

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 Council	Various events through the year	Village Hall
Garden and Allotment Club	1 st Wednesday of the month	Village Hall
Women's Institute	3 rd Wednesday evening of month	Village Hall
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Group	Thursday mornings 9:30am-11:30am	Village Hall
Evolution Karate	Thursday evenings Various sessions	Village Hall
Church Lunch	4 th 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 buckleshampc@gmail.com

The Bucklesham Bugle ~ Summer 2024



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.

On 6th June at 9pm, many of us gathered on the Playing Field for the first lighting of our new Beacon Brazier. The Beacon was expertly crafted by Bucklesham resident Mick Jackson, who gave his time and expertise for free. On behalf of the whole village we would like to thank Mick and his small team of helpers who aided with the logistics of installing such a magnificent structure. We also thank and congratulate the Community Council for their excellent organisation of the village D-Day 80th Celebrations. A fantastic afternoon tea 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 look forward to seeing what their plans are for the big one – VE Day 80 in May 2025.

The Parish Council currently has over £60,000 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 (Playing Field), Infrastructure (benches, notice boards, signs) and Community Facilities (Village Hall). Please let us know if you have any ideas on projects you would like the Parish Council to consider for this money. Unfortunately, it cannot be used on the Council's running costs and maintenance (such as grass cutting or insurance) or to reduce residents' Council Tax contributions.

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. Finally, don't forget you need to take your photo ID when we go to the polls on Thursday 4th July for the General Election. Our Polling Station is the Village Hall which will be open from 7am to 10pm.

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 July 2024 at 7:00pm

11th September, 13th 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

We did it again – Our small school has achieved the highest Platinum Award for School Games and Sport for the 3rd year running! The children continue to enjoy many different sporting tournaments as well as focussing on ensuring each child aims to achieve 60 active minutes a day. Our small school continues to provide many unique opportunities for our pupils; from author visits, to dance workshops, theatre visits and whole school productions, D-Day celebrations and maths challenges, we really aim to encourage each child to develop to be the best that they can be. We welcome the support of the village and are grateful for their support recently in ensuring that the hedgerows were cut and the children can, once again, walk to school safely. As our older children get ready to move to High School, we look forward to welcoming our new children and continuing to making a difference to the children of Bucklesham.

Rachael Rudge, Head Teacher

St Mary's Church

Good progress is being made on the repairs to the church roof and we hope that those visiting the churchyard haven't been too inconvenienced. We do not have a completion date for the work as yet but we are planning a celebratory Tea Party on Sunday 15th September from 2-4pm to which everyone is invited. This will be followed by a special Songs of Praise at 4.30pm which we hope many of you will stay for.

Rosemary Watson – Churchwarden

Bucklesham Village Hall

Light, spacious, modern Hall available for bookings

Weddings~Parties~Dances~Exhibitions~Wakes~Meetings

Suitable for all Social and Professional Functions

Managed by a small Committee of volunteers for the benefit of the whole village - residents benefit from discounted hire charges

For Hall bookings contact the Clerk, Ruth Johnson

buckleshamvillagehall@gmail.com or 07854 712 734

Bucklesham Allotments, Green Crescent

The Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of the Allotments in Green Crescent is finally complete. This means that the Parish Council now own and manage the Allotments. The Parish Council felt it was very important to accept ESC's offer of a transfer in order to keep the land as Allotments for the village, and to protect it from future planning applications.

Residents of Levington Lane are reminded that they do not have a right of access onto the allotments from their back gardens and we politely inform all residents that there must be no dumping of their own garden waste on the allotments whatsoever.

If you are a resident of the village and interested in managing an allotment plot yourself please contact

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07854 712 734



Financial Support for Bucklesham Residents

The Archer Cartwright Charity is a Bucklesham Charity, predominately designed to give financial help to people over 60 years of age who reside in the Parish of Bucklesham. However, discretionary grants are available for residents, village groups and organisations if they are in need of financial assistance.

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 of each year. For further information please contact

Ruth Johnson, the Clerk of Trustees
buckleshampc@gmail.com or 07854 712 734

Retirement of a Bucklesham Stalwart

The Village Hall Committee would like to sincerely thank our magnificent cleaner, Bridget, for the many years service she has given the Hall, and to wish her well for her retirement. It is hard to imagine how we will cope without her, but we understand that she deserves a well-earned break. On behalf of the whole village - a huge 'thank you', Bridget, for all you have done xxx

Bucklesham School Association

Quiz Night

Save the date - Friday 27th September in Bucklesham Village Hall
7pm Booking essential. More details to follow...

Bucklesham School Summer Fair

Friday 28th June from 3pm to 5pm on School Field

BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Tombola, Tractor, Music,
Fairy and Wizard Wand Making, Wet Sponge Toss,

Festival and Face Art, Penalty Shoot-out,

Guess name of Bucklesham Bear

Refreshments, Entertainment, Fete Games,

Raffle with lots of great prizes

Whole village welcome - please come and support us!



BUCKLESHAM BAKES RECIPE BOOK

Following the amazing generosity of fabulous bakes for the craft fair and afternoon tea, Bucklesham Community Council are looking to create a Bucklesham Bakes Recipe Book for locals, friends and family to purchase. All proceeds will go back into the village and support future events.

Are you a baker or know someone in the village who is? Did you create one of the glorious bakes for the D-Day afternoon tea, and would like to share your hints and tips?

Please email driver89@hotmail.co.uk call/WhatsApp 07875 240 485

Bucklesham Garden & Allotment Club

The village gardening club has been revived and restarted, and after the popular first two meetings in May and June, we are happily able to continue. We welcome everyone interested in plants and growing, whether its indoors or outdoors, a new or old garden, growing for food or colour. We are pleased to have a very friendly and welcoming group!

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 3rd July, 7.30pm, Bucklesham Village Hall** where local expert Jim Runnacles will be giving us a talk about gardening for moths and wildlife. We always have a 'swap, bring & buy' table, so you can bring along any spare plants, books, tools or seeds to swap with others, or bring along some cash to buy donated items – all money goes towards the running of the club.

There is also time for refreshments and chat, to discuss any plant ideas or issues with others and help get an answer or find a solution to your horticultural conundrums.

We would welcome a donation of £2 per person to attend a meeting, or £10 membership fee to cover the meetings for the rest of 2024.

What's going on in our Village?

Monday

- Geology Club - a scientific club looking at rocks and stuff
- Little City - welcoming, inclusive, pretend play for children
- Knit and Natter - a welcoming group for crafters who also like to chat (or chatters or occasionally craft!)
- Pilates with Sian - a safe space, non-judgemental classes for beginners or advanced practitioners



Tuesday

- Baby Sensory - for babies from birth to 13 months
- Bucklesham Players Drama Group - a friendly group rehearsing for the annual pantomime (oh no it isn't!)



Wednesday

- Happy Babies - nurturing baby development and parental well-being
- Bucklesham Carpet Bowls - come along for a friendly but competitive game and a cup of tea and cake
- Garden and Allotment Club - swap seeds and plants, share ideas, chat with fellow gardeners, listen to expert talks
- WI - a varied program of attractive events throughout the year



Thursday

- Bumps, Babes and Toddlers Group - a friendly, welcoming group for parents and carers and their youngsters
- Evolution Karate - various classes for all levels of skill run by English, British and European Champion, Leonie Kersey



Friday

- Yoga with Louisa - yoga and wellness with various workshops and classes
- St Mary's Church Lunch - a social lunch among friends (including unbelievably good pud's!)

For more details, or to ask for your name to be passed on to the organisers of any group, please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Ruth Jonhson on buckleshampc@gmail.com 07854 712 734



Or you could join in with Bucklesham Walkers...

Meeting at the layby opposite the Shannon on Monday mornings at 9am. There is no need to book - just turn up!

Why not visit our beautiful Playing Field?



There is an extensive children's play area, table tennis tables, goals, and large picnic benches, or you could just enjoy the peace, quiet and tranquillity of such a beautiful spot in the woodland walkway at the far end.

The Playing Field is held in Trust by the Parish Council on behalf of the whole village and we are ably assisted in the management of the Field by volunteer Playing Field Manager David Riddleston and the FOPs (Friend Of the Playing Field).

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

There are also many events organised throughout the year by the fabulous Community Council - keep an eye out for details.



So, who says nothing ever happens here in Bucklesham?