

# New Buckenham Parish News



November 2021

# Events at NWT New Buckenham Common

## Autumn/Winter 2021



### Pond Works

**Tuesday 5 October 10am – 4pm**

Come along and help the Reserves Team with the cricket pitch pond restoration and removal of overgrown willow.

### Fungi Foray

**Tuesday 12 October 10am – 12 noon**

Join Dr Tony Leech for a walk around the Common to discover and record the many species of fungi that can be found there.

### Scrub Clearance

**Friday 5 & Friday 12 November 10am – 4pm**

Help the Reserve Team to increase the amount of species-rich grassland on the Common by removing overgrown scrub near Spittle Mere.

### Winter Tree ID

**Tuesday 18 January 10am – 12 noon**

Join NWT Senior Reserve Assistant, Izzy Williamson, in the village hall for a short classroom session learning how to identify trees in winter, followed by a walk on the common to try out what you've learned.

**All events are free.** Booking is essential at Eventbrite, via the NWT website or call 07909887499. All events start from the small car park next to the play area apart from Winter Tree ID, which starts at the Village Hall.

*Work parties: please dress for the weather and bring a drink and packed lunch. Tools are provided but please bring your own gloves.*

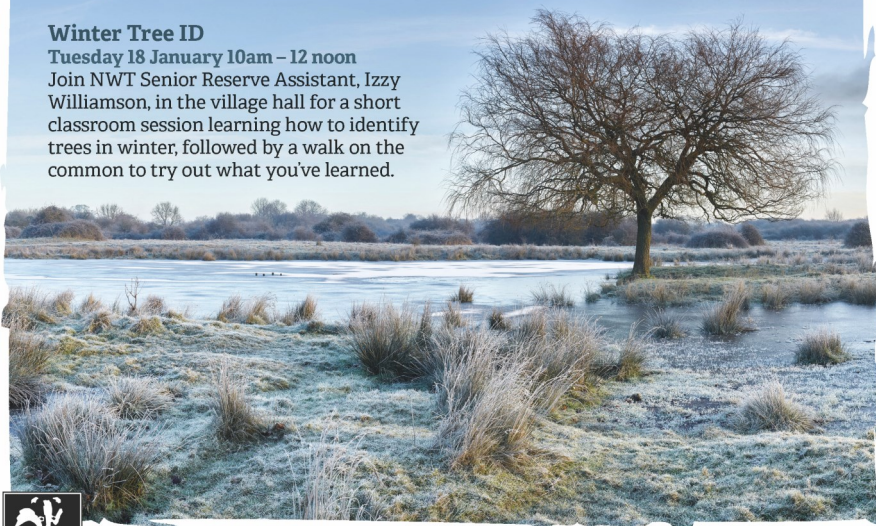
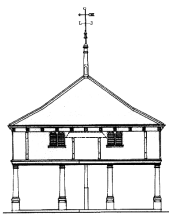


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### Fireworks Display & Bonfire

Preparations are almost complete and we are hoping for a great turnout for this year's event — it will be a stunning display!

Just a reminder to everyone coming to the display that we are not cashless so please dig out the notes and coins from your wallets and purses!

As always, we will be having the BBQ, delicious homemade soups, hot punch and, of course, the beer tent.

Disabled parking only at the Village Hall, so please car share wherever possible and park considerately around the village.

*Jon Halfacree*

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### Thank You

We are very grateful to the sponsor of this month's issue, Ann Gascoyne.

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*Parish News Committee*

# In Celebration and Memory

There will be a wake in the memory of Jo Boswell on Saturday 20th November in the Village Hall, and I would like to invite all who knew and loved her to join with me to remember and swap stories about her life, especially the 40-odd years that we spent with New Buckenham as our social centre and the 21 years we lived here at Peel House.

Pop in or linger between 1pm and 3pm. There will be a variety of snacks on offer thanks to Angel Cakes, and wine or soft drinks to complement it.

If anyone has any photos of Jo, please feel free to show them. I don't have many because Jo was rather camera-shy.

RSVP by 8th November please to ensure there will be enough refreshments!

*Michael Boswell*

*860015 or mikeb.48@gmail.com*

## Reverend Alan Wright

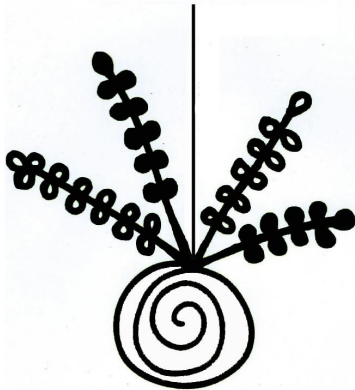
Margaret and family would like to say a very heartfelt thank you for all the kind messages, cards and support received following Alan's passing on 17th September 2021.

Alan had touched many people's lives and hearts over the years. He was truly a family man and was proud to be part of the Quidenham group of parishes, spending a great deal of his time guiding and supporting many families, he will be greatly missed by us all.

*Margaret, Christine, Pauline, Andrew and families*

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## New Buckenham's Biggest Coffee Morning

It was really good to see our Charity Event back in the Village Hall. This event has always been well supported and this year, despite the lapse in time, all went well. Thank you to all our visitors who enjoy the occasion.

A big thank to all at Kings Stores for looking after the Donation Jar and to Sue for organising the raffle and donating the wonderful basket of fruit for the prize. Thank you for the delicious cakes and buns everyone made and to the helpers who served these and helped make it such a successful day. Also, thanks to all those who donated the lovely raffle prizes and thanks to the people who helped set up and clear up afterwards. Without all the help this event would not happen.

I am delighted to tell you it was very successful and thanks to all your generous contributions we managed to raise £845.44 for Macmillan Cancer Support. So, a very big thank you to all of you who supported this worthy charity!

*Clive Rush*

## Good Companions

At the September and October meetings we were entertained at both our recent meetings by singers. In September Susan Jayne visited and in October it was Brian Walls – both are entertainers that we will have again.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th November at 2:30pm in the Village Hall.

*Christine Wilby*

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# New Life for our Forgotten Pond

Until recently, you may not have been aware of the pond just beyond the cricket pavilion. Choked with willows and overgrown with brambles, deprived of light and air, the murky, bad-smelling water was almost invisible to a casual passer-by. Norfolk's forgotten ponds, poetically known as 'ghost ponds', are very much in the news just now. Like trees, healthy ponds are fantastic carbon sinks. This is one reason that New Buckenham CAN was so concerned to discover the owner of our ghost pond so that we could take steps to bring it back to life.

In fact, the Norfolk Wildlife Trust turned out to be the rightful owners and recently people walking their dogs around the cricket pitch will have noticed unusual activity as Izzy Williamson and her team from the NWT, together with volunteers from the village worked to clear and reclaim our forgotten pond. We're extremely grateful to Izzy and her team who worked flat-out for three days in a row, chain-sawing the problem willows, clearing brambles and weeds, and burning all the waste wood (see photo opposite). We're also very grateful to our local volunteers for so generously pitching in to help.

The NWT will be erecting a dead-hedge along the open side to keep out any dogs who might otherwise disturb the wildlife. The grass will mostly be kept long, but a path will be cut so that people can go down to look over the water. Now that the pond is more open, Izzy expects the aquatic vegetation to spread, which will benefit invertebrates such as pond snails, dragonflies, water beetles, etc., as well as providing a better breeding ground for Great Crested Newts. It's also possible that there are dormant seeds buried in the mud, so Izzy and her team will be looking out for these to sprout.

We feel so pleased that this ancient pond has been restored to our beautiful village, and we hope it will prove to be a rich source of local wildlife for generations to come.

*Annie Dalton for New Buckenham Climate Action Now.*





## New Buckenham Parish Council

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**Clerk:** Angela Thornton

The Parish Council meets at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of every month at the Village Hall. Further information can be found on our notice board on the Village Green or [www.newbuckenhampc.info](http://www.newbuckenhampc.info).

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# New Buckenham Recycling Project

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Although Keith Mace, who started the project, has moved away from the village he is still actively recycling and contributing to the funds raised. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the work he still puts in.

For those who don't know about the project there are recycling bins at the village hall for paper, glass and cans. The more goes in the more money goes back into the community. Large bits of cardboard are collected by myself. You can contact me to arrange pick up. Please no wet cardboard. I take this to Whites at Ketteringham to get a weigh bill. These along with the glass, paper and metal bills are sent to Norfolk County Council and a payment per tonne is made. Each October the monies received are distributed. This year £2,000 was apportioned as follows:

St Martin's PCC (church)	£450
St Mary's Care Home	£450
Good Companions	£450
William Barber Almshouses	£450
Silver Band	£200

Thank you for all your support.

*Tony Lister (860950)*

## New Arrivals

We would like to welcome to the village Pat and Mitch who have recently moved into 7 Church Street.

*Parish News Committee*

# The Future of Village Activities?

With the easing of lockdown New Buckenham is hoping to restart its community activities. The Art Exhibition, Photo Show, Gardening Event, the Fete, film shows and many more were all well run interesting events.

Since these activities ceased due to the pandemic some of our volunteer helpers have moved house or sadly have passed away. It seems important to keep these well loved traditions of the village alive that we look for new people. Young or old there is an opportunity for everyone especially the new comers to meet people in your village and help keep the community spirit alive that has always been a special feature in New Buckenham

If you would like to know more and you are interested to get involved in village life please contact Clive Rush (01953 860572 / [clive.rush@btconnect.com](mailto:clive.rush@btconnect.com)).

*Clive Rush on behalf of the Village Hall Trust*

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# New Buckenham Parish Council

Our November Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th November 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 Village Green and on the website ([www.newbuckenhampc.info](http://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. The remaining date for 2021 is 14th December.

As mentioned in last month's *Parish News*, some of the councillors met with Highways Engineer Jack Griffiths and Norfolk County/Breckland Councillor Steve Askew to discuss a number of issues within the village. Jack agreed to have a look at Cuffer Lane after complaints about the number of potholes there, and confirmed that work will be done on Marsh Lane in the New Year. There was a long discussion about parking, but it is difficult to know how we could move forward with this. We talked about yellow lines; however, having the personnel to enforce them and the fact that they would effectively move the problem elsewhere were cited as issues with this. It is something we will continue to discuss and we would appreciate any suggestions.

In the meantime, please may I, once again, ask you to consider emergency vehicles, refuse lorries, etc., when you park in the village? We were reminded by Jack that Rule 243 of the Highway Code states that you must not park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction.

We also discussed speeding: changes to speed limits will not be approved. However, the idea of a gateway/planted area to slow people down as they approach the village from Norwich will be taken forward for consideration. Please contact us or



come to our meeting if you have any comments or ideas regarding any of these issues. Thank you.

## Going and Coming

November's meeting will be the last for our Clerk, Trevor, who will be leaving us after a number of years. We welcome Angela Thornton who will be taking over and will be at our November meeting. November will be a handover month, so please email or telephone me if you have any Parish Council matters to discuss during this month. This will give Angela the chance to settle in and we will introduce her and publish her contact details in December's *Parish News*. Thank you.

*Karen Hobley - Parish Council Chair*

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Thanks to some very generous grants from the National Lottery, Sport England, Saffron Housing Association, Carleton Rode Parish Council, Bernard Sunley Foundation and most recently, the Norfolk County Council Social Infrastructure Fund, the project finally came to fruition last week to the delight of local residents.

The project sees what was an uneven and dangerous hard court replaced with a new multipurpose surface which will accommodate a range of community sports including football, hockey, tennis and basketball – with the added feature of all-weather floodlights to allow play over the darker months. The committee are hoping to establish a whole range of new and inclusive sports for everyone to try, including walking football and tots tennis to help with reconnecting the community following Covid restrictions.

The court is now open for use and any interested groups or individuals wishing to hire the court should please contact: [crode.jubileehall@gmail.com](mailto:crode.jubileehall@gmail.com), the Carleton Rode Social Club Facebook page or call 01953 788219.



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*Parish News Committee*

## Parish News: Thank You

We would like to thank Judy Harrison who has stepped down from her Parish News delivery round after many years of service!

*Parish News Committee*

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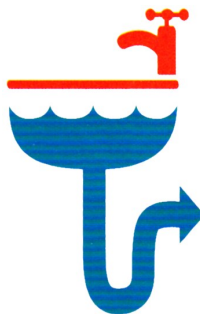
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Our village war memorial is inside the church, so join us there in time to observe the 11am silence, to lay poppy wreaths, and to remember those who have given their lives in service of others. Our new choir will sing the Prayer for Peace.

## **Advent Sunday 10am and 4pm 28th November**

We are visited by the Archdeacon of Norfolk for the morning service at 10am, then we have Candlelit Christingles at 4pm, joined by Banham Messy Church. This service creates a wonderful glow of candlelight and expectation in the darkening winter days. The tradition of Christingle is explained, and the significance of Christmas is explored through the orange, candle and trimmings, which you get to assemble and take home, along with Christingle colouring sheets and stickers. All ages welcome – we have a play area and quiet corners for the littlest ones, but plenty to think about for the grown ups. There will be a collection for the work of the Children's Society.

*Susan Jowett (860929)*

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

There will be no door-to-door collections for the Poppy Appeal again this year. However, collection boxes can be found at Mill House Garage, the King's Head, Kings Stores and the Beauty Box. Alternatively, it is possible to donate to the appeal online via the Royal British Legion website: [www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal)

## St Martin's Church Services – November 2021

Sun 7th	11:00am	Holy Communion	3rd Before Advent
Sun 14th	10:50am	Remembrance Service	2nd Before Advent
Sun 21st	11:00am	Morning Prayer	Christ the King
Sun 28th	10:00am	Morning Worship	Advent Sunday
Sun 28th	4:00pm	Christingle Service	Advent Sunday



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# Dates For Your Diary

November 2021	
Friday 5th	Scrub Clearance, NB Common, 10am–4pm
Saturday 6th	Fireworks Display, Village Hall, from 5:30pm
Tuesday 9th	Parish Council, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Friday 12th	Scrub Clearance, NB Common, 10am–4pm
Sunday 14th	Remembrance Service, St Martin's, 10:50am
Monday 15th	NSPCC Autumn Fair, Village Hall, 10am–2pm
Tuesday 18th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Thursday 28th	Christingle Service, St Martin's, 4:00pm

The Village Hall Bookings Administrator is Stevie Hobley

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