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Parish News Committee

New Buckenham Art Exhibition

Our Easter weather was not exactly the most ideal conditions for getting out and about. However, I think maybe the Art Exhibition was an event that visitors enjoyed in the dry and the warm of our lovely Village Hall. It was a busy weekend and, thanks to all the helpers, it went off very smoothly without any great problems.

It always amazes me within our small population how many people come forward to help with this event and in many cases some people have helped with it for several years. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Art Exhibition. I know there are some people who helped at the start way back in 1993 and are still helping with it today. Many of you made wonderful cakes, donated raffle prizes, and gave your time to help before the event started. Many helped to hang all of the 450 paintings and then some of you gave your time on Easter Monday to help dismantle it all again. There were a lot of people on the Rota to steward over the weekend, a truly brilliant effort from everyone.

I would like to thank our local businesses who contributed to our great feature in the *Mercury* newspaper. Without them we would not get our feature and I know how expensive advertising can be. Publicity is vital to the Art Exhibition, as we need to get as many people there as possible.

As you know, this is a Fund Raising Event for our church and Village Hall so I will leave the finances to our treasurer, Jon Halfacree, to give you in detail in the next *Parish News*. However, I think I am allowed to say that the outcome is looking good.

Finally, to everyone a huge thank you for your support and commitment.

Hazel Rush, Art Exhibition Committee

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Flexibus

I realise I may be preaching to the converted, but for those that are not familiar, I would like to draw your attention to the Flexibus.

This service is subsidised by Norfolk County Council and is as it says; a flexible bus service which picks up from your doorstep. From New Buckenham there is a bus on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to Diss, leaving at approximately 09:30am, returning at either 12:30pm or 1.30pm. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the service goes to Attleborough leaving at approximately 10:15am, returning at midday or 2pm. The return fare for both routes is just £4.00 or free for over 65s.

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The phone number is also in the *Six Villages Newsletter* every month and in *The Villager*.

There has been a lot in the press lately regarding the possible cessation of village buses and the Flexibus could be one of the services affected if we don't use it.

Kathie Steel

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New Buckenham Players present: *Boeing Boeing*

Boeing Boeing is set in the 1960s and swinging bachelor Bernard, a suave Parisian architect, couldn't be happier: a flat in Paris and three gorgeous stewardesses all engaged to him without knowing about each other. American Gloria, anxious to assert female power. Italian Gabriella, full of energy and sexiness, and finally German Gretchen, passionate and precise. He is kept on track by his loyal and organised housekeeper, Berthe. However, Bernard's perfect life gets bumpy when his friend Robert comes to stay and a new and speedier Boeing jet throws off all of his careful planning. Soon all three stewardesses are in town simultaneously, country Robert is forgetting which lies to tell to whom, and catastrophe looms. A riotous farce awaits you, so fasten your seat belts and come join the New Buckenham Players for a night of hilarity.

Thursday 28th, Friday 29th and Saturday 30th June at 8pm. Bar open 7:30pm. Tickets £8.00, available from King's Stores or Box Office 860911.

New Buckenham Players

Good Companions

The meeting held on Thursday 19th April was our 69th birthday. We were entertained by Kyle and a buffet style afternoon tea was provided by the Committee. We would like to thank them for all their hard work.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th May at 2:30pm in the Village Hall. Our spring sale will take place on Saturday 26th May, postponed because of the royal wedding on 19th May.

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Cake Slicers

Firstly a big thank you to all who baked a cake to serve at the recent Art Exhibition. Home-made cakes are part of the attraction of the event! I have three cake slicers, a spatula and a bread knife which aren't part of the Hall's kitchen equipment, so were presumably brought in to help those serving. Please contact me if one of these items is yours!

Gill Goodwin 860703

Noted that some of the above items have been claimed (*Ed.*)

Here comes Summer!

As the weather improves, the New Buckenham Gardening Group has awoken from a (very) long winter hibernation and has thrown itself into organising two events for this summer – my clipboard has been dusted off, checklists have been updated and the Village Show Schedule has just been completed. It will be coming through your letterbox any day now!

Open Gardens, Sunday 10th June

Open Gardens is held every two years and gives New Buckenham garden owners the opportunity to show off their lovely gardens, big or small. Jimpy has spoken to (accosted!) most of our regulars by now and we currently have over 15 gardens plus the Churchyard and the Castle open. Refreshments are served at the Village Hall throughout the afternoon – both the Open Gardens and the Village Show rely on the magnificent support which we receive from large numbers of people in the village and we hope you will be willing to offer help again this year. Please contact me if you can spare an hour or two to help with refreshments at either event. No specific gardening knowledge required (trust me!) although I did once correctly identify a hydrangea! Phew!

More information (Village Show) on next page...

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The Village Show

After Open Gardens, we will turn our attention to the Village Show, which will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th July. As ever, we look forward to a bumper crop of entries with an ethos of friendly competition, so make this the year you enter for the first time alongside some of our 'regulars'.

We have some very talented people in the village, but classes are won by different people each year, so it really is a level playing field (or level lawn, in gardening terms!). In fact, I myself won two trophies last year for the aforementioned hydrangeas, which is concrete proof that anyone can do it and was a source of great amusement to everyone! Also, don't forget that there are classes for cookery, flower arranging and photography, in addition to fruit, vegetables and flowers, so there are a number of opportunities to display your talents!

There is also 'Up the Wall', the entry class for hanging baskets, wall containers and window boxes. There are some fabulous displays throughout the village, so please enter this part of the show. Entry forms will be delivered soon otherwise phone Jimpy for a form.

The village youngsters in are not forgotten either – we know that they are a talented bunch and there are a number of classes for them to enter. All show entry forms should be delivered to 9 St Martin's Gardens by 7pm on Thursday 5th July. We do accept entries on the morning of the Show, but it is helpful to know how much space is required when we are setting up the hall on the Friday evening.

If you won a trophy at last year's show, please would you be kind enough to return it to Violet Highton or Pat Oxley by 30th June? A gentle polish would be greatly appreciated! The Show is organised by a small team and we would appreciate some help as follows: help setting up on Friday evening (6th July), baking a cake for refreshments, help with teas and coffees during the show, or contribute a few small gifts for the Tombola. If you can help with Open Gardens or our Show, please contact us Many thanks.

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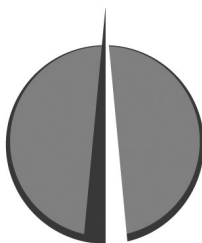
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Summary of Draft Minutes April 2018

1. Apologies from Cllr Chirodian.
2. PC resolved to approve March Minutes.
3. Matters Arising
Clerk confirmed that no reply received from the Cricket Club regarding their annual rent.
4. Financial Matters
 - a) Council noted a bank reconciliation report to March 31st.
 - b) Payments for April were approved.
 - c) Council considered a report on Clerk's Working hours and expenses. It was noted that average hours spent on Council work was 9 hours as opposed to the contractual 7 hours and that the contract allowed for payment for the use of the Clerk's home as an office. Council resolved that the Clerk be paid 9 hours a week from April 1st, subject to quarterly monitoring and a monthly payment of £35 be made for the use of his home as an office.
5. Planning
 - a) Proposed two-storey extension to Oak View, Marsh Lane – no objection.
 - b) Revised plans for The Beams, King Street – objection as it was considered that the garage as designed was capable of being used as a dwelling.
6. Neighbourhood Plan
Cllr Manning reminded Councillors of the Open Day event at the Village Hall on April 24th.

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7. Amenities

- a) Cemetery: Cllr Bingham had produced a Plan from the topographical survey which now needed to be populated with burial details.
- b) Allotments: all currently under cultivation.
- c) Closed Churchyard: Council resolved to authorise the purchase of a memorial seat by Mr and Mrs Winsor.
- d) Play Area: Cllr Crossman advised some deterioration of some equipment, to be addressed at next safety inspection.

8. Street Lighting Project.

At the request of Mr and Mrs Elvin the Council reconsidered their decision on the style of the lamp attached to their house. The Council decided it was not an appropriate use of public funds to replace the light for purely aesthetic reasons.

Next Meeting, May 8th, is the Annual Parish Council Meeting at which the Chairmen and Vice-Chairman are elected for 2018/19

Mary Dowson, on behalf of the Parish Council

Change of Trustee

The William Barber Trust has great pleasure in welcoming Pauline Dynes onto the Trustees. Pauline lives in Dove Barn, on the Common, and has a lot of relevant experience to bring to the committee. She has been a magistrate for many years and has worked in the school system supporting children to achieve in school.

Pauline has taken the place of David Seville, who had been a trustee for many years, but due to health reasons resigned last year. Thanks go to David for all the excellent advice and information he has helped the trust with throughout his tenure.

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Fizz Thomas, Chair of the William Barber Trust, 861253

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Friday 11th	Mobile Library, Chapel St, 1:20pm
Saturday 12th	Coffee Morning, St Martins, 10:30am
Thursday 17th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Saturday 26th	Good Companions Sale, Village Hall, 2:00pm
Sun 10th June	Open Gardens

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