

What's on in Bucklesham?

Carpet Bowls	Wednesday afternoons from 2pm	Village Hall
Bucklesham Players	Tuesday evenings	Village Hall
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Group	Thursday mornings 9:30am-11:30am	Village Hall
Ladies' Group	2 nd Thursday evening of month	Various Venues
Church Lunch	4 th Friday of month 12pm for 12:30pm	Village Hall
Community Singing Group	Alternate Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm	St Mary's Church
Village Library	1 st Monday of month 10am-12pm	St Mary's Church
Women's Institute	3 rd Wednesday evening of month	Village Hall
Knit and Natter	1 st and 3 rd Monday afternoons of month	Village Hall
Baby Sensory	Tuesdays & Wednesdays various sessions	Village Hall
Evolution Karate	Thursday evenings various sessions	Village Hall
Geology Group	Monday mornings from 9:30am	Village Hall
Pilates	Monday evenings 2 sessions	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 Next Bucklesham Bugle

Spring 2022 (adverts needed by 1st March '22)

This newsletter is the grapevine for the whole village. If you would like to advertise your event or group in future editions, inclusion will have to be on a **first come, first served** basis. Contact the **Parish Council Clerk** at buckleshampc@gmail.com

The Bucklesham Bugle ~ New Year 2022



We are now in our 7th year of publication and it is clear from all the positive feedback we receive that many of you really enjoy hearing village news in this way. The printing of the Bugle costs you, Council Tax payers, around £500 per year. Why not join the growing number of villagers who receive their copy online? This not only saves on printing costs but saves paper too. We can also email you via the Bugle

Bulletin email alert service. This year we have been able to inform villagers of road closures, lost pets, urgent planning applications and emergency meetings – any news that cannot wait for the next edition of the Bugle. Just let us know your email address and we will add you to the system.

Once again, we can see 'traffic' on the Village Website has increased considerably, and this is great news. We can also see that villagers are taking it upon themselves to report Highways issues in the village such as broken signs, potholes, overgrown hedgerow etc. It is great to see villagers being so proactive and we encourage all of you who have any problems of this nature in the village to use the Reporting Tool on the village website.

We were extremely pleased with the number of villagers who helped plant 2,000 daffodil bulbs around the village in the autumn. There should be a fantastic display in just a few months. The Parish Council have committed to purchasing more bulbs each year. 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 this coming autumn.

Our campaign to have two Quiet Lanes in Bucklesham has been successful and we are just waiting for the signs to be installed. This will be a very positive move for the village, bringing many benefits to our quality of life.

Unfortunately, dog fouling continues to be a real problem. There are more complaints to the Parish Council concerning this than any other issue. We recognise that it is often not deliberately missed but some people are just not paying attention to where their dog fouls, particularly if it is running free. Children in our village have been directly affected by this while out walking. East Suffolk Council will not hesitate to prosecute anyone found breaking the law by not cleaning up after their dog.

Finally, The Parish Council would like to wish you all the best for this festive season. We hope that whatever 2022 brings, you are all safe and well and that there is a peaceful and prosperous year ahead for all of us.

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 2022

The first Parish Council meeting of 2022 is on Wed 5th Jan at 7pm in the Bucklesham and Foxhall Village Hall.

Dates for the year ahead –

2nd March, 4th May, 6th July, 7th Sept, 2nd Nov

We occasionally have additional Planning Meetings which are advertised on the **Bugle Bulletin**. All villagers are welcome to join us.

We will be adhering to all government guidelines to ensure we keep the public and Councillors safe.

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 called the **Bugle Bulletin**. It 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 that cannot wait until the next edition of the Bugle 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.

Carpet Bowls Club



The Bucklesham Carpet Bowls Club are bowling again with a new day of Wednesday at 2:00pm. If you want a new challenge in 2022 enjoying a sociable time with new friends, why not join us?

We strictly adhere to all Government guidelines to keep ourselves safe.

There are enjoyable competitive games, but always with a smile on all our faces. Afterwards a tea is provided which is worth coming along for in itself! Come and join us, you would be most welcome.

Please telephone Derek Barrett 01473 659821

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Bucklesham, Brightwell & Foxhall WI

New members always welcome. We have a full and varied programme planned for 2022.

12th Jan – Beetle Drive

16th Feb – Haunted Suffolk, a talk

16th March - TBA

For details call **Rosemary Farrow** on **01473 659676**



Bucklesham Bumps, Babies & Toddlers Group

The Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Group is open to all under 5s and their parents (or soon to be parents!), grandparents and carers of preschool children and babies who live in Bucklesham.

We have a large range of toys and resources for 0-5 years and we ensure we stick to strict Covid-19 guidelines.

We meet on Thursday mornings in the Village Hall from 9:30am until 11:30am. It is a time to socialise and make new friends, share experiences or ask for support, and a chance for our children to meet the friends for life they will start school and grow up with. If you are a new parent, or new to the village, come and join us in 2022, you will be made most welcome.

Entry to the group cannot be permitted without prior booking.

Contact buckleshampc@gmail.com for your details to be passed on.

Bucklesham Community Council

2021 Report

Your Parish Councillors have been busy again in 2021 with our Community Council hats on and are very proud to report that this year we have successfully secured funding from 16 different grants, all for village projects.

Most of our efforts have been spent on helping the Village Hall Committee in their endeavours to stay open and successfully provide a Covid Secure venue for the village, for which we have secured 13 separate grants totalling £30,884. We also provided the Third Party Fund of £3,250 enabling the Village Hall to successfully apply to Biffa for a grant of £32,000 for a new roof .

As well as the Village Hall, we also secured £5,000 for gym equipment and £3,000 for picnic benches all for the Playing Field. This means the total raised this year for the village by the Community Council was £73,534.

We will continue to ensure that the constitution is fully adhered to and that money raised is spent solely on village projects. If you know of a village project that may need help in 2022 please let us know and we will endeavour to find a way to fund it.

In the interests of transparency, and to allow for full scrutiny by villagers, Community Council business is discussed as an agenda item at Parish Council meetings. To learn more about Community Council please contact the Parish Council Clerk on buckleshampc@gmail.com.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

We have a vacancy for someone to join us as a co-opted Parish Councillor. We are a very enthusiastic bunch and we have many projects on the go, so ideally we are looking for someone who would be willing to 'muck in' and be an active Councillor. No previous experience is needed, and full training is available. We meet once every two months in the early evening and the Clerk is always on hand to explain things. We like to think we represent the whole community but we are currently a little short on younger Councillors. If you are interested please contact the Parish Council Clerk at buckleshampc@gmail.com

Playing Field News

There have been a lot of improvements to the Field in the last few months. We were delighted with the positive response from so many of you with regards to the Woodland Walkway we have created. Thank you to all those who helped us and David Riddleston, the Playing Field Manager, with the planting of the 420 trees around the edge of the field. The trees were free from the Woodland Trust and we will receive help from the Sicon Foundation to manage them in the years to come. They say the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago and whilst many of us may not benefit from this project, it's good to know villagers of the future certainly will.

We received a grant to purchase 8 picnic benches which are now in situ in two spots – the Play Area and at the top of the field. They are made from recycled milk cartoons and should last for many years to come.

The new outdoor gym equipment will be installed at the end of January. We have 4 items arriving; a Slalom Skier, a Health Walker, a Leg Raise and Pedal Bicycle. These items are for use by over 14s only and we hope you enjoy using them – they may help those of you who made New Year's Resolutions to keep fit 😊

Sadly, once again, we have had many complaints about dog poo on the Playing Field. The Parish Council will be discussing this as an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting on Wed 5th January at 7pm. We would be very interested to hear your views on how you feel this issue can be tackled and what we can all do to prevent irresponsible dog owners from not clearing up after their pets.

Village Tree Warden Wanted

Due to the retirement of our Tree Warden, David Butcher, we are looking for someone else to take on the role. David has been a fantastic Tree Warden and we thank him for his many years hard work. Whilst Tree Wardens are valued volunteers, they are not necessarily qualified tree experts. If you want to champion the trees in our village, look out for early signs of disease, help with the laying of hedges and management of the trees on the Playing Field then why not become the village Tree Warden? More information is available from the Parish Council Clerk at buckleshampc@gmail.com.



St Mary's Church News

A New Year is beginning and I hope you were able to celebrate the time of Christ's birth well and in the company of family and friends.

At St Mary's we are looking forward with renewed hope that life can gradually return to some sort of normality. I am always excited at New Year though I'm not one for 'Resolutions' as I can never keep them.

All our Services begin at 10am and all are welcoming and peaceful. We are hoping to restart our All Age Praise Family Services soon and you will find these informal and joyful.

A particular date for your diary is Sunday 27th March on Mothering Sunday. Our Service takes place each year three weeks before Easter and is always a special time to remember our Mothers. Each lady present is given a locally made 'posy' to take home.

Our Church is now open to all every day and if at any time you feel you are in need of a period of quiet reflection, a few minutes in the peaceful churchyard or sitting within the serenity of the Church itself will do much to restore your spirits.

David Wardle, Churchwarden

"I wish to say a huge thankyou to everyone who supported the coffee morning on Friday 29th October.

The total raised on the day was £910.00. Afterwards somebody congratulated us on Facebook saying I was over 90 years old – the cheek of it!

The money at the last count was £1,050 and more money is still coming in. Thank you all so much. God bless, Kath Scarff."

Bucklesham Primary School have a message...

The Rag Bag Recycling Scheme has been developed to raise awareness of textile recycling. By participating you are helping the environment and helping local authorities to meet recycling targets as well as raising funds for Bucklesham Primary School.

We collect wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts.

We cannot accept workwear, uniforms, wet/soiled items, curtains, towels, duvets or covers, pillows or covers, blankets, table cloths, linens, cushions, carpets or rugs, suitcases, books, bric a brac or coat hangers. If you will have a clear out after Christmas, please take your items to The Clothing Bank which is just inside the first gate at school.

Bucklesham Village Hall

The Village Hall can report that, despite the impact of the pandemic on our regular bookings earlier in the year, we are thriving. We have had more regular bookings and new clubs and societies than ever before. The Hall is in use every day, every evening of the week and most weekends. An excellent team of a hard working committee, including some enthusiastic new members, and an extremely valuable member of staff have ensured that the Hall remained Covid Secure. We are extremely fortunate to have had the support of the Parish Council, in their roles as Community Councillors, who successfully secured so many grants to support us. This year our renovation project continued in earnest with French doors onto a newly built patio area in the garden, furnished with three picnic benches. We painted the garage and had a new garage roof. We also painted the whole of the backstage area. Most importantly we are thrilled to tell you that we were successful in our bid for a Biffa Award of £32,000 which will allow us to replace the entire rotting roof. The Grants panel recognised the value of such a vital community hub and could see how well all our groups and the whole community had supported us with so many generous donations and offers of help.

Contact us for more details on how we ensure we are Covid Secure, to see a copy of our special Covid Hire Agreement or to view the years accounts.

Evelyn Bloomfield, Chair of The Village Hall Committee

*For Hall bookings contact the Secretary, Heather Owen
heatherjowen@hotmail.com or 01473 659754*



Bucklesham Players

Dick Whittington

Written by Ben Crocker

Bucklesham Village Hall

20th, 21st & 22nd January 2022 at 7:30pm

Matinee on Saturday 22nd at 2:30pm

Adult Tickets **£8.00** (16 and over) Children **£5.00**

(all children to be accompanied by an adult)

Please Contact 01473 659619 / 07833 351 961

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