

# New Buckenham Parish News



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# **New Buckenham Parish News**

## **October 2022**

### **Thanks to Tony and Keith**

There are two invisible, well almost invisible, characters working all year to recycle our discarded cardboard and cans, paper and glass and together they raise huge amounts of money for the village. Our public thanks go to these shadowy workers, Tony Lister and Keith Mace, doing so much for the rest of us. And the reason I thank them both is for the generous cheque presented to me as representative of the church.

Thank you both and keep up the good work.

*Jimps for the PCC*

### **Thank You**

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*Parish News Committee*

# Calling All Families!

Following our Big Green Event last year, New Buckenham CAN are able to offer villagers the exciting opportunity to come and watch the film 'My Octopus Teacher', at 2:00pm, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at New Buckenham Village Hall for free!

This is an amazing documentary where the filmmaker forms an incredible friendship with an Octopus living in the South African kelp forest. As the filmmaker swims with the Octopus every day, both he and we the audience learn more about the life of this wonderful sea creature. A fantastic way for children to learn about life under the sea.

The film lasts for 1½ hours, rated U, with an interval half-way through where we will be providing ice cream, popcorn, teas and coffees, and squash.

Doors open at 2:00pm, with a raffle and an exciting competition for children to enter. At the end of the film there will be a fun, fast moving quiz to join in with, followed by a Q&A with Helen from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

*Mandy and Michele for New Buckenham CAN*

# An Official Update on the Phone Mast

No. Of course it's not incredible news...YET. We've been getting updates at Biz Buzz for the last 5 years and most of them are entirely inaccurate or evasive. But hey! Let's look on the bright side. In March the construction team said that the mast at Downmore Farm would be completed by June. Well, it was...but 'completed' did not mean operational.

So now let me just say to you NOVEMBER 2022. The New Buckenham Neighbourhood Planning Team has been hounding O2 throughout – even offering to dig trenches for them!

Waldon's Planning Manager, Juliet Baller, has now revealed: *"I have just heard back from the third party company that are undertaking the build works and they have advised that the remaining works to get the site operating relate to getting the power connected and, assuming this goes according to schedule, they are anticipating that the site will be live by mid-November."*

How amazing is that?! Just in time for Christmas! Get those festive emojis ready.

Janet Trewin

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# Fireworks Display and Bonfire

The 2022 New Buckenham Firework Spectacular and Bonfire will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> November at the Village Hall – once again we will be trying to eclipse the previous year's display!

As always will have burgers, hot dogs, delicious soups, hot punch and of course the beer tent, we do not have cashless facilities so please be prepared with notes and coins.

## Parking

Parking is always at a premium on Fireworks night, and we appreciate that some inconvenience is caused for the few hours during the event – 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 utilise the cricket ground car park. Disabled only parking at the Hall.

## Helpers

If you would like to get involved in helping in the evening (i.e., bar/BBQ/soups) or setting up during the day contact me as below, I was very pleased to see so many new faces help with the August Fete and would like to extend a warm invitation to anyone who can lend a hand!

## Vegetarian food

In previous years we have not adequately catered for vegetarians and vegans and would like to address that this year. If anyone would like to make any suggestions and get involved with this please let me know so that we can hopefully arrange something for this year – any help would be much appreciated!

The soups always go down very 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.

## **Punch**

Donations of red wine for the punch are always very welcome – please bring round to Conifers, Marsh Lane, or contact me.

## **Bonfire**

Again, 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 must be very mindful of the regulations covering bonfires regarding pollution as enforced by the relevant environmental agencies, and as such we are not able to accept anything apart from clean wood – we will have no choice to refuse unsuitable material so please do not be offended.

The site is monitored so please do not leave anything in advance!

Many thanks,

*Jon Halfacree*

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# **New Buckenham Community Car Scheme – Help Wanted**

## **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS**

We are seeking to recruit drivers to join our team of seven volunteers (including myself). If you are a car driver and owner who would like to contribute to our village community and have some available time in the week, but not wanting to commit to a regular day or time or committee, this could be ideal voluntary work for you.

Financial remuneration is paid at a rate of 45p per mile. Half the cost is paid direct to the driver by the service user and the remaining met through an annual grant from Breckland Council and NB Parish Council, administered by the scheme's coordinator.

## **SCHEME COORDINATOR**

As a long-standing driver for the scheme, I stepped into the coordinator role a year ago in an acting capacity to maintain it following the death of the previous incumbent (Violet Highton). Due to personal commitments, I am unable to continue in this role after the end of the year and we are needing to find a new coordinator as soon as possible. The Car Scheme is a highly valued and needed village service for those who do not have access to transport to attend medical and health (physical and mental) appointments.

Ongoing support and guidance in this voluntary role will be available from myself and the Parish Council. Being a car driver / owner is not essential for this role.

I would be very pleased to hear from anyone interested in finding out more about either or both roles and the tasks involved. For an informal chat please call on 861 027.

*Gerry Walsh/Gildersleeve*

# New Buckenham Parish Council

Our September Parish Council meeting was cancelled due to the death of the Queen. As we also didn't meet in August, we have decided to bring our October meeting forward by one week. The meeting will be in the Village Hall on Tuesday, **4<sup>th</sup> October** at 7:30pm and, as ever, all parishioners are welcome to attend.

This meeting will be attended by a representative of County Broadband so if you have any questions about their current work or future plans, please do come along.

At the end of August, I met with a police officer from the Attleborough Safer Neighbourhood Team and outlined the problems we have in the village around speeding and parking. We will continue to liaise with them about persistent problems in the village and we hope that one of the team will attend a Parish Council meeting for further discussions in the near future.

*Karen Hobley - Parish Council Chair*

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# Village Hall News

Like everyone now the Village Hall Trust has been looking at the cost of energy needed to heat and light the Village Hall. As our current contract comes to an end we are looking potentially at a 500% increase in electricity costs. There may be some help from the Government on this, but details are unclear at the moment.

Over the last year the Trustees have invested in insulation and updated to energy efficient lighting which should be a help. We also offset some of our electricity costs with solar generated power, but we need to minimise our electricity usage. The new boiler operates most efficiently by maintaining a low but constant temperature through the Hall. To maintain this, we need to ensure windows are closed and doors not left propped open.

We hope all those who use the Hall will be mindful of energy use, as we are at home and work. We have always aimed to cover our outgoings from our income, but this might not be possible this winter and we may have to dip into those precious reserves used to maintain the fabric and facilities in the Hall.

Please be energy aware and help us to keep the Village Hall as warm and as bright as we can afford.

*New Buckenham Village Hall Trust*

# New Buckenham Village Cinema

We are very sorry to announce that due to circumstances beyond our control we are unable to show the film TOP GUN as previously advertised for 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Unfortunately, this film's availability for release for showing has been postponed.

Instead, we will be showing the highly acclaimed and award nominated 2021 film WEST SIDE STORY – an adaptation and updated version of the 1957 stage musical, directed and coproduced by Steven Spielberg, exploring forbidden love and the rivalry between two street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds.

We do hope you will come and support this evening which will be the last cinema event for this year. The bar and ice cream will be available as always.

Advanced tickets £5 from Kings Stores or 861150, £6 on the door.  
Doors open at 7:00pm for 7:30pm screening.

*Gerry Walsh on behalf of NewBArts*



# News from the Pews

## **APOLOGIES**

...for all the changed and cancelled events last month. Some were due to illness, some out of respect for the late Queen, but hopefully we are back in business now. And apologies too for the disappearance of the flag just before the Queen's funeral. Unfortunately, the rope had snapped in the wind and the flagpole will have to be taken down to mend it. But thanks to Jimpy, Nigel and Alan who made sure that the Union Flag was flown at half-mast over the first few days of public mourning and at full mast for the Accession Proclamation, and to all who came and signed the condolence sheets.

## **NEW PRIEST**

The Rev Sarah Walsh, currently Rector of the Dickleburgh and The Pulhams benefice in our diocese, has accepted the offer of the post of Priest in Charge of the Quidenham Group. She will be licensed at Banham at 7:00pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, and we look forward to welcoming her to New Buckenham soon after.

Meanwhile enquires about funerals and general matters should be made to the Benefice Administrator, Jill Moses ([jillannm1@gmail.com](mailto:jillannm1@gmail.com)) and for weddings and baptisms to Val Plummer ([quidenhamgroup.wedding@gmail.com](mailto:quidenhamgroup.wedding@gmail.com)), but please feel free to contact us or any of the PCC if we can help.

## **HARVEST COFFEEMATES!**

Our next event is at 10:30am on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October with a Harvest theme and proceeds to YANA, a charity which supports mental health among farmers and those in rural businesses. Watch for posters for more details.

## **HARVEST EVENSONG**

After postponement, a special Harvest Evensong is planned for 5:30pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at which the memorial bench for Rev Alan Wright will be dedicated, and the choir will celebrate their first year together. All are invited – please note the earlier time.

Donations for decoration and the food bank welcome.

*Susan Jowett (Authorised Worship Assistant) 860929*

*Louise Casson (Churchwarden) 860191*

## **Good Companions**

The meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September was attended by 24 members. After a one-minute silence in memory of the late Queen, we were entertained by Riana Rutland from Breckland District Council, who explained all about the Council, how it works and what it can do for the older generation.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm in the Village Hall.

*Christine Wilby*

# **New Buckenham Gardening Group**

Please note that, for a number of reasons, we have had to change the date of the Village Show 2023 from 22<sup>nd</sup> July to **29<sup>th</sup> July 2023**. Look out for details of our photography and craft classes in November's Parish News.

*Karen Hobley*

## **White Elephant Stall**

Well, what a fantastic Fete day! Audrey and I had washed, polished, priced and packed items since February. Well done to EVERYBODY who donated, delivered goods on Sunday to the Hall, all the people who came to set up stalls and all the new people who helped us to sell. A great village get together.

I understand our stall made £1,144.60. Sincere thanks to you all!

*Janet Webb and Audrey Dowling (recycled teenagers)*

# Thank you

Both Louise and I, having been involved with the Fete for more years than we care to mention, agreed that the 2022 event was possibly the best yet in terms of numbers attending and money raised.

The thanks must go to Jon Frith who was prepared to take on the mantle of Fete Organiser (or Fete Fool?) and motivate so many to help for the two days of the Bank Holiday, setting up and Fete day itself. Well done for bringing so many new people into the team and thanks to them for stepping forward. As we know from experience, it's the preliminary hard work that makes a successful event and that is usually a thankless task. Well, we are here to thank Jon and also everybody else who worked so hard for the event, and we will see you all again next year, won't we?

*Jimps and Louise*

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### **200 Club Lucky Winners**

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

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Ron Thompson, Deborah Sharman, Mel Green,  
Irene Davy

£10

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## St Martin's Church Services – October 2022

Sun 2	10am	Group Service at Kenninghall	Trinity 16 Proper 22
Sun 9	5:30pm	Harvest Evensong with dedication of Rev Alan Wright's memorial bench	Trinity 17 Proper 23
Sun 16	11am	Holy Communion Rev. Andrew Slater	Trinity 18 Proper 24
Sun 23	11am	Morning Worship Susie Hilton-Jowett	Last after Trinity Proper 25 Bible Sunday
Sun 30	9:30am	Holy Communion at Old Buckenham	All Saints' Day

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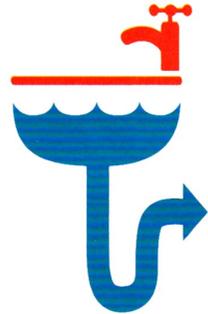
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# Dates For Your Diary

<b>October 2022</b>	
Tuesday 4th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Saturday 8th	Coffeemates!, St Martin's 10:30am until 12:00pm
Sunday 9th	'My Octopus Teacher' screening, Village Hall, 2:00pm
Sunday 9th	Harvest Evensong and bench dedication, St Martin's, 5:30pm
Thursday 20th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Saturday 22nd	'West Side Story' screening, Village Hall, 7:00pm (for 7:30pm start)

The Village Hall Bookings Administrator is Stevie Hobley

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