January club meeting by observing a minute's silence remembering a member who had recently died. After the usual greetings and birthday card distribution, the November meeting minutes were read, agreed and signed. A reminder was given to February door volunteers and appeals made for raffle prizes and "thankers" for speakers.

The Chairman gave details of plans for the club's 1980s themed anniversary party to be held on 23rd January from 2 – 4pm, taking the form of a cream tea and fun quiz followed by a disco for dancing.

Retired police detective Andy Lucker then entertained members with a film showing him in an episode of the BBC documentary "Airport" when he was working as a plain clothes member of the British Transport Police. It depicted various aspects of criminality and security at Heathrow Airport and members were then keen to ask questions about various airport security aspects, on which Andy was able to offer further information and advice. He was thanked for his interesting and informative talk by Oliver Vance.

After the anniversary party, the next club meeting will on 6th February when John Hudson will be covering the topical subject of "Global Warming". Coffee is served from 9.45 and new members are always welcome

WEST BUCKLAND WI – JANUARY MEETING

Our President, Barbara Edgehill, opened the meeting by wishing everyone a very Happy New Year and hoped they had all enjoyed the festive season.

Tickets for the forthcoming Pantomime, Dick Whittington, at The Wellesley Cinema were given out to members who had booked to see it and everyone was anticipating a fun evening. It was understood that tickets could now be booked for the forthcoming musical 'The Sound of Music' to be performed by members of Wellington Operatic Society in May.

Members who had attended the annual Somerset County Federation of WIs Carol Festival at Wells Cathedral said that it had been a huge success despite the terrible weather and urged members who had not experienced the very moving service to attend this coming year.

There were many interesting Somerset County WI events that members could book to attend in February and March including a World War 1 Social History Lunch, a Crime Mystery Dinner, Broadway Spectacular a magical musical revue and the annual Roadshows where members could meet up with other WI friends and hear some great speakers at other Village Halls around the County.

Members were informed of the various groups starting up again, which include the craft group, hand bell ringing, indoor kurling, kazoo band, reading group, walking group, lunch group and a monthly informal coffee and chat 'about anything and everything' session.

Our speaker this month was Michael Malaghan, a writer, who gave a humorous talk entitled 'it shouldn't happen to a writer' in which he spoke of anecdotes, some remembered from his childhood days that gave him inspiration for some of his storylines. He signed copies of his latest book The Master Musician's Secret which members could purchase.

We welcome visitors to our monthly meetings which are held every 2nd Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm at West Buckland Village Hall. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th February when our speaker will be Sarah Guest who will talk about the 'Magic of Somatics'. Competition for members will be to make the most decorative cupcake.

Telephone 01823 652863 (or 07736 712273) for information.



Can you imagine what it feels like to be all alone, with no one to turn to?

Can you imagine feeling like a failure as a parent – just because you are exhausted and at the end of your tether? There are many, many parents in our community in Somerset who feel like this – they are isolated and desperate for **someone** who understands. **Could you be that someone?**

Safe Families is a national Christian charity, that enables and empowers people to reach out into their community, making a difference in the lives of others in as little as an hour a week.

Safe Families equip and empower volunteers to come alongside families and children to befriend them, support them and encourage them. They provide a safe structure and backup for those volunteers, linking them with families in the community.

You could be married, single, old, young, working, a student or retired, with or without children - you can be as flexible as you like. We welcome **anyone** who is willing to come alongside and support an isolated family who are going through a difficult time. **You never know – you might make a friend!**

For more info Email maryayers@safefamiliesforchildren.com **or** Ring our Office: 02382 250131

or Take a look at the website and apply online:

www.safefamiliesforchildren.com/regions/southandsouthwest to see stories of hope & **transformation**

A mum recently helped by a volunteer said:

“I didn’t realise how a little help can make such a difference. Her support gave me so much hope and confidence for the future”

Brought to you by Katherine Lyddon, Children and Families Rural Pioneer, Tone Deanery

NEW VILLAGE CHAPLAIN

West Buckland is going to have a Village Chaplain! West Buckland Church has been looking for ways to serve the local Village. One of the church members has volunteered and been trained to explore a new role of village Chaplain. A Village Chaplain is to be there for everyone in the Village community whether or not they have a Christian faith. They are there to listen and talk and find ways to support people wherever possible.

Commissioning the Village Chaplain will take place on Sunday 29th March at West Buckland Church as part of the 10 o’clock service. Everybody is welcome to come along, and there will be refreshments after the service. In Next Month’s Newsletter, our new Village Chaplain will share her story.

This newsletter is also on the parish website - www.westbuckland.org/parish-magazine/

It is also available by e-mail – send an e-mail indicating your wish to **westbucklandnews@hotmail.com** and you will be added to the mailing list. You may need to add this address to your contacts to ensure receipt.

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

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