

Bucklebury Community Events



Recent Events

Picnic on the Green 2nd June 2013

This event was a great success with over 50 people attending and a great magic show by Roly which had adults and children both rolling with laughter. We'd like to keep the event going on an annual basis to coincide with The Big Lunch which is now a national event and usually held on the first Sunday in June.

Bucklebury Festival of Music, 22nd June 2013

Hundreds of people turned out for a feast of music and food in the park and despite the weather enjoyed a great day. The day began with a performance by Global Cafe, who gave the festival a bright summery start that blew away the clouds. Next up were the Bradfield College Jazz Band with a diverse repertoire including various jazz standards from 1920 onwards, as well as blues, funk and swing. Local legend Pete Allen, a regular and popular face on the jazz circuit wowed with a beguiling set ending with a Louis Armstrong favourite, When You Are Smiling. Kennet School brought two bands to the stage with both junior and senior musicians showcasing talented instrumentalists and voices. The Tom Michell Trio stepped up the pace with a rockin' rhythm and blues set that was a foretaste of an even more powerful performance later in the day.

The gifted Richard Navarro along with his trio of double bass and drums followed with his unique sound using live looping on stage to add layers of violin, trumpet and vocals, combining well-crafted original material with the trio's own fresh takes on well-loved songs. Fifteen year old local artist Eloise Weeks brought the Bucklebury Festival one of many one of the highlights of the day with a spell-binding performance of power and range that belies her years. With a set including her own prize-winning composition "Seventeen", a song she wrote about Alzheimer's at Open Mic UK in 2012, she treated Festival goers to just three songs and left her audience wanting more. Megan Henwood, appeared briefly with the Tom Michell Trio before taking to the stage with her own band and giving a bewitching and polished performance with highlights from her universally-praised debut album Making Waves. Finally, as the wind got up and clouds thickened, the Brass Volcanoes brought their own ray of sunshine to proceedings with a show-stealing, heart lifting performance that had the audience on its feet with brass, saxophones, drums and even a sousaphone playing us out with the unforgettable sounds of New Orleans and sealing a great day.

(Article written by Liz Peplow)

Our next venture is a commemorative mug to celebrate the birth of Prince George, who spent the first few weeks of his life in this village. Once again we have been fortunate enough to work with Emma Bridgwater to produce a half pint (large) mug which complements the Royal Wedding mug produced in 2011. We have already sold the first batch of 500 mugs and are hopefully commissioning a further 500 half pint mugs to be produced. Please see the order form in this edition of The Oaks or ordering can be done through the Parish website (where there is a colour picture of the mug). Please note we have decided not to commission the baby (smaller) mugs this time.

Up and coming events include a wine and turkey tasting evening on **Saturday 16th November at Woody's @ Bucklebury Farm Park from 7pm**. The Wine Man from Yattendon will be showcasing a grand total of nine wines suitable for the Christmas season and Walters Turkeys will be providing turkey to taste spit-roasted by Graham's Hog Roast followed by Grey's Cheese Company in Pangbourne. All this, as well as a light bite Christmas supper provided by Woody's and its bound to be another sell-out! Tickets priced £16 each are available by email buckleburyevents@gmail.com or by calling Anne Ryder on 01635 873911.

The annual Christmas Tree Festival, now in its fourth year will be held at the Victory Room on **Saturday 7th December**. We can only set up on the morning of the 7th but we're hoping for lots of local groups and societies to participate. Please contact **buckleburyevents@gmail.com** should you wish to take part.

By the time you read this Bucklebury BeerFest will have taken place. Bucklebury Community Events are pleased to support the BeerFest and the Victory Room. A few of us also supported Chapel Row Fair too. With several members of the committee on the other committees too it's hoped we can all work together and help each other out when needed.

Finally we held our AGM on Thursday 19th September where I resigned from the position of Chair and handed over to a very able Adrian Bend. I'd like to thank all the committee members past and present (and their families!) and especially Liz, Rupert, Oli and the Farm Park staff whose venue has been host to some very memorable events in the past few years. Helen McGowan who was our Treasurer from the Royal Wedding until the Royal Birth! And lastly Anne Ryder, our Secretary, who without her consummate help I couldn't have managed.

BCE are always looking for new members with fresh ideas, so if you'd like to join a fun and proactive group get in touch! There are about 5 or 6 meetings per year with sometimes an extra one coming up to an event. We usually meet in Woody's at the Farm Park and the committee consists of roughly 10 members from the community. We run about 4 or 5 events a year, trying to use venues throughout the Parish and include the whole community.

Thank you to everyone who came to an event or who supported Bucklebury Events in past! Please continue to support us.

Christie Morris – Chair

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