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Community Car Scheme

I was horrified recently to find that someone had paid £20 for a return taxi journey to Kenninghall Surgery.

This points up the fact that the Community Car Scheme is not, as we had thought, universally known about.

The Scheme exists to help people who have no transport to get to all medically based appointments - Surgery, Hospital, Dentists and Opticians.

If that taxi journey to Kenninghall had been done by one of our drivers, the cost would have been £2.05 and not £20 - quite a difference!

Please use the service which we provide - ring me on 860741 or leave a message on my answerphone and I will arrange a driver to pick you up and bring you home again.

Violet Highton, Community Car Scheme Coordinator

Stargazing

..... whilst walking along Chapel Street was not the best idea I've ever had and consequently I have to proffer my most grateful thanks to everyone who has run errands, sent flowers, cards, books and delicious things to eat to help me through my infirmity.

Joyce Little

Village Walkers: Sunday 14th of May Walk

Our next walk will be through Rishbeth Wood situated within Thetford Forest near High Lodge.

It is a very “easy” 4/5 mile circular walk across sandy heathland leading onto forest paths (no stiles or ploughed fields!). The starting point for the actual walk will be Warren Lodge off the Brandon Road (B1107) where there is a free car park. However we will meet as usual at the Market Cross at 10am.

We will be booking lunch for those interested at Breckland Lodge. If you would like to join us for lunch, please let us know by Monday 8th May.

New plodders very welcome.
Gerry & Geoff 01953861027

New Buckenham Players

On Friday 23rd of JUNE at the village hall , New Buckenham Players (and talented friends) will be presenting, A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S CABARET of words and music, songs from Pop and Theatre. We will be seen to mingle socially with poetry and sketches. This will be set out in a nightclub atmosphere to enhance the evening for your enjoyment of this spectacular night of entertainment.

We look forward to seeing you all on the night. Tickets will be £8.50. This will include a supper, comprising a Jacket Potato and a curry topping . Performance will start at 8pm and supper will be served during the Interval.

More Information will follow so watch this space.

Sally Elvin Chairman.

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ON AIR - New Buckenham Players

We knew we were in for a good evening when we arrived at the hall. There was a buzz in the auditorium and the decorated tables set the scene. The Players performed five short radio-style plays, professionally written but directed by members of the cast. The voices and sounds gave a realistic radio experience but the characters were in costume so they very much looked the part.

“Daisy Pulls it off on the Ghost Train” was a relatively complicated opener but kept its pace. The sound effects were accurate and visually very funny. “Turning the Tables” explored how some revelations changed the relationship between two women and was pure radio drama. “The Holiday Money” was a rather more shallow male conversation between two old friends, with an abrupt pay-off. “The Fly” voiced the thoughts of two older men in conversation, leading into a finely delivered soliloquy. Lastly, “The Famous Five at Seventy” was just a daft witty adventure, its direction ensuring the story’s surreal imagery. An excellent finale to the performances, all deserving the audience’s warm approval.

The fish and chips were very good too! Well done to the Players, not just for the performances but for all the work behind the stage and front of house. There’s nothing quite like the shared experience of live performance; we had a thoroughly entertaining evening and hope that the format will be repeated.

Pat and Charles Oxley

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The Great Get Together Grants

Breckland Council is offering one-off grants to enable communities to participate in "The Great Get Together", a nationwide event in memory of Jo Cox, to be held over 17 - 18 June 2017 encouraging people of all backgrounds to come together.

The event is being held to mark the anniversary of the death of the MP, who inspired many when she said that we have more in common than divides us.

This special weekend of community celebrations is a fitting way to honour Jo Cox and we want to encourage as many people as possible to take part. It will be a fantastic opportunity for residents to get to know their neighbours better, have fun and make new friends.

The council's grant scheme will help cover the costs of staging an event. This could include organising a street party, a community barbeque, a neighbourhood bake-off competition or any other food-related get together.

Organisations such as parish councils, sports clubs, women's institutes and social clubs are eligible to apply to Breckland for grants of up to £200; only one application can be made per group. The deadline for applications is 2 May 2017, and groups will hear by 5 May whether their application has been successful.

To find out more about the Breckland Council grant scheme, email community@breckland.gov.uk, visit www.breckland.gov.uk/community-funding, or call 01362 656870. To find out more about the Great Get Together event, to get advice about holding an event or to sign up visit www.greatgettogether.org.

Adrian Joel

Breckland Councillor for The Buckenhams & Banham Ward

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

We met in the church on April 2nd - the Rector was in the chair. Mrs Jean Norton stood down as Churchwarden, and was thanked for her tremendous contribution. She has not been replaced.

The Accounts were accepted subject to Audit, and after various reports, the PCC were re-elected en bloc, and now consist of the Rector (Chairman), Christopher Pearson, (Acting Treasurer and Fabric Officer), Helen Pearson (Secretary). Susan Hilton-Jowett (Families), Gordon Andrew, and Vicky and Alan Baker.

Helen

The Dave Dowson Hackers Trophy 2017

This years edition will take place on Saturday 24th June at Silfield Pitch and Putt near Wymondham. Once again all villagers and friends are invited to come along and enjoy the day! No previous experience is needed and equipment can be loaned on the day. Lifts can also be arranged. Please think about giving it a go! You will really enjoy the experience! Further details are available from me.

*Ian McNamara (mcnam520@btinternet.com)
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New Buckenham Village Hall, Friday 26th to Sunday 28th May

Promoted by New Buckenham Arts. Admission free.

There's still time to enter for the Photoshow at the end of May. For just £15 you rent an 8x4 ft display board and on it you arrange however many of your pictures you wish - it's your space. If you can't fill a board, why not arrange to share with another photographer? You put up your pictures yourself before the show opens on the Friday evening and take them down after the show closes on the Sunday lunchtime, or this can be done for you. It's up to you whether you offer your work for sale. We particularly welcome new exhibitors and give them every help.

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Charles Oxley, charlesoxley@yahoo.co.uk, 01953 860708

68 Years of Good Companionship

It was in 1949 that a need was fulfilled in New Buckenham to extend mutual friendship and company for those in later years of life. On 20 April the Good Companions celebrated this milestone with an excellent party in the Village hall , with entertainment from “Kylie”. About 40 members joined in this birthday celebration.

Please be reminded that the next meeting of the Good Companions is on Thursday 18 May, and there will be a sale on Saturday 20th May.

Information supplied by Christine Wilby

Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning

Members and friends would like to thank all those who came to our coffee morning. Three people gave me donations and they all won a prize!

Many thanks to all who came and helped and gave raffle prizes, baked lovely cakes, made the tea and did the tombola. Also to our friends from other villages. In all we made £233.

Jean Howling

New Buckenham Parish Council

Our May Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, 9th May at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. As always, a warm welcome is extended to all parishioners.

For your information Parish Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Large Meeting Room at the Village Hall. We don't usually meet in August.

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Karen Hobley - Chair

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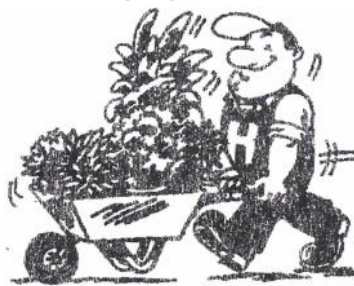
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The orchids will soon be out on the Common, well worth a short walk to view them, located to the East of the stream. They are protected on this SSSI



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Parish Council

Summary of Draft Minutes April

1. PC resolved to approve draft Minutes of the March meeting and the Extraordinary Council meeting.

2. Financial matters

a) the Council agreed to pay subscriptions to Norfolk ALC (£127.99) and NPTS (£125.00) for 2017/8.

b) Clerk provided the financial report for year to March 31st 2017.

c) Clerk provided a list of invoices for payment.

3. Closed Churchyard

Cllr Bingham reported on a meeting with Breckland trees and heritage officers, the conclusion was that further major works to the wall and trees was not necessary but a management plan was needed which Cllr Bingham will undertake. There is a need to rectify earlier repairs done with cement mortar and to address drainage issues. A discussion took place regarding the advice from Norfolk Wildlife Trust not to 'over manage' closed churchyards.

4. Projects

a) Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that it was appropriate to accept TT Jones quotation to renew the street lights to bring them up to modern energy efficient standards. Council resolved to issue an order for the work to be carried out at a cost of £4,675 for 17 lanterns.

b) Play Area Improvements

Cllr Chirodian reported a positive response from users. Further consideration will be given to publicising the scheme in consultation with Breckland to recognise their grant contribution.

c) Noticeboard

Cllr Highton reported he had gained agreement in principle from the planning officer for proposed siting of the new noticeboard and would submit the planning application.

5. Project Fund

The Project Fund Group recommended the application from the New Buckenham Junior Football Club for assistance in the provision of portable floodlights. Council resolved to grant £640.00

Next meeting (Annual Meeting of the Council) 9 May at 7.30pm
Mary Dowson on behalf of Parish Council

Methodist Services May 2017

Sunday 7	11:00	Rev. J. Horton
Sunday 14	11:00	Relay
Sunday 21	11:00	Reed Beetle
Sunday 28	11:00	Songs of Praise

St Martins Church

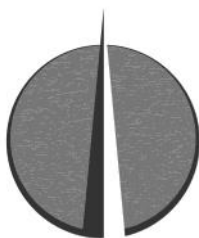
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Sunday 7	11:00	Parish Eucharist	Easter 3
Sunday 14	6:30pm	Evensong	Easter 4
Sunday 21	11:00	Parish Eucharist	Easter 5
Sunday 28	10:00	Group Eucharist, Wilby	Rogation

JUST A REMINDER:

THE ANGLIAN SINGERS will give a concert in St Martin's Church on Saturday 1st July at 7.30 - something for everybody; refreshments; donations to St Martin's. Do come! Final info next month.

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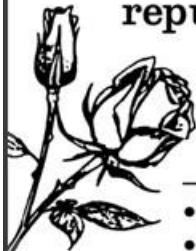
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May 2017	
Friday 12	Mobile Library, Chapel Street, 1:20pm
Sunday 14	Village Walkers, Market Cross, 10am
Thursday 18	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Saturday 20	Good Companions Sale, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Sat 2 July	Anglian Singers Concert at St Martins Church, 7:30pm

Contributions for the JUNE 2017 issue of Parish News should be submitted by 6.00pm on SATURDAY 20 MAY to Linda Bryan, Pine Cottage, Marsh Lane (861107) or Michael and Jo Boswell, Peel House, Chapel Street. (860015)

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