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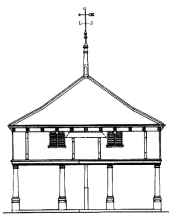
## **Parish News**



**December 2021—January 2022**







## New Buckenham Parish News

### December 2021 & January 2022

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We would like to send season's greetings to all our readers. We would also like to remind you that this issue of Parish News covers December 2021 and January 2022, so the next issue will be with you at the start of February.

*Parish News Committee: Mike Boswell, Mary Dowson, Geoff Gildersleeve and Richard Hoggett*

## Carols Round the Christmas Tree

We will meet at St Martin's church at 6pm on Tuesday 21st December for a lantern/torchlight procession to the Market Cross, where we will gather for carols and refreshments.

Anyone who is happy to provide mince pies, sausage rolls (including vegan options if possible, please), mulled wine, fruit, etc., please let us know by 15th December by calling Fiona or Debra on the numbers below. Many thanks!

*Fiona (07981 107705) and Debra (07789 992085)*

## Thank You

We would like to thank all those who have sponsored the magazine over the past year, including this month's sponsor, Womack Building Supplies. We are very grateful for the support we receive and the money offered contributes to the payment for production costs. A Merry Christmas to you all!

*Parish News Committee*

# Christmas for all the family at St Martin's

## Nine Readings and Carols

Nine Readings and Carols at 6:30pm on Sunday 12th December with the Gissing Singers and church choir. Come and enjoy a mixture of well-loved Bible passages and less conventional readings, read by representatives of village organisations. There are plenty of congregational favourites to sing, along with items by the Gissing Singers and our newly re-formed church choir. Our 'Friends' group, Village&Vestry, are planning gorgeous decorations and serving mulled wine, mince pies and other goodies afterwards.

## Midnight Mass

Our "Midnight" Mass on Christmas Eve is actually at 9:30pm and is led by Rev. Canon Steve Wright. This is a quieter service for the grown ups, but full of anticipation and joy as we welcome the Nativity.

## Family Service

On Christmas morning we have our Round the Crib Family Service at 11am. This is a lovely calming interval after the excitement of present opening. The Christmas story is told informally, from Mary to the Three Kings, with all the well known carols. It's a very 'hands-on' event for the children, using our cheery knitted figures to assemble the crib, but it's good for all ages, so bring the whole family, or give the chef half an hour's peace to get the bubbly chilled. We are a child-friendly church with loo, quiet corners and a play area, and will make you very welcome!

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# The Reverend Alan Wright

Alan was born on 21st April 1931, the youngest of four brothers living at Upgate Farm, Carleton Rode, just outside the parish boundary.

At Bracondale School, he was an enthusiastic sportsman, especially at cricket and football, and a life-long supporter of Norwich City. While Alan's two older brothers worked for the war effort, the two younger brothers kept the family farm running. After the war, Alan did his National Service in Colchester, serving in the Royal Medical Corps as ward orderly.

Alan never strayed far from his roots. He met Margaret, who was an Old Buckenham girl, and they married in 1954 in St Martin's church. They set up home in a cottage in Carleton Rode, but following the birth of Christine and Pauline they moved back into Upgate Farm, as his parents were unable to continue running the farm without help. Alan worked happily and successfully alongside his brother Archie all his working life.

Alan's son Andrew came along to complete the family and followed in the tradition of the Wright family, working with his dad on the farm. Alan played an active part in the running of the farm until his health restricted his ability to do much physical work, but he remained a 'back seat' farmer for many years.

The communities of Carleton Rode and New Buckenham played a big part in Alan's life. He was treasurer of the Carleton Rode Jubilee Hall Fund and gifted the plot of land on which the hall now stands.

Following encouragement by the St Martin's community in the 1990s Alan was ordained as a non-stipendiary minister. He was very active in the Farmers' Helpline, counselling many farmers who became depressed and lonely, a cause very close to his heart.



During his ministry Alan had to be a 'jack of all trades', sometimes preaching, playing the organ and singing in the choir. He said, "I played loudly and badly... and played all the right notes, but not always in the right order". Alan enjoyed preaching and was famous for his ability to get to the point and keep sermons short, especially if a family member was in the congregation. He was generous with his time, attending numerous New Buckenham functions and, quietly and diligently, visiting the sick at their homes.

Margaret and Alan were happily married for 67 years and his children never knowingly heard a cross word between them. He was a down to earth man who enjoyed family life, the countryside and country pursuits. Throughout his working life he was always accompanied by a springer spaniel, joining him in his tractor and following him wherever he went. When the children were older, Margaret and Alan began to travel with their dear friends John and Mary. They began at various bed and breakfasts in this country, usually on a farm, of course, finally venturing further afield to countries around the world bringing back many stories – and endless photographs.

Alan lived a full and contented life, he loved all his family – children, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren – and enjoyed the company of many friends.

## Jo's Wake

I would like to thank everyone who came on 20th November. It was nice for Jo's family (Crispin and Helen On, Helen and Rob Gooderham and Siobhan Frost) to meet friends from the village. Thank you to those who aired their memories and remembered her contribution to village life, especially to Ross, who kindly read the reminiscences from friends Terry and Fiona Jones. I was touched by conversations I had with you all. I would especially like to thank Fiona and Debra who did a wonderful job of preparing the room and serving refreshments, and everyone who helped and offered to help in any way.

Together with a wake held in Putney the previous week, at Jo's old local, the Arab Boy, I don't think Jo could have wished for a better farewell from family and friends.

*Michael Boswell*

## Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to Barbara McAlpine, whose partner Andy passed away recently.

*Parish News Committee*

## NSPCC Autumn Fair

Our autumn fair held in the village hall on Monday 15th November was a great success and raised over £2,000! Many, many thanks to all those who so generously supported the event on the day and who provided goods for the produce stall. The produce stall alone made over £450. Thank you!

*Mary Manning, on behalf of the Attleborough and Wymondham Branch of the NSPCC*



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## New Barts (New Buckenham Arts)

First, a big thank you to those who came along in September to our first village film (since the start of the pandemic ) and also to those who supported the October Eastern Angles' drama production at the Village Hall.

For those newer members of our community and for those who arrived in the last two years, New BArts was established over 10 years ago by a small group of villagers interested in bringing the Arts to the village in all its diverse forms (both amateur and professional), including promoting the bi-annual Photo Show, the Village Screen (film nights) and supporting the annual Art Exhibition (Easter weekend).

Secondly, we wanted to let you know that due to a number of circumstances it will not be possible for us to put on another film show until the New Year. We are presently looking at the new season of available films, especially at a spy thriller with Benedict Cumberbatch. Watch this space, as there will be an announcement in the next magazine!

As we will (hopefully) move out of the pandemic, many previously active community groups like ourselves would welcome new members with fresh ideas and energy to move their group forward. With this in mind, we are arranging an open meeting at the King's Head on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7:30pm in an effort to gather new ideas, interest and support and hopefully recruit new members! In the meantime if you are interested and will be unable to attend the meeting do please get in touch.

*Gerry Walsh/Gildersleeve, for New BArts (861027)*

## Good Companions

The meeting on 18th November was well attended, with a new member joining us from Banham. A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all. We had a very good raffle and were entertained by Alan Avery, who was extremely good.

The next meeting will be the Christmas lunch, which is on Wednesday 8th December at 12 noon in the Village Hall.

There will be no meeting in January, so the next meeting will be on Thursday 17th February at 2:30pm in the Village Hall.

*Christine Wilby*

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I am pleased to add that Chantal Hutchinson has recently volunteered to act in my absence, when possible, on which occasions my answer machine will redirect those seeking a service to her phone number.

If you or someone you know would be interested in hearing more about the scheme either as a potential user, becoming a driver or working with me towards taking on the role of Coordinator, I would be very happy to receive a call.

*Gerry Walsh/Gildersleeve, Acting Coordinator (861027)*

# New Buckenham Players

New Buckenham Players’ AGM will be held on 9th January 2022 at 11am in New Buckenham Village Hall. We look forward to picking up where we left off in 2019!

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*New Buckenham Players Committee*

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# The Bench at the Cemetery Gates

My mother, Gwendolen Gray, nee Rutterford, lived with her family at Russell Lodge, Banham. She was born in November 1918. My father, Earle Gray, lived on a smallholding in one of the Lophams as a young child. His family moved to Hunt's Corner, Banham, later on. He was also born in November 1918. When I, Nanette, was born, my parents were living in Norwich, but they soon moved out to New Buckenham when my dad started to work for Jack Powell on his farm. We then lived in a tied cottage on the farm about a mile outside the village until my parents bought the semi-detached cottage in Chapel Street, which my mum later named Laverock. She told me this means 'skylark'. It must have been the early 1950's when we moved into the village, where I went to the village school which was still functioning then, having just two classes Infants (with Mrs Feltham) and Juniors (with Mrs Honeywood).

Mum played an active part in village life. In the early days she used to do a milk round pulling an old wooden cart. She became caretaker and cleaner at the old village hall, which was in Marsh Lane. She was a regular church goer and supporter, secretary of the Good Companions Club, member of the British Legion and Mothers' Union. She also did flower arranging and belonged to a group who did that. We must have been in Chapel Street in 1953, the year of the Coronation. Very few people had a television at that time. Quite a few of us were invited to the police house, where they did have a TV, to watch it. The village had celebrations for the Coronation, including a race around the common. My dad came third I believe! I also remember that he was able to rescue a young local boy from the Spittle Mere. I'm not sure which year – possibly the really bad winter of 1962/3 – or who the boy was, but he had ventured onto the ice and he went a bit too far!

Dad was very proud of the fact that he worked all his life – by which he meant that he was hardly ever without a job. He

might have lost one, but he quickly found another one! Different times! A lifelong supporter of the Canaries through thick and thin. He was also a lifelong supporter of both village pubs, especially the King's Head where he also, in his retirement, enjoyed membership of Compost Corner – a lunchtime gathering of local old boys who no doubt put the world to rights as well as the gardens. Sadly, the two pubs did not manage to support dad for all of his life. First, the King's Head closed followed by the George, which was, by then, really on its last legs. What a disaster, both for him and the community!

My parents lived in the village for the rest of their lives. Mum died in 1997 and dad in 2011. They are both buried in the cemetery. Ever since then, I have planned to install a bench in the village in their memory. My plan has been a long time in coming to fruition, but at last it is happening and you should see it soon.

My mum made good use of the old metal bench that was near the cemetery gates for all the time she lived in the village. She often sat there with one of her sisters, so it seems appropriate to replace it with a more up-to-date model. I hope it lasts as long as the old one and that people from the village and beyond make good use of it to enjoy a 'mardle' from time to time.

*Nanette Gray*

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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. We have now been joined by our new Parish Clerk, Angela Thornton, who can be contacted at [parishclerk@newbuckenham.net](mailto:parishclerk@newbuckenham.net).

Parish Council meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month with the exception of August when we don't usually meet. Our first meeting of 2022 will be on January 11th.

At the end of the year, the Parish Council usually holds a small celebration for our parishioners with some drinks and nibbles. While 2021 has not been a year to celebrate, it has given us much to commemorate within the village, looking at how many people have stepped up to the plate and supported each other. The Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk's office, as part of their Memorial Project, has distributed plaques to commemorate the resilience of communities during the years of the pandemic and ours will be on display on 14th December. We are inviting all parishioners to join us for a drink and nibbles for this commemoration between 6:30pm and 7:30pm on the 14th December, prior to the Parish Council meeting. We will be in the Auditorium in the Village Hall so there will be plenty of room to socially distance and we look forward to seeing friends, old and new.

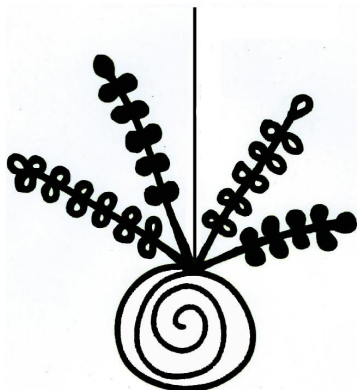
If you are unable to join us on the 14th, may I, on behalf of everyone on the Parish Council, wish you all a Merry Christmas and, most importantly, a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

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# Will there be a Hair of the Dog Walk?

Yes, providing there aren't more intensive Covid restrictions. Whatever we do, we'll put up posters and announce details on the village Facebook page.

For the benefit of mystified newcomers, the Hair of the Dog Walk is the essential annual village walk on New Year's morning, starting at the Market Cross at 11am. Everyone is welcome – children, houseguests and dogs. It will be the 25th walk so it's a special occasion, particularly as we couldn't hold it last year.

*New Buckenham Society*

## Parish News

Each month the Parish News is edited, formatted and distributed to every house in the village by a group of volunteers. To help with this, we are looking for one or more people who would be willing to take on some of the more technical tasks, in particular the formatting and laying out of the magazine, uploading the PDF to the website and sending out the email version. The lay-out is current done using Microsoft Publisher, so will be familiar to anyone with experience of Office, while the emailing is done through MailChimp.

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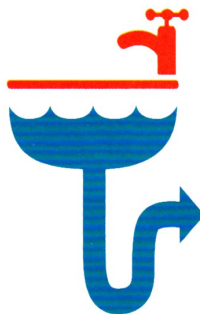
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# Solve the Car Parking Crisis and be Green

## New Buckenham's own COP26 inspired carbon reduction project

Fed up with too many cars parked around the village? Is your car spending most of its time parked and not being used? Maybe you have your main family car and a second car – does the second car only get used for short journeys? Do you want the flexibility to jump in a car when you need it, but not have all the hassle and cost of owning, maintaining, taxing and insuring it?

The answer could be New Buckenham's very own shared car club scheme. An electric car available to signed-up members to use for short journeys, trips to Attleborough, school runs, etc. You may have heard of similar schemes such as Zipcar, Hiyacar and car2go. Users join the club and book online, members have an electronic tag or card that gives access to the car and are charged by the hour to your credit card. The scheme would be managed by a recognised car sharing club.

We would need to look at the best location for the car and provide a dedicated electric vehicle charging point. This could also provide one or two other charging points for private electric cars. With sufficient interest the Parish Council could give financial backing to get the project moving, but with the intention that it becomes self-financing.

The Parish Council are keen to promote the project, but in the first place we need to gauge interest, so please do get in contact, send me an email or message via the village Facebook page. Let me know if you would be interested in helping develop the project and promoting it in the village. Would you use a shared car and would it encourage you to dispose of your second car?

*Andrew Bingham, Parish Councillor*  
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## St Martin's Church Services New Year 2021–2022

### DECEMBER

Sun 5th	11:00am	Holy Communion	Advent 2
Sun 12th	6:30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	Advent 3
Sun 19th	11:00am	Holy Communion	Advent 4
Fri 24th	9:30pm	Christmas Eve Communion	Christmas Eve
Sat 25th	11:00am	Family Service around the Crib	Christmas Day
Sun 26th	10:00am	Group Service of Communion & Carols	1st after Christmas

### JANUARY

Sun 2nd	11:00am	Holy Communion	Epiphany
Sun 9th	6:30pm	Sung Evensong	1st Sunday of Epiphany
Sun 16th	11:00am	Morning Prayer	2nd Sunday of Epiphany
Sun 23rd	11:00am	Morning Worship	3rd Sunday of Epiphany
Sun 30th	10:00am	Group Service, Details to follow	Christ's Presentation at the Temple

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### SERVICES

- Bespoke Celebration Cakes (Birthdays, Weddings, Christenings etc)
- Afternoon Tea (Booking only)
- Private functions (Birthdays, Christenings, Funerals, Meetings etc) (Capacity 25 upstairs, 12 downstairs)
- Outside Catering (Functions, Corporate, Afternoon Tea etc)
- Wedding Afternoon Tea Catering (All China Supplied)
- Cake Decorating Classes.

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# Dates For Your Diary

December 2021 – January 2022	
Weds 8th Dec	Good Companions, Village Hall, 12 noon.
Sun 12th Dec	Nine Readings & Carols, St Martin's, 6:30pm
Tues 14th Dec	Parish Council, Village Hall, 6:30pm (nibbles) 7:30pm (meeting)
Tues 21st Dec	Carols Around the Tree, Village Green, 6pm.
Fri 24th Dec	'Midnight' Mass, St Martin's, 9:30pm
Sat 25th Dec	Family Service, St Martin's, 11am.
Sat 1st Jan	Hair of the Dog Walk, Village Green, 11am.
Thurs 9th Jan	NB Players' AGM, Village Hall, 11am
Tues 11th Jan	Parish Council, Village Hall, 7:30pm.
Tues 11th Jan	New BArts Open Meeting, King's Head, 7:30pm

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