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Photoshow (27–29 May)

Entries are coming in to exhibit at the Photoshow in the Village Hall and it's pleasing that we have some newcomers and beginners.

Are you exhibiting, or do you know someone who would like to?

Please phone me or email photoshow@newbuckenham.net to get all the details. There are also links from the village Facebook page.

Charles Oxley (860708)

Thank You

Carolyn, Katie and Ellie would like to thank everyone for the many offers of help during David's illness and the many kind words of condolence after his death. We are very grateful for being associated with a village whose community have offered such strong support to our family.

Carolyn Hupton

Thank You, Too

We are very grateful to the sponsor of this month's issue. If you would be interested in sponsoring an issue of *Parish News* or advertising in the magazine, please contact Mary Dowson on 01953 860320 or mdowson@btinternet.com.

Parish News Committee

David Hupton's Village Years

David came to New Buckenham with Carolyn and their children, Katie and Ellie, 31 years ago, which means that David spent half his life living here. David had many friends, spending hours with them through shared interests and activities, not least eating, drinking, walking, traveling and putting both the world to rights and, of course, Norwich City F.C.

David loved living in the village and made many significant contributions to village life. He was not content just to participate in activities and events, but was most frequently an active contributor, supporting many of them behind the scenes. Over the years there were few events where David and Carolyn have not been involved, in one way or another.

David was always willing to put his range of skills and interests to good use in helping to set up, support and engage in a wide range of village activities. In the early years he took up bell-ringing and joined the village badminton club. He regularly assisted in the running of the senior youth club and fund-raising for the Junior Activities Committee. You would always find him on the gate on the night of the fireworks display, having already helped with the set-up in the morning.

In more recent years, he joined the bridge club and he jointly edited the *Parish News*; he was one of the founding members of NewBArts. He also played a major role in putting together the brochure for the Annual Art Exhibition. David was not a committee man, never seeking the limelight, preferring to work behind the scenes. For example, although not a formal member of the 'fundraisers', he was always a very active participant in the organisation of the Village Fete. He also took up running and was a familiar sight running through the village.

When Ellie became a leading light in the New Buckenham Players, David applied his skills in design to making a special contribution to set design and building. He took a minimalist approach to art and design and while the crew built wonderful sets they were often made up of large and heavy structures. David would introduce positive suggestions that were the exact opposite, and certainly much easier to get on and off stage! One of David's greatest triumphs was to construct, with the help of Lindsey Hodges, a life size articulated model of the lion Aslan for the production of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. It was so lifelike, with head made by Sarah Nash, that when it first appeared it got a spontaneous round of applause.

David was always keen to support local businesses. For example he felt strongly that the village pubs were an essential part of village life and while being no more than a social drinker, when the future of the village pubs was under threat several years ago, David and Carolyn dedicated themselves to making regular use of both pubs for drinks and meals and encouraged others to join them. So you can see the kind of sacrifices David and Carolyn were prepared to make to support this community!

David will be sorely missed by his family and also by his friends and fellow villagers. When we plan for the next fete, prepare for the next art exhibition, begin building the next set, when we need another person for our quiz team or we need some wise words or a good chuckle over a pithy comment we will think of him. David was a great friend, loyal and generous and a great contributor to our community.

Geoff Gildersleeve

New Buckenham Climate Action Now

The Story So Far!

Since our climate action group formed in 2019, we have tried to identify small, achievable goals which will help to make our beautiful village a more carbon-neutral and ecologically diverse place to live. We began with planting a symbolic oak tree on the village green. Many of you brought your children along to support us and to help with the planting. The following year, we invited people to apply to adopt and plant trees on approved sites around the village. Thanks to funding from the Parish Council and invaluable advice from Phil Anderson, we were able to purchase twelve healthy native trees which were planted by their successful adopters and are now flourishing around the village. One adopter deserves a special mention: not only does Andrea Halfacree regularly bring the young children she minds to carefully water ‘their’ tree, a Holme oak, but the children also *sing* to it and sometimes decorate it, forming a connection with the natural world which they will surely remember all their lives.

Last autumn, some of you will have noticed the gradual transformation of the murky old Ghost Pond close to the cricket pavilion. The Norfolk Wildlife Trust, together with local volunteers, spent several days removing rubbish and clearing the willows and brambles which were blocking out light and air, revealing a surprisingly large space – large but worryingly dry at first! However our wet winter took care of that and at the time of writing this once neglected, almost-hidden pond is now an airy, clean pool where courting ducks can now be seen swimming.

Now that Spring is here at last, we are mulling ideas and strategies for future projects and directions. For instance, we are hoping to link up with other similar groups to share our experiences and information.

By the end of this year, we want to plant more trees, including one in memory of Violet Highton, without whom this group might not exist. We already have a growing list of people who would like to adopt a tree. However, we first need to identify suitable sites. One plan is to approach the Village Hall Trust to ask if we might be able to plant trees around the amphitheatre. Also, since we have money in the kitty from last year's successful Great Big Green Afternoon, we'd like to use some of this to buy butterfly and bee boxes, involving young families in decorating and putting up the boxes around the village to help encourage pollinators. We'd also like to let everyone know, well ahead of time, that this autumn we will be screening the family-friendly film *My Octopus Teacher* in the Village Hall, an event which sadly had to be cancelled last year.

Finally, I want to mention Sue and Kim, active members of New Buckenham CAN, who recently attended an online course run by PLANTLIFE on ways we can all help to help make our gardens, allotments and other outdoor spaces more attractive to wildlife, particularly the increasingly endangered pollinators. Next month we will be sharing some of what they learned with you.

If you have any suggestions for future climate-friendly actions, please email me!

Annie Dalton (anniedalton22@gmail.com)

Please, Please, Please!

New Buckenham is a lovely village, a much sought after place to live in and a popular place to visit. There are plenty of places to have a walk and a muddle and, for our youngsters, a lovely play area, opportunities to play sport or simply run free, enjoy the fresh air and have fun.

Unfortunately these delights of New Buckenham are being ruined by a huge increase in the amount of dog excrement which is scattered around the village and its outskirts. Dog excrement is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter. It is deeply unpleasant and it is dangerous. Contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

It is clear that the majority of dog owners are caring, responsible individuals who clean up after their dogs, so we are appealing to those who don't do so. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag does not count as a reasonable excuse. There are five dog excrement bins in the village – please contact the Parish Council if you feel there is an appropriate site for another one.

Please, please, please clean up after your dogs and allow everyone to enjoy our delightful village.

Karen Hopley on behalf of New Buckenham Parish Council, New Buckenham Village Hall Trust, New Buckenham Junior Football Club, New Buckenham Cricket Club, New Buckenham High Bailiff's Trust, Phil Anderson of Broadland Tree Services, Andrea Halfacree, local child minder, and the New Buckenham Parish News Committee.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee takes place across the country from Thursday 2nd June till Sunday 5th June. I felt sad we weren't doing anything as a village, so I thought I would do something to change that. I have come up with a cunning plan!

Thank you so much to everyone who has come forward to volunteer for the Jubilee so far. If anyone else would like to volunteer to help please contact Mandy Hartley on Facebook, you can email TLSTC@outlook.com or telephone 01953 860080.

The plans! I wanted to share these with you just to get a feel if this is the kind of thing everyone would like. Obviously, we are short of time so bands, etc., may well be booked up. We hope to apply for a grant from the Parish Council, but funds may well be limited!

I'm not sure of the date yet, this could be either Friday or Saturday. So, here we go – the cunning plan!

A competition for 'Best decorated house'. I want the village to go big on this! I am thinking bunting, Union flags, plenty of red, white and blue, and even an appearance from the Queen herself, maybe!

The day of festivities would start with a fun dog show, just for dogs in the village. There would also be chance to have a go at an agility course. Fastest time wins!

At lunch time, we would encourage people from the village to bring a table up to the Village Hall for a street-style party. Everyone would be encouraged to bring something savoury and sweet for a huge buffet. If it rains, everyone could bring a picnic rug for an indoor picnic in the Village Hall. I was hoping to ask the Silver band to play – if anyone knows who I should contact let me know! There would be teas and coffees and a bar (hopefully). While we are eating, I thought the children could play football.

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After lunch I thought we could have a village sports day! This would include tug-of-war, egg-and-spoon race, sack race, three-legged and a special Jubilee race to see who would be the best Queen! We will need a PA system for this. I don't know if anyone knows what we use for the Fete? Could you contact me about this?

In the evening, I was hoping to get a fish and chip van up at the hall (if anyone knows anyone let me know). Then I thought we could do a village karaoke and disco. I thought if people submitted songs they would like played we could create a playlist.

I hope you like the ideas. Anything you can do to help would be fantastic – there are lots of things to arrange! Any other ideas people have would be great. We are such a great village. I think this is an opportunity for the whole village to get together and celebrate as a community as only New Buckenham knows how!

Mandy Hartley (TLSTC@outlook.com or 860080)

Good Companions

At the meeting held on the 21st April, 35 members celebrated our 73rd birthday! At the meeting, we were entertained by Susan Jayne and high tea was provided by the committee.

Way back in 1949 a group of ladies got together and applied for a £10 grant from the council to start a group for older people of this village. The first meeting was held in the George Hotel in March of that year. We still have all of the committee meeting minutes from then to the present day.

The next meeting will be in the Village Hall at 2:30pm on Thursday 19th May. New members will be made very welcome.

Christine Wilby

2022 Open Gardens

Hello again from the Gardening Group! Just to remind you to enter Sunday 19th June on your calendars, as the village will be full of visitors (we hope) viewing all of the wonderful gardens. We have twelve gardens confirmed so far, but we need a few more.

Remember, gardens are always a work in progress and visitors are not looking for perfection (well, some may be...), but we are looking for interest and variety, so if you can, please let me know that you are willing to take part.

We will need some volunteers on the day to help in the kitchen and supply refreshments so, again, if you can spare some time, please let one of us know.

As with all events, we will need cakes, especially some vegan and gluten-free cakes so we can cater for all. Fiona has volunteered to supply some of her fabulous sausage rolls, as already tested at Coffeemates. Thanks, Fiona! Don't forget that you need to supply a list of ingredients with the cakes, please.

Charles Oxley has kindly volunteered to run a plant stall outside the Old Vicarage on the day. We already have some plants, but we would like donations as well. If you can supply any plants for us to sell, please take them to Charles on the Saturday in readiness for the big day.

And don't forget the other important date – Saturday 30th July for the Village Show. We will be needing volunteers and cakes for that as well, but let's leave that until nearer the date.

Jimps (860191) and Karen (860529)

New Buckenham Parish Council

Our May Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, 10th May 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) 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. Dates for 2022 are 14th June, 12th July, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November and 13th December.

For those who were unable to attend our recent Annual Parish Meeting, please see below my review of the work of the Parish Council for 2021–22. If you would like any further information on any of the topics discussed please contact myself, the Clerk or any other parish councillor.

Karen Hobley (Chair)

Chair's Report 2021–22

The Chair welcomed Steve Askew (Breckland and Norfolk County Councillor) and three members of the public.

She talked about comings and goings – Andrew Nettleton had joined the Council in April 2021, co-opted to replace Paul Martin. In November 2021, we said goodbye to our clerk, Trevor Wenman, and welcomed Angela Thornton as our new clerk.

The Chair spoke about the many responsibilities which councillors take on in addition to the monthly meetings and

actions arising from them, as outlined below:

Allotments – Mary Manning and Andrew Nettleton

Cemetery – Andrew Nettleton

Community Project Fund – Mary Dowson, Andrew Nettleton and the Chair

Footpaths – Andrew Bingham and Steve Highton

Parish News – Mary Dowson

Play Area – Don Crossman

The Parish Council also has representatives on the Village Hall Trust, the Neighbourhood Plan group, the High Bailiff's Trust and the William Barber Trust.

The Chair talked about the main issues which had arisen over the year, namely parking, speeding and the problem of dog excrement. The council is always trying to deal with these problems, but would welcome suggestions from parishioners. Andrew Bingham would be talking about a village electric car and charging point later in the meeting. The council is also looking at gateways at the entrances to the village in order to slow drivers down.

There have been some successes over the year:

A new sensory Bee Maze at the Play Area

A number of new tenants at the allotments

Marsh Lane has been re-surfaced

Work has started on the phone mast

BT's Digital Voice scheme has been postponed

We have received a plaque from the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk to commemorate the village's resilience during the pandemic

Our Community Grant Scheme has supported the Village Hall Trust with a grant towards the purchase of a new boiler and

New Buckenham Junior Football Club with the purchase of a set of goals.

Councillors have attended a number of NALC courses

We are working with the Parochial Church Council to look at issues highlighted in the recent Quinquennial Report. The Parish Council will repair the steps and handrail near the south door and review the management of the conservation area in the churchyard.

Thanks were given to:

Barbara Cattermole for her work on footpaths, especially organising the bridge repairs on Footpath 4

Steve Askew, our Breckland and Norfolk County Councillor, for all his support

Gerry Walsh for her work on the Community Car Scheme.
Thanks were also expressed to her group of volunteer drivers

Clive Rush who has volunteered to restore the 'Cemetery Bench'

Sue Britton who is currently working on a defibrillator project

Phil Anderson for his sterling work on grounds maintenance in the cemetery, the play area, the cricket pitch and the churchyard and various other projects around the village.

Vicky and Alan Baker for their work in the churchyard.

Stevie Hopley who minuted last month's meeting and Juliet Fulford for minuting the evening's two meetings.

The Chair concluded the meeting by thanking her fellow councillors for their commitment to New Buckenham Parish Council over the previous 12 months.

August Bank Holiday Fete

We are pleased to announce that the Village Fete will be returning this year on Monday 29th August. The last fete was in 2019, so it will be lovely to see a return of this long-running village attraction.

The fete will follow a similar format to previous years, with the usual attractions and fun for all the family at the Village Hall. We will provide more information in subsequent issues of *Parish News*, but as an early 'heads up', please note the following:

STALLS: The Fete will include the usual White Elephant, Nearly New and Book stalls. Please start thinking of, and sorting, items that can be donated. We will provide details of where they can be dropped off or collected closer to the event, but if you are unable to hold on to items and would like to donate now, please contact me and we will arrange a temporary solution. Please remember, no electrical items for the White Elephant and only good-quality items for Nearly New and Books (no magazines please).

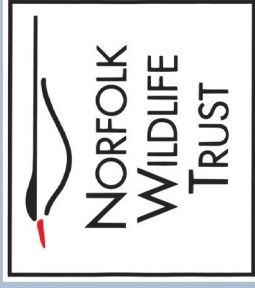
HELPERS: The Village Fete relies on volunteers to organise and run the event. If you have helped before and would continue to help this year please make contact with one of the committee to let them know. If you are new to the village, we would be delighted if you can help and get involved. It is great way to get to know your fellow villagers! Help can range from assisting with the set up, tidying up after the event, running a stall or joining the committee to guarantee the ongoing success of the Fete in 2022 and beyond. A leaflet be circulated providing more details but if you would like to get involved please contact me.

PRIZES: Please contact me to arrange collection of any potential prizes for the raffle.

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Events at

New Buckenham Common



Dawn Chorus Walk

SUNDAY 1 MAY, 5 – 8AM

Join NWT field staff Nathan and Izzy for a dawn walk around the common as part of International Dawn Chorus Day.

Annual orchid count

FRIDAY 27 MAY, 10AM – 12 NOON

Assist with our vital monitoring work by helping to count the beautiful green-winged orchids.

A Common History

TUESDAY 5 JULY, 7.30 – 9PM

A Norfolk Commons Week event. Join Tom Williamson, Professor of Landscape History at UEA, for a talk about the history of

Moths on the Common

SATURDAY 25 JUNE, FROM 10PM

Come along to see what the Norfolk Moth Survey have caught in their humane light traps.

Ragwort pulling work party

FRIDAY 15 JULY, 10AM – 3PM

Help NWT staff and regular volunteers to keep on top of this controlled plant by reducing its numbers and allowing for better grazing of the common's rare grassland.

Booking for all events is essential,
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commons in general and how the common at New Buckenham was used in the past.



Images: Richard Osbourne, Charles Oxley

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GAZEBOS AND TENTS: Fingers crossed we will have good weather and we can never have too many gazebos and party tents. If you are able to loan any for the day it would be appreciated.

SUGGESTIONS: As always, we would be happy to receive suggestions about possible new stalls/attractions. With many new faces in the village, we would be pleased to learn of good attractions at other village fetes that may work well at New Buckenham.

Watch this space for more details as we get closer to August. Thank you!

Jon Frith, Chair of Fundraisers

(07534 353713 / jon.frith@frith-blake.co.uk)

Village Show

Trophy Winners and Tombola Prizes

Our Village Show is taking place on July 30th this year. It's our Silver Jubilee Show, which was originally planned for 2020. If you were a trophy winner in 2019, I'm sure you have been nurturing your trophy/trophies over the intervening years. However, if they're in a carrier bag under the stairs or a box in the garage, please search them out as we are keen to collect them back in in the next month or so. They can be delivered to 9 St Martin's Gardens or if you contact me (karenhobley@hotmail.com / 01953 860529) I will come and pick them up. Thanks in advance.

Also, Audrey and Ed Dowling have kindly agreed to run a Tombola for us at the Show. If anyone would be willing to donate some small prizes, we would be most grateful. Please contact Audrey on 01953 861155 if you require any further information. Thank you.

Karen Hobley

News from the Pews

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: Thank you to all who supported our services in Holy Week. We were joined by members of all the churches in the Quidenham group for the Palm Sunday procession and dramatised reading, and welcomed Rev. Bob Baker to officiate at Holy Communion.

On Good Friday we held an hour of Music & Meditation, with readings and hymns for choir and congregation. Those who had ordered lilies in memory of loved ones were invited to place them at the front of the church, light a candle and sit a while. We had positive feedback for this new venture and hope to make it an annual event. We had another guest priest on Easter Sunday, Rev. Andrew Slater, and we are very grateful to both priests, and to Canon Martin Smith, who conducted Annie St John Clarke's funeral, for giving up their time to help during our vacancy.

SERVICES: We now follow our fairly normal pattern of services for a few months – see the list at the end of this article. Do come and support the choir and visiting clergy.

CHURCH FINANCE: Many people have asked us about this, and we are preparing an article for next month to explain where it comes from, where it goes to (not the Bishop's wine cellar) and why we have to keep raising it!

COFFEE MORNINGS: Our beliefs are such though, that we would willingly see St Martin's closed and worship in a tent if it was a choice between that and supporting those in greater need. This which is why most of our coffee mornings are to raise money for other charities and why we are so grateful to V&V, the Art Exhibition and the Fete for raising money for US! Our coffee morning on 9th April raised £180 for the British Red Cross to support their work with refugees,

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including those from Ukraine. Many thanks to all who helped with this. The next coffemates! event is on 14th May, when we will be raising funds for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

BOOKSTALL: Lots of books for sale, do come and look, and all children's books are FREE!

DURING THE VACANCY: Enquires about funerals and general matters should be made to the Benefice administrator, Jill Moses jillannm1@gmail.com, and for weddings and baptisms to Val Plummer, quidenhamgroup.wedding@gmail.com, but please feel free to contact me or any of the PCC if we can help.

Susan Jowett (Authorised Worship Assistant) for the PCC (860929)

Food Bank

The Waveney Food Bank is desperately short of food donations, owing to the double hit of more people in poverty and fewer able to give. Please donate if you can to the boxes in Kings Store and the church (where there is a list of most needed products).

Susie Jowett (860929)

200 Club Lucky Winners

Thank you for your continued support of the Village Hall. Here are the lucky winners for the latest draw.

£20	Peter Hodges, Doreen Madden, John Thomas
£10	Philip de la Cours, Lol Satchwell, Clive Rush, Alison Taylor, Patrick Winsor

St Martin's Church Services – May 2022

Sun 1st	10:00am	Group Service at Quidenham	Easter 3
Sun 8th	6:30pm	Sung Evensong with the choir	Easter 4
Sun15th	11:00am	Holy Communion	Easter 5
Sun 22nd	11:00am	Morning Prayer Bill Rout	Easter 6
Sun 29th	11:00am	Group Service at Wilby	Rogation Sunday

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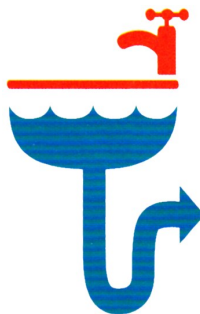
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Thursday 19th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Friday 27th	Orchid Count, NB Common, 10am until 12 noon
Friday 27th	The Bucks Photo Show, Village Hall, 7:30pm
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