

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 |
| Little City | 4 th Monday morning of month | Village Hall |
| Bucklesham Players | Tuesday evenings | Village Hall |
| Happy Babies | Wednesday mornings | 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 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 |
| 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 ~ Autumn 2024



Our much loved Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr David Brinkley, has decided to step down from the Council, leaving massive shoes to fill. David's contribution to the Council over so many years has been immense. He has steered us through some tough times with dignity and professionalism, and always managed to keep order at meetings in a firm but fair manner. The remaining

Councillors and the Clerk wish David well for the future and hope that he will be on hand to offer his wisdom and sage advice when needed.

We are extremely disappointed to report that Suffolk Highways have dismissed our request to reduce the speed limit on the C375 Brightwell Road from 60mph to 30mph. Despite the decision-makers acknowledging that '*comments raised by the Bucklesham Parish Council, supported by the Local County Councillor, the School, and District Councillors, make a compelling safety case*', they then concluded that there is '*not a clear case for reducing the speed limit*' and therefore they rejected the request.

The Council requested details on how to appeal the decision but unfortunately Suffolk Highways have informed us that there is no right of appeal. Sadly, the Parish Council feel that we have investigated all avenues open to us, especially since the campaign for the reduction in speed limit on Brightwell Road has spanned more than 25 years. We will support the parents of the School in their endeavour to take up the fight and do all we can to assist them.

Some great ideas have been put to the Council for projects that will use the 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. We are in the process of getting quotes for a large gazebo/shelter for the Playing Field and hard surfacing under the basketball hoop, and some improvements to the allotments. As a team, your Parish Councillors continue to work together in this voluntary role in what we sincerely believe to be the best interests of the village.

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

Remaining Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2024

11th September 2024 at 7:00pm

and 13th November

in Bucklesham 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 at
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

Bucklesham Primary School is pleased to welcome 17 new children into
our school this term, and look forward to providing opportunities to
support and develop each child at our school as they learn to 'work hard
and aim high'. We will be holding open mornings and evenings in
September, October and November so please come and see the school in
action, ready for applications for next September's intake – see our
website for more details **<https://www.buckleshamprimaryschool.co.uk>**
We continue to work with the Parish Council to fight for the speed limit
reduction on the Brightwell Road, and will be encouraging our parents to
drive and park carefully when they arrive at school, remembering NOT to
park in any place that causes a danger to other road users.

Rachael Rudge, Head Teacher

St Mary's Church

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US!

The roof project is just about complete and we invite you all to come and
celebrate all the hard work that has gone into achieving this at a Tea Party
in the church grounds (inside if wet!) on **Sunday 15th Sept from 2-4pm**.
There will then be a service of Songs of Praise at **4:30pm** with favourite
hymns and readings. Make a note in your diaries and we hope to see as
many of you as possible.

The following **Sunday 22nd** will be our **HARVEST FESTIVAL** at **10am**. All gifts
will go to FIND (Ipswich Families In Need). The service will be taken by Roy
Tricker. If you would like any further information on the above or anything
to do with the church then please contact me on 01473 659505
or our other churchwarden, Janet Ball, on 01473 727695

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

Playing Field News

A small group of village teenagers and their parents attended the Parish Council meeting in July to ask if the Parish Council would consider providing a few low-level bike jumps on the Playing Field. Their arguments were very persuasive, and it was agreed that the Playing Field was big enough to allow for a few jumps to be erected on the South side. David Riddleston, the volunteer Playing Field Manager was in full support of the project so the Parish Councillors happily approved the children's plans.

James Perks and his friends from Twisted Oaks Bike Park and Trails kindly offered their expertise to design and build the jumps, and Jake Nichols and his family from TRU7 offered to provide the materials and earth moving equipment needed - all free of charge. The jumps will be built with Health and Safety in mind and there will be appropriate signage. The Parish Council and the children are indebted and hugely grateful to James and Jake for helping to make the dreams of a few bored teenagers a reality.

Unfortunately, there has been some anti-social behaviour from some non-residents of the village over the summer. On one occasion, 3 men who did not live in the village visited the Field one Saturday afternoon armed with an angle grinder, and proceeded to cut the chain on the football goals. They were promptly asked to leave by residents. Suffolk Police recorded this as a crime and assisted with ensuring the chain was replaced by the men and an apology letter was written.

Any residents of the village may use the goals so please ask for the code to the padlocks - can we please just ask that the code is not shared with anyone who does not live in the village, that the goals are securely locked after use, and that they are only used by children when accompanied by an adult.

The Playing Field is managed and held in Trust by the Parish Council with the help of Playing Field Manager, David Riddleston, and is solely for the use of residents of the village and their guests. All costs relating to the Field are paid for entirely by the Parish Council from residents' Council Tax contributions.

Bucklesham School Association's Quiz Night

Friday 27th September in Bucklesham Village Hall at 7pm

£6pp, teams of up to 6

Raffle and BYO drinks

Keep an eye out on the Bucklesham Community Group Facebook page to book your team's place



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Hosted by Bucklesham Players

Saturday 28th September

From 10am to 12pm Bucklesham Village Hall

Raffle ~ Tombola ~ Books ~ Cakes

Entrance £3 including tea/coffee and cake



Financial Support for Bucklesham Residents

The Archer Cartwright Bucklesham Charity was predominately designed to provide financial support to people over 60 years of age who reside in the Parish of Bucklesham. However, discretionary grants are available for other 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 meeting in October. More details about the Charity can be found on the village website [https://bucklesham.suffolk.cloud/](https://bucklesham.suffolk.cloud/village-amenities/archer-cartwright-fuel-allotment-charity)

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For further information or to request financial assistance please contact

Ruth Johnson, Clerk of Trustees

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

Bucklesham in Bloom

The Parish Council has acquired another 1,000 daffodil bulbs and are calling on your help to plant them, for the benefit of all villagers. 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 in your Lane or Close, please get in touch and we will deliver a bag to you. They will go fast, so ask now before they are all gone. Contact the Clerk to ask for your daffs at buckleshampc@gmail.com or call 07854 712 734

Bucklesham Community Council are making 'The Beasts of Bucklesham Calendar 2025'

and we want **YOUR** beloved pet to be in it

To raise funds for the VE Day 80th Celebrations on 8th May 2025, marking the end of World War II, the Community Council are compiling a calendar of our Bucklesham pets. **We want all Bucklesham pets to be included** – your dogs, cats, horses, birds, rabbits, guinea pigs and tortoises!

The only rules are:

- the animals must be Bucklesham residents,
- there can be no humans in the photos,
- the photo must have been taken in the village - no beach shots please.



It would be lovely to have shots of the animals taken in as many different village locations as possible: on the Playing Field, in the Churchyard, along the lanes, or even in the pub! If you think your neighbours may want to join in please do tell them about the project too.

The calendar will be dedicated to those brave animals who served during World War II; the 200,000 homing pigeons who carried vital messages, the 10,000 dogs who sniffed out land mines and served as watch dogs guarding supplies, and the 6,500 horses and donkeys who played a major role in transporting troops, equipment and valuable supplies to areas



impenetrable by trucks.

The Beasts of Bucklesham Calendar will be on sale at the **Community Council's Craft Fayre on 9th November in the Village Hall.**



To make sure your pet is included, please email their photo to **buckleshampc@gmail.com** no later than **15th September 2024**

Please do ask your pet's permission before sending their photo as we do not want to fall foul of Data Protection laws 😊

Bucklesham Community Council are hosting a Community Picnic

as the 'Tour of Britain' is coming to
Bucklesham!

You may have seen from the local press that East Suffolk is hosting the final stage of the Tour of Britain... and it's coming through Bucklesham!



The Tour is an international cycle race comprising the best male cyclists in the world, including Olympic and World Champions.

It will be passing the school in the afternoon of

Sunday 8th September 2024

Bucklesham School Head Teacher, Rachael Rudge, has kindly allowed the village to use the School Playing Field to cheer and applaud as we watch the cyclists go by - **no dogs in school please** Staff from Twisted Oaks Cycle Parks and Trails will be at the picnic and have very kindly offered to complete a maintenance and safety check on any resident's bike free of charge.

Join us on the **Bucklesham School Playing Field from 1-4pm**
Cyclists will be passing between 2:30-3pm

Bring your own picnic and games, but please let us know in advance if you would like your bike checked by Twisted Oaks.

jackie.brunning@hotmail.co.uk

Community Council Craft Fayre

Saturday 9th November in Bucklesham Village Hall

10am to 3pm, Free Entry

Tea, coffee and cakes plus Raffle/Tombola

And the opportunity to buy our Beasts Of Bucklesham Calendar
Pick up some gifts for Christmas or just come for a cup of tea and a chat