

# 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 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday evening of month	Various Venues
Church Lunch	4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Monday of month 10am-12pm	St Mary's Church
Women's Institute	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening of month	Village Hall
Knit and Natter	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday afternoons of month	Village Hall
Baby Sensory	Tuesdays and 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](mailto:buckleshampc@gmail.com)

## The Next Bucklesham Bugle

Spring 2023 (adverts needed by 1<sup>st</sup> March '23)

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](mailto:buckleshampc@gmail.com)

## The Bucklesham Bugle ~ New Year 2023



The Parish Council have been busy planning the Budget for the year ahead. All money paid to the Parish Council comes through the Precept, paid by East Suffolk Council from your Council Tax contributions. You will see your Parish Council Contribution clearly marked on your Council Tax bill. We are very mindful that we have a huge responsibility to ensure villagers get value for their money,

therefore a great deal of time goes into carefully planning for any expenditure. The cost of many services has increased dramatically this year and this will have a knock-on effect on our budgeting. We have managed a 0% increase for the last 3 years as we were acutely aware of the pressures of the cost of living for so many villagers. We will continue to find ways to keep any increase in the Precept at an absolute minimum.

We will be discussing the Management Policy of the Playing Field at the next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall following a concern expressed by a resident. The particular concern was in regard to the monitoring of the way that the Field is used. The Field is managed and held in trust by the Parish Council for the benefit of the residents of Bucklesham and their guests. It is paid for in its entirety by the Precept from your Council Tax contributions. We are committed to ensuring that the Field is not abused by people who are not entitled to use the facilities and that it is protected for you all. If you have an opinion on the way the Field is managed please do come along.

We are now in our 8<sup>th</sup> 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 via email? 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.

Finally, The Parish Council would like to wish you all the best for this festive season. We hope that whatever 2023 brings, you are all safe and well and that there is a peaceful and prosperous year ahead for all of us.

**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 2023**

**4<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7:00pm**

in the Bucklesham and Foxhall Village Hall.

We occasionally have additional Planning Meetings which are advertised on 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 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**.

## **'Welcome to Bucklesham' Postcard**

The Parish Council have produced a **'Welcome to Bucklesham'** postcard to be delivered through the door of any new resident.

It contains the following message –

*"Bucklesham Parish Council have heard that you have recently moved into the village and we would like to warmly welcome you. We very much hope you enjoy living here. Four times a year you will receive a copy of the Bucklesham Bugle, our Village Newsletter. In this newsletter you will find many useful details of village organisations, clubs and societies, as well as information about local events and updates on village news. We also invite you to visit our village website (when you have finished your unpacking)*

*and especially our page for new residents:*

*<https://bucklesham.suffolk.cloud/new-residents-welcome-page/>*

*If you need any further help or guidance please do not hesitate to get in touch. Either email us at [buckleshampc@gmail.com](mailto:buckleshampc@gmail.com) or call our Clerk*

*Ruth Johnson on 01473 655149 or 07854 712 734"*

**If you have a new neighbour at any time, please let us know so that we can deliver them a postcard and warmly welcome them.**

## **Bucklesham Primary School News**

The children of Bucklesham Primary School were delighted to have their new outdoor play equipment installed in October half term, and to have the Parish Council come to the opening ceremony. This project would not have been possible without donations from the Bucklesham Parish Council, Suffolk County Council, Twisted Oaks Bike Park and the Mrs LD Rope Third Charitable Settlement fund to top up the fundraising total achieved by the parents.

The School enjoyed using St Mary's Church to celebrate Harvest Festival with parents in October and our Christingle Service in December. It was nice to be invited to the Remembrance Service too, where our pupils laid a wreath. We are excited that our new kitchen is almost ready to be completed; we have waited a long time for this project to be done.

**Rachael Rudge, Head Teacher**

*"On behalf of all residents, the Parish Council would like to thank The Shannon and Valerie Fosker for their Festive illuminations which really do create a warm and welcoming approach to the village."*



## Bucklesham Fruit and Veg Boxes

With the cost of living really hitting some villagers hard and the price of food and fuel increasing all the time, a very generous villager has offered to fund free Fruit and Veg boxes to anyone who needs one this winter. If you find that you are struggling to buy food on a weekly basis, or just at the end of the month, this anonymous villager would like to help you.

The boxes will be made up by Jamie, our village Green Grocer, and can be either collected on Friday mornings from Jamie's stall in the Village Hall car park, or delivered to your door by Jamie free of charge.

Recipients can rest assured there will be complete confidentiality and the arrangement will be just between Jamie and themselves. The Parish Council will not be involved at all and no one else will know who has requested the boxes.

Anyone wishing to receive a Fruit and Veg box can contact Jamie directly on 07958 925 542 or simply visit his stall.



### A Message from Mark and Nigel Scarff...

“Hello and thank you everyone who attended the Blossom Appeal Coffee Morning, held on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>. We made a stonking £1,340 on the day, I have been given a further £35 donation, so a total figure is £1,375. Once again thank you for your support. We set a date for next year 21st October 2023, 10am to 12 noon as usual. Next year it will be for the Blossom Appeal and as a memorial for our mum, Kath Scarff.

I have been told by the Blossom Appeal office that the new Breast Cancer Unit at Ipswich Hospital will be fully open as from the 19th January 2023, the first two units were opened on the 9th December 2022.

Once again thank you for your attendance and generosity. Please start collecting your prizes for the main draw and tombola and the other stalls for next year. Happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year to you all.”



### Bucklesham, Brightwell & Foxhall WI

New members always welcome to join our small friendly group.

January – Beetle Drive

Feb – Craft Eve

March – Birthday meeting, Jane Hagger 'being a Blue Bell Girl'

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

## Cost of Living Support

If you are worried about the cost of living crisis there are a number of places you can get support and advice. Below are organisations to help access the most recent advice and guidance on offer. If you are unable to access the internet please let the Parish Council know and we will help.

### SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/cost-of-living-support>

**BENEFITS CALCULATOR** - check you are receiving all the benefits that you are entitled to. [www.entitledto.co.uk](http://www.entitledto.co.uk)

**SUFFOLK INFOLINK** - Suffolk Infolink Directory offers a wide range of help. <https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/family.page?familychannel=6>

**CITIZENS ADVICE** - for information regarding immediate help with bills or shopping, Citizens Advice can help. They can also provide information regarding help with the Healthy Start Scheme, School and Travel costs. <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/get-help-with-the-cost-of-living>

**GOVERNMENT COST OF LIVING SUPPORT** - help with the cost of living, HM Government announced support packages. [www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment)

**TURN2US** - an independent charity whose aim is to fight UK poverty. Help, advice and support on a range of topics from back to school support to facing redundancy. <https://www.turn2us.org.uk>

**MONEY SAVING EXPERT** - independent and up-to-date advice on ways to save money from getting cheaper energy to free food. <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com>

**MONEY SAVING CENTRAL** - all the latest deals and freebies, including days out. <https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk>



## Beauty and The Beast

*Written by Ben Crocker*

19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023 at 7:30pm

Matinee Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 2:30pm

Bucklesham Village Hall

Tickets: £10 Adult £5 Child

Please contact: 01473 659619 or 07833 351961 or

email [buckleshamplayers@hotmail.com](mailto:buckleshamplayers@hotmail.com)

or via Facebook [buckleshamplayers](https://www.facebook.com/buckleshamplayers)

### Bucklesham Solar Farm Planning Application

Norvus Renewable Services have contacted the Parish Council to inform us that their Planning Application for the Bucklesham Solar Farm has been submitted, but at the time of going to print we have still not received notification from East Suffolk Planning Department. The application therefore cannot be discussed at a Parish Council meeting until such notification is received. It is likely that an additional Parish Council Meeting will be necessary once the application is live on the East Suffolk Planning portal and the Parish Council are asked to comment as a statutory consultee. We will notify the village via a Bugle Bulletin and on the village notice boards when this is the case in order that all residents can advise the Parish Council of their views.

### St Mary's Church

Our Sunday services have returned to normal at 10 am on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. All services are followed by a hot drink and biscuits. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday we have our popular All Age Praise service. This informal service has proved to be suitable for all age groups as the title suggests. These services can be a welcome tonic for anyone who likes to sing and I am happy to be able to say that it is now recognised that singing in church would not have been responsible for spreading Covid throughout the land. Mothering Sunday this year falls on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Historically this Sunday holds a special place in the hearts of all the ladies and each one receives a 'posy' of flowers at the end of the Service.

The Library and Coffee Morning is held in St Mary's on the first Monday of each month between 10 am and 12 noon. As well as the liquid refreshment, the cake and cheese biscuits are very tasty!

**David Wardle, Churchwarden**

### Bucklesham Community Council 2022 Annual Report

In January we secured a grant from East Suffolk Council of £1,885 to help the Bucklesham Players Drama Group. They unfortunately had to cancel the annual Pantomime at very short notice causing unexpected expenditure, which was thankfully covered by the grant.

We helped the Village Hall by providing the Third Party Fund of £3,250, enabling the Village Hall to release a grant of £32,000 for the new roof.

We advised Bucklesham School Association in July with their fundraising efforts, helping them to secure funds for their new children's play area.

In November we successfully secured two grants of £1,000 and £2,000 to help the Village Hall with the increase in their energy costs.

If you know of a village project that may need help in 2023 please let us know and we will endeavour to find a way to fund it.

We are always looking for people to join the Community Council so if you would like to help out and organise village events please do get involved.

To learn more about Community Council please contact the Parish Council Clerk on [buckleshampc@gmail.com](mailto:buckleshampc@gmail.com).

### Bucklesham and Foxhall Village Hall Annual Report

The Village Hall can report that, despite the cost of living crisis having an impact on so many Hall user groups, we are thriving. The Hall is in use every day, every evening of the week and most weekends. An excellent team effort once again from our hard working committee, and our irreplaceable member of staff, have ensured that the Hall remained open despite the many unforeseen issues we've had this year. Huge thanks go to the Trustees of the Fuel Allotment Charity for their generous grant towards our fuel bills this winter. We are extremely fortunate to have had the support of the Community Council who successfully secured more grants to support us. It is thanks to these grants and very careful book-keeping that, despite the huge increase in costs this year, we have not had to increase the hire charges to our clubs and societies and we remain the best value Hall in the area.

We are very proud to report that we recently had a Compliance Inspection conducted by ENTRUST. The inspector reported in his findings that the Hall is "managed with a great team effort by a hard-working Committee", which is "operating appropriately and has complied with ongoing Regulatory requirements."

**For Hall bookings contact the Village Hall Clerk, Ruth Johnson**  
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