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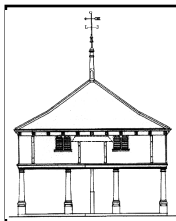
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If you would be interested in sponsoring an issue of *Parish News* in 2021, please contact Mary Dowson on 01953 860320 or mdowson@btinternet.com.

Parish News Committee

Please be Aware

Around lunchtime on Thursday 25th March, a man exposed himself to a woman walking alone at the Dam Brigg and then proceeded to follow her in his van as she walked back up into the village. The incident has been reported to the police and was mentioned on the village Facebook page, but is included here to raise awareness among those who may not have heard about it already.

Cover Photo: Primroses by Charles Oxley.

Village Hall Update: Spring 2021

Some of you will have noticed the scaffolding on the roof of the Village Hall, which marks the start of the “Refurbish Our Village Hall” project.



The Trustees agreed to use the money from our recent bequests to invest in a building project which includes:

- Fixing the roof;
- Insulating, re-plastering, painting and decorating the Hall;
- LED lighting and new flooring for the entrance and the meeting rooms;
- Replacement of the external doors;
- Replacement of the fencing around the car park.

This is a major piece of work undertaken by the Trustees. Our Hall is 25 years old and it needed some attention – what better way to spend this time and our generous bequests than to make it a more comfortable and welcoming venue for the future?

The Village Hall Trust is a registered charity, managed by a group of Trustees representing a cross-section of our community. We currently have vacancies on the Trust, so if you are interested in getting involved in managing a community venue please contact us at bookings@newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming our community back in the coming months!

Juliet Fulford

Village Hall Trust



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Work on the Moat

Some of you will be aware that I have been clearing the moat area next to the cricket pitch over the past seven weeks. This was something I had taken upon myself to do, as I felt that managing the area would encourage more wildlife.

I made some enquiries as to whether the land was owned by the Parish Council, but could not find out conclusively. On Saturday 20th March, I was advised by Andrew Bingham, Vice-Chair of the Parish Council, that what I had done was fine, but that I should stop, as the land does belong to the PC. I was a bit upset at this, but over the next couple of days cut back no more of the bushes, just continued to clear and pile up the debris. On Monday 22nd March, Parish Councillor Don Crossman and Charles Oxley came to see me at the site and told me I must stop. Things became a bit heated, I lost my temper and swore at them both. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly apologise to them for my behaviour.

I have finished the work now and have plans to clear the debris. I'd like to thank all the people who passed positive comments as they went by, saw me in the village or via Facebook. I was particularly pleased with the comments from a Norfolk Wildlife Trust employee, who said the work would be good for wildlife.

Robin Steel 860521

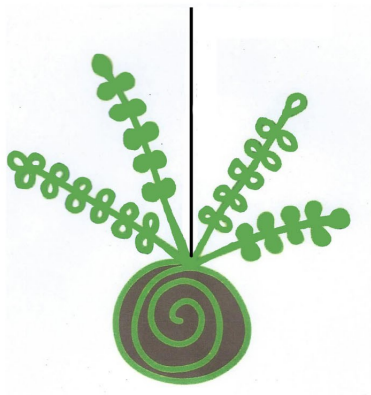
Coming and Going

We extend a warm welcome to Sue and Steve Taylor who have moved into Dial House, King Street. We hope you enjoy your time in our community. We also say farewell to Keiron and Sally Elvin with appreciation for their contributions to village life.

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Janet Trewin

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New Buckenham Parish Council

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th April and will take place via Zoom. In order to join us, you will need to download Zoom on to your laptop, tablet or phone. Details of how to join us for the meeting will be posted a few days beforehand on the Parish Council website and on our noticeboard on the Village Green. All parishioners are welcome to sign in. In the meantime, contact details for the Parish Council can be found elsewhere in this Parish News. Please contact me or any other councillor if you need further information about the meeting or any other Parish Council matters.

Dates for 2021: All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm usually in the Village Hall but currently via Zoom. These will take place on 11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November and 14th December. The Parish Council does not meet in August.

At our March meeting, Andrew Nettleton was co-opted on to the Parish Council to replace Paul Martin. We would like to thank Andrew for joining us and welcome him to the Parish Council.

Karen Hobley - Chair

Summary of Draft Minutes March 2021

1. Minutes of the February meeting were approved.
2. Matters Arising: queries on flooding at the Dam Brigg and the status of Church Farm House have been actioned, Clerk to circulate correspondence from Cllr Askew.
3. Casual Vacancy
Council resolved that Andrew Nettleton be co-opted to serve as Parish Councillor. He confirmed his acceptance of the terms of the declaration of office and then participated in the meeting in his new capacity.

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4. Public Participation

a) District/County Cllr Report

Cllr Askew outlined various forms of assistance available related to Covid 19. He undertook to investigate progress on the resurfacing of Marsh Lane.

b) Parishioners' Comments and Questions

Vanessa Walker expressed her appreciation of the online Parish Council meetings which had enabled her to attend more easily.

c) Parish Councillor Reports

Concern was expressed about an increase in littering on the cricket pitch and parking on the verge near the Play area.

5. Financial Matters

a) the financial report for February was received.

b) payments for March were approved.

c) Community Car Scheme: Gerry Walsh reported the grant from Breckland DC was approved. DBS and medical checks will be updated to enable the service to re-open when possible.

6. Planning

Application received: Beech House, Norwich Road: replacement of 11 windows, patio doors and two rear doors – no objection.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Manning reported the draft NP is still with Breckland DC awaiting final comments.

8. Amenities

a) Allotments

i) Allotment 12 has been cleared and is now available for tenants.

- ii) Cllrs agreed to discuss allotment agreements and rules at the next meeting.
- b) Cemetery: Cllrs agreed to discuss cemetery rules and policies at the next meeting.
- c) Market Place: Clerk presented two options for the replacement of litter bins on the Village Green and Play Area. Decision to be made at the next meeting after further research.
- d) Closed Churchyard
 - i) Phil Anderson will undertake remedial work on a yew tree near the church and remove an elder which will cause a problem to overhead wires.
 - ii) Clerk has received a request from the landlords of The Cottage, Church Street for the PC to repair their boundary wall. Clerk will request the landlord to obtain quotations.
- e) Play Area
 - i) Spare parts for the repairs to the roundabout are on order.
 - ii) Options for the installation of sensory play equipment to be discussed next meeting.
- f) Grounds Maintenance: Broadland Tree Services have agreed to extend their contract for up to three years.

Mary Dowson on behalf of the Parish Council

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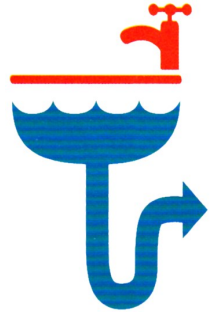
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Sun 4th	11:00am	Holy Communion	Easter Day
Sun 11th	6:30pm	Evensong	Easter 2
Sun 18th	11:00am	Morning Prayer	Easter 3
Sun 25th	11:00am	Morning Worship	Easter 4

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Covid protocols will be adhered to until restrictions are fully lifted.

New Buckenham Parish Council

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