

# The Oaks



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## Bucklebury Parish Chairman's Letter

We haven't bought the bottles of fizz yet, but having sorted out the last legal hurdle we have instructed our solicitors to prepare the transfer documents for the meadows from David Wilson Homes to Bucklebury Parish Council (BPC). By the time you read this, the paperwork will hopefully be signed and sealed.

Most dog owners are fortunately very responsible and use the dog bins provided on the meadows. It only takes one or two people to forget their bags and BPC start to receive complaints, so please remember always to have a supply in your pocket.

The Clerk has contacted Thames Water about the new pumping station and the replacement water main; there is an update in this edition of The Oaks.

Thirty mile an hour stickers for wheelie bins will shortly be distributed to residents living along the busy roads in the parish. Recent traffic surveys show that most traffic does in fact keep more or less to the speed limit although inevitably some people drive through too fast.

In July we had the launch of the update of the "Veteran Trees for the Future, Bucklebury Common" leaflet which was generously donated by the West Berkshire Countryside Society. Dick Greenaway, the author, gave a fascinating talk which should have been followed by a picnic tea round the Coronation oak. Sadly it rained so we stayed put in the Oak Room.

The fencing round the well-used play park at the Memorial Hall has been replaced

and repairs are being carried out where necessary to the equipment.

A new parish emergency plan has been ratified by the council so should anything untoward occur key people will hopefully prepare to spring into action.

Bucklebury vision is being updated and will go on line once it is finished.

We will be having our autumn Common Clearing and Parish Litter Pick on 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. We hope many of you will turn out, do your good deed for the day, enjoy a walk, a cup of tea and a piece of cake afterwards.

**Wynne Frankum - Chair of Bucklebury Parish Council.**

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Wynne Frankum

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

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

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Equipment will be provided  
SKIPS at the Memorial Hall  
and Chapel Row

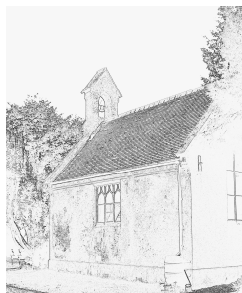
Meet Bucklebury Memorial Hall  
2.00pm

Free refreshments afterwards

**"Keep Bucklebury Beautiful"**

## Parish Council Matters Arising

### Bucklebury Cemetery





If you have been in the cemetery recently you will have seen that some of the graves have been cleared of the shrubs that had swamped them. More will be cut this autumn.

BPC have applied for the rare nineteenth century concrete chapel and wall to be locally listed. It was agreed by the panel that it would be sent to WBC for their approval.

Cemeteries have to be run according to strict rules and regulations. Please contact the superintendent (Helen Pratt) before you change anything in the cemetery.

The "Carols by Candlelight" will be held in and around the chapel this year on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Come and enjoy the singing, mulled wine, and mince pies.

**Wynne Frankum - Chair of the Burial Board**



## Carols by Candlelight



### Cemetery Chapel, Byles Green

## Monday 18th December

### At 6pm

### Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

## All welcome



## The Fred Dawson Memorial Playpark

One of the amenities that makes a village a popular place to live is a playpark. It makes life so much easier when you have small children or grandchildren to be able to take them to the park where they can play and make friends.

Bucklebury Parish Council is now managing the playpark and the noticeable change is the smart new fencing. We have several more minor jobs which need the attention of any parishioner willing to help. Parents or grandparents whose children use the park may like to offer some help, but anyone who values this lovely place may like to help the community in this way. Please contact me if you would like to help.

Unfortunately, we have had several instances of vandalism over the summer and into the autumn. This puts small children using the park in danger, and gives the Pre-school staff an enormous amount of extra work, clearing up broken glass, sweeping stones and removing splintered wood etc. before their children can go outside.

Please ask your teenage children to read this. We have CCTV covering the park but we would hope that anyone who knows of any vandalism would, in the first instance, tell the vandals not to do it if they would not feel that was endangering their own safety, photograph if possible, and then report it either to their parents or directly to me. We hope our Bucklebury teenagers can continue to use the area to meet and spend time and hope they feel a sense of ownership and pride in the area.

**Anne Hillerton - Parish Councillor**  
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### Bucklebury Byways

Due to vehicle damage that has been inflicted on Bucklebury Common byways in recent years it has been decided by West Berkshire Council, BBOWT and the Commons Advisory Committee that, in line with many byways in the country, a large proportion of our Bucklebury Parish byways will be closed from Monday 16th October 2017 to Monday 15th April 2018. The purpose is to preserve the surface of the byways during the winter months. This is in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and it will prohibit any mechanically propelled vehicle with 3 wheels or more from proceeding in any direction over the byways. For a definitive list of the byways in question, please contact the Rights of Way team at WBC on 01635 519080. Note: it is the majority of our parish byways.

**Hilary Cairns - Parish Councillor.**

## Planning

The last six months have been interesting in terms of the number of applications; they have been very erratic! At one meeting we had 6 applications to discuss and I cancelled the next because there were no applications to be considered.

Some applications are determined by the Eastern Area Planning Committee (composed of District Councillors). Parishioners are allowed to speak at these meetings, but they must register that they wish to do so by 4pm of the day preceding the meeting. They then have a limited time to speak.

Reference	Description	BPC Status	WBC Status
15/00296/OUTMAJ	<b><u>Land at Siege Cross Farm, Bath Road (Adjacent Parish).</u></b> Outline application for the phased development of up to 495 dwellings; up to 250sqm of Use Class D1 floor space; a new primary school of up to 2 forms of entry; vehicular, pedestrian and cycle accesses; public open space; children's play areas; landscaping; structural planting; new woodland planting; sustainable urban drainage measures including water detention basins; associated ground modelling; and all associated works. Means of vehicular access into the site proposed in full. Matters to be considered: Access – Into the Site	Object	Refused by WBC. Taken to appeal
16/02923/CERTE	<b><u>Glenvale Nurseries, Hungerford Lane (Adjacent Parish).</u></b> Retail garden centre.	Comments	Refused Taken to appeal
16/02922/OUTD	<b><u>Glenvale Nurseries, Hungerford Lane (Adjacent Parish).</u></b> Outline application for the demolition of garden centre and replace with 4 x custom build dwellings – Matters to be considered: Access.	Object	Refused Taken to appeal.
17/00078/FUL	<b><u>J Sellwood, Long Grove.</u></b> Dismantling of existing derelict bungalow with purpose of recycling bricks on site for new construction. Erection of new single private low-carbon 2-storey family dwelling by way of self-build by owner of the site.	No Objection	Approved
16/01782/FULD	<b><u>Bushnells Green Farmhouse.</u></b> Retention of existing timber lodge as farm worker accommodation. Non-compliance with condition 12 of approved 13/03014/FUL.	Object	Refused on appeal.
17/00270/HOUSE	<b><u>The Dower House, Midgham Green.</u></b> Proposed triple bay garage block with ancillary accommodation.	No Objection	Approved
17/00369/FUL	<b><u>Land South of Cherry Orchard Cottage, Hatch Lane.</u></b> New stable outbuilding.	Object	Approved.
17/00215/HOUSE	<b><u>Marlston Farm.</u></b> Extensions to dining room and front door entrance porch.	. Object	Approved
17/00658/HOUSE	<b><u>Hytaville, Byles Green.</u></b> Proposed two storey side and rear extension and refurbishment of existing dwelling.	Object	Refused
17/00541/FULD	<b><u>Abbey View, Paradise Lane.</u></b> Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of a new dwelling with car port.	No Objection	Approved
17/00671/HOUSE	<b><u>3 Rose Cottages, The Slade.</u></b> Single storey rear extension.	No Objection	Approved
17/00512/HOUSE	<b><u>Ingleside, Fanny's Lane.</u></b> Erection of two storey rear extension with new traditional car port to the side of the property.	No Objection	Approved

Reference	Description	BPC Status	WBC Status
17/00787/HOUSE	<b><u>Paxton House, Sadgrove Lane.</u></b> Alterations and extensions to dwelling including single and first floor rear extensions and replacement flat roof with roof lights.	No Objection	Approved
17/00833/HOUSE	<b><u>Brackenwood, Little Lane.</u></b> Proposed porch with additional roof dormer and internal first floor alterations.	No Objection	Approved
17/01012/FUL	<b><u>Land at Hartshill Copse Off Broad Lane.</u></b> Gas fueled capacity mechanism embedded generation plant to support the National Grid.	Object	Withdrawn
17/01123/HOUSE	<b><u>Stag Cottage, Zin Zan.</u></b> Detached garden studio.	Object	Withdrawn
17/01015/HOUSE	<b><u>Elm Wood.</u></b> Alterations and extension to front, side and rear.	No Objection	Approved
17/01165/CERTE	<b><u>Marlston Farm, Marlston.</u></b> Use of land as domestic garden.	No Comment	Lawful
17/01256/HOUSE	<b><u>The Old Police House, Bucklebury.</u></b> Demolition of existing single storey extensions and detached outbuildings, new extension and alterations to the old police house.	No Objection	Approved
17/01313/HOUSE	<b><u>Terrelee, Turners Green.</u></b> Front-side extension at ground floor and loft level, creation of new loft space and roof extension, new front porch, changes to existing fenestration; erection of new double length garage and demolition of existing garage and lean-to utility; removal of existing chimney.	No Objection	Approved
17/01257/HOUSE	<b><u>Edglee House, Broad Lane.</u></b> S73A. Variation of condition 2 approved plans, to formalize existing self contained Annex instead of the approved garage conversion to games and study room. Of approved reference 10/03150/HOUSE Conversion of attached garage to games room and study together with construction of detached garage.	No Objection	Approved
17/01276/HOUSE	<b><u>4 Mortons Lane.</u></b> Loft conversion with roof alterations with velux windows.	Object	Approved by Eastern Area Planning Committee
17/01519/HOUSE	<b><u>Wimbles Wood Cottage (formerly Anyho), Long Grove.</u></b> Retrospective application for rear log and garden store.	No Objection	Approved
17/01692/HOUSE	<b><u>Pebbly Croft, Chapel Row.</u></b> Single and two storey extensions.	No Objection	Approved
17/01742/HOUSE	<b><u>Hawthorn House, Windmill Lane.</u></b> Conversion and extension of existing garage (with new pitched roof) to create studio/hobbies room, bicycle and garden machinery store. Construction of detached replacement garages.	No Objection	Approved
17/01758/HOUSE & 17/01759/LBC2	<b><u>Woodrow, Bucklebury Alley (Adjacent Parish).</u></b> Construct a single storey garden room extension, a lean to WC, replacement of existing garage and installation of 3 new skylights.	Object	Approved
17/01828/FUL	<b><u>Ivinghoe, Stanford Dingley (Adjacent Parish).</u></b> Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling.	Object	Refused

Reference	Description	BPC Status	WBC Status
17/01837/HOUSE	<b><u>Beenham Hatch, The Avenue.</u></b> Removal of existing conservatory to allow for the erection of a timber and double glazed garden room onto the existing house.	No Objection	Approved
17/01899/HOUSE	<b><u>Marlston Farm, Marlston.</u></b> A single storey, gable extension to the front façade.	No Objection	Approved
17/01888/AGRIC	<b><u>Land at Bluebell Wood Barns, Hawkridge Hill (Adjacent Parish).</u></b> Proposed agricultural timber framed building.	No Objection	Full application not required
17/01787/HOUSE	<b><u>Nuttage House, Bucklebury.</u></b> Extension to annexe.	No Objection	Refused
17/01884/HOUSE & 17/01885/LBC2	<b><u>Vanners, Bucklebury.</u></b> Upgrading and remodeling of historic cottage and replacement of C20th north range with new kitchen and family room range.	No Objection	Awaiting Decision
17/01905/FUL	<b><u>St. Crispins Farm, Chapel Row.</u></b> Demolition of the existing house and replacement with a simplified form with double pitched roof. Accommodation will be split over 2 no. floors with the footprint remaining at 244 sqm to match that of the existing property.	No Objection	Approved
17/02002/HOUSE	<b><u>4 Broad Lane.</u></b> Retrospective new detached garden store.	No Objection	Approved
17/02249/AGRIC	<b><u>Land at Hatch Pightle Gully, Hatch Lane.</u></b> Toolshed, open fronted log store.	Object	Awaiting Decision
17/02162/HOUSE	<b><u>Firlands Burdens Heath.</u></b> Demolish existing garage and construct new single storey rear/side extension.	Object	Approved
17/02279/FULD	<b><u>49 Roundfield.</u></b> Proposed new build detached bungalow, including basement level, and additional parking space.	Object	Awaiting Decision
17/02260/FULD	<b><u>Fifield Farm.</u></b> Section 73A Removal of Condition 7 – sustainable drainage, Condition 9 – Landscape, Condition 10 – protection of trees, Condition 11 – Spoil and Condition 12 – external lighting of previously approved application 16/01363/FULD: Demolition of existing outbuildings and barn and replacement by proposed erection of a new dwelling, as already approved by West Berkshire Council reference number 15/02340/FULD, but to include basement.	Object	Awaiting Decision
17/02266/FUL	<b><u>Little Roselands, The Avenue.</u></b> Demolition of the existing dwelling, annexe, garage and outbuildings and the erection of a replacement 5 bedroom dwelling with associated parking and access arrangements.	Object	Awaiting Decision
17/02535/HOUSE	<b><u>Autumn House, Byles Green.</u></b> Garage roof extension.	Object	Awaiting Decision

## Thames Water

As most of you are probably aware, Thames Water are replacing the booster station at the bottom of Harts Hill, relocating it to the other side of the road. They have also agreed to replace the water main coming up Harts Hill. The combination of these works should provide Bucklebury and beyond with a much improved water supply.

Last week Thames Water advised me that:

- they have almost finalised their plans for the new combined booster station and will be writing to residents with details of the works and how it may affect them as soon as they can.
- their (Harts Hill) mains replacement work is continuing as previously discussed and they will be in contact with those customers the works will affect.

Any new information from Thames Water will be posted on the Parish Council website.

**Helen Pratt – Parish Clerk.**

## Parish Website

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

The Website can be found at [www.buckleburyparish.org](http://www.buckleburyparish.org).

# Burns Night Supper

## Memorial Hall

27<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Tickets on sale in the New Year.



## West Berks District Councillors

### WBC Councillors' Report

In the May edition of The Oaks we wrote about our suggestions that were submitted to the Boundary Commission to reduce the number of District Councillors from 52 to 42. This was an opportunity as a number of district wards had become out of balance based on the number of electors for each of us which, ideally, should be an equal number per councillor.

The Commission has now given its view and has suggested 43 councillors, but much more importantly has suggested our parish should be amalgamated with Aldermaston and surrounding parishes. The suggestion would mean three District Councillors representing 15 parishes up to the boundaries of Theale and Burghfield covering as far afield as Upton Nervet and Englefield in the east and Frilsham and Bucklebury in the west.

Currently we cover five parishes and we both attend most of the Parish Council meetings and Parish Assemblies but the thought of those elected in May 2019 trying to cover 15 regular meetings would result in a diminution of local knowledge necessary for good representation of you, the electors. If you agree then please visit the Local Government Boundary Commission website ([www.lgbcc.org.uk](http://www.lgbcc.org.uk)) and follow the links to West Berkshire to find the map and what is proposed.

We urge you to look further at this and respond before 6<sup>th</sup> November as this affects all parishioners and future Councillors. Local knowledge is essential for us to be able to serve you as you deserve.

As ever if you have any issues you wish us to take up on your behalf then please call.

**Graham Pask & Quentin Webb - District Councillors.**

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

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## Befriend West Berks

Our successful volunteer Befriending scheme is looking for volunteers in your area to befriend lonely people over 55 years.

The Befriend project started in April 2016.

It is widely recognised that Befriending is an effective way of tackling social isolation and improve well-being. It can sometimes be the only contact with the outside world and shared interests can be developed.

Once trained, the volunteer will be carefully matched to someone, then just like a friend, they will take a little time to visit once a week or so, to enjoy each others company, or maybe a trip to the garden centre or local gardens.

The service has over 50 volunteers who are DBS checked and referenced.

If you know anyone who maybe interested in being a volunteer please contact Befriend West Berkshire, 1 Bolton Place, Northbrook Street, Newbury RG14 1AJ

[befriend@vcwb.org.uk](mailto:befriend@vcwb.org.uk) 01635 49004

## News from Chapel Row Surgery

### Annual Flu Vaccination Clinics.

- The Chapel Row Surgery will be operating Annual Influenza (Flu) Vaccination Clinics at the surgery on Saturday 7th October 2017 and Saturday 21st October 2017.
- The clinics will be run by the Practice Nurses and a Doctor will not be in surgery during the Flu Vaccination Clinics.
- Additionally, the Surgery Dispensary will NOT be open on these Flu Clinic dates.
- If patients are unable to attend one of these dates and are eligible to have the Flu Vaccination, please ask at the Surgery Reception for an appointment with a Nurse to have the Flu Vaccination.

### Prescription Ordering & Collection at Christmas

- As Christmas approaches, the Chapel Row Surgery Dispensary Team would like to encourage all patients to plan for their medication requirements over the Christmas period.
- The Surgery is only shut for 2 days - Monday 25th December (Christmas Day) and Tuesday 26th December (Boxing Day).
- Please do not over order your medication during the run up to the Christmas period.

- The Dispensary experiences much higher demand for medication in December each year, than every other month and so the medication orders are that much bigger and take that much longer to unpack, check and put on the shelves ready to dispense.
- Additionally patients leave ordering and collecting their medication to the last minute and so we have unusually long queues at the Dispensary as the 2 days of Christmas approach.
- Please could patients order their medication and collect their medication well before the Christmas period.

### On-line Services.

- When considering On-Line access to the Chapel Row Surgery, there are currently TWO options for patients:
  1. Chapel Row Surgery Website - [www.crsurgery.co.uk](http://www.crsurgery.co.uk)
  2. EMIS Patient Access - [patient.emisaccess.co.uk](http://patient.emisaccess.co.uk)
- Chapel Row Surgery Website can be used to:
  1. See Healthcare Solution information - Self Help Guides are available
  2. See details about the Chapel Row Surgery
  3. Order Repeat Medication - Click on "**Prescriptions & Medicine Centre**" and then click on "**Request Medication Online**" and then answer "**No**" to the next question.
  4. Ask a Doctor / Nurse / Reception / Dispensary a Question - Click on "**Consulting Room**" and then click on "**Get Medical Advice & Treatment from a Doctor**" and then click on "**Ask the Doctor a Question Online**" - a message is sent to the Doctor, who will then respond within the timescale advised on screen.
  5. Patients can Ask a Nurse a Question via the "**Consulting Room**" or Ask Reception via the "Reception & Enquiries" option or Ask Dispensary via the "**Prescriptions & Medicine Centre**" option at the Surgery Website Home Page.
- EMIS Patient Access can be used to:
  1. Order Repeat Medication on-line - the patient's usual medication is displayed in a list and once ticked and submitted this medication will be ordered.
  2. Book an appointment at the surgery.
  3. View your medical record.
  4. Send messages to the surgery.

## Family

### Bucklebury Church of England Primary School

Dear All,

The new school year has started very well. It is always excellent to welcome everyone back and for the school to be full of the hum of learning once more. New children in Hedgehog class have settled very well and throughout the school new and existing pupils have rapidly got up to speed. September and October are such important months in the school year. It is a time when children begin to appreciate the expectations for the year ahead, and renew the habits of excellence that will serve them well over the coming months.

We were thrilled to celebrate harvest festival at All Saints' Church once more this year. Children and families were very generous in their giving in support of the West Berkshire Food bank. A note of thanks to Reverend Gadsby and to pupils who led the service.

Pupil leadership positions have been filled for the year ahead with a range of captain roles appointed. In particular, congratulations to Daniel W and Ella B in their appointment as school captains. This is a distinguished role that they are well placed to fulfil. Good luck to you both and all pupil leaders across the school.

We continue to realise significant support from Friends of Bucklebury School (FOBS). Most recently, this has enabled continued investment in technology to support learning across the school, including a renewed wifi network. We are particularly looking forward to further partnership in the year ahead and further investment to the benefit of every child.

You may recall that this is officially my first term as substantive Headteacher. During the last 12 months we have done much to discuss and articulate our shared values and how we should endeavour to continue to live out the trust deed of the school. We believe in growing the whole child in every child. This is underpinned by the gospel values of love, faith and hope which shaped the foundation of the school in 1874. We strive to know every child, enabling personalised provision that is exceptionally delivered. As a result, we expect to pass on pupils balanced in mind, body and spirit.

The school has always been, and will remain, a crucial part of

the village of Bucklebury and the surrounding communities. It stands as a beacon, serving every family and every child. The new academic year demands our full attention. Our collective challenge is to ensure it is the best it can possibly be for every child. Together, I'm sure we can make it so.

Kind regards  
Mr A. Higgs  
Headteacher



## School Governor

Being a Governor is a rewarding and effective way of making a voluntary contribution to the community and the lives of local young people and specifically their educational attainment.

Bucklebury School is looking to appoint two Governors to help provide the best possible education for our pupils. Each Governor has three roles:

- Strategic Role – setting the school's values, vision and strategic aims.
- Critical Friend – monitoring and evaluating performance, acting as a critical friend to the Headteacher to support and challenge them in managing the school.
- Accountability - ensuring the school is accountable to the children and parents it serves, to its local community, to those who fund and maintain it, as well as to the staff.

The Governing Body meet ten times during the school year on Monday evening at 6.30pm. There are no qualifications required to become a school governor but if you have:

- An interest in our children's future
- Time, energy and enthusiasm
- A desire to make a difference
- Readiness to accept responsibility
- An ability to work as part of a team

**Then you could have what it takes to join one of the largest volunteer groups in the country, working with others to get the best for the children in our village school.**

If you are interested in becoming a governor then please e-mail or write to Geoff Arthur, Chair of Governors, explaining why you want the position and what relevant skills, attributes and experience you have:

[garthur@bucklebury.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:garthur@bucklebury.w-berks.sch.uk)

Bucklebury Church of England Primary School, Blacklands Road, Upper Bucklebury



## West Berkshire Ballet School

As I write, we have 101 days 'til Christmas! How are we going to be able to pack everything in? 25 students will be competing, once again, in the National Cecchetti Ballet Children's Awards at Sadlers Wells in November – lots of new work to learn. Around 56 dancers will be taking their exams in early December – we need to wake up our bodies and minds after the long summer break – so there's no danger of anyone getting bored this term!

The highlight of our summer term was, of course, our full-length production of *The Nutcracker* at Arlington Arts. We had three performances, with a full house every time – such a thrill for our dancers. 'The Newbury Weekly News' headline read "West Berks Ballet School's stunning production...." – couldn't ask for more than that. All the cast had a souvenir DVD with over 800 beautiful photographs by Mikaela Wild, but they will also have taken away lasting memories which will stay with them forever.



West Berks Ballet School production of *The Nutcracker*

Holly & Lucie received Scholarships to attend the Cecchetti Teachers' Summer School at Elmhurst (Birmingham Royal Ballet's feeder school). Jenny joined them and she and Lucie finished a brilliant week by passing their Advanced ballet exam – well done girls!

Claire ran her annual summer school with two different casts over two weeks – this year we had Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. It is truly 'amazing' how Claire manages to produce such a professional show in just 4 days – ably abetted by Gemma, Lucie & Chloe with our wonderful senior students looking after scenery & programme production.

We are now excited and ready to welcome back our dancers for this busy term and we look forward to meeting our new students to join the WBBS family.

**Jane Scholl, Claire Bowden, Holly Unnuk, Lucie Dale & Jenny Bennett**

wbbs.org and facebook.

## Bucklebury Guides

Our busy, energetic unit continues to thrive. We have welcomed a steady stream of new members as well as preparing some of our older Guides for moving on to Rangers. Our joint meeting with Bradfield Brownies at Easter was a great way to forge links across the units and show the younger girls the sort of things we get up to at Guides.

Over the last two terms we have completed Go For It! tasks in patrols and have completed the Traditions of Guiding badge finding out about Guiding around the world, marching, signals, bearings, songs and lots of different ways to make and cook on fire. We celebrated Thinking Day with units from across the district and some of our Guides were also able to join other units for a summer camp.

We enjoyed a fascinating trip to the Living Rainforest, a swimming and chips evening and a Division-wide day out at Legoland Windsor. At the end of term we raised some funds at Beenham's Summer Fair running a coconut shy. This will enable a couple of trips this term.

This term we are looking forward to completing the Confectioners badge which involves making sweets, chocolate and icing - lots of eating as usual. We are also tackling the Independent Living badge including a trip to Newbury Fire Station for some First Aid training, following instructions to build bird boxes, sewing, learning how to use an A-Z and a much anticipated visit to IKEA with a (fictional) budget! We have a bowling evening planned and then a Christmas day out at the end of term.

As usual, we will be running a stall at Bucklebury Beerfest with lots of games for adults and children to play and, as we have done for many years, we will take part in the Remembrance service at St Mary's.

A major change for the unit this year has been our moving venue and time. We now hold our Guides sessions on Monday evenings (7-8:30pm) at The Victory Room in Bucklebury. We have really enjoyed using the outdoor space there over the summer. Sadly we lost our leader, Amy to relocation in the summer but Emily (a leader in training) and I will continue to draw on her Guiding knowledge and vast experience when needed!

If you are interested in joining us, please do get in touch. 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](mailto:buckleburyguides@wilkesam1plus.com))**

## Organisations

### Tuesday Ladies' Club (TLC)



The committee hope all of you ladies out there had a wonderful summer although it seemed brief. Autumn seems to have started early this year and with it our autumn schedule.

Since the last edition of The Oaks our group has enjoyed a fascinating and enlightening talk about food foraging with Matthew Dorich. Partners came too which made for a fun evening.

In June the weather was very kind to us and we had a fabulous afternoon tea in Jackie's garden with a lovely range of cakes and fizz. This was enjoyed so much that it could well be repeated again next year.

Sadly the same could not be said for the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust walk... The weather had been fabulous for weeks but on that day the heavens opened, we had a terrific thunderstorm and the meeting had to be cancelled. We might well reschedule for a future date.

At the time of writing our autumn meetings are already underway with a gripping talk by Sarah Preston our local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) who covered all topics from police dog handling to terrorism. She spoke with passion, her dedication was awe-inspiring and we all learned so much that evening.

Dates for your diary are as follows:

Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Jewellery making workshop (please bring a few extra £ if you would like to make something as materials are charged for but you can make some Christmas presents with a personal touch!)

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Talk on the canals of France

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Xmas party with a Spanish theme

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> History of Greenham Common

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Quiz night

Mar 13<sup>th</sup> Silk craft

Apr 10<sup>th</sup> A talk on Changi Red Cross Quilts

May 8<sup>th</sup> Fragrance and memories

June 12<sup>th</sup> On site behind the scenes at Bucklebury Farm Park

July 10<sup>th</sup> Afternoon tea

This is your ladies club, please come and support us. Bring a

friend, we would love to meet you.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Oak Room in Upper Bucklebury. The cost of each meeting is £3 to cover the hire of the hall, speakers and refreshments. We look forward to meeting you there.

**Committee members:** Wynne Frankum, Jackie Sadler, Hilary Pask, Karin Warne and Susan Puri

### Bucklebury Events

We have two parish events being planned.

The Christmas Tree Festival will be held in the Memorial Hall on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 1.00pm to 4.30pm. The theme this year is Nursery Rhymes. We welcome Christmas trees from Bucklebury schools, societies, businesses and families. For an entry form or for further information please ring Julie Brims 01189713308 or email [buckleburyevents@gmail.com](mailto:buckleburyevents@gmail.com)

The popular Burn's Night Supper will be held at the Memorial Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> January. Lindsey McNish will again keep the evening going with a swing. Tickets will be available in the New Year from Wynne Frankum 01635 863372.

**Christmas Tree Festival**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Bucklebury Memorial Hall

1.00pm to 4.30pm



Come and vote for your favourite Tree,  
Stalls, children's games, decorate a biscuit,  
mulled wine, mince pies and seasonal  
refreshments.

## Anne Ryder

It was with great sadness that we heard of Anne's death after a very brave fight against cancer.

Anne was an amazing, quietly spoken, self-effacing American who was always very tactful, a delight to work with and who just made things happen.

She was one of the originators of the Beerfest and the driving force behind the Bucklebury Events Committee from its inception until now, serving as both chair and secretary.

You may not have known Anne personally, but she was the quiet mover and shaker, behind nearly every Beerfest and all the major Royal Celebrations we have had in the parish in recent years. Without her amazing energy, computing skills and organisation, they would not have been nearly as successful. On the day of each event she was always in the background masterminding and ensuring everything ran smoothly, usually with her remarkably hard working husband Phil at her side. If anything was needed by less organised people like me, from scissors, double sided tape, or drawing pins, it was usually to be found in her basket.

She seemingly effortlessly whipped up posters and flyers, along with minutes, action plans, begging letters and all the paper work associated with all these activities.

Anne also dealt with the sales of the commemorative mugs for the Royal occasions, raising thousands of pounds for community events.

Bucklebury was indeed fortunate that Anne and Phil chose to live here and contribute so much to the enjoyment of life in the parish. The last event she organised was this year's Christmas Tree Festival to be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. It will be held in her memory with all donations going to the Rosemary Appeal. We will do our best to live up to her high expectations.

Anne will be greatly missed.

**Wynne Frankum**



## Bucklebury & Marlston Horticultural Society

The late summer rain came just in time to save our lawns and now our lawnmowers are busy again. Over the last couple of relatively dry years new plants have needed extra watering, but this showery autumn has filled our water butts and helped plants (and weeds!) establish. At the time of writing, we are into the middle of September without a damaging frost, and dahlias are magnificent. Down in the Pang valley early frosts are a problem and I have often lost them before the Autumn Show. Our Horse Chestnuts continue to suffer and are the only trees to hint at the approach of winter.

The Autumn Show also benefitted from the kind weather, and completed a trio of excellent shows for 2017. All the shows exceeded our expectations and our members continue to produce a good quality and quantity of exhibits which always stretch the capacity of the available tables at the Memorial Hall. Please come along to our flower shows and meetings, they are proper traditional village events, they are free, friendly and refreshments are available. New members are always welcomed by John Wright (01635 863429).

The coach outing to Oxford took place on one of the hottest days of the year. The early morning coolness amongst the mature trees in Harcourt Arboretum was followed by a search for shade in the Botanical Gardens and ice-creams at Waterperry. The next trip is our annual pilgrimage to the Royal Horticultural Society gardens at Wisley. This year we are going on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October to enjoy the autumn colour. NO COACH; just meet at All Saints' Church, Upper Bucklebury at 9am with a car full of members or friends and you will receive instructions. Entry to these gardens is FREE if we go as a group, but you can roam as long as you like and return as you wish.

The remaining events for this year are the AGM on the 27<sup>th</sup> October, and the pre-Christmas Social. The Memorial Hall is booked for 11<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 7pm for an Italian supper at 7.30pm, followed by entertainment. Tickets (£17.50) are available from Viv Ward (0118 9712581).

We will soon be setting out plans for publication in our 2018 schedule; any ideas from members are always welcome. Happy gardening.

**Derek Matthews (0118 9712587)**





## West Berkshire Body Control Pilates

Pilates is a form of exercise that is suitable for everyone bringing together mind and body, allowing clients to work safely and effectively. All exercises are built around 8 principles of:-

- Relaxation
- Co-ordination
- Centring
- Stamina
- Concentration
- Breathing
- Flowing movements.

We have had a busy few months. Michaela is now teaching again having had a break due to studying for her MA in Dance Performance. She is researching the links between Pilates and the Martha Graham Dance Technique.

As part of our work with Body Control Pilates we have occasional student teachers who attend classes to participate sometimes in a class, and sometimes to observe or to practise teaching an exercise under the supervision of a qualified teacher. We are delighted that two of our students- Mandy Cook, and Edyta Gregg recently passed their final exam and are now qualified Pilates mat work teachers.

Most of our evening classes are full, but we are able to put names on a waiting list if spaces become available. In September we introduced two new morning classes. Wednesday at 10.45am and Friday at 9.30am in which there are still a few spaces.



We have qualifications to teach Pre and Post Natal Pilates as well as Pilates for Bone Health (Osteoporosis).

Classes are held at **Bucklebury Memorial Hall** in **The Oak Rooms** on **Monday** at **8.30pm**, **Wednesday** at **9.30 am**, **10.45am**, **6.30pm** and **7.45pm**, and **Friday** at **9.30am**.

Classes are also held at **The Fisher Rooms** in **Cold Ash** on **Monday** at **7.00pm**.

If interested in attending a class please contact Mel at [meriel58@yahoo.com](mailto:meriel58@yahoo.com)



## Halls

### The Victory Room



There is one vacancy on the management committee next year. If you would like to be nominated for this please could you let our Secretary, Lucy Unamba, [lucyunamba@gmail.com](mailto:lucyunamba@gmail.com), with your details. The election will be held at our AGM on Thursday 9th

November in the Victory Room at 8 pm. All are welcome to this event. For further information about what we do, please contact me or any other Victory Room trustee.

The Trustees are required by our constitution to maintain a community facility in Bucklebury. This requires ongoing fund raising both to maintain the existing premises and eventually generate enough funds to build the new hall with all its modern services. We are already making good progress on this with a matched funding grant from Greeham Common Trust of £100k.

### Victory Room Beerfest - Anne Ryder

When you read this the 9th Beerfest on the 30th September will have been and gone. This annual event has become an important fixture in the Parish calendar and is a fun event for families and children as well as beer enthusiasts. The Beerfest idea was the brainchild of the Victory Room committee in 2008

when it was chaired by Anne Ryder who sadly passed away last month.

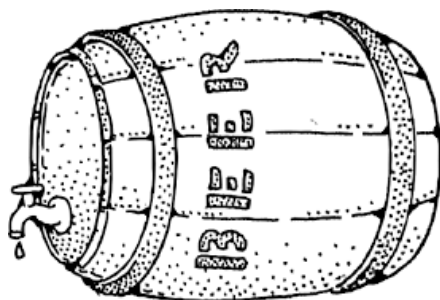
Anne was a really hard worker over many years on the Victory Room committee, helping to organise the Beerfest, as well as other fundraising events, including Ceilidhs, barn dances, quizzes, concerts, and parties. Her organisational abilities were a great asset, as were her culinary skills. She was a great team player and will be sorely missed by all those who knew her.

**John Clarke**

**Chair of the Trustees of The Victory Room**

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## **Victory Room Committee AGM**

**9 November 2017**

**8pm @ the Victory Room**

**All Welcome**

**1 Trustee vacancy – nominations to:**

**The Secretary**

**Dogwood Cottage**

**Bucklebury**

**(closing date 31<sup>st</sup> October)**

## **Country Life**

### **Birds on the Common**

**1953 and 2017**

*This piece was written in the 1950s. The article which is unsigned is held by the Bucklebury History Society.*

#### **February 6<sup>th</sup> 1953**

The Green Woodpeckers, Magpies, Mistle Thrushes, Skylarks, Wrens and Linnets are still increasing in numbers. The Wood Larks have spread to other parts of the common and are less concentrated though no less numerous. The Red-backed Shrikes were still with us last year and I saw a young one in July 1951. The Tawny Owls have returned, and also a pair of Barn Owls. The Lapwings continue to nest as before, and have already returned to their field this year. Redshanks continue to breed successfully. There are still very few Chiffchaffs and Song Thrushes. On December 11<sup>th</sup> 1950 I saw a pair of Stonechats but they have not returned to breed, nor have the Wrynecks. I last heard a Wryneck in the village on May 20<sup>th</sup> 1951. A Hoopoe was seen in a garden near the main cross-roads on April 20<sup>th</sup> last year and again later.

#### **Postscript Comments 2017**

How different things are today. The Red-backed Shrikes and Wrynecks are long gone, indeed gone from the whole country, let alone Bucklebury. The Lapwings and Redshanks no longer nest and the Stonechats are not here any more. This is largely because the habitat has become more overgrown and more disturbed. However it is not all gloom. The Nightjars are still here and the Chiffchaffs are doing well. Woodcocks are now nesting, probably in bigger numbers than in the fifties. We now have the Buzzard and Raven nesting in the area, species which would have been rare and more or less unknown then. Now the Red Kite has been reintroduced and can be seen quite often; in the fifties the nearest ones would have been in central Wales.

**Roger Frankum**



## Bucklebury Heathland Conservation Group

When I last wrote I said we needed rain; it came in fits and starts, culminating in wet August, we recorded 100mm( 4ins) making it the wettest month so far this year.

The silver birch has grown vigorously, so we will be weed wiping some now and cutting some after Christmas.

We had at least 3 calling Night Jars on the Lower Common and 1 on the Upper Common.

On the lower Common there are some “tins” scattered about to attract snakes to the warmth on a sunny day, they were put down to attract adders. Not only adders, but grass snakes and slow worm have been found.

Winter work starts in October, our volunteer days are,  
Saturday 14th October at 10.30am Angels Corner  
Sunday 12th November at 10.30am Angels corner  
Saturday 9th December at 10.30am Angels Corner.

Do come for some exercise!

**Tim Culley**

## History of Bucklebury Cecilia Millson

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

### Part VII

The early 19<sup>th</sup> Century was not all fairs and revels. Discontent swept the countryside as machines replaced manpower. Poverty was rife, and wage disputes developed. Gangs of desperate men roamed the countryside, burning ricks and barns, and destroying the machinery which they blamed for their plight. Bucklebury and the neighbouring villages did not escape the riots, and the Cavalry and Infantry Troops were called out from Newbury and Thatcham on more than one occasion. It was not until the 1830s that the trouble passed and local men settled down once more to their farming, bowl turning, hoop and broom making, and work at the foundry.

During these hard times the Reverend Winchcombe Hartley helped those in need. He founded a charity school to educate and clothe six boys and six girls from poor homes in his parish. They were taught reading, writing, arithmetic and the Catechism. The girls were taught needlework and the boys

could be apprenticed to a trade. It is thought that the school was at Brown's Gate. The schoolmistress was paid twelve pounds a year, but occasionally she received an additional allowance for extra instruction to her pupils, and her firing (*firewood?*) was given to her.

Both boys and girls received new clothing at Easter: the girls, frocks and coats of green cloth, with white aprons and tippets, and straw hats; and the boys, green frock coats and waistcoats, with brass buttons, corduroy trousers, peaked caps, gaiters and boots. Eventually the children attended the State School, but the charity clothes remained until the present century (20<sup>th</sup>). Now the money can be used to buy more modern clothing for any needy children.

The Squarson (*Squire?*) gave freely to the Church, and his gifts are recorded on the front of the choir gallery. He presided over the annual Court Leet, where disputes regarding the Common were settled and instructed the landlord of the Bladebone Inn to distribute the traditional beef, bread, mustard and beer to those who attended the Court.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> 1827 he recorded that “*The balloon came in sight over Bucklebury!*”, an entry which could be made by a modern diarist!

When he died in 1832 a local paper recorded, “*On Wednesday following, his remains were placed in the family vault at Bucklebury. The whole population assembled in crowds to witness the last impressive ceremony over the remains of their beloved pastor, and a more heartfelt grief has rarely been exhibited on such an occasion.*”

## West Berkshire Countryside Society

### Event Diary October – December 2017

*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.*

**Tuesday 24th October 10.00am Bucklebury Common Heathland management.** Cutting silver birch and Scots pine saplings. Hopefully a bonfire. Parking at Angels Corner.

**Tuesday 7th November 10.00am Kent's Down Farm, Cox's Lane, Midgham SU547 676** Variety of tasks on this wildlife site. Parking in the driveway of Kent's Down farm. Space is limited so do please car share if possible.

**Tuesday 28th November 10.00am Bucklebury Common Heathland management.** Cutting silver birch and Scots pine saplings. Hopefully a bonfire. Parking at Angels Corner.



## Sports

### Bucklebury Badminton Club

The club is now so successful that we have three mixed and two men's teams as well as a ladies A (in division one!) and B. As last year, there are also two Blackford Cup teams which take part in the very exciting handicapped tournament within the Newbury league. We desperately need reserves for all these matches so if you would like to play please come along.

The annual club tournament in June was exceptionally well attended and the standard of play was high. The winners this year were Alan Arnold and Sarah Lewington who beat Dee Morgan and Adam Weston in a fiercely fought final.



Alan Arnold and Sarah Lewington  
Winners of the Club Tournament 2017

For the first time in years, we played on Tuesdays throughout the summer although we had to relocate to Theale. Next year, we hope to stay at Elstree in July and August.

New members of all standards are always welcome. Our club coach, Colin Shurey, who is about to take his level 2 qualification, is on hand to help you with your game. For more information check our brand new website or Facebook. If you prefer you can phone for a chat before you come along.

**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

### The Cottage Inn Football Team

The Cottage Inn Football Team won this year's Newbury & District Sunday Premier League. They were sadly beaten by Cold Ash in the Final of the Knock Out Cup 3:2.

Bucklebury won the first Cup in 1968 but sadly the Cottage Inn didn't manage it this time.



Cottage Inn Football Team with the League Trophy

## Contributions

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

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

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

**Wynne Frankum**

# Parish Diary Dates

## October

9th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	The Committee Room, The Memorial Hall
10th	Tuesday Ladies Club	7.45pm	The Oak Room
14th	Bucklebury Heathland Conservation	10.30am	Meet at Angels Corner
14th	Common Clearing and Parish Litter Pick	2.00pm	The Memorial Hall
16th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room
21st	Horticultural Society trip to RHS Wisley	9.00am	Meet at All Saints Church (with own transport)
23rd	Planning Committee	8.00pm	The Committee Room, The Memorial Hall
24th	Horticultural Society AGM		The Memorial Hall

## November

2nd	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am/10.30am	The Cottage Inn
6th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room
9th	Victory Room AGM	8.00pm	The Victory Room
11th	Horticultural Society pre-Christmas Social	7.00pm	The Memorial Hall
12th	Bucklebury Heathland Conservation	10.30am	Meet at Angels Corner
13th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	The Committee Room, The Memorial Hall
14th	Tuesday Ladies Club	7.45pm	The Oak Room
20th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room
27th	Planning Committee	7.45pm	The Committee Room, The Memorial Hall

## December

4th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room
7th	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am/10.30am	The Cottage Inn
9th	Bucklebury Heathland Conservation	10.30am	Meet at Angels Corner
11th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.30pm	The Committee Room, The Memorial Hall
12th	Tuesday Ladies Club	7.45pm	The Oak Room
18th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room
18th	Cemetery Carols	6.00pm	The Cemetery Chapel, Byles Green

## January

4th	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am/10.30am	The Cottage Inn
8th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	The Committee Room, The Memorial Hall
9th	Tuesday Ladies Club	7.45pm	The Oak Room
15th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room
22nd	Planning Committee	8.00pm	The Committee Room, The Memorial Hall
27th	Burns Night Supper		The Memorial Hall

## February

5th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room
12th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	The Committee Room, The Memorial Hall
13th	Tuesday Ladies Club	7.45pm	The Oak Room

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