

## 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 <sup>st</sup> Monday of month 10am-12pm	St Mary's Church
Geology Group	Monday mornings from 9:30am	Village Hall
Knit and Natter	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 Council	Various events through the year	Village Hall
Women's Institute	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening of month	Village Hall
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Group	Thursday mornings 9:30am-11:30am	Village Hall
Ladies' Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday evening of month	Various venues
Evolution Karate	Thursday evenings Various sessions	Village Hall
Church Lunch	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of month 12pm for 12:30pm	Village Hall
Yoga	Friday mornings	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](mailto:buckleshampe@gmail.com)

## The Bucklesham Bugle ~ Spring 2024



As the Castlemore Homes development in Oak Tree View, Levington Lane, is almost complete, we welcome a number of new residents to the village. Hopefully you will all have received your 'Welcome to Bucklesham' postcard with details of the village website. There is a lot of information on the website about all things Bucklesham, including a helpful page for new residents. The Parish

Council hopes you will all be very happy in your new homes.

The village is in full bloom at the moment with all the daffodil bulbs that were planted in the autumn. We may be offered 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.

You will hopefully have noticed many projects around the village that have been paid for using the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which was paid to the Parish Council from the Castlemore Home development. There are still a lot of CIL funds available so if you have any ideas for projects that would fit the criteria, please do let us know as we are open to all suggestions. CIL must be spent on village infrastructure such as the Playing Field, the Village Hall and the School, and also road signs, highways improvements, and street furniture like benches and notice boards.

The Budget was discussed at length at the Parish Council meeting in January 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 all services such as grass cutting, playing field maintenance, and insurance has increased dramatically this year and this has had a knock-on effect on our budgeting. When deciding the Budget we were acutely aware of the pressures of the cost of living for so many villagers. The rise for an average household in Bucklesham will be 13p per week.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7:00pm**

10<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> November

in the Bucklesham and Foxhall Village Hall.

We occasionally have additional Planning Meetings which are advertised via 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**

Over the last term, we have been investing in iPads and laptops for the pupils to use in school. KS1 have enjoyed a trip to Colchester Zoo to enrich their learning in Science about animals. Ash Class have visited The Long Shed at Woodbridge to see the long ship from Sutton Hoo and to find out about our local history. All classes have enjoyed a workshop on how to support their mental health from Suffolk Mind and School Council have raised money for this charity as well as Comic Relief. We continue to attend many sporting tournaments and are looking forward to a dance workshop and author visit coming up soon to excite the children about their learning.

**Rachael Rudge, Head Teacher**

## **St Mary's Church**

We are delighted to say that repairs to the roof are due to start on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Fund raising is going well, and we would like to give particular thanks for generous gifts that have been given by the community, and for grants awarded by Valencia Communities Fund, Garfield Western Foundation and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust among others.

Easter is just round the corner and we warmly invite you to services taking place at St Mary's in Holy Week:

29<sup>th</sup> March - Good Friday 12-1pm Stations of the Cross

31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Sunday 10am Morning Prayer with Roy Tricker

## **Bucklesham Village Hall AGM**

**to be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:buckleshamvillagehall@gmail.com) or 07854 712 734**

## **Financial Support for Bucklesham Residents**

The Archer Cartwright Charity is predominately designed to give financial help to persons over 60 years of age who reside in the Parish of Bucklesham. However, other grants are available for residents, village groups and organisations where they meet the criteria. Residents can request help from the charity by contacting the Trustees in writing and these requests will be reviewed at our meetings held in May and October. For further information please contact Jenny Cribb, the Clerk of Trustees by email [driver89@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:driver89@hotmail.co.uk) or call/message 07875 240 485

The **Annual Village Litter Pick** will take place on  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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 we always like 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 and Hi-Viz jackets if you can.

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.



### **Community Council AGM**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 6:00pm** in the **Village Hall**

We have a plethora of events planned for 2024 including the D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Celebrations in June. The Community Council is always 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 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024** 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**

### **Community Council Craft Fayre**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May in Bucklesham Village Hall

10am to 3pm, Free Entry

Variety of stalls, homemade crafts and gifts

**Tea, coffee and cakes available in the pop-up café**

Please come and support us

### **ATTENTION! Reading this may save your life!**

**(OK, that's not strictly true – but we wanted to spark your interest...)**

...The Parish Council has received comments that we do not inform residents well enough about Council business and important issues. We often hear 'I never knew anything about that' and 'nobody told me'. We want to reassure you all that we are doing all we can to keep you as well informed as possible. We deliver this Bucklesham Bugle Newsletter four times a year to every home in the village (even the ones on the edge of the village, down muddy lanes, and in the middle of fields!). We publish every Parish Council meeting agenda on the village website and follow up with the minutes within 2 days of each meeting too. We also have the Bugle Bulletin Email Alert Service which goes to 157 village email addresses informing you all of all the latest news, missing cats, road closures, floods etc. (to add your email address to the delivery list just contact the Clerk). Despite all this - we would be very pleased to hear of your ideas for additional methods of communication.



We really are doing all we can to keep you informed –

**all you have to do is read it!**

### **Bucklesham Allotments, Green Crescent**

The Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of the Allotments in Green Crescent is nearly complete. This means that the Parish Council will soon own and manage the Allotments. The Parish 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 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 more efficient management of the site from now on.

There are some plots available, so if you are a resident of the village and interested in managing an allotment plot yourself please contact **Parish Council Clerk**

**buckleshampc@gmail.com 07854 712 734**



## Bucklesham Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council has been continually encouraged by East Suffolk Council to implement a Neighbourhood Plan (NP). The Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) and East Suffolk Council advise that NPs should be community lead (volunteers from the village) rather than merely compiled by the Parish Council. This is a lengthy and arduous process but Parish Councillors can be part of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and would support residents who wished to take the role on.

If the village wishes to consider developing a Neighbourhood Plan there will be many things to think about:

- Firstly, there needs to be an identification of exactly what the village want in the NP. It is not merely about future planning. It can be about improved infrastructure, protection of environment, village status etc.
- The need would have to be identified with proof of in-depth consultation of all villagers, all village groups, and all neighbouring parishes by way of surveys, exhibitions, open meetings and forums etc.
- All views would have to be collated and presented in an open exhibition for all to see.
- Policies would then need to be drawn up.
- There then would be the District Council Inspection, verification process and any necessary alterations.
- The NP would then be published, and again a lengthy consultation (requiring evidence of such consultation) of all villagers, all village groups, and all neighbouring parishes.
- A referendum would then be organised for all villagers to have their say on the plan. It needs to be agreed upon by at least 50% of the voting population.

The NP would then be adopted by the District Council, which means they will commit to 'take it into consideration' when deciding upon planning. The process usually takes 2-3 years and the plan will need to be updated every 5 years. It is advisable use a Consultant to manage the project and there may be a grant from Locality (i.e. the Government) to pay for this.

If you would like to volunteer to be involved in completing a Neighbourhood Plan for Bucklesham please contact the **Parish Council Clerk at buckleshampc@gmail.com 07854 712 734**

## D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Celebrations Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June

The Community Council are busy planning celebrations in the village to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Landings, which remains the largest naval, air and land operation in history.

The heroism of those who landed on the shores of the Normandy beaches will be remembered by lighting a Memorial Beacon on the Playing Field on D-Day, in tribute to all those involved, including those who unfortunately did not return. This initiative will be taking place nationwide and we are thrilled that Bucklesham is able to join in thanks to the generosity of Castlemore Homes and their contractors, who have covered the cost of the materials for the Memorial Beacon. This has then very kindly been crafted by Bucklesham Resident Mick Jackson, who has given his time and expertise for free.

### **Please join us on the Playing Field at 9:00pm on D-Day Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June for the lighting of the Memorial Beacon**

There were 156,000 allied troops that landed in Normandy on D-Day. The National Federation of Fish Fryers is aiming to sell 156,000 portions of Fish and Chips, with £1 from each portion going to The Royal Navy and Merchant Navy Associations, Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, and ABF The Soldiers Charity. The Shannon are joining in with this initiative so you can all have a fish and chip supper before the lighting of the beacon.

### **The Community Council will then be hosting a D-Day celebration Tea Party in the Village Hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm to 4:30pm**

There will be food, music, and a children's entertainer  
This is a **free event** and the whole village are invited so please do come along to celebrate and commemorate together.

Details to follow regarding tickets

*'As we look forward to a peaceful future, we should take strength from the hardship of WWII. That future is why so many servicemen gave their lives - and protecting the peace they fought for is the greatest way to honour those who fell.'*