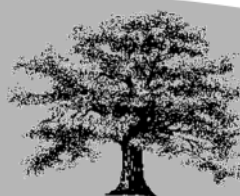


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Bucklebury Parish Chairman's Letter

Bucklebury Parish Council would like to thank all the many people who contributed to the enjoyment of Bucklebury parish life in 2018 and wish everybody all the best in 2019.

Having nominated two parishioners, Graham Plank and Helen Relf for the West Berkshire Council Achievements awards, we



Graham Plank receiving his award.

were delighted when their amazing and long standing voluntary work locally was recognised. They were both awarded "Highly Commended" in the Lifetime Achievement category.



Helen Relf receiving her award

The Common Clearing and parish litter pick in October was a great success. Record numbers of people turned out and fortunately, because we have wonderful bakers on the parish council, there was

plenty of cake. It is a fun afternoon so we hope to see you at the spring clean-up on 13th April.

In May, elections will be held for the parish council. I will be standing down from BPC in May, leaving a vacancy. We need lots of diverse expertise on the council, given the many aspects of parish life we cover. If you are interested in putting your name forward please contact the clerk and come to one of our meetings. These are held at 7-45 on the 2nd Monday of each month in the committee room of the Memorial Hall.

The revised Welcome Packs are nearly ready to be distributed. Please let the clerk know if you would like a copy. We apologise for the delay in getting them out.

Many of the byways on the common have been closed to vehicular traffic (of three or more wheels) again this winter to preserve the surface for all users. Occasionally the barriers are removed allowing illegal access. Please report such incidents to the clerk.

Sgt. Emanuel, of Thames Valley Police attended the Dec meeting of BPC. He has replaced Sgt. Hawkett. You will be relieved to hear that when the crime figures for the area were studied, it was found that the crime rates for all categories in the parish are low.

You may recall that the three meadows to the west of Morton's Lane were given to the parish as part of the agreed planning application when the Morton's Lane houses were built. The agreement stated that they were to continue in perpetuity to be maintained as unimproved hay meadows, (an increasingly rare habitat), and to provide informal recreation for the parish.

Work is ongoing on the meadows and the Hockett field. Two small oaks grown by parishioners have been planted to replace the ones that failed to thrive. We are indebted to Richard and Allison Hubbard, Geoffrey Vivers and Nigel Vallance for their time and expertise. This winter the hedges will be cut. On April 16th, the volunteers from the West Berkshire Countryside Soc. will be working on the meadows from 10am until about 2pm. If you fancy some healthy exercise, do join them.

Wynne Frankum - Chair BPC

Parish Council Matters Arising

Bucklebury Cemetery



Record numbers of people came to Carols by Candlelight on Dec. 17th. Fortunately, Steve Beeson had made copious quantities of his delicious mulled wine and the mince pie and Christmas biscuit makers had been equally busy. Lindsey McNish kept things flowing along in his own inimitable style and Christine Evans played the keyboard

with her usual panache. Bucklebury school children, led by Katie Powell, played flutes and recorders with aplomb and sang very sweetly. BPC are indebted to the wonderful people who every year make this event such an enjoyable occasion. After expenses had been paid, £166 was sent to both Bucklebury Community Bus and West Berkshire Food Bank. Thank you to everybody who donated so generously.

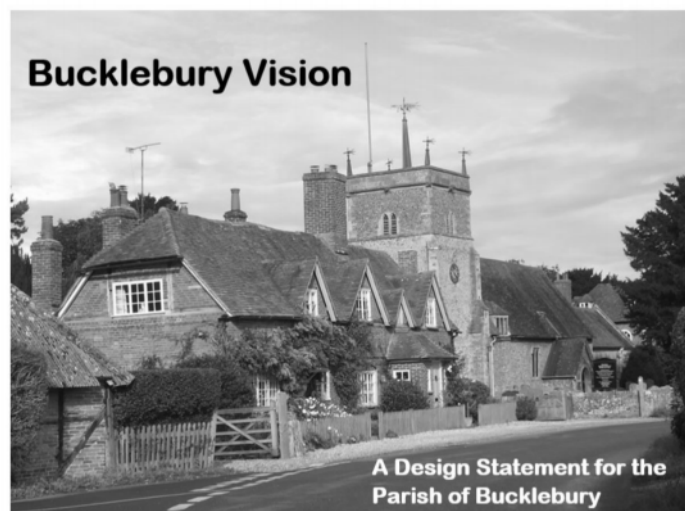
Following the very dry summer, a number of graves in the 1970's cemetery have subsided. These will be filled in this winter by C.R. Landscapes who look after the grounds. Although looking after graves is, of course, the responsibility of individual families, it was felt that it was a task too onerous for many and therefore easier if they were filled in by the council. By the same token, grave markers that have become unstable will be dealt with by Walkers Funeral Directors of Thatcham.

The cemetery charges have increased slightly. These can be seen on the notice board on the chapel door. For all queries relating to the cemetery, please contact the superintendent, Helen Pratt, who is of course, also clerk to the Council.

There will be a work party in February, when members of the Burial Board will tackle some of the overgrown graves.

Wynne Frankum - Chair of the Burial Board.

Bucklebury Vision Updated



Version 6.0

Village design statements are intended to provide a context for new development, based on local character and sense of place. Bucklebury Vision was originally produced and printed in 2002 and many of you may still retain a copy of the glossy brochure produced then.

It has now been revised and updated. Your parish council has decided not to print hard copies in the interests of cost saving and paper saving. The new version will soon be available online on the parish website, www.buckleburyparish.org, and, once ratified, will be accepted as a village design statement and retained as supplementary planning guidance by West Berkshire Council who will also display the document on its website. It will be found under "village design statements" at www.westberks.gov.uk.

For those of you who have retained a copy of the original document, you will notice that many of the planning design statements from the 2002 version have been retained in the updated version. This is because we are as keen as ever to keep this as a rural parish with any planned development in harmony with its setting. Planning applications are increasing all the time, and we consider that it is extremely important to have a base to judge them against. Although the thrust of the updated version is similar, the figures and statistics are now up to date as are the references to planning law and guidance.

The work has been done by a small subcommittee comprising Barry Dickens, David Southgate, Lindy Clarke and Hilary Cairns. Any queries should be addressed to the parish clerk, Helen Pratt.

Lindy Clarke - BPC

The Centenary of WWI Armistice Bucklebury's Tribute

The Centenary of WWI Armistice was marked in Bucklebury by a display of poppies at the Victory Room, with contributions from parishioners of all ages. This began in Bucklebury Primary School with the children making their own poppies which were mounted on the Monday prior to the Armistice Centenary. During the week, parishioners added their own poppies, some with written messages, but unfortunately the weather that week was very wet and windy. However, poignantly, as poppies were torn down, they were replaced by new ones, and Bucklebury Baby and Toddler Group filled many of the gaps at the end of the week with their contributions. Bucklebury Primary School's class wreaths were added to the display before the Armistice Service in St Mary's on Sunday 11th, and members of the congregation added their own poppies.

Anne Hillerton - BPC



Poppies at the Victory Room

Bucklebury Parish Council **Common Clearing and Parish Litter Pick**

Please come to help clear litter from the
paths of **Bucklebury**

Saturday 13th April 2019

Equipment will be provided

SKIPS at the Memorial Hall

and Chapel Row

Meet Bucklebury Memorial Hall
2.00pm

Free refreshments afterwards

"Keep Bucklebury Beautiful"

The Fred Dawson Memorial Playpark and the bike track

The playpark and bike track are well used facilities, which Bucklebury Parish Council is continuing to maintain and upgrade for our children and teenagers. The rest of the old playpark fencing is about to be upgraded, improving the look of the park. There will be improved signage and an extra litter bin. PLEASE encourage your children to use the bins for small items of litter, and to take larger boxes, cans and bottles home for recycling. The park is NOT cleaned by the council, but by voluntary help.

The bike track will be resurfaced and maintained as a dirt track, which was the preferred surface of the majority of users. There may, therefore, be a short time when we ask that you do not use the track while resurfacing happens. We are delighted to have been given a private donation which will cover the cost of resurfacing and ongoing maintenance. I'd remind users and parents that helmets should be worn and arms and legs covered.

Also this year, the shelter will be repainted. If we have a dry spring we hope to have it completed by the summer. Kennet art department pupils are working on designs with art teacher and parishioner Alice Prince.

Please enjoy using these facilities.

Anne Hillerton - BPC

Planning

It always astounds me, when I compile this list, how many planning applications are considered by the Parish Council over the period of approximately four months. A number of sites appear multiple times in quite quick succession, some even appearing twice on the same list in The Oaks. We try and ensure that where there are multiple applications for a site, there is continuity in the councillors who make the site visit and lead on the application, so that there is an awareness of the history of the site; however this isn't always easy to achieve in the timeframes we are set by WBC.

Helen Pratt -Parish Clerk

Reference	Description	BPC Status	WBC Status
18/01531/HOUSE	<u>33 Chapel Row.</u> Proposed two storey side and rear extension.	Object	Approved
18/01470/FULD	<u>Bushnells Green Farmhouse.</u> Retention of existing timber lodge as farm worker accommodation. Supported by new and additional evidence. Non compliance with condition 12 of approved 13/03014/FUL.	Support.	Awaiting decision.
18/01809/FULD	<u>82-83 Roundfield.</u> Proposed alterations and single storey rear extension to existing pair of semi-detached houses, and development of one attached house, a pair of semi-detached bungalows and one detached bungalow, with access and landscaping.	No Objection	Refused. Taken to appeal.
18/01977/REM	<u>Land adjacent to Summerfield, The Ridge (Adjacent Parish).</u> Approval of reserved matter following outline application 16/02529/OUTD. Matters to be considered: Scale.	Object	Refused
18/01837/HOUSE	<u>Eliezer Cottage, Zin Zan</u> Construct a detached oak clad garage on a brick plinth and clay tiled roof.	Object	Withdrawn
18/02106/HOUSE	<u>St. Crispin's Farm.</u> Section 73: Variation of conditions 2 'plans approved' and 3 'materials as specified' of previously approved application 17/01905/FUL: Demolition of the existing house and replacement with a simplified form with double pitched roof. Accommodation will be split over 2no. floors with the foot-print remaining at 244 sqm to match that of the existing property.	No Objection	Approved
18/02034/FUL	<u>Avalon, Bucklebury</u> Extension to existing chalet bungalow and internal alterations to reconfigure layout and fenestration.	No Objection	Approved
18/01948/FULD	<u>Site of former Abbey View, Paradise Lane.</u> Proposed new 4 bedroom detached dwelling with associated parking and amenity.	Object	Refused
18/02270/HOUSE	<u>Orchard Gate, Little Lane.</u> Garden Room.	No Objection	Approved
18/02331/HOUSE	<u>The Highlands.</u> Storey and a half rear extension over existing pool house.	No Objection	Approved
18/02215/HOUSE	<u>Copse Close, Hopgoods Green.</u> Part re-build of existing private dwelling plus construction of a 2 storey extension and single storey glass fronted extension.	No Objection	Approved
18/02190/FULD	<u>Glenvale Nurseries.</u> Demolition of Glenvale Garden Centre and double garage and replace with one detached chalet style dwelling, retaining the existing entrance onto Hungerford Lane.	No Objection	Refused

18/02369/HOUSE	<u>Field House, Hungerford Lane.</u> Proposed rear single storey and rear two storey extensions and chimney.	No Objection	Approved
18/02190/FULD	<u>Glenvale Nurseries.</u> Demolition of Glenvale Garden Centre and double garage and replace with one detached chalet style dwelling, retaining the existing entrance onto Hungerford Lane.	No Objection	Refused
18/02348/FULD	<u>69 Roundfield.</u> Proposed new dwelling and new front dormer to existing dwelling. New front vehicular access for shared off road parking. Rear extension to existing dwelling.	No Objection	Approved
18/02455/HOUSE	<u>10 Mortons Lane</u> Proposed rear conservatory.	No Objection	Approved
18/02253/FUL	<u>The Cottage Inn.</u> Continued change of use of paddock to ancillary use for Public House to provide over spill parking, one off events and family gathering place, including the retention of a children's animal pen and play station.	Object, but support a temporary change of use.	Temporary use approved.
18/02341/HOUSE	<u>1 Berry's Road.</u> Single storey rear extension.	No Objection	Approved
18/00295/FULD	<u>Land adjacent to Thatchers, Chapel Row.</u> Erection of one 4-bed dwelling with associated car parking.	Object	Refused by WBC. Dismissed on appeal.
18/02459/HOUSE	<u>36 Mortons Lane.</u> Demolish existing rear conservatory and construct new orangery extension.	No Objection	Approved
18/02695/HOUSE	<u>Solina, Bucklebury Alley (Adjacent Parish).</u> Construction of timber garage smaller in footprint and height than the previously approved garage and roof storage.	No Objection	Approved
18/02743/HOUSE	<u>Nine Elms Cottage.</u> Section 73A Variation of condition (2) approved plans of 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 implemented).	Object	Withdrawn
18/02748/HOUSE	<u>35 Broad Lane.</u> Single storey front and rear extensions. First floor roof extension to create habitable accommodation.	No Objection	Approved
18/02780/AGRIC	<u>Land north of Holly Cottage, Kiff Green (Adjacent Parish).</u> Infill agricultural building.	No Objection	Planning application required
18/02838/HOUSE	<u>Gable House, Briff Lane.</u> First floor addition for a flat accommodation for groom/dependent relative over existing garage block.	No Objection	Refused
18/02947/FULD	<u>82-83 Roundfield.</u> Proposed new detached bungalow following demolition and erection or modification and refurbishment of the existing pair of 3 bed semi detached houses to form a pair of 2 bed semi detached houses, including access and landscaping.	Support	Awaiting decision.
18/03021/HOUSE	<u>Ramsbury House, The Ridge (Adjacent Parish).</u> Single storey breakfast room extension.	No Objection	Awaiting decision.
18/03238/HOUSE	<u>Avalon, Bucklebury</u> Demolition of outbuildings and construction of replacement garage/carport/workshop/garden store.	Object	Awaiting decision.

18/03252/HOUSE	<u>Hilliers, The Avenue.</u> Ground level swimming pool with automatic safety cover surrounded by natural stone paving. Plant room to be housed in 1.83 x 2.2m shed. Pool to be heated by outdoor air source heat pump located behind plant room.	No Objection	Awaiting decision.
18/03253/HOUSE	<u>Wayside, Hatch Lane.</u> Section 73A: Variation of Condition 3 – Materials, of planning permission reference 17/03252/HOUSE (Single storey front extension, dormer roof alterations and first floor extension).	No Objection	Awaiting decision.
18/03259/HOUSE	<u>3 Mortons Lane.</u> Proposed rear conservatory.	No Objection	Awaiting decision.
18/03342/HOUSE	<u>The Highlands.</u> Single storey rear extension.		Awaiting decision.
18/03279/HOUSE	<u>Rose Bank, Marlston.</u> Erection of a greenhouse (part retrospective).		Awaiting decision.
19/00023/LBC2	<u>Pear Tree Cottage, Byles Green.</u> Install a woodburner.		Awaiting decision.
18/03326/HOUSE	<u>Heathgate, The Avenue.</u> Erection of replacement detached garage following demolition of existing garage.		Awaiting decision.
19/00033/HOUSE	<u>Eliczer Cottage, Zin Zan</u> Garage/Garden store		Awaiting decision.
19/00051/HOUSE	<u>The Cottage, Chapel Row.</u> One and one half storey extension.		Awaiting decision.

West Berkshire Energy Switch

See if you can pay less for your energy bills by signing up to the West Berkshire Energy Switch

The West Berkshire Energy Switch is a free to join scheme which gives residents the chance to see if they can make savings on their fuel bills.

Auctions are held each year in February, May and October. Since 2016, over 450 households have switched supplier through the scheme, saving nearly £110,000 between them. The recent Oct 18 auction saw switchers saving an average of £162 on their annual bill.

A one day reverse auction will be held on the 12th February; suppliers compete with their best offers, and the winning supplier/s then send registrants their personalised offer for consideration.

There is no obligation to switch. Sign up and see if you can save; to register or find out more, visit www.westberks.gov.uk/communityswitch

You will need to have your latest energy bill to hand, as you'll need the details during the registration process.

Registration is open until 26th March, and offers will begin to go out from 25th February. Non West Berkshire residents can sign up online too, but must do so by 11th February.

West Berkshire residents without internet access should contact West Berkshire Council on 01635 503267 by 15th March to register. Remember to have your energy bill or annual statement to hand when you call.



Can you get a better energy deal?

Join the West Berkshire Energy Switch

Sign up or find out more:

www.westberks.gov.uk/communityswitch



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West Berks District Councillors

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

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Email: graham.pask@westberks.gov.uk

Quentin Webb Tel: 01635 202646
Email: quentin.webb@westberks.gov.uk

WBC Councillors' Report

We hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and wish you all a happy and healthy 2019.

Just as the festive season comes round once a year so the New Year brings the annual budget setting meetings to all Councils. At District level we wait with some trepidation for the Government to tell us what grants we will be receiving from May.

This year we have some better news than in the past in that we have been given £2million from the UK "pothole fund" so we can continue to make permanent repairs to our roads. Please report any damaged roads to West Berkshire (01635 551111 or www.westberks.gov.uk). This money is in addition to the amount we budget for to resurface roads and other maintenance.

The second good news story is we have been allocated an extra £1.7million from the business rates we collect and it looks like this amount will be rolled over to future years as opposed to being a one-off payment. We collect business rates and pass them to the Treasury which gives us back around 26%. We have argued for a long time that we should keep more of this money from our local businesses, especially as other government grants have been reduced each year resulting in having to make savings from many budgets, this is an important step in the right direction.

We still have a lot of work to do before the budget is set and continue to face challenges such as the ever increasing pressure on Social Services' budgets. We have reported before these budgets used to account for a quarter of our overall budget when we became a Unitary Authority just over twenty years ago and now account for over half.

None of us likes roadworks but a couple of major schemes will start this year in Newbury. The first is for improved access into

the town via Cheap Street instead of Bear Lane (off the Sainsbury's roundabout) which will become one way for traffic leaving the town allowing for two lanes of traffic instead of one. I have seen the computer modelling for the traffic flows (I was cynical too!) and the improvements are considerable... once the work is completed. The second scheme allows for lane changes and improvements at the A4/Hambridge Road junction paid for by the Racecourse development to ease the congestion there at peak times. Long overdue!

There are the local council elections this year, on 2nd May. As reported last year the District ward boundaries are changing so Bucklebury will link with Stanford Dingley, Midgham and Woolhampton to be served by one Councillor. Due to these changes Quentin has decided not to stand for re-election as he lives in Hermitage (which joins with Cold Ash and Chieveley) but Graham has been selected to stand again in Bucklebury.

Graham Pask and Quentin Webb

West Berkshire Village Agents The Community Connectors



Do you need help finding the right information and advice?

Do you or someone you know have problems that affect health, well being or an ability to remain independent?

The Village Agent scheme is a free scheme which has been operated by the Volunteer Centre West Berkshire for 6 years now and has helped many residents in the Bucklebury area. A trained and trusted volunteer will call and then provide face to face support. They have the time and the knowledge to be able to solve some of life's problems and assist in finding help when you do not know where to start to look.

The scheme helps link anyone who is over 18 and feeling socially isolated; to the many services available that can help people to get out and about in their communities or to live in their own homes for longer.

We are also looking to recruit new Village Agents for all areas in West Berkshire. Could you Volunteer?

If you would like to know more about the scheme call our direct line **01635 581001** and speak to Gill or email gillian@vcwb.org.uk

Family

Bucklebury Community Bus Charity



We are pleased to report that the school runs to Kennet are very nearly full, although we have spaces on the primary runs.

The bus is available most evenings, weekends and school holidays and we'd like residents to take advantage of this wonderful facility and book it for outings, concerts, trips and family events. It is cheaper than most other transport and helps our charity with much needed extra income.

For information about prices and if you qualify to drive, please email buckleburybus@gmail.com

Anne Hillerton - Trustee, Bucklebury Community Bus

Bucklebury CofE Primary School

The spring term is the fulcrum of the school year. It is the time when every child needs to gather pace in their learning and build on the foundations they have built in the autumn. It is an exciting time being as it is also the shortest term!

Our core value for the term is faith. We believe that every child should know the strength of living faith. Across the term through collective worship, in classrooms and throughout the school day, we will consider how crucial belief is for every one of us. Whether this is belief in ourselves, in each other or in God, we know that if we can say yes, it makes so much difference. As Henry Ford said 'if you think you can, or think you can't, you're right'.

That wonderful children's programme, Sesame Street, once showed a song called 'The power of YET'. Its message is rooted in the gospel value of faith. It reminds us that to succeed and learn we need faith and we must always remember that just because we can't do something today, it doesn't mean we shall never be able to do it. It can be found on youtube by the way!

Children in school will be striving to show the key learning behaviour of resilience time and again this term. As a child commented during a recent 'Monday mile' as they bounced past the stumbling headteacher 'I know why you talk about resilience now Mr Higgs; you are showing it right now!'. We hope that by living out the value of faith and nurturing values

of truth, humility and service, we can grow the whole child in every child such that every child shines.

Learning is a risky business. Believing in yourself, recognising resilience in one another and being ready to accept one is not there *yet* are all crucial in a learning community. Through into the spring and the mysteries of Easter we will be aiming high, working hard and remembering that excellence is never an accident and that ultimately, with faith in ourselves and one another, we can.

Andy Higgs - Headteacher

West Berks Ballet School

We start the New Year with many congratulations to our Grade 5 and Intermediate Foundation ballet students who all flew through their exams in November.

In December WBBS sent 10 dancers to the prestigious Mabel Ryan Awards, organised by the Cecchetti Society Classical Ballet Faculty. The aim is to encourage dance quality and to demonstrate the high standard of children training in the Cecchetti Method. The Awards take place annually at Sadlers Wells in the Lilian Baylis Studio Theatre, and are open to all students training in the Cecchetti method anywhere in the British Isles. We were very proud of our entry who had worked hard throughout the term to reach a very high standard. Philippa & Theo were judged best girl & boy in the Lower Junior Section and Darcey won the Gold Medal in the Senior Section!

Once again, our junior dancers were visited by Father Christmas on the last day of term, and we ended 2018 with a wonderful outing to the recently refurbished Royal Opera House to watch the Royal Ballet perform in three ballets. It was a magical evening for all 59 of us!

So off we dance into 2019. Claire is taking bookings for her April Easter Course where she, and her highly talented team, will produce 'Oliver' in four days!! The August Summer School, has now expanded to two weeks in order to accommodate everyone, and this time will require Claire to rub her magic lamp and, with her boundless energy, 'Aladdin' will appear – do book early for these weeks as they fill up so quickly.

Finally, 2019 is the year of the ballet production. We are all delighted to be returning to the lovely Arlington Arts Centre on 1st & 2nd June. 103 ballet students will unfold the traditional story of 'Cinderella' with a little help from Jane, Holly & Lucie! Sewing machines are buzzing, thimbles and paint brushes are hard at work and we wish our cast lots of fun with their rehearsals over the next 15 weeks.

Happy dancing to all our students!

Jane Scholl, Claire Bowden, Holly Unnuk & Lucie Wilson
www.wbbs.org & facebook



Our busy, energetic unit continues to thrive. As usual, we have welcomed new members (you don't have to have been to Brownies to join us) as well as preparing some of our older Guides for moving on to Rangers.

Girlguiding has devised a new programme for us all to follow, so last term was spent trying to finish anything off and completing badges from our box to try to minimise waste! This led to a curious mixture of Go-For-Its involving preparing a party, performing a variety of sketches and plays and experimenting with make-up, nail varnish and all things glamorous.

We also tackled the Music badge with lots of listening, dancing and playing and the Chocolate badge with lots of tasting! We enjoyed a swimming and chips evening and a fun Christmas party organised by one of the patrols.

Within the Bucklebury community, we took part in the Remembrance Service and made it through a very wet Beerfest with the enthusiasm and determination you would expect from our little group. Many thanks to Bucklebury Rangers who also came to support our stall in the rain.

This term we will be tackling a challenge badge to raise awareness of Cystic Fibrosis. We will be finding out about the condition, what it is like to live with it and the research that is being done as well as fundraising. We will also begin to work with some of the new plans, with the girls making decisions about what they would like to start with. We were delighted to be given a generous grant from Bucklebury Parish Council to enable us to pay for all the new materials.

At the end of term we have a session planned with Pangbourne Guides and an Easter Egg Hunt with Bradfield and Pangbourne Brownies.

We hold our Guides sessions on Monday evenings (7-8:30pm) at The Victory Room in Bucklebury. If you are interested in joining us, please do get in touch via the Girl Guiding website. We always welcome local girls onto our waiting list, and are really interested in ladies who would like to join us in helping to run the unit. Bucklebury is a very popular and busy unit. Adult helpers may not get paid, but we certainly do have a lot of fun.

Mel Wilkes (buckleburyguides@wilkesam1plus.com)

Organisations

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 learn.

We usually have 6 – 12 playing each time and chat over a cup of tea and a biscuit (or two) as well. Cost is £3.00 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.

Do come along and enjoy a fun afternoon with lots of laughs.

Helen Relf - grannyrelf@btinternet.com 01635 867619

Come and Join a Midsummer Celebration of The Best of Bucklebury Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June, 2019

An event for all parishioners and their families

Events to include:

Open Gardens

Art Exhibition

Peal of Church Bells

Photographic Exhibition and Fun Competition

Family Barbecue, Live Music, Games and Picnic at the Cottage Inn

For more information and to get involved:

www.buckleburyparish.org

Bucklebury Walkers

We are a mixed group of walkers who meet on the first Thursday of each month – list on the Bucklebury web page or Helen, 01635 867619 grannyrelf@btinternet.com – at 10.00 a.m. for about 3 – 4 miles and we now also run a shorter walk leaving at 10.30 and walking for about 2 miles. We then meet back at the venue for coffee and sometimes lunch - you are welcome to join either group.

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

In December 31 of us met at The Cottage Inn for our annual Christmas Dinner. Again we must thank Gary and the staff there for an excellent meal and great service. We are so lucky to have this facility in the village. Each year we have 'The Green Welly Award' - a small pair of desktop green wellies – which are awarded for a variety of reasons. Maybe slipping over in the mud, leading a very wet walk or a very muddy one, it is different each year. This year's winners are Pam & Dave Norman for leading the wettest walk – congratulations to them.

Please note that these are social walks and you are responsible for your own safety.

Helen Relf - 01636 867619. grannyrelf@btinternet.com

Tuesday Ladies' Club (TLC)

On behalf of the committee I would like to wish all our members past and present a very Happy and Healthy 2019.

As you are all aware the present committee stands down after Oz Graves Turkish evening on 21st May but I understand that there is a groundswell of support to keep TLC running. This is fabulous news and we sincerely hope it happens.

Since our October entry TLC has had some diverse evenings. Dr Rob Tayton had us enthralled with the twists, turns and sleepless nights he and fellow trustees had setting up the renal and cancer care units at West Berkshire Hospital by way of the Rosemary Appeal. The residents of West Berkshire will be forever grateful for their devotion, dedication and determination to see this project completed.

In total contrast Nadia in November had us all making tree hanging Xmas decorations and or jewellery, we all left smiling at our efforts thinking of friends and family members whose gifts we had made.

Our Xmas party this year was a bit different, it was labelled Posh or Plonk and our grateful thanks goes to Richard Sadler who chose the wines for blind tasting and acted as MC for the evening, our thanks too to Peter Warne who arrived to help set up.

I think it is safe to say everyone had a fabulous event, some members brought nibbles and there were a few suggestions that the evening was worth repeating.

The first meeting of 2019 was again artistic with the much requested Silkcrafter workshop where Helen had us making pictures, cards and bookmarks hand painted onto silk; at times you could hear a pin drop such was the concentration.

Dates for your diary 2019:

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| Feb 12 th | An interactive talk from Claire, a Personal Colour Coordinator |
| Mar 12 th | The History of Nursery Rhymes |
| Apr 9 th | Sugarcrafter with Louise Embling returning by popular request
PLEASE NOTE this evening has a number restriction of 15 so put your names down early to avoid disappointment |
| May 21 st | NOTE CHANGE OF DATE, Oz Graves and a Turkish evening. |

As mentioned at the beginning of this will be the last meeting of the present committee but this is your group and we welcome new members to our informal, friendly evenings in The Oak Room at the Memorial Hall, Upper Bucklebury starting at 7.45, we look forward to seeing you there.

Committee members Jackie Sadler, Hilary Pask, Karin Warne and Susan Puri

TLC Notice

Meeting in the Oak Room on Tuesday 12th February at 7.15pm.

The Tuesday Ladies Club committee have organised very enjoyable activities and interesting speakers for the TLC for many years. We are most grateful for all the hard work they have done for our group. They now feel it's time to hand on their responsibilities to others and have decided to leave the committee in May this year.

The views of all members of the TLC and others in the community about the future of our club are important, therefore we have arranged to start the February meeting at 7.15 to have a short discussion before the speaker starts.

The main focus of this meeting would be to ask everyone if they wish the TLC to continue.

Your feedback about the future of our group is important and of value to the group. Hope to see you on 12th February. If you would like to email the TLC group with your comments please use this new email address buckleburytcl@gmail.com



BEST OF BUCKLEBURY WEEKEND

22-23 JUNE 2019

PHOTO COMPETITION

The categories are:

- Action
- Funniest
- Most original

ENTRY DETAILS
Photos should be 6 x 4 inches, and unframed.
Please put your name, and contact details on the back of your photos, and age if under 18. (All photos are non-returnable).

Please post your entries into the collection boxes at either Peache's Store, Bucklebury School, L Interiors, Cottage Inn, Blackbird café.

**A DAY IN THE
LIFE OF
BUCKLEBURY**

**PHOTOS SHOULD
BE TAKEN IN
BUCKLEBURY ON
4-6th MAY 2019**

Closing date:
Monday 3rd June

All entries will be
exhibited in the
Oak Room,
Memorial Hall,
22nd June PM
23rd June AM

Winners will be
announced on
Sunday 23rd June
at the Cottage Inn
Bucklebury BBQ



Halls

The Victory Room

We continue to try to raise funds for the Victory Room Re-development. Sadly, we were not successful in our application to the Garfield Weston Anniversary Fund. The fund was originally set at £5m and later increased to £11m. Applications totalled more than £200m which clearly demonstrates the challenge of raising funds for projects in current times. We continue to try and raise funds from other sources. We are relooking at the project to see if we can divide into two phases, phase one would be provide new facilities, i.e. Kitchen, Toilets and Disabled and a second phase to replace the hall. For funding, a useable hall would need to be available at the end of each phase. We believe by doing this, the fund raising target for each phase may be more achievable.



It seems a long time ago now but you may remember the weather on the day of the Beerfest was not kind to us. After much re-planning when the forecast became known we managed to have a reasonably successful event and we made a profit of around £500. This was down on prior years but considering the weather we were very grateful to everyone that braved the rain and cold to attend the event.

Next Events for your diaries are:

Event	Time	Date
Highland Ceilidh	7.30pm	9th February 2019
Wine Tasting Evening	7.30pm	23rd March 2019

The Ceilidh may have already happened by the time you read this but if not tickets are currently still available. The haggis will be piped in at about 8 o'clock followed by a wee dram and a two course supper. The bar will be open for beers, wines and spirits. Pipe Major Ron Patterson with the St Andrews Scottish Dancers will guide us through a number of reels, strathspeys and waltzes and anyone can join in or stay seated! Mandy Shora will also entertain us with a number of Scottish songs and ballads. Tickets £20 (£10 under 16) from Alastair McOran-Campbell on 0118 971 3325 or mcoran@btinternet.com

The wine tasting evening will be on Saturday 23rd March 2019 in the Victory Room. In association with the Wine Man in Yattendon you can enjoy an educational and fun wine tasting evening and learn to quaff like an expert. You will get to taste 6 wines from different regions with recommended food and cheeses. Tickets are £20 from John Brims on 0118 9713308 or jbrims@outlook.com

Royal Baby Mugs

We still have a small stock of Prince Louis Mugs. Order forms are still available on the Bucklebury Parish Council website. You can also send an email to: buckleburyevents@gmail.com or call Julie Brims on 01189 713308.

John Brims
Chair of the Trustees of the Victory Room
0118 9713308
jbrims@outlook.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, which were first printed in 1973.

Part XII

The peace of Bucklebury was disturbed on December 3rd 1940, when a bomb fell on the house of Mr. William Green. Fortunately no lives were lost but the house was demolished, and when rebuilt after the war, Mr. Green named his new home "The Blitz" to commemorate the event.

Nearby, Mr. George Lailey, the last of the Bucklebury Bowl Turners, plied his ancient craft, on a green which has taken its name from the turners who made it their own corner of the Common. As he worked the ash sapling that provided the power for his simple lathe, he would recall how Mr. H. V. Morton came to see him, and afterwards recorded the visit in his book "In Search of England". Mr. Lailey's tools and samples of his bowls are now in the Museum of English Rural Life, Whiteknights, Reading, where they can be seen.



George Lailey at work

The war years saw the temporary enclosure of a major part of the Common, when it became a depot for army vehicles, and only residents or other permit holders were allowed to pass

through the enclosed area. After the war, the huts were claimed as homes by "squatters", until they could be rehoused. Now, a few concrete foundations, and mounds of bulldozed top soil are the only reminders of "the Camp".

The Victory Room was erected in the Village after the 1914-18 War, and it was decided to build a Memorial Hall in Upper Bucklebury after the Second World War. At first, a temporary hall was erected but this was replaced by the present hall in 1960.

Mr. Henry Hartley Russell played an active part in the preparations for the new hall, but, alas, he did not live to see the building completed. He died on Christmas Day, 1959, and was greatly mourned.

He was succeeded by his son, Mr. Derrick Hartley Russell, who has carried on his family's tradition of service, in the army, on the Berkshire County Council, on which he served as Chairman, on the Parish Council, and, last year, as High Sheriff of Berkshire. The attractive bungalows in the Avenue, erected by the Donnington Hospital Trust, which had its origins in 1393, bear witness to his interest in the old family charities.

NOTE: Part XI is missing from the History Group's Archives so if anyone has this in their possession could they please let me have a copy. Thank you. Helen Relf.

West Berkshire Countryside Society (WBCS)

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 mid-morning, as are the necessary tools.

Sat-9-Feb 10.30 am - 1.00 pm Bucklebury Common, heathland management SU550 688. Join the Bucklebury Heathland Group to help maintain this important heathland habitat. Meet at Angels Corner SU 550 688

Sun-10-Mar 10.30 am - 1.00 pm Bucklebury Common, heathland management SU550 688. Join the Bucklebury Heathland Group to help maintain this important heathland habitat. Meet at Angels Corner SU 550 688

Tue-19-Mar 10.00 am Stanford Dingley SU566 716 - River bank clearance #3 Clearing selected trees and scrub along the river bank of the Pang to allow light into the bed of the river. Park on the Byway which runs South from Bucklebury

Road in Stanford Dingley opposite the entrance to Pangfield Farm SU566 716

Tue-26-Mar 10.00 am Rushall Manor Farm, off Back Lane, Bradfield SU584 723 Woodland management, coppicing and ride widening. Meet at the Black Barn off Back Lane between Stanford Dingley and Bradfield. SU584 723

New Bucklebury Farm & Deer Safari Park Volunteer scheme

Do you have a passion for working with families, children and animals? Then our volunteer programme is for you!

We are looking for enthusiastic people to volunteer at Bucklebury Farm & Deer Safari Park either with our animal care team, events and shop team or our nature and conservation team.

If you have time to spare – from a day a week to as little as a half day per fortnight - and have a passion for educating our visitors about wildlife, farming and having a fantastic fun filled day out – then we want you! No formal qualifications are required to become a volunteer and all training will be given to you.

If you are interested in our volunteer programme or would like to know more about it, please email:

Amy@buckleburyfarmpark.co.uk or call on 0118 9714 002

Departments:

Animal care

Husbandry care, feeding, watering, health care and providing toys and fun enrichment for our animals, alongside our farm team you will run public activities and talks. Some animal management experience is essential

Children's activities (education, events, parties) & shop

Supervising playground activities, interacting and engaging with young visitors and families during busy summer months, helping with the running of the tuck shop.

Schools and events - DBS needed, experience with large groups and ideally school children (3+) Interacting with large groups, 20+ children. Supervising and engaging with school groups on school visits from start to finish

Parties/events - helping run events and parties - DBS essential, ideally confident with animals due to nature of the party

Nature, wildlife and conservation

Helping maintain and develop our nature and conservation areas and woodland as well as creating our annual floral displays. Tree and plant work along with maintenance of our woodland walks and habitats such as our pond and bug hotels.



Sports

FC Cougars

FC Cougars are looking for new players interested in forming a new Under 7s football team. The team will be open to children currently in school years 2 and 1, and will start weekly training sessions in the Spring with the aim of starting development matches from September 2019.

If your child is looking to either start playing regular football, play in a local league, or switch to a fun team with children from the local area then please get in touch! We welcome boys and girls of all abilities. As well as keen young players we are also looking for parent volunteers who would like to help with the running of the team.

FC Cougars are a fun and friendly youth football club for players in Bucklebury, Thatcham, and the surrounding area. Our teams play matches home and away on Sundays in the Reading and West Berkshire League. All our team managers and helpers have current enhanced DBS checks and our managers are FA licensed coaches.

Our younger age groups are currently taking part in Futsal, a type of indoor football, playing in sports halls across the West Berkshire area, so they can keep playing football whatever the weather! Our U14s continue their league season on grass where they are playing in the top division of their league. There are currently spaces available in that team for children in school years 8 or 9.

For more details on FC Cougars please contact graham@fccougars.com or see our website www.fccougars.com



Bucklebury Badminton Club

Membership is thriving and club nights are very well attended. We have players of all levels and are always keen to welcome new members. If you are new or returning to the sport, we offer coaching and encouragement. You don't have to play matches but if you want to, you will be asked as we have many teams in the local league. We have members from age 14 to 60+, although players under 18 will need to be accompanied by a parent or carer please.

This summer, our club coach will be offering free coaching sessions to all members on Wednesday nights. If you join us before then, you will be entitled to these lessons.

The 2018 club handicapped tournament was a fiercely fought event in which seniority triumphed with Linda Cross and Richard Neville picking up the coveted award.



Linda Cross and Richard Neville
Club tournament winners 2018

The Christmas social at The Cottage Inn in December was a popular event with nearly 30 people attending. Other social events have included a summer meal at the West Berks Brewery Tap Room and a ladies meal also at our local pub.

So, if your New Year's resolution is to get fit or to meet more people, come along and have a taster session. Club night is at Elstree School sports hall on Tuesdays from 8 to 10. We play most weeks except during August. Exact dates and more information can be found on our website.

VENUE: Elstree School, Woolhampton, RG7 5TD

DAY: every Tuesday 8 to 10 p.m.

COST: £5 for visitors (deducted from subscription which is £110 per annum **pro rata**. £50 for students)

CONTACT: Margaret Neville 01635 873811

margaretnev@yahoo.co.uk

WEBSITE: buckleburybadmintonclub.com

Get Berkshire Active

A new venture has started at the Memorial Hall, every Tuesday morning at 10.30am. There are chair/standing based exercises for Senior Citizens. It is being offered by a Qualified Personal Trainer and sponsored by "Get Berkshire Active".

It is committed to run up to Easter, and subject to numbers will continue on a regular basis. There is a small charge of £2 per person per week, which covers 45 minutes (approx.) of professionally led light exercise, tea & biscuits and an optional opportunity for one or two gentle competitive activities such as Indoor Bowls in the following 45 minutes.

One of the participants commented that he could honestly say he found it very worthwhile and light hearted and would encourage anyone else interested to "Come and Join in".

Bucklebury Tennis Club

www.buckleburytennis.com

OUT & ABOUT IN THE COMPETITIVE WORLD

The winter league is at its half way mark. We have entered teams for the Newbury & district leagues, with two Men's teams and two Mixed Teams and one Vets team. We have also entered a Ladies team in the Berkshire league.

The opportunities to play have been intermittent and several matches have had to be postponed, but at this stage we have two teams holding top spot in their respective Division 1, Bucklebury Men's A, Bucklebury Vets A and Bucklebury Mixed A hold second spot in Division 1.

ON THE HOME FRONT

Drills & Skills have started on Mondays with a slightly earlier time for both sessions. It is hoped to revert to the previous timing to allow those working folk to get back into the sessions. But for the next couple of months we will be continuing at the new times.

For all those new to this idea of Drills and Skills, its run by a qualified coach Damian Lane and is fun as well as good exercise. There is room to join the group on Mondays at either 5.30 p.m. or 6.30 p.m. It's open to non-members so come along and enjoy a new challenge. Charges are £6 per hour for members and £8 per hour for non-members.

JUNIOR & TEENS COACHING

Starting week commencing 29th April we are running a series of coaching sessions for our younger players. We are planning to have sessions for 4-5 yr. olds, 6-7yr olds and 8-12yr olds and teens as long as the numbers justify the course. The sessions are either Mondays or Wednesdays. The plan is to hold 10 sessions for each group within the school term time, but excluding half term/public holidays. Coaching is under our qualified coach Damian Lane. Enquiries/booking places, should in the first instance be directed to Karen Pegg, who has volunteered to coordinate the arrangements. There is a fee charged for this programme of £6 per hour for non-members discounted for members.

Contact Karen e-mail kppegg61@gmail.com

SKITTLES EVENING

The Tennis Club has scheduled its skittles evening for Saturday May 11th at 7.30 p.m. There is a Challenge Cup as the prize for the winning team, plus small prizes for the winning individual skittlers and a grand raffle for a hamper and other worthwhile surprises. Fish & Chip supper included.

Put the date in your diaries and get a team together or come as individuals, we'll find you a suitable friendly team to join.

SATURDAY 11th MAY 7.00 P.M., Bucklebury Memorial Hall

THE COURTS ARE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO PLAY TENNIS

The courts are open to everyone on a PAY & PLAY basis, or if you want to have regular opportunities to play, annual membership is available to all.

Membership entitles you to play at any time with an online booking arrangement allowing for booking courts in advance. Both courts have floodlight facilities to allow for evening play. Rates are probably the lowest in Berkshire.

New members and visitors are most welcome.

Please contact the undersigned or the Club Secretary, Norman Casson normancasson@aol.com either through our Club website or by direct contact, if you have any further queries.

Enquiries to: THE ABOVE OR Mike James e-mail m-a-james@tiscali.co.uk or Phone 01189712285

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 "clerk@buckleburyparish.org". 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 preceding publication.

Helen Pratt - Clerk.

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Parish Diary Dates

February

7th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
7th	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am & 10.30am	The Cottage Inn.
9th	Bucklebury Heathland Group	10.30am	Meet at Angels Corner.
9th	Highland Ceilidh	7.30pm	The Victory Room, Bucklebury.
11th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.
12th	Tuesday Ladies Night	7.15pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
18th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
25th	Planning Committee	8.00pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.

March

4th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
7th	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am & 10.30am	The Cottage Inn.
10th	Bucklebury Heathland Group	10.30am	Meet at Angels Corner.
11th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.
12th	Tuesday Ladies Night	7.45pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
13th	Bucklebury Tennis Club Ladies Supper	6.00 for 6.30pm	The Cottage Inn.
18th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
19th	Bucklebury Tennis Club AGM, Drinks & Nibbles	7.30pm	Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
23rd	Wine Tasting Evening	7.30pm	The Victory Room, Bucklebury.
25th	Planning Committee	8.00pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.

April

1st	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
4th	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am & 10.30am	The Cottage Inn.
8th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.
9th	Tuesday Ladies Night	7.45pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
13th	Common Clearing	2.00pm	Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
15th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
29th	Planning Committee	8.00pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.

May

2nd	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am & 10.30am	The Cottage Inn.
10th	Annual Parish Assembly	7.30pm	The Victory Room, Bucklebury.
11th	Bucklebury Tennis Club Skittles	7.00pm	Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
13th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.
20th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
21st	Tuesday Ladies Night	7.45pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.