

# The Oaks



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## Bucklebury Parish Chairman's Letter

We hope you have all enjoyed the summer - mixed though the weather was, and are looking forward to the autumn.

Two of our long standing councillors, Steve Beeson and John de Lara, resigned in May owing to pressure of work. They had both been very hard working and valued members of the Council. Steve had been a driving force on the Common's Advisory Committee and had done a lot to ensure illegal vehicles were discouraged from accessing the common. Alan Dunkerton has joined the Common's Advisory Committee in Steve's place, but the committee was pleased to hear that Steve will stay on in a different capacity, so his enthusiasm and expertise will not be lost. He has also very generously offered to help, as usual, with the carols in the chapel at Christmas.

Both Steve and John worked to set up the BPC web site, with John leading.

After advertising, we were very pleased to co-opt and welcome Tim Banks on to the Council. He has taken over the responsibility of policies for the web site and is proving to be a valuable member of the Council. Ian Pratt has generously re-developed the web site, so please have a look at it if you haven't got round to it yet! Helen, as Clerk, will manage it.

We still have a vacancy on BPC but hope this will shortly be filled

Our thanks go again to the Bucklebury Events Committee who put on such a wonderful party for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. Despite the weather, with true British grit, people were determined to enjoy themselves and had a very good, if damp time. "Singing in the Rain" seemed to be the tune of the day! The Farm Park team worked their socks off again, no mean feat in the middle of a busy Bank Holiday, so we are very grateful once more to Rupert Hartley Russell.

On the subject of rain, the bund round the Pang came into its own this summer and

proved its worth.

Following concern about the amount of traffic in the vicinity of St. Mary's church, there has been a traffic survey carried out. Interestingly the speeds were not excessive, but traffic has increased in recent years. Lindy Clarke is investigating what can best be done to slow traffic down even more.

The localism bill is still being discussed and assimilated.

Our thanks must go to the Chapel Row Fair Committee for organising another wonderfully successful fair. We are extremely fortunate to have such hard working and committed people in the parish.

Once more this summer we have had needless vandalism in the parish, causing extensive damage to people's homes and property. If you see or hear anything suspicious, please ring the police on 101. Paul Smith is our community police officer. Please report all crimes, so the police can build up an accurate picture of what is going on.

Bonfires have also been causing concern, in particular to people suffering from chest complaints. There is a by-law stating they should only be lit between dusk and dawn. Please be careful to observe the wind direction and consider your neighbours and the weather.

Parish Council meetings, which are open to the public, are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month in the committee room at the Memorial Hall at 7-45pm and the planning meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month in the Victory Room at 8pm. If you have any matter you would like to raise with the Council, please contact the Clerk. We are here to represent the whole parish and work on your behalf.

**Wynne Frankum** Chairman BPC

## Parish Council Matters Arising

### Bucklebury Cemetery



Cemeteries are very important habitats these days, with the increasing pressures on our wild life. As usual this summer, the wild flowers have been allowed to grow and seed in some parts of the cemetery, with butterflies flitting amongst them.

C. L Landscapes do a very good job of maintaining the grounds, but BPC usually do some work once a year on the shrubs that are becoming too large. There will be a working party this year on 13<sup>th</sup> October at 10am. Please join us if you can.

Unfortunately somebody has been removing both fresh and silk flowers from graves and throwing them into the bin. This has caused much distress to the families tending their loved ones' graves. If you see anything suspicious please report it to the Clerk. Bucklebury Parish Council have an excellent volunteer who fully understands the importance of only removing from graves dead flowers and wreaths, or artificial flowers that have become very old and faded. She visits the cemetery regularly to make sure all is tidy and to put out the bins. On that subject, please put cellophane wrapping paper or other paper into the general black wheelie bin.

In these times families are often too far away to tend their family graves, so it is always a pleasure to see the well-tended ones. Please remember that you may only tend the grave and not encroach on the surroundings.

Because of the problem caused by our increasingly mobile society, you will remember that the new section of the cemetery is a lawn cemetery, where the graves will be kept flat with only one tribute placed upon them at the head stone. It is hoped that in the years to come this will provide an attractive, easily maintained part of the cemetery where families can rest assured that their loved ones graves will be well maintained even when they can rarely visit.

We will be holding our "Carols by Candlelight" again this year on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm-7pm. We can't promise snow, but we can promise a delightful hour! We hope to see you there enjoying mulled wine and mince pies!

**Wynne Frankum** Chairman of the Burial Board, BPC

## Carols by Candlelight

Cemetery Chapel,  
Byles Green

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

At 6pm

Mulled Wine and Mince  
Pies

All welcome



### Planning

Although not strictly speaking a planning matter, a report on progress on the transfer of the Meadows in Upper Bucklebury to the Parish Council may be of interest to parishioners. As part of what is now the Morton's Lane development it was agreed that after a number of years the 3 meadows between the back of the Cottage Inn and Byles Green would be transferred by David Wilson Homes (the developer) to the Parish Council under a Section 106 Agreement. Preparations for the transfer are now underway.

A Management Plan has been drawn up which sets out how the main objectives for the Meadows will be achieved. These objectives are:

- To preserve the historic ecology and character of the Meadows in perpetuity
- To provide an informal open space for parishioners' recreation
- To protect this important open space area within the settlement

The Meadows will be legally transferred to the PC and we will become responsible for their maintenance. The Copse, between the top of Morton's Lane and Byles Green, will also be transferred to the PC. Sorting out the fine detail, such as the status of any covenants on the land, management of the land by the farmer via grazing and hay cutting and confirming the definitive line of the footpaths, will take a little time. We are determined to tie up all

the loose ends and are taking independent legal advice where needed.

You will be kept informed on progress.

**Barry Dickens**—Vice-Chairman BPC

## *Bucklebury Parish Council*

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2012

### **COMMON CLEARING**

Please come to help clear rubbish from  
**Bucklebury Common.**

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

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

*“Keep Bucklebury Beautiful”*

## **Local Listing of Buildings or Heritage Assets in Bucklebury**

A new local listing process has been approved by West Berkshire Council. This means that a heritage asset (a building, archaeological site, park or garden, landmark, monument, artistic feature, outdoor furniture or signage) which has not already been listed, scheduled or registered by English Heritage, can be designated locally as of exceptional local significance.

There are many reasons why English Heritage may not have designated a heritage asset which we might wish to treasure locally, the commonest being that the asset is not sufficiently distinctive of its type, the significance is solely local, the asset has been altered, or it is less than 30 years old.

Local listing will be treated as a material consideration for any planning application affecting that asset or building, but would not inhibit suitable alteration or adaptation. Owners of assets would of course be consulted.

The scheme is in its early stages, and will involve local assessors being trained in determining what might qualify. Their proposals

would be put forward to a selection panel of qualified external experts, who would then decide whether to recommend local listing, and the final decision would be made by the head of Planning and the Portfolio Holder for Planning of West Berks Council.

Parish Councils have been asked to start considering what local assets might be suitable for listing. If you know of any local heritage assets which have not already been listed (you can check [www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/england/berkshire/bucklebury](http://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/england/berkshire/bucklebury) to see what is already listed nationally) please contact Wynne Frankum ([rwfrankum@talktalk.net](mailto:rwfrankum@talktalk.net)) or Lindy Clarke ([lindy.darke@live.co.uk](mailto:lindy.darke@live.co.uk)), who have put their names forward for training.

**Lindy Clarke**—Parish Councillor

## **Superfast Broadband**

In Richard Benyon's August newsletter, he said:

*“The Berkshire Superfast broadband programme is on track to get 90% of Berkshire premises access to Superfast Broadband, and the other 10% to standard broadband (2MBit/sec or faster), by 2015. The Government has approved the Berkshire plan and the next stage is procurement.*

*In order to get the best value for money and to get the maximum number of homes with access to superfast broadband, we need to show demand. I am asking all constituents, who live outside of Newbury and Hungerford, to register their interest in getting superfast broadband by visiting [www.superfastberkshire.org.uk/register](http://www.superfastberkshire.org.uk/register). This will show potential bidders that there is a market in West Berkshire and it will hopefully speed up delivery to your area.*

*Please note, that by registering on this site, you are not committed to taking superfast broadband when it comes – but it may just help it get to your area. Please pass this website on to all your friends and neighbours and encourage them to register too.”*

West Berkshire Council held a meeting for Parish Councils in July to present their plans for introducing Superfast broadband. The meeting was well attended with representatives from many parish councils.

Due to the rural nature of large parts of Berkshire (especially West Berkshire) it is simply not economically viable for providers such as BT to invest large capital sums in improved broadband with little prospect of a timely return on investment. A typical cost for upgrading to Superfast broadband is between £20k-150k per cabinet (box on street corner!) depending on location.

To give an example of typical upgrade costs, a cabinet in Kintbury would be around £105k, and in this example, up to 175 properties could benefit from the upgrade. Based on past experience, expected take up would be 12-25% of households.

From the households that do take up the service, a typical annual income would be £216 per subscriber. This means that the income generated would be £4,500-£9,000 pa meaning that it would take 11 years to recover costs (minimum).

Therefore it is not commercially viable to upgrade some villages without grants.

To achieve the target, the Government has the objective of

stimulating private sector investment to deliver the best superfast broadband network in Europe together with increased coverage across the UK by 2015.

The project to introduce Superfast broadband will benefit up to 37,000 premises in Berkshire, and if Bucklebury were to demonstrate that there's a demand for improved broadband we're more likely to:

- Attract more than 1 bidder
- Attract greater market investment
- Have our work performed earlier in the national programme

Or in other words, get a better service, sooner!

The Cabinet THT1 which serves The Slade, Hopgoods Green, Miles's Green, Turner's Green and Upper Bucklebury upgraded in June 2012 and BT is selling services from it now.

All other cabinets - THWN6, THT32, THWN5, THHRJ1, THHRJ17 are currently not planned to be upgraded by BT. These cabinets serve Bucklebury Common, Chapel Row, Bucklebury, Kiff Green and Westrop Green areas.

So it's important to register to indicate demand for better broadband services.

Of the total grants available in the UK of £530m, £1.43 is available to Berkshire but this is only part of the issue. Superfast broadband improvements will be introduced first where it can be demonstrated there is higher demand. The key message is that everyone should register their interest at:

**[www.superfastberkshire.org.uk/register](http://www.superfastberkshire.org.uk/register)**

There is an interactive map now available on the above site showing the number of registrations – standing at 111 as of 6 September for Bucklebury.

By demonstrating that there is a demand for broadband, Berkshire is more likely to attract more than one bidder when it goes to market to tender for improved broadband. It is hoped that high demand registration figures will encourage bidders to invest more of their own money into the project.

There are a number of key milestones in the project to roll out superfast broadband:

- Nov 2012 - Feb 13: the start of the procurement process.
- Contract will be awarded next summer - currently two contenders BT and Fujitsu.
- Roll out of Superfast broadband up to 2015

#### **Next Steps!**

West Berks is currently sitting at around position 22 of 40 (ish) areas pushing for the upgrade to Superfast broadband.

In order to improve our position, and hence the date for roll out of Superfast broadband, in Bucklebury, we need to identify a *Digital Champion*, who will:

- Help non technical people to understand the benefits - and register!
- Help to deliver effective demand stimulation programme - will help to claw back money.

- **Register!** So far, there have been 3264 registrations. Increasing registrations will/may improve our chances of getting Superfast broadband quicker. Not registering definitely won't help!
- Encourage family/friends to register.
- Areas can be prioritised but roll out plans cannot be influenced/guaranteed.
- Most importantly, **register** (did I mention that?) at

**[www.superfastberkshire.org.uk/register](http://www.superfastberkshire.org.uk/register).**

**Tim Banks** Parish Councillor

## **Parish Website**

At a recent Parish Council meeting, it was decided to extend the scope of the BPC website to cover more than just Parish Council matters. There will be links to other web-sites, for example, local businesses, schools, organisations, clubs and local transport providers. There will be other information about the parish too.

It is hoped this content will be useful to people living in the parish. It may also be of interest to other people wanting information about Bucklebury. We hope you will log on!

**Tim Banks** Parish Councillor

## **West Berkshire District Councillors**

### **WBC Councillors' Report**

One of the biggest issues raised with us in all five parishes we represent is speeding traffic. The Council is responsible for introducing speed limits and reviewing them periodically but it is the Police who remain responsible for enforcement. We now have regular visits from the speed camera van in both Chapel Row and Upper Bucklebury to great effect. In addition the Council has a number of very small cameras which are set to trigger at around 35mph and will record a short film of any vehicle exceeding the limit. This information is passed to the Police and a letter is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle advising them to be careful as that vehicle is now on a data base and those who regularly offend will be prosecuted. We try to keep speed limits as realistic as possible only introducing them where it is sensible to do and with the agreement and approval of the Police Road Safety team.

On this theme we have had first-hand experience of very large tractors often with very wide equipment attached being driven along our very narrow roads far too fast. I believe most of these

are contractors' vehicles working for our farmers and whilst I appreciate we live in a rural community and that there is a small window of good weather to collect the harvest if any of you are reading this and feel responsible, please slow down a little and give those of us driving cars, riding bikes or horses a fighting chance of staying on the road and not being pushed off! If any resident has been on the receiving end of these tractors please try to get the registration number so that details can be passed to the Police for action.

Over the summer we had far too much rain but at least the flood alleviation scheme in the Village was tested and worked well: well done to all concerned with this pioneering scheme. It's continued success must be monitored carefully so please report any blocked drains or gullies so these can be kept clear.

As always we welcome any suggestions and will help with any issues that concern you but if you e-mail with a problem please include a phone number as not many are in the phone book these days!

**Graham Pask & Quentin Webb.**

Bucklebury Ward contains the parishes of Bradfield, Bucklebury, Frilsham, Hermitage and Stanford Dingley.

Our councillors are:

Graham Pask - Tel/Fax: 01635 864023  
Email: [gpask@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:gpask@westberks.gov.uk)

Quentin Webb- Tel/Fax: 01635 201435  
Email: [qwebb@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:qwebb@westberks.gov.uk)

## West Berks Community Information

Thatcham and Newbury libraries carry leaflets on most local organisations. For community-related information, contact Jim Sweeting (Arts & Leisure Information Officer) on 01635 519251 ([jsweeting@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:jsweeting@westberks.gov.uk)).

The main switchboard for West Berks Council (WBC) is 01635 42400.

For Transport enquiries (e.g. bus routes or timetable) ring 01635 503248.

For non-emergency calls, the Police can be contacted on 101.

## Family

### 1st Bucklebury Brownies



A new term, a fresh new start to Brownies, older Brownies have moved on and new Brownies have joined the group.

Butterfly (aka Jo) has now been with 1st Bucklebury Brownies for a whole year, and the group has almost doubled in numbers, both with Brownies and leaders!

We're looking forward to a great term, always an exciting one with Christmas round the corner.

We're still looking for another leader to join the team, if you're interested please email [leader@buckleburybrownies.co.uk](mailto:leader@buckleburybrownies.co.uk)

If you're daughter wants to join and is 7-10 we have spaces! Call Jo 07532 245 053 or send an email to the above address.

Jo Livings [leader@buckleburybrownies.co.uk](mailto:leader@buckleburybrownies.co.uk)

### 1st Bucklebury Guides



**Girlguiding**

1st Bucklebury Guides

*girls in the lead*

During the summer term it was business as usual at Guides with our theme of 'healthy body, healthy mind'. We did a lot of different activities

based on the Look At Me resource that focuses on body image, role models and dealing with growing up. The girls had a great time re-creating a chat show to cover issues and problems that teens can have and for the younger members we had fun taking the mystery out of the bra. It is amazing how far you can ping a tennis ball using one! We chatted about body image and how the media do not tend to show 'real' women, warts and all; we all get a bit spotty from time to time and that size 0 is really neither healthy nor pretty.

To think about looking after our body, we did the Outdoor Pursuits badge. For these we were outside quite a bit; swimming at Kennet pool, attempting to play Rounders in the rain and doing a flagging / map reading walk around Bucklebury in patrols. The girls also learnt about water safety on dry land before the unit went off to Adventure Dolphin for a canoeing session. The latter was great fun and everyone got very wet, including the leaders!

During this last term we obviously celebrated the Diamond Jubilee for which Bucklebury had a couple of events we were lucky enough to attend. Firstly were the Bucklebury Farm Park celebrations, at which we ran a small craft activity, before the Cottage Inn event where we went tombola and face painting crazy. All monies raised by the girls at these events went into our kitty



### Presentation of £1,000 to Macmillan Cancer Research

for MacMillan Cancer research, which we were proud to present with a cheque for £1,000 at the end of the term.

This term also saw two of our leaders complete their leadership qualifications, so congratulations to both Kate Wells and Vic Deacon. Kate has also kindly offered to help start up a Rangers unit in Bucklebury with another local leader. Rangers, or senior section, is for girls over 14 years of age, so to have this new unit opening locally will allow our Guides to progress to the next level of Guiding. It is fantastic that so many girls have enjoyed their time with us at Guide so much that they wish to continue on up!

At the end of term Bucklebury Guides got together with the other Guide Units in our District to get to know one another before we headed off for a joint summer camp at the end of July. Over 50 girls from Bucklebury, Cold Ash and Compton joined together with their leaders for a fun packed Sherlock Holmes themed camp in the New Forest. They solved clues, played games, went to the beach for the day, did zip-wiring and crate staking, put on shadow puppet shows and cooked their own food on fires. Everyone was exhausted at the end, slightly browner from the sun (or was it lack of showering?) but very happy. Many girls who had not before met made new friends over the camp and the leaders have already been asked if we can all go away together again.

And so, onto the Autumn term, and once more we shall be joined by more new starters. With such a massive Unit, we always need adult help to make it all happen. So please do get in touch ([elisaplate@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elisaplate@yahoo.co.uk)) if you would like more information. Likewise, if you have a daughter who may be interested in Guides, please get in touch sooner rather than later. We have a massive waiting list, and even if your daughter is a Brownie, you still need to get in touch to add her to our waiting list. If you are not sure whether your daughter's name is on our books, please get in contact now rather than be disappointed.

**Claire Powers**    [elisaplate@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elisaplate@yahoo.co.uk)

## West Berkshire Ballet School

Summer term was certainly an 'Olympic' effort for WBBS. Holly Unnuk danced in the dosing ceremony – an amazing and unforgettable experience for Holly, followed by the news that she had sailed through the first part of her teaching qualifications with top marks!

A further 37 students took ballet exams with a magnificent 100% pass rate.

4 girls and 3 boys were accepted onto the Cecchetti Associate scheme and will receive monthly lessons at Rambert Ballet School in Twickenham.

Chloe Brown danced with the English Youth Ballet in *Sleeping Beauty* in Aylesbury and we look forward to hearing all about her experience next term.

At Cecchetti Day, held at the Royal Ballet School in London in June, William Morley and Dominic Rocca were invited to join a demonstration class for the assembled teachers, examiners AND the retiring Artistic Director of the Royal Ballet, Dame Monica Mason and her successor Kevin O'Hare. What an honour! Both boys danced with flair and style. After the demonstration, I was approached by one of the choreographers from the National Youth Ballet to ask if Dominic would be interested in joining their company for this year's Silver Jubilee Season!

Dominic spent 2 weeks rehearsing with the company in August, followed by 5 performances ending with a gala at Sadlers Wells. A group of very proud supporters from our school spent a wonderful evening watching the show and enjoying Dominic's part in it. Dominic will now continue his training with a scholarship from the Cecchetti Society giving him weekly lessons in London – in June he will dance the part of the Prince in our next major ballet production – more details later!

The modern and tap students produced a wonderful 'Summer Sizzlers' at the end of term, with a glowing review in the Newbury Weekly News, and, in order not to get bored during the long summer break, Claire and I held our second Summer School. This time putting on a quick-fire potted version of 'Joseph' – we have a feeling this might now become a permanent fixture in our calendar.

Don't miss Claire in 'Sherlock' at Arlington Arts from 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October!

Rehearsals will begin this term for our exciting and ambitious major show during the summer half-term in 2013. There will be 150 dancers taking part, both from WBBS and an associate ballet school in Aldbourne so, for the first time, we shall have 4 performances!

**Jane Scholl, Claire Bowden & Holly Unnuk**

[www.wbbs.org](http://www.wbbs.org)



The Cast of Summer Sizzlers 2012

## Organisations

### Bucklebury Community Events

#### Jubilee Celebrations

Six months in the planning and another fantastic event evolved on 3rd June at Bucklebury Farm Park. Despite the atrocious weather 700 people gathered to eat, drink and be merry and celebrate the Queen reigning for 60 years. A three course meal was prepared by numerous Farm Park staff and before we opened, Woody's restaurant was filled with the sound of chopping and chatting as vast plastic trays were filled with delicious food. Graham Plank and his hog roast team cooked a good selection of meats (hog, turkey, venison and pork) accompanied by potato salad, c  us c  us, tomatoes and leaves. A scrumptious pudding of mini meringues, ice cream and strawberries followed. The beer (and Pimms!) flowed and the music played. I was quite amused at one point to see people dancing to Singing in the Rain with their umbrellas, especially Daniel Nicholls (our magnificent compere) whose umbrella had turned inside out! A magician, face painter, sweet shop and craft stall all entertained the children, as well as all the usual Farm Park attractions. We just managed to squeeze in a village photo of everyone there before the heavens opened again. Pictures can be found at [www.katarinaschmidtova.co.uk/buckleburybiglunch2012](http://www.katarinaschmidtova.co.uk/buckleburybiglunch2012).

We held a grand raffle with some amazing prizes including a trip to a West End Theatre and dinner, a spa day, a case of wine and a huge hamper. A memento of the Jubilee celebrations was our exclusive pencil tins (we thought everyone may be a bit tired of

mugs!). These were given free to all the children in the Parish 16 years old and under. If you didn't claim yours at the time please

### **Bucklebury Beerfest**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

**1pm til late - FREE ENTRY**

**Bucklebury Village - Recreation Ground**

**Beer, cider &  
soft drinks**

**Live music**

**Bar-B-Que**



**Local trade stands**

**Cakes & teas**

**Bouncy castle**

**Face painting**



**Fun for the whole family!**



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at Bucklebury Farm Park

contact **Chris Ewing, 11 Berry's Road, Upper Bucklebury on 01635 872215**. There are also some left to purchase - £2.50 each or £3.50 for two (please contact Chris for these too).

Those remaining joined in with the proms to finish the day off. A big thanks to everyone who contributed to the day and of course, Rupert Hartley-Russell and the Farm Park staff for making it a day to remember.

We also managed to make a donation to 'Help the Heroes' of £250, thanks to donations in the Beer tent.

### Mugs

Please note all the Royal Wedding mugs have been sold now. We commissioned 2,500 mugs to be made and they have found their way all around the globe!

### Future Activity

We are currently putting together a calendar of Bucklebury scenes which should be on sale at the Bucklebury Beerfest (6th October) and then available through various other outlets in the run up to Christmas.

The Christmas Tree competition will be on the first Saturday in December in a slightly different format to last year. If you'd like to enter a tree please email [christie.morris@btopenworld.com](mailto:christie.morris@btopenworld.com) for an entry form. Entries welcome from all aspects of the community, businesses, charities, young and old alike.

Events for the new year include our popular Burns Night on 26th January in the Memorial Hall – look out for further details. A Quiz Night at Woody's cafe at the Farm Park on 9th March and a Jazz Festival at the Farm Park on 22nd June (all subject to organisation!).

If you'd like to come and join us or just volunteer to help with an

### Bucklebury 2013 Calendar

**On sale at  
Bucklebury  
Beerfest!**

**Bucklebury Community Events**

### Diamond Jubilee Pencil Tins

If you haven't collected your free one yet, or would like to buy one or more, please contact:

**Chris Ewing at 11 Berry's Road,  
Upper Bucklebury on 01635 872215**

**£2.50 each  
or £3.50 for two**

Queen Elizabeth II  
Diamond Jubilee  
1952 - 2012

*Bucklebury 3 June 2012*

**Bucklebury Community Events**



event (many hands make light work), then please email me as above.

**Christie Morris**

**Chair**

**Christmas Tree Festival – 1st December,  
Bucklebury Victory Room**

**Burns Night – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013, Memorial Hall,  
Upper Bucklebury**

**Quiz Night – 9<sup>th</sup> March, Woody's Cafe,  
Bucklebury Farm Park**

**Jazz Festival – 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Bucklebury Farm Park**

**Christmas Tree Festival**  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012  
11am until 5pm  
The Victory Room, Bucklebury Village

*Come and vote for your favourite tree, have a mince pies and a warm drink. Santa will be visiting mid - pm.*

*The competition is open to local groups and businesses. If you would like to enter a tree, please contact Christie Morris on 0777 629 1716 or [christie.morris@btopenworld.com](mailto:christie.morris@btopenworld.com)*

 **Bucklebury Community Events**



## Bucklebury History Group

A very successful meeting was held in April when Dorcas Ward and Ann Tetlow told us of their memories of The Orchard Kindergarten at Chapel Row during the war. A full report is elsewhere in The Oaks.

Some members of the group attended the fete held at the Museum of English Rural Life (MERL) in Reading in June. We took along various photographs of people and places and had many comments about these and about various memories of Bucklebury.

MERL have a new initiative this year called 'A Sense of Place in Bucklebury'. This is a project where the Museum aims to put more geographic context into their collections' catalogue, concentrating on Bucklebury. They have a rich collection of local objects, most notably the contents of George Lailey's workshop. They also hope to expand on the collection of photographs they hold, notably the Collier collection, taken at various times during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. They have been kind enough to pass on these photographs for our own archives and we are currently trying to accurately place those taken of Bucklebury Common. These photographs will be available at future History Group Meetings but if anyone would like to have a look beforehand then please contact me on 01635 867619.

The eventual aim is to upload old photographs onto GOOGLE Street Maps via 'HistoryPin'. We have a dedicated 'channel' on HistoryPin ([www.historypin.com](http://www.historypin.com)) and go to Bucklebury). Eventually all the photographs will be added in the correct position on the map. If there is anyone with computer knowledge who could help with this project then we would be extremely pleased to hear from them!

If anyone has any old photographs of Bucklebury that they would be willing to have scanned for our archives and then passed to MERL please get in touch with us.

Our next gathering is a walk led by Dick Greenaway from the West Berkshire Countryside Society. It will be a 3 mile walk around Bucklebury starting and finishing at The Victory Room in Bucklebury Village, 1.30 p.m. start. There will be tea and cake in the hall at the end of the walk. Please see details elsewhere in The Oaks. We look forward to seeing lots of people there!

Lastly, if you would like to help with research of the 1851 census then again we would be happy for you join us. There is still lots to do!

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## Orchard Kindergarten

The Orchard Tea Rooms were dosed at the start of the war in 1939 and were then used by Miss Stapleforth as a kindergarten for local children. Eileen Stapleforth was a violin teacher and moved to the area with her father and sister, Mrs Pritchard and her two sons.

The school opened in September 1940 and had 8 – 10 children in one room. Dorcas Ward remembers her first day when she was taken by car for the first and last time! From then onwards she had to take the bus which cost 2d or cycle the 2 miles from her home near the Bradfield War Memorial. She remembers that one boy cried but she didn't! School finished at 12 noon. There was a parquet floor with an oil stove, which smelt of oil. The blackboard rubber was also used for mopping up spilt milk, which meant that it had a horrible smell. She also remembers that the toilet was not good because of the little boys!

Children came from Woolhampton, Bradfield, Theale and Beenham to the school as well as from Bucklebury.

Mathematical tables were taught by rote and both Dorcas & Ann remember school as being fun.

Ann's brother started at the school in March 1943 in the Castellors' summerhouse at Green Meadows (now Meadow House). Simon Castello was a pupil. Ann came in 1944. She remembers additional classrooms in a pre-fabricated building as the school had grown with the influx of evacuees, although most of the evacuees went to the village schools and The Orchard Kindergarten was probably very middle-class.

Button Court Farm had 2 families of evacuees as some had arrived



### Orchard Kindergarten

as whole families and others were just the children to be housed with local families. The country children didn't like 'the townies'.

The younger children were in the tea room and the older ones in 2 classes in the pre-fab building. The top class was very small – only about 3 or 4 pupils and these were aged 9. Most of the pupils were younger.

Miss Stapleforth and Mrs Pritchard produced plays and concerts at Bucklebury House in The Old Kitchen. The costumes were always marvellous - Ann was the Princess in The Princess and the Swineherd.

Miss Gould was the infant teacher, Fraulein Oberlander, an Austrian Jewess, taught German counting songs and they used to play games on the Green.

Miss Wilson came towards the end of the war and was very strict – Ann's reports were much worse after she came! The children were told that she had been a governess to a maharajah's son. Iris Brooks taught dancing and they had to sit on the floor crossed legged.

Mademoiselle Bouvier came on the bus from Reading. The local buses were run by two different bus companies, Newbury & District just to the Bladebone and Thames Valley from The Bladebone to Reading, so you couldn't go from Upper Bucklebury to Reading without either changing at The Bladebone (the two buses never connected) or going down the hill to Thattham. Many people used to walk down Long Grove to get the bus from Thattham.

Miss Green, who lived at the top of Dingley Hill, taught art. There was a painting of hers in the church vestry.

Mr Hardy, the vicar, taught scripture.

Mr Stapleforth held magic lantern shows at High Barrow (now Little Copse House) in Paradise Lane where the Stapleforths and the Pritchards lived.

Dorcas remembers Miss Stapleforth turning cartwheels on the Common when out for walks with the pupils.

School dinners – two items that were remembered with horror were chocolate semolina and apple pie, which was steamed suet with a little piece of peel and an apple pip! Ann remembered only

eating her dinner when she was sat next to Dorcas, who used to talk about the gravestones in the churchyard!

The only part of Orchard House used was the old tea room. The pupils did not play in the garden but across the road on the Green.

The American soldiers, who were stationed in The Avenue, used to give the children slab cakes, oranges and sweets.

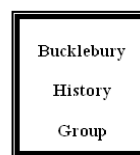
In 1945 Miss Stapleforth married Mr Clutton-Brock, who was headmaster of Priors Court School, and their reception was held in the Old Kitchen. The school closed at the end of the war.

There was another private school in Bradfield, run by Mrs Filmore.

**Dorcas Ward & Ann Tetlow.**



West Berkshire  
Countryside Society



### Shake down the Sunday Roast!

Join Dick Greenaway and the Bucklebury History Group on a 3¼ mile walk to explore the local and natural history of our fascinating parish.

Starting and finishing at the Victory Room Car Park  
Bucklebury Village

Tea and cake in the Hall afterwards

**Sunday 21 October**

**Start 1.30pm. We aim to be back by 4.30pm**

There are several hills on this walk.

Well behaved dogs welcome.

**We make no charge other than  
the pleasure of your company.**

### Tuesday Ladies Club (TLC)



The club has had a very successful first year with a fun and varied programme aimed to appeal to as wide a group as possible. We usually meet in the Oak Room at the Memorial Hall at 7.45pm on the second Tuesday in the month.

The enjoyable summer programme included a treasure hunt, a talk by Meri Mower (local gardener), followed in June by a visit to the wonderful garden she looks after at Stockcross House and a warming drink in the local pub afterwards in front of a log fire! Yes, June!

The programme for the coming year includes talks by our local photographer, Jo Andreae, the wonderful local potter, Jo Firth, a jewellery evening and Christmas party. We look forward to seeing

the familiar faces and introducing ourselves to new comers. We look forward to seeing you!

Next meeting in the Oak Room – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

**Christie Morris and Wynne Frankum** *Co chairs, TLC*  
christie.morris@btopenworld.com

**Diary Dates:**

**9<sup>th</sup> October** – Jewellery talk (and buying opportunity!) &

**Phoenix Cards**

**13<sup>th</sup> November** - TBA

**11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party!

**WE ARE  
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We continue to help many people in West Berkshire with heating, clothing and living expenses together with their medical and emotional support.

We hope to announce later this year a project on more concentrated help in West Berkshire. We already have a sponsored Macmillan G.P. in place in Newbury who advises other practices in the area on all aspects of Macmillan Cancer Support. The Cancer Care Centre at The Royal Berkshire Hospital is there to advise on all aspects – emotional, medical, financial – do not hesitate to contact them or The Macmillan Support Line free on 0808 808 00 00

Our Annual Christmas Concert is on Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> St. Nicolas Church Newbury. – We have the very popular Pro-Musica Oxford choir this year together with many well known and respected readers. This is a very popular event and it is wise to apply for your tickets early. Those of you not on our mailing list can ring Sue Wood 01635 32167 for tickets.

Any ideas or fund raising you wish to do for Macmillan please contact me on the number below. If you have a spare hour or two and would be willing to help with our street/shop collections you would be very welcome.

Please continue your support it is very necessary and much appreciated.

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[erica.tipton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:erica.tipton@yahoo.co.uk) Chairman – Macmillan Cancer Support  
Newbury Committee.

## Halls

### The Victory Room



#### Bucklebury Beer Fest

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012 - The fun starts at 1pm.

Planning for the fourth annual Bucklebury Beerfest is well underway, and it's going to be a fun, **free** event for the whole family! This popular event will provide local beer varieties, Tutts Clump cider and live music in the main marquee, including the Jammin Dodgers, the Mini band and the Sock Monkeys.

The Bucklebury Farm Park is bringing animals to view and pet, which is always a huge hit with the children. Our favourite local trade stands, plus some great new trades are coming and the bar-b-que will be cooking burgers & sausages all day. Don't forget the fun mix of games and activities for children, the Guides sweet stall and tombola, face painting, bouncy castle and more, which all provides a fantastic event in Bucklebury.

The event starts around 1pm on the Recreation Ground, Bucklebury Village - just follow the signs – there's plenty of free parking. A large marquee will host the band performances with bales of straw for comfy seating. The live entertainment will continue until about 10pm, so come along for a fun afternoon and evening.

#### Be part of this local event!

There's still time to join in if you'd like to support the Beerfest. It's the local involvement and support that makes the Beerfest possible.

**Sponsor a barrel for only £50** - Your name will be:

Prominently displayed on the sponsor's wall behind the bar and listed in the Bucklebury Beerfest programme, free to all attendees

**Donate a raffle prize:** Do you have an item that could be included in the raffle?

**Volunteer to help on the day:** Come along to help for an hour with one of the many activities planned. We couldn't run this fun event without the extra hands, so let us know when you can join in.

Contact any of the Beerfest committee members listed below for more information, and get involved in your local community!

**Anne & Phil Ryder** - 01635 867186

**Julie Brims** - 0118 971 3308

**Tim Culley** - 0118 9714830

**Alastair McOran-Campbell** - 0118 9713325

**Jacquine Theunissen** - 0118 971 2895

Christie Morris - 01635 876188

### What's the Beerfest in aid of?

The Victory Room is a registered charity and is looked after by a committee of volunteer trustees. Hiring out the hall for private parties, classes, meetings, Scouts and Cubs, and the local football teams help bring money in to maintain the building. However, the hiring fees don't cover all of the running costs, so events like the Beerfest are organised by the committee to raise funds, ensuring the hall is maintained for everyone's benefit. The trustees are also planning to improve the Victory Room with an extension, adding extra storage space and new toilets.

### Victory Room - Annual General Meeting

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012 (7.30pm)

### Open to the Public

As the Victory Room is a community venue, and a registered charity, every year the trustees hold an AGM which is open to the public. This year the meeting will be held in the Victory Room on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2012. The proceedings start at 7.30pm, and you are welcome to attend.

The trustees want to know your views about the Bucklebury village hall, and how it can be improved for the community. We also would welcome anyone who wants to get involved either for a one-off fund-raising event, activity or performance in the Victory Room, or to join the committee of volunteer trustees.

### Hire the Victory Room for your party or event

The Victory Room is the perfect venue for up to 85 people. The hall has everything you'll need - tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery and table doths - plus a stage! All of the furniture is also available for local hire.

The Victory Room is located right next to the village recreation ground with plenty of room in the car park. For information on the availability of the hall and hiring charges, please contact Lindy Clarke on 0118 971 2768, or by email at: [lindy.darke@live.co.uk](mailto:lindy.darke@live.co.uk)

## Sports

### Bucklebury Wolves FC goes global!

Thanks in part to publicity surrounding Jonathan Poole's Olympic Torch Relay leg, coupled with the continued efforts of the super coaching team, Bucklebury Wolves now has almost a hundred players registered with a further nine on the Waiting List.

Our continued thanks goes to the Victory Room and Field Committees for the use of their facilities, without which there would be no football club.

In July we held our third Annual Presentation Barbeque which was attended by about 150 people and our thanks once again go to Sue



**Jonathan Poole (Club Founder) running with the Olympic Torch through Winchester on 11<sup>th</sup> July, thanks to being nominated by Bucklebury "Wolf" parents.**

& Martin Fiddler at The Bladebone Butchers in Chapel Row for their most kind and generous donation of burgers and sausages. (Especially since they had also supported so many other community requests during this extraordinary year). This support was most unexpected and very welcome since the children, parents and coaches alike had a lovely time, with spectacularly beautiful weather after a great deal of rain.

This year's "World Cup" was also held in July and featured players from all four age related teams. This was a lot of fun and fiercely contested but was finally won by the Gray's team (oldest players) who were proudly sporting their new kit sponsored by The Cottage Inn pub. Our gratitude goes to Gary and Mandy Bush who richly deserved their CAMRA award for Best Community Pub this year.

The Club is planning to continue playing until December,



**Bucklebury FC "Gray's" Team win the "World Cup" 2012**

depending on the weather, having had a break during August. The two eagerly anticipated events this Autumn are the Special Sessions being coached by an experienced FA Coach, Tom Hogan; also the "European Championships" internal tournament

and the usual friendly matches against other local teams.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON BUCKLEBURY WOLVES FREE FOOTBALL CLUB OR TO BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD, PLEASE EMAIL [ipoolle@ridge.co.uk](mailto:ipoolle@ridge.co.uk) OR GOOGLE BUCKLEBURY WOLVES AND SEE THEIR WEBSITE AT - [www.buckleburywolves.co.uk](http://www.buckleburywolves.co.uk)**

## Tennis Club

Wet summer or not, we have had a great season with regard to all our team performances in the Newbury & District Summer League, and The Yorkshire Cup. Three of our teams came top of their respective divisions, three of our teams should be promoted to a higher division, and to top it all our Men's A team can't go any higher than top of Division 1.

Particular credit should go to the respective captains for this excellent all round performance.

We now look forward to the Winter Leagues starting in October.

Details of the league positions are as follows:

Newbury & District League results for Bucklebury T.C.

Team	Captain	Division	Played	Points	Position
Men's A	Andrew Rogers	1	10	18	1 <sup>st</sup>
Men's B	Jim London	3	10	18	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ladies A	Trish Strang	2	10	8	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ladies B	Pam Norman	5	8	7	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Mixed	Darren Blackwood	2	10	20	1 <sup>st</sup>

### Yorkshire Cup

Bucklebury have just had their final success for this summer season, winning the Yorkshire Cup by beating Kintbury in the finals. Congratulations to Darren Blackwood and his team who guided us through four rounds of the knockout competition.

### Vets. Matches

We have been running a successful Vets team in the local Greenacre winter indoor league ending last year's competition as runners up. This year we are entering two teams so we need more players to join the group of enthusiasts who play on Tuesday afternoons. If you are interested in the occasional game let Norman Casson know [normancasson@aol.com](mailto:normancasson@aol.com)

### Club Mix-ins

The more relaxed Mix-ins have probably suffered most from rain. However we don't give up easily and over the last few weeks a good crowd have emerged from their shelters to play on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Sadly the days are getting shorter and our

evening playing time curtailed. For those who have the time we will move to mid-week mornings when the docks change.

### Coaching

Over the summer we have had a very successful programme for our Junior coaching. Bucklebury Primary School continues to benefit from, and enjoy, their regular sessions on Mondays for the Year 5 pupils. Our Club Under 12's followed on after school for two sessions. This is continuing for the first half of the winter term.

### Club Membership

If you would like to join the Club, or if any of the above is of interest to you and you would like to know more, please contact: Mike James (01189712285 or [m-a-james@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:m-a-james@tiscali.co.uk))

or go to our website [www.buckleburytennisclub.com](http://www.buckleburytennisclub.com)

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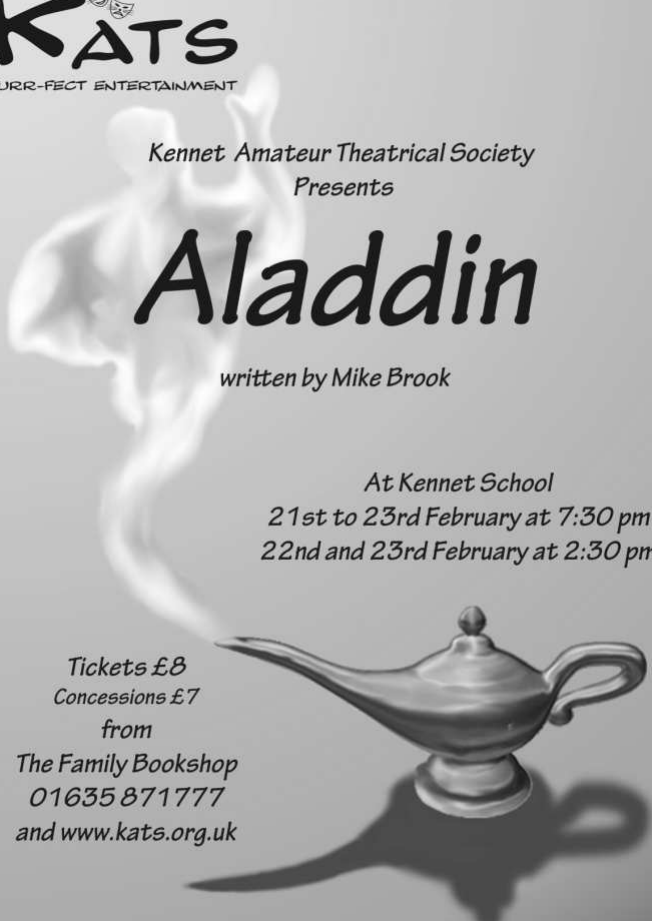
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## Badminton

### New Members Welcome

Club nights are now under way on Tuesday evenings at Elstree School. Visitors and new members are most welcome. The Cottage Inn landlords, Gary and Mandy, have kindly been helping us promote the club and we understand that many of you have shown an interest but have yet to take the plunge and come along. Please do come along – we really are very friendly and you will find a relaxed atmosphere where you can play badminton at any level as well as meet locals and of course enjoy a drink at the pub afterwards!

### Free coaching for 17 to 25 year olds!

Whilst we encourage new members of all ages, we also have an exciting new venture for those of you who are between 17 and 25 and have never played club badminton. We are offering free coaching sessions once a week from 9 October to 4 December for one hour from 7.30 to 8.30. Spaces are limited and given the date of publication of this issue, time is of the essence! Please email [lindacrossy@talktalk.net](mailto:lindacrossy@talktalk.net) or visit our website below for an application form.

### General News

Bucklebury Badminton club members ran the coconut shy at the Cottage Inn jubilee fair and much fun was had by all. The end of the badminton season was marked by an inter club tournament which was won by Steve Neal and David Haines in a closely fought final against David Moore and Colin Shurey.

Please do join us for a knock around or for more serious games. We play on Tuesday evenings at Elstree School in Woolhampton. Just turn up, or phone for more information.

**Margaret Neville** 01635 873811



Steve Neal and David Haines with their trophy

## Country Life

### Bucklebury Walk

This is a fairly flat walk with just three stiles and two pinch gates. It is lovely in the summer with the cornflowers in bloom but can get a little overgrown on the paths across the fields.

From the Victory Room Car Park cross the road into the Churchyard. Walk in front of the Church and follow path to the eastern gate, turning left onto the road. Keep on this road following the sign to Chapel Row. Take the footpath on the left opposite the Old School.

Cross the field and at the first signs go straight on. Cross the bridge and turn right, keeping the hedge on your right and the field on your left. Turn left at the next junction. At the end of the field cross the stile and turn left on to the road (*Bushnell's Green Gate was along this road as the boundary with Stanford Dingley is just past the bend*). Go past the house called Skilcroft on the right and before the 30mph sign go through the gate on the left and take the right hand footpath, keeping the hedge on the left.

You then reach the River Pang. Go through a pinch gate (*Fat Man's Misery!*) and over the bridge. Straight on with the field on the right and the hedge on the left. At the end bear right through a gateway and turn left over a double stile (*sign posted Recreation Route*). The fence and River Pang are now on the left as is the parish boundary. Keep on the Recreation Route – ignore the bridge over the Pang, bearing right up to the road. Turn left at the road opposite Rushden's Farm (*here you leave the boundary and head back into Bucklebury Parish*). Bear left at the junction and follow the road to the village.

You can either take the footpath over the field towards the church or keep to the road past the Old Foundry back to the Car Park.

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



Bucklebury Walkers near the River Pang.

## West Berkshire Countryside Society

The new group now combines the aims and objectives of the Pang and Kennet Valleys Countryside Projects, the Bucklebury Heathlands Conservation Group, and the Pang Valley Conservation Volunteers. It has been set up to represent all of the people who care about the countryside throughout West Berkshire. 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 4pm but you are very welcome to come for as much time as you wish to give during these hours. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing, and bring a packed lunch if you are coming for the full day. Hot drinks are usually provided, as are the necessary tools.

For further information please see the Website - [www.westberkscountryside.org.uk](http://www.westberkscountryside.org.uk).

### **Bucklebury Events:**

#### **Saturday 13th October Bucklebury Common Heathland Management**

Join the Bucklebury Heathland Group and help with their habitat management. Meet at Angels Corner (SU550 688) at 10am.

#### **Sunday 21st October Bucklebury History Walk.**

A three and a bit mile walk to look at the history, wildlife and landscape of the village and the Common. There are modest hills on this walk. Walk in partnership with Bucklebury History Group. Meet at the Victory Room, Bucklebury Village (SU552 708) at 1.30pm.

#### **Friday 26th October 7.30 pm. Skittles Evening, Bucklebury Memorial Hall, Upper Bucklebury.**

Join us for an evening of skittles, the game is not to Olympic standards!! Tickets £13 to include a tasty hot supper. Bring your own drinks & glasses. Tickets now on sale from Jenny Holliday 0118 984 3588 or Maggie Prinn 0118 984 24

#### **Sunday 11th November Bucklebury Common Heathland Management.**

##### **Bucklebury Common**

Join the Bucklebury Heathland Group and help with their habitat management. Meet at Angels Corner (SU550 688) at 10am.

#### **Saturday 1st December Visit to West Berkshire Brewery at Yattendon (Limited numbers).**

Brewing is an ancient and important Rural Industry. West Berks Brewery is ultra-modern. Meet at the Brewery Shop in Frilsham Home Farm at 11am. Visit takes about 2 hours. Booking by e-mail to [enquiries@wberkscountryside.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wberkscountryside.org.uk) by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **Saturday 8th December Bucklebury Common Heathland management.**

Join the Bucklebury Heathland Group and help with their habitat management. Meet at Angels Corner (SU550 688) at 10.00am .

**Colin Layton**

## Contributions

Material to appear in The Oaks should be sent neatly typed for scanning or as a word-processor document (e.g. MS Word), attached to an e-mail and sent to "lindy.darke@live.oxon.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 preceding publication.

**Wynne Frankum**

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## October

2nd	St Martins Club		Day trip to Cardiff
4th	Bucklebury Walkers	10:00 am	The Cottage Inn
6th	Bucklebury Beerfest	1:00 pm	Bucklebury Recreation Ground
9th	Tuesday Ladies Club	7:45 pm	Oak Room, Memorial Hall
13th	Cemetery Working Party	10:00 am	Upper Bucklebury Cemetery
13th	Commons Clearing	2:00 pm	Memorial Hall
13th	West Berkshire Countryside Society	10:00 am	Heathland Management, Angels Corner
21st	History Group Walk	1:30 pm	Victory Room, Bucklebury
26th	West Berkshire Countryside Society	7:30 pm	Skittles at the Memorial Hall

## November

1st	Bucklebury Walkers	10:00 am	The Cottage Inn
5th	Victory Room AGM	7:30 pm	Victory Room
6th	St Martins Club	1:30 pm	Memorial Hall
11th	West Berkshire Countryside Society	10:00 am	Heathland Management, Angels Corner
13th	Tuesday Ladies Club	7:45 pm	Oak Room, Memorial Hall

## December

1st	Christmas Tree Festival	11:00 am to 5:00 pm	Victory Room
1st	Macmillan Cancer Support		Christmas Concert at St. Nicholas, Newbury
4th	St Martins Club	10:30 am	Memorial Hall
6th	Bucklebury Walkers	10:00 am	The Blade Bone
8th	West Berkshire Countryside Society	10:00 am	Heathland Management, Angels Corner
11th	Tuesday Ladies Club	7:45 pm	Oak Room, Memorial Hall
17th	Carols by Candlelight	6:00 pm	Cemetery Chapel

## January

26th	Burns Night		Memorial Hall
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