

# The Oaks



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## Bucklebury Parish Chairman's Letter

There will not be an election for councillors this May and all the existing councillors have agreed to remain in post. We are very fortunate in having a very hardworking team who bring expert and diverse knowledge to the council which is of huge benefit to us all.

Councillors continue to attend and report on a number of meetings held by organisations in which Bucklebury Parish Council (BPC) and the parish has an interest.

The Common Clearing afternoon coincided this year with important rugby matches, so attendance wasn't as good as some years, but a good number of people, including the scouts, turned out and impressive amounts of rubbish were collected. The usual delicious cakes were baked by our excellent cake makers. BPC would like to thank all the people who generously gave up their time to help.

BPC have been in contact with the school again over the ongoing problem of parking. The school, having taken advice, has changed its policy and the school gates are now closed at home time and the cones have been removed from Blackland's and Berry's Rd. We shall continue to monitor the situation.

An Emergency planning meeting has taken place to discuss how the parish would respond to an emergency. WBC have produced a template which has been duly filled in, so should an emergency arise BPC are ready to put the plan into action and have contacted key people and organisations who would be useful in such

an eventuality.

A letter has been sent to a few households reminding them of the difference between agricultural land and that within the garden curtilage. Of course, planning permission is needed to transfer agricultural land to that within the domestic curtilage.

Green Lanes Environmental Action Movement (GLEAM) asked for photographs of damage done by 4x4s to byways to support their work. As you know this has been a serious problem in the parish for some time and we were able to send off a number of photos showing in graphic detail, the damage done by such vehicles in Bucklebury.

Areas of road that were flooded during the winter were reported to WBC and

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Wynne Frankum

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**Bucklebury Annual  
Parish Assembly**

8pm Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
Memorial Hall  
Upper Bucklebury

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**Chris Boulton –  
Chief Executive of  
Greenham Common  
Trust**

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Meet some of the local groups who meet in your parish

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Above all have your say in what you want

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Refreshments will be available after the meeting

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preventative action has been taken.

The Annual Assembly will be held, as usual, at the Memorial Hall on Friday, 15th May. Chris Boulton from the Greenham Common Trust has agreed to speak. We hope this will be of interest to a number of groups in the parish, since the funding the Greenham Common Trust offers is a valuable local resource.

The Annual Assembly is your chance to find out what has been going on in the parish this year, have an update from the various societies and have a chat over a glass of wine.

We hope to see you there.

**Wynne Frankum Chairman**

## Parish Council Matters Arising

### Bucklebury Cemetery



The Burial Board had a productive morning removing undergrowth between the 1970's section and the woodland area. The rest has been cleared by C.R. Landscapes and the chippings put in the woodland area. We hope you will agree that this work has enhanced the area.

It has come to light that the original section of the cemetery is not registered with the Land Registry. This is further complicated by an absence of deeds. Helen Pratt, the clerk, is trying to resolve the matter.

As usual this year, the wild flowers on and among the graves, will be allowed to flower and seed before being cut. Cemeteries are havens for wild life and we are fortunate to have a number of wild flowers including the now rare meadow saxifrage growing here.

Pipestrelle bats roost in the chapel and can occasionally be seen in flight. One even flew out through the key hole in the door!

**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.

## 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](http://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.

## Neighbourhood Watch

The following Neighbourhood Watch groups exist within the parish.

Burden's Heath	<i>Rob Tayton</i>	01635 865495
Turner's Green	<i>Neil Rendall</i>	01635 865899
Blacklands Rd, Berry's Road and Woodside Close	<i>Mrs S Dorling</i>	01635 864256
Hatch Close	<i>C Fleming</i>	0118 971 2315
Hatch Lane(central)	<i>Debbie Potter</i>	07747 021992
The Avenue (east end, south side)	<i>Mrs J Bynwater</i>	0118 974 4124
The Avenue (east end, north side)	<i>John Travis</i>	0118 974 4616
The Slade	<i>Hilary Cairns</i>	01635 866021
Briff Lane	<i>Philip Teal</i>	01635 866587
Broad Lane (track)	<i>Ian Westbury</i>	01635 864230
Broad Lane (west)	<i>Richard Sadler</i>	01635 865846
Broad Lane (east)	<i>Becky Hannam</i>	01635 863313
Morton's Lane	<i>Geraldine Tovey</i>	01635 866757
Byles Green	<i>Jeremy Brooke</i>	01635 863035

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.

## Planning

WBC consults Bucklebury Parish Council (BPC) on the vast majority of planning applications which are submitted for properties and land within the parish and also in neighbouring parishes (Cold Ash, Frilsham, Stanford Dingley, Woolhampton, Midgham and North Thatcham) when they are very close to the parish boundary. The Parish Council has to decide whether to object, make no objection or support these applications. In addition, comments can be made to support the decision. It is very rare for the Parish Council to support an application. The decision with any comments are then returned to WBC, where a planning officer will consider all the comments which have been received on an application and determine whether the application should be approved or refused.

In early 2014, BPC received an application for Rochestown House on The Avenue for the retrospective change of use of part of the ground floor and all of the first floor of an existing outbuilding from ancillary residential use to a self-contained one-bed flat. The Parish Council objected to this application which was subsequently refused by WBC. The applicant then took the decision made by WBC to appeal and in February 2015 the appeal inspector dismissed the appeal, thereby agreeing with both WBC and the Parish Council.

The following is a list of planning applications considered by BPC since the last edition of The Oaks:

Referenece	Description	BPC Status	WBC Status
14/03258/HOUSE	<b><u>47A Roundfield.</u></b> Conversion of loft into a habitable space.	No Objection	Approved
15/00051/HOUSE & 15/00052/LBC2	<b><u>Bucklebury House.</u></b> The erection of a greenhouse within the kitchen garden.	No Objection	Approved.
15/00157/HOUSE	<b><u>Lynthorpe, Tylers Lane.</u></b> Rear extension to accommodate ensuite on ground floor and bedroom extension on the first floor.	No Objection	Approved.
15/00079/HOUSE & 15/00080/LBC2	<b><u>Cherry Orchard Cottage, Hatch Lane.</u></b> Single and two storey extensions, re-positioning entrance gates and new boundary fence.	Object	Refused.
15/00152/HOUSE	<b><u>79 Roundfield.</u></b> Demolish existing garage, brick store at rear and build 2 storey side and single storey rear extension.	No Objection	Approved.
14/03257/FULD	<b><u>Bucklebury Farm Park.</u></b> Siting of a log cabin to provide on-site staff accommodation at Bucklebury Farm Park.	Object	Withdrawn.
15/00642/FULD	<b><u>Marywell, Chapel Row.</u></b> Demolition of existing house and construction of a replacement dwelling and associated works.	No Objection	Pending Decision
15/00649/FUL	<b><u>The Dell, Windmill Lane.</u></b> Demolition of existing detached house and garage and erection of new detached dwelling with separate double garage incorporating bat roost. Relocation of existing drive access.	No Objection	Pending Decision
15/00546/HOUSE	<b><u>Carbins Wood, Chapel Row.</u></b> Part rebuild/refurbishment due to fire damage. Rebuild to include new side extension (to replace existing) and new first floor extension. New complete roof structure to replace existing.	No Objection	Pending Decision

15/00646/FUL	<b><u>Greenwood, Hatch Lane.</u></b> S73: Variation of condition 2: Approved plans, of planning permission 13/02860/FUL: Proposed replacement dwelling with detached garage – revised proposals.	Object	Pending Decision
15/00597/HOUSE	<b><u>Oak Acre House, The Avenue.</u></b> Proposed garden and pool room.	Object	Pending Decision
15/00313/HOUSE	<b><u>The Paddock, Midgham Green.</u></b> Single storey rear, side and front extensions and construction of detached double garage following demolition of existing garage.	Object	Refused
15/00670/HOUSE	<b><u>47 Roundfield.</u></b> Single storey rear extension.	No Objection	Pending Decision
15/00620/FUL	<b><u>Bucklebury Farm Park.</u></b> Section 73A - Variation of condition (1). The Leisure use for public access hereby authorized is to be limited to the months of March to October inclusive of planning permission 149980. To remove restriction on months of operation.	No Objection	Pending Decision
15/00724/CERTE	<b><u>Windy Ridge, Burdens Heath.</u></b> Parcel of land used as domestic for more than 10 years.	No Comments	Pending Decision
15/00748/HOUSE	<b><u>Woodside, Long Grove.</u></b> Two storey front extension, two storey rear extension and rear single storey orangery extension and replacement/relocation of oil tank.	No Objection	Pending Decision
15/00296/OUTMATJ	<b><u>Land at Siege Cross Farm, Bath Road (Adjacent Parish).</u></b> Outline application for the phased development of up to 495 dwellings; up to 250sqm of Use Class D1 floor space; a new primary school of up to 2 forms of entry; vehicular, pedestrian and cycle accesses; public open space; children's play areas; landscaping; structural planting; new woodland planting; sustainable urban drainage measures including water detention basins; associated ground modelling; and all associated works. Means of vehicular access into the site proposed in full. Matters to be considered: Access – Into the Site.	Object	Pending Decision
15/00534/HOUSE & 15/00535/LBC2	<b><u>1 Nuttage Gate Cottages.</u></b> To construct single storey rear extension to provide additional habitable space, to be part cut into and follow the lie of the land and to carry out minor works to the cottage including replacing windows with new double glazed casements and internal alterations.	Pending Decision	Pending Decision
15/00982/HOUSE	<b><u>Rumbles Cottage, Byles Green.</u></b> New Garage	Pending Decision	Pending Decision
15/00859/HOUSE	<b><u>Amber, Bucklebury.</u></b> Alterations to existing house to include rear and side extensions. Conversion of garage roof space, changes to windows, part re-cladding of external walls.	Pending Decision	Pending Decision

## Village Agents

### Village Agents, the people to ask, when you don't know who to ask

Many of us can be living totally independently. Then, almost overnight, we need a little help, but do not know what help is available. Volunteer Village Agents are able to put residents in touch with the organisations, agencies and services that already exist and which can help people to enjoy their homes and communities in which they live, for longer.

West Berkshire Volunteer Village Agents are already helping in the parishes highlighted in green.



**The Village Agent for Bucklebury is Carolyn**, who can be contacted directly on 07547206030 or through out coordinator Gill on 01635 49004 or 07775366812.

## West Berks District Councillors

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

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## WBC Councillors' Report

Now the dust has settled on all the campaigning for the elections we hope we are back to represent you all for another four years. We will also know who is running the country even if we are not totally sure of how funding of our Council is going to be affected in the long term.

One thing we have learnt is that funding is going to remain difficult so we will continue to look for innovative ways of making tax-payers' money go further without impacting on front-line services. As an example we have been able to secure a government grant of £5.07 million to replace all our street lights (excluding Bucklebury of course!) with energy efficient LED lights. This project was started in 2010 and about 15% of our 12,600 lights have already been replaced and, when completed, will eventually save nearly £300,000 on running and maintenance costs each year.

We have been successful in gaining funding for several local projects in the last year from the Vibrant Village fund, Parish Plan grants and Member's bids. Locally we have helped fund repairs to the Victory Hall carpark and Bucklebury Pre-school IT equipment. If you represent an organisation which might benefit from similar projects please let us know so we can advise on how to apply for funding.

Now that spring is firmly with us we are looking back at how our winter roads maintenance plan worked! Even though those dark and cold days are a distant memory, the review we have undertaken showed that all gritting went as planned and our budget for this was underspent by a considerable margin which has helped us balance the books! I think we can safely say that our policy of patching potholes properly is paying off as we seem to have had fewer problems this year with them appearing. Although we continue to prioritise road maintenance we still need problems to be reported so that repairs can be made, so please report any problems to the Council by phone or the website or by telling us.

As always we are here to help if you have any issues relevant to West Berkshire.

Graham Pask and Quentin Webb

## 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](mailto: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.

## Family

### Bucklebury Toddler Group

Last year finished on a high note, with the Bucklebury Toddler Group's annual Christmas Party. Lucy from Mad Academy joined us to provide some festive entertainment and there was plenty of singing and dancing, as well as some Christmas crafts, and a delicious party lunch provided by the parents and carers.

We are now enjoying some warmer weather and therefore plenty of Spring-themed craft activities and indoor messy play. Last term ended with a beautiful sunny morning and an outdoor Easter egg hunt, which resulted in many delighted (chocolate-covered) faces!

It is fantastic to see some more new faces again this term. We are very lucky to have so many dedicated parents, grandparents and carers to help out and ensure that our toddler group continues to flourish. We would like to say a big thank you to all those people who have had Spring 'clear-outs' and very kindly donated their old toys to us. The children always enjoy something different to play with - your generosity is much appreciated!

Bucklebury Toddlers is 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. 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, 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](mailto:rosemcf@hotmail.com).

## Bucklebury Pre-School



Based at Bucklebury Memorial Hall, set within a countryside, woodland setting, we are open Monday to Thursday, for children 2 1/2 years and over from the Thatcham area and surrounding villages.

We offer:

- award winning Pre-school
- fun and friendly atmosphere
- experienced and committed staff
- enhanced learning experience
- safe, secure and stimulating environment
- semi-rural location with lovely outdoor area
- casual sessions for existing attendees

To enquire about a place and sessions available for your child please contact our Pre-school Administrator at [admin@buckleburypreschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@buckleburypreschool.co.uk) / [07786 770 860](tel:07786770860) or visit our website at [www.buckleburypreschool.co.uk](http://www.buckleburypreschool.co.uk).

To find out more and view some of the recent fun activities, including role play and Easter preparations the children have enjoyed, then why not visit the Bucklebury Pre-school Facebook page.

## West Berkshire Ballet School

By the time you read your copy of The Oaks, we shall have less than a month before our production of The Sleeping Beauty hits the stage at Arlington Arts on 30th & 31st May.

As you will imagine, our cast of 72 dancers has been working very hard and we are now reaching the 'fine tuning' stage. Excitement is mounting, especially on the days when costume fitting has been taking place. We have had several sessions of experimenting with various hairstyles and the students have been very inventive and full of helpful suggestions. It is lovely that they are able to play a large part in making this production their very own.

When we start back on 20th April, we shall work on compiling our souvenir programme, which will be packed with cast photographs – always a source of fun and laughter!

Besides work and planning for the ballet production, Claire has already been working on her Summer School for 6-18 year olds. So as not to disappoint prospective students, as sadly happened last year, she has decided to offer 2 weeks this time – 18th-21st & 24th-27th August. The children will prepare a lightning version of 'Annie', which they will present to an audience on the final day. Our Summer Schools have become very popular so do email Claire if you

would like to reserve a place – [clbowden@btinternet.com](mailto:clbowden@btinternet.com).

Billy enjoyed a wonderful week with Newbury Musical Theatre Society, at the Corn Exchange, playing the Artful Dodger in Oliver! Claire and Jane were two very proud audience members. It was lovely to see our own Lucie on stage again too, giving a polished professional performance.

We have just learnt that Chloe has once again been offered a place with the National Youth Ballet Company. The Company will be performing at the beautiful Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks in August, followed by a gala night at one of the bigger London theatres – we shall be first in the queue for tickets, I'm sure.

WBBS is delighted to welcome back Jenny Bennett to our teaching team. After her vocational training in dance at Tring School for the Performing Arts, Jenny will commence her teacher training with us in May.

Fingers crossed for some lovely Bucklebury summer weather - we look forward to seeing you at Arlington to support your local ballet stars!

**Jane Scholl, Claire Bowden, Holly Unnuk, Lucie Dale, Jenny Bennett & Gemma Cole**  
**wbbs.org and facebook**



West Berkshire Ballet School

## Organisations

### Bucklebury and Marlston Horticultural Society

So far so good, the weather remains remarkably clement, a word rarely on the lips of gardeners. The magnolia blossom has been spectacular, and in the hedgerows the wild primroses and wood anemones are prolific. I am unsure if it is just my imagination, but the displays of wild flowers seem to increase year on year. I wish that were so for our Show entries. So far it has been a wonderful spring display in the garden, but that abundance did not transport to the Memorial Hall at our Spring Show. The quality of entries was excellent, but the quantity continues to disappoint. Our sincere thanks are due to our Show Secretary, who despite spending the weekend in hospital after a nasty accident involving a pane of glass, managed to locate a replacement judge and supplied the requirements necessary for the show to go on. This incident does highlight the dedication of our very small committee, who always rally around in an emergency, but we cannot keep the club going with so little in reserve. About 40 years ago we had an injection of youthful volunteers who gave new energy and direction; we desperately need another dose as the maths is steadily working against us.

The highlight of our winter talks was without doubt the presentation by Michael Keith-Lewis, in which he opened up a completely new outlook on the world of plants, and why criminals should avoid going down to the woods! Our second winter evening talk saw the return of local botanist Chris Chadwell providing an interesting insight into the fascinating world of the plant collector.

May is a busy month for us. We are running a plant stall at the Bucklebury Bazaar on the last Saturday of the month. I would like members to supply as many plants and unwanted gardening paraphernalia as possible. Drop bits off at my house or bring them down to the Victory Room at around 10am. Before that there is an open evening at Cottismore Garden Centre, just north of Kingsclere, on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May (**NOT 14<sup>th</sup> as printed in the schedule**), starting at 7pm. There will be a guided tour plus a chance to buy some bedding plants at very competitive prices. Then on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May we have our annual **free car trip** to the RHS gardens at Wisley (departing All Saint's Church, Upper Bucklebury at 9.30am.). This is a wonderful opportunity to explore the best garden in the world at your leisure, and bring a couple of friends too. Do not go directly to Wisley, assemble behind the church for a final briefing.

We have our annual coach outing on 20<sup>th</sup> June, visiting West Dean Gardens in Sussex. Please note that we are leaving Bucklebury 30 minutes earlier in order to give us more garden time. Parking is available behind All Saint's Church, Upper

Bucklebury; coach departure from Peaches is at 9.00am., collecting from the Blade Bone a few minutes later.

Our Summer Show will be on 11<sup>th</sup> July, so get out in the garden and get planting, pricking out and feeding.

The Memorial Hall has been booked for our autumn social, which will be Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November. There will be a supper, followed by a talk provided by Helen Yenn, an internationally famous horticulturalist. More details and tickets will be available at our Shows. All our activities and Show information are included in our bright green schedule; please note that from 2015 all our show classes are OPEN TO ALL! New members are always welcomed by John Wright (01635 863429).

Happy gardening.

**Derek Matthews (0118 9712587)**

### Tuesday Ladies' Club (TLC)



Continuing on the food theme for the meetings earlier in the year, in March a packed audience welcomed Annie Asshton, a quarter finalist on 2011 MasterChef. Annie talked passionately and with great affection about her time on the programme which changed her life; we could have listened to her experiences a lot longer than our allotted time.

Our last meeting was a fascinating insight into the life and times of Shaw House and Gardens, given by Paul James who is the Cultural Manager at West Berkshire Council responsible for both Shaw House and Newbury Museum. Paul is trying to increase the profile of our heritage and is encouraging visitors to enjoy these beautiful old buildings and to volunteer to help if possible.

Our May meeting will be by a wildlife photographer and June is a trip to Chieveley Manor Garden. Numbers for this trip are restricted to just 20 people so please contact a committee member as soon as possible if you would like to join us. The cost of this trip is £4 payable during our May meeting to confirm your place. We will be meeting for this trip at 6.30 at the Memorial Hall and it will involve a pool sharing of cars.

July is our final meeting before the summer recess and Helen Relf has kindly offered to take us on a local walk, we will finish with a drink at the Cottage Inn to complete the evening.

The talks for 2015/16 are starting to take shape: included are highlights such as Oz Graves and her ever popular Turkish cooking, Sugarcraft on a Christmas theme, Laser treatment, BBOWT, Ufton Court and, of course, our ever popular

Christmas party.

We would love to meet and welcome new members on the second Tuesday of each month, 7.45 at the Oak Room Upper Bucklebury, £2 per meeting which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

If you have any ideas for speakers or subjects please let one of us know, looking forward to seeing you.

**Wynne Frankum** co-chair

**Jackie Sadler** co-chair and treasurer

**Hilary Pask, Karin Warne & Susan Puri**

## Bucklebury History Society

**HELP required!** I wonder if anyone has a copy of the Parish Magazine from cir 1973 (I think) in which Cecilia Millson was writing her History of Bucklebury articles. I have numbers 1-11 and 13 but am missing number 12. I am unable to tell the date as all I have are the loose sheets containing the articles. Thank you in advance!

Who remembers the allotments in Byles Green? Or maybe you



Allotment Marker

worked on one? If so could you please let me know and perhaps show me exactly where yours was situated? The marker (as shown) was found on the common some time ago and passed on to the History Group. Maybe it was yours?

Helen Relf

[helenrelf@relfsociety.org](mailto:helenrelf@relfsociety.org)

01635 867619

## The Chapel Row Community Service Group

This is a group of volunteers set up to help the elderly, the lonely and those in need, by such means as:-

- Transport for those unable to use public transport to and from the dentist, chiropodist and optician etc., hospital visiting and essential shopping.
- Befriending the lonely, bereaved, housebound, handicapped and the mentally ill.

Please contact us if you wish to help with any of these projects or if you know of anyone in need of our services.

Mrs Georgina Cardy 0118 9713334 Between 9.30 & 11.30 a.m. Mon Wed. Fri.

You are welcome to attend our AGM at Douai Abbey on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 8p.m. Dr David Edward Moss will be our speaker "Ebola in Sierra Leone".

**Erica Tipton** Secretary

**Chapel Row Community Service Group**

## Bucklebury Boot Bazaar

Bucklebury Boot Bazaar

30.05.2015 2 – 5pm

The Old Vicarage Field

Bucklebury Village RG7 6PL

Sellers £15; Buyers £2 entrance fee (under 16s free)

The bunting will be up for the upcoming Bucklebury Boot Bazaar on May 30<sup>th</sup> set in an idyllic location nestling between the River Pang and the historic C11<sup>th</sup> St Mary the Virgin Church.

A car boot sale with a country chic vibe, it is being held to raise funds for the Bucklebury Parish Churches. There will also be delicious teas and cakes, as well as plant and bric-a-brac stalls and Messy Church for the children, with more shopping treats at a gift and food fair in the nearby Victory Room.

During the afternoon visitors will be able to enjoy two guided tours of the ancient church at 2.30pm and 4pm or listen to an informal organ recital while admiring the floral arrangements.

Individual sellers are welcome and clubs and societies can boost their own funds or raise awareness by taking a pitch.

Book a boot now (pitches must be reserved in advance) by email: [buckleburybootbazaar@outlook.com](mailto:buckleburybootbazaar@outlook.com)

## Bucklebury Community Events

### French Evening, Woody's Bucklebury Farm Park

Striped tops, berets & the odd string of onions were in abundance at the recently held French Themed Evening organised by Bucklebury Community Events at "Woody's" Bucklebury Farm Park.

The evening started with a welcome glass of wine followed by a delicious 4 course meal, consisting of pate, coq au vin, cheese and finally tarte tatin with coffee and mints. Each course had a specially selected wine to accompany from the Wine Man Yattendon.

Yet again there was a full house, each table fiercely contesting the French themed quiz.

Many thanks to those who supported this event, in particular to the Woody's catering team who produced the superb menu.

Thanks also to Rupert & Elisabeth Hartley-Russell for allowing the use of their lovely venue, and to the Events committee for organising the evening.

### Bucklebury Events commissions new Emma Bridgewater mug for royal baby Princess Charlotte

Following along from the unique Emma Bridgewater Royal Wedding and Prince George commemorative mugs created for Bucklebury, a half-pint mug will be designed for the newest royal baby! The Events team received an enthusiastic response to a local enquiry emailed in March, asking if anyone would be interested in a similar-themed mug to complete the family set. A total of 260 mugs were provisionally requested, so with a limited production run of only 500, the Bucklebury mug is bound to become a collector's item. Now that the baby has arrived we await confirmation of the mug design from Emma Bridgewater, then order details will be publicised. To reserve a mug in the meantime, please contact the Bucklebury Events team at: [buckleburyevents@gmail.com](mailto:buckleburyevents@gmail.com) or Anne Ryder on 01635 873911.



## Bucklebury Walkers

We have been walking the paths of Bucklebury and surrounding parishes since January 2006 – we are a mixed group of all abilities and our aim is to have a social walk each month. We walk for about 1 ½ hours and then enjoy a cup of coffee (or maybe a pint) afterwards, so the walk is both healthy and social! We meet at various places around the parish at 10.00 am on the first Thursday of each month and enjoy a Christmas dinner each year.

Please contact me for more details or just turn up at any of the walks – the diary is in The Oaks.

Helen Relf, 01635 867619. [helenrelf@relfsociety.org](mailto:helenrelf@relfsociety.org)

## Mah-jong

We meet on the first and third Mondays of each month (not Bank Holidays) for a couple of hours of fun and relaxation. We are a mixed group and welcome beginners. At the moment we don't score at the end of each game but do have a member who is proficient in this should you wish to do so.

We play using the rules written by Max Robertson, whose book "The Game of Mah-Jong" has been accepted as the foremost authoritative guide to the rules and scoring of this fascinating game. It is a Penguin book, ISBN 978-0-14-300659-6, and would be available through bookshops or on line. The U3A in Thatcham also follow these rules so it is easier for anyone their group. I also have photocopied sheets showing the basic hands from this book available to members.

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## Chapel Row Fayre

We are sorry to announce that there will be no Chapel Row Fayre this year which is normally held on August Bank Holiday Saturday.

We are very disappointed at letting down the many wonderful Charities and friends who have given up so much of their time to make each year very special.

Last year we put on the most fantastic Fayre with over 2,000 visitors who attended and enjoyed the wonderful day.

Now we find with only three of us at the helm we need to regroup, recharge our batteries and come back next year 2016 for our 20th Anniversary with a bigger and more successful Fayre. We desperately need support for our Committee and the running of the various events. Please bear us in mind if you feel you can help in anyway. We cannot succeed without your help. Please contact Lynette Maja on [spotlightlynette@aol.com](mailto:spotlightlynette@aol.com) if you have any ideas or offers of support.

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**• Special points of interest:**

- Many of you will have met Dr Zaklama who has now moved on to another area. She will be replaced by Dr Clare Barnett from 1st June 2015. The interim period will be filled by a Locum.
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*Choosing the most appropriate place to go for help with a medical problem can be confusing - Hospital? GP Surgery? Local Chemist? As a guide, here are some suggestions which we hope will be helpful.*

**1. Chemist** - Pharmacists today are very well qualified to give advice on what medication to take for certain problems, how many tablets to take and when to take them. Also if it is appropriate to take them with any existing medication. If they are unable to help they will refer you to your GP.

**2. GP Surgery** - Any general queries relating to a medical problem can be researched on the surgery website :-

[www.crsurgery.co.uk](http://www.crsurgery.co.uk) - 'Who do I see?' at the bottom of the home

page. You can also ask the Receptionist who would be the best person to see and of course you can see a nurse or a GP about a medical problem.

**3. Hospital** - if your problem cannot wait a day or two the Minor Injuries Unit at West Berks Community Hospital, Thatcham, will deal with small injuries - cuts, lacerations, insect stings etc. For more serious injuries/problems our nearest Accident and Emergency Hospitals are Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading, North Hampshire Hospital

in Basingstoke or John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

**4. Hearing problems**

- The Chapel Row Surgery Doctors are all trained in hearing related conditions and will refer patients to a hospital service should the doctor feel this is the most appropriate solution to the patient's problem. If you are in any doubt, please ask your GP how you can be referred to the Hospital Hearing services.



**5. Practice Pharmacy**

- we are indeed fortunate to have our own on-site pharmacy which in recent times has been placed under considerable pressure., for example 250 repeat prescriptions are prepared every day in addition to the daily prescriptions. Although every en-

deavor is made to meet these demands there may be the odd 'hiccough' now and again so please bear with us.

**6. Surgery Website**

- Many of you will have used this already but if not you will find a mind of useful information and tips that is updated regularly. It is also possi-

ble to make appointments online as a number are made available by this method each morning. Give it a try!

## Halls

### Victory Room Project

As you may know we have been looking at options over the last two years to improve the Victory Room as we are committed to maintaining the Victory Room as a facility for use by all of the Parish. Our



considered opinion, informed by surveyor's reports, is that we need to take a long-term view and that we therefore propose a replacement building which will afford adequate storage, suitable toilets, disabled access (and W.C), improved kitchen facilities and contemporary cladding which will be more energy efficient, e.g. improved noise abatement and heat insulation.

We have worked with a specialist builder called Pinelog to develop a plan that will address all these needs whilst also throughout being acutely sensitive to the needs of the local community and its impact on the nearby conservation area. We have listened intently to people's concerns which reside predominantly around size and fit, and we are therefore close to being able to distribute a revised design initiated by a local architect which is :-

- barn-style building using traditional vernacular materials, e.g. clay tiles and timber board cladding
- a building with a smaller footprint than the original proposal.

We will aim throughout to be sensitive to all your concerns to ensure that the final specification will be something that we are all rightly proud of. To that end, we invite any parishioners to join us at 'surgeries' to discuss the Re-development project in the Victory Room on the following dates :-

June 4th ; August 6th and October 8th (at 7-8pm in each case, and please note that these dates have slipped back 1 month from our original communication due to delays in the design phase).

We look forward to welcoming you then.

**John Clarke**  
**Chair of the Trustees of The Victory Room**  
0118 9712768  
[john.clarke@live.co.uk](mailto:john.clarke@live.co.uk)

## Sports

### Bucklebury Badminton Club

By the time of print our matches will be over and we will be running our summer club. Visitors of all levels are very welcome – it doesn't matter if you don't want to join, just come along and play for the evening. We like to think of ourselves as friendly and welcoming! The cost is £5 per night, but if you decide to join this is deducted from the subscription.

We have had a successful season which we hope is going to end with promotion for the mixed A team. Both men's teams have done well with the men's B currently at number two in their division but with more matches yet to be played. The ladies' team are enjoying their matches although that overall win still eludes them! If you are a lady player of match standard then come and join us to help us next season.



Alan Arnold (left) and Matthew Holtom with their trophies

The club is very proud of our two members Alan Arnold and Matthew Holtom who fought off stiff competition to win the Newbury and District level doubles tournament in January.

For more information check our website or Facebook. If you prefer you can phone for a chat before you come along.

VENUE: Elstree School, Woolhampton, RG7 5TD

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

COST: £5 for visitors (deducted from subscription which is £105 per annum **pro rata**. £50 for students)

CONTACT: Margaret Neville 01635 873811

<http://buckleburybadminton.intheteam.com>

## Bucklebury Tennis Club

### We are still celebrating!

The **FLOODLIGHTS** have proved very successful and it is great to see how many enthusiasts are making use of the added court time in our training drills, Mix-ins and private bookings.

### The New Season

We held the Club AGM in March and the following points were discussed:

- a) The Committee has been voted in; most of the old faces seem to continue to volunteer! Pam Norman is stepping down from the Junior Tennis administration role at the end of the season but she hasn't stopped yet and is organising another batch of youngsters and teenagers to take up the challenges set by our coach, Damian Lane. (See below).
- b) Members agreed to a small rise in our subscription rates, but we still can claim the **LOWEST MEMBERSHIP FEES IN BERKSHIRE**.
- c) It was agreed that the court surfaces were in need of treatment so we now have commissioned contractors to bond and repaint the courts. Phase One is complete, and by the time we go to print there is every likelihood that both courts will be looking their best; AND of course, will be playing their best. A good reason for you to get out on the courts and start playing again!
- d) The Club has already entered several teams in the Newbury & District League, six in all, (3 x Men's, 2 x Ladies and 1 x Mixed). Plus 2 x vets teams in the Greenacre Vets competition) and 1 team in the "Over 45" Berkshire league.

Plenty of scope for new faces to join up for slightly more competitive challenges. Interested players please contact anyone on the Committee.

### Social Events

On our Social calendar, we have a date set for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 6 p.m. for a BBQ and an informal tennis tournament. Some of you may remember that our original "Floodlights - Opening Evening" was a non-tennis event due to no electricity to the courts! NOW we know we have power and everything works there is a better chance to enjoy both a BBQ and tennis.

The evening activities of both BBQ and tennis are open to non-members, who are most welcome to participate or to watch. A small charge will be made to cover the "Bangers, Burgers & Baps"

For later in the year, we will have our Skittles challenge and Quiz, which will be open to all.

### Junior coaching

The new season for our **Junior coaching (Under 11's)** started on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April and continues up to and including Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 3.45 p.m. and the **Teens Coaching** started on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and will continue until Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July from 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. There are still places available so we would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested in either of these programmes. **Contact Pam Norman [pamnorman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pamnorman@hotmail.co.uk)**

### 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](mailto:m-a-james@tiscali.co.uk) or go to our website: [www.buckleburytennisclub.com](http://www.buckleburytennisclub.com)

## Country Life

### History of Bucklebury (Cecilia Millson)

*After the war, when she and her husband came to live in Bucklebury, Mrs. Cecilia Millson produced some historical scenes for the Women's Institute. In her research she had to delve into the history of Bucklebury and in doing so she became interested personally. Mrs. Millson kindly agreed to write a series of articles on Bucklebury for the magazine, and these were first printed cir 1973.*

#### *Part I*

At a time when history has been made by the planting of young oak trees in its famous Avenue to commemorate the visit to Bucklebury of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, it seems appropriate to think of the history of this parish, and some of

the people who have worshipped in the Church, walked by the river, and enjoyed the beauties of the Common, throughout the centuries.

Did an Anglo-Saxon woman, by the name of Burghild, own the Manor and give it her name? Some historians think it possible, but proof is lacking. The name has passed through various spellings, Borgedeberie, Burkilleberi and Burglebury being but three of them.

The earliest reference to Bucklebury in any document is found in a charter of 956 A.D. when the Anglo-Saxon King Eadwig granted wood from Hawkridge to Abingdon Abbey, for the rebuilding of Abingdon Church. The Domesday Book records that in 1086 Bucklebury was in possession of the Crown. It had a population of thirty-four and a Church, which was endowed with half a hide, worth fifteen shillings. Traces of the 11<sup>th</sup> century Church, which consisted of a nave only, can be found in the present nave.

Early in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, Henry I granted the Manor to Reading Abbey, but the Church was in the possession of Wallingford Priory, which, in turn, was a cell of St. Alban's Abbey. As the Church of Shephale in Hertfordshire belonged to Reading Abbey, an exchange of the two churches was arranged, and sometime between 1151 and 1154 Hugh, Prior of Reading, accompanied by two of his brethren, journeyed to St. Alban's bearing the deed of exchange. This was signed by Robert, Abbot of St. Alban's and later by Edward, Abbot of Reading, in the presence of all his Convent. The Prior of Wallingford was compensated for the loss of Bucklebury Church by an annual payment of two marks, but this payment ceased in 1291.

The Abbot of Reading had a Manor house built in Bucklebury. The fishponds, made to ensure a supply of fresh fish for his table, remain today, three in the grounds of Bucklebury House and two on the Common. A dovecot housed the birds to supplement the sparse winter meat supply, and the Mill by the Pang ground the corn. The old water wheel has stood the test of time and a photograph of it featured on one of the peaceful 'Interlude' scenes on television.

*(From Around the Valley of the Pang by Dick Greenaway we also learn about Pillow Mounds which were built by Reading Abbey, probably in the 13<sup>th</sup> century after the fish ponds were dug in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The rabbits were caught using ferrets and nets. The netting seems to have been one of the duties of the ladies. Rabbits were very valuable animals as the fur was used to line winter clothing and the flesh was considered a delicacy. Warreners' houses were often strongly built to resist attack by gangs wanting to steal pelts.)*

## Bucklebury Artisan Food Market

First Saturday of the month 10.00am-12noon

The Artisan food market has been going for a whole year. How time has flown. We have now celebrated our first birthday. We started last April and have continued, rain or sunshine, to offer

great food and drink. It has been commented that rain on a Saturday often means it is our week for the market; but the weather has not deterred us. The market has been possible thanks to Kiren at the Bladebone, who offered us a home and gave us indoor and outdoor space. We have now a faithful following and many ask if we could open more than once a month. Despite the request we have settled on a quality market once a month (always the first Saturday) and will continue to do so, aiming for a second year of success.

Thanks go to our stallholders who include: Lucie from Birch Bread, people travel afar for you; Jo, with now famous sausage rolls and quiches, selling as The Merry Kitchen; Kate and her amazing veggie cakes from Blackberry Cottage; Fiona from The Vintage Rose Cup Cakes; Kate from Bucklebury Bake biscuits alongside Gaynor with her oils and Chutneys and Jams.

Peter and Avril have brought rhubarb, garlic and other vegs plus wonderful cut flowers in the summer months, Susanna with her Chili plants and products, now joined by another grower: James and Hattie bringing their organic vegs from Whitchurch.

The drinks are well provided with Phil from Two Cocks, Rick from Wyatt cider and Apple juice from St Crispins Farm and at Christmas tipples of sloe gins and other spirits from the Wessex Plum company. Stone house lamb has joined us along the way with Brenda's wonderful coffee, Fiona's fantastic scones, Susanna's sauces and School House honey. Anyone who is a local producer or grower is welcome to join us. On occasions Matthew from Matthews Kitchen has tempted us with nibbles and foraged mushrooms. Greys Cheese have ensured that no one goes home empty handed with such a great range of cheese and Lizzy's delicious treats. Thank you to them all.

We celebrated both Christmas and Easter, inviting others and letting temptation increase with hand make jewellery, pictures, fairies, scarves and beautiful table decorations, thanks to so many others. At Easter, we loved the temptation of Marnie's green oak swings, Stripey basket's woven dragonflies and hand made baskets and china from Milldown pottery. You can never be sure who will join us.

We now have our own hessian market bag- with a fantastic logo designed by Candida Kennedy and sold at L interiors, thank you to Linda. Buy one and invite your friends to come.

So thank you to all who sell and all that come to buy- make our second year an even bigger event. Dates in the diary please ...

Next market is May 2<sup>nd</sup> and first Saturday of every month

If you like to keep in touch tweet @BuckleburyAFM and watch out for our new Facebook page.

Contact [janebywater@workwild.co.uk](mailto:janebywater@workwild.co.uk) for more information.

*Editor: With the closure of the Bladebone, a new venue is being sought within the parish; please watch facebook and twitter for more information.*

## Walk: Board Walk - Osgood's Gully

Begin this walk at the Memorial Hall in Upper Bucklebury and take the lane opposite. At the end turn right, cross the road and walk past the cemetery (*there are some very interesting iron crosses here, made at the Bucklebury Foundry, do take time to pop in and have a look*).

Take the next lane on your left, past Green's Old Farm and then the next footpath sign on the right to the fields. (*Look out for views of the pond on your right*). Cross the fields, via the boardwalk (*this is Osgood's Gully*), and up the hill to the wooded path, turn left and go down the hill towards Sadgrove Farm. After passing the first house on your right, take the footpath on the right, walk along the edge of the field and cross the ditch (on your right) at the far end of the field. Follow the footpath sign over the field and into the wood on your right or continue up the field to the next footpath sign on the left. At the end of either of these short paths, turn right and go up the hill, past Bucklebury Farm Park on the left. At the top of the hill take time to look out over the Park for good views. Continue along the main path until the road and then turn right, past Angel's Corner (Scout Camp) and take the quiet road back towards the cemetery and thence back to the village.

## West Berkshire Countryside Society

The events below give you the opportunity to come out on practical tasks, learn new skills, meet new people and, above all, enjoy yourself. The tasks usually begin around 10am and finish by 3pm 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](http://www.westberkscountryside.org.uk)

**Thursday 14th May 7.00p.m. for 7.30pm Society AGM in the Oak Room, Memorial Hall, Upper Bucklebury. RG7 6QH**

The business will be followed by a talk entitled 'Barn Owls' given by Mr Colin Shawyer who is a nationally respected authority on these wonderful birds. Entry to the talk is free to non-members of the Society provided there is sufficient room. Members will be given priority.

**Sunday 24th May time to be arranged Bradfield Village, Church and College.**

An afternoon stroll around Bradfield. Join Dorcas Ward and Gordon Patterson to explore this ancient settlement. Park in the College Car Park. SU604 724 or, if full, in the well sign-posted Sports Complex.

Tuesday 30th June 10.00 a.m. Kings Copse, Bradfield Southend. SU 579 706

Himalayan Balsam pulling and bracken bashing. Park outside the cottage and not the house.

## 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.**

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# Parish Diary Dates

## May

11th	Bucklebury Parish Council - AGM	7.45pm	Bucklebury Memorial Hall - Committee Room.
12th	Tuesday Ladies Club (TLC)	7.45pm	Bucklebury Memorial Hall - A wildlife photographer.
14th	West Berkshire Countryside Society	7.00pm for 7.30pm	AGM at the Oak Room, Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
15th	Annual Parish Assembly	8.00pm	Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
16th	Bucklebury & Marlston Hort. Society	9.30am	Car trip to RHS Wisley, meet at All Saint's Church.
18th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
19th	Chapel Row Community Service Group	8.00pm	AGM at Douai Abbey.
26th	Planning Committee	8.00pm	The Victory Room.
30th	Bucklebury Boot Bazaar	2.00pm - 5.00pm	The Old Vicarage Field.

## June

1st	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
4th	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am	Meet at the Cottage Inn, Upper Bucklebury.
4th	Victory Room Project	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Surgery to discuss the Redevelopment project.
6th	Artisan Food Market	10.00am - 12noon	To be confirmed.
8th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	Bucklebury Memorial Hall - Committee Room.
9th	Tuesday Ladies Club (TLC)	6.30pm	Trip to Chieveley Manor Garden.
15th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
20th	Bucklebury & Marlston Hort. Society	9.00am	Coach to West Dean Gardens, leaving All Saint's Church.
22nd	Planning Committee	8.00pm	The Victory Room.

## July

2nd	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am	Meet between Stump Cottage & Slade Cottage , The Slade.
4th	Artisan Food Market	10.00am - 12noon	To be confirmed.
6th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
11th	Bucklebury & Marlston Hort. Society	2.00pm	Summer Show, Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
13th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	Bucklebury Memorial Hall - Committee Room.
14th	Tuesday Ladies Club (TLC)	7.00pm	Local walk finishing at the Cottage Inn.
20th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
27th	Planning Committee	8.00pm	The Victory Room.

## August

1st	Artisan Food Market	10.00am - 12noon	To be confirmed.
3rd	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
6th	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am	Meet at the Cottage Inn, Upper Bucklebury.
6th	Victory Room Project	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Surgery to discuss the Redevelopment project.
10th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	Bucklebury Memorial Hall - Committee Room.
17th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
24th	Planning Committee	8.00pm	The Victory Room.

## September

3rd	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00	Meet at The Bladebone, Chapel Row.
5th	Artisan Food Market	10.00am - 12noon	To be confirmed.
7th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
14th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	Bucklebury Memorial Hall - Committee Room.
21st	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
28th	Planning Committee	8.00pm	The Victory Room.

## October

1st	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am	Meet at Bucklebury Farm Park.
3rd	Artisan Food Market	10.00am - 12noon	To be confirmed.
8th	Victory Room Project	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Surgery to discuss the Redevelopment project.