

What's on in Bucklesham?

| Group | Date and Time | Venue |
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| 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 |
| Physiotherapy led Pilates | Monday evenings | Village Hall |
| Little City | 4 th Monday morning of month | Village Hall |
| Silver Swans ballet | Tuesday mornings | Village Hall |
| Bucklesham Players | Tuesday evenings | Village Hall |
| Happy Babies | Wednesday mornings | Village Hall |
| Carpet Bowls | Wednesday afternoons from 2pm | Village Hall |
| Garden and Allotment Club | 1 st Wednesday eve 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 |

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

The Bucklesham Bugle ~ Spring 2026



Finally it looks as if the dreary wet winter is behind us as all the daffodils are in bloom around the village.

This edition of the Bugle is packed with news and events so please do make a note of them and join in if you can.

Your Parish Council are very keen to go 'above and beyond' and we recently heard of initiatives that East Suffolk Council

are promoting to improve the life chances and happiness of East Suffolk residents. Bucklesham Parish Council cannot solve the Cost of Living Crisis or many other of today's problems like loneliness and isolation, but we do try to make the lives of our residents better in little ways – and we hope those little ways make a bigger difference to some of you. With that in mind, working in conjunction with the Community Council, we are planning on hosting community gatherings in the Village Hall on Saturday mornings once in a while. So, please come along to the very first...

Cuppas and Cakes Café

In Bucklesham Village Hall

Saturday 11th April from 10am to 12pm

Free cuppas and cakes for all residents



Chat, laugh, eat, drink, and play a board game or a game of cards with your neighbours, friends and families

These informal social events could also become an opportunity for us to signpost residents to any agencies that could help with some of the issues we all face as a result of living in a rural community. We would love the Hall packed with people, whether you have lived in Bucklesham for years, or just a few weeks. Come and say hello and over a free cuppa and a cake.

New Play Equipment Project Update - The old equipment has been removed by Terry and his gang (your help was very much appreciated gents). The new equipment will be installed starting on 8th April and will take 3 to 4 weeks to complete so please be patient – it will be worth it we promise. We will then have an 'opening ceremony' when we hope to see the field full of happy children playing – and some 'big kids' too 😊

Remaining Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2026

2nd Wednesdays of every other month at 7pm
in Bucklesham Village Hall.

13th May (inc Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm) 8th July, 9th Sept, 11th Nov

We occasionally have additional Meetings to discuss planning which are advertised via the **Bugle Bulletin**. All villagers are welcome to join us.

Bucklesham Village Website

For information on Bucklesham Parish Council,
Clubs and Societies, Amenities, Reporting Problems, News
Highways, Planning, and all things Bucklesham visit
<https://buckleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk>

We have an email alert service – the **Bugle Bulletin** to distribute **important news** quickly. Add your name to the list and make sure you don't miss out clerk@buckleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Bucklesham Allotments, Green Crescent

The Parish Council own and manage the Allotments and it is a thriving community. Villagers are welcome to walk around the edge of the land but dogs **MUST** be kept on a lead and children must be accompanied at all times please. Occasionally plots become available and priority is given to villagers, so if you are interested in joining the community and managing an allotment plot yourself please contact clerk@buckleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk 07854 712 734



Annual Village Litter Pick Saturday 18th April 2026

starting at 8:30am on the **Playing Field**

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. 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 us so that this not particularly thrilling task does not fall on just a few people. Many thanks.



Bucklesham Primary School News

Spring has been a short but busy term at Bucklesham Primary! One of the highlights was when we took our choir of 17 children to perform in a National Choir at the Wembley Arena, which was an amazing enrichment opportunity for the children. I have met with parents to discuss road safety and we have started a trial of a 'walking bus' back into the village, to promote walking and reduce the amount of cars at the school at the end of the day.

Rachael Rudge, Head Teacher

St Mary's Church News

On 18th March we held our Annual Parish Church Meeting when Janet Ball and I were re-elected as Churchwardens, so will continue to be your contacts in the village - details on church noticeboard. In February we were pleased to welcome the reception class from the school as part of their project investigating 'Places That Are Special'. Rev Helen Davy gave them a brief talk and the children were invited to look around and ask questions to help with their project. In March we were visited by 24 people from the U3A's 'Church Crawl Group' who came to hear and see the history of St Mary's and enjoy a chat and refreshments. On Easter Sunday there will be a Communion Service at 10am and all are welcome.

Rosemary Watson - Churchwarden

St Mary's Churchyard

Our churchyard is a place of remembrance and peace and every effort is made to keep it tidy, safe and well cared for. We are grateful to our team of volunteers who give their time to maintain the grounds. To support this work, and in keeping with the Diocesan Churchyard Regulations, we ask everyone to observe the following guidance:

Items such as ornaments, decorative objects, containers or personal mementoes should not be placed on or around memorials. Artificial flowers are not permitted, except for *silk flowers* (made from a polyester/cotton mix). Unwrapped flowers or wreaths may be laid on memorials. These rules are intended to ensure the churchyard can be cared for safely and respectfully for the benefit of all, now and in the future. Full details of the Churchyard Regulations are available on the noticeboard in the church porch. The PCC is obliged to act in accordance with these regulations and may remove items that are not authorised. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us care for this special place.

St Mary's Church PCC

Bucklesham Community Council give you all advanced notice of

Bucklesham's 27th Annual Produce and Handicraft Show

Saturday 8th August 2026 in Bucklesham Village Hall

from 2pm to 4pm

Many Classes for you all to enter
Fruit & Veg, Flowers, Cookery,
Handicrafts, Photography & Special
Classes for Children Only

Open to all Bucklesham residents,

Garden Club Members, Green Crescent Allotment Holders

Entry Forms with Full Schedules & all details available from
Lois Mackinlay, 13 Levington Lane, lois.mac@btinternet.com

This annual event is a great chance to show off your talents and win
the Village Cup - so get growing, making and baking!



Bucklesham Playing Field News



The failure of some dog owners to clean up after their dogs is a long running issue. The Parish Council has tried many ways to encourage people to do the right thing, including signage, writing in the Bugle and personally writing to dog owners, but the problem appears to be getting worse. If you walk your dog on

the field — especially if you have more than one — please make sure they remain in sight so you are aware of where they have been. The Playing Field is open from dawn til dusk and walking dogs there in the dark makes it impossible to see fouling. No one should be on the Field after dark and now we are having to lock the gates at the end of the day. If we cannot stop this from happening we may have to consider a Dog Control Order preventing dogs from being on the Playing Field altogether. Many of us are dog owners, and we do not want to do this. If you have an idea of how we can prevent this, or if you are able to help us keep the Playing Field clean, please contact us at clerk@buckleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk or 07854 712 734

We have successfully secured funding from the Children and Young People's Culture Fund to provide

Free Photography Workshops

In Bucklesham Village Hall and our surrounding countryside

Open to all Bucklesham Residents aged 8-18 years

For 4 Wednesday mornings on

27th May (half term), 12th & 26th August, and 28th October (half term)

10am to 1pm, including free snacks and drinks

Each session will explore a **different creative theme**, allowing participants to gradually build skills while engaging with photography in varied and accessible ways. Activities will include **photo walks, landscape photography, cyanotype exposure, seeing and working with light, and macro photography**. The emphasis will be on engaging with subjects through the surrounding landscape and environment, encouraging curiosity, observation and creative confidence.

Only 16 spaces available on a first come, first served basis

To book a place please contact clerk@buckleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Bucklesham Community Council AGM in the Bucklesham Village Hall on 13th May at 6pm

Our AGM sees us elect roles on the committee and discuss all our ideas for future events – and we'd love to see you there.

2027 will be our 60th Anniversary year and we want to hold a
Village Fete on the Playing Field to celebrate.

If you are interested in helping with publicity and advertising, or catering and baking, or maybe offer a hand with heavy lifting, setting up or clearing away, and all those behind the scenes jobs – whatever you can do to help will be greatly appreciated and very much welcomed. If you want to find out more about what we do or if you have any good ideas for events you would like to see in the village and how you can help please come along or contact

lois.mac@btinternet.com 07484 668 551 **NEW FACES WELCOME** 😊

Bucklesham Village Hall

1976 ~ 2026

'Celebrating 50 years of Hosting our Community'

This year sees the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Bucklesham Village Hall and we have planned a few celebratory events – so put them in your diary now! We hope you will join us for our 1970s themed celebrations and see what the Hall can offer you and your family in 2026.

For all tickets to all Village Hall Anniversary Events please contact Ruth
07854 712 734 buckleshamvillagehall@gmail.com



1970s Night featuring 'Thin Wild Mercury'

Performing Blues/Country/Rock from the 1970s
Tickets £1.50 (as it would have cost in 1976!)
Friday 31st July From 7:30 doors open at 7pm
Bucklesham Village Hall – bring your own drinks and nibbles – 1970s Fancy dress optional!

Bucklesham Village Hall Children's Party

All Bucklesham children and grandchildren of primary school age or younger are invited to the Hall's 50th anniversary party

With traditional 1970s party games and party food for all

This is a free event but please let Ruth know if your children would like to come so we can cater for numbers.

**Friday 21st August from 2:30pm to 4pm in
Bucklesham Village Hall**



Bucklesham Village Hall Open Day

Saturday 26th September from 11am to 3pm

You are all invited to join us for complimentary tea, coffee and cakes
All Hall User Groups will have a stand to show you what is on offer for you and your family at our wonderful Village Hall
Join us for a chat, a cup of tea and cake, and a nosey around the Hall

And we'll end the year of celebrations with a good old fashioned...



Beetle Drive

Friday 23rd October From 7:30pm
in Bucklesham Village Hall



Join us for a retro evening with a noisy, chaotic, fast-paced, and surprisingly good fun, family dice game – suitable for all the family

This is a free event, but refreshments will be on sale
(the game is played in pairs but we can match you up on the night if necessary)

To fund the year's Anniversary Celebrations we have organised the ...

*** Bucklesham 100 Club ***

Purchase your lucky number for only **£20**

Numbers 1 to 100 will be put in a hat with the winning number being drawn at random on 28th November at the Community Council's Craft Fayre. The winner will receive

£1,000 just before Christmas*

The remaining £1,000 will fund celebrations throughout this year
To play, contact Ruth Johnson, 07854 712 734
buckleshamvillagehall@gmail.com

Some numbers have already gone so don't wait – save your lucky number today for the chance to win £1,000!
(*if all 100 numbers are not sold the prize may be less)