

Dear Friends

I am sending this to you as I thought you might be interested in this event, either as a participant or an observer.

On Saturday 1st June, Buckland Brewer will be commemorating the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Bible Christian blend of Methodism in the parish. This was when William Reed and Samuel Thorne were arrested for preaching on the Village Green; this incident will be re-enacted at 4.00pm as part of the commemorations. This took place during the Village Revels and the History Group have agreed to bring colour to the 'Revel', which will take place on the village green between 2.30pm and 4.00pm. We are looking for volunteers to help. This requires people of all ages appearing in costume that looks vaguely right for the year 1819 (no trainers or pink stilettos!) carrying out revel-like activities. There are cream teas on sale at this time (there's an incentive) and a flower festival in the Methodist Church. You don't have to be there for the whole hour and a half – there will still be time to have a cream tea and mingling with the cream tea-ers in costume would be good. Please also encourage any children that you know to come and join in as well.

Please get in touch asap on bucklandbrewerhistorygroup@hotmail.co.uk if you are able to dress up or take part in any way. If you can't dress up, please do just come and watch, or eat cream tea and look at the flower festival. In addition, if you would like to volunteer for any of the activities below that would be wonderful but I am afraid you will have to be responsible for your own costumes and props.

The types of thing that might have gone on include:-

Vendors. These would have shallow trays strung round their necks with their wares in. We don't have a street-traders' license so we can't actually take any money but we would be allowed to give things away or just pretend to 'sell'.

Eg. Flowers, buttons (not plastic buttons) and ribbons, herbs, 'comfits' (sweets), fruit (native fruits not banana, kiwi fruit etc.), buns, pasties. There might also have been side shows of various kinds. Please check to avoid too much duplication.

Use your imagination – let us make 1 June a day to remember.

Best wishes

Janet Few