

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
Physiotherapy led Pilates	Monday evenings	Village Hall
Little City	4 th Monday morning of month	Village Hall
Silver Swans Ballet and Zumba	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 ~ Summer 2026



This edition of the Bugle is packed with news and events, so please make a note of them and join in if you can. The Annual Village Produce and Handicraft Show is back by popular demand. Full details and an entry form are inserted into the centre pages. If you are bakers, growers, crafters, or all of the above – this is your time to shine!

The Parish Council successfully completed the annual audit and received many positive comments about the way in which we manage the village finances. If you would like to see the accounts please visit the website <https://buckleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk> or to inspect the hard copies please contact clerk@buckleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk or **07854 712 734**. There are many events coming up over the next few months so please do make a note on your calendars and in your diaries so you don't miss out. The summer is now fully upon us: the smell of fresh strawberries in the air, the sight of sunburned cheeks and shoulders, the buzzing of gnats just before they bite you, the disappointment at the tennis and football... We always give this gentle little reminder at this time of year, but please be careful if you are leaving your windows and doors open in these warm evenings – you never know who is about.

Summer Craft Fayre

Saturday 11th July in Bucklesham Village Hall

10am to 2pm, Free Entry

Variety of stalls, homemade crafts and gifts

tea, coffee and cakes

Please contact jackie.brunning@hotmail.co.uk 07956 391 679

New Play Equipment Project Update – We did it! The equipment is up and being enjoyed by the whole community. If you have not yet visited the Field to have a look at what we have done – what are you waiting for? Huge thanks to everyone who helped to make the project such a success.

Please remember – dogs are NOT allowed in the play area

(with the exception of assistance dogs).

Please do not allow your dogs to urinate against the play equipment.

Remaining Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2026

2nd Wednesdays of every other month at 7pm

in Bucklesham Village Hall.

8th July, 9th Sept, 11th Nov

We occasionally have additional Meetings to discuss planning which are advertised via the **Bugle Bulletin email alerts**.

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**



'Welcome to Bucklesham' Postcard

The Parish Council have reproduced the **'Welcome to Bucklesham'** postcard which we deliver through the door of all new residents.

We would like to use a new picture of the village for the front of the postcard and so we invite all keen photographers to submit their photos.

It could be a Bucklesham scene, wildlife or village landmark.

Please send your shots to clerk@buckleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Fame and fortune (a bar of chocolate) awaits the winner 😊

Bucklesham Primary School News

Bucklesham Primary has been a busy place this term as we prepare to send our eldest children to High School, well equipped with the skills they need for a successful future. It is great to report that we were over subscribed for places for our new Reception cohort, who have been in for Stay and Play sessions this term. Our Junior Road Safety Officers have installed our new road safety signs, which the whole school designed with the help of local artist, Jo Chapman; a project supported by East Suffolk Council. I would like to thank the Parish Councillors and Community Self-Help Scheme who cleared the path on the way to school recently, you really make a difference to your local community. I enjoyed coming to help and it was great to see a few parents there too.

Rachael Rudge, Head Teacher

St Mary's Church News

In June we will be welcoming another 'Church Crawler' Group from the U3A. It is lovely to have people visiting from outside the village to admire the building and hear about the history of our lovely church. Did you know a church was recorded here as early as 1086! We are so fortunate to have our wonderful volunteers keeping the churchyard looking beautiful too. We aim to have the church open every day for visitors and villagers alike. When you are next passing pop in and take a look at the visitor's book at the back of the church, maybe add your own comment. The next event in the church calendar is Harvest. Look out for details of our Harvest Festival in the early Autumn and we also hope to have a Harvest Supper this year.

Rosemary Watson - Churchwarden

Bucklesham Food Bank for FIND (Families In Need)

The continuing support of FIND by the village is greatly appreciated. Sadly there are still many families and individuals who are in need and the work of FIND is extremely important. All donations are welcome but in particular we always need long grain rice, long life whole milk, soup, pot noodles, tinned fruit and veg, tinned meat and fish, coffee, tea, sugar, squash, jam, cereal, biscuits and treats, toiletries for men, women and children including toothbrushes and toothpaste. Importantly we also need fresh fruit and vegetables of all kinds.

I regularly empty the box on Friday but I do look into it during the week in case there is anything in the way of fresh fruit or veg that needs to be collected. Thank you all so much,

Sally Voelcker 07946 085 299



Bucklesham Scarecrow Festival

Your scarecrows don't have to be made of straw, there have been some amazing creations in years gone by – just use your imagination.

Please make sure your scarecrow is in a prominent place in your front garden and ready for judging over the weekend of

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September

Maps showing the participating scarecrows will be available at the Village Hall Open Day on Saturday 12th September between 11am and 3pm where refreshments will also be available

(or if you can't make that event, maps will also be available all over the whole weekend from Lois at 13 Levington Lane)

Contact lois.mac@btinternet.com 07484 668 551

to register your Scarecrows by midday Friday 11th September to ensure they are added to the map

£5 per address to enter your creations no matter how many

Scarecrows are in your design – all proceeds go to the

Community Council for village projects

Prizes and bragging rights awarded to the winners as usual!

Financial Support for Bucklesham Residents

The Archer Cartwright Bucklesham Charity was set up in 1805 to purchase and distribute coal to people over 60 years of age who lived in Bucklesham. Many things have changed in the last 221 years, but the charity still helps Bucklesham residents who may be in need of financial support.

Discretionary grants are available for residents if they need assistance with their fuel bills this winter. Residents can request help from the charity by writing to the Trustees who will review all requests at their meeting on 6th October. All requests will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Please contact Ruth Johnson, Clerk of Trustees, 54 Levington Lane, or 07854 712 734 clerk@buckleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk by 30th September 2026.

Stag Beetle Activity Morning

Monday 3rd August on the Playing Field from 10am to 12pm

Join us for a morning of nature on the Playing Field, and help us build a stag beetle pyramid! Explore wild corners of the Field and discover the bugs that live there, whilst taking part in conservation to help one of our rarest residents!

This is a free event with children and adults of all ages welcome, and it may help fill a Monday morning in the 6 weeks holiday 😊

Please wear suitable clothes and shoes and BYOS – bring your own spade!

Free Photography Workshops

In Bucklesham Village Hall and our surrounding countryside

Open to all Bucklesham Residents aged 8-18 years

The 3 remaining Wednesday workshops are:

12th & 26th August (Summer Holidays) 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 3 spaces remaining available on a first come, first served basis

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



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Hosted by Bucklesham Players

Saturday 26th September

From 10am to 12pm Bucklesham Village Hall

Raffle ~ Tombola ~ Books ~ Cakes

Entrance £5 including tea/coffee and a scone



Bucklesham Village Hall 1976 - 2026

'Celebrating 50 years of Hosting our Community'

Our Summer of celebrations kicked off with us hosting the Annual Village Halls Conference on 10th June, which was a huge success. We unveiled a plaque to commemorate Francis William Ramsey gifting the land for the Hall, and the significant contribution his daughter, Evelyn Bloomfield, has made to the Village Hall Committee over the last 50 years. We celebrated with Evelyn and her family with an afternoon tea party.

We have more celebratory events to come – so put them in your diary!

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 – Reserve your tickets now!

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 us 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 12th 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

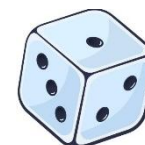
Join us for a chat, a cup of tea and cake, and a nosey around the Hall

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

There are only a few numbers left - 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)*