

What's on in Bucklesham?

Group	Date and Time	Venue
Walking Group	Mondays at 9am No need to book - just turn up	Meet in layby opposite the Shannon
Village Library	1 st Monday of month 10am-12pm	St Mary's Church
Geology Group	Monday mornings from 9:30am	Village Hall
Knit and Natter	1 st and 3 rd Monday afternoons of month	Village Hall
Pilates	Monday evenings	Village Hall
Baby Sensory	Tuesday mornings various sessions	Village Hall
Bucklesham Players	Tuesday evenings	Village Hall
Baby Fun	Wednesday mornings Booking essential	Village Hall
Carpet Bowls	Wednesday afternoons from 2pm	Village Hall
Community Singing Group	Alternate Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm	St Mary's Church
Women's Institute	3 rd Wednesday evening of month	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
Evolution Karate	Thursday evenings Various sessions	Village Hall
Church Lunch	4 th Friday of month 12pm for 12:30pm	Village Hall
Danceasy Tea Dances	Various Saturdays Afternoons and evenings	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 Bucklesham Bugle ~ Summer 2023



This bumper edition of the Bucklesham Bugle comes to you from your newly elected Bucklesham Parish Councillors. Following the Local Elections in May and the Annual Parish Meeting, your newly formed Council agreed a Council Plan for the next 4 years. This includes projects we would like to complete and the continued upkeep of the village. To have your say on what goes on

here, why not join us at our next Parish Council Meeting on 5th July at 7pm in the Village Hall? You would be most welcome.

It was lovely to see villagers attending the Annual Parish Meeting in May, where we shared reports from village organisations, including an in-person report from the Head Teacher Rachael Rudge and two Head Pupils from Bucklesham Primary School. Their enthusiasm for school was infectious and they gave a great insight into what they had been doing in the last year. We would like to thank the 'Gang of Four' who organised the village Coronation Celebrations. A fantastic afternoon was had by all and the atmosphere was electric. It was clear that a great deal of hard work had gone into organising the event and we would like to personally thank Jackie, Lynda, Sally, and Sarah. The bunting yet again decorated the entire village from Southmere to Potash and all the houses and lanes in between. We just want to know what are you organising next, ladies?

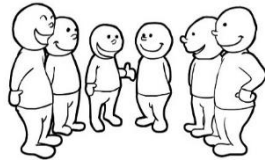
The Parish Council recently received £29,000 of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from the Castlemore Homes development on Levington Lane. CIL is a planning charge that the local planning authority impose on new developments. It is given to Parish Councils to spend in their area. There are strict guidelines on how the money can be spent, for example on specific things such as Open Spaces, Infrastructure and Community Facilities. Please let us know if you have any ideas on projects you would like the Parish Council to consider for this money.

In these summer months, please be careful if you are leaving your windows and doors open in the warm evenings – you never know who is about.

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

Introducing your new and improved
Bucklesham Parish Councillors



Cllr Trevor Bickers

I have lived in Bucklesham for 12 years with my wife Jacqui. I am a director of an energy company operating around the UK, hence my particular interest in the proposed Solar Farm development nearby, where I can put my knowledge to good use. I have been a Parish Councillor for one year which I am enjoying very much. My interests are Highways and Planning, while appreciating our wonderful Village Hall and Playing Field.

Cllr David Brinkley (Chair)

I am married to Trisha and I retired 19 years ago after a career in international road logistics with the P&O Group. I was born and bred in Felixstowe and have been a Parish Councillor for 15 years. My interest include Finance and Planning as well as the overall objective of maintaining the Parish as a community in which others will enjoy living as much as we have for the last 40 years.

Cllr Rhea Gardner

I moved to Bucklesham in 2000. Once I retired from being a Pharmacist I had more time to support village activities. I've been a Councillor for eight years and was heavily involved in the Plough Day. I am the Parish Council Documentation Tsar and am interested in Community Partnership working and Finance.

Cllr Clive Lenton

I have lived in the village for 18 years, and I am married with two daughters aged 17 and 12. I joined the Parish Council so I could help keep the village a lovely place to live in with my input on Planning, Highways, and General Maintenance.

Cllr Kathryn Roper

I have lived in the village for 16 years with my husband Gavin and our daughter Scarlett. I work for SCC Education, Skills and Learning Team. I was elected onto the Parish Council in May 2023 so I am very new to this role and looking forward to learning more. My interests include working with the Community, the Playing Field and Community Infrastructure Levy.

Cllr Lynda Seagroatt

I have lived in Bucklesham for nine years with my husband. I have worked for 20 years for a Local Housing Association as a Senior Housing Officer. I love gardening and music, especially SKA and Northern Soul. My main Parish Council interests are Community Engagement and Housing.

Ruth Johnson (Clerk)

I have lived in the village since 1976. I am married with two grown-up children and one brand new granddaughter. I was elected as a Parish Councillor in 2003 and served as Chair for the last 5 years of my stint. In 2020 I jumped ship and became the Clerk instead. I'm the Ring Master who tries hard to keep the Councillors in line 😊

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

We have a vacancy for someone to join us as a co-opted Parish 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 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. If you are interested please contact the Parish Council Clerk at buckleshampc@gmail.com

We often hear “**That’s a job for the Parish Council**”, but is it?

Here in Bucklesham there are three different ‘Councils’ that have an impact on the village: Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council, and us – Bucklesham Parish Council.

Bucklesham Parish Council (BPC) is the foundation tier of the Council ladder. We are all unpaid volunteers who live in the village. The Parish Council is responsible for the following elements:

The Playing Field – We insure, maintain, improve, and arrange safety inspections on the Playing Field. We are ably assisted by volunteer Playing Field Manager David Riddleston and the FOPs (Friends of the Playing Field).

Planning Applications – We **do not** determine planning applications. We are a statutory consultee for ESC, and the majority view of the community is sought on every planning application concerning Bucklesham and answered on behalf of the Parish.

Street Furniture Provision – We purchase and maintain the litter and dog bins in the village. We manage the bus shelter, the notice boards and the grit bins and the benches.

Bucklesham Bugle – The Bugle is a quarterly publication sharing village news and advertising local events, clubs and groups. Your Parish Councillors collate the information, write and distribute it. If you would like something included, please let us know.

Community Council – Your Parish Councillors undertake the administration of the Community Council. We can apply for grants for many village groups and projects.

Unfortunately, we cannot intervene in neighbourly disputes or anti-social behaviour, nor do we have powers to enforce villagers keep their properties tidy or their gardens maintained. To report these problems to the right agency, please see the links on the Village Website – bucklesham.suffolk.cloud

East Suffolk District Council (ESC, formerly SCDC) was created following a merger of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils in April 2019. Bucklesham lies in the ‘Orwell and the Villages’ Ward. ESC manage elements of our daily lives such as Council Tax, housing needs, leisure facilities, elections, some benefits and Planning Applications. Our District Councillors elected in May 2023 are Cllr Mike Ninnmey and Cllr Lee Reeves.

In addition, **East Suffolk Services Limited (ESSL)** are contractors who deal with many tasks including grass cutting, supply and emptying of dog and litter bins, and refuse collection. We use the services of ESSL to cut the grass on the Playing Field and cut the plum hedge on Main Road.

Suffolk County Council (SCC) cover the whole of Suffolk County and manage Highways (including footpaths), Education, Healthcare, Waste Recycling, Children’s Services and Community Safety, among many other elements. Our County Councillor is Cllr Patti Mulcahy.

If you are unsure who to contact in the first instance, feel free to ask us and we will point you in the right direction.

BPC Mrs Ruth Johnson 07854 712 734 buckleshampc@gmail.com

ESC customerservices@eastssuffolk.gov.uk

ESC Planning Department planning@eastssuffolk.gov.uk

SCC customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk 03456 066 067

SCC Highways suffolk.gov.uk 03456 066 171

ESSL (for refuse collection) 03330 162 000

Suffolk Police 101 or 999 in an emergency

Or visit the village website <https://bucklesham.suffolk.cloud/>

Bucklesham Playing Field

The Playing Field at the end of Levington Lane is a much loved and well used asset of the village. There is an extensive children's play area, table tennis tables, goals, and large picnic benches, as well as the woodland walkway at the far end. The field is visited daily by village dog walkers, joggers and those who just wish to enjoy the peace, quiet and tranquillity of such a beautiful spot.

The Playing Field is held in Trust by the Parish Council on behalf of the whole village. We are responsible for all the costs on the field including grass cutting, insurance and Play Equipment maintenance, and all of this is paid for solely from the village precept through villagers' Council Tax contributions. We receive no financial support from East Suffolk or Suffolk County Councils. The Field is for the benefit of villagers and their guests. The gates can be opened by any villager who wishes to park on the field; all we ask is that you lock them afterwards and don't share the lock combination with non-residents. The goals may be used by any villager but are locked for safety and security reasons. For both combinations just ask us. We are ably assisted in the management of the Field by volunteer Playing Field Manager David Riddleston and the **FOPs**.

The Friends Of the Playing Field

We have several villagers who volunteer to be a FOP (Friend Of the Playing Field) and their support is invaluable. FOPs have helped by spotting the poisonous hemlock on the Field, challenging strangers and looking after the facilities and equipment among many other things.

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 just ask 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 Council will ensure it is protected for future generations.

If you are willing to join us as a FOP and help keep our field beautiful, if you would like help with future tree and hedge planting, or if you have any comments or concerns regarding the Playing Field, please do email the Clerk at buckleshampc@gmail.com or call **07854 712 734**

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 to be on the Playing Field outside of these hours.

Litter

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

Vehicles

No motorised or electric vehicles, including 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 Council.

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.

Goals

The goals may be used by any villagers but they must be locked after use.

Gates

Please ensure the pedestrian gate is closed behind you. The vehicle gate may be unlocked by any villager who wishes to use the car park.

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 Community Council

Following the resignation of all previous Community Council members (with the exception of David Riddleston) early in 2019, your Bucklesham Parish Councillors all agreed to step forward as Trustees to keep the Community Council as a viable charity for the village. We are very proud that in the last four years we have been working hard with our Community Council hats on and have boosted the coffers for Bucklesham Village projects by applying for grants worth £16,445, which supported the Village Hall, Toddler Group, Bowls Club, Knit and Natter Group, Lunch Club and the Playing Field, but more importantly we ensured the name and charitable status of the Community Council was kept alive.

As the Parish Council's input was only ever supposed to be temporary, we are looking for villagers who would be willing to take on the role on a more permanent basis. Following the success of the Coronation Celebrations the Parish Council would like to appeal to those organisers and attendees to please step forward and become a new administration of the Community Council. It was clear what a fantastic team you all were and what a lovely time was had by all. From the event organisers, to helpers on the day, the army who put up all the bunting and all those who joined in – you are exactly the calibre of people required to make the Community Council a success again. If the politics, meetings and formalities of the Parish Council are not for you – come and be a Community Councillor instead!

We are looking for volunteers who would like to help with one-off village events: Fetes, Fun Days, Sale Trails, events on the Playing Field, Family Fun Nights in the Village Hall, Quiz Nights – the possibilities are endless. We need people who will continue to ensure that the constitution is fully adhered to and that money raised is spent solely on village projects. There is already several hundred pounds in the Community Council Bank Account which was left over from the Coronation celebrations and this can act as a float for your first event. The Parish Council, led by Cllr Lynda Seagroatt, is very interested in Community Engagement and is desperately looking for others to join in with building on the great work started by the Coronation Celebrations. If you want to help or if you have a good idea for an event please do let us know. A sense of well-being and pride in your community is guaranteed 😊 **Contact Lynda on l.seagroatt.bpc@gmail.com**

In the interests of transparency, and to allow for full scrutiny by villagers, any Community Council business is always discussed as an agenda item at Parish Council meetings.

A Huge 'Thank You' to two retiring Councillors

Cllr Evelyn Bloomfield and Cllr Heather Owen both decided to retire from the Parish Council at the Local Election in May after serving over 50 years between them – a magnificent achievement!

Evelyn is Bucklesham born and bred. Over the years, she has been the driving force behind so much that has gone on here. She has been a hugely proactive Parish Councillor, was on the original committee that fundraised for the Village Hall in the 1970s, and was also an original Community Council member that fundraised for the purchase of the Playing Field. Her experience and village knowledge have been called upon on numerous occasions and will be very much missed by the Councillors.

Heather moved here from the West Midlands over 30 years ago and threw herself into village life immediately. Heather was the driving force behind the purchase of the Play Equipment and the massive developments on the Playing Field. She has played a pivotal role in grant applications, achieving grants of over £160,000 for numerous Bucklesham projects in recent years. Both ladies are stalwarts of the village and rightly deserve recognition and huge thanks from the Parish Council on behalf of the whole village for all the amazing things that they achieved. Now put your feet up ladies 😊

Bucklesham School Summer Fair

Friday 30th June from 3:30pm on School Field

BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Tombola, Bar, Cake Stall,

Refreshments, Entertainment, Games,

Grand Raffle with lots of great prizes

Whole village welcome – please come and support us!



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 receiving in addition to the state pension a private pension of no more than £1,000 per annum, to apply **in writing** to the Clerk of the Trustees, Mrs Rosemary Farrow, Praa, Church Lane, Bucklesham

no later than 30th September 2023

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

5th July, 6th Sept, 1st Nov

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be

Wednesday 5th July 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 – the **Bugle Bulletin**. This 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 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

The older children have been working hard for their SATs tests and had their residential in May, where they camped at Hollow Tree. They enjoyed axe throwing, rifle shooting, camp fires, assault course, climbing, making dens and many challenges. The Head Pupils represented us brilliantly at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May. I have been pleased to see the daffodils growing along the hedgerows near the school, that the Parish Council gave us to plant last Autumn. The children have been planting and growing as they learn about our environment. The Eco Team entered a competition to make a garden 'Fit for a King' for the Suffolk Show. We are looking forward to our Summer Fair on Friday 30th June from 3:30pm. Please do come and join us. **Rachael Rudge, Head Teacher**

St Mary's Church

As you may be aware our Rector, Revd Ian Wilson, began an extremely well earned retirement on the 30th April, after almost seven years as our vicar. Revd Ian had served the eight churches of the newly created Orwell and Deben Rural Benefice with great dedication. We owe much to him for his service, particularly through the traumatic months of the COVID-19 pandemic. We wish Revd Ian and Trish a long and happy retirement.

At this point in time we have not found anyone to fill the vacancy.

Therefore we are in a period of *Inter Regnum*. However, rest assured that St Mary's Church Council is doing all it can to maintain the current level of three services each month (i.e. Morning Prayer, All Age Praise and, where possible, a visiting minister will take a Holy Communion service for us).

Please see the church noticeboard or contact one of the Elders listed below for further information. Rosemary Watson 01473 659505

Christine Bickers 01473 659412 Janet Ball 01473 727695

Bucklesham Village Hall News

Following our AGM in April, we are very pleased to welcome a new Committee member, Gemma Copsey. We are also very excited to be hosting a new baby group each Wednesday Mornings from September, called 'Baby Fun'. The Hall continues to thrive and is an excellent venue for all family occasions with the most competitive rates around.

For Hall bookings contact the Village Hall Clerk, Ruth Johnson

buckleshamvillagehall@gmail.com or **07854 712 734**