

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	Tuesday mornings	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:

Saturday 27th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 18th October – First Aid course Part 1

Saturday 25th October – First Aid course Part 2

Saturday 29th November – Christmas Craft Fayre

Friday 5th December – A West End Christmas

The Bucklesham Bugle ~ Autumn 2025



The Stag Beetle Stack Creation Afternoon was well attended by village children and a great time was had by all. The Parish Council would like to continue with the work of encouraging wildlife onto the Playing Field so we can share the space with small mammals, insects and birds. Further events will be organised in coming months.

The Community Council's Scarecrow Festival was a big success with some very imaginative creations. Well done to the Garlick family for winning first prize in the public vote. This will hopefully go back to being an annual event again so start planning now if you want to get your hands on the trophy next year.

We are really pleased that the new gazebo on the Playing Field has proved so popular (particularly with the autumn showers we have had recently) and are grateful to Trish Brinkley for allowing us to dedicate it to the memory of our much loved and much missed Parish Council Chairman, David Brinkley. It was therefore extremely upsetting to see that someone had attempted to set light to the gazebo and had scorched the wood. If anyone knows who may be responsible for this mindless vandalism we would be pleased to pass on that information to Suffolk Police.

Play Equipment Replacement Project Update

We can report that we are getting closer to the target of the £103,000 needed to replace all the Play Equipment on the Playing Field. Village children have given us a 'wish list' and we are aiming to provide as much of that as possible.

The Mini-fete on 30th August was very well supported and was a huge success. In just over 2 hours we raised £1,800. This was down to the excellent organisation from Abby and Kriszti, fantastic assistance from the Community Council and volunteers, and support from so many villagers who attended. Thank you all so much.

We are waiting to hear if we have been successful in our bid to Tarmac LCF for a further grant. The competition is fierce and we are up against a lot of bigger villages with equally urgent needs. We are confident we have done all we can to make our application a success so keep your fingers crossed and watch this space.

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

**Last meeting of the year – 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 quickly. It could be to inform you of a fallen tree, major road works, or maybe a missing cat, or that 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. 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 Allotments and there is a thriving community down there. We have installed a gate and fence to keep the area secure, and a notice board and plot signs to keep things in order.

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

Children should never be on the Allotments unaccompanied



Bucklesham Primary School News

We have had a great start to the term with a full intake of Reception children settling in well, so the school is now almost full with 102 pupils. Governors continue to work closely with Bucklesham Parish Council and Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, Suffolk Coastal MP, on the road safety issue around Bucklesham Primary School. Our Chair of Governors and I took three children to meet Jenny to present the petition to Downing Street, calling for safety measures around all Suffolk Schools. Thank you to all those in the village who signed it - our petition had 160 signatures. Our grateful thanks also to the Parish Council and all of their volunteers who have been clearing the footpath to school to make it safe ready for the start of term, and for the 'No Idling' banner – let's hope it has an effect.

Rachael Rudge, Head Teacher

St Mary's Church

We look forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Festival which will be taken by Roy Tricker at 10am on **Sunday 28th September**. As well as collecting for **FIND** (Ipswich Families in Need) we are collecting for **TWAM** (Tools With A Mission). TWAM collect unwanted tools and refurbish them before sending them to Africa to be put to good use. Donations can be brought to the church w/c 22nd SEPTEMBER between 10am and 5pm. For a full list of what they can and can't accept look on the TWAM website and click on 'Give Tools' or ring 01473 210220. There are also leaflets in the church.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank again all the amazing volunteers who continue to keep the churchyard looking so wonderful. A new bench will soon be installed to replace the old one which had rotted and was unsafe. **Rosemary Watson - Churchwarden**

Bucklesham Village Hall

We are very excited to tell you that we have a new group starting on Tuesday mornings – LTS School of Dance Silver Swans Ballet. Whether you are an experienced dancer, have briefly dabbled, or are a complete novice, Silver Swans offers older learners an opportunity to improve mobility, posture and co-ordination and boost energy levels. For details see Itsschoolofdance.com

Next year Bucklesham Village Hall will be celebrating 50 years of hosting the community, as the Hall was built in 1976. We are planning a year of celebrations and village events and hope that you will all be able to join us.

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

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 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.

Our Emergency Plan – don't panic Mr Mainwaring!

This idea has been around for some while but we have only had a few volunteers. Sometimes the unexpected can happen and we are very keen to develop an 'Emergency Plan' for the Village. We have a list of people who are willing to help out in an emergency, possibly to help out in the 'Rest Centre' for example, which is likely to be the at the Village Hall, but we need more people who may have the required skills to volunteer. Perhaps you have the skills necessary that could be called on if the village were cut off for any length of time. Your contact details would only be known to a small committee and the SCC/ESC Joint Emergency Committee, and you could remove them at any time. If ESC declared an emergency, and you are registered as a volunteer in the Emergency Plan, your actions will be covered under East Suffolk Council Insurance. So if you are a doctor, nurse or paramedic, if you are ex-military or are a good organiser, or if you just want to help your fellow villagers out in an emergency, please do contact us.

Bucklesham Food Bank for FIND (Families In Need)

For many years now the residents in Bucklesham have been very generous in their support of the local Food Bank run by FIND (Families In Need). Sadly the need is as great as ever and the Community Council has kindly purchased a box that is located in the entrance to the Village Hall. Initially we are asking for non-perishable goods but hope that in time we will be able to find a way to include much-needed fresh fruit and vegetables. We need tinned soup, toothpaste and toothbrushes, pot noodles, tinned vegetables, squash, long life milk, tea bags, jam, long grain rice, cereal bars, sugar, tinned rice pudding, biscuits/crackers, and cereal. At the moment they do NOT need any pasta – thank you.

If any of you can add an item or two to your weekly shop and place it in the box under the Village Hall porch, we would be extremely grateful. Thank you all so much, Sally Voelcker 07946 085 299 sallyvoelcker@gmail.com



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Hosted by Bucklesham Players

Saturday 27th September

From 10am to 12pm Bucklesham Village Hall

Raffle ~ Tombola ~ Books ~ Cakes

Entrance £5 including tea/coffee and a scone



First Aid Training in Bucklesham Village Hall

Saturday 18th and 25th October 10am – 12pm

Bucklesham resident Herman Hadley has very kindly once again offered free places on a community First Aid refresher training course. We want to train as many residents as possible in First Aid 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 deliver First Aid, 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

Bucklesham Community Council Christmas Craft Fayre

Saturday 29th November in Bucklesham Village Hall

10am to 3pm, Free Entry

Variety of stalls, homemade crafts and gifts

Tea, coffee and cakes available in the pop-up café

Please come and support us

A West End Christmas

Friday 5th December at 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm)

Join Bucklesham's own former West End performer Mark Connell and friends for an enchanting evening of Christmas cheer to raise funds for the Play Equipment Project. Featuring all of your favourite songs, alongside show-stopping hits from the world of musical theatre, including Les Misérables, Wicked, Miss Saigon, and more! Tickets only £15 to include mulled wine and mince pies on arrival.

Raffle tickets and refreshments will be on sale in the interval.

Get your tickets now to avoid disappointment

Contact lois.mac@btinternet.com 07484 668 551



YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Your Parish Councillors are very proactive and we do all we can to address residents' concerns and act upon them. However, we are only a team of 7 Councillors and 1 Clerk, and we can't do it all. Bucklesham has a reputation for getting things done and there is clearly an excellent community spirit here. There are so many ways that you can help keep this village such a great place to live – so please have a read through and let us know what takes your fancy!

Community Speed Watch

Many villagers have shared concerns about the speed at which vehicles travel through the village, so we want to set up a Community Speed Watch. The group will consist of residents who will all be trained by Suffolk Police to record details of speeding vehicles using specialist equipment. Speed Watch sessions are likely to be only on Main Road and will take up just one hour of your time. We would like to be a visible presence in the village but we need to get enough volunteers to make it viable. Volunteers will be highly visible to encourage drivers to be more speed aware. Speeding drivers will be contacted by the Police explaining the potential consequences of their behaviour. If the same drivers are recorded speeding multiple times, the police will visit them at their property for a more formal conversation.

We can be flexible with the days and times of these sessions to encourage more residents to join in and make our village a safer, more pleasant place to live. Please be part of the change, join the Community Speed Watch and help us slow the traffic down.

Bucklesham Highwaymen

No, we're not talking about robbing stagecoaches with pistols, we mean working on the highway to cut back hedges, clean signs, clear paths etc. We had great success with a magnificent team of volunteers in August who cleared the entire path to school, making it safer for the village children to walk to school at the start of term. The path should be ok for a few months now, but come Spring it will need attention again.

We can provide all the equipment, you just need to bring muscle and enthusiasm. We may all agree that Suffolk County Council should be doing this – but they don't anymore. So, we either do it, or it won't get done. Please help by joining the gang of Highwaymen and make a difference.

Hedge and Tree Planting

We have been successful in our bid to The Woodland Trust for trees and hedgerows to plant in various locations around the village. This is a pleasant task on an autumn day, so please do help us to improve the environment by donning your wellies and grabbing a shovel.

Friends of the Playing Field

There are a few villagers who volunteer to be a FOP (Friend Of the Playing Field) and their support is invaluable. FOPs have helped by spotting the poisonous hemlock on the Field, challenging strangers, and looking after the facilities and equipment, among many other things.

If you would like to join the FOPs, there is no commitment necessary, no meetings to attend, and no expectation of the amount of your involvement. We just ask that those villagers who use the field regularly, or who live close by it, are another pair of eyes and hands to help us keep the Field tidy, safe and secure, and as a fantastic facility for all to use. As FOPs we can all help and support each other with the running of the Field in order that the responsibility for it does not fall on just a few people. Many people benefit from the Field, and the Parish Council will ensure it is protected for future generations.

Many of us lead busy lives, but most can spare an hour or two to help the community. If you are willing to join in please do let us know at clerk@buckleshamparishcouncil.gov.uk. Or call **07854 712 734**

Thank you