

The Oaks



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Bucklebury Parish Chairman's Letter

The spring sunshine is welcome after all the rain of the winter which brought such flooding to the Pang valley. Piers Allison, who has been keeping careful records, informs us that the flooding would have been far worse than 2009 had it not been for the flood alleviation scheme so the parish is indebted to the brilliant team who worked so hard so prevent such flooding happening again.

Dick Greenaway, chairman of the West Berkshire Countryside Society, took aerial photos of the length of the Pang when the flooding was at its peak and generously gave a C.D. of the stretch through the parish. The clerk holds the master copy.

The flooded Pang did however cause problems on the roads and the damage caused by 4x4's breaking down the banks of the Pang exacerbated the situation. BPC have been in talks with all interested parties to try to resolve the problem. BPC are still discussing with the Environment Agency and other bodies the best way to prevent the 4x4's from driving in the Pang.

4x4's have also been causing huge damage at Ramsbury Corner. The byways are now dangerous and will have to have Traffic Restriction Orders placed on them until they can, at vast expense, be repaired by W.B.C. BPC have again been working with a number of people, including Durren Heslop from the Slade, who has been a driving force. Signs will go up advising people of the closures. The Bucklebury Common Advisory Committee has, of course, been involved. W.B.C. intend to place cameras on the

Common to try to catch people in vehicles damaging the byways. BPC have agreed to supply one CCTV camera. The drivers who caused the original damage are being prosecuted, thanks to a parishioner taking photos of the vehicles and noting the registration numbers. Please help by doing the same if you see anybody damaging the surface of the byways. The local police are well acquainted with the problem and will do all they can to help.

David Wilson Homes look as though they have at last agreed to provide funds for the outstanding work on the meadows behind the Cottage Inn. As soon as this has been confirmed our solicitor can proceed with the land transfer.

Following meetings with the Head of Bucklebury Primary school, the Chair of Governors and the PCSO Sarah Preston, a letter was sent from the police to all parents reminding them that parking near a junction was illegal and fines could be issued. With the better weather it does appear that more parents are using the village car parks at home time and walking to the school. This makes the roads around the school much safer for the children. Kiss and Drop in the mornings seems to work well on the whole. We are very grateful to the church, the Memorial Hall and The Cottage Inn for allowing parents to use their car parks.

The problems with the pumping station owned by Thames Water at the bottom of the Hart's Hill, has caused much inconvenience to parishioners and we are discussing the matter with Thames Water. We are aware that there have been

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problems in other parts of the parish. Please keep records of disruptions to the water supply and inform the clerk and then we can take up the issue with Thames Water on your behalf.

The spring Common Clearing was well attended and we were once again grateful to all the parishioners who helped and to the people who generously made cakes.

You are all warmly invited to attend the Annual Parish Assembly on Friday 16th May at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. This year, we have invited the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld to speak about rural crime. We hope that you will find this of interest.

BPC wish you a warm and sunny summer.

Wynne Frankum
Chairman, Bucklebury Parish Council.

Bucklebury Annual Parish Assembly

**Friday 16th May 2014
8pm**

**Memorial Hall,
Upper Bucklebury**

with

Anthony Stansfeld

(Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner)

on

Rural Crime

Refreshments will be available after the meeting.

Do please try and come to hear both what has happened, and what is in the pipeline, but above all say what you want from our Parish.

Helen H. Pratt - Parish Clerk

Tel. 01635 863381

Parish Council Matters Arising

Bucklebury Cemetery



The rhododendrons planted in Mr Sutton's time, will soon be in full bloom. Wisley it is not, but still a lovely sight and well worth a stroll. A large one at the back of the old section came down in the winter and so the Burial Board will hold a working party on 10th May at 10am. Please join us if you'd like to help. We will also be pulling up some of the self-sown holly before we have a holly wood!

We are fortunate to have the now rare meadow saxifrage growing in one or two places. These and other wild flowers will as usual be allowed to seed before being cut.

We are still waiting for quotes for the various works that need to be carried out on the chapel and the rear gates. The bad weather has meant the workmen have been busy on more urgent projects. Hopefully the work will be completed during the summer.

Wynne Frankum
Chairman of the Burial Board.

Welcome Pack

If you are a newcomer to the Parish, and you have not yet received a Welcome Pack, please contact the Clerk, Helen Pratt, for a copy (her details are on the back page).

Parish Website

BPC maintains a Bucklebury Website which contains a diary of things going on in the parish, minutes of all BPC meetings, a list of amenities and services and much more. If you run a business within the parish and wish to have details listed on the site, please contact the Clerk.

The Website can be found at www.buckleburyparish.org.

Bucklebury Clubs/Organisations

The Clerk maintains a list of clubs and organisations within the parish. This list is included in the Welcome Pack and on the website. If you would like a copy or would like to be included on the list, please contact the Clerk.

Abuse of the Common by 4x4 Vehicles and Motorbikes

For quite some time residents have been concerned about the illegal use of 4x4 vehicles and motorbikes on several parts of the common resulting in considerable damage in some areas. In places the ruts caused by these vehicles can be very dangerous to people walking or riding horses especially when they fill with water. There have been many discussions on the best way to prevent this illegal activity.

About a month ago one of our residents discovered a group of these vehicles stuck in mud and took photographs which were passed to the Police. I am pleased to say that there were a number of successful prosecutions in this case and if they are caught again the owners risk having their vehicles impounded or even destroyed. This success has triggered a number of meetings attended by parishioners, the Police, West Berkshire Council officers and members of the Parish Council to formulate a plan of action involving the use of covert CCTV which is to be supplied by West Berkshire and a new camera system which will soon be bought by the Parish Council.

For prosecutions to be effective we must erect a number of CCTV signs at key access points on to the common, these signs will be temporary and parishioners using the common for normal recreational purposes should not be concerned as we are only targeting the irresponsible few.

In the longer term our countryside officers have been tasked with investigating the best way to place TROs (Traffic Regulation Orders) on the most affected byways, these orders are supported by the legitimate off-road clubs and will enable remedial work to be carried out. We intend the orders to be put in place as quickly as possible mainly before the start of each winter at key locations.

I would like to thank all concerned for helping this rise to the top of the agenda, the Parish Council for providing the new CCTV system and the Police for taking a very active interest in prosecuting the few individuals who are destroying parts of the common. I would ask if we could all be vigilant and report any illegal use of the common to the Police along with any evidence to help them identify the vehicles.

Graham Pask
Bucklebury 4x4 Action Group

West Berks District Councillors

Bucklebury Ward contains the parishes of Bradfield, Bucklebury, Frilsham, Hermitage and Stanford Dingley. Our councillors are:

Graham Pask Tel/Fax: 01635 864023

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Quentin Webb Tel/Fax: 01635 202646

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WBC Councillors' Report

Over the past four years we have had to make savings from the Council's budget averaging £3 million a year partly as efficiency savings such as a 15% reduction in staff numbers, sadly, representing 204 posts (since 2010) but also by transforming and restructuring services to be more cost effective whilst providing a higher level of service and support. A good example of this is in our care of the elderly where we have opened two excellent homes in Hungerford and Thatcham providing self-contained living accommodation with superb facilities such as carer support and on site hairdressing and catering. Our budget for 2014/15 is £120.88 million of which £19.7 million (16%) is grant funded by government grant.

Following a consultation at the end of last year covering both this year and next we were able to set a budget with no increase to the tax payer and intend a 0% rise next year too.

The one area where we are determined not to reduce expenditure is highways maintenance where we have allocated £4.8 million this year with an additional £2 million (of which we have received £1.5 million from government) to repair flood damage to roads and bridges following the wettest winter for 300 years. I am confident this will make a noticeable improvement to many of our 750 miles of roads we maintain but, as always, please report any potholes or other damage to the Council or through us.

We have also been successful in collaboration with other Berkshire Unitary authorities in securing money called "city deal". Here in West Berkshire we are using this money to target young people aged 19 to 24 who are not in full-time jobs or who are perhaps on zero-hour contracts. The

project is being run by Newbury College and you will hear more this summer. At the Council we currently employ 19 apprentices who have a good chance of a job at the end of their training and other companies such as AWE are also active in helping our young people find good long-term jobs and careers.

It is now just over a year since the Council again became responsible for public health which has returned to us for the first time since 1974. We have established the Health and Wellbeing board, of which Graham is a member, to coordinate many health initiatives such as healthy eating, health checks, tackling obesity etc. in conjunction with our local GPs and CCGs (clinical commissioning groups). A major initiative is to encourage the use of our Community Hospital for as many outpatient appointments as we can achieve (who wants to go to Reading/Basingstoke?!) and also to ensure we have the most flexible and efficient out-of-hours service for medical problems.

Another issue frequently raised by parishioners is speeding traffic about which I have written before as the chairman of the Speed Limit Review committee. We now have a programme to target speeding motorists and I am sure you have noticed the "police speed check" notices....not that our residents would exceed the speed limit of course!! These notices are temporary and I think are having a good effect, but the hope is to reduce vehicle speeds through our communities both for safety but also to reduce the antisocial aspect of noise from speeding vehicles!

As always please contact us if you have any issues relating to the Council.

Graham Pask and Quentin Webb
District Councillors

West Berks Community Information

Thatcham and Newbury libraries carry leaflets on most local organisations. For community-related information, contact Jim Sweeting (Arts & Leisure Information Officer) on 01635 519251 (jsweeting@westberks.gov.uk).

The main switchboard for West Berks Council (WBC) is 01635 42400.

For Transport enquiries (e.g. bus routes or timetable) ring 01635 503248.

For non-emergency calls, the Police can be contacted on 101.

Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Team

Thames Valley Police is encouraging residents and workers in rural areas to report incidents of rural crime and any information/intelligence they may have. There are a number of ways that this can be done:

Reporting Anonymously via Crimestoppers:- Crimestoppers, the national crime-fighting charity has teamed up with local volunteer committees, law enforcement agencies and rural partners to launch an innovative, social media campaign to help fight crimes that affect the livelihood and stability of our rural communities.

The '*Seen it. Heard it. Speak up about it. Anonymously*' Campaign urges the public to help protect rural communities. Webpage www.crimestoppers-uk.org/ruralcrime gives information about aspects of rural crime such as poaching, hare-coursing, theft of oil, metal and machinery and highlights what to look out for; whilst the charity is also hosting a blog at: www.blog.crimestoppers-uk.org that will see contributions from those affected by rural crime and how they tackle it.

Anyone with information or suspicions concerning criminal activity in the rural community can contact Crimestoppers' anonymously on their 24/7 telephone number on 0800 555 111 or contact the charity using the anonymous online form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Reporting directly to the Police:-

Suspicious incidents can be reported to the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on **101** or in an emergency dial **999**

Members of the public can also report information and intelligence directly to the Community and Rural Crime Information Manager in the Force Intelligence Bureau by e-mailing FIBruralcrime@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Debbie Morton
Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
Thames Valley Police
01635 264718

If you have any issues and you would like to talk to a neighbourhood officer, please don't hesitate to contact us on 101 or at the following email addresses:

sarah.preston@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk
kirsten.goodfield@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Sarah Preston C9881

Neighbourhood Watch

The following Neighbourhood Watch groups exist within the parish.

If you live in an area covered and wish to join, please contact the co-ordinator. Alternatively, if you live in an area not covered and are interested in being a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator, please contact the Clerk for more information.

Burden's Heath	<i>Rob Tayton</i>	<i>01635 865495</i>
Turner's Green	<i>Neil Rendall</i>	<i>01635 865899</i>
Blacklands Rd, Berry's Road and Wood- side Close	<i>Mrs S Dorling</i>	<i>01635 864256</i>
Bucklebury Village	<i>B Ward</i>	<i>0118 971 2581</i>
Hatch Close	<i>C Fleming</i>	<i>0118 971 2315</i>
Hatch Lane(central)	<i>Frank Harvell</i>	<i>0118 971 0021</i>
The Avenue (east end, south side)	<i>Mrs J Bywater</i>	<i>0118 974 4124</i>
The Avenue (east end, north side)	<i>John Travis</i>	<i>0118 974 4616</i>
The Slade	<i>Hilary Cairns</i>	<i>01635 866021</i>
Briff Lane	<i>Philip Teal</i>	<i>01635 866587</i>
Broad Lane (track)	<i>Ian Westbury</i>	<i>01635 864230</i>
Broad Lane (west)	<i>Richard Sadler</i>	<i>01635 865846</i>
Broad Lane (east)	<i>Becky Hannam</i>	<i>01635 863313</i>
Morton's Lane	<i>Geraldine Tovey</i>	<i>01635 866757</i>
Byles Green	<i>Jeremy Brooke</i>	<i>01635 863035</i>

Family

West Berkshire Ballet School

So far 2014 is proving to be another exciting year for WBBS!

We said our 'goodbyes' to Cara Drower and presented her



WBBS bid farewell to Cara Drower

with a print of the "Pas de Quatre" depicting 4 famous ballerinas from the early 1900s. Several of Cara's former students returned for her final class and promises were made for a return visit in the summer term when she has safely moved into her new home by the sea.

Our sell-out Professional Masterclass in March was such a success that we have planned another for May – this time for the younger students who will be learning extracts from Swan Lake.

Great news for Aamina, Chloe & Dom. All three have been offered contracts with the National Youth Ballet of Great Britain for their summer season. They will be performing at the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks, followed by a gala evening in London – we can't wait to see them on stage.

Juliette achieved Distinction in her Advanced exam – what a triumph!

Dom is now in the enviable position of having to choose which of his offers for vocational training he is going to accept! His classmates are all in receipt of offers from their favourite universities which leaves Jane, Claire and Holly waving a very fond farewell to the seniors in July.

Lucie and Emily will still be with us for another year. Lucie is beginning her Cecchetti teacher training and will take over two of the junior classes with Chloe as her class assistant – we know they will be inspirational to the little ones and wish them lots of luck.

Rehearsals for The Wiz have been progressing famously – it promises to be a great show and a cracking finale to our dancing year. Tickets will go on sale at £7, when we return to class after Easter. 7pm performances on 7th, 8th & 9th July – email westberksballet@btinternet.com for further details.

By popular demand, Claire has once again agreed to run a Summer School. This time she will wave her magic wand to produce Oliver in just four days – this minor miracle will take place from 26th-29th August – details on our website and Facebook page.

Happy dancing Easter!
Jane Scholl, Claire Bowden & Holly Unnuk
wbbs.org and Facebook.



Bucklebury Toddlers

We are a small, friendly group of parents, grandparents and childminders who meet every Friday morning during term time from 10am to midday at Bucklebury Memorial Hall.

Run by a group of parents, we have a wide variety of toys and play equipment suitable for children from birth up to five years. We also organize weekly craft activities, often centred on particular themes, and are lucky enough to have a large outdoor area that we use when the weather is kind to us! Admission is £1.50 for the first child and £1 for each subsequent child, which includes a mid-morning drink and snack.

We love to welcome all newcomers! So, whether you're new to the area and want to meet other parents or if you're just looking for something different to do with the children on a Friday morning, please feel free to drop in and join us for tea, chat and play. Alternatively, please contact Rose Auld for more information on 07887 803246 or email rosemcf@hotmail.com.

Bradfield and District Young Farmers' Club

Are you aged between 10 and 26? Are you looking for something to do on a Wednesday evening? Then Bradfield YFC may just well be for you!!

You don't have to be a farmer to be a Young Farmer but if you enjoy making new friends, taking part in sports and other outdoor activities, crafts, talks, travel, organising events, conservation, and heaps of other activities come and have a go! There are even opportunities to travel and work abroad!

We have had a fun packed couple of months with Bradfield YFC. We had a visit to Vicars Game, made pancakes, a 'Fake Training' evening with Thames Valley Police and we are looking forward to our stock judging practice evenings ready for the pre-show at the end of the month and then the YFC country fayre at the end of May! What we do is decided by the members with some guidance from club leaders who are all CRB checked and First Aid trained.

We are looking forward to pre-show on 27th April and our country fayre at Englefield estate on 25th May. Come along to the country fayre. It is a fun day out for all!

So if you have some energy to spare, please contact Simon Fernandez 07876 493236 or Jessica Dewey 07725 037771 and they can tell you what we are up to!

Organisations

Bucklebury and Marlston Horticultural Society

Ever since the famously predicted "barbeque summer", I have lost faith in the Meteorological Office's long range forecasts, all that we can guess is just a few days ahead of us. Beyond that we can either plant in hope, or expect the worst and feel great when it turns out fine. What a year of contrasts thus far. After three months of miserable rain and water everywhere, March came in like a lamb and stayed soft and playful for weeks, allowing our gardens to dry out and us to get planting and weeding. It is a completely different situation from last year when the spring flowers were still hunkering below the parapet. Then, at the time of our Spring Show, most flowers were still in bud, but this year most of the daffodils had already produced a marvellous display, along with all the other blooms. Even a motorway journey is a pleasure, with drifts of primroses, better than I have seen before, fluffy white blackthorn, cream catkins, pink clouds of fruit blossom and the fresh leaves appearing in every shade of green. So far it has been a wonderful spring display in the garden, although the number of entries and attendance at the Spring Show was less than usual.

Our second winter evening talk presented by once local botanist, Chris Chadwell, was an interesting insight into the fascinating world of the plant collector. He took us on a colourful journey into the mountains and high valleys of Kashmir. An enthralling account of his arduous journeys and friendships forged in pursuit of rare plants. His love and passion for this remote Himalayan area flowed throughout the presentation. Graham Pattison's talk on his travels in Mexico was also enlightening, and much removed from any experience one might have during an all-inclusive package deal in Acapulco. A huge country, with Mexico City one of the most populated places in the world, the largest producer of silver on Earth, attracting invasion, occupation and turmoil throughout its history, which goes back to the beginnings of civilisation. Evidence of ancient settlements is still being discovered and explored.

June will be a busy month for us. We are running a plant stall at the Bucklebury School Fete on Saturday 7th, and I would like members to supply as many plants and unwanted gardening paraphernalia as possible. Drop bits off at my house or bring them up to the school at around 10am. There is a Flower Workshop in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 20th and the outing to Hidcote National Trust Garden leaves Peaches at 9.30am the very next morning. There are limited places for the flower arranging, please

book with me. The trip has a few seats left. Parking for the Peaches pick-up is behind the adjacent Church, Blade Bone pick-up by arrangement with me; there will be no parking available at the Memorial Hall. In July we have a group car trip to Wisley, meeting at 9.30am behind All Saints Church, Upper Bucklebury, on Saturday 5th. Entry to the Garden is free if we attend as an affiliated club; let me know if you intend to join us. Do not go directly to Wisley; assemble behind the church for a final briefing. A week later is our Summer Show.

Finally the Memorial Hall has been booked for our autumn social, which will be the 11th October, more details and tickets will be available at our Shows. All our activities and Show information are included in our 2014 bright yellow schedule. New members are always welcomed by John Wright (01635 863429).

Happy gardening.

Derek Matthews (0118 9712587)

Tuesday Ladies' Club (TLC)

We have had a very varied and entertaining start to the year with rather a food bias! In January Richard Sadler gave a fascinating talk on Waitrose and John Lewis, in February Jo Saunders told us how to eat ourselves well! In March we had a Turkish cookery demonstration and ate our way through the evening and in April had a meal at the Cottage Inn accompanied by much chat and laughter.



Enough of food! In May a guide from St. Pauls cathedral will be coming to give an illustrated talk, in June Helen Relf will take us on another of her interesting history walks from the Memorial Hall ending up at the Cottage Inn to slake our thirsts! In July we will have a guided tour of St.Crispins Farm, at Chapel Row . There is no meeting in August, so in September we have a talk by a wild life photographer.

As you can see the programme is varied. We are a very informal group. There is no membership fee. We just pay £2.00 when we attend to cover the cost of the hire of the Oak Room. If you haven't yet come along please join us.

Jackie Sadler and Chris Milward

Bucklebury History Group

After a quiet winter the History Group is getting organised for another open evening in The Victory Room, Bucklebury Village. Put the date in your diaries now!

Thursday 19th June 2014. 7.30 p.m.

The theme will be **BUCKLEBURY SLADE** and is being co-ordinated by Hilary Cairns, Hilarycairns@aol.com 01635 866021. If you have any old photos, memorabilia, stories etc. then please do get in touch with her.

We also have a new co-ordinator who is working on World War One. Please let her know if you have any information. Her details appear elsewhere.

We would also like someone to come forward who would be able to help with the recording of the cemetery – in particular the drawing up of the map of the gravestones. Work came to a halt a year or so ago and it needs to be re-started!

Research continues on the 1851 census and adding data to the Group Database, which now stands at 14,508 records. These include Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, Census Returns, Probate, Directory Information, Memorial Inscriptions and photographs etc. We have been able to help various people over the year with their researches.

Please get in touch if you would like to help with the researching in Bucklebury.

Helen Relf,
01635 867619
helenrelf@relfsociety.org

Mah-Jong

The new mah-jong group is well attended – do come along if you think it may interest you. We are a mixed ability group – some of us have been playing for some time and others have only just started playing. We are happy to show people how to play and it is a very enjoyable way to spend an afternoon (especially in the winter!)

We meet in the Oak Room at Bucklebury Memorial Hall – 2.00–4.30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month. There is a small charge to cover the cost of the hire of the Oak Room and the tea and biscuits.

Helen Relf
01635 867619
helenrelf@relfsociety.org

Bucklebury Community Events

“Who invented the first smallpox vaccine?”

One of the many varied questions posed at the excellent quiz night held at The Memorial Hall on 29th March. Teams of six or more mulled over topics including local knowledge, science, art and culture, sportand a special Mother's day quiz. Phil Laybourne was the excellent quiz master aided by Karen who had the unenviable task of adding up all the answer sheets.

Paté, cheese, crusty bread and salad was served followed by some delicious homemade desserts.

There was naturally a competitive edge to the evening. Skilful use of the Joker card added an extra dimension but at the final count team "A hint of lime" were the well deserved winners.

Thanks to all who helped on the evening—a good time was had by both winners and losers alike!!!
The answer in case you couldn't remember was Edward Jenner of course.

Bucklebury History Group

Come along to our next meeting on

THURSDAY 19th JUNE 2014

7.30p.m. in The Victory Room,
Bucklebury Village

Discover more about Bucklebury Slade

Tell us about any of your memories

Help us put names to photographs

We may be able to help with any of your questions by checking our database

Refreshments

Small charge to cover cost of hire of the hall

See you there!

First World War Centenary

The centenary of the outbreak of the First World War has prompted activity in bringing our war memorials to higher public recognition. In some villages, memorials have become neglected and some have been removed. In Bucklebury our memorial is in St Mary's Church, and has been well looked-after, but what do we know about these men other than their names?

If you have any information about the lives or backgrounds of any of these men, or if you are a family member and still live locally, please get in touch with me as I am attempting to find out who these men were, where in the parish they lived, their family ties and their occupations.

We will remember them.

Anne Hillerton
anne_hillerton@yahoo.co.uk
01635 871327

COMMEMORATIVE MUGS





Front
Side
Back

Mug Order form Emma Bridgewater commemorative mugs for the birth of Prince George are now available!

Quantity required	Large ½ pint mug - £20.00
Cost of mugs	(Discounted for Bucklebury Parish residents - £15.00)
Add postage _____	Please add £1 if you would like a box & packaging (no postage if collecting)
	UK delivery - £5 Postage for 1 or 2 mugs, 3+ mugs
	postage costs to be advised
	Overseas - Postage costs to be advised
Total _____	Please make cheques payable to 'BCE'

Post your order form to: Bucklebury Community Events team
c/o Ashdowne House
Tylers Lane, The Slade
Bucklebury, Berks. RG57 6TF

Mug Delivery Details:

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Mugs will be available at a collection point within the village - date and location will be confirmed. Any queries? Contact the BCE team at 01635 873911, or via email at: B_buckleburyevents@gmail.com

Macmillan Cancer Support

Macmillan continues with its aim of improving the quality of life for all those living with cancer. If you, or someone you know is living with cancer, call free on 0808 808 00 00 or visit www.macmillan.org.uk either for help or information. The Patient Information Point at West Berkshire Community Hospital has all leaflets and will help with information.

Macmillan touches every aspect of the lives of people with cancer. Macmillan is 98% funded by voluntary donations - without you our work would not be possible, and with your continued commitment, we know we'll go on to achieve even greater things. Thank you for that support and the difference you are making.

We had a very successful day at Welford Park – Snowdrop time raising £1700. Thank you to all who visited despite the weather.

Your chance to support someone locally – Conor Southgate of Turners Green Bucklebury is 'doing the Ironman' on behalf of Macmillan. The race consists of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride finishing with a 26 mile marathon. The time limit to complete the Ironman is 17 hours. Good luck Conor! You can see Conor's page at: <http://www.justgiving.com/Conor-Southgate-Ironman> Please support this young man in such a worthwhile cause. Through him we can help so many more.

We are having a duplicate bridge and strawberry tea at Stockcross Village Hall 2p.m. Wednesday 11th June 2014 Tickets £10 each. This will be a fun afternoon – we can pair you up! Please contact me for further details. erica.tipton@yahoo.co.uk - 01189712148

Erica Tipton
Chairman Macmillan Cancer Support Newbury Committee

Peaches Stores

Hash and Chan wish to confirm that business at Peaches stores is carrying on as usual, now and in the foreseeable future. The freehold of the building is being sold but their lease for the shop is continuing. They would like to thank all their customers for their continued support.

Local Mums Start New Business

Two Bucklebury mothers, Claire Dibble and Nina Peddie have recently opened a gift and toy shop in Woolhampton on the A 4. The aim is to cater for all age groups. We wish them every success.

Halls



Victory Room Curry Evening - Saturday 17th May 2014

Our next fundraising event is a Curry Evening with musical entertainment on Saturday the 17th May at the VICTORY ROOM 7.00 - 11.00pm. Tickets [£12.50] available from Barry Keane [01189 712502] and John Clarke [01189 712768]. Come and join us.

Bucklebury Beerfest - Saturday 4th October 2014

Planning has started for the SIXTH, YES the SIXTH annual Bucklebury Beerfest. This year it is a again joint effort between the Bucklebury Events Committee and the Victory Room trustees. As in previous years it will be a fun, FREE event for the whole family with many varieties of beer [and wine as well] different bands providing great live music in an even bigger marquee, a selection of games and activities for children, many trade stands and delicious food throughout the day. More details will follow in the next Oaks edition and we would welcome your ideas on how the event could be even better.

Please contact any of the committee members shown below if you have ideas to share, would like to have a trade stand, sponsor a barrel of beer or the marquee, or simply help out on the day.

We need lots of support from you to make this wonderful event continue to grow, and it is great to take part. Here are some ideas to consider;

Sponsor a barrel for only £100 or a half barrel for £50. Your name will be prominently displayed on the sponsors' wall behind the bar, and listed in the Bucklebury Beerfest programme [free to all those

visiting the show].

Sponsor the big marquee and get your business name displayed in full view for only £150.

Donate a raffle prize. This has proved to be a very popular way to support the event.

Volunteer to help on the day. Come along and help for an hour or two with one of the many activities planned.

Volunteer to help us set up on Friday the 3rd or take down on Sunday the 6th October. These have become significant tasks requiring many hands.

Your help would be most gratefully received.

Committee members to contact are:

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What's the Beerfest in Aid of?

The Victory Room is a registered charity and is managed by a committee of volunteer Trustees. Hiring out the hall for private parties, classes, meetings, Scouts and Cubs, and the local football teams brings in money to contribute to running and maintenance costs. However the hiring fees don't cover all these costs so events like the Beerfest are organized to raise funds to ensure the hall is maintained for everyone's benefit.

Hire the Victory Room for your Party or Event.

The Victory Room is the perfect venue for up to 85 people. The hall has everything you'll need – tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery and table cloths – plus a stage. All the furniture is also available for local hire. The Victory Room is located right next to the village recreation ground with plenty of room in the car park, which has recently been extended. It is ideal for church events, being so close to St Mary's.

For information on the availability of the hall and hiring charges, please contact Lindy Clarke on 01189712768, or by email at lindy.clarke@live.co.uk. The parish website also carries information about the Victory Room.

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Sports

Bucklebury Badminton Club

The badminton club has enjoyed a successful season both on club night and in competitions. Membership is high and we are hoping to field a mixed B team next year for the first time in many years. The teams have done well this year, most notably with our men's A team coming top of their division and so being promoted. However we are particularly proud of our men's B team who, in only their second year, could finish second in their division and also go up. The mixed team have had some wins and should finish near the top of their group. The ladies team are improving and have enjoyed their games although an overall win eluded them!

By the time this goes to print, all matches will be over and the summer club will be underway. We play until the first week of July and visitors are very welcome. There are four courts so we have plenty of room for beginners and more serious players. You can come along as a visitor during the summer with no commitment to join. We will also be having some coaching during May and June. If you are interested you can just turn up or please feel free to ring for more information.

VENUE: Elstree School, Woolhampton, RG7 5TD

DAY: Tuesday 8 to 10 p.m. September to July

CONTACT: Margaret Neville 01635 873811

<http://buckleburybadminton.intheteam.com>

Bucklebury Tennis club

New Season

The new season is upon us; Hurray! The weather has been exceptionally kind and it should have enticed everyone out on the courts! If you haven't been out playing yet, then you have missed a great opportunity.

Our **Junior Coaching** has already started in March and recommences Monday 28th April, and the programme for **Teens Coaching** got underway from Wednesday 23rd April. There are still a few spaces for anyone who would like to join in. **Contact Pam Norman 01635 865221.**

We have entered the Club for Men's, Ladies' and Mixed teams into the **Newbury & District LTA Summer Leagues**. Last year we had over 50 individuals representing Bucklebury but we are always keen to have more participants so please make sure the Committee or **the team captains** know of your interest.

Men's A: - Matthew Moore mattair89@gmail.com

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Men's C - Jim London jim@london6909.wanadoo.co.uk
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Ladies B - Pam Norman pamnorman@hotmail.co.uk
Mixed & Yorkshire Cup - Darren Blackwood
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The Cold Dark Days

They have passed by at last, but even over the winter months we have had a busy time. The hardy types have continued with regular tennis in the **Newbury District Winter League** and have achieved excellent results for the Club. Our two Mixed teams (A & B) have won the top two places in Division 1, and our "C" team (Div 3) came in as runners up in their division. Our two Men's teams, both playing in Division 1, ended with the A team in 3rd place, sadly unable to complete all their fixtures, and our B team in 7th place. And our Ladies took the third spot in their league. Now for the bigger challenge of the Summer Leagues!

Off the courts our Floodlighting Project Sub-Committee has been hard at work firstly, gaining planning approval for the **installation of floodlighting to both courts**, and secondly, successfully progressing towards the accumulation of sufficient funds to pay for the installation.

We have now reached 65% of the required total. Funds have been sourced from, a) our own "development fund" for court improvements, and b) from generous individuals and donor organisations. However **we still need more!**

If you are interested or willing to make a donation, large or small, the full details of our grant application can be accessed via our club website

www.buckleburytennisclub.com, or through the Greenham Common Trust website

www.findmeagrants.org where the full project detail is on view. Please note that any funds donated through this website, before the end of July, benefit from a **matching grant from the Greenham Common Trust** and if appropriate, "Gift Aid". can be added.

All those interested in using the Village courts

The two tennis courts at the Memorial Hall, Broad Lane are owned by parishioners and held in trust. Bucklebury Tennis Club was set up to manage and maintain the courts for both members and local residents. The courts are open to the public but are kept locked to regulate use and maintain the playing surfaces. Members of the public who would like to use the facilities can book the courts by phoning Mike James. (Contact details, see below.)

Club Membership

If you would like to join the Club, or if any of the above is of interest please contact: Mike James (01189712285) on m-a-james@tiscali.co.uk or go to our website www.buckleburytennisclub.com

Country Life

A Flat Short Walk from the Blade Bone

Park at The Bladebone Inn and head east (towards Reading) on the right hand side of the road until after the 30mph signs when it will be safe to cross to the left. Continue along the Avenue until you come to the first public footpath on the left hand side.

The track leads to Oak House on the left and Oak Cottage on the right – take the footpath on the left hand side opposite Oak Cottage and before the barn (note: very high stile but struts can be lifted off) and follow the narrow path (watch out for roots along the way) until the swing gate. Cross the field to another swing gate with hedge on the right. Then cross another field to third gate with hedge on the left.

At the group of houses follow the wide track to the right keeping the bungalow on your right. Then turn right onto the common. At the first cross paths go straight on. At Gorselands (house on the left) follow the main asphalt path as it swings round to the right and back to the Avenue.

Note: There is a path just after Gorselands and before Bracken House that leads to Glenvale Nurseries should you want to do some shopping!!

West Berkshire Countryside Society

The event below gives you the opportunity to come out on practical tasks, learn new skills, meet new people and, above all, enjoy yourself. The task begins at 10am and will finish by 4pm but you are very welcome to come for as much time as you wish to give during these hours. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing, and bring a packed lunch if you are coming for the full day. Hot drinks are usually provided, as are the necessary tools.

For further information please see the website - www.westberkscountryside.org.uk.

Tuesday 24th June 10.00 am. King's Copse, Bradfield Southend. Coppicing. SU 579 707 Bashing bracken and pulling Himalayan balsam. Park opposite the bungalow just before King's Copse House. Accessed via Jennets Hill.

Bucklebury Heathland Group

In the 6 months between 1st of October and the end of February we had 28.4ins of rain, our average for 12 months is 29ins of rain. For the second winter the Lower Common has been a “ sheet of puddles”.

The volunteers have been chipping away at areas of silver birch and scots pine, and contractors have been cutting areas of silver birch and cutting mature heather to encourage regrowth.

On the Upper Common contractors have cut down 1 hectare of silver birch and oak regrowth producing 80 tons of firewood. The area was then “mulched” to chop up the lop and top, then scraped. With the scraping made into bunds to deter the 4x4s. The area was open heather 40 years ago, so we hope the heather will regrow, if it is slow to recover we will bring heather from the Lower Common.

All landscape in England is manmade, yes even the Lake District, the forests were cut to make charcoal for iron smelting.

Bucklebury Common was a vital part of the living of the 139 householders with commoners’ rights who grazed livestock, cut bedding and firing to cook and heat their houses .Gorse was a vital resource to the manor. Once mature the “spikes” burnt. Then the wood was cut usually by the children, taken back to the house, made into a small stack, thatched and used for the rest of the year for cooking and heating.

Up until the late 1800s nobody could take gorse out of the manor or use it for brewing or baking for sale.

With the coming of the railway in the mid 1800s more employment and cheap coal, gorse for fuel became less important.

In the Court Leet record of 1896 it stated that if no use could be found for 100 acres of gorse it would be burnt.

The decline of the importance of the common for the commoners began in the 18th century and accelerated after the first and second wars.

Lowland Heath is an internationally important habitat for plants, animals and birds, found in Norfolk, Suffolk, Berkshire, Hampshire and Dorset a small area in Brittany, and some in New Zealand. In Berkshire in 1760 there was 36,000 acres of Heath and by 1995 the acreage was below 1,000acres.

Bucklebury Estate and the heathland group with help from others in the early days, have played their part in bringing back Lowland Heath to Berkshire, we now have 80 acres of heathland out of the total acreage of 860 acres of the Common.

Frank Williams who now lives in Ashampstead can remember as a boy cutting gorse on the common and taking it home on a donkey cart for fire wood.

Tim Culley—Bucklebury Heathland Group.

Bucklebury Artisan Food Market

Bucklebury is well known for great places to eat and yet, until now, it has never had its own market. No longer the case....The First Artisan Food Market took place on April 5th and set the scene for markets to come.

Pete and Avril parked their vintage tractor on the edge of the green and sold their wonderful rhubarb alongside other fruit and veg. Then tucked beside Emma's beautiful new coffee shop, The Blackbird, part inside and part outside the Bladebone Pub, were stalls selling freshly baked bread, fresh cut and potted herbs and a wonderful selection of cakes (thanks to Vintage Rose, Blackberry Cottage and Bucklebury Biscuits).

St Crispins manned a stall selling cheese, eggs and honey alongside their organic Apple juice. Organic salad leaves from nearby, sold quickly. Laura and Pete from Cook and Butcher came up from Thatcham to sell, amongst other things, their renowned marmite sausages. Most stalls sold out well before closing. A pony and trap rode past and if it had stopped, could have picked up trade with rides across the green. Willy Hartley Russell opened up the green for parking and the call was for more stalls to fill the space. Thanks to Kiren for acting as host and supplying trays of wild garlic and a Bloody Mary station for those in need.

The market was set up to offer a local place for all that is needed, food-wise, for a great weekend of eating and entertaining. It will take place from 10am on the first Saturday of the month- **next date May 3rd**. New stalls will be joining: a larger range of cheeses from Greys, Merry Kitchen quiches and Matthew's kitchen increasing the choice of deli produce.

So mark the date in your diary and join us at the Bucklebury Food Market (BFM) ...as the owl and pussycat might say:

The Owl and the Pussy-cat went for a coffee
(@ theblackbird)

Sat on a beautiful pea-green cloth
(@Linteriors)

They bought some honey (@ BFM) and with plenty of money
Wrapped up a hampers worth of food (and stcrispins juice)

The Owl looked up to the acorns above
And drank to a happy crowd (@thebladebone)
'O Local producers! O Market my love'

What a destination, Bucklebury, you are, you are.

Supported by local businesses:
  The Bladebone Inn

First Saturday of the Month
**Bucklebury
 Artisan Food
 Market**

Come & celebrate delicious
 local produce & producers

Next Market dates:
10am on May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th
 @ The Bladebone Inn, Chapel Row
 Bucklebury

Meal from Cook & Butcher
 Bread from Birch Cottage
 Cheese from Greys Cheese
 Quiche from Merry Kitchen
 Matthews's Kitchen & Range of Deli produce
 Cakes from:
 Blackberry Cottage & The Vintage Rose Cake Co
 Honey/Eggs/Jams/Veg & Herbs
 St Crispin's Apple Juice....plus more

Come early we may sell out... and enjoy
 Brunch and Lunch

Chapel Row Fayre

Chapel Row Fayre takes place on the Green at Chapel Row on Saturday 23rd August starting at 1 pm. The Fayre has taken place on the Green for hundreds of years and is a good, traditional country afternoon of family entertainment. It is FREE to enter and it's lots of fun.

We are now in our 19th year as a charity fayre and our aim is to raise funds for local charities, village groups and good causes, ideally for a piece of equipment or something tangible that will assist in the long term.

Over the years we have handed over many thousands of pounds to various Charities, to date some £144,000 which is an incredible achievement!

So what have we got lined up for this year's Fayre?

We have our fabulous fairground excitement with Children's Rides and Bouncy Castle, Children's Corner with Tombola, The Kennet Flyball, The Dog Show, Ferret Racing, Falconry

Display and our famous Sheep Racing. We have many more attractions including a fantastic variety of various stallholders, offering their mouth watering produce. From fresh Baked Bread, Cheeses, Fruit and Vegetables, Craft and Creative stalls, Raffle Prizes and not forgetting Graham's Famous Hog Roast. Our Beer Tent offering local beers and cider will also stand proudly throughout.

We need helpers in whatever capacity you feel you can help, we would be grateful and we will make sure refreshments will be available. We are a very small dedicated group, please join in and contact us if you can help in any way. Let's make this Fayre the Best of Berkshire.

If you would like more information about the Chapel Row Fayre, please go to <http://www.chapelrowfayre.co.uk> or contact Mark Wallace on 07766 114897 or the Secretary: alex Buckley83@hotmail.co.uk

Watch out for our pre-Fayre Charity Dinner. For more information contact:
 Lynette Maja on 01635 874888



Sheep Racing at Chapel Row Fayre

These memories of Harry Copas were previously printed in the Parish Magazine in 1992, and I also have a handwritten copy which was in the WT archives. Hopefully they will be of interest to readers again. More will be published in future editions of The Oaks. Helen Relf; helenrelf@relfsociety.org 01635 867619

Memories of Old Bucklebury Harry Copas

PART FOUR

Going up Tyler's Lane on the south side is a large funnel shaped pit knows as the Swelley, a catchment for the storm water coming off the common down through The Slade. At the bottom of the pit was a large hole where the water disappears. Where to I don't know but one of the stories is that it comes up in the springs at Stanford Dingley. This seems feasible (one old yarn I heard – someone put a duck in there and it came up at Stanford Dingley).

The trouble was when we (were) at school after a lot of rain and the outlet couldn't take it fast enough it would overflow and flood the lane making it impossible on foot and as we didn't have Wellingtons in those days it was one of the reasons we left Bucklebury School and went to Thatcham Council School, which was a new school built in place of the old British School.

I have known at least four people in the parish who made it to 100 and lots of nineties, so it must be quite a healthy place to live (as one wit put it once – come to Bucklebury and live as long as you like)

Two place names in the parish always seem to amuse me – coming along from Upper Bucklebury you come to the cemetery cross roads and the next junction on the left is Angel Corner.

This parish is well know for its number of footpaths – it is claimed we have nearly 100 miles of footpaths, a lot more than some parishes but we have that large common and a lot of footpaths are on there. There is, they tell me, 11 square miles of common. Once it was such a lovely place but now I am not so sure, what with the 'dragon's teeth' round the cricket pitch and the common with endless heaps of soil and gravel making it quite hideous as someone said – it's becoming like the face of the moon. I am told it's to keep the travellers out but it is keeping people out who enjoy a picnic on the common.

There are a lot of lovely old farmhouses in Bucklebury. One

that comes to mind is Hill House Farmhouse. Working for the local builder years ago I was asked to repair one of the internal walls and to my great surprise, I found it was wattle and daub. In all my years working in the building trade this was the only time I have repaired walls like that. I was told some parts of the house were fourteenth century so that must have been the part I was repairing. This farm, together with the house and outbuildings, was sold by auction in the 1920s, when farming was in the doldrums, for £17 per acre. I wonder what it would fetch today?

Bucklebury must have used water power quite a lot in the past because I know of three water wheels on about 1 ½ miles of the Pang. One I have already mentioned at the foundry and there were two others – at mill barn and river barn. These were used by farmers who had various machinery in them such as chuff cutters and mangold pulpers etc. The mangold pulpers used to chop the mangolds into small pieces for the cattle, this doesn't seem to fit in with modern farming as I haven't seen a mangold for years, a common sight when I was young.

On our border close by Frilsham there was another water wheel used to drive a flour-mill (now turned into flats). I don't think the poor old Pang could drive much at the moment.

Opposite me in Hatch Lane is Carbin's Wood – a large wood almost 100 acres – it is bordered by Hatch Lane, Carbin's Lane and on two sides by the common. When I was young it was always known as big wood. Prior to the last war it was comprised of standing oak and chestnut with copse underneath; it was a wonderful place to gather chestnuts in season. Sadly they were all felled in the last war. After the war it was leased to the Forestry Commission and they replanted it mostly with conifers. About 2 or 3 years ago the commission sold the lease to Northwood Trust, based in Abingdon, and they encourage people to walk in it and we all enjoy it as it is so lovely and now, in the spring, it is carpeted with bluebells. All the dogs love it too as they enjoy following the scent of so many wild animals – rabbits, deer, foxes etc.

On the west side of Carbin's Wood on the common, is the watershed, which is the source of The Bourne river, which flows through Carbin's Wood in two separate parts, one in each gully, crossing Hatch Lane in two separate ways, joining just below Paradise Way.

I have a warm feeling for Hillfoot as I started married life in no 36 Council House in 1930. Almost opposite was an old farm cottage, (long since pulled down, and replaced with a nice house). As a mate of mine lived in it, he took me to look at it, as it was so old. I was amazed when he took me up-stairs, I saw there wasn't any ceiling only the underside of

the thatch was white-washed. What a mess with bits of thatch falling down, I have never seen anything like it before or since and the entrance to the bedrooms was a hole in the wall between the upright timbers. I could see I was looking at a bit of real old Bucklebury. Many years later I was talking to a man I worked with and I mentioned the old cottage and he told me he once lived there when he was young. His mother used to sell a few sweets etc., it wasn't a shop but people used to do that in the parish as I mentioned before. He told me his mother had rose from the table at dinner time four times and took one penny – that's a farthing each time. Of course you can buy a lot of sweets in those days (it must have been in the early part of the century), they were mostly aniseed balls and bullseyes.

While talking of those old houses etc., I remember hearing of some low rents at that time. A man I worked with told me his cottage rent was eleven pence per week – an estate cottage before the Great War. Another instance was in the bottom of Paradise Lane there were 3 cottages in a row (now turned into one house), when the builders were repairing the smallest they found a paper stating a year's rent, which was 10/-. I have seen this bill so I know it's true.

Another instance of rising prices of land and houses – the bungalow I live in now cost £350 in 1935, including the land, which we have purchased off the late George Wells for £1 per foot frontage and 200ft depth. In Bradfield 2 or 3 years ago a plot just a bit smaller than this fetched £35,000 at an auction. That's why houses are so dear these days, no-one can build cheaply these days.

As I mentioned before, there was a lot of animals turned on to the common. Quite a number of pigs enjoyed the acorns and beech nuts – they would also grub for worms and the common law was that all pigs should have rings in their snouts to stop them from grubbing up the turf for worms etc. The rings in years gone by were made from horse shoe nail, which had a very large head. The smith would flatten the head and having a sharp point could be inserted through the gristly part of the pig's snout and formed into a ring with pliers. This was carried out by various people, sometimes butcher Green, the blacksmith or others.

Most parishes have their stories of ghosts and ours is no exception. I heard many stories of sightings in Bucklebury, even our Avenue is reputed to be haunted by a carriage and pair. A lady living in the avenue told me of a delivery man who called at her house one night very frightened and shaken, saying he had been forced off the road onto the grass by the carriage and pair mentioned. I have wondered since if it was the spirits in the Blade Bone, which made him see things. I have seen at least two cars in the pond by the Beenham turning on the avenue. I wonder if that was spirits

within or with out, which made them miss the turning?

I have mentioned how beautiful the common used to be. I remember I used to cycle across on my way to work early in the morning. The scent of the gorse and the whole place ringing with bird song, I thought to myself a millionaire couldn't buy what I was enjoying.

My first sight of the lovely wild life in Bucklebury was when we moved from Midgham, as I mentioned, my father hired a horse and wagon and carter (no furniture vans then) from the farmer. As we drove along the Cold Ash road by Burden's Heath (no houses only a large belt of larch trees) the carter said to me 'look, boy, a squirrel'. I was pleased, as it was the first one I had ever seen – they were all red then and so pretty.

I think we were nearer to war in Bucklebury during the second world war than at any time since the civil war as we had a cottage completely destroyed by enemy actions. At the bottom of Little Lane a German plane dropped a bomb, no doubt aiming for the new ordnance depot at Thatcham, but dropped short. Fortunately only one person was in the house at the time and she did what we had all been told and go under the table and came out unhurt. It has been rebuilt since the war and is now called The Blitz.

I hope these notes will be of interest to all who read them.

Contributions

Material to appear in The Oaks should be sent neatly typed for scanning or as a word-processor document (e.g. MS Word), attached to an e-mail and sent to "lindy.clarke@live.co.uk". Don't worry about layout as it will be re-formatted to the house-style. Please supply any pictures or artwork as separate files, as they are not usually recoverable from word processor files and don't forget to include captions for the pictures.

All contributions appertaining to the Parish are very welcome but the Parish Council reserves the right to adapt or omit submissions.

The deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month of publication.

Wynne Frankum

Parish Diary Dates

May

3rd	Bucklebury Artisan Food Market	10am	The Blade Bone, Chapel Row.
12th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	The Memorial Hall.
13th	TLC—Illustrated talk on St. Paul's Cathedral by Fiona Walker	7.45pm	The Oak Room.
16th	Bucklebury Annual Assembly	8pm	The Memorial Hall.
19th	Mah-Jong	2pm—4.30pm	The Oak Room.
27th	Planning Committee	8pm	The Victory Room.

June

2nd	Mah-Jong	2pm—4.30pm	The Oak Room.
5th	Bucklebury Walkers	10am	The Cottage Inn, Upper Bucklebury.
7th	Bucklebury Artisan Food Market	10am	The Blade Bone, Chapel Row.
9th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	The Memorial Hall.
10th	TLC—History Walk with Helen Relf	7.45pm	Meet at the Memorial Hall.
16th	Mah-Jong	2pm—4.30pm	The Oak Room.
19th	Bucklebury History Group	7.30pm	The Victory Room.
23rd	Planning Committee	8pm	The Victory Room.

July

3rd	Bucklebury Walkers	10am	The Blade Bone, Chapel Row.
5th	Bucklebury Artisan Food Market	10am	The Blade Bone, Chapel Row.
7th	Mah-Jong	2pm-4.30pm	The Oak Room.
8th	TLC—Tour of St. Crispins Farm, Chapel Row	6.30pm	St. Crispins Farm (or 6.15pm at the Memorial Hall).
14th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	The Memorial Hall.
21st	Mah-Jong	2pm—4.30pm	The Oak Room.
28th	Planning Committee	8pm	The Victory Room.

August

4th	Mah-Jong	2pm—4.30pm	The Oak Room.
7th	Bucklebury Walkers	10am	The Cottage Inn, Upper Bucklebury.
11th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	The Memorial Hall.
18th	Mah-Jong	2pm—4.30pm	The Oak Room.
26th	Planning Committee	8pm	The Victory Room.

September

1st	Mah-Jong	2pm—4.30pm	The Oak Room.
4th	Bucklebury Walkers	10am	The Cottage Inn, Upper Bucklebury.
8th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	The Memorial Hall.
9th	TLC—Talk on wildlife photography	7.45pm	The Oak Room.
15th	Mah-Jong	2pm—4.30pm	The Oak Room.

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