

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 and 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 2023 (adverts needed by 1st June '23)

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 2023

This coming year, all editions of the Bugle have been sponsored by East Suffolk Councillor Mick Richardson's Enabling Communities Budget. Along with Cllr Richard Kerry, Mick has been extremely generous to Bucklesham, helping to fund the felling of the trees on the Playing Field, supporting the new Nest Swing, and more recently sponsoring the Carpet Bowls club for the entire year. This

valuable support for a vital village group will enable the Bowls to continue and hopefully thrive once again following a recent fall in members.

The Budget was discussed at length at the last Parish Council meeting and it was decided that, to ensure we could cover all costs involved in managing the village on behalf of all residents, it was necessary to raise the precept this year. We are very mindful that we have a huge responsibility to ensure villagers get value for their money, and therefore a great deal of time goes into carefully planning for any expenditure. The cost of many services has increased dramatically this year and this has had a knock-on effect on our budgeting. We were acutely aware of the pressures of the cost of living for so many villagers and therefore the rise will be less than £2 per year. We discussed the Management Policy of the Playing Field at the last meeting following a concern expressed by a resident. The particular concern was in regard to the monitoring of the way that the Field is used. It was lovely to see new faces at the meeting and to hear how keen residents are to protect our beautiful space. The Field is managed and held in trust by the Parish Council for the benefit of the residents of Bucklesham and their guests. It is paid for solely by the Precept from your Council Tax contributions. We are committed to ensuring that the Field is not abused by people who are not entitled to use the facilities and that it is protected for you all. Therefore the way in which the Parish Council manages the Field will continue as it was before with some additional helpful solutions suggested by residents at the meeting, for which we are extremely grateful. This edition of the Bugle is a 'Local Elections Special' and we hope you will find all the information included helpful.

Why not join the growing number of villagers who receive their Bugle via email? This not only saves on printing costs but saves paper too. 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 2023

10th May, 5th July, 6th Sept, 1st Nov

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be

Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7:00pm

in the Bucklesham and Foxhall Village Hall.

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**.

Bucklesham Primary School News

This term we have seen the opening of our new kitchen and what a difference this has made to our lunches! We are grateful for the support of Suffolk County Council with this project. KS1 have been enriching their curriculum with a visit to Colchester Castle. KS2 have been on a variety of sport tournaments and have had a visit from our local Police Officer about being safe online. We currently have vacancies on our Governing Body and are looking for members of the local community and local businesses to take on these roles. If you can spare a couple of hours a month and have a background in finance, education or personnel, please contact the school to find out more on 01473 659389 or **admin@bucklesham.suffolk.sch.uk**

Rachael Rudge, Head Teacher

St Mary's Church

Many domestic servants in the 19th and 20th centuries lived and worked in large houses throughout the country, and it became an established custom on the fourth Sunday of Lent for them to be given the day off to allow them to return home to visit their family and 'mother church'. This became known as Mothering Sunday. This year Mothering Sunday is the 19th March, the third Sunday of the month, which coincides with our monthly All Age Praise service taken by our three local Elders. It is always a lovely, easy to understand service suitable for all ages, and following tradition at St Mary's all the ladies will take home a posy of flowers.

Easter this year is celebrated in early April and services will be held on Palm Sunday 2nd April, Good Friday the 7th April and the celebration of Easter Sunday on the 9th April. More details of times of services will be displayed on our church notice board and Facebook nearer the time.

David Wardle, Churchwarden.

Theatre in the Church

Thomas Wolsey -The Rise and Fall, by Suzanne Hawkes

7pm at St Mary's on 22nd April 2023

Tickets £12 (Bucklesham residents £10) call Box Office 01394 279613

Bucklesham Village Hall AGM

to be held on Tuesday 4th April at 2pm in the Hall

We would love to see some new faces if you would like to join us

For Hall bookings contact the Clerk, Ruth Johnson

buckleshamvillagehall@gmail.com or 07854 712 734

Tea Party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III

A group of villagers are organising a Tea Party on Sunday May 7th in the Village Hall, between 1.30pm and 4pm

The event will include afternoon tea for everyone, a children's art competition, activities and children's entertainer, a raffle or tombola. If there is anyone who would like to help with the organising of the event, or help on the day with decorating the Hall, baking cakes, savouries or making sandwiches, helping with the children's activities or helping with serving teas and coffees, please contact Lynda at lyndaseagroatt67@hotmail.com, Jackie at jackie.brunning@hotmail.co.uk, or Sally on 01473 659572

In addition to these celebrations the Parish Council have arranged for special edition mugs to be produced for all the children of the village aged 11 and under. If you would like your child to receive one of these mugs please contact the Parish Council Clerk 07854 712 734 or buckleshampc@gmail.com by 26th March to ensure they do not miss out

Community Council AGM

Wednesday 10th May 6:00pm in the Village Hall

The Community Council is desperately looking for new members, so if you are community minded and would like to help out please do come along and join us. We are a friendly bunch – honestly!

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, will also take place on **Wednesday 10th May 2023** starting at **6:30pm** in the Village Hall.

At the Annual Parish Meeting reports will be heard from many village groups and it is an ideal time to suggest projects you would like the village to undertake in the year ahead.

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

Bucklesham Players Juniors present:

'The Little Princess' by Frances Hodgson Burnett, Saturday May 20th Bucklesham Village Hall, details to follow – look out for our posters!

St Mary's Church invites you to a

Soup Lunch for FIND (Families In Need) Ipswich, and Kagera Anglican Church in Tanzania, helping that community towards self-sufficiency

Bucklesham Village Hall from 12:30pm Tuesday 14th March 2023

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 these very important appeals and help both causes

Elizabeth Fern 01473 659457 Sally Voelcker 01473 659572

CPR and Defibrillator Training

Bucklesham Village Hall, Tuesday 30th May (Half Term) from 2pm

We are offering free places on our Community CPR and Defibrillator Refresher Training. The Parish Council are committed to train as many residents as possible in CPR and the use of a defibrillator, so together we can save more lives. This course will give you a quick overview of the basic skills required to perform CPR and use a defibrillator.

Places on a first come, first served basis.

For details and to book a place contact the Parish Council Clerk buckleshampc@gmail.com or 07854 712 734

The **Annual Village Litter Pick** will take place on **Saturday 1st April 2023**

Starting at **9am** 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.

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 Bumps, Babes and Toddlers Group are holding an Easter Egg Hunt, Coffee Morning and Crafts

Maundy Thursday 6th April from 10am in the Village Hall

Come along and join us for Coffee, Crafts, Cake and Conversation.

If any of you are bakers we would be *eggstremely* grateful for donations!

Open to all, no matter your age, come and join us

An Easter Egg Hunt will be set up around the village so if you are willing to display a picture of an Egg in your window please let us know.

Call Jenny 07875 240485 or email driver89@hotmail.co.uk for details



Parish Council Elections 2023

Every four years Parish Councillors are required to stand down and then, if they wish, stand for re-election. The past four-year tenure is almost up and during March, April and May 2023 the election process will be followed. Parish Councils are the cornerstone of British democracy. Although often referred to as the 'lowest tier', they are in fact equal to County and District Councils; they just have different functions.

Nomination papers will be available from late February/early March and can be obtained from the Parish Council Clerk. These have to be hand delivered to East Suffolk Council (the offices opposite Melton Station) by 4:00pm on 4th April. No posting, faxing, or emailing is permitted (not even a carrier pigeon will do).

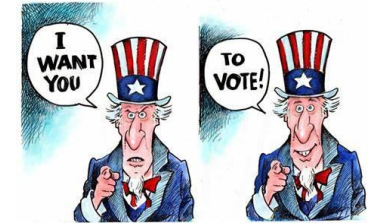


Once the nominations deadline passes, ESC will then assess how many nominations they have received for each Parish Council. If there are the same or fewer nominations for the number of seats, these candidates will automatically be elected without a poll being taken. Where there are more candidates than there are seats, then a poll must be held.



Within Bucklesham Parish Council there are 7 seats. If there are 7 or fewer candidates then these people will automatically be elected to office. If there are 8 or more candidates then there will be a poll. Any poll will be held on 4th May 2023, alongside the District Council elections.

If you feel that standing for the Council is not for you, you can still be involved by nominating someone else that you feel would be suitable. Why not approach them and suggest they stand as a Parish Councillor? They may not even have considered it themselves or they may have been secretly longing to be nominated for years.



In the event of a 'Contested Election' (i.e. where it is necessary to hold a poll) candidates are welcome to campaign and produce material about themselves to tempt voters. There are strict rules around this and any candidate who may like to campaign should consult the Parish Council Clerk for the guidelines – homemade rosettes are essential but kissing babies is not strictly necessary.

Whether you want to stand as a Councillor yourself, or want to nominate someone to stand, the most important thing you can do on 4th May is make sure you turn out and vote. We know you may be busy with other things, but it really only takes a few minutes.

"Why should I bother?" we hear you ask:

- Elections have consequences – every vote matters
- It's your democratic right – not voting is giving up your voice
- It's your money the Council are spending
- Voting is an opportunity for change
- The Community of Bucklesham depends on you 😊

So, are you willing to Stand Up and Be Counted?

If you are, please contact your Parish Council Clerk, Ruth Johnson buckleshampc@gmail.com or 07854 712 734 who will be happy to give you further information and assistance.