

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
Community Council Family Nights	Various Friday evenings	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 buckleshampe@gmail.com

The Bucklesham Bugle ~ New Year 2024



The Parish Council have been busy planning the Budget for the year ahead. All money paid to the Parish Council comes through the Precept, paid by East Suffolk Council from your Council Tax contributions. You will see your Parish Council contribution clearly marked on your Council Tax bill. We are very mindful that we have a huge responsibility to ensure villagers get value for their

money, therefore a great deal of time goes into carefully planning for any expenditure. The cost of many services has increased dramatically once again this year and this will have a knock-on effect on our budgeting. We are acutely aware of the pressures of the cost of living for so many villagers and we will continue to find ways to keep any increase in the Precept as minimal as possible.

You may recall in the last edition, we asked the views of the village with regards to the national '20's Plenty Campaign'. The results of the consultation was as follows:

74% wished the Parish Council to pass the motion

23% were against the Parish Council passing the motion

3% were undecided

Therefore, the Parish Council passed the motion to support the '20's Plenty for Suffolk' campaign, and call on Suffolk County Council to implement a 20mph speed limit on Bucklesham's inhabited lanes, and urge SCC to review their policy/criteria for speed limit change in order to enable change to happen more easily for communities.

You will hopefully have noticed many projects that have been paid for using the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) this year, which was paid to the Parish Council from the Castlemore Home development in Levington Lane. If you have any ideas for projects that CIL could fund, please do let us know as we are open to all suggestions that meet the criteria.

On behalf of all residents, the Parish Council would like to thank The Shannon and Valerie Fosker for their festive illuminations, which really do create a warm and welcoming approach to the village once again this year. Finally, the Parish Council would like to wish you all the best for this festive season. We hope that whatever 2024 brings, you are all safe and well and that there is a peaceful and prosperous year ahead for all of us.

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 for 2024

Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7:00pm

13th March, 8th May, 10th July, 11th September, 13th November
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 children have enjoyed a lot of curriculum enrichment this term, with visits out to BT Adastral Park for the older children for a computing day, and KS1 visiting Foxborough Farm to learn more about plants and habitats. The whole school were excited to go to see 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Regent Theatre a few weeks ago, which was a new experience for many of the children. We have taken part in eight different sporting tournaments this term, and have had visitors in to bring learning to life, such as a wellbeing workshop and a safeguarding workshop to encourage all children to speak out and stay safe. Our BSA parents have been active raising money for the school, which has just purchased us a set of new iPads, and we have a new gardening after school club set up to provide wider opportunities for all of the children. We are always looking for school Governors, so please contact the school for more information. We look forward to seeing what 2024 has in store for Bucklesham Primary School!

Rachael Rudge, Head Teacher

St Mary's Church

At the end of last month the Reverend Nicholas Williams was installed as the Rector of the Orwell and Deben Rural Benefice, which includes St Mary's Bucklesham. Rev Nick attended our recent Christmas Coffee Morning and is keen to meet as many parishioners as possible when opportunities arise. He is joined by his wife, Fiona, and we look forward with great optimism to his Ministry amongst us. We wish all the people of Bucklesham a very Happy and Joyful Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year, Rosemary Watson (Elder)



Carpet Bowls Club

The Bucklesham Carpet Bowls Club are on the lookout for new members, beginners or experts are all made to feel welcome. If you want a new challenge in 2024, 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 on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm, you would be most welcome.

Contact David Riddleston 01473 659760 or dkridid@hotmail.co.uk

Bucklesham Community Council 2023 Annual Report

We are extremely excited to tell you that there is now a completely new administration of the Community Council. Following the resignation of all members of the Community Council in 2019, with the exception of Bucklesham stalwart David Riddleston, the Parish Councillors stepped in to be interim Trustees in order to keep this village charity alive. With a little twisting of arms, a fantastic assembly of tremendously capable residents has taken the reins and joined David. Their excellent organisation of the Coronation Celebrations and the extremely successful Christmas Craft Fayre, leaves us in no doubt that they will make the Community Council endeavours massive successes for the future. They already have a number of exciting events planned for 2024, so watch this space!

The Community Council will continue to encourage new people to join with all their events so if you would like to help out, or if you have some great ideas, please do get involved. To learn more about Community Council please contact **Tracey Thompson** traceythompson67@icloud.com

Bucklesham and Foxhall Village Hall Annual Report

The Village Hall can report that, despite the cost of living crisis having an impact on many Hall user groups, which inevitably resulted in them discontinuing, we have survived another year. We lost two regular groups, but we welcomed three new groups, meaning the Hall is now in use every day, every evening of the week, and most weekends. Once again an excellent team effort from the volunteers in our hard working committee, and our irreplaceable Bridget, have ensured that the Hall remains the thriving hub of the community. Huge thanks go to the Trustees of the Fuel Allotment Charity for their generous grant towards our fuel bills again this winter. We are extremely fortunate to have had the backing of the Community Council again who successfully secured more grants to financially support us. It is thanks to these grants and very careful book-keeping that, despite the huge increase in costs this year (our insurance, energy and fuel have increased by 25%), we have not had to increase the hire charges to our hobby clubs and societies, and we remain the best value Hall in the area by some margin. Finally, we have had a complete repaint of the interior of the Hall just before Christmas, very kindly funded by the Parish Council from their Community Infrastructure Levy, paid by the new Castlemore Homes development in Levington Lane.

For Hall bookings contact the Village Hall Clerk, Ruth Johnson
buckleshamvillagehall@gmail.com or 01473 655149 / 07854 712 734

Suffolk Association Of Local Councils 'Suffolk Community Awards'

The Judges of the Suffolk Community Awards, awarded
Bucklesham Village 'Highly Commended'
in the
'Small Village of the Year' category.

We are thrilled to inform you that Bucklesham was recently recognised at these very prestigious awards. Our Chairman, Cllr David Brinkley, attended the awards ceremony on 25th September, and collected the award on behalf of the whole village. The judges said of us:



"What a great place to live and definitely a village punching above its weight. The Judges were impressed and inspired by the benefits the residents of this village experience, and it is clear it is as a result of all the efforts of representatives and volunteers working hard in a variety of ways, including successful funding bids for various projects. The resulting wealth of activities, provision and enhancement of much valued community assets demonstrated a focus on wellbeing, and it was clear they made sure no one was left out. The flourishing Village Hall is even open on Christmas Day!"

We have a beautiful certificate that will be on display in the Village Hall, and a magnificent plaque that we have attached to the village sign on Main Road opposite Street Farm.

Parish Council Chair David Brinkley said:

"I am hugely proud and very honoured to be receiving this award on behalf of all the residents of Bucklesham. Like our website says, it probably is the best village in the world."



Bucklesham Players Present

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

written by Long and Rawnsley

Friday 19th January 2024 at 7:30pm
Saturday 20th January at 2:30pm & 6:30pm
Sunday 21st January at 2pm
Bucklesham Village Hall

Tickets: £10 Adult £5 Child (under 16)

Please contact: 01473 659619 or 07833 351961 or
email buckleshamplayers@hotmail.com

Bucklesham Allotments, Green Crescent

The Parish Council was contacted by East Suffolk Council (ESC) to enquire as to whether we would be willing to agree to the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of the Allotments in Green Crescent. This would mean the Parish Council owning and managing the land in the future. ESC are willing to transfer the deeds of the site at no cost to us. Bucklesham is the only site in Suffolk with Allotments still managed by ESC rather than the local Parish Council. This was debated at the Parish Council meeting in September and again in November, and following ESC agreeing to certain requirements of the CAT, the Council felt it was very important to agree to this proposal in order to keep the land as Allotments for the village, and to protect it from future planning applications.

We have instructed solicitors to act on our behalf to ensure all legal documents are in place correctly, and we are hoping for the CAT to be complete in the coming weeks.

We are committed to alleviating any fears that existing tenants may have about the CAT, and assure everyone that there will be no detrimental impact on them. On the contrary, we hope they all benefit from a more efficient management of the site from now on.

If you are interested in managing a plot and would like to be added to the list, please contact the Parish Council Clerk
buckleshampc@gmail.com 07854 712 734



Bucklesham Emergency Plan

With the recent floods in Suffolk, and the knowledge that sometimes the unexpected can happen, we are very keen to establish an 'Emergency Plan' for the Village. 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. So if you are a doctor, nurse or paramedic, if you are a good organiser, or if you just want to help your fellow villagers out in an emergency, please do add your name to the list of people who could help. Please contact the Parish Council Clerk on buckleshampc@gmail.com

Playing Field News

We have some exciting new equipment on the Playing Field - a Monkey Challenge Climbing Wall. This is suitable for adults and children alike, as a piece of play and fitness equipment. Grants were available to cover the entire cost of the equipment including installation, so the Parish Council applied, with the opinion that 'nothing ventured, nothing gained' and because all Councillors love a freebee. We were successful with our grant application and the wall is now installed on the Playing Field.

In October, we were contacted by three village youngsters who requested a piece of play equipment that would be suitable for disabled and able-bodied children to play together. Jointly we chose an accessible roundabout and started fundraising. We have been successful with a grant of £1,000 from the 'Mrs L D Rope Third Settlement Fund', and our District Councillors, Lee Reeves and Mike Ninnmey, have very generously awarded us £3,000 from their Enabling Communities Budget. We have yet to hear from County Councillor Patti Mulcahy as to whether she will also contribute from her Locality Budget but we are keeping our fingers crossed for success there too. The Parish Council have committed to make up the shortfall from the Community Infrastructure Levy paid by the Castlemore Homes Development on Levington Lane. The children did not just sit back and demand the equipment, they successfully fundraised themselves by holding a stall at the Craft Fayre and contributed over £50. All being well we hope to have the Roundabout installed on the Field in the Spring. Well done Ava, Layla and Scarlett.

Thermal Imaging Project

Following the success of last year's project, we are borrowing the Thermal Imaging camera again in order to provide residents with images of their homes. Please see the insert for full details of this project if you are unsure what it is all about. Some attempts were more successful than others last year, but we are willing to have another try. The better pictures were taken on the colder days, and the camera did not work well in the rain. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please see details on the insert to this newsletter.

A Message from Mark and Nigel Scarff...

'We would like to thank everyone who came and helped us raise money for Blossom Appeal Coffee Morning in Bucklesham Village Hall on Saturday 21st October 2023. We raised on the day £678.20 for the Ipswich Hospital Charity. If anyone wishes to donate and add to this total please drop them off at our home, 7 St Mary's Park, Bucklesham. Once again thanks for your attendance and support.'