

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
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 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

Dates for the Dairy for the next few months:

Sunday 15th June – Croquet Tournament, Steeles Farm

Friday 27th June – School Fayre, School Field

Tuesday 1st July – First Aid Training, Village Hall

Monday 4th August – Stag Beetle Stack Creation, Playing Field

Saturday 10th August – Table Top Sale, Village Hall

Saturday 30th August – Coffee Morning, Village Hall

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th September – Scarecrow Festival

Tuesday 9th September – Community Council meeting

Saturday 20th September – Village Hall Open day & Well Being Bus

The Bucklesham Bugle ~ Summer 2025



It has been an extremely busy few months in Bucklesham since the last edition of your Bugle. The VE Day events in May, that were so brilliantly organised by the Community Council, were a huge success and it was fantastic to see so many residents (old and new) joining in with the celebrations. Well done to everyone who helped organise this, it was a mammoth task and it was clear that all those

who attended had a great time.

The Parish Council successfully completed the annual audit and received many positive comments about the way in which we manage 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, but please be careful if you are leaving your windows and doors open in these warm evenings – you never know who is about.

Play Equipment Replacement Project – update

You may remember a recent RoSPA inspection showed that much of the play equipment on the Playing Field is in need of urgent replacement, and the Parish Council has been working hard to source funds to update the whole play area.

We have applied for several grants and will keep you informed of the outcome. In the meantime, with the support of the Community Council, we held a Mega Bounce-athon Relay with village children and grandchildren bouncing on a bouncy castle for ten hours! Their magnificent efforts raised £1,500 which is absolutely fantastic.

The next fundraising event will be a **Coffee Morning** hosted by some village parents whose children will all benefit from the new equipment. Please come along to the **Village Hall on Saturday 30th August at 10am** for a coffee, tea, cake and chat, raffle etc and help us to get even closer to our target.

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 for 2025

9th July, 10th Sept, 12th Nov at 7pm

in Bucklesham Village Hall.

We occasionally have additional Planning Meetings 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 and all things Bucklesham visit

<https://buckleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk>

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**.

Bucklesham Allotments, Green Crescent

The Parish Council own and manage the village Allotments in Green Crescent. If you walk your dog on the Allotments please ensure you clean up after them, and avoid entering tenants' plots.

Children should never enter the allotments unaccompanied.

If you are interested in managing a plot and would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact clerk@buckleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk or 07854 712 734



Bucklesham Primary School News

This Summer term is a busy one at Bucklesham Primary School as the children work hard for end of year tests, and we have a lot of fun outdoors with our learning. At the end of our first year as a 'Wilder School' we have been working with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust to set up an area of our field as a place for nature and outdoor learning. We welcome in our new children for Stay and Play sessions as they prepare to join us in September, and we plan to take our older children to London to the Science Museum. How quick those 7 years have passed for our Year 6 children, and it is lovely to see how much they have grown as successful and confident learners ready for High School.

Rachael Rudge, Head Teacher

St Mary's Church

We hope those of you who pass through the churchyard will have noticed how wonderful it has been looking lately. This is all thanks to our fantastic group of volunteers who do an absolutely amazing job and we are grateful to all concerned. Last month we welcomed Chris and Anji Dawkins, our St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Link Co-Ordinators with Kagera Diocese in Tanzania, to our All Age Praise service. They talked about their work in Kagera and even brought delicious Manadazi (African spiced doughnuts) for us to have with our coffee. Delicious ☺ Our Elders, Janet Ball, Christine Bickers and Rosemary Watson, have all recently completed their three yearly Safeguarding Training and will be recommissioned in the summer. The Churchwardens (Janet and Rosemary) will also be attending the Archdeacon's Visitation where they will be officially sworn in for their new term of office.

Rosemary Watson - Churchwarden

Bucklesham Village Hall

We are holding an **Open Morning on Saturday 20th September** to show off all that the Hall has to offer – please come and join us for a free tea, coffee and cake and to see stalls from Hall user groups. Also in the car park on the day will be **Suffolk NHS 'Be Well Bus'** which offers free confidential health and well being advice in a private consultation room, testing, addiction support and advice with diet and exercise and stopping smoking

For Hall bookings contact the Clerk, Ruth Johnson
buckleshamvillagehall@gmail.com or 07854 712 734

Stag Beetle Stack Creation Afternoon

Monday 4th August on the Playing Field from 3-5pm

Join us for an afternoon 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 afternoon in the 6 weeks holiday 😊

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

Coffee Morning

To raise funds for the Play Equipment Project
On Saturday 30th August

At Bucklesham Village Hall, 10am to 12.30 noon.

Come and join us for tea or coffee and cake and good conversation
raffle, teddy tombola, cakes

Please support us and help to raise funds for this village project
For details contact Abby Knight 07854 446 112
abbyknight09@hotmail.com



Financial Support for Bucklesham Residents

Formerly known as the Fuel Allotment Charity, 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 220 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 7th October.

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

All requests are treated in the strictest confidence with only the Clerk and four Trustees aware of who has applied.

Bucklesham Croquet Tournament 2025

Sunday 15th June 2pm

This year to celebrate the memory of Tim Voelcker

Steeles Farm (behind the Old Rectory) off Church Lane
Golf Croquet in teams of two - we can find partners.

Beginners and spectators welcome to this
light-hearted fun afternoon.

£5 per person including tea and cakes

Proceeds to Community Council for Village Projects

Contributions of cakes gratefully received

For details contact Liz 07793 967 829

Bucklesham School Summer Fayre

Friday 27th June from 3:30 - 5:30pm

on the School Field

BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Tombola, Music,
Crafts, Hair Braiding, Fire Engine visit, Wet Sponge Toss,
Festival and Face Art, Penalty Shoot-out,
Refreshments, Entertainment, Fete Games,
Raffle with lots of great prizes



Whole village welcome - please come and support us!

CPR and Defibrillator Training

Bucklesham Village Hall

Tuesday 1st July 7 to 8:30pm

Bucklesham resident Herman Hadley has very kindly offered free places on a community CPR and defibrillator refresher training course. We want to train as many residents as possible in CPR and the use of the defibrillator, so together we can save more lives. This course will give you a quick overview of the basic skills required to perform CPR and use a defibrillator. This is a FREE course but please do let us know if you want to attend so we can cater for numbers.

For details and to book a place contact the Parish Council Clerk
clerk@buckleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk or 07854 712 734



“YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEEDS YOU”

Bucklesham Community Council was formed in 1967 to...

'provide adequate recreational facilities, playing field and playground for the benefit of the community residing in Bucklesham',

...but we do so much more than that!

Unlike the Parish Council, who are the first tier of local government and manage the village, we fundraise and organise social events in Bucklesham. We are proud of the D-Day and VE Day events which brought the whole community together in celebration. We organised the Tour Of Britain celebrations, hold Craft Fayres twice yearly, and recently supported the Parish Council's Play Equipment Project by holding the Mega Bounce-athon Relay which raised £1,500 for the new play area on the Playing Field.

We can raise funds to support all village groups and projects, and have helped the Bucklesham Bumps, Babes and Toddler Group, the Bowls Club, the Drama Group, Church Lunch, and Knit and Natter by sourcing grants on their behalf to keep these groups going.

We are planning on hosting regular Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, a Table Top Sale, a Scarecrow Festival, and also planning a **Family Fun Day for the Summer of 2026** with traditional games and stalls, entertainment, and food and drink. These events take a lot of organising and *'more hands make light work'* so we would love to have some new faces join the gang.

Bucklesham Community Council are holding an informal meeting in the **Village Hall on 9th September at 7pm** to discuss all our ideas for future events and we would love to see you there. Maybe you are interested in helping with publicity and advertising, or catering and baking, or maybe you can 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 and how you can help please come along or contact lois.mac@btinternet.com 07484 668 551

Table Top Sale in Bucklesham Village Hall

Sunday 10th August from 10am to 2pm

£10 for a 4 ft table, teas, coffees, refreshments

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



Back by popular request...

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 6th and Sunday 7th September**

Maps showing the participating scarecrows will be available from the Village Hall on Sunday 7th September between 10am and 1pm where refreshments and hot dogs will be available

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

Contact lois.mac@btinternet.com 07484 668 551 to register your Scarecrows by midday Friday 5th 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!**