

## Bucklesham & Foxhall Village Hall

Weddings~Parties~Dances~Exhibitions~Wakes~Meetings

**Suitable for all Social and Professional Functions**

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who has shown concern over the viability of the Hall due to the loss of revenue. We are sincerely touched by so many villagers offering help and support to keep the Hall going. We would like to reassure you that, at the moment, we are managing, and our finances are holding up. Luckily, we had prepared for such events with good accounting so we had some reserves, but we are hugely grateful that we have had the promise of support and generous grants from our Parish Council, District Council and County Councillors.

When all of this is over and things get back to normal, we hope you continue to support the Hall once again. We hope we see you all soon.

**For all bookings contact Evelyn Bloomfield 01473 659504  
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### Changes to Bucklesham Bus Service

The Bus picks up outside The Shannon on Mon Wed Fri at 10:35, and returns from the Cattle Market Bus Station at 13:45 from Stand N or J.

On Tue and Thur it leaves at 10:00 and returns at 12:20

### The Next Bucklesham Bugle

Autumn 2020 (advert needed by 1<sup>st</sup> September '20)

This newsletter is the grapevine for the village. If you would like to advertise your event or group in future editions, inclusion will have to be on a **first come, first served basis**.

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### Parish Council Meeting Dates 2020

Next meeting via Zoom on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 at 7pm.

The Council has committed to continue with meetings via Zoom Conferencing until May 2021 in line with government legislation

For details contact buckleshampc@gmail.com

## The Bucklesham Bugle ~ Summer 2020



What strange times we are living through at the moment, and what amazing stoic villagers we have. We know that some of you have been directly affected by the coronavirus, and we send our best wishes to you in this difficult time. This edition of the Bugle is reflecting the ever-changing situation by bringing no news of the usual clubs and societies, but instead all the virtual ones that

have taken their place. Although following the lockdown rules, the Parish Council work continues by way of Zoom Conference meetings.

You may have seen the new Table Tennis tables on the Playing Field.

Purchased by the Parish Council, they are for villagers and their guests to enjoy some sporting activity. While the field is open, the play area must remain closed under government legislation. Huge thanks to villagers who offered to help with field maintenance but as we are still in lockdown, we are legally not allowed to do any jobs on the field. As soon as this changes we will accept your kind offers. We are very grateful to those sensible children who have avoided the play equipment even though they really wanted to play. We will open again as soon as we can.

We supported the Village Hall by way of a £1000 grant to help see them through this time with no revenue. We will review any future help needed to protect what is a vital village asset for all of us.

We are very fortunate to have had two willing volunteers to manage the Speed Awareness camera that many of you requested. We are waiting for normal Highways work to resume for this to be completed.

It only took us five years of pleading emails to achieve, but finally the potholes have been filled and Nacton Lane (opposite Bob Nichols) has been resurfaced. We have also purchased 'No Fly Tipping' signs for either end and your councillors undertook a thorough litter pick of the whole lane.

We have been very lucky to have Jamie and his family providing the village with a weekly Fruit and Veg Mini Market Stall in the Village Hall car park every Friday morning from 9am til 1pm. Jamie has indicated that he is willing to keep this going as long as villagers want the service.

Finally, we appear to have a secret Artist in Residence in the village.

Bucklesham has been adorned with beautifully decorated painted stones with intricate eye-catching designs. Stones have been secretly left on walls, signposts and footpaths. They have become a sensation with so many of us delighted to spot them as we go on our walks. **Bucklesham Parish Council**

## St Mary's Church

As you will be aware, St Mary's Church has sadly been locked since the commencement of 'Lockdown'. The Government has now informed us that Churches can be open again for private prayer only, from Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. However, as I write this, no guidance has yet been issued by the Government so we do not know what the restrictions might be.

I understand that it will not mean us simply 'opening the door' as social distancing and cleaning to keep everyone safe will be involved.

Details of opening will be put on the Benefice Facebook page (The Orwell and Deben Rural Benefice) and the Bucklesham Community page, together with notices displayed on the Church door and notice board.

We are still receiving a Sunday Service from Rev'd Ian and if anyone who doesn't already receive a copy would like one, please let Rosemary Watson (01473 659505) know.

Here's hoping that by the time the Autumn edition of the Bugle goes to print the Church singing and praying will be in full swing.

Keep well and safe.

David Wardle, Churchwarden.

### **Bucklesham Plough Day 2020 Cancelled** **Vintage Tractor Plough Day** **& The Suffolk Horse Society Ploughing Match** **Sunday 4th October 2020**

It was with a heavy heart that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the committee had to take the decision to cancel this year's event. For the safety of visitors, our competitors, our traders and volunteers we felt this was the safest choice. Knowing that it is a well-loved event and raises much needed funds for the Suffolk Horse Society and St Mary's Church, we are hoping to hold it again next year.

SHS are delighted to announce that 20 foals have arrived so far this year and so please do 'Save the Date' 13th September 2020 in your diary. They are hoping to hold the annual SHS Spectacular at Marks Tey, Essex.

Full details can be found on their web page.

Closer to home at Hollesley, The Suffolk Punch Trust will be welcoming visitors again once lockdown is over.

Rhea Gardner 01473 659486

For those of you who are not on Facebook, you can still take part ☺ Ask someone you know who is on Facebook what is happening in the groups. Email photos or comments to them so that they can post on Facebook. Examples of activities you can take part in:

**Community Knitted Christmas Tree:** Knit a square (6"-7") in green (any shade) double knitting wool

4mm needles. Cast on 34 sts. Knit 60 rows. Cast off. OR:

4.5mm needles. Cast on 30 sts. Knit 54 rows. Cast off.

**Community Quilted Wall-hanging:** Decorate within an 8" (20cm) cotton square (actual size of square to be 10" (25cm) to join with other squares) with embroidery, appliqué, ribbons, buttons..... Any design. Be creative!

**Weekly Bird Chart:** Elizabeth and Kate have bird charts that you can complete weekly and add to the Bucklesham bird spotting count.

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## FIND

FIND helps those that are deprived of a minimum standard of living, whether they are **single, families, lone parents, children, elderly, sick, disabled** or **homeless**. They offer free of charge food, household items, furniture, nursery equipment and nappies, beds and bedding and, when available, cookers, washing machines and refrigerators. All the people who receive food parcels are referred by local agencies for support.

These donations are needed all the year round but even more so in these current challenging times. The box for collections is in my porch at 9 St Mary's Park. You can pop items in the box or just leave a carrier bag with goods in. Items really needed are as follows: Cans of meat/vegetarian meals (e.g. mince, meatballs, stew, casseroles), Weetabix and children's cereals, 500g bags of sugar (not 1kg), small jars of coffee, tinned fruit in JUICE, jars of jam. Also, dog food (not cat she has loads), laundry products and anti-bac handwash. **We have enough** pasta, tea, baked beans, tinned fish, soup, biscuits and **NO MORE PORRIDGE** please! Any queries then please contact me 01473 659505. Finally if you would like to donate but can't get out then you can donate online on [find.ipswich.org](http://find.ipswich.org). Thank you, Rosemary Watson

### **Bucklesham Walkers**

Bucklesham Walkers have met over the last two years and put the world to rights whilst having a ramble on Monday mornings. Sadly, as soon as restrictions came in we had to stop. We have been posting pictures of our own walks and those who have not been able to leave their home have still been able to see the changing views around Bucklesham. We are all missing our Monday walks and are sure to start again as and when we can.

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### **Bucklesham Foodies**

Most of us love to eat and many Bucklesham residents love to cook. Photographs of a variety of creations from biscuits and scones to elaborate celebration cakes have been shared. Bucklesham Friends Group Facebook page is a great place to find inspiration and to share information about food websites/deliveries recipes etc.

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### **Bucklesham Wildlife**

Bucklesham Wildlife includes anything from bugs to bats that we see around the village. It is great to see how people have shown an interest, especially when they comment that they might not have done so before. It has allowed us to connect with people that we did not know and a welcome distraction from the news. We have had stories and pictures of spiders, voles, rabbits, deer, butterflies, moths and a host of bugs. It would be good to find a way of involving more people, especially youngsters. It would be nice to think that we were encouraging the next generation of nature lovers. Maybe the next David Attenborough might come from Bucklesham.

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### **Bucklesham Coronavirus Support Network**

As the country slowly moves from lockdown, we are aware that some of you will still be shielding or will need to stay at home and will still be unable to do many of your normal activities. With the introduction of Test and Trace, more of us may have periods of time when we need to isolate and Stay at Home. We will continue to offer support where we can. We are here for you if you need help with picking up essential groceries, collecting prescriptions and medicines, dog walking, posting mail or receiving friendly phone calls. We are following government advice as it becomes available.

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We have received numerous requests to publish a thank you to villagers who have helped during the lockdown. There just is not enough room here to thank everyone involved. We hope that the following letter we received will serve as an indication of the heartfelt thanks that people want to offer. So, if you were one of those people who helped in any way at all, then THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

#### **Lockdown Pickled Gherkins**

This is a sincere thank you to the families Bonshor and Goodwin who voluntarily came to our rescue at the beginning of the strange lockdown. As two 'extremely vulnerable' adults, albeit with a good appetite, we were totally confined to the house and hence our food provisions were rapidly reaching zero. It was becoming very difficult to carry on with emptying shelves and certainly no luxuries ~ including our favourite pickled gherkins. Our provisions were delivered without question to the doorstep, and this will always be remembered with our gratitude. So, THANK YOU. Ruth and Don Wright (in the Village)

## FACEBOOK: BUCKLESHAM FRIENDS GROUP

Very many thanks to everyone who has contributed and looked at Bucklesham Friends Group. It has been a delight to see all your contributions and just to see how well individuals in a community can come together to support each other when the going gets tough. We now have eight groups listed under 'Events' on the Facebook Group. Here is a quick summary of how things are going in each group:

### Bucklesham Gardeners

We have seen through the posts and photographs on the BFG just how many wonderful gardeners there are in Bucklesham. It has been lovely to share in other people's gardens which we know from our own experience are the result of a lot of hard work. We may not be able to see the real thing yet, but it is an inspiration to see what can be done. Right at the beginning of 'lockdown' I planted sunflower seeds in pots and put them outside our gate and encouraged people to take one and let us know if they had any success - mine was a complete failure but I believe one or two did germinate! Happy Gardening everyone.

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### Bucklesham Knitters

Bucklesham Knitters have been very busy during lockdown making cannula covers for neo-natal babies, hats for The Seamen's Mission and knitted squares for a community Christmas tree. Those who crochet have also been joining in with making lots of green squares. Sharing photographs of our creations on BFG Facebook page has been a great way of connecting those with similar interests.

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### Bucklesham Birdwatchers

Villagers have been spotting a selection of common birds each week and summarised on a graph to compare popularity of different species. The joys have also been the photos people have taken at close range and anecdotes about the behaviour they witnessed. We have some keen and knowledgeable people who have contributed and given us information about bird habits and behaviour, so thank you and please keep the stats and informative comments rolling in.  
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### Bucklesham Singers

Bucklesham Singing Group was set up for all who love music and find it helpful in so many ways. It is not just for singers, this group is for sharing music; something that inspires you, cheers you and helps you in these times of 'lockdown'. You can add a link to a YouTube video, add lyrics to a song, or simply suggest a song or a piece of music that you enjoy for others to discover.

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### Bucklesham Quilters

We are making a wall hanging for the village hall to remember this strange and unusual time. We would love to have more of any design, simple or complicated, the more squares the better. The design should fit a 10" x 10" square leaving space to join the pieces together. If anyone has ideas of what they would like to include or need help or advice we would be delighted to hear from you.

We would love to see what others have sewn during lockdown.

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