



NEWSLETTER Summer 2009



Betchworth & Buckland Society

For the protection and conservation of the quality of life in Betchworth & Buckland

Welcome

We have just welcomed the summer with the village BBQ and the launch of the village community websites. The weather is good – enjoy your holidays, either far away, or just staying here at home and appreciating our own local environment.

Duncan Ferns, Chair

Society Launches Village Websites

Buckland Village	www.bucklandsurrey.net
Betchworth Village	www.betchworth-pc.gov.uk
Buckland Church	www.stmarythevirgininbuckland.net
Betchworth Church	www.stmichaelsbetchworth.net

In January 2009, we announced the award of a 'Grassroots' grant from the Surrey Community Foundation for a project to enhance the community websites. This work has been completed. Betchworth and Buckland now share four community websites, one for each of the villages, and one for each of our churches. [The Betchworth Village site is led by Betchworth Parish Council and was launched in 2008].



The Buckland site includes the pages for the Betchworth & Buckland Society (screen photo above), the Parish Council, the windmill - and the two books on Buckland which are now out-of-print. Genealogists can also look up Buckland families on the census record transcripts from 1841-1901.

We have worked with the Rector and members of both churches to prepare information to launch the two church websites. As our two churches share our Rector, Carol Coslett, the style of the websites are linked, and the design is such that some pages are held in common, whilst others are specific to each church. The church sites include the Parish Magazine, church history, contact points for activities and village hall bookings, services and events, ways to get involved, details of special services (baptisms, weddings, etc) and a photo gallery.

All the web sites are linked to each other, and also to many external web sites. Rather than say more – we suggest that you go on-line and take a look for yourself – remembering to add the URL addresses above to your 'Links' so you can update yourself regularly with updates to the sites. We are also keen to have your inputs (via the webmaster indicated on the sites) for updates, corrections and new materials – the information must reflect your views and the community interest.

ABOUT US ...

Our Purpose

The Society strapline summarises our purpose– For the protection and conservation of the quality of life in Betchworth & Buckland.

We aim to deliver our purpose through four practical goals :

- 1 To protect the natural and built environment in our villages.
- 2 To provide financial support and advice for projects that enhance village life
- 3 To encourage interest in the local history, culture and personalities of our villages
- 4 To promote social events to bring together residents of Betchworth and Buckland and raise funds.

Your Committee

Stella Cantor (Secretary)
 Anthony Eisinger
 David Evans
 Duncan Ferns (Chair)
 Fiona Hooper
 Nigel Husband
 Tony Innes
 John Pharo-Tomlin
 Paul Rietchel
 Dick Shadbolt
 Richard Worsley (Treasurer)

Website

www.bucklandsurrey.net/bb_society.php

JOIN US TODAY

We need your support. You will receive future Newsletters and invitations to all our events. Please complete the form overleaf and send to:

Membership Secretary

Richard Worsley (B&BSoc,)
Greenridge,
Reigate Rd,
Reigate RH2 9RE

Our Links to other Societies

Surrey Hills Society—our Society has joined the Surrey Hills Society as an Affiliate Member (no. 403) to work together towards our common aims of protecting our environment, and to support their events. www.surreyhills.org

Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) - our Society has been a corporate member of CPRE for some years, and serve on their local committee. Several of our members attended the public meeting on Affordable Rural Housing in Dorking in June, with the opportunity to question local and shadow MPs. www.cpre.org.uk

Round Buckland with a Fridge

In May 2009, comedian Tony Hawks was filmed in Buckland for the forthcoming 'film of the book' called Round Ireland with a Fridge—about his experience of hitchhiking round Ireland carrying a fridge as part of a drunken bet. The film is now in post-production phase and will be released later this year.



BBQ Success (15 July 09)

We enjoyed good weather, good company, good food and drink and excellent music from John Peppard—see pictures on the right... We were pleased to welcome several new members and welcome back our regulars. This is the 5th year we have held the BBQ here, and for 2010 we will be considering a different format—on Goulburn Green, Betchworth.

PROFILE— Anthony Eisinger

Each Newsletter will profile a member of our Committee or our community. Thanks to Anthony Eisinger, past Chairman and current committee member for his contribution:

" I joined the Society so long ago the date is lost in the mists of time. A Mr Maskrey and a Mr Milton effectively founded the Society in the late 1970's, with GP's Jim Russell and Boyd Newton (of the present Brockham Practice). Jim and I met at Cambridge and then were both clinical students at Middlesex hospital. Together we were the first Committee. I felt it an important thing to do— to keep the rural aspect of the villages even with their proximity to Greater London. We have the best of two worlds, in that we are fairly rural but close enough to benefit from the work opportunities offered by London and the huge cultural facilities of the city; musical, artistic, theatrical and academic. I served on the Committee and became Deputy Chairman to the late Marjory Tait, and then as Chairman.

I am a retired Consultant Physician having been Director of the Southwest Thames Renal and Transplantation Unit for c. 30 years. I am a fairly keen but far from brilliant golfer at Walton Heath, and with my wife Marie-Claude, we have 5 grandchildren and share interests in the pictorial arts, music, theatre and literature.

In the rural environment that surrounds us I think it essential to maintain and protect the green belt and ensure that local houses are available at affordable prices for local villagers." ✍

EVENTS

Mon 19 October 8pm
Autumn Lecture Meeting
David Williams, Archaeological
Finds in Surrey
Reading Room, Buckland

Fri 13 November 8pm
Annual Dinner
The Red Lion

Fri 18 December 6.30-9
Christmas Drinks Party
Reading Room, Buckland



For a donation of just **£10 per household** you can become members for 12 months.

Name

Address Postcode

Email Phone

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We look forward to meeting you at our events