

Buckfastleigh and District Society Newsletter

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Welcome to our Newsletter

This is now the start of our seventh year of publishing our Newsletter; it is really amazing how time passes and we hope that you find it useful and informative. We, also, continue to be grateful to one of our members who very kindly allows us to photocopy this Newsletter free-of-charge.

Previous meetings

During the last few months we have had a varied selection of events.

In April we were very fortunate that Alan and Margaret Perryman were able to come at short notice to give us a fascinating talk about Devon Pottery; It was so interesting to find out what a long history is attached to this pottery. This replaced the scheduled talk about the excavations at Holy Trinity Church.

Very many thanks to Peggy Henley who once again arranged our annual Mystery Trip in May. This year it was to the Dartmoor Railway and a super time was had by all. It is always something to look forward to each year.

Our Fun Day in June was a very successful event, with more stalls than ever, we even had an overspill of stalls into the picnic area. All the Ducks were sold within a short time of the Opening and, in spite of a few intervals of light rain at the beginning, we had an excellent turn out of people attending. We would like to express our thanks to all those who helped in anyway whatsoever. If you would like to see photographs of this year's Fun Day and read more about the Society, please go to our website, buckfastleigh.society.org This is regularly updated by Chris Routley, to whom we are very grateful.

Unfortunately our Summer Walk in July had to be cancelled on both the proposed dates due, of course, to the really bad weather. However we hope that we might be able to do it next July instead, weather permitting!!

Our next events

On September 10th at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall there will be an illustrated talk from Mike Perriam about 'Prehistoric Dartmoor'.

Our Autumn Walk will be on Saturday 10th October (or, if wet, on 17th October). This will be a 4-mile circular walk in the Vixen Tor area of Dartmoor. Meet at Woodholme Car Park at 10.30 am and please bring a packed lunch and drink. It is essential to sign up for this walk – telephone Kate on 643090, giving name and contact telephone number in case of cancellation, and indicate whether you need a lift, or can offer one.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society on 12th November will be followed by a talk on The Shelterbox Trust.

We end 2009 by once again holding our Local History Social Evening on 3rd December. This has now become an annual event and much enjoyed by all who have attended in the past.

Orchard Millennium Green

The Society has again entered the Orchard Millennium Green for a Neighbourhood Award, part of the South West in Bloom Scheme. We will not know the result until the Presentation day on September 17th but, in the meantime, would like to thank all those who helped prepare the Green not only for the judging but as an area which residents and visitors alike can enjoy.

Town Matters

AT LAST, the Town Clock is finally up and running. After many hiccups and telephone calls the final piece of the movement of the clock was replaced, and it is now up and running, or perhaps we should say ticking!

Local History Archive

Chris Routley is still working on the photo archives and people are finding more photographs and handing them to him to be recorded. Our thanks to John Hoff and all of you who have taken part in this way. There are probably a lot more old photographs out there and Chris would really appreciate having them to copy and return. The DVD of Photo Archives is still selling and it is hoped that we shall have a new (different) DVD for sale within a few months, so watch out for that.

Buckfastleigh Remembered

PLEASE may we ask any of you who have any snippets of information about Buckfastleigh as it was, any anecdotes about Buckfastleigh as it is now or any anecdotes about the local area, that you would be willing to share through this Newsletter to contact Ann Armstrong and let her know so that we can arrange to obtain them from you.

We do try to make this Newsletter as informative as possible by commenting on past events, and reminding you about future ones but would really appreciate some input from the members, as long as it concerns the local history.

For information on the Society's activities, please contact Ann Armstrong on (01364) 642839