

*Buckland
Filleigh
Newsletter*

**October/November
2006**

Diary Dates

October

- 1 Family Service, St.Mary's 9.30am
- 3 Mother's Union, Parish Rooms, Shebbear 2.30pm (Speaker is Penny Warren- "Be still and know")
- 4 Dog Training, V. Hall 7.30pm
- 6 Library Van (see below)
- 7 Film Night, Pirates of the Caribbean, V.Hall 7.30pm
- 8 Harvest Festival, St. Mary's 6.30pm
- 11 Dog Training, V. Hall 7.30pm
- 11 W.I Shebbear V. Hall 7.30pm
- 15 Harvest Songs of Praise 4.00pm West Heanton
- 18 Dog Training, V. Hall 7.30pm
- 20 Library van (see below)
- 21 Out in the Open: Mary Tavy – Brentor
- 22 Holy Communion 6.30pm St. Mary's
- 25 Dog Training, V. Hall 7.30pm
- 25 Historical Society walk at Heanton Barton, Petrockstow, 6pm
- 29 All Souls Service 11.00am Shebbear

November

- 3 Library van (see below)
- 4 Film Night, The Squid & The Whale, V.Hall 7.30pm
- 5 Family Service 9.30am St. Mary's
- 7 Mother's Union, Parish Rooms, Shebbear 2.30pm
- 8 W.I Shebbear V. Hall 7.30pm
- 12 Remembrance Service 10.50am Shebbear
- 14 Parish council meeting
- 17 Library Van (see below)
- 18 Beetle Drive, V.Hall 7.30pm
- 19 Holy Communion 9.30am St. Mary's
- 26 Advent Lunch, V.Hall 1.30pm
- 26 Evening Prayer 6.30pm St.Mary's

December

- 1 Library Van (see below)
- 3 Christingle 9.30am
- 17 Carol Service 6pm

Announcements

Congratulations to Bird Martin from West Heanton Farm who was 18 on the 13th of September

For Sale

Silver Appleyard call ducks- 281 535

Wanted

Old stamps and coopers for the Bell fund. Phone Steve and Mel 281385

Library Van

Every other Friday the Library Van calls at West Heanton 10:30-10:50 and then at the Village Hall 11:00- 11:15

Hiring the Village Hall

The committee room upstairs is just £5 per evening and the hall itself can be booked from £8 per evening (heating extra). Call 281372 for more details.

Editorial

As this is my first newsletter, I'd like to take this chance to say a big thank you to Rachel for being the editor of the newsletter for so long. Also please forgive me for any miss prints, errors and most of all spelling!! If you wish to add any news, articles or comments then please let me know.

Church News

Not a lot has been happening in the past couple of months but there was one day of great moment when, on Sunday 3rd September, Nancy Thurley, our Chairman of the Friends of St. Mary's, celebrated her eightieth birthday. Nancy had planned; a quiet day but her family had other ideas. Accompanied by her son Richard she was conveyed by horse and carriage down the lanes to Upcott Avenel where Emma and David Anderson hosted a family tea party for Nancy and her family. The horse and carriage was provided by Eastervale Riding School of Petrockstowe and the photo was taken en route as they passed Woodhead.

All of us wish Nancy very many happy returns.

Prior to her birthday Nancy looked after the "Family Dog Show" which was held with the Agility Dog Show on Bank Holiday Monday. Much enjoyed by all who took part, particularly including the dogs, £82.75 was raised for the Friends.

The Friends of St. Mary's have received a cheque for £250 for Jane Taylor, this being the first profits from her book on Buckland Filleigh. Jane's Donation is particularly well timed as we have recently received the report on the Quinquennial Survey of the church and of course there is much to be done. Many thanks to Jane.

Harvest Festival is to be at 6.00pm on Sunday 8th October. It will be followed as usual by the Harvest Supper (bring and share) in the Village Hall where donations may be made for the produce displayed.

The Christingle Service will be held at 9.30 am on Sunday 3rd December.

The Carol Service will be held at 6.00pm on Sunday 17th December.

Freddy Hulm

Parish Council

At the meeting of the Parish Council held on 29 August members paid tribute to the late Paul Kirkham, former clerk to the Council.

Following previous discussions concerning the possible production of a Parish Plan, it was proposed that this could be pursued by way of a public meeting at the Village Hall at which a speaker would be provided who would explain more about the objectives of such a plan and the way in which it could be produced. It was noted that, although the Parish Council might be the initiator of the process, it was essential that the community as a whole be involved as it represented an opportunity to get matters which were important to the Parish to feed into the wider local strategic plan. Further details of such a meeting will be published in due course.

The next Council meeting is to be held on 14 November 2006.

Martin Fowler

Parish Clerk

From the Team Rector (Tel: 01409-281424)

When we look at many of our church buildings, it looks as if the church is a symbol of an unchanging world. A medieval building that has been much as it is now as long as anyone can remember.

Of course that is not quite true. The world is constantly changing – for better and for worse. Even the church building has altered over time, and certainly the church as an organisation has. It is not exempt from the changes of the world around it. And it still isn't today. Can I ask for your help with some of the changes that are going on now.

You probably know that clergy are becoming more scarce. It's been going on for many years, and the clergy there are have taken on more and more responsibilities. Here in Devon – and in many other places as well – we have now begun to look at new creative ways of doing things.

One of the crucial parts of the church's work is helping people to know God's love for them – especially at times of need, like illness or bereavement. It's not about forcing a Bible down their throats; rather, it is being there alongside people.

To a large degree, we all do that as neighbours and as family and friends. Our villages are very good at that sort of thing. But inevitably some can get missed, and sometimes there is a need for someone with a little more distance.

Across the villages here we are hoping to draw together a group of people who can be available in that sort of way. They will probably be good listeners, sensitive to people's situations. If you would like to suggest anyone who you think might be able to fulfil that role, please do let me know. Please feel free to do that in complete confidence. If it seems right to approach that person, they will, of course, have the opportunity to say 'no'. But what an encouragement to them it would be to have the endorsement of people in the community.

Thank you for your help. Yours, *Martin Warren*.

Harvest Celebration: Sunday 8th October at 6.00pm

Please note the date and time of our Harvest Festival service. As usual a supper will follow in the Hall. There, as in recent years, there will be the opportunity to take some of the produce for a donation. Do come together then. It is a central event for a rural community.

Out in the Open: Mary Tavy – Brentor: Sat 21st October

A good walk, companionship, and, for those that wish, the occasional stops to draw on the spiritual opportunities of the countryside.

If you would like to come, contact Martin Warren (281424)

All Souls Service: Sun 29th October, 11.00am at Shebbear

An annual opportunity to recall those who have gone from us. The names of those who have died in the last three years will read as of course. If you would like others included, please pass their names to the Vicar, or add them to the list in church. There is also silence when we can remember quietly many others, whose names are not read publicly.

Christmas Preparations: Posada

Sorry to mention Christmas, but the run-up to Christmas will be under way by the time the next newsletter appears. Remember Posada? - The figures of Mary and Joseph visiting homes in the weeks before Christmas. Let Martin Warren know if you would like to be a part of that this year: either for the first time, or to join in again. And you don't have to have children to join in. We can all be part of the journey to Christmas.

From the Registers

Baptisms: Welcome to the Church family

16th July

Abigail Tucker

James Tucker

Brooke Tucker

Weddings: Congratulations

1st July Shaun Isaac and Julie Baigent

Funerals: Our prayers for the bereaved

25th Aug Paul Kirkham

21st Sep Reg Gifford

25th August 2006

Family and Friends gathered at St.Mary's Buckland Filleigh to bid farewell and honour the memory of Paul Kirkham. A gentleman, he efficiently carried out his duties as clerk on the Parish Council, on the Village Hall Committee he not only acted as secretary but also quietly went about fixing a screw, changing light bulbs, cleaning up and many other little tasks which occur regularly in an old building, without any fuss.

Paul was respected by all who met him, and Buckland Filleigh is richer for having had his example of community spirit to follow.

He will be missed by many, especially his wife Valerie and sons Rob, Chris and family.

Thank you Paul for all that you were and did.

Shebbear and Buckland Filleigh Website

Paul Watts is putting together a new website for Shebbear and Buckland Filleigh. He is hoping that people will send in regular updates for the latest events, socials etc. he is also hoping to obtain a list of contacts for all businesses and services in the two parishes. If anyone has anything they would like to submit/ add then please don't hesitate to contact him.

Email- tyrella@btinternet.com Tel- 01409 281968

Film Nights

Buckland Filleigh Film Nights Have started again, Films to be shown in the Village Hall are as follows:

Sat Oct 7th 7.30pm £4 (including refreshments)

Pirates Of the Caribbean – Dead mans chest

A light hearted swash buckle!

Sat Nov 4th 7.30pm £4 (including refreshments)

The Squid and the Whale – well viewed in the papers – “a bitter sweet comedy, without the sweet”

Sat Dec 2nd 7.30pm £4 (including refreshments)

Provisional booking (if anyone has another idea, please say!) something light hearted for the Christmas Period -

“Over the Hedge”-

We hope to continue film nights in the New Year, please phone in any requests or ideas for films to 281 372 (Sheila)

Buckland Filleigh Parish Church and Buckland Filleigh Village Hall

We invite residents of Buckland Filleigh to an

ADVENT LUNCH

On Sunday 26th November at 1.30pm

There will be a 3 course lunch, a draw, festive music and verse and time to chat!

Come and celebrate the beginning of Advent with your friends and neighbours.

Places will be limited so book now with Vron Martin on 281 535 or if you would like more information!

LITTLE BEARS PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

PRESS RELEASE.....PRESS RELEASE.....PRESS RELEASE

The exciting news for the new school term is that Little Bears can now offer extended day care on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On these days, the Little Bears sessions are from 9:00am-11:45am with lunch club until 12:30 and then an additional session from 12:30-3:15pm. These new sessions have been glowingly approved by OFSTED. We would be grateful for your support with this fantastic new facility and hope to see as many of our toddlers as possible on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons as well as the other weekday morning sessions.

Other news: The children had loads of fun during the fancy dress party we held on the last day of summer term. We had party games and fun food followed by a concert with dancing, singing and musical instruments, enjoyed by the children's parents, carers, grandparents and friends. Over the summer the three day Summer Club was well attended by pre school children and some of their brothers and sisters. We enjoyed lots of outside activities, making butterfly prints, painting a huge black spider, icing biscuits and making dough.

We were thrilled to welcome Tom Nethercott to Pre-school this September and hope that he enjoys all the activities and fun at the pre-school. Our topic for September was the 'Jungle'; we looked at vegetation, heat and light, sizes and shapes, colours and textures. In October our topic will be 'Under and in the Ground'. We will look at insects, plants and their roots, food from plants, underground trains and underground homes.

Little Bears Information: Located in the grounds of Shebbear Community School, Little Bears takes children from 2½ years old up to 5 years old and is open Monday to Friday from 9am until 11:45am, with a lunch club option until 12:30pm. There is an afternoon session on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-3:15pm. For further information about Little Bears please call 07890 814564

*****Calling all Babies & Toddlers*****

There is a new toddler group session on Wednesday afternoons in the Village Hall from 1:30pm, run by the Bluecoat Early Years. Please come and support this wonderful new service.

Shebbear and Buckland Filleigh Historical Society

On the 20th September 2006 the Historical Society held a meeting starting with a walk at Dunsland House near Brandis Corner returning to the Church room in Shebbear for a film, talk and slide show of Dunsland House given by Mr. John Morton before the fire which destroyed the building and the history of the families that had owned it since Doomsday Book was written.

The meeting was attended by 56 people, four new members joined, about half were non-members. I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Griffith for talking to people at Dunsland as they both live at the adjoining farm and remember the fire at the time that it happened. I would also like to thank Harvey Paulger for all the work he put in and for helping me to set up the chairs etc. along with Harvey in the afternoon and for helping with the food and the tea and coffee's and also the washing up. Also to thank all the members who brought a plate of food it was most welcome.

We co-opted John Yelland and Harvey Paulger on to the committee by a show of hands.

The next meeting is on the 25th October at Heanton Barton, Petrockstow where we will meet at 6pm at the farm to go and look at the Windmill that was never finished and afterwards at Vron Martin's for a cup of tea, please would all members bring a plate of food with them if possible.

Anybody is welcome to come; non members are charged £1. Anyone may join the Historical Society the fee is £5 and £4 for seniors.

For any information please ring Rose Buse on 281489

Buckland Filleigh and Shebbear Mothers Union
meets at 2.30pm on the 1st Tuesday
in the month in the Parish Room at
St. Michael's, Shebbear
Visitors always welcome
Contact Margret Mason for more information 281 548

News From Duck Alley (formally the horse bridge – Bonds Cross road)

WARNING- OUTBREAK OF DUCKITIS!

This disease has several obvious symptoms.

1. Victims talk and read about ducks!
2. Victims are seen at Hatherleigh market on Tuesdays and other venues EGGING each other on!
3. Frantic building of duck houses and runs and creations of ponds occur!
4. In the extreme cases sufferers are seen with a duck in the kitchen or following at foot!
5. Convert duck swapping parties take place!

BEWARE!!! Duckitis makes you quackers!!

Deadline for next Dec/Christmas newsletter **20th November**
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