

The Oaks



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Bucklebury Parish Chairman's Letter

After an amazing summer for weather, we look forward to the coming months.

Councillor John Brims, throughout the road works for the new water main up the Hart's Hill, has, on behalf of BPC, kept up a dialogue with Thames Water. This has been very time consuming and at times frustrating, but hopefully has kept them on their toes and here we are with the road re-opened, much to everybody's relief!

You will recall that grit bins are now the responsibility of BPC. Councillor Tim Slatford has checked all those in the parish and they will be refilled in time for the winter weather. It has also been decided to put an extra bin on the Briff Lane/Turners Green junction. If you notice any problems with the bins during the winter, or if the grit is running low, please inform the Clerk. Please also remember the grit is only for the public roads, not our own drives. It is expensive stuff!

The autumn common and parish clearing is on Oct. 13th. We hope as many people turn up as last time. We will make sure there are enough cakes!

The TROs on some of the byways will be reinstated this winter to protect them from misuse by 4x4s. The usual plea; if you see illegal activity on the common, please report it to the police and take number plates if possible, so the owners can be traced and prosecuted.

To preserve the River Pang from misuse by vehicles driving along its bed and destroying the wildlife, 3 wooden posts have been sunk upstream near the big

ford. BPC are also in discussion with the Environment Agency about further preventative measures. Councillors Lindy Clarke and Robin Rankin are pursuing this.

Two of the oak trees on the meadows planted by David Wilson Homes, to replace those illegally felled, have not thrived. These will be replaced by others grown and donated by parishioners, this autumn. Richard Hubbard has very kindly offered to do the work.

The Bucklebury air raid siren, after a nomadic life following the end of WW2 finally returned to its war time home in St. Mary's church tower. However it was felt that this was not a suitable permanent home and the WW2 museum at Welford was approached by John Tennent, since Newbury Museum already have one. The museum will be delighted to have it in their collection and so it will be donated

Parish Council Chairman
Wynne Frankum

Parish Council Clerk
Helen Pratt

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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 13th October 2018

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

Meet Bucklebury Memorial Hall
2.00pm

Free refreshments afterwards

"Keep Bucklebury Beautiful"

Planning

A number of years ago there was a working party who were responsible for developing our Village Design Statement known as Bucklebury Vision, this is used by WBC to assist with determining the outcome of planning applications. In recent years, councillors have become very aware that some of the detail in it was out of date. For this reason a new working group has produced a revised copy which is currently being reviewed by WBC. Hopefully by the time you get the next edition of The Oaks, there will be information on how to access the new version.

Helen Pratt, Parish Clerk.

Reference	Description	BPC Status	WBC Status
17/03052/HOUSE	<u>Wayside, Hatch Lane.</u> Single storey front extension, dormer roof alterations and first floor 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.
18/00642/HOUSE	<u>Eliezer Cottage, Turners Green.</u> Side and rear extension with detached garage.	Object	Refused.
18/00667/HOUSE	<u>Corner Croft, Little Lane.</u> Erection of a summer house with decking and veranda to the side within the garden.	No Objection	Approved.
18/01054/HOUSE	<u>Woodside, Long Grove.</u> Demolish the existing conservatory and replace with a single storey rear extension. Build a chimney stack and a new front porch.	No Objection	Approved.
18/00866/FULD	<u>Site Of Former Abbey View, Paradise Lane</u> Proposed new dwelling with associated parking and amenity.	Object	Withdrawn
18/00989/HOUSE	<u>Nine Elms Cottage, The Avenue.</u> Section 73A: Variation of condition 2 'Plans approved' of previously approved application 12/01439/HOUSE: Relocation of main entrance, new link to garden room and removal of outbuilding (REF 11/01230/HOUSE consent 4.10.11; partially implemented).	Object	Withdrawn
18/00953/FUL	<u>Travellers Rest Farm, Hungerford Lane (Adjacent Parish)</u> Retrospective erection of 14 storage containers.	No Objection	Approved.
18/00910/HOUSE	<u>Gamekeepers Lodge Farm, Hawkridge Hill (Adjacent Parish).</u> Demolition of outbuilding, construction of house extension and garden store.	Object	Refused.
18/00928/HOUSE	<u>Dingley Cottage, Southend (Adjacent Parish).</u> Extensions to dwelling.	No Objection	Approved.
18/01162/HOUSE	<u>Highlands, Upper Bucklebury.</u> Single storey rear extension and second storey over existing pool house.	No Objection	Withdrawn
18/01232/HOUSE	<u>Ormsby, Broad Lane.</u> New detached garage.	No Objection	Approved.

Reference	Description	BPC Status	WBC Status
18/01433/HOUSE	<u>14 Mortons Lane.</u> Proposed rear orangery.	No Objection	Approved.
18/01388/LBC2	<u>Glebe Cottage, Bucklebury.</u> 9 replacement windows.	No Objection	Approved.
18/01392/LBC2	<u>Glebe Cottage, Bucklebury.</u> Section 19: Variation of condition 4: External windows and doors, of planning permission 07/02624/LBC2.	No Objection	Approved.
18/01477/FULD	<u>71 Roundfield.</u> Alterations to existing dwelling and garage conversion to create new dwelling.	No Objection	Approved.
18/01287/FUL	<u>Copse Close, Hopgoods Green.</u> Demolition of existing dilapidated dwelling and construction of new dwelling built to modern standards.	Object	With-drawn.
18/01202/LBC2 & 18/01200/HOUSE	<u>Vanners.</u> Upgrading and remodelling of historic cottage and C20th range, erection of new utility room lean-to range. Repositioning of previously approved new swimming pool and erection of new pool house.	No Objection	Approved.
18/01555/HOUSE	<u>Bracken Close, Burdens Heath.</u> Single storey side extension.	No Objection	Approved.
18/01531/HOUSE	<u>33 Chapel Row.</u> Proposed two storey side and rear extension.	Object	Awaiting decision.
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 application 13/03014/FUL.	Support.	Awaiting decision.
18/01787/HOUSE	<u>The Old Police House, Bucklebury.</u> Demolition of single storey extension and outbuildings. New extension and alterations to The Old Police House. Revised proposals.	No Objection	Approved.
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.
18/01896/HOUSE	<u>52 Broad Lane.</u> Single storey extension, basement and new garden building to rear.	No Objection	Approved.
18/01913/HOUSE	<u>Hillfoot House.</u> New double garage and replacement shed.	No Objection	Approved.

Reference	Description	BPC Status	WBC Status
18/01905/HOUSE	<u>Heathgate, The Avenue.</u> Single storey and two storey extensions and internal/external alterations to existing dwelling, following demolition of existing outbuilding.	No Objection	Approved.
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	Awaiting decision.
18/01837/HOUSE	<u>Eliezer Cottage, Zin Zan</u> Construct a detached oak clad garage on a brick plinth and clay tiled roof.	Object	Awaiting decision.
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 2 floors with the footprint remaining at 244 sqm to match that of the existing property.	No Objection	Awaiting decision.
18/02034/FUL	<u>Avalon, Bucklebury</u> Extension to existing chalet bungalow and internal alterations to re-configure layout and fenestration.	No Objection	Awaiting decision.
18/01948/FULD	<u>Site of former Abbey View, Paradise Lane.</u> Proposed new 4 bedroom detached dwelling with associated parking and amenity.	Object	Awaiting decision.
18/02270/HOUSE	<u>Orchard Gate, Little Lane.</u> Garden Room.	No Objection	Awaiting decision.
18/02331/HOUSE	<u>The Highlands.</u> Storey and a half rear extension over existing pool house.	No Objection	Awaiting decision.
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	Awaiting decision.
18/02369/HOUSE	<u>Field House, Hungerford Lane (Adjacent Parish).</u> Proposed rear single storey and rear two storey extensions and chimney.	No Objection	Awaiting decision.
18/02190/FULD	<u>Glenvale Nurseries (Adjacent Parish).</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	Awaiting decision.

Rights of Way

There is a proposal to bring legislation into force that will extinguish public footpaths and bridleways that existed before 1949 if they are not recorded on the Definitive Map by 2026.

This might mean that a route which people use, or have used, but which is not recorded, might be under threat of extinguishment after 2026.

In order for routes to be recorded, evidence must be available from members of the public at large who have walked the route, uninterrupted for 20 years or more as a right (this means that they have not had express permission of the land owner or walked the route in secrecy).

Your Parish Council needs your assistance to ensure that any routes not yet recorded are identified so they can put these routes forward to West Berkshire Council for assessment. If you identify a route that you believe still needs recording, please contact the Clerk.

Helen Pratt, Parish Clerk.



Join us for

Messiah and More

in

One Hour

Sunday
2nd December
7pm
St Mary's Church
Bucklebury

Arrive early for refreshments!

Enharmonic Choir
Director Daniel Nicholls

Free
Just come along

Donations towards the church

More information
danielnicholls64@outlook.com
0118 9712333

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 May 18 auction saw switchers saving an average of £184 on their annual bill.

A one day reverse auction will be held on the 9th October, 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 27th November 2018, and offers will begin to go out from 22nd October. The sooner you sign up, the sooner you can see if you can save.

West Berkshire residents without internet access should contact West Berkshire Council on 01635 503267 by 16th November to register. Remember to have your energy bill or annual statement to hand when you call.

West Berkshire Councillors

Bucklebury Parish falls within the Bucklebury Ward of West Berkshire Council. This currently contains the parishes of Bradfield, Bucklebury, Frilsham, Hermitage and Stanford Dingley.

Our District Councillors are:

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WBC Councillors' Report

Following the best summer for many years some plants have struggled to grow and others have thrived, particularly hedges! As we are now well into garden clear-up time we thought a reminder about the changes to our recycling sites would be helpful.

Our nearest recycling centre is at Padworth and is much more pleasant to use than the Newtown Road site in Newbury as it is always less crowded. You can now take general household waste there following a change in the planning permission earlier this summer. There are a small number of items for which there is a charge (such as rubble, plasterboard, soil and tyres) but most household items are accepted from batteries, paint, card, wood, green waste etc and Padworth is open between 12.30 to 6pm in the week and from 8am to 6pm at weekends. Don't forget to take your permit or proof that you are a resident of West Berkshire! For more details see the Council's website www.westberks.gov.uk

Last year there was a proposal to realign our parliamentary constituency boundaries and a lengthy consultation process followed. The general idea was to reduce the number of MPs and take account of population growth but there was a proposal that Bucklebury could move from the Newbury Constituency to Reading West which would mean losing Richard Benyon as our MP and becoming part of Alok Sharmas' constituency (as we stand at the last election). Many of us wrote to the Boundary Commission expressing concern that most of our residents look more to Newbury for services and shopping etc than Reading. For a long time there was no further information and there was a rumour that the whole process was unlikely to happen, but on 5th September the Commission sent a report to MPs which included this change, much to our surprise! More details can be found on www.bce2018.org.uk

We realise that for many people there may be little discernible change apart from a different MP from the next general election if the proposed changes are accepted but as we have been part of the Newbury constituency for many years we are sad that the Boundary Commission has not taken local views more into account. The matter is now in the hands of our MPs so if you feel you need to make your opinion known we suggest you contact Richard Benyon. benyonr@parliament.uk

Harts Hill is now open and the final connections to the new water supply are being made as this is being written. I have been campaigning on behalf of the parish for this replacement for over 30yrs! We realise that accessing Thatcham has not been easy this summer for all our

residents but Thames Water have at least finished the main part of the work ahead of schedule after a shaky start when little seemed to be happening. Thank you to all residents for their patience; hopefully we will now enjoy a reliable water supply after many years of reduced water pressure and numerous pipe failures. There is still going to be some minor disruption at the Thatcham end of Harts Hill (temporary traffic lights occasionally) when the new water pumps, complete with back-up power generators, are commissioned this autumn.

Please contact us if we can help with any Council issues.

Graham Pask and Quentin Webb.

big community switch

Can you get a better energy deal?

Join the West Berkshire Energy Switch

If you've never switched energy supplier or haven't switched recently, you may be missing out on cheaper tariffs and the opportunity to fix your energy prices. West Berkshire Council is urging residents to sign up to West Berkshire's Energy Switch.

West Berkshire Energy Switch supports people who want to pay less for their energy bills and is delivered by the Council and The Big Community Switch.

Sign up or find out more:
www.westberks.gov.uk/communityswitch

West Berkshire COUNCIL

Family

Bucklebury Community Bus

Bucklebury Community Bus, with its smart dark blue paintwork and easily recognisable logo, is a common sight in Upper Bucklebury during term time, where it is to be seen transporting our local children and students to Thatcham to attend Kennet School. It also brings children up from Thatcham to attend Bucklebury Primary School. You may also have seen it transporting parishioners from Upper Bucklebury to and from Bucklebury Beerfest.

What is probably not so well known is that the minibus is available for community use in the evenings, at weekends and during the school holidays. An eligible driver is anyone with a category D1 on their clean licence, which in practical terms means you passed your test before 1st Jan 1997. If you are planning to go somewhere with a group of people, up to 16 passengers, you should find that it is very much cheaper than any of the alternatives. We ask for £1.50 per mile with a minimum of £45, but if you have a full bus, you are welcome to ask for a donation per head as it all adds up to helping to keep us running. We'd encourage you to fill in a Gift Aid form, available on our website.

Enquiries and booking: buckleburybus@gmail.com
Visit our website for information:

<https://buckleburycommunit.wixsite.com/buckleburybus>



West Berkshire Ballet School

Off we dance on another exciting year! We would like to welcome all our new students and wish them lots of dancing fun.

Claire's amazing production of 'Matilda the Musical' was a brilliant and spectacular end to our year. The cast excelled themselves and will have some special memories (and a DVD!) to make them proud and smile for many years.

We had two items of great news this summer – first 100% success for our Primary and Grade 3 exam candidates! Half of the dancers were awarded Distinction (marks over 80%) and the remainder received Merit with marks over 60% - many congratulations to you all!

Our second piece of good news was to learn that Darcey, Emmeline & Ellie have been offered Cecchetti Scholarships to attend classes in London, every Saturday, for a whole year. 40 Scholarships are awarded each year to promising ballet dancers, studying the Cecchetti method, from all over the British Isles and WBBS has three of them!

A further 13 students were chosen to attend monthly ballet classes held in the prestigious studios of The Rambert School of Ballet & Contemporary Dance, in Twickenham, as part of the Cecchetti Associates scheme.

The Cecchetti Associates provides non-syllabus classes for boys and girls aged from 8 years, who are in training in Classical Ballet and classes are held on monthly Sundays during term time, giving like-minded youngsters the opportunity to meet and experience a wide range of dance genres in order to enhance their regular training and to broaden their general knowledge and understanding. A ballet class is followed by a class in an allied dance discipline. Classes are taught by an experienced professional faculty.

The programme has now been running for over 20 years and this year more than 230 dancers, from all over the South of England, competed for the coveted places.

Claire held two weeks of fully fun-packed Summer School in August. This year it was Mary Poppins and the hard working cast produced two excellent shows on the final day – we had some very strong singing voices and lots of acting talent not to mention the lively dancing numbers cleverly choreographed by Gemma, Lucie & Chloe on such a small stage. Summer School would not be half so colourful if we didn't have clever Polly – our artistic genius – in charge of the craft department and designing the striking stage decorations. We are delighted to report that Claire will be holding an Easter course and another two summer schools



WBBS Matilda Cast

in 2019 – watch our for more details on our website and facebook page coming soon!

The highlight of WBBS summer 2018 was Lucie's wedding to Jaz. Lucie & Jaz had created a perfect country wedding scene – Lucie looked fabulous, the sun shone and everyone had a wonderful day – we all wish Lucie & Jaz a long, happy & healthy married life.

Finally, 2018/9 is the year of our full-length ballet production, held in the lovely theatre at Arlington Arts Centre during the summer half-term. The ballet team have been busy creating, choreographing and planning during the summer break and we look forward to beginning rehearsals with our cast of 90+, so I don't think WBBS will have much time for resting on our laurels this year.

Jane Scholl, Claire Bowden, Holly Unnuk & Lucie Wilson

www.wbbs.org & facebook.

BUCKLEBURY TENNIS CLUB

FAMILY QUIZ

Question Master: Norman Casson

BUCKLEBURY MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY 27TH October

7.00 p.m.

Open to all

Teams will be up to a maximum of 6.

Individual entries welcome to join up with others

Tickets £8 per head includes;

FISH or CHICKEN & CHIPS (or veggie option)

Bring your own drinks

Prizes for the winning team

Raffle

Entries to be advised to Mike James

m-a-james@tiscali.co.uk, (0118 971 2285)

Bucklebury Guides



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.

Last term was very busy with a variety of activities making the most of the warm weather: we put up our tents, played water games and undertook a scavenger hunt in Newbury. We also completed a Walking Badge, this included using maps and compasses, a penny walk (tossing a coin to decide which way to go) and developing first aid skills when we are out and about.

Over the next year the programme of activities, badges and skills is changing for all of Girlguiding so over this term we will be looking at some of the new ideas and organisation. In the meantime we will aim to complete the music badge and chocolate badge as well as tackle more Go for It! Swimming followed by chips is always a popular winter session and the girls are very keen to use the stage so we hope to create some Christmas plays at the end of term. The District units will join together for a Christmas party

We will be running a coconut shy and other games at Bucklebury Beerfest on 6th October to help fund some of our activities as well as supporting the new hall funds. As always, we will attend the Remembrance service in Bucklebury in November.

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)

Bucklebury Primary School

Welcome to the new school year! By now all pupils are well and truly up to speed including our wonderful new Hedgehog class pupils just starting out on their school journey.

The autumn term is vital for every child in our school. It provides the platform upon which is built the high quality outcomes that we hope are realised by July.

We have been blessed to receive visits from many alumni throughout September. Our year 6 pupils who left us this summer achieved some of the best results the school has seen in recent times. It is always pleasing to see the fruits of our collective hard work and know that growing the whole child in every child is real. We know that each pupil now at secondary school will make a huge contribution to the life of their new schools.

It was a pleasure to interview new year 6 pupils interested in being school captain for the year ahead. We were pleased to give every year 6 a key leadership role, with Elizabeth S and Luke H being chosen as School Captains. Pupil leadership is a cornerstone of our school. Leadership of self and others marks the Bucklebury pupil. It is distinctive to our school and something upon which much of our culture rests.

The term sees us mark harvest at All Saints' and mark the Armistice centenary with our Act of Remembrance. As ever it also includes the infant Nativity and our hugely popular Christmas Fayre.

We look forward to the year ahead with families and the community in partnership with us as ever.

Best regards

Mr A. Higgs



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

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.

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)

ATTENTION URGENT APPEAL

The present committee has been standing for many years and we feel the time is right for a relaunch of the group; our numbers are dwindling and maybe an injection of new blood will see TLC thrive for another 7 years.

We are therefore appealing for volunteers to take over the running of the group. We have fixtures booked until May 2019 and will fold at that date if there are no replacements. Our funds are healthy too so there will be no more raffles with immediate effect.

Our first meeting of the autumn was run by our PCSO Sarah Preston and her colleague and, in spite of a few technical issues, delivered a thought provoking, awe inspiring insight into the terrifying world of knife and gun crime. Total respect to our Police Force who put their lives on the line to keep us safe.

Dates for your diary are as follows:

2018

Oct 9th Dr. Tayton on the Rosemary Appeal and the Greenham Trust Wing at Newbury Hospital.

Nov 13th Nadia's Christmas decorations.

Dec 11th Posh or Plonk wine tasting with nibbles.

2019

Jan 8th By popular request Silkcrafter Workshop.

Feb 12th Quiz.

Mar 12th The history of Nursery Rhymes.

Apr 9th By popular request Sugarcraft.

May 21st (note Oz Graves and a Turkish Evening.
change of date)

This is your ladies group and we really do need your support to take us through the autumn of 2019 and beyond. We always welcome new members to our informal and friendly meetings in The Oak Room at the Memorial Hall, Upper Bucklebury starting at 7.45pm. It would be such a shame if we folded.

Committee members:

Jackie Sadler, Hilary Pask, Karin Warne and Sue Puri



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
- Alignment
- Co-ordination
- Core stability
- Stamina
- Concentration
- Breathing
- Flowing movements.

It's that time of year again when we are feeling excited and are looking forward to the yearly Body Control Pilates Development weekend held at The Royal College of Physicians on 6th and 7th October. Various Pilates workshops and lectures are available to attend. It is always an inspiring weekend with excellent instructors and lectures from various professionals.



On 9th June Michaela demonstrated some of The Advanced Matwork exercises which were choreographed to rhythmic music at Peasefest. There was also an opportunity for people to take part in some more gentle Pilates exercises.

We are delighted that Michaela will be taking up a teaching opportunity at Winchester Pilates Studio on Wednesdays. Here she will be teaching classes at various levels ranging from Fundamental Pilates to Intermediate Pilates.

We have qualifications to teach **Reformer, 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 9.30am, 10.45am, 6.30pm and at 7.45pm, and Friday at 9.30am.**

Classes are also held at **The Fisher Rooms** in **Cold Ash** on **Monday at 7.00pm** and at **Peasmore Village Hall** on



Tuesday at 6.15pm and Thursday at 6.15pm and 7.30pm.

We are also able to offer one to one sessions.

If interested in attending a class please contact Mel at meriel58@yahoo.com



Halls

Victory Room



We continue to try to raise funds for the Victory Room Re-development. A major application was made in July and we are waiting to hear if we've been successful. As you might expect, most applications for funding are considerably over subscribed and the amounts being made available to each application are considerably smaller than they once were. We have made an application to HMRC so that we can operate Gift Aid on any donations received. We hope to receive final approval shortly. Any personal donations can also be made through the Good Exchange website, www.thegoodexchange.com by searching for The Victory Room Bucklebury or using reference number 11581

Sadly our Spanish evening event had to be cancelled due to lack of ticket sales. We are trying to get an email list together for everyone interested in Victory Room events; if you would like to be included in such an email list, please let me know. We will protect each email address as required under the new GDPR legislation. We will continue to organise events for the benefit of all parishioners;

Next Events for your diaries are:

Event	Date
10 th Annual Beerfest	6 th October 2018
Highland Ceilidh	To be arranged.
Wine tasting Evening	23 rd March 2019

The Beerfest is our last event of 2018. We have increased the selection of Beers available this year. All are coming from local breweries, including West Berks Brewery, Indigenous Brewery, Hermitage Brewery and Bond Brews from Wokingham. We have the traditional Ciders from Tutts Clump and this year we will have a Gin tent to add to the Pimms, Wine and Prosecco. As usual we will have local bands playing in the marquee, a tea tent with lovely homemade cakes, Artisan stalls, Dog Show and plenty of things for the children to do. More details on the www.bucklebury.beer website and on our Bucklebury beer festival facebook page. Entrance is free and the Bucklebury Community Bus will run a free service to and from the event every 15 mins between 12pm and 2pm and 5pm to 6.45pm.

Royal Baby Mugs

We still have a small stock of Prince Louis Mugs. We have



sold over 400 to date and we will be selling them at the Beerfest and 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.

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Country Life

West Berkshire Countryside Society

Events Diary October – December 2018

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-13-Oct 10.30 am - 1.00 pm Bucklebury Common, heathland management.

Join the Bucklebury Heathland Group to help maintain this important heathland habitat. Meet at Angels Corner SU 550 688

Tue-23-Oct 10.00 am Bucklebury Common, heathland management.

Cutting silver birch and Scots pine saplings. Hopefully a bonfire. Parking at Angels Corner SU550 688

Sun-11-Nov 10.30 am - 1.00 pm Bucklebury Common, heathland management.

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Tue-27-Nov 10.00 am Bucklebury Common, heathland management.

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Sat-08-Dec 10.30 am - 1.00 pm Bucklebury Common, heathland management.

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History of Bucklebury (Cecilia Millson)

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

Part X

In July 1911 the Parish Church was closed for restoration work, and services were held in the Old Manor Kitchen. Although the work was sufficiently advanced for services to be held on Christmas Day, the official re-opening took place on Saturday February 17th 1912, when the Bishop of Oxford dedicated the Pulpit, Reading Desk, Faldstool, and the East Window, and gave the address at the Thanksgiving Service. The Reverend Thorp recorded in detail the alterations and additions made to the Church, in the March magazine, from which I quote the following extracts:



St. Mary's Church before restoration.

"A clean sweep has been made of all the deal pews, and also the deal pulpit.

The Jacobean benches have been carefully preserved and repaired.

The deal casing has been stripped off the massive old benches in the North aisle.

A few old tiles were found when excavating in the North aisle; these have been carefully preserved and re-set in the Chancel.

The west Arch behind the gallery has been opened, and serves the double purpose of giving more light to the gallery and allowing the ringing Chamber to be well aired and heated.

The following are the new additions:

The whole system of heating has been changed, and the pipes extended to a new radiator in the Chancel, and a new radiator has been placed in the Gallery. The Pulpit has been made out of carved oak (Jacobean work) found in the Manor Farm Pen, which was hidden by many coats of paint and green baize. So we now have in place of the deal pulpit, one whose decorations are in keeping with the old Jacobean benches. A new Oak Reading Desk and Faldstool have been made, new oak standards with iron lamp brackets have been fitted to the pews to replace hanging lamps.

Mural frescoes were found; but the plaster was considered to be in such a bad state, that it was though inadvisable to proceed with uncovering the walls. To add to the beauty of the Church, the lady of the Manor, Mrs. Webley-Parry, has presented a stained glass window in the East End. The subject is the "Crucifixion" by Frank Brangwyn, ARA. The portrayal of the figures, together with the richness of colouring, bring home to one the reality of the subject."

Note: *A Faldstool is a folding stool or small desk for kneeling at prayer.*

"Merry Tidbury" Beech

In the last edition of The Oaks, we referred to the "Merry Tidbury" beech as being "long gone"; we were wrong. When the last edition of The Oaks was distributed, the beech stood in all its splendor just off of Fanny's Lane (or Road as some believe it should be). But sadly, it has been a victim of this years warm, dry weather followed by one of the storms and is now no more.

Sports

FC Cougars



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 teams are now back in action after their summer break. Before the summer holidays all our teams took part in small sided summer tournaments that saw them travel around Berkshire, Hampshire and Oxfordshire. We are now all back to games on grass until some of our sides switch to playing Futsal (indoor football) through the winter months.

We are on the lookout for new players to join our well established U9 team for the 2018/2019 season. If your child is in year 3 or 4 this September and 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.

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

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 of publication.

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Parish Diary Dates

October

6th	Bucklebury Beerfrst	12noon	Recreation Ground, Bucklebury.
8th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.
9th	Tuesday Ladies Club	7.45pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
13th	Bucklebury Heathland Group	10.30am	Meet at Angels Corner.
13th	Common Clearing and litter pick	2.00pm	Memorial Hall.
15th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
22nd	Planning Committee	8.00pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.
23rd	West Berkshire Countryside Society	10.00am	Meet at Angels Corner.
27th	Tennis Club Quiz	7.00pm	Memorial Hall.

November

1st	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am/10.30am	The Cottage Inn.
5th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
11th	Bucklebury Heathland Group	10.30am	Meet at Angels Corner.
12th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.
13th	Tuesday Ladies Club	7.45pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
19th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
26th	Planning Committee	8.00pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.
27th	West Berkshire Countryside Society	10.00am	Meet at Angels Corner.

December

3rd	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
6th	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am/10.30am	The Cottage Inn.
8th	Bucklebury Heathland Group	10.30am	Meet at Angels Corner.
10th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.30pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.
11th	Tuesday Ladies Club	7.45pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
17th	Carols by Candlelight	6.00pm	Cemetery Chapel, Byles Green.

January

3rd	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am/10.30am	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
7th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
8th	Tuesday Ladies Club	7.45pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
14th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.
21st	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
26th	Highland Ceilidh	TBA	Victory Room, Bucklebury
28th	Planning Committee	8.00pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.

February

4th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
7th	Bucklebury Walkers	10.00am/10.30am	TBA.
11th	Bucklebury Parish Council	7.45pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.
12th	Tuesday Ladies Club	7.45pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
18th	Mah-jong	2.00pm	The Oak Room, Memorial Hall.
25th	Planning Committee	8.00pm	Committee Room, Memorial Hall.