

What's on in Bucklesham?

Carpet Bowls	Monday Evenings	Village Hall
Bucklesham Players	Tuesday Evenings	Village Hall
Bucklesham Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Group	Thursday Mornings 9:30am til 11:30am	Village Hall
Ladies' Group	2 nd Thursday evening of Month	Various Venues
Church Lunch	4 th Friday of Month 12pm for 12:30pm	Village Hall
Community Singing Group	Alternate Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm	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 evening of Month	Village Hall
Knit and Natter	1 st and 3 rd Monday afternoons 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

Summer 2021 (adverts needed by 1st June '21)

This newsletter is the grapevine for the whole 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**. Contact the **Parish Council Clerk** at buckleshampc@gmail.com



The Bucklesham Bugle ~ Spring 2021

As bulbs are popping up all around the village, Spring is definitely in the air. Huge thanks to those villagers who cleared the fallen trees in the high winds early in the morning, in order to clear the roads for the day ahead. We are very lucky to have such selfless villagers looking out for others.

You may have noticed the Speed Awareness Camera that so many of you were keen for the Parish Council to purchase and we are very grateful to the three village volunteers who are managing it. We initiated the instalment of Speed Indicator Device (SID) poles with the Suffolk Highways nearly 3 years ago and have been pursuing it relentlessly ever since. We hope that this encourages all motorists to abide by the speed limit, and that Bucklesham villagers are only triggering a 'Happy Face' emoji 😊 There are two poles on Main Road where the SID can be situated and it will be alternated between the two sites at regular intervals to prevent complacency. This is also in order to comply with Suffolk Highways regulations which prohibit the SID being located at one site permanently. You may be wondering why the SID poles are located where they are and not also on the west side of the village. Unfortunately, it is not up to the Parish Council to decide where to install the SID poles. This is a decision made by Suffolk Highways in compliance with their numerous guidelines. For example, the SID poles cannot be placed within close proximity to the start of the 30MPH zone and cannot be located near a bend in the road. We also needed the consent of residents living closest to the proposed sites. Now that the poles have been installed and villagers can see how inoffensive they are, it is possible that those villagers who did not give their consent previously will now change their minds. If this happens we may be able to install the proposed third pole on the west of the village. We are very grateful to the family in Field View who showed an interest in Parish Council business and their excellent suggestions on how to spend the Community Infrastructure Levy money awarded to the village. Their proposals of new signage and a use for the phone box is now being investigated. If you too have a question or concern which you would like to make the Parish Councillors aware of, then please do listen in to the next Parish Council meeting. It may not be that we are able to provide an answer immediately, but the matter can be put on the agenda for the following meeting.

Bucklesham Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2021

Next meeting is on 13th May 2021 at 6.30pm

This includes the Annual Parish Meeting.

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

For details contact the Parish Council Clerk at buckleshampc@gmail.com

Bucklesham Village Website

For information on Bucklesham Parish Council, Clubs and Societies, Amenities, Reporting Problems, News and all things Bucklesham visit

bucklesham.suffolk.cloud

Please do have a look at this new village website. If you are a Tradesperson who lives in Bucklesham and you would like to advertise your business on our village website please contact the Parish Council Clerk at buckleshampc@gmail.com



The Parish Council have set up a new **Email Alert Service** called the **Bugle Bulletin** designed to distribute important news around the village. It could be to inform you that a tree has come down and the road is blocked or road works are planned, maybe a cat is missing or there is a stranger acting suspiciously in the village. During the bad weather we were able to inform villagers about the change in bin collections which many found very helpful. Any urgent village news that cannot wait until the next edition of the Bugle can be sent out on the **Bugle Bulletin**. Whatever the news, we will keep you informed.

To add your name to the growing number of villagers receiving the **Bugle Bulletin** please email the Parish Council Clerk at buckleshampc@gmail.com

A Defibrillator is situated outside the Village Hall

12 Levington Lane - In an Emergency Dial 999

The Emergency Service Operator will instruct you and give you the keycode to unlock the cabinet and release the defibrillator

Bucklesham & Foxhall Village Hall

Meetings, Exhibitions, Clubs & Societies, Parties, Dances

Hall Suitable for all Social and Professional Functions

For bookings contact Heather Owen 01473 659754

heatherjowen@hotmail.com

The Village Hall Committee started 2021 with a bit of a shock – a leaky roof resulted in puddles on the newly refurbished Committee Room floor. A roofing expert was called who assessed the damage and repaired several holes in the felt and replaced many rotten battens. Unfortunately, this is a temporary measure so we are now saving the pennies for a whole new roof. The Parish Council, acting as Community Council, have promised to support us with a Third Party Funding Grant for the work. We have applied to Tarmac for a Community Grant so keep your fingers crossed for us.

We owe a huge thank you to the Church Lunch and the Knit and Natter Group for very kindly agreeing to swap their meeting days. This generous act, which we know did inconvenience some, will allow us to rearrange the bookings timetable making best use of the available slots. The Village Hall is not financially viable without the bookings from outside groups. The understanding shown by the Church Lunch and the Knit and Natter has meant that we can now permanently offer the Baby Sensory and Evolution Karate Academy their previously temporary slots. These two groups generate an income for the hall of £7,200. These bookings will allow us to keep the cost of hiring the hall so low for villagers.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on

Wed 14th April at 7:30pm

which will have to be held via Zoom Conferencing again this year. Everyone is welcome to join us and scrutinise the 2020 accounts or ask any questions about how the Village Hall has been managed this last year. You will also be able to see details of the Hall's planned projects for the year ahead.

For Zoom login details contact heatherjowen@hotmail.com

Let's hope that we are all able to meet up again in the Hall very soon.

Evelyn Bloomfield, Chair of The Village Hall Committee

St Mary's Church News

Before the Pandemic, our parish church was, to quote Ronnie Barker, 'Open All Hours'. However, at the first lockdown all churches countrywide were closed, unwisely I thought, until an easing of the situation in August. Since then St Mary's has been able to have a service every second week. We are also open on Wednesdays from 1pm until 3pm for private prayer and reflection.

At last we can start to believe that because of the highly successful vaccination campaign there is real hope of a return to normality after so much misery.

As a result of a combined village community and church effort, 95 Easter chicks and bunnies have been made – one for each child at Bucklesham Primary School. Each one will hold a chocolate crème egg. This project is a lovely, fitting tribute to the people of our village who have come together in so many public spirited ways at a difficult period for everyone.

As there were no Easter services last year, we are looking forward with eager anticipation to Holy Week this year which begins at 10am on Palm Sunday the 28th March, the day of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Then we hope to be able to hold our traditional Good Friday vigil at 3pm, though this service is still to be confirmed. Holy Week concludes on Easter Sunday with the 10am service which is a joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection. There should also be the distribution of Easter Eggs for everyone!

Just a reminder – to comply with Covid regulations, all those wishing to attend any service should pre-register by email or telephone: dewarhe@aol.com or [1p.659713](tel:01473659713)

The Tree Of Hearts and Community Wall Hanging

Many thanks to all those who contributed to our community Tree of Hearts. We had over 220 hearts, either knitted, crocheted or sewn, and it looks fabulous. The tree is a symbol of "LOVE BUCKLESHAM" and the ongoing expressions of loving kindness, friendship and care within our community, which has continued to grow during the pandemic. When we can all meet together (hopefully in the summer), we will have tea and cake in the Church and invite all to see the tree and the community quilted wall-hanging. Following this, we will deliver one of the hearts to every household in Bucklesham.

Wendy Hubbard

Thank you for everyone who contributed to the Bucklesham Community Wall Hanging, created to commemorate this unusual time of COVID-19, which is now completed. In the first instance it will go on display in Bucklesham Church. Please take a look when you can and we all hope you like it, we think it's an amazing addition to Bucklesham social history.

Anne Bonshor

The Friends Of the Playing Field

The overgrown and dangerous poplar trees that were on the perimeter of the car park have been felled and a smart new fence has been erected. This Spring why not visit the field to enjoy the peace and quiet, bring a picnic, have a kick around with a ball or play a game of table tennis, or simply have a walk with the dog to see how much smarter it looks? The Parish Council have a programme of improvements that we will continue with over the coming months and years in order to provide a beautiful recreational space for all villagers and to protect the field for future generations.

The FOPs (Friend **O**f the **P**laying Field) are a group of volunteers who help to keep an eye on the Playing Field. If you would like to join the FOPs, there is 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. If you are willing to join us as a FOP and help keep our field beautiful, if you would like to join in with future tree and hedge planting, or if you have any comments or concerns regarding the Playing Field, please do email the Parish Council Clerk at buckleshampc@gmail.com

Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Suffolk www.walkinginengland.co.uk/suffolk is the website for you. With hundreds of walks to download and print for free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

With walks from half a mile to more than twelve miles long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

www.walkinginengland.co.uk email: john@walkinginengland.co.uk



The Quiet Lanes Project



Bucklesham Parish Council is exploring the opportunities to designate certain village roads as “**Quiet Lanes**”.

We know that many of you consider Road Safety to be a top priority for the village. Quiet Lanes are intended for shared use by walkers, horse riders, cyclists and other road users to enjoy our country lanes in greater safety and encourage drivers to ‘Expect and Respect’ more vulnerable road users.

Quiet Lanes can offer the opportunity for increased levels of walking and cycling which will contribute to Suffolk County Council’s Public Health aims and its Green Access Strategy. These types of lanes do not impose traffic restrictions and are not enforced. Advisory signs are placed at either end of Quiet Lanes to show motorised users clearly that the road is a shared space.

Within Bucklesham we have identified 2 lanes that fit the requirements; Church Lane (beyond the entrances to Church Close and St Mary’s Park) and Levington Lane (from beyond number 92 to Tenth Lane junction).

Traffic surveys have been carried out and it has been provisionally agreed with Suffolk Highways that the lanes we chose are suitable for “Quiet Lane” status. These lanes are already popular with walkers, cyclists and horse riders and the intention is to encourage that use.

This is a county-wide project supported by Suffolk County Council’s Suffolk 2020 Fund, the East Suffolk Greenprint Forum and the East

Suffolk Community Partnerships. The aim is to create a network of Quiet Lanes across the county.

Bucklesham will be among one of the first parishes in the county to have Quiet Lane status and the Parish Council feel that this would be of real benefit to the village and those who visit us.

The Process of Designation requires public awareness and consultation. With the current limited nature of Parish Council public meetings we are seeking alternative methods to inform and consult on your views about these proposals.

We will be having a remote meeting on

Thursday 8th April at 6pm

via Zoom conferencing

- Meeting Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82023407857?pwd=SERyQ1luWitJMIZIYUNSVjNkaUZaUT09>
- Meeting ID: 820 2340 7857
Passcode: 790241
- Telephone Dial in 0203 481 5240

Please do join us and share your views, ask questions, or generally find out more.

Alternatively, you can telephone the Parish Council Clerk on 01394 411405 or 07739 411 927 who will be happy to answer any questions you may have or make a note of your comments to pass on to the Parish Council for their consideration.

A copy of the presentation, the questions and answers, and the minutes from the consultation, will also be available after the event.

**For more information on this project see
www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk**