

# *Buckfastleigh and District Society* Newsletter

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## Welcome to our Newsletter

Now is the time of year when we have to remind you that your subscriptions for 2011 are due. Members of the Committee will be calling to collect these from those of you who have not already paid at the AGM. Also a reminder that the subscriptions are £3.50 per person for the year.

Again we would like to thank all those, members and non-members, who help us by displaying our posters and also those who deliver the posters and Newsletters.

## Our Committee

At the AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> November, Ann Armstrong (Chairman) stood down from that position but, we are pleased to say, will remain on the Committee; Kate Goulden (Minutes Secretary) has resigned from that position and from the Committee. Our grateful thanks to both of them for all their hard work, particularly for all the many hours they spent in dealing with the obtaining of grants to improve the Orchard Millennium Green. We welcome our new Chairman, Jan Young, and also Pat Myers who will take on the position of Minutes Secretary. The remaining current committee members all stood again for re-election and all were duly re-elected. In addition we are very pleased to welcome Karl Hyde, who was elected as a new committee member.

## Previous meetings

In September we had a change of speaker when Teddy Francis came to give us an interesting talk

on 'Hidden Stress and its effects on you', as Mike Perriam has now retired from speaking commitments.

The Autumn Walk near Kings Tor in October attracted 14 walkers and 3 dogs and was much enjoyed by those who went. Fortunately the weather was kind to us.

The AGM in November was attended by 25 people. Following the cheese and wine we had a very interesting travel talk from Andy Westlake

## Our next events

### Dates for your Diary

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30 pm we will be holding our Local History Archive Christmas Social, which will include a Quiz, and refreshments provided for a small donation. You are welcome to bring your own alcoholic beverages.

The New Year commences with our first meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at **2.30 pm** with a Cine Show by Paul Dibbins.

On 17<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding the Orchard Millennium Green Town Meeting and this will be followed by a talk from Clare Densley (Beekeeper)

Our Annual 'Brain of Buckfastleigh' Quiz will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Do make up a team and come to try to win some money for your favourite local charity.

On Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup> John Goulden will be giving us a talk

## Orchard Millennium Green

We would like to thank all those (members and non-members) who have given their time, on a

regular basis, to help to maintain the Green. For those of you who have visited the Green recently you will have noticed that the new bridge is now in place.

## Local History Archive

Chris Routley, once again, took some of the Photographic Archives to the Local Artists Studios Exhibition and a good deal of interest was generated in this.

## Buckfastleigh Remembered

Continuation of Phyllis Voisey's "scribblings from an old woman's diary"

Phyllis wrote "No cars not many bikes maybe those from Dean or Scoriton. Always the road sweepers, later on the shoppers to get the daily food. Dinner time 12.30. Mill doors open and they all trooped out again to have their dinner and back again by 1.30 pm even Saturday until 12 noon. Milk carts, Grocer, Butchers, Mr Wakeham picking up the rubbish once a week in an open farm cart. Rag & Bone Man, Town Crier, people walking to the station to catch the train, buses later. Co-op Day with our mugs to go to Co-op field for Tea & Games. Crowds of men. Dads meeting special train after the annual Sunday School Outing. Town Band playing in the Park on special occasions."

Thank you Phyllis (we will continue with the rest another time).

**We would like to wish all our members a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.**

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