

What's on in Bucklesham?

Carpet Bowls	Wednesday afternoons from 2pm	Village Hall
Bucklesham Players	Tuesday evenings	Village Hall
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Group	Thursday mornings 9:30am-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
Village 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
Baby Sensory	Tuesdays & Wednesdays various sessions	Village Hall
Evolution Karate	Thursday evenings various sessions	Village Hall
Geology Group	Monday mornings from 9:30am	Village Hall
Pilates	Monday evenings 2 sessions	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 2022 (adverts needed by 1st June '22)

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 2022



It is so lovely to see the fantastic display of daffodil bulbs around the village, purchased by the Parish Council last Autumn, which are now coming into bloom. We will be purchasing more bulbs each year so if you helped out and would like some more, if your property has a kerbside boundary, if there is a suitable verge near your home, or if you are willing to plant them around the roadside signs,

please get in touch and we will deliver a bag to you this coming Autumn.

Thank you for all the positive comments about the new finger pointer signs around the village. These were purchased with the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) paid annually to the village from any new developments.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on **4th May 2022 at 6:30pm** in the Village Hall. There will be a very important discussion on the future use of the Playing Field as unfortunately dog fouling continues to be a real problem. We recognise that it is often not deliberately missed but some people are just not paying attention to where their dog fouls, particularly if it is running free. We would like to hear as many views as possible in order that we make the right decision for us all, so please do come along if you can.

There have been several incidents of inconsiderate parking in Levington Lane, one leading to the bin lorry not being able to gain access to the end of the Lane which resulted in bins not being emptied. It does not bear thinking about what would happen if an emergency vehicle could not gain access. Please do park considerately and not on both sides of the Lane.

Although many villagers expressed an interest in attending a Jubilee Celebration, Cllr Seagroatt is disappointed to announce that due to only two villagers offering help to coordinate this, the Parish Council will not be organising any village events to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The printing of the Bugle costs you, village Council Tax payers, around £500 per year. Why not join the growing number of villagers who receive their copy online rather than through the door? This not only saves on printing costs but saves paper too. We can also email you via the **Bugle Bulletin** email alert service. We can inform villagers of road closures, lost pets, urgent planning applications and emergency meetings – any news that cannot wait for the next edition of the Bugle. Just let us know your email address and we will add you to the system.

Bucklesham Parish Council

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

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2022

Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Wed 4th May 2022 at 6:30pm

in the Bucklesham and Foxhall Village Hall.

Dates for the year ahead – 6th July, 7th Sept, 2nd Nov

We occasionally have additional Planning Meetings which are advertised on the **Bugle Bulletin**. All villagers are welcome to join us.

For details contact the Parish Council Clerk

buckleshampc@gmail.com

Bucklesham Village Website

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

<https://bucklesham.suffolk.cloud>

The Parish Council has an email alert service called the **Bugle Bulletin**. It enables us 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 major road works are planned, maybe a cat is missing or there is a stranger acting suspiciously in the Village. We have also been able to inform villagers of important messages from East Suffolk and Suffolk County Councils, such as planning applications. 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 so why not add your name to the growing number of villagers receiving the **Bugle Bulletin**.

Please email the Parish Council Clerk at **buckleshampc@gmail.com**.

Carpet Bowls Club



The Bucklesham Carpet Bowls Club can be found on Wednesdays at 2pm in the Village Hall. If you want a new challenge in 2022 enjoying a sociable time with new friends,

why not join us? There are enjoyable competitive games, but always with a smile on all our faces. Afterwards a tea is provided which is worth coming along for in itself! Come and join us, you would be most welcome.

Please telephone Derek Barrett 01473 659821

d.barrett50@btinternet.com

Bucklesham, Brightwell & Foxhall WI

New members always welcome. We have a full and varied programme planned for 2022.

20th April – Gardening for Springtime – Sonya Burrows

18th May – Trek for Life, Everest Basecamp – Tina Oldfield

16th June – Frolics, Fervour and Fornication – Pip Wright

For details call **Rosemary Farrow** on **01473 659676**



Bucklesham Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Group



The Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Group is open to all under 5s and their parents (or soon to be parents!), grandparents and carers of preschool children and babies who live in Bucklesham. We have a large range of toys and resources for 0-5 years.

We meet on **Thursday mornings** in the **Village Hall** from **9:30am until 11:30am**.

It is a time to socialise and make new friends, share experiences or ask for support, and a chance for our children to meet the friends for life they will start school and grow up with. If you are a new parent, or new to the village, come and join us in 2022, you will be made very welcome.

Entry to the group cannot be permitted without prior booking. Contact **buckleshampc@gmail.com** for your details to be passed on.

St Mary's Church News

As it appears that life in our community is at last beginning to return to some sort of normality, I thought it would be a good idea to remind you what is happening at our local village church –

- ❖ Services in the Church at 10am on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month
- ❖ Weekly recorded services can be received by email or as a printed copy
- ❖ Facebook: The Orwell and Deben Rural Benefice
- ❖ Church Lunch 4th Fri of month, 12:30pm, please phone for a place
- ❖ Church Library & Coffee Morning 1st Monday of the month 10am-12 noon
- ❖ Support for FIND (Families in Need Donations) for the Food Bank are welcome and can be left in the box provided in the church
- ❖ Prayer Tree – write prayer requests on a leaf and attach to the tree
- ❖ Church Newsletter – on an occasional basis and delivered to every house
- ❖ Bible Study – once a month on a Monday at 2pm

The Church is open daily and you are always welcome to sit in the Church or the Churchyard for a period of peace and tranquility.

David Wardle, Churchwarden 01473 659713

Bucklesham Village Hall

The Hall Committee are delighted to report that we now have a brand new roof paid for by Biffa Award. All went exactly according to plan and we were very relieved to have two nice sunny weeks for the job to be completed by Loomes Roofing. A special mention must go to Bridget, our fantastic member of staff, who kept the Hall spotless despite all the building work. We have recently completed another grant application for a new boiler as we still have the original 1976 boiler heating the Hall – keep your fingers crossed that we are successful with this one too. We are very pleased with the positive response we have received with regards to the new lighting outside the Hall and huge thanks go to James Woods Electrical for installing this for us at such generous rates.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 5th April at 2pm in the Hall – everyone is welcome. The Village Hall Committee are all unpaid volunteers and we would love to have some new members join the team, so if you fancy helping out and joining a hardworking friendly bunch, please do come along – you will be made welcome.

Evelyn Bloomfield, Chair of The Village Hall Committee

For Hall bookings contact the Secretary, Heather Owen
buckleshamvillagehall@gmail.com or 07890 719 316

St Mary's Church invites you to

A Kyiv Lunch for the Crisis in Ukraine

Bucklesham Village Hall 12:30pm Friday 25th March 2022

Come and join us for a simple lunch of soup followed by fruit, a cup of tea and cake. If you can't join us, please do donate to this very important appeal and help our friends from Ukraine.

All donations go to the

DEC – Ukraine Crisis Appeal – Donate Ukraine Appeal

Elizabeth Fern 01473 659457 Sally Voelcker 01473 659572

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, will take place on **Wednesday 4th May 2022** starting at **6:30pm** in the Village Hall.

On the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting will be the future of the Playing Field. The Parish Council are interested to hear from villagers with suggestions as to how to solve the issue of dog fouling on the Playing Field. Suggestions have included fencing the entire Play Area, requesting no dogs on the Field, or requesting dogs to be kept on a lead on the Field. These suggestions would need the support of the Village, therefore it is vital that everyone has a chance to have their say.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to have your comments heard, please email the Parish Council Clerk at **buckleshampc@gmail.com**.

The **Annual Village Litter Pick** will take place on **Saturday 9th April 2022**

at **10am** in the **Village Hall Car Park**.

We know many of the Village 'Wombles' clean our lanes and footpaths all year round, but your Parish Council always likes to embark on a Spring Clean at this time of year.

If you are able to help please do come along. Grabbers and bin bags can be provided but it is advisable to wear your own gloves. We would be really grateful for any support so please do help so that this not particularly thrilling task does not fall on just a few people.

Bucklesham Community Council Report for 2021

Your Parish Councillors were busy again in 2021 with our Community Council hats on and are very proud to report that we successfully secured funding from 6 different grants, all for village projects, totalling £8,085.

We gladly supported the Village Hall helping them through the challenges of Covid and providing the 10 % Third Party Fund of £3,200, which released the £32,000 from Biffa Award for their new roof.

As a team we were also successful in our bid for a grant from Mrs L D Rope Third Settlement which provided £3,000 for the 8 new picnic benches on the Playing Field.

We were delighted to be able to also support the Bucklesham Players this year. The cancellation of the Panto in January due to Covid meant the group incurred several unexpected costs. We managed to secure a grant of £1,885 to help with this and ensure the postponed Panto could go ahead in March. We will continue to ensure that the constitution is fully adhered to and that money raised is spent solely on village projects.

If you know of a village project that may need help in 2022 please let us know and we will endeavour to find a way to support it.

In the interests of transparency, and to allow for full scrutiny by villagers, Community Council business is discussed as an agenda item at Parish Council meetings. To learn more about Community Council please contact the Parish Council Clerk on buckleshampc@gmail.com.

Bucklesham Emergency Plan

We are currently considering the merits of establishing an 'Emergency Plan' for the Village. At this stage we are simply collecting names of people who would be willing to be identified as having a skill or equipment that might be useful in an emergency. You may own a 4x4 that would be useful in the snow, or a chainsaw for cutting up a tree blocking the road, or perhaps you have a medical qualification that could be called on if the Village were cut off for any length of time. Your contact details would only be known to a small committee and the SCC/ESC Joint Emergency Committee and you could remove them at any time. If you are registered as a volunteer in the Emergency Plan your actions will be covered under East Suffolk Council Insurance. If you would like to put your name down as someone who could possibly help, please contact the Parish Council Clerk on buckleshampc@gmail.com

Jubilee Torch Relay

A symbolic torch will tour the County of Suffolk in order to herald the start of the Festival of Suffolk and the celebrations to mark HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The torch will be carried by selected Torch Bearers and transported by rickshaw.

It will be passing through **Bucklesham on Wednesday 1st June between 10am and 12pm.**

We have been invited to nominate worthy individuals to carry the torch as it passes through Bucklesham. These could include local heroes or notable characters chosen in recognition for their service to our community. The torch bearer will be transported by e-rickshaw which is equipped to carry passengers of all ages and abilities. It is expected that there will be a lot of media interest in the torch relay and in particular in the stories of the local people carrying the torch. If you would like to nominate a Bucklesham Villager to ride in the rickshaw please contact us. They must be available on Wednesday 1st June 2022 between the hours of 10am and 12pm. We would love to hear from any of you with your suggestions. Please contact the Parish Council Clerk on buckleshampc@gmail.com

Bucklesham Playing Field News

The Field is open from dawn til dusk daily and is locked and unavailable for use outside of those times. Following the recent storms we lost 4 more of the old poplar trees on the Field boundary. We have employed the services of a trusted professional Tree Surgeon to examine the remaining trees and remove those deemed unsafe. We are very pleased to tell you that the new Outdoor Gym Equipment is now in situ on the Field and is ready for use. This was paid for by an East Suffolk Council Boost Scheme Grant. We also have two new Chat Benches in the woodland walkway paid for by East Suffolk Council's Community Partnership. Many of the daffodils planted among the woodland walkway are in bloom and the new trees are growing well. Along with David Riddleston, the Playing Field Manager, we are grateful, as always, for the help of the FOPs (Friends Of the Playing Field) in managing the field. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the **Annual Parish Meeting on 4th May** to discuss the ongoing issue of dog fouling. The suggestions of a fence around the Play area, a request for no dogs on the field and a request that dogs be kept on a lead will all be discussed. Please do come along in order to have your say.