

*Buckland
Filleigh
Newsletter*

**December 06/
January 07**

Diary Dates



December

- 1 Library van (see below)
- 3 Christingle service 9.30am St. Mary's Church
Sunday Service at West Heanton Residential Home 6-6.30pm with Jan wheeler
- 9 Film Night, "Over the Hedge" 7.30pm Buckland Filleigh V.Hall
Christmas Bingo Shebbear V.hall eyes down 7.30pm (see Little Bears notes)
- 10 11.00am Christmas tree Festival Lake Chapel
- 13 Fashion Show for charity, 7pm at the V.Hall, £5 incl. wine and cheese, call Tracy Balsdon on 281 444
- 15 Library van (see below)
- 16 Royal British Legion Christmas Bingo, Shebbear V.Hall, 7.30pm
- 17 Carol service 6pm St. Mary's Church, followed by party and Father Christmas at village hall with bring and share supper.
- 18 Under 5s Christmas Celebration Shebbear 9.30am
- 20 Carol Singing 7pm Shebbear Square (see team rectors notes)
- 24 10.30am Christmas Meditation (see team rectors notes)
11.30pm Midnight Communion Shebbear
- 25 9.30am Christmas Family Communion
- 28 2pm Christmas Walk (see team rectors notes)
- 31 11am Holy Communion
New Years party Shebbear V.Hall, Families welcome (see Little Bears notes)

January

- 7 9.30am Family Service
- 13 8.30am Men's Breakfast, Devil's Stone Inn (see team rectors notes)
Film Night "The Queen"
- 14 11am Morning Worship Shebbear
- 21 Holy Communion 9.30am
- 28 6.30pm Evening Prayer

February

- 4 9.30am Family Service
- 10 Film Night "The Prestige"

Announcements

- * Erica and Andy Tod are very well settled in at their new address 16, Aish Park, Shebbear EX21 5QL and their telephone number is still 281397. They send their thanks to all those who helped out during and after the move. Such help is greatly appreciated. They won't be around over Christmas and the New Year but wish everyone happiness over the Festive Season and for 2007.
- * Welcome to the Deimert family to West lodge, Buckland Filleigh
- * Buckland Filleigh Parish Hall Committee would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Birthdays

- Nov 26th Audrey Goose Celebrated her birthday
- Dec 4th Rosie Martin
15th Andy Folwer

For Sale

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.

Church News

In the past few months much work has been done in St Mary's following Mark Betambeau's "Quinquennial Survey". The church has been rewired; the floor of the choir stalls repaired and the boiler has been extensively restored; as have the doors to the boiler room and the store room. The next task is to remove a few boards from the ceiling to inspect the roof, which clearly needs attention, and indeed there is much else to be done. As St Mary's is a listed building all this work has to be approved so nothing happens quickly. Also, depending on the condition of the roof, we may not have the funds to do all that is required so watch this space and expect some extra effort in fund raising.

We do get many visitors to the church and it is always good to meet them for they get such pleasure from the old building and from the beauty of its setting in the churchyard which is so carefully maintained by Jim Cox. As may be seen he devotes many hours to it, which is all the more admirable in view of the size of his garden at home.

Parishioners will have noticed that the Tods have moved. After seemingly endless delay, which had half the parish stressed out, they are now settled in Aish Park where we all wish them well. They moved into Lovacott 35 years ago so feel quite at home in Shebbear but after 25 years at West Lodge we know they will remain Buckfillians at heart and we will certainly see no less of them in the future.

Martin Warren will have it listed but do, if you can, bring your children to the Christingle Service at 9.30 on Sunday 3rd December. This is a lovely service for children and adults as we approach Christmas.

Remember the Carol Service is to be at 6.00 pm on Sunday 17th December, followed as usual by the party in the Village Hall which Father Christmas will attend and a bring and share supper. On Christmas Day there will be a Family Communion Service at 9.30 am.

Freddy Hulm

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Parish Council

The Council met on 14 November 2006 at the Village Hall. An open forum was held prior to the meeting to discuss the proposed Parish Plan. The Assistant County Community Strategy Officer, Alison Boyd, attended the forum and gave a short address and distributed examples of other parishes' plans. Following some discussion it was agreed that we should proceed with the idea and that a sub-committee would be formed on which the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and the Parochial Church Council would be represented, together with any other parishioners who might be interested in helping to work up the plan. Any volunteers to take part in this community project will be welcome and should contact the Chairman, Andy Tod, telephone number 281397.

The Council noted that yet another accident had occurred at Horseshoe Bridge, the parapet of which had been damaged quite severely. The Council had written two previous letters to the District Council asking for road warning signs, but the response had been that there were no funds available. The Council will be considering how this continuing problem can be solved in the longer term.

May I remind you that all members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings of the Council. The next regular meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 13 February 2007, at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. A notice of the matters to be discussed at the meeting will be posted at the Village Hall at least three days before.

Martin Fowler

Parish Clerk

From the Team Rector (Tel: 01409-281424)

An interesting little fact I came across: apparently the 1960s and 70s were the peak period of happiness! Well, there you go. And I thought it was all about drugs and sex and rock and roll! Not that any of those desperately impinged on my growing up years. But then they do say that Cornwall is 50 years behind the rest of the country!

Maybe it was something about having enough – even the NHS worked well then – and not having entered that period of the 80s and 90s when we just wanted more and more – and all for me.

Did you read the Stern Report published a few weeks ago? No, nor did I! But I do hope you got the gist of it. A very stern (!) warning about the effects of climate change. Well, maybe we are beginning to learn that we have a responsibility to look after the world – just like God tells us in the Bible!

Realistically we are going to have to change our lifestyles – back to something like the 60s. Something simpler – and maybe happier too!

Jesus was born in a stable. No cot, so they used a manger. Not very luxurious. But intensely practical. And it did – very well in fact.

Christmas can get hugely involved and complicated. Maybe it's actually a time for finding simplicity. And that could just stick – and help us save the planet!

Well, why not!

Yours,

Martin Warren.

Sundays at St. Mary's

Dec 3rd 9.30am Christingle
Dec 10th 11.00am *Special service for the Christmas tree Festival (Lake Chapel)*
Dec 17th 6.00pm Carol Service
Dec 24th *see below*
Dec 31st 11.00am Holy Communion
Jan 7th 9.30am Family Service
Jan 14th 11.00am *Morning Worship (at Shebbear)*
Jan 21st 9.30am Holy Communion
Jan 28th 6.30pm Evening Prayer
Feb 4th 9.30am Family Service

Christmas Worship

Sun Dec 17th 6.00pm Carol Service
Mon Dec 18th 9.30am Under 5s Christmas Celebration (Shebbear)
Sun Dec 24th 10.30am Stillness in the Rush: Christmas Meditation
11.30am Midnight Communion (Shebbear)
Mon Dec 25th 9.30am Christmas Family Communion

Christmas Carols: Wednesday 20th Dec at 7pm.

Join with Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree in Shebbear Village Square.

We are delighted that the Northlew Band will with us – so there's no excuse for not knowing the tunes!

Working off the pud!

Christmas walk: Yarnscombe to Newton Tracey

Thursday 28th Dec. Meet Yarnscombe Village Hall at 2.00pm

Numbers would be helpful. Please let Martin Warren know, tel: 281424.

Social, in the fresh air, spiritual, creative.

Men's Breakfast: Sat 13th Jan at 8.30am

A good breakfast at The Devil's Stone Inn. Good company. Interesting speaker.

Only £5. Book with Martin Warren, tel: 281424

Shebbear and Buckland Filleigh Website

Paul Watts has got the new website for Shebbear and Buckland Filleigh up and running. It can be found at www.shebbearvillage.co.uk please do log on and see all the news and latest goings on in both villages. Paul would like to start a section that gives personal views of life in the area, hobbies, work, Birthdays, weddings etc anything that you would like to say or contribute please get in touch.

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Beetle Drive

An enjoyable Beetle drive was held on the 18th November the usual good time was had by those who were there although numbers were low. A profit of £55 was made for the village hall. Keep your eyes open for another one in the New Year.

Ian Goose

Greenthumb

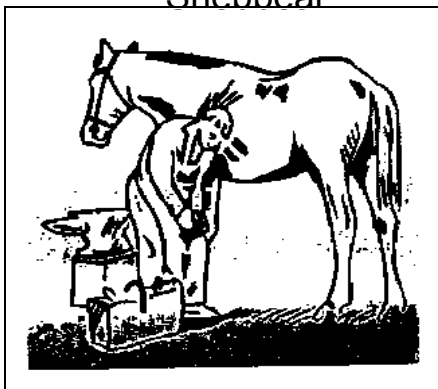
December. If you have been keeping up with your gardening jobs over the past months, you should be able to take it easier this month. There is always something to keep your eye on, and a few things to do in the garden. Make sure you mark your plants with good labels, then when friend's and neighbours asks you what it is, you have the answer there and then. Start bulbs in pots and stand in a sheltered spot in the garden, then, when flowering in Spring, you can add them to the border where there are gaps, for extra colour. Finish pruning apple and pear trees to get more light into their frameworks. Restore or replace trellis-work and other timber structures now, while plants are dormant.

January. Christmas is over, and the New Year's here. With all the excitement of the festive season, gardening is often left by the wayside. What better time is there than now to start and sow some new resolutions for the coming season. January is a good time to do some serious garden planning. Take a walk around your garden, what can you see that needs doing? Make a list and then when back indoors, mark the things that are important to do and when. Our list is always very long.....gardening is a pastime that is never finished:-

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Gardening Year....

Greenthumb.

Anthony Richardson
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Apologies for the wrong telephone
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Film Nights

Firstly Apologies for our November film "The Squid and the Whale"- I put my hand up for the choice of it, it had amazing reviews from the critics but it was awful- Sorry!!

- Sat Dec 9th 7.30pm £4 (including festive refreshments!)

"Over the Hedge"- a Family film made by the creators of SHREK and MADAGASCAR

I have booked the following films for the New Year

- Sat Jan 13th 07 7.30pm £4 (including refreshments)

"The Queen" with Helen Mirren

- Sat Feb 10th "The Prestige" with Michael Caine

- Sat March 10th "Casino Royale" the new James Bond Film

Please phone in any requests or ideas for films to 281 372 (Sheila)

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LITTLE BEARS PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

A lot has happened since we returned to pre-school after half term. We now have a brand new carpet and lino flooring throughout the pre-school and along with the new paint work; it all looks very smart, bright and happy in the pre-school. Our new afternoon sessions on Tuesday and Thursday have proved to be very popular and are very well supported. The new Baby and Toddler group (Bear Cubs), run by Erika Winch on Wednesday afternoons in the pre-school room is also very popular. Thank you to everyone for supporting these new and very valuable services. During November, you may have seen a photo with our news of the new sessions in the North Devon Gazette, North Devon Journal and the Western Morning News.

On Tuesdays we will be having Christine Woodward, a student trainee, helping out at the pre-school and we look forward to her valuable input.

During November we were looking at the subject of transport and movement and looking at the different vehicles we drive on land, sail on the sea and fly in the air. We also looked at the reasons why we transport things. We are looking forward to Christmas and will have lots of activities around that time. There will be a nativity at Shebbear's St. Michaels church for all children under 5 on Monday 18th December at 9:30am.

We would like to extend a big welcome Nathaniel Bridgman to the pre-school and say a sad goodbye to Nathan Deimert, Ellie Williams and Jade Luxton who will all be continuing their education at Shebbear Community School after Christmas.

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. On Tuesday and Thursday there is an afternoon session from 12:30-3:15pm. Bear Cubs (baby/toddler group) is on Wednesday afternoons 1:30pm-3:15pm. For further information about Little Bears or Bear Cubs please call 07890 814564.

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

There is a new parent and baby/toddler group session (Bear Cubs) on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30pm-3:15pm in the pre-school room. The session has a play leader and has organized activities and refreshments for both parents and children. Just turn up! Please come and support this wonderful new service.

****FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****

XMAS BINGO. Saturday 9th December. Shebbear Village Hall. Eyes down 7:30pm. Great prizes for Christmas and raffle.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. Sunday 31st December. Shebbear Village Hall. Families Welcome. Bring and share cold buffet, bring your own bottle (bar applied for). Tickets from Val (01409) 281 166 or Mitch (01409) 281 331

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Ecumenical Youth Project Update

Nearly three months have past since the welcoming celebrations back in August. Although it feels like no time has past since then, it also seems like the summer is a distant memory. My first three months working for the project have been a joy. Everyone has been truly welcoming and many of the anticipated difficulties have proved to be much simpler than expected. Probably two of the most exciting developments of the work so far have been the trip to see Delirious and the plans for the needs analysis. On Friday the 13th of October the project took 45 people to see Delirious, a Christian band playing in Exeter. For most of the young people that went the concert was not only the first 'gig' they had ever been to but the first time they had seen so many Christians gathered in one place. Everyone I spoke to seemed to have a fantastic time, although it was a very late night. This event is just the first of many that I hope the project will be able to organise in order to bring young people from all over the area together to experience new and exciting forms of Christianity.

A major part of my job in these early months has been about discovering the type of activities and opportunities young people of the area actually want through a needs analysis. As a result of a meeting with Abbey Durrans, the youth worker for Torrington Youth Service, it is hoped that this needs analysis will be done in partnership with the Youth Services which will not only give the needs analysis a good reputation it will also add weight to the results we may find. This is a major encouragement for the project and will hopefully be the first step in creating good working relationships with many different youth work agencies in the area.

If anyone has any feedback on any work the project is involved with or has ideas of new work the project could be involved with please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone on 05602521090 or email me at shebbearyouth@btinternet.com. Finally, thank you all for your support and prayers.

Shebbear and Buckland Filleigh Historical society

On October the 25th there was a walk to the windmill in Petrockstowe; the weather was very wet and very windy. We had two Landrovers (supplied and driven by Nancy Thurley and Brian Buse) who took the people that didn't feel like walking up to the windmill to see the remains and the fantastic view from there, on a good day you can see Exmoor, Dartmoor and Bodmin moor but unfortunately due to the weather we couldn't see very far. The windmill was built in 1756 and was used for grinding corn into flour and it's believed to have supplied Shebbear, Buckland Filleigh, Peters Marland and Petrockstowe, the land on which it stands now belongs to Mr and Mrs Kirk of Heanton Barton. Mr and Mrs Kirk were very helpful to me by allowing me and two others to have a look at it before the 25th, so that I could assess whether it could be walked or not. There were 28 people at the walk.

We then all went back to Peter and Vron Martin's house to have tea and coffee. I gave a talk on what I had found out at the library in Barnstaple and what Mr. Deane had so kindly written out for me and hopefully I deciphered his writing alright. I then passed around photographs that I had enlarged along with literature that I had photocopied. Also I had photocopied a receipt that Philip Jenkinson had let me have that said that he gave the date stone back to a Mr Hardwick on the 20th July 1989. Mr Hardwick said that he would return it to the windmill or put it in Petrockstowe Church, but that doesn't seem to have happened as the date stone cannot be found.

I wish to thank Peter and Vron Martin for their hospitality and to thank Philip and Jean Jenkinson, Mr Deane, Mr and Mrs Kirk and to thank Nancy and Brian for lending and driving the Landrovers. Also I would like to thank everybody who bought a plate of food on the night.

Rose Buse

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

Advent Lunch

Buckland Filleigh residents in the Village hall on 26th of November for Sunday Lunch – a late thanksgiving or beginning of Advent!

Children and Adults tucked into a roast dinner followed by delicious puddings and later mince pies and chocolates.

There was a buzz of conversation, happy laughter one or two recitations, and also a chorus of Happy Birthday for one lucky lady!

The afternoon raised a profit of £208.99 which was the total of draw and lunch donations for the Village hall.

Andy and Erica Tod

“O ye'll tak' the high road
And I'll tak' the low road
And I'll be in Shebbear afore ye...”

Buckland Filleigh bids a fond farewell to Erica and Andy Tod who have moved “over the border” to Shebbear, after being a part of our community for many years.

Many thanks for all you have done for Buckland Filleigh in so many ways over those years- our loss is Shebbear's gain.

BUT don't think you can get away that easily, you are still close enough that we shall often meet again
“On the bonnie, bonnie banks of the mussel brook”

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BEAR CUBS BABY/TODDLER GROUP**

Pre-school Sessions

MORNING

Monday-Friday

9:00am-11:45am

LUNCH CLUB

Monday-Friday

11:45am-12:30pm

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Tuesday and Thursday

12:30pm-3:15pm

Baby/Toddler Group

Wednesday 1:30pm-3:15pm

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*Little Bears and Bear Cubs are located in the pre-school
room in the grounds of Shebbear Community School.*

*For further information please call **07890 814 564***

Jan Mennell from Haddiport, Buckland Filleigh sent me some pictures of her miniature ponies that she breeds and shows-





Pic 1, palomino colt foal 'Donata' Lock stock after shock! AKA Alfie

He won the Shetland breed foal rosette at Devon county show and won the mountain and moorland "small breeds" foal rosette at chard.

He is out of our prolific prize winning and champion mare Lamberhurstlake Tia Maria AKA Tia

Pic 2, this chestnut colt is Pipkin, shown once at foot with his coloured mum Pippi longstockings winning in south Devon!

Pic 3 the picture of the cream dun colt, showing off his rosettes, minus one, we dropped and didn't notice until after the photo was taken!!!... Is my Royal Cornwall Show, 3year old class winner and reserve miniature and junior champion colt Mardlebrook cornflake AKA cornflake, he has been shown since a yearling winning and highly placed, he has a terrific temperament and stunning head!

Pic 4 Abbie competing on her event pony 'Donata' Aureus in the inter schools One Day Event championships at Stonar in Wiltshire, settling for 2nd place (by 1 point!!) Abbie has successfully competed as far a field as Cheshire in the pony club team championships 05, and achieved mostly second places in British Eventing intro competitions and qualified for the intro finals with Aureus, he is working at elementary level dressage and she has been recommended to join BYRDS (British young riders dressage squad) for future selection, sadly we will be selling (Chappy) as he is AKA as abbie will be transiting to horses! Maybe with a break in between!

We show at county and agricultural level, and support local shows, if they offer classes, abbie competes in dressage, eventing and show jumping and working hunter pony with Chappy, she along with Ben my son shows the youngsters and foals and Phoebe my elder daughter is an efficient foaling assistant, during the foaling time, we keep the mares monitored under cctv, which works great from the warmth of the house, instead of nights shivering in draughty stables! We have had to intervene a little and have met some untimely situations in the past, but thankfully we had a very successful season this year and we were blessed with 6 live foals! 4 fillies and 2 colts.

Deadline for next Feb/March newsletter **20th January**
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