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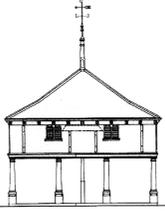
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August 2021

Cover Photo: The Big Green Afternoon, 18th September



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New Buckenham Players

The New Buckenham players committee have decided not to go ahead with the Christmas production this year due to high cases of Covid-19 and the continuing uncertainty in the next few months.

We will be holding our AGM in January 2022 to discuss forward plans and we look forward to your support. A new committee will be elected and anyone interested in joining us please come along. New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome. You can contact any committee member at any time to ask any questions.

We are hoping to put on a play in June 2022 and further details will be published in *Parish News*. Keep safe and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

Sally Elvin, Vice Chairman, and the Committee

Parish News: Christmas Edition

Just a quick reminder that, as in previous years, we will be issuing a double issue of *Parish News* to cover December and January, so please do ensure that you forward us the details of any events being planned for January in good time. We are also happy to include any festive messages which you may wish to send via these pages.

If you would be interested in sponsoring the Christmas issue (or any other issue) of *Parish News* or advertising in the magazine, please contact Mary Dowson on 01953 860320 or mdowson@btinternet.com.

Parish News Committee

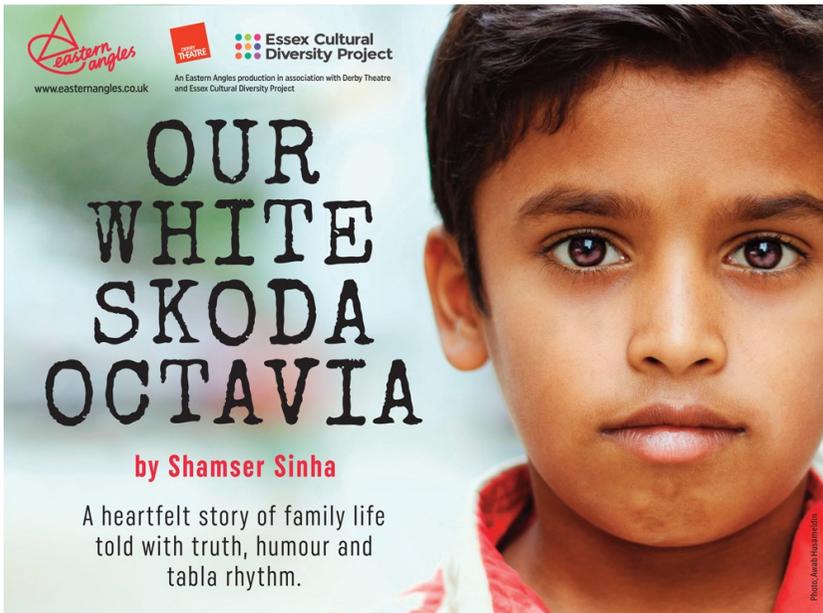
The Eastern Angles Return

New Buckenham Village Hall warmly welcomes the return of Eastern Angles. *Our White Skoda Octavia* is a heartfelt story of family life told with truth, humour and tabla rhythm.

In a small town in the East of England, Amjad decides to take up taxi-driving. His days take on the rhythm of a drum. But when money is tight and Rabia's stifled ambitions hang in the air, cracks begin to appear.

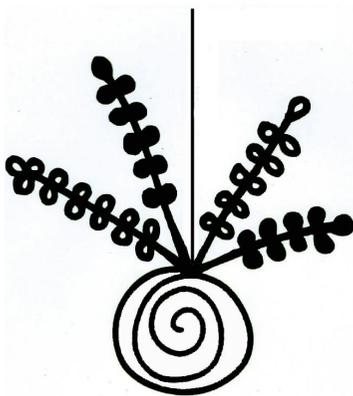
Written by Shamser Sinha and directed by Sameena Hussain, this moving new play shines a light on the struggles of contemporary life as one family juggles bills, dreams and taxi-driving schemes.

Performing on Tuesday 26th October, Doors at 7pm. Tickets £12 available from www.easternangles.co.uk. New Buckenham Village Hall follows all current guidance relating to Covid-19 and reducing risk to customers.



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Coffeemates!

We had another successful morning, so many thanks once again to everyone who helped, either eating cake or helping out. £130 was raised for Leeway, which will go some way towards their vital work: £100 can enable 10 women to receive outreach support. If you have helped just one woman by eating cake and buying a raffle ticket our sincere thanks.

Our final Coffeemates! of the season is on Saturday 9th October at 10:30am, when we will be raising money to twin our toilet! “Twin a toilet? How does that work?”, you ask... The charity Toilet Twinning provides latrines for communities in the world’s poorest countries. A donation of £60 helps fund a project that enables families to build a basic loo, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene, vital combinations that save lives. When our loo is twinned, we get a certificate with a photo of our twinned loo and GPS coordinates so you can look up your twin’s location on Google maps! There are several countries to choose from, so we will have a shortlist and are asking you to vote for one of them; we will sponsor the community with the most votes. If we raise enough money, though, we can sponsor several! So, we look forward to seeing you on 8th October, when there will be cakes and coffee aplenty, Janet Trewin’s preserves (she has a lot of plum jam, apparently!), Sue from Flamingo Paperie, who will be bringing along her beautiful Christmas cards (for it’ll be that time to start thinking about the other “C” word...), George playing the organ gently in the background, and the Church decorated for harvest festival. A great way to spend a Saturday morning!

Louise Casson

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Fireworks Display and Bonfire

Saturday 6th November

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Parking: Parking is always at a premium on fireworks night. We appreciate that some inconvenience is caused for the few hours during the event and we thank those affected for their patience. We would urge people coming into the village to car share wherever possible and park considerately. Depending on the ground conditions, we may be able to utilize the cricket ground car-park. Disabled only parking at the Village Hall.

Helpers: If you would like to get involved in helping in the evening, e.g. bar/BBQ/soups or setting up during the day, you will be made very welcome. The soups always go down well and we are very grateful to the generous villagers who kindly provide them. I will be contacting the regulars shortly, but if anyone else can make a pan-full then please let me know. Donations of red wine for the punch are always very welcome please bring them to Conifers, Marsh Lane, or contact me.

Bonfire: This year the bonfire will be on the amphitheatre side of the playing field and we will be building it on the morning of the event. We have to be very mindful of the regulations covering bonfires regarding pollution, as enforced by the relevant environmental agencies, and so we are not able to accept anything apart from clean wood. The site is monitored so please do not leave anything in advance!

Jon Halfacree

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Almshouses

On behalf of the William Barber Charity, I would like to thank Tony Lister and the New Buckenham Recycling Project for their kind donation. The Recycling Project in New Buckenham has been running for many years. It was started by Keith Mace who set up and ran the project for a long time. When Keith gave up as he had left the village Tony Lister carried it on. This project has so many benefits for New Buckenham residents. It is housed out of sight behind the Village Hall. We can take our bottles and glass, paper, tin cans and cardboard packaging and Tony ensures that this is not only disposed of in an environmentally-friendly way, but also gives charities in the village annual donations to their causes.

Thank you, Tony, for all your hard work and commitment to this project, which I think is possibly not known about by some of the newer residents of New Buckenham.

Fizz Thomas, William Barber Charity

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The Great Big Green Afternoon

First, a huge ‘Thank you’ to everyone who turned out to support our Great Big Green Afternoon on Saturday 18th September! What an incredibly generous village this is! In a mere two hours, we raised over £230 from cake sales, raffle tickets and donations for seeds and plants. This money will go towards buying bug boxes and nesting boxes for the village so we can continue to encourage local wildlife. Thanks again to everyone who helped to make the afternoon such a resounding success, and a very special thank you to Izzy Williamson from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust for taking part so enthusiastically in our Q&A on the village green, also to Ruth Darrah from the Norfolk School of Gardening at Ketteringham Hall for donating so many wonderful plants and packets of seeds for our Bee Friendly stall.

A date for your diary: New Buckenham CAN will be showing a free family-friendly film called *My Octopus Teacher* on the afternoon of 30th October at 3pm in the Village Hall. We’ll be holding a raffle to cover the cost of hiring the Hall and asking for donations for refreshments.

Our **Letters to the Earth** project is still ongoing. Some of you have already accepted our invitation to write a heartfelt letter to our Earth, sharing your hopes and fears for our one and only planet, but please keep them coming. We are hoping to hold a small exhibition of your letters at the Village Hall on the same afternoon we’re showing *My Octopus Teacher*. Letters (and any accompanying artwork) from children would be especially welcome. (Annie is keeping a stash of special upcycled paper for final drafts. Phone: 861300).

Finally, a reminder that if you’d like to help the Norfolk Wildlife Trust **clean out our neglected Ghost Pond**, local volunteers will be welcome on 5th October. People are welcome to arrive at 10am and stay as long as they like. Tools will be provided, but please bring boots and tough gloves!

Annie Dalton for New Buckenham Climate Action Now

New Buckenham Community Car Scheme

I am pleased to announce that another longstanding village activity forced to close due to the pandemic is at long last reopening and will be fully operational from 1st October. Since the sad death of Violet, who acted as the Co-Ordinator of the Scheme for many years, I have been working with the Parish Council and Breckland Council to get the scheme up and running again. As well as driving for the scheme, I am now taking on the voluntary role of Acting Co-Ordinator again for the time being.

The car service is provided by ‘vetted’ voluntary car drivers for those unable to access transport for non-emergency health-related journeys such as hospital/GP/optician/dental appointments. The journey fare is charged at 45p per mile, with the service user paying half the cost direct to the driver and the other half paid out of a grant from Breckland Council and the Parish Council. We currently have eight volunteer drivers, two of whom we welcome as new to the scheme.

To access the service, please contact me on 01953 861027 (leaving a message if necessary) with full details of the transport needed and with as much notice as possible. As already mentioned, the nature of the service precludes us being an emergency/crisis service, although we do recognise that some journey requirements can be at short notice and we will always do our best to assist. The scheme comes under the Parish Council and is overseen by them.

Please feel free to contact me for more information about the scheme as a potential user, becoming a voluntary driver or about taking on the role of Coordinator. Your calls would be most welcome!

Gerry Walsh/Gildersleeve

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Jo Boswell

For those I have not been able to contact directly, Jo sadly passed away, peacefully, in hospital on 14th September.

First, I would like to thank everyone for the cards, messages of condolence, support and offers of help so kindly given, and I apologise to anyone I have not told personally. I would especially like to thank all those who have helped with transport to hospital in the last couple of weeks, and also the many who over the last few years have taken us to various medical and hospital visits.

Jo was born in 1939 in Nottinghamshire, studied at Leicester College of Art, then lived in south-west London. She came to Norfolk in about 1977, living in Banham. I met her when she was working behind the bar at the King's Head, then run by the redoubtable Brian and Peggy. She bought the cottage in Ragsmere Road in Old Buckenham in 1981, a few months before I met her. We restored Barkers Cottage as it became known and lived there for 19 years, then came to New Buckenham in 2000.

Even from the early 1980s our social life centred here in NB. Jo involved herself in many activities, painting scenery and actors (make-up). She was active at committee level, including both the Fundraisers and the Gardening group, and brought her amazing culinary skills to so many events and private parties over many years. She contributed several pictures to the art exhibition and for some years produced the helpers' lunch on 'hanging' days. I know she will be missed by all those who came to know her. Sadly, with declining health she became unable to contribute as she did.

As regards funeral arrangements, following my best understanding of Jo's wishes, there will probably by now have been a simple unattended cremation locally. In time, I will try to organise one or more social gatherings so that her friends can have a good old 'Mardle' about memories of her life.

Michael Boswell

Two new New Buckenham Bats

Winter's approaching. The New Buck bats are hanging up the flight plans and heading to their roosts to put their feet up (literally!) for the next few months. Once again, this village has recorded tens of thousands of bat readings for the unique Norfolk Bat Survey which was set up in 2013 and which we have been a part of for five years.

More than 20 locations have been surveyed. The results are remarkable. This year, of the 18 UK bat species, we have monitored 14 – that's two more species than last year. The bats are not just over the marshes and on the SSSI, but in the very centre of the village over and around the houses.

For the first time we have recordings of the Whiskered Bat and the Alcathe, which was only identified in 2001 due to its similarity to other species. All UK bats are protected by law, but thanks to the Survey, we know that the four rarest bats in the entire country are here. These are on the 'red list' as designated by the 2020 IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature). They are the Barbastelle, the Serotine – both categorised as 'vulnerable', and Leisler's bat and Nathusius' Pipistrelle, categorised as 'near threatened'.

So what's where? **New Buckenham Central** (Village Green, Church, Market Place etc): Barbastelle, serotine, Leisler's Bat, whiskered bat, natterer's bat, common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, brown long-eared bat.

New Buckenham North (Cuffer Lane, Tas Valley Way, Allotments, football pitches, etc): Barbastelle, Serotine, Nathusius pipistrelle, Leisler's bat, Brandt's bat, Daubenton's bat, common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, natterer's bat, noctule, whiskered bat, brown long-eared bat, Alcathe bat.

New Buckenham South (Marsh Lane, Dam Brigg area): Barbastelle, Serotine, Leisler's bat, Daubenton's bat, Natterer's bat, Noctule, Common pipistrelle, Soprano

pipistrelle, Brown long-eared bat, Whiskered bat, Brandt's bat.

New Buckenham West (Castle, Chapel St and environs):
Barbastelle, Serotine, Leisler's bat, Nathusius' pipistrelle, Noctule, Common pipistrelle, Soprano pipistrelle, Brown long-eared bat, Daubenton's bat, Brandt's bat, Whiskered bat.

New Buckenham East (SSSI, Common, Cricket Pitch, etc.):
Barbastelle, Serotine, Leisler's bat, Nathusius' pipistrelle, Noctule, Common pipistrelle, Soprano pipistrelle, Brown long-eared bat, Daubenton's bat, Brandt's bat, Whiskered bat.

It's easy to do things by mistake which might damage a bat's existence, so advice on how to protect them can be found here <https://www.bats.org.uk/advice/gardening-for-bats> and here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bats-protection-surveys-and-licences>.

Details of the bat survey are at <https://www.batsurvey.org/> and further information is here <https://www.iucnredlist.org/about/background-history>

Janet Trewin

Harvest Music at St Martin's

We are so pleased to welcome five new singers to our choir, which was previously more of a duet. Harvest Festival will be their second outing and we are already planning for Christmas! Please come and support them – it will be a traditional Harvest Evensong with well known hymns, festive sheaves and apples, and refreshments to follow. You can bring or drop off non-perishable items which will then go into the Food Bank.

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Susan Jowett 860929

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The Final Return of the Birchams

Ken Bircham met Gladys when she was sixteen years old, and they married soon afterwards. Ken worked as a policeman in London, but later ran a corner shop with Glad until they retired for good and came to live here, in Drover's Cottage in Church Street, from the mid-1980s.

Around 10 years ago, Ken died, and Glad decided to go and live with her son in Ireland. She moved there with Ken, that's to say Ken's ashes, which always sat on the mantelpiece of her small house near Kilkenny, so she could update him on any news from Norfolk! Glad and Ken always said that when the time came they would like their ashes to be returned to New Buckenham and placed somewhere in the churchyard, within sight of Drover's, where they had so many laughs and good times.

Gladys died two years ago, but Covid restrictions meant returning them from Ireland was difficult. Finally, one Tuesday in August, their son, daughter, son-in-law and grandson were able to bring them both back to New Buckenham. Our vicar, the Reverend Steve Wright, held a small ceremony, a rose was planted in an appropriate spot, and now Ken and Glad are back in the village where they spent so many happy years and were such good neighbours to the likes of myself, Janet, Ben, and Gill next door in Cosy Cottage. For us, it's really lovely to have them back!

Ross Marshall

New Buckenham Parish Council

Our October Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th October at 7:30pm at the Village Hall. A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners.

A reminder that the agenda relevant to each meeting will be posted on the noticeboard on the Green and on the web-site (www.newbuckenhampc.info) where you will also find further information about the Parish Council.

Parish Council meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month with the exception of August when we don't usually meet. Remaining dates for 2021 are 9th November and 14th December.

At our September meeting there was a discussion about parking in the Public Participation part of the meeting. There have been a number of occasions when the refuse collection lorry has not been able to access some streets due to a lack of space caused by parked vehicles. We must assume that such parking would cause problems for emergency vehicles as well, so the Parish Council requests that you bear this in mind and consider where and how you are parking within the village. Many thanks.

We are currently in the process of organising a meeting with Highways to discuss parking, potholes and other issues in the village and I will report on this meeting next month.

Karen Hobley, Parish Council Chair

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Please contact me on 01953 860850 or Jimpy on 01953 860191 if you would be interested. Thank you.

Paul Madden

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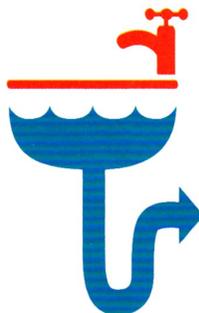
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Sun 10th	6:30pm	Harvest Evensong Choir & Refreshments	Trinity 19 Proper 23
Sun 17th	11:00am	Morning Prayer	Trinity 20 Proper 24
Sun 24th	11:00am	Morning Worship	Last after Trinity Proper 25
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October 2021	
Tuesday 5th	Pond Clearance, Cricket Pitch, 10am
Saturday 9th	Coffeemates!, St Martin's Church, 10:30am
Sunday 10th	Harvest Evensong, St Martin's Church, 6:30pm
Tuesday 12th	Parish Council, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Thursday 21st	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Tuesday 26th	Eastern Angles, Village Hall, 7pm
Saturday 30th	Film: <i>My Octopus Teacher</i> , Village Hall, 3pm
Sat 6th Nov	Fireworks Display (more details next month!)

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