

What's on in Bucklesham?

Carpet Bowls	Monday Evenings	Village Hall
Bucklesham Players	Tuesday Evenings	Village Hall
Ladies' Group	2 nd Thursday of Month	Various Venues
Church Lunch	4 th Tuesday of Month 12.00 for 12.30	Village Hall
Community Singing Group	Alternate Wednesdays 7:30-8:30	St Mary's Church
St Mary's Church Library	1 st Monday of Month 10am-12pm	St Mary's Church
Women's Institute	3 rd Wednesday of Month	Village Hall
Knit and Natter	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays of Month	Village Hall

To ask for your details to be passed on to the relevant group please contact the **Parish Council Clerk** at buckleshampc@gmail.com

The Next Bucklesham Bugle

New Year 2021 (adverts needed by 1st December '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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The Bucklesham Bugle ~ Autumn 2020



As we move into Autumn, we know that some of you have been deeply affected by the virus this Summer, and we send our best wishes to you in this difficult time.

Although following social distancing rules, the Parish Council work continues, and we have been very proactive this Summer. We are committed to meetings via Zoom Conferencing, to ensure the safety of Councillors and the

public who may attend. Cllr Clive Lenton has given many of the village signs a scrub and straighten up and erected two more 'No Fly Tipping' signs on Nacton Lane, following requests. Thanks for all the positive messages regarding these, it is heartening to know villagers appreciate our efforts. Let us hope they make a difference to those individuals who continue to abuse our countryside. If you watch the news you will see it is a nationwide issue. Huge thanks to the many villagers who continue to litter pick that lane. We carry on with the litter picks of our paths and lanes and we continue to manage the playing field which has proved trying at times this year. We know residents understand that we are working very hard to address the issues of litter, dangerous driving, inconsiderate parking and anti-social behaviour from some footballers and unwanted visitors that has plagued the field in recent months. Thanks for all the messages of support with this. We continue to monitor the situation and look for a permanent solution. Please remember, all those involved in ensuring village life runs smoothly, from the helpers on the field and in the Church, the organisers of clubs and societies, the Village Hall Committee, and the Parish Council, are all unpaid volunteers doing their best for the village. Sometimes problems arise, so if you have an issue and need to speak to a volunteer, please do so with courtesy. One of the best things about Bucklesham is that we all work together to overcome these little difficulties, so if you see a problem and think you can help, please do offer a hand.

We are still patiently waiting for the installation of the Speed Awareness Camera which was ordered several months ago. Our County Councillor Patricia O'Brien has now intervened so we are hopeful this will hurry things along. We have erected two warning signs to alert drivers that there may be a camera in the village. We often have Suffolk Police with their camera on random days, so the signs are a warning to those that do speed. Keep yourselves and your families safe as we approach winter.

Changes on the Parish Council

Angie Bugg our previous Clerk resigned in June and we are very fortunate to have the services of Judi Hallett as an interim Clerk for a year. Judi is a qualified and experienced Clerk and will spend time over the year ensuring we adhere to best practice and modernising our procedures. Cllr Ruth Johnson would like to apply for the role as permanent Clerk however, a serving Parish Councillor must have been resigned from the Council for 12 months before they can become the Clerk. Therefore, Ruth has resigned as Councillor leaving her free to apply to be Clerk in July 2021. Meanwhile she is still permitted to manage the Website, edit the Bugle, apply for grants and help out with the Playing Field. This means we have a vacancy for someone to join us as a co-opted Councillor. We are a very enthusiastic bunch and we have many projects on the go so ideally, we are looking for someone who would be willing to 'muck in' and be an active Councillor. No previous experience is needed, and full training is available. We meet once every two months (currently via video/audio conferencing) in the early evening and the Clerk is always on hand to explain things. We like to think we represent the whole community but we are currently a little short on younger Councillors, so if you are interested please contact the Parish Council Clerk at buckleshampc@gmail.com -The position of Clerk will be advertised next year and anyone that matches the criteria may apply.

Bucklesham Bumps, Babies and Toddler Group

This Summer a few parents decided to set up a Toddler Group. Some of us have been meeting up on the Playing Field (socially distancing of course!). The Village Hall Committee have been really accommodating and offered us a choice of sessions, we are grateful to have the support of the Parish Council by way of a set up Grant, and the Community Council have applied for a Grant to help us with running costs for the first year and enable us to buy equipment. We intend to run from 9:30 til 11:30 on a Thursday morning in the Village Hall. We are hoping to start in November, but this will obviously depend on the situation with the Coronavirus at the time. We will be a happy welcoming group, non-judgemental, no cliques, just friendship, support and fun, for children and their adults be they parents, grandparents, relatives or carers. For more information please contact the Parish Council Clerk at buckleshampc@gmail.com

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2020

Next meeting via Zoom on 12th November 2020 at 7pm.

The Council has committed to continue with meetings via Zoom Conferencing until May 2021 in line with Government Legislation.

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Bucklesham Has a New Website...

...and we are really excited to share it with you all. There is all sorts of information on the site, from Parish Council business, Latest News from the Village, and all the Clubs and Societies. There is also a Gallery, links to Local Amenities and a page for Bucklesham Past. The feedback we've had from the village so far is very positive and we are all really proud of it. Although the Parish Councillors have been working very hard, it is still under construction, so there may be some information missing, but we are getting there. Let us know how to improve it by contacting the Parish Council Clerk at buckleshampc@gmail.com

The website is bucklesham.suffolk.cloud

Archer Cartwright Bucklesham Charity

The trustees of the above charity hereby give notice that they will be meeting soon to consider the annual distribution of finances for fuel and other qualifying expenses from the charity funds.

They invite all persons over the age of 60 years, resident in the Parish of Bucklesham, who wish to be considered for assistance from the Charity and who receive in addition to the state pension a private pension of no more than £1000 per annum, to apply in writing to any of the trustees below, no later than 30th September 2020.

Mrs. H. Owen, Potash, Main Road, Bucklesham.

Mr. A. Smith, Steeles Farm, Bucklesham.

Mr. M. Cook, 3 Green Crescent, Bucklesham.

Mrs. R. Gardner, 6 St Marys Park, Bucklesham

Bucklesham Playing Field ~ Rules for Use

Requested by villagers to help with the efficient running of the field

Opening Hours

The Playing Field is open from Dawn til Dusk. No one is permitted on the Playing Field outside of these hours.

Litter

All litter must be disposed of in the bin provided or taken home.

Vehicles

No motorised or electric vehicles, specifically Mini Motos, are permitted outside of the car park, except for mobility scooters.

Dogs

Dogs are welcome if kept under control but please clean up immediately after your dog has fouled. Failure to do so may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by East Suffolk Norse.

Play Area

Children using the Play Area must always be accompanied by an adult.

Fires

No bonfires or barbeques are permitted.

Trading

No trading of any kind is permitted to take place on the Playing Field.

Noise

Excessive shouting, singing, playing of musical instruments or loud music is not permitted.

Gates

Please ensure the pedestrian gate is closed behind you.

The Conveyance states that users of the field must not ~

'do or permit or suffer to be done any act or thing upon or about the said property which shall or may grow to be an annoyance, nuisance, damage or disturbance to the owners or occupiers of the neighbouring land'

All rules must be followed by all users of the Playing Field unless specific permission is granted by Bucklesham Parish Council.

For a copy of the original 1972 Conveyance between Orwell Park Estate and the Bucklesham Parish Council please contact **the Parish Council Clerk at buckleshampc@gmail.com**

Bucklesham & Foxhall Village Hall

Weddings~Parties~Dances~Exhibitions~Wakes~Meetings

Suitable for all Social and Professional Functions

It has been a strange few months for the Village Hall Committee but we haven't let the grass grow under our feet and have taken advantage of an empty hall by having the kitchen updated, a thorough spring clean and clear out. With the situation regarding COVID-19 causing the Lockdown all our bookings had to be cancelled. We are very fortunate to have had financial support from the Parish Council and the County and District Councils. This was very much needed as our old metal oil tank sprang a leak and had to be replaced with a new swanky plastic one. Following Government and ACRE guidelines, we spent a lot of time and effort ensuring we are COVID Secure and are ready to take bookings again dependent upon the hirer agreeing to our special COVID Hire Agreement.

For bookings contact Evelyn Bloomfield 01473 659504

Or Heather Owen 01473 659754 heatherjowen@hotmail.com

St Mary's Church

Our lovely church is very slowly coming in to use again. It is open for private prayer at certain restricted times each week and we are beginning to have an occasional Sunday service now, but sadly no hymn singing yet. Details of opening times and Sunday services are displayed on the Church notice board, in our weekly newsletter and on Facebook.

Rev'd Ian is still sending out weekly services – please contact Rosemary Watson (01473 659505) if you would like one.

Keep well and safe.

David Wardle, Church Warden

A quick message from Kath Scarff ~

"In March of this year I organised a concert in the Village Hall, The Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir with Essentially Swing, for the Blossom Appeal. Alas, it was cancelled because of COVID-19. I would like to thank Sue Hibbert who had seen to the refreshments and the many others who were going to help. I would also like to thank all the people who donated their ticket money anyway, as I was able to send to the Blossom Appeal £550.50."

Would you like to be a Friend of Bucklesham Playing Field?

As you may know, the field Trustees are the Parish Council, who are also the Management Committee. We are extremely fortunate to have the services of David Riddleston as our volunteer Playing Field Manager. The Parish Council pay for the services of East Suffolk Norse for the grass cutting, and Ipswich Borough Council for the Play Equipment Maintenance. The Parish Council are responsible for all the costs on the field including insurance and Play Equipment maintenance, and this is all paid for from the village precept through villagers' Council Tax contributions. Many villagers have expressed their concern to the Parish Council over the amount of litter left, often by visiting families and footballers, the continual problem of dog fouling, and the occasional issue with the Play Equipment. You may be interested to know that the Parish Council reported a user of the field to East Suffolk Council for continually not clearing up after their dogs, and a fixed penalty notice was issued. We are aware that many users of the field regularly pick up other people's litter, keep an eye out for issues on the Play Equipment or have helped with grass cutting, tree felling and hedgerow maintenance. The Parish Councillors would therefore like to invite those people to join them as a

FOP, a Friend of the Playing Field.

There would be no commitment necessary, no meetings to attend, and no expectation of the amount of your involvement. We are just asking that those villagers who use the field regularly, or who live close by it, are another pair of eyes and hands to help us keep the field tidy, safe and secure and as a fantastic facility for all to use. As FOPs we can all help and support each other with the running of the field in order that the responsibility for it does not fall on just a few people. Many people benefit from the field, and the Parish Councillors would like to ensure it is protected for future generations.

We have several villagers who have volunteered and already their support has proved very valuable. If you would like to join them as a FOP, you need do nothing more than we know you do already. However, we would like to compile a list of the FOPs, just so we can contact you and work together in a coordinated way if we need to. Please do email us at buckleshampc@gmail.com if you are willing to join us and help keep our field beautiful.

Mini Motos Not Permitted On The Playing Field

Mini-motos are unlawful for use on
land to which the public have access, or on roads.

The police have the power to use Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002
and may seize vehicles.

It is illegal to ride these vehicles in parks or playing fields or on pavements
and other public highways. They can only be used on
Private Land with the permission of the landowner.

If such vehicles are used on land to which the public have access, the rider
may be committing a number of offences, and if they are under 18, their
parents face prosecution for aiding and abetting or permitting the offences

Therefore, mini-motos are not permitted on The Playing Field

Bucklesham Parish Council (Trustees of the Playing Field)

Field Closed to Non-Residents

Unfortunately, a decision was made earlier in the Summer to close the field to **non-residents**. The field was used more and more by visitors to the village. The antisocial behaviour and amount of litter left behind was intolerable. Several villagers were cleaning the field daily. The Parish Council erected warning signs that the field would be closed to non-residents if the abuse of our hospitality continued, but this was ignored and some then broke the signs, continued to leave litter and even left food all over the grass in the play area. Villagers were reporting that they no longer used the field themselves which was unacceptable.

The Parish Council hold the field in trust for the village. Villagers pay for the upkeep of this private field in its entirety. Neither East Suffolk or Suffolk County Council are responsible, therefore the general public have no right to access. The 1972 conveyance states the field is 'for the benefit of the inhabitants of Bucklesham'. It was a very sad decision to have to make, but we feel we gave everyone plenty of chances to act reasonably. It is a shame that a few spoiled it for others who were respecting the field. Thank you to all those villagers who supported the action. The field remains OPEN to villagers via the pedestrian gate.