

The Oaks



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Bucklebury Parish Chairman's Letter

The apple trees are laden, blackberries picked, the children are back at school and once more life gathers pace. Bucklebury Parish Council (BPC) continues to be concerned with the ongoing issues of traffic, water and the transfer of the Meadows.

Several parishioners have approached us raising concerns over traffic on the blind bend before the Cottage Inn and traffic **approaching St. Mary's Church particularly** from the east. We are fortunate in having Alan Dunkerton on the parish council, who also records traffic flows for WBC, so we have the data. We will approach WBC and ask if site meetings can be arranged to see what, if anything, can be done.

Problems with water continue in parts of the parish and both Graham Pask and BPC have raised them through the summer with Thames Water. So far we have nothing to report, but we will continue both to monitor the situation and to keep Thames Water informed of the problems. Please remember to report any problems to the Clerk with dates and times.

It is not only the "Wheels of God" that grind slowly. The legal problems with the transfer of the Meadows trundle on. Maybe by next April...!

The West Berkshire Countryside Society under the guidance of Richard Hubbard will spend a day on 1st December working on the meadows, planting hedges and clearing scrub, starting at 10.00am. Please join them if you can.

The post office in Pangbourne changed hands a year ago. As you know, they run the post office at All Saints Church on Monday morning and Friday afternoon. Please support it as often as you can. We are very grateful to the church for their generous support of this valuable service.

There have not been many reports of 4x4s and motorbikes causing a nuisance on the Common this summer. No doubt they prefer driving through challenging mud which then destroys the byways. Repairing them is, of course, a very costly business. Please report and if possible photograph any vehicles behaving illegally.

We are currently looking at buildings **which could be granted "Community Asset" status.** The first one we have applied for is the Blade Bone pub. We will keep you updated.

Defibrillators can save the lives of people having a heart attack. We now have a small group of people who are organising 2 defibrillators to be placed in the parish, **one outside Peach's Stores and one at the Victory Room.**

BPC would like to thank Dorothy Dugdale for instigating these installations and for arranging training and Hash Shingadia for allowing one to be installed outside his premises - and coming to a training session. If you would like to be trained in the use of defibrillators please contact the clerk. We would like to thank the local Heartstart and Nick Young for their help and advice.

Remember BPC has Welcome Packs for

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Wynne Frankum

Parish Council Clerk
Helen Pratt

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anybody moving into the parish. Please contact the Clerk if you have a new neighbour.

As we all know it has been a good growing year and many of us are busy dealing with the result. Please remember to check any hedges and trees in your gardens that could overhang roads and pavements and cut them back if they could cause a hazard. Please also remember that bonfire smoke can adversely affect many people so check the wind direction before you set a match to one!

Common Clearing and cake is on 24th October from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Come along and have a lovely walk, keep Bucklebury beautiful and as a reward enjoy delicious cake and catch up with friends.

Wynne Frankum - Chair, Bucklebury Parish Council

Parish Council Matters Arising

Bucklebury Cemetery



The carols by candle light will be held on Monday 21st December from 6.00pm to 7.00pm.

Wrap up warm and join us for mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas songs.

Wynne Frankum - Burial Board.

Parish Council Grants

Each year, the Parish Council considers making grants to a number of local groups. To benefit from such a grant, the group needs to write to the Parish Council, giving a brief description of what the grant will be used for, approximately how much and who will benefit from it. The applications need to be received by the end of November and will be considered by the Parish Council at the December meeting. Applicants will find out whether or not they have been successful in the new year.

Applications should be sent to:

Mrs. Helen Pratt, Clerk to Bucklebury Parish Council,
Jasmine Cottage, Byles Green, Upper Bucklebury, Reading.
RG7 6SD.

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).

Automatic External Defibrillator for Bucklebury Parish

BPC has voted to fund an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to be positioned within Upper Bucklebury. This is the first stage of a larger project, with the ultimate aim of providing more AEDs around the parish, in order to ensure timely access.

The chances of surviving a sudden cardiac arrest are greatly enhanced through the provision of an Automatic External Defibrillator. CPR (chest compressions) alone provides a survival rate of around 6%. The introduction of an AED in conjunction with CPR raises survival rates to 85%, which is not far short of the in-hospital figure of 95% survivability.

According to the British Heart Foundation:

“Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a leading cause of premature death, but with immediate treatment many lives can be saved. SCA occurs because the electrical rhythm that controls the heart is replaced by a chaotic disorganised electrical rhythm called ventricular fibrillation (VF). The quicker VF can be treated by defibrillation the greater the chance of successful resuscitation. Seconds count, and the ambulance service is unlikely to arrive quickly enough to resuscitate most victims.

Many SCA victims can be saved if persons nearby recognise what has happened, summon the ambulance service with the minimum of delay, perform basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (particularly chest compressions) and use an AED to provide a high energy electric shock to stop the heart and allow it to restore its normal rhythm. Each of these stages is a link in a chain of events that provide the best chance of success, but the critical factor is the speed with which the shock is given.

AEDs are easy to use, compact, portable and very effective. They are designed to be used by lay persons; the machines guide the operator through the process by verbal instructions and visual prompts.

BPC are joining with local charity Heartstart to fit, maintain and support an AED located at Peach's store. Once

successfully installed, investigations will begin into suitable locations within the other villages of the parish. This will ensure that the time taken to reach an AED will be as low as is reasonable, thus increasing the chances of a successful outcome.

The machine that has been chosen is completely automatic and can be used successfully by a child with no prior knowledge. The emergency services will give instructions on how to access the storage cabinet, and then the operation of the machine is straightforward following the instructions on it. It must be stressed that no prior training or experience is required to successfully use the AED equipment.

A successful outcome is most likely to be achieved when, having phoned for an ambulance, one person goes for the defibrillator and another stays and performs CPR on the patient. The ambulance service will remain on the phone and talk this person through what to do. However, in such a circumstance, it is helpful to have had a little practice and some of you may be aware that Dorothy Dugdale recently organised a CPR course one evening in the Oak Room. Dorothy would like to organise more sessions for anyone in the parish; anyone interested, please contact her directly (see below.)

Dorothy has been instrumental in driving the installation of an AED in the parish. Our first unit is in memory of Chris Baxter, Dorothy's neighbour, who very sadly died earlier this summer. Several people who knew Chris have offered donations towards defibrillators and Dorothy is arranging to collect these. Any funds raised will go to Heartstart to help fund further AEDs and CPR training within the parish. **Should you wish to donate, either in Chris' memory or just in support of this initiative within the parish, please contact Dorothy directly.** Gift Aid forms are available from Dorothy to allow Heartstart to claim tax paid back from the Government. Donations should be made payable to Heartstart Thatcham.

For more information see: www.heartstartthatcham.info

Dorothy Dugdale: jdugdale@talktalk.net or phone 01635 864126

This equipment obviously comes at a price, though the liaison with Heartstart provides the most cost-effective means of providing the service. As a rough estimate, each AED unit will cost a parish household (Band D) approximately 30p/year, assuming a 10-year life span for the unit. The potential to save lives in our community for less than the cost of a daily newspaper.

Tim Slatford & Anne Hillerton

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Gift Aid declaration – for a single donation

**Name of charity or Community Amateur
Sports Club:**

HEARTSTART THATCHAM

Please treat the enclosed gift of £ ----- as a Gift Aid donation.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

Donor's details

Title ----- First name or initial(s) -----

Surname -----

Full Home address -----

-----Postcode -----

Date -----

Signature -----

Please notify the charity or CASC if you:

Want to cancel this declaration

Change your name or home address

No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Please return to Dorothy Dugdale, 45 Berrys Road, Upper Bucklebury. RG7 6QL.

Planni ng

In putting together the list of planning applications for this edition of The Oaks, I am surprised that we have considered so many applications. There are, as you will see, a number for Marlston School where we understand they are re-organising their sports facilities.

Towards the end of the list you will see an application in an adjacent parish (Stanford Dingley) for a solar farm on land which is part of Mazelands Farm. The land which is being considered for the solar farm is next to the Bucklebury Parish Boundary and hence why Bucklebury Parish Council is being consulted.

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

Reference	Description	BPC Status	WBC Status
15/00642/FULD	<u>Marywell, Chapel Row.</u> Demolition of existing house and construction of a replacement dwelling and associated works.	No Objection	Withdrawn
15/00649/FUL	<u>The Dell, Windmill Lane.</u> 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	Approved
15/00546/HOUSE	<u>Carbins Wood, Chapel Row.</u> 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	Approved
15/00646/FUL	<u>Greenwood, Hatch Lane.</u> S73: Variation of condition 2: Approved plans, of planning permission 13/02860/FUL: Proposed replacement dwelling with detached garage – revised proposals.	Object	Refused
15/00597/HOUSE	<u>Oak Acre House, The Avenue.</u> Proposed garden and pool room.	Object	Refused and taken to appeal
15/00670/HOUSE	<u>47 Roundfield.</u> Single storey rear extension.	No Objection	Approved
15/00620/FUL	<u>Bucklebury Farm Park.</u> 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	Approved
15/00724/CERTE	<u>Windy Ridge, Burdens Heath.</u> Parcel of land used as domestic for more than 10 years.	No Comments	Lawful
15/00748/HOUSE	<u>Woodside, Long Grove.</u> Two storey front extension, two storey rear extension and rear single storey orangery extension and replacement/relocation of oil tank.	No Objection	Approved
15/00534/HOUSE & 15/00535/LBC2	<u>1 Nuttage Gate Cottages.</u> 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.	Object	Approved

15/00296/OUTMAJ	<u>Land at Siege Cross Farm, Bath Road (Adjacent Parish).</u> 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
15/00982/HOUSE	<u>Rumbles Cottage, Byles Green.</u> New Garage	No Objection	Approved
15/00859/HOUSE	<u>Amber, Bucklebury.</u> Alterations to existing house to include rear and side extensions. Conversion of garage roof space, changes to windows, part re-cladding of external walls.	No Objection	Approved
15/01104/HOUSE	<u>Bracken House, The Avenue.</u> Two storey infill side extension and back porch. Demolition of existing front porch and flat roofed dormer and replacement with new oak framed, glazed porch and rooflight.	No Objection	Approved
15/01118/HOUSE & 15/01119/LBC2	<u>Cherry Orchard Cottage, Hatch Lane.</u> Single and two storey extensions, re-positioning entrance gates and new boundary fence. New dormers and external stair to garage.	Object	Refused.
15/01415/HOUSE	<u>Yarkhill, Broad Lane.</u> Installation of white UPVC conservatory on south elevation and to install vertical tile hanging on remaining brickwork to south elevation.	No Objection	Approved
15/01541/FUL & 15/01542/LBC2	<u>Brockhurst School, Marlston House.</u> Replacement of existing, building mounted floodlights to games court with new low energy pole mounted floodlights.	No Objection	15/01542/LBC2 not required.
15/01581/HOUSE	<u>Red Hill House, Briff Lane.</u> 2 No. new roof lights in place of 1 No. existing roof light on East elevation.	No Objection	Approved
15/01308/FULD	<u>Bucklebury Farm Park.</u> Erection of a log cabin to provide on-site staff accommodation and associated works (resubmission).	No Objection	Pending Decision
15/01548/HOUSE & 15/01549/LBC2	<u>Brockhurst School, Marlston House.</u> Replacement of existing cricket nets with reinstatement of original tennis court.	No Objection	15/01548/HOUSE – Approved 15/01549/LBC2 – Not required.
15/01678/HOUSE	<u>The Paddock, Midgham Green.</u> Single storey side extension and new roof construction to provide additional first floor accommodation.	No Objection	Approved
15/01479/HOUSE	<u>Heath End House, Burdens Heath.</u> Detached single-storey garage.	Object	Approved

15/01561/FUL & 15/01562/LBC2	<u>Brockhurst School Playing Field, Marlston House.</u> Provision of new all-weather playing area with associated low level net enclosure, new emergency vehicle access with associated parking. No alterations to the listed structures – LBC application only by virtue of proximity	No Objection	Withdrawn
15/01861/HOUSE	<u>Nine Elms Cottage, The Avenue.</u> Section 73a Variation of condition 2 – approved plans 1002 32 and 1002 33 of approved application 12/01439/HOUSE – Relocation of main entrance, new link to garden room and removal of outbuilding (REF 11/01230/HOUSE consent 4.10.11; partially imple-	Object	Approved
15/01673/HOUSE	<u>48, Broad Lane.</u> Proposed two storey rear extension, new side gable and with additional roof, alterations to existing dormers, including internal alterations and modernisation to existing structure.	No Objection	Approved
15/01560/FULD & 15/01566/LBC2	<u>Brockhurst School, Marlston House.</u> Two new classrooms (to remove teaching from the school library) with new staff accommodation above (to replace existing accommodation condemned by the fire authority).	No Objection	15/01566/LBC2 – not required.
15/01672/HOUSE	<u>Vanners</u> Single storey side extension at groundfloor level, rear and side extension at first floor level and various internal alterations to enlarge first floor and create second floor accommodation.	Object	Withdrawn
15/01763/HOUSE	<u>Vanners.</u> Reposition of existing pool from north elevation to south elevation and the addition of pool/pump house.	No Objection	Approved
15/02113/FULD	<u>Elmwood, Marlston Road.</u> Replacement dwelling and garage.	No Objection	Pending Decision
15/02112/HOUSE	<u>Marywell, Chapel Row.</u> Alterations and extensions to dwelling.	No Objection	Pending Decision
15/01915/HOUSE	<u>Indala, Burdens Heath.</u> Demolish existing 14 square meters (internally) sun-room. Erect (in its place) 20 square meters (internally) sunroom.	No Objection	Pending Decision
15/02274/FUL	<u>Greenwood, Hatch Lane.</u> Section 73: Removal/Variation of Condition 2 – approved plans of approved application 13/02860/FUL.	No Objection	Pending Decision
15/02288/HOUSE	<u>Oak Acre House.</u> Revised application for proposed garden and pool room following refusal of previous application 15/00597/HOUSE.	Object	Pending Decision
15/02313/FUL	<u>Brockhurst School Playing Field.</u> Provision of new all-weather playing area with associated low level net enclosure, new emergency vehicle access with associated parking.	No Objection	Pending Decision

15/02076/COMIND	<u>Mazelands Farm, Burnt Hill Road, Stanford Dingley (Adj Paris).</u> Construction of a solar energy park to include the installation of solar panels, security fencing, transformer housing, access and other associated works.	Object	Pending Decision
15/02347/HOUSE	<u>Imagine, Upper Bucklebury.</u> Proposed extension and alterations to bungalow to add first floor, side and rear extensions with internal alterations and removal of conservatory.	Object	Pending Decision

The Blade Bone Inn

I am sure you are all aware that the Bladebone Inn has been closed for business since May, when Kirin Puri, the last tenant, left. Enterprise Inns, who own the pub, say they are trying hard to find a suitable tenant to take on the leasehold, but so far nothing has happened.

The Parish Council, on behalf of the parish, is very keen to see the pub retained as such, and have applied to West Berks Council to have it registered on their list of assets with a community value. This would give the Parish Council the right to bid for the Inn should it come onto the market in another guise, i.e for housing. A delay of 6 months would be allowed before it could come onto the open market, to enable the Parish Council to get their bid together.

WBC has recently informed us that our application has been successful, and the next step is for them to consult with

Enterprise Inns who, as the owners, have the right to appeal against the registration.

Of course everyone hopes that Enterprise Inns will find a suitable tenant who can make a success of the pub. There has been an Inn on this site since the Middle Ages, and the current building is 17th century. It is a real hub for Chapel Row and well used by residents right across the parish, as well as by walkers, horse riders and cyclists who enjoy this part of the AONB. However if Enterprise Inns cannot find someone to run it under their arrangements, or sell it as a pub, then the Parish Council will need to put a business case together and try to find the funding to acquire it and manage it. At that stage, we will need a lot of help from the community!

Lindy Clarke - Parish Councillor



The Blade Bone Inn, Chapel Row - September 2015

Pump Hunt for Sewage Station Owners

Thames Water is appealing to customers to help identify privately owned sewage pumping stations. The utility will take responsibility for around 4,000 pumping in October 2016, but needs to track down 1,800 currently off its radar.

New legislation means sewage pumping stations, which power wastewater away from properties and out into the public sewer pipe network, currently owned and maintained by customers will become legally owned and operated by the local water company.

The pumping stations are found in all shapes and sizes, and can be in places where there are a number of properties needing to connect to the public sewer network. Customers will know they have one as they'll be paying to maintain and power them. In some cases, as well as electricity savings, maintaining and replacing pumps can cost thousands of pounds so do get in touch with Thames Water if this applies to you.

Anyone with a private pumping station can make Thames Water aware at thameswater.co.uk/pumphunt

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.

Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Team

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.

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 and Susie Poole</i>	01635 864256
Bucklebury Village	<i>David Barnes</i>	0118 971 2647 <i>dbarnes@macace.net</i>
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 Bywater</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>Vacant</i>	
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.

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.

West Berkshire Mobile Library Service

We are very lucky in the parish to be served by the West Berkshire Mobile Library Facility. There are two separate rounds which cover the various parts of the parish (as can be seen on the following timetables). The Village Hall in Upper Bucklebury is the Memorial Hall and the Roundfield stop is at the junction of Roundfield and Little Lane.

If you have any questions about the service, please contact the Mobile and At Home Library Service on 01635 519827 or 01635 519900.

Mobile and At Home Library Service

Week 1 Mobile 2 - Tuesday B Route

stop number	Community	Location	Time
1	Upper Bucklebury	Village Hall	09.45 - 10.15
2	Upper Bucklebury	Roundfield	10.20 - 11.00
3	Upper Bucklebury	Briff Lane,	11.15 - 11.40
4	Bucklebury	The Slade	11.50 - 12.15
5	Cold Ash	Cold Ash Centre	12.25 - 12.45
6	Cold Ash	Holly Grange	2.00 - 2.50
7	Cold Ash	The Castle	3.00 - 3.20
8	Cold Ash	Hatchgate Close	3.30 - 4.00
9	Ashmore Green	Stoney Lane	4.20 - 4.45

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Mobile and At Home Library Service

Week 3 Mobile 2 - Thursday R Route

stop number	Community	Location	Time
1	Bucklebury Village	Victory Room	09.45 - 10.15
2	Stanford Dingley	The Bull	10.30 - 10.45
3	Chapel Row	The Bladebone	11.00 - 11.25
4	Chapel Row	Donnington Close	11.30 - 12.00
5	Speen	Speen Lane	1.40 - 2.10
6	Speen	Speen Hill Close, Old Bath Rd	2.15 - 2.40
7	Donnington	Northern Avenue	2.50 - 3.10
8	Donnington	The Donnington Nursing Home	3.20 - 4.10

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Bucklebury Parish Council Saturday 24th October 2015

COMMON CLEARING

Please come to help clear rubbish from
Bucklebury Common.

Plastic sacks, gloves and litterpickers
will be provided.
SKIPS at the Memorial Hall
and Chapel Row.

Meet at the Memorial Hall from 2.00pm.
Free refreshments afterwards.

"Keep Bucklebury Beautiful"

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
Email: gpask@westberks.gov.uk

Quentin Webb Tel/Fax: 01635 202646
Email: qwebb@westberks.gov.uk

WBC Councillors' Report

Since the last edition of the Oaks we have both been re-elected to serve Bucklebury for another four years and are grateful for the support we received during the campaign. In the month running up to election day we managed to call on almost every house and were able to discuss many issues face to face but, as always, we are easy to reach if you have any concerns which are District Council matters!

You will hear much about a public consultation about to start relating to the next version of the (Planning) Local Plan, a document that will decide where houses will be built over the next ten years. Our Parish has no specific sites in the Plan but I would still urge you to make any comments if you feel strongly about planning! The whole issue revolves around the need for us to maintain a rolling five year supply of land for building, land that has permission (or could gain permission), or land which is identified in the Plan as a specific site. To determine how many houses we need to provide we have already consulted widely and we thought we were well on track to satisfy the numbers we have to provide during the Plan period, until a planning inspector allowed an appeal in Burghfield back in the summer challenging our overall numbers of homes to be built.

The Government has stated that we need many more homes to meet a significant need hence the urgent need to update our Plan. Our aim is to try, wherever possible to allocate land where there is sufficient infrastructure or where it could be provided as part of the development. There will be much less impact in the AONB which offers a higher level of protection but, as over 75% of West Berkshire lies within

the AONB, it does mean we have the challenge of finding most sites around the edge of our more urban areas. Please watch for the consultation and tell us your views particularly on "affordable housing" etc.

I will write more on the Council's budget for 2016/17 in the next Oaks but we are already looking at making significant savings. We are searching for innovative ways in which we can make our money go further whilst protecting our front-line services as much as possible.

Graham Pask and Quentin Webb.

Family



A SUPER busy time at Bucklebury Pre-school.

The children's learning during the summer term focussed around their interest in super heroes. It began with the imaginary heroes such as Spiderman, Batman and Super Girl and continued into real life superheroes such as the Police Force, Fire Brigade and medical professionals.

Nurse Alison visited from a local Doctor's surgery. Alison gave Mrs Bristow a thorough ear examination with the children joining in! Later the children were seen role playing this on each other. Katie and Margaret had their blood pressure taken and Nurse Alison declared we were all fit and healthy!

We had an airline pilot visit and the children watched a film especially made for them which showed the pilot's own children sitting in the cockpit. We set up our own International Airport. The children packed bags and suitcases and weighed them on scales. There were many conversations about travel and holidays whilst they were waiting in the departure lounge. There were few flight delays due to the fine weather that week!

One of our parents, who is a Police Officer visited with his patrol car. The children took turns to sit in the driving seat, beep the horn and sound the siren. Areas of our playground were cordoned off with tape and cones.

There was great excitement when we had a visit from the fire brigade stationed in Newbury. We had four firefighters from Green Watch who brought their fire engine right up to our playground. The children had an opportunity to sit on board the vehicle and gain an insight into the work they do. Also, a hose was reeled out into the playground for the children to experience the full force of the water as they took turns to hold the hose!

Our firefighter theme has been very popular. The children role played in our play tent fire engine, they dressed up in costumes, made ladders using lolly sticks, counted down from five as they sang 5 little firemen standing in a row. They used Mobilo construction pieces to make their own fire engines and ladders. They counted rungs and measured the length of their ladders. Having real life firefighters visit **helped to enrich our children's learning by bringing the topic to life.**

As a charity, Pre-school depends on our fundraising activities. Our committee of parents ran a stall at the Thatcham Family Fun Day which was full of glitter, bubbles and balloons! Although the weather was very wet to begin with, later on it improved. The same was the case with our **annual sports day, where a little rain shower didn't stop the fun.** After the races, families stayed on and picnicked on the grass. There were delicious cakes on sale with the strawberry topped ones looking stunning! The staff and committee worked hard to make it a wonderful and successful event.

Pre-school currently has a few spaces available, if you are interested and would like to find out more or to arrange a visit, please email our administrator: admin@buckleburypreschool.co.uk

Songs of Praise

Songs of Praise at the Congregational Chapel, Turner's Green, Bucklebury was a big success. The large congregation sang with great gusto and solos by Claire Bowden and Cathy Black were much appreciated. The collection which amounted to £465.00 has been donated to The Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance. We are hoping to have a Carol Service in December.

Martin Eggleton



Welcome to a new school year! Such a time is always exciting for everyone concerned. We have welcomed 18 new children into Infant 1, alongside a new teacher, Miss Barthorpe. Of course, I have joined the school and it has been great to meet new faces; you have all been very welcoming.

Why?

I am eager to continue the work of Mrs Rowe and maintain a trajectory towards excellence for every child at Bucklebury. I believe that education must be about the whole child, challenging, nurturing and developing the mind, body and spirit. This belief shapes how I work and how I lead a school.

How?

As a third headship position, it is imperative for me that there is a shared belief about what schools are for. This then shapes how we do what we do. I see provision, led by Ruth Down as Curriculum Leader, who knows every child enabling personalised provision that is exceptionally delivered.

What?

The outcomes such provision secures should see every child meeting or exceeding curricular outcomes at every key stage. This security of mind must be matched by a healthy body skilled in sports and the arts. And of course both must be underpinned by a generosity of spirit, ready to be part of a community, comfortable with stillness and open to the love of God.

While my position may be that of Interim head, I am in no doubt how important the year ahead is for every child at Bucklebury. It is abundantly clear that the community is passionate for our school and very supportive. I look forward to this continuing in the future, working in partnership with you all to secure the best for every child.

Kind regards and prayers,

Andy Higgs

West Berkshire Ballet School

What a wonderful and busy summer we have had!

First our production of *The Sleeping Beauty* at Arlington Arts, where a cast of 72 danced their tights off to an audience of over 600! Everyone from 5 to 25 performed like true professionals and made us very proud. There will be many lasting memories made over our performance week.

And then there was Summer School! As we had to disappoint some children last year, Claire decided to run two consecutive weeks and a cast of 40 enthusiastic and talented performers put on a performance of *'Annie'* in just 4 days! Everyone had a great time; made new friends and can't wait 'til next year.

Congratulations to Darcey, Olivia (C & S!), Ellie & Emmeline for being offered Associate places for monthly classes at Rambert and to Claudia for her Cecchetti Scholarship! Following his excellent A level results, Will has decided to take a year out, continue his ballet, enjoy a further year of being a Cecchetti Senior Graduate and take his Intermediate vocational exam in the summer.

Chloe had another season with the National Youth Ballet and was also offered a Senior Cecchetti Scholarship, which she has reluctantly decided to turn down in favour of following her dream of vocational training at the prestigious Hammond School in Chester. Everyone at WBBS wishes

her lots of success – they are very lucky to have such a dedicated and hard-working student and we shall miss her in Bucklebury.

Aamina was asked to join Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra in the string section – we are looking forward to hearing her play in the Pangbourne concert in October.

Billy & Eva have spent an exciting summer performing in a professional production of *'Oliver'* at the Watermill Theatre – it wasn't easy to get tickets since performances sold out almost immediately but Claire, Jane & Holly were thrilled to see our stars in such an illustrious company.

Lucie was awarded a Scholarship to the Teachers Summer School at Elmhurst this summer – after a week of intensive training and hard work on Lucie's part, she sailed through her first teaching exam – well done Lucie!

And now to Holly.....another triumph!.....Holly has spent the past year travelling to London twice a week to take class in preparation for her penultimate vocational qualification and you will not be surprised to learn that she was awarded a Merit!

We look forward to welcoming all our dancers, old and new, to our 2015/16 dancing adventures.

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



The West Berkshire Ballet School Cast of *The Sleeping Beauty*.



1st Bucklebury Brownies were very busy towards the end of the Summer Term! Our highlights included a scavenger hunt at Thatcham Lakes, canoeing in Newbury and a visit from the local constabulary to help with our Crime Prevention badge! On the last evening of term we hosted our first ever end of term disco! We are looking forward to lots more exciting activities this term!

Our Brownies also ran a cake stall at the Bucklebury Beerfest on Saturday 3rd October to raise funds for our unit.

NB. 1st Bucklebury Brownies have changed their meeting time to 6pm until 7.30pm, still on a Friday evening at St. Finian's Primary School along The Ridge.

Please contact Michelle Harrison on 1stbuckleburybrownies@gmail.com for further information.

Organisations

Bucklebury History Society

The group primarily exists to promote, research and document the history of Bucklebury from as early as possible to the 21st century and share findings with all those who are interested. We have oral recordings of memories from parishioners and a collection of old photographs in our archives, both in hard copy and digitally. The Bucklebury History Database, which assists in our knowledge of the people who lived in Bucklebury from when records began, is expanding. The current index count stands at 15,158 records. Anyone wishing to look up anything on the Bucklebury History Database or who have any Bucklebury data which can be added should contact the group. Any help with research is very welcome.

We were contacted by an American family in the Summer, who were interested in the TOWNSEND name in Bucklebury during the 17th century. One of their ancestors went to America with William Penn, Quaker. Please let Helen know if you have an interest in this surname.

Likewise, we have had contact about the FORD family from Bucklebury. We have these details: Edwin Ford's d.o.b. is 11th August 1844 and he was born in Frilsham. On the 1851 census it shows Edwin as being 6yrs old and his parents as William born in Bucklebury and Mary (Sha[c]kler) born in East Ilsley. William and Mary were married in Frilsham on 2nd or 7th May 1835 according to Ancestry.co.uk, but I have been unable to confirm who William's parents are as the Frilsham records were stolen. It could be James and Mary or Jesse and Amy. In 1861 they lived in Yattendon where William was a Baker and Grocer. Any help would be appreciated.

Helen Relf, helenrelf@relfsociety.org 01635 867619
David Tipton, drptipton@yahoo.co.uk 0118 971 2148

A festive poster for 'Carols by Candlelight' at the Cemetery Chapel, Byles Green. The text is centered and reads: 'Carols by Candlelight', 'Cemetery Chapel, Byles Green', 'Monday 21st December', 'At 6pm', 'Mulled Wine and Mince Pies', and 'All welcome'. The poster is decorated with holly leaves and berries at the top corners and lit candles at the bottom corners, all within a decorative border of small stars.

Bucklebury and Marlston Horticultural Society

Just a short up-date from me this time, I have just returned from a drive around the Wild Atlantic Way on the West coast of Ireland, and as a consequence I missed the Autumn Show.

Since my last report we have completed a successful season of horticultural activities, and the only remaining events for this year are the AGM on the 30th October and the pre-Christmas Social. The Memorial Hall is booked for Saturday 28th November. It starts at 7pm, for supper at 7.30pm, followed by a talk provided by Helen Yemm, an internationally famous horticulturalist. More details and tickets are available from Viv Ward (0118 9712581). New members are always welcomed by John Wright (01635 863429).

Happy gardening. Derek Matthews (0118 9712587)

Bucklebury Events Committee



Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 14 November 2015

American Evening at Woody's

After the great fun and wonderful food enjoyed at the French-themed evening in March, the Bucklebury events team are planning another event at Woodys in November. This time we're going 'American', with the cuisine, music, quiz and atmosphere dedicated to life across the pond. Start thinking about what to wear (the French costumes were impressive!) and watch for local advertising. Ticket will be limited, so if you'd like to be added to the reserve list, please contact Anne Ryder at: buckleburyevents@gmail.com or call 01635 873911.

Sunday 6th December 2015

Christmas Tree Festival, Memorial Hall

The annual Christmas tree festival is moving to the Memorial Hall this year and will be held on the first SUNDAY of December. This venue will provide more space for the wonderful trees decorated by local community groups, schools, businesses, families and friends - anyone can enter a decorated tree and it's free! Visitors to the event vote for their favourite trees in several categories and the winners receive a prize. There will also be Christmas trade stalls, festive treats and you could win a beautifully decorated chocolate log. Join in the Christmas spirit and

enter a tree. For details, simply send a note to: buckleburyevents@gmail.com

Saturday 23rd January 2016

Burns Night at Bucklebury Memorial Hall

Watch out for more details closer to the time.

Bucklebury Princess Charlotte mugs
(from Emma Bridgewater) - still available!

It's not too late to purchase your Bucklebury commemorative Princess Charlotte mugs - only £15 for local parish residents and £22 for those outside the local area. Leaflets with the order details are available at Peach's store, or contact Anne Ryder at:

buckleburyevents@gmail.com or phone on 01635 - 873911.



Anne Ryder & Adrian Bend

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! A pub lunch for some concludes the day!

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



Tuesday Ladies' Club (TLC)



Before to our summer break our July meeting saw us visit the Congregational Church at Turners Green where Helen Relf described the history, great work and contribution made to the church and

village by John Morton.

Our September meeting was a short visit to St. Crispin's fruit farm where we enjoyed a stroll through the heavily laden trees.

We now look forward to an interesting programme listed below:

10 th November	Sugarcraft and cake icing
8 th December	Christmas Party
12 th January	History of Thatcham
9 th February	The building of Canary Wharf
8 th March	Andressa Aesthetics
12 th April	BBOWT- wildlife talk
10 th May	Ufton Court talk
14 th June	Garden visit
12 th July	Meal at The Cottage Inn

We would love to meet and welcome new members on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm in the Oak Room Upper Bucklebury, £2 per meeting which includes refreshments.

Wynne Frankum Co-chair

Enharmonic Choir

Messiah in an hour in Bucklebury Church has become our annual start to Christmas and we absolutely love it! We hope that you will join us on Sunday 6th December at 7pm in St. Mary's Church, Bucklebury.

Last year Father Christmas (with a little help from the choir) delivered filled stockings in the middle of the performance and the year before there was Christmas turkey with all the trimmings so what will happen this year?

This is not a money raising event, it is about meeting up and starting Christmas with joy, however if people would like to donate money at the end they are welcome and last year we gave £470 to Bucklebury Church.

During the year the choir has grown and we now have a

Junior Enharmonic Choir and we hope that these young people will also be taking part in this concert. Their reputation for brilliance includes acrobatics which the adults have not yet caught up with!

We would like to thank the church for their support over the years and look forward to seeing you soon.....arrive early for sustaining nibbles!

Mah-Jong Group

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 learn.

We usually have 12 – 15 playing each time and chat over a cup of tea and a biscuit (or two) as well. Cost is £2 per person.

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 would be easy for anyone to join their group. I also have photocopied sheets, showing the basic hands from this book, available to members.

Helen Relf, helenrelf@relfsociety.org 01635 867619



Halls

Victory Room - AGM Thursday 5th November

Our next AGM will be on Thursday 5th November at 8pm in The Victory Room.

The meeting will be followed by refreshments and we expect to have our Planning Application pack available to view that evening. Following our surgeries and Parishioner's e-mails during the summer we now have a design initiated by a local architect which we can all be rightly proud of.

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

See you on the 5th.

John Clarke
Chair of the Trustees of The Victory Room
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Sports

Cricket Club

The Bucklebury Cricket Club season has now ended, and it may be the last for the Sunday game in its present form.

Over the past few years the club has prided itself in playing fun and competitive Sunday cricket against local village teams and more recently has incorporated a popular Wednesday evening side.

Sadly, it has proved increasingly hard for captain Piers Allison to ensure that the club has eleven players to turn out on a Sunday.

This year has seen a significant drop in the number of people wanting to play cricket on a Sunday afternoon. We started the season with 19 Sunday fixtures on the card and were only able to play eight of them with all of the other matches being cancelled either, because Bucklebury could not even muster enough people, or because the opposition had a similar problem. Nevertheless, of the 8 fixtures that we played, we won 5 including a new club record batting score (325 for 6 against Englefield).

The decline in interest in Sunday cricket is not just a problem for Bucklebury. It is an issue that is widespread throughout the other villages that we play against and across the country.

Coupled with this, Piers Allison has decided to stand down from all management roles at the club after eleven years of working tirelessly as captain and twelve as the treasurer.

Alex Bingley, who has run the popular Wednesday evening side, is keen to continue some form of Sunday cricket. His plans are still in development but it is likely that Sunday cricket in the future will involve many fewer fixtures and would not entail the traditional formality of fixture cards, articles in The Oaks, a prize giving or the annual Chairman v Captain's match and barbecue. The exact form of the future of the club has still to be worked out by Alex and the club's committee.

Regrettably, there will be a massive change - the club as it has been for 20 years is likely to end. The potential return of the cricket club to playing on the recreation ground with the use of the Victory Room (whether in its present form or a new-look hall) is now so unlikely that no parties should consider it a possibility.

May I thank the club's vice-presidents for their loyal support

Enharmonic Choir
St. Mary's Church
Bucklebury
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Now an annual event!
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Handel's famous work

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Sunday 6th December
7 - 8pm
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or Daniel Nicholls 0118 9712555

Not just a concert
Food and Fun as well!

and generosity towards the club over the years and pay tribute to Piers who has devoted himself to providing some great cricket in Bucklebury for countless players of all ages. It is not surprising that he should want to relieve himself of that huge workload at some point.

I have enjoyed my role as chairman enormously and very much hope to see the club back on good form again for future generations.

Derek Gilbert

Bucklebury Badminton Club

NEW SEASON

We were very pleased to see so many members returning after the summer break and to welcome several new players too. Club nights are well attended and the standard is going up! Although please don't be put off by this – we encourage beginners and improvers to join us.

“GET BERKSHIRE ACTIVE” GRANT FOR COACHING

The club has successfully applied for money to run coaching sessions for 19-25 year olds who have never played club badminton. This is starting on 30th September and will be continuing every Wednesday evening until mid November. Even though you will be reading this after the start date, it may not be too late to join so please contact us if you are interested.

CLUB MEMBERS WANTED

We continue to welcome new members, whether you've played before or not. We have men's, mixed and ladies' teams in the local league if you want to play seriously, or you can come along to club night for social badminton.

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 £110 per annum pro rata. £50 for students)
CONTACT: Margaret Neville 01635 873811
<http://buckleburybadminton.intheteam.com>

Country Life

Walk: Daffodil Field and beyond

This is a lovely long walk (probably about 2+ hours in length) in the Spring or Autumn because of the masses of beech trees along part of the

walk. In late spring you should be able to see the field of daffodils to the north of Holly Lane. For a shorter walk you can return from the Daffodil Field back to the road and continue past Holly Farmhouse.
**

From the Memorial Hall Car Park head back towards the village – past Peach's Stores towards Thatcham. At the top of Harts Hill turn right down the small lane immediately before the turning to Burden's Heath. Cross the road and follow the path over the common. Keep to the left hand paths so that you are walking the closest path parallel to the Burden's Heath road. Cross Fanny's Lane and continue across the common – this path can be very muddy in wet weather.

The path eventually leads you to Holly Lane where you turn right and walk down the road until you come to the first footpath before Holly Farmhouse. Turn left here and follow the path down the hill past fields on your right. At the bottom of the hill the path swings round to the right over a bridge – the daffodil field is a little way further along on the right hand side. It is worth diverting from the path to view the flowers. For the shorter walk return the way you came back to the road and turn left past Holly Farmhouse. Join the walk again at **

For the longer walk continue past the daffodil field and follow the path along to Westrop Green – at the end you will see a house on the right but you have to turn left and then right and then, almost immediately, right again following the footpath signs. Follow this path for some distance until you come to a cross paths – turn right here and continue through fields – excellent views – until you come to a stile on the left hand side – footpath signs are on the stile so keep an eye open. Cross the stile and walk along the edge of the field to another stile on your right, which brings you back to the original path. This path will bring you back past Holly Farmhouse, on your left, and thence to the road.

** Turn left here and continue up the road to the first footpath on the right hand side. This path leads up through beech woods to the green above The Slade. Go towards the houses keeping the pond on your left and follow the path between the houses (City path). Cross the Slade Road onto the common and continue through the trees to the bridge and up the hill. This hill used to be called Chapel Hill because villagers used it to get to the Baptist Chapel in the Slade. On your right you will pass Blind John's Well. Follow the path across the cleared common to the gap in the 'wall' leading to a car park area. Cross the road and follow the path, ignoring paths to the right and left, back to a lane. Turn right and this will bring you out onto the road where you first entered the common and thence back to the start.

Bucklebury Heathland and Conservation Group

It was a late start to the spring and wet, so once again the wood larks did not return, but there were at least six calling male nightjars and some tree pipits.

The Lower Common to the east of Carbins Wood lane is looking well after all last winter's work although some silver birch is creeping back. To the west of Carbins Wood lane the silver birch has made a lot of growth, so we will be weed wiping with Roundup in September and flail cutting after Christmas.

On the Upper Common we removed a large amount of gorse from the north end and will try some weed wiping as well. Keeping on top of silver birch is like painting the Forth Bridge: never ending!

Tim Culley

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.westberks countryside.org.uk

Tuesday 27th October 10.00am Bucklebury Common SU550 688

Help maintain this important heathland habitat. Clearing pine and birch saplings. Park at the crossroads at Carbins Wood Lane SU556 691

Sunday 8th November 10.30am Bucklebury Common Heathland management

Join the Bucklebury Heathland Group to help maintain this important heathland habitat. Meet at Angels Corner SU550 688

Tuesday 1st December 10.00am Bucklebury Meadows SU 543 687

Help plant new hedge whips. Parking in Mortons Lane by the substation not in the Cottage Inn car park.

Saturday 12th December 10.30am Bucklebury Common Heathland management

Join the Bucklebury Heathland Group to help maintain this important heathland habitat. Meet at Angels Corner SU550 688

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 were first printed circa 1973.

Part II

In the second half of the 12th century, a craftsman came to



South doorway of the church.

Bucklebury. His name is unknown, but as we pass through the south doorway of our Church, we see a record of the skill and devotion of this medieval master mason. Towards the end of the century a north chapel was added to the

Church and access made through an archway in the eastern end of the north wall of the nave.

Between 1173 and 1180 Joseph, Abbot of Reading, appointed Bartholomew to the living of Bucklebury. However, the next Abbot was permitted to appropriate the Churches of Bucklebury and Thatcham, and the Chapels of St. Lawrence, Reading and Marlston, towards the cost of erecting a hospital for lepers and poor pilgrims at the Abbey gateway. Bartholomew did not leave his Church willingly, but in 1191 he submitted and accepted a pension of thirty shillings a year as compensation. Eventually the Papal Commissioners persuaded the Abbot to re-instate him since he had been educated at the Abbey.

Monastic connections did not prevent crime, even murder, being committed in Bucklebury, as proved by two extracts from the Assize Rolls of Berkshire. In 1267 “The Julry o the Hundred of Burgildebury swear that Reginald, son of Peter, took twenty shillings from William de Martelstone about the middle of Michaelmas Term”; and, in 1284, “Unknown malefactors killed two clerks from Ireland in the King’s Way in Burghildeburie, and the Hue was raised. They were pursued and taken to goal in Oxenford, and escaped, having evaded the custody of Gilbert de Eyrekeby, the Sheriff”.

In the 13th century the north aisle of the Church was built, probably by the Knights Hospitallers, who had a preceptor at Shalford, Brimpton. The carving above the north doorway (now blocked) could represent the badge of the Master of the Order. The second arch was made in the nave wall at this time, and the third in the 14th century, when the aisle was lengthened. Traditionally, the oak chest, now standing in the north aisle, was brought from Reading, to house the Church treasures.

During the 15th century, the revenues from Bucklebury supported John London, Vestment Keeper of the Abbey. The nave was extended, and the tower built during this



Carvings on the south-eastern buttress of the tower.

century. The quaint carvings high on the south-eastern buttress are thought to be of the same period. The 16th century saw the end of monastic ownership. The monks departed and the Winchcombes, the great woollen merchants of Newbury, became Lords of the Manor.

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

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Parish Diary Dates

October

24th	Common Clearing	2.00pm	The Oak Room
26th	BPC Planning Committee	8.00pm	Bucklebury Victory Room
27th	West Berkshire Countryside Society	10.00am	Bucklebury Common Heathland Management.
30th	Bucklebury & Marlston Horticultural Society AGM	7.30pm	Bucklebury Memorial Hall

November

2nd	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room
5th	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am	The Cottage Inn, Upper Bucklebury
5th	Victory Room AGM	8.00pm	Bucklebury Victory Room
8th	West Berkshire Countryside Society	10.30am	Bucklebury Common Heathland Management.
9th	BPC	7.45pm	Committee Room, Bucklebury Memorial Hall
10th	Tuesday Ladies' Club (TLC)	7.45pm	The Oak Room
14th	American Evening	7.30pm	Woody's, Bucklebury Farm Park
16th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room
23rd	BPC Planning Committee	8.00pm	Bucklebury Victory Room
28th	Bucklebury & Marlston Horticultural Society Christmas Social	7.00pm	Bucklebury Memorial Hall

December

1st	West Berkshire Countryside Society	10.00am	Meadows, Upper Bucklebury
3rd	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am	The Cottage Inn, Upper Bucklebury
6th	Christmas Tree Festival	1.00pm	Bucklebury Memorial Hall
6th	Messiah in an hour	7.00pm	St. Mary's Church, Bucklebury
7th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room
8th	Tuesday Ladies' Club (TLC)	7.45pm	The Oak Room
12th	West Berkshire Countryside Society	10.00am	Bucklebury Common Heathland Management.
14th	BPC	7.45pm	Committee Room, Bucklebury Memorial Hall
21st	Cemetery Carols	6.00pm	Cemetery Chapel, Byles Green.

January

4th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room
7th	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am	The Cottage Inn, Upper Bucklebury
11th	BPC	7.45pm	Committee Room, Bucklebury Memorial Hall
12th	Tuesday Ladies' Club (TLC)	7.45pm	The Oak Room
18th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room
23rd	Burns Night	7.30pm	Bucklebury Memorial Hall
25th	BPC Planning Committee	8.00pm	Bucklebury Victory Room