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November 2022

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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 2022 and January 2023, 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.

Parish News Committee

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 and Kings Stores. Alternatively, it is possible to donate to the appeal online via the Royal British Legion website: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>

Thank You

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 email mdowson@btinternet.com.

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Churchyard Conservation Area

The conservation area on the north side of the church has now had its annual cut. The long grass has been scythed and raked up and the hay removed, reducing nutrient levels in the soil. Low soil nutrient levels provide the best conditions for wildflower growth. The grass was dry which hopefully allowed grass and wildflower seeds to drop and lie dormant on the soil adding to the wildflower growth next year. With proper management the aim is that year by year the soil conditions and wildflower growth will improve.

Sue Chapman kindly carried out a survey of the wildflowers in the conservation area during July and found: Bryony, Soapwort, Lady's Bedstraw, Knapweed, Red Campion, Lords and Ladies, and a range of grasses.

The purpose of the conservation area is to develop an insect-friendly environment and ecosystem in the centre of the village that is also visually attractive with extensive wildflowers and grasses. The area is fully accessible and I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to walk around the area and enjoy it.

Andrew Bingham

New Buckenham Churchyard Tidy-Up

Calling able-bodied volunteers for an autumn tidy-up! Help is wanted on Saturday 12th November at 10:00am to clear the debris from the corner of the churchyard. Please come prepared with wheelbarrows, forks, rakes, etc., to help load up a skip.

It would be very helpful if you could call or email me to let me know if you can help.

Andrew Bingham

(01953 861150 / 07702 119318 / andrew.bingham100@gmail.com)

Cinderella Shall Go To The Ball

The most magical panto of them all is coming to New Buckenham!

New Buckenham Players are returning this Christmas with Cinderella, a pantomime written by local writer Julie Bolton, and you are all invited to the Ball!

Get into the festive spirit from Thursday 1st until Saturday 3rd December at 8:00pm in New Buckenham Village Hall. The Saturday matinée starts at 2:00pm. Doors open 30 minutes prior to start of the show. Raffle and refreshments will be on sale at all performances.

Tickets are priced at £10 / £9 concession / £5 under 16s at matinée. Available Kings Stores and from box office (01953 860320 / 714893).

Ellie Hupton for New Buckenham Players

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.

There will be disabled parking only at the Village Hall, so please car share wherever possible and park considerately around the village.

Jon Halfacree for New Buckenham Cricket Club

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News from the Pews

HARVEST: Many thanks to all who contributed to the Harvest Coffee Morning, where we raised £130 for YANA, and Harvest Evensong, when we were delighted to see our new priest, Rev. Sarah Walsh, in the congregation. By the time you read this, she will be fully installed, and will be leading the Benefice service here on 6th November. Do come and give her a welcome!

COFFEEMATES!: We'd like to thank everyone who has supported Coffeemates! this year. Your generosity has benefited six charities and raised a total of £741.50, so very many thanks indeed! In these times, that's a wonderful amount. To increase the amount each charity could earn, Jimpy paid the money in as a tax-paying individual so that they could claim Gift Aid, which added another £143.30 to the final amount. Our thanks, too, to all the bakers, without whom there wouldn't be any cake to add to the chat; to Janet with her jams; Sue with her cards; and to everyone who helped us on the day. Each month the church was buzzing with chat (and possibly gossip!) and it was great to see the space used.

AND MORE...: Normally, the October Coffeemates! is the last of the season, but this year we have decided that we will hold one in December, to raise money for Norwich Open Christmas. For over 30 years they have provided Christmas lunch, afternoon tea, entertainment, food parcels, clothing and company in St Andrew's Hall, Norwich, on Christmas Day. The day is for anyone alone, homeless or in need of a Christmas celebration. Not only that, but they provide free transport or a home delivery service for those unable to get to St Andrew's. Christmas can be an extraordinarily difficult and lonely time for many, so join us on Saturday 3rd

December to help raise some much-needed funds, now possibly more than ever, for Norwich Open Christmas.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER 10:50am: 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 gave their lives in service of others.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS: Our Christingle Service is on 27th November at 4pm. This event 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 are 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.

CAROL SERVICE: Our Nine Readings and Carols service will be on 11th December at 6:30pm, with Holy Communion at 9:30pm on Christmas Eve and a Family Crib Service at 11am on Christmas morning.

Until further notice, 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.

Susan Jowett (Authorised Worship Assistant / 860929)

Louise Casson (Churchwarden / 860191)

August Fete

Put aside the grey days of late Autumn and cast your minds back to August Bank Holiday Monday! It was a lovely summer's day for the Fete – not scorching hot, as some days had been over the summer, but just right to spend a few hours in the afternoon at the Village Hall. In fact, quite a lot of people did just that and helped make the Fete the most successful we have ever organised!

As always, we are reliant on the goodwill of the village to put on this event, from helping over the weekend in putting up the marquee and tents, etc., to erecting the stalls on the morning, helping out on the various stalls during the afternoon and then clearing away in the evening – a very big thank you to you all!

Looking at the figures this year, the Fete made a superb £6,002.48 profit! The previous record was £4,691 back in 2018. Virtually every stall was up on previous years and we had some fantastic figures from the White Elephant (diligently organised by Janet & Audrey). The BBQ and beer tent also did very well, as did the refreshments in the Hall.

So, after a two-year break the Fete well and truly came back with a bang and with a new Chairman of the Fundraisers, Jon Frith, who has taken over seamlessly from the stewardship of Carolyn Hupton.

The Main Draw was revamped by Jon, who managed to attract some great donations as main prizes. The raffle took over £1,800, well over double compared with past years!

The committee will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 16th November at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting will be open to any villagers who may wish to comment on the fete, have ideas as to how to improve the fete or volunteer to be on the committee to help organise the 2023 fete.

Jon Halfacree (Treasurer, New Buckenham Fundraisers)

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Macmillan Big Coffee Morning

It was really lovely to see so many people supporting this event. There were some delicious cakes that had been produced by villagers and were enjoyed very much. Those cakes that were not eaten were bought by visitors and of course that all added to the funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

There were several people who kindly helped to serve coffee and tea plus help to set things up and many helped to clear everything away. Without all this help it would not be possible to arrange this event. Together with our raffle and many donations it was very successful financially. Thank you for all the lovely prizes you donated and thank you to the helpers who did so much for the raffle.

Finally, a big thank to everyone who gave their time and helped and also to all our visitors. We are able to send a cheque to Macmillan Cancer Support for £960!

Clive Rush

Good Companions

The meeting held on Thursday 20th October was attended by 24 members. We played card- and board-games, which made a nice change from talks and singing entertainers. Tea was served by committee members.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th November at 2:30pm in the Village Hall.

Christine Wilby

New Buckenham Recycling Project

Another recycling year has gone and credits collected from the cardboard, glass, paper and metal have been sent to NCC and monies deposited into the New Buckenham Recycling Project bank account. Cheques were written out and sent to the following village causes.

St Mary's Care Home (Amenities Fund)	£ 450
St Martin's Church (PCC)	£ 450
William Barbers Trust	£ 450
Good Companions	£ 400
N.B. Silver Band	£ 200
Total	£1,950

Although you may only see me around the village collecting the cardboard, Keith Mace, who used to live in the village, collects metals from the village and elsewhere, takes it to Mellor Metals and the money goes straight into the NBRP account. He also collects cardboard from some out-of-village sites. So a big thank you to Keith, who was the originator of the project a few decades back and is still going strong.

Also, thank you and keep recycling! There are bottle, paper and tin banks at the Village Hall. I am around the village on a Friday, usually collecting large pieces of cardboard. If you have cardboard for me to collect please ring the number below, talk to me or leave a message. PLEASE do not leave the cardboard out in the rain if you can help it. Wet cardboard clogs the machines that cut the cardboard up.

The cardboard I collect is stored at Mill House Garage with kind permission of Clive Rush. Every couple of weeks or so I then take it to Whites at Ketteringham where it is weighed and a weigh-bill given. This is then sent to NCC along with any other weigh-bills and monies deposited into the NBRP account.

All the work, storage, administration and transportation is given freely and no money is taken out of the project. It all goes to the good causes!

Tony Lister (01953 861438)

New Buckenham Gardening Group

The 2023 Village Show

‘What?!’, I hear you all cry, ‘2023 already when we haven’t even had Halloween or Bonfire night yet?!’. Well, we felt you should have as much time as possible to allow your creative spirit full rein. In previous years you may not have been given adequate opportunity to find the perfect subject for your photograph or the time to make that winning handicraft. So, we thought we would tell you now what the photographic and handicraft classes for the 2023 Village Show will be and then you will have ample time to create your entry.

Photography

1. What a laugh!
2. A garden you have visited
3. New Buckenham life
4. Water’s edge
5. Glass

Handicrafts

1. A hand-knitted, crocheted, or felted article
2. A handmade birthday card
3. A decorated glass item
4. A wooden toy

Very few children took part in the Junior classes at the last show, which was disappointing, but the quality of the entries was particularly good. If anyone has any suggestions as to what classes would attract children to take part in next year’s show we would be extremely interested to hear.

Jimpy Casson

Chairperson

New Buck Bats Hang Up For Winter

It's almost the end of the bat season. Any minute now they'll be finding a place to hang out over the winter. Here in New Buckenham we have had yet another sensational bat-recording summer. Of the 18 species of bat in the UK, we have recorded 14 of them, including the four rarest bats in the entire country. These are on the 'red list' as designated by the 2020 International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). They are the Barbastelle and the Serotine, both of which are categorised as 'vulnerable', and Leisler's bat and Nathusius' Pipistrelle, both categorised as 'near threatened'.

Our unique medieval village has now clocked up another unique feature. We were the only place in Norfolk to conduct that all-important Norfolk Bat Survey. It started in 2013 and we got involved in 2016, but it was suspended two years ago due to Covid. People couldn't access the equipment. However, we were determined and with the help of Batman Superior – Dr Stuart Newson, who is the brainbox behind the technology – we kept calm and carried on!

This, of all years, was significant due to the extraordinary weather conditions. Since it began, the project has analysed at least 1.9 million bat recordings across this county. We monitor two square kilometres of land in and around New Buckenham. We've covered more than 20 locations and have tens of thousands of recordings.

It's been a tough year for bats; beautifully hot, but the water sources have dried. Many species rely on places like the Spittle Mere as sources of insect life. Other species depend on trees and hedgerows, which is not much good if the vegetation is drought-ridden and the leaves dying. Numbers were dipping towards the end of the summer, but the species were still there.

All UK bats are protected by domestic and international law, although a new danger is looming large. The Bat Conservation Trust predicts that repealing all of the European legislation post-Brexit will have an

important effect on bats and their habitats. The intention is to relax rules controlling pesticides, the designation of important sites including Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs), Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and greenbelt land. Other legislation intended to support farmers as custodians of wildlife will now undergo a 'rapid review'. The effect could be catastrophic.

So what's where in and around New Buckenham?

New Buckenham Central (Village Green, Church, Market Place, etc.): Barbastelle, Serotine, Leisler's bat, Daubenton's bat, whiskered bat, natterer's bat, common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, brown long-eared bat, Brandt's bat, and Noctule.

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, Alcathoe bat, and Lesser horseshoe 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, and Brandt's bat.

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

Janet Trewin

New Buckenham Parish Council

Our November Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th November at 7:30pm in the Large Meeting Room at the Village Hall. A warm welcome is extended to all parishioners. Incredibly, this is our penultimate meeting of 2022. Our December meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th December.

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.

Our October meeting was attended by Craig Larter, Stakeholder Manager from County Broadband, who answered questions from Councillors and four parishioners. We have contact details for Craig if you wish to get in touch with him with any further questions. Please phone or email and I will provide these details.

The Parish Council's plan to purchase a defibrillator for the village is finally coming to fruition and will be confirmed at November's meeting. It will be sited on the side wall of the King's Head. Thank you, Simon. As a result, Sue Britton is kindly revisiting her list of willing volunteers who will be needed to make regular checks on the defibrillator. If you have already volunteered, thank you, and if you would like to put your name forward, thank you also. Please contact Sue on susanjanebritton@gmail.com or 01953 861406. Thank you, Sue, for organising this.

Karen Hopley - Parish Council Chair

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Summary of Draft Minutes October 2022

Present: Karen Hobley (KH), Andrew Bingham (AB), Don Crossman (DC), Steve Highton (SH), Andrew Nettleton (AN), Mary Manning (MM) and Mary Dowson (MD). Angela Thornton (AT Clerk).

1. Minutes

Minutes of the July meeting confirmed as correct.

2. Matters Arising

- a) BOAT (Byway Open To All Traffic): AB summarised the need to investigate the option of a BOAT from Moat Lane across the rear of the Common to mitigate the risk of access being closed. AB to make enquiries with BDC.
- b) Council website: Access via some Android tablets still a problem. AT to investigate.
- c) Village Gateway: KH awaiting response from BDC. AB to produce draft plan.
- d) Defibrillator: KH has sourced a suitable model, this will be circulated to Council members for comment. Sue Britton to bring a plan for maintenance and names of volunteers to the next meeting.

3. Public Participation

Craig Larter (CL) from County Broadband gave an update on progress. Current cabling works due for completion by the end of December. Customer connections to go live about 12 weeks later.

KH requested residents and shops were informed of works and road closures. CL apologised if this hadn't always happened and would ensure their new 'build partners' would do so.

AB raised the issue of overhead cables. CL explained that generally CB use existing Open Reach equipment.

CL clarified that an expression of interest is not a contract, but a pre-order is different and a package applied for online constitutes an electronic signature. Customer Service will clarify with individuals.

AB requested legible maps of work taking place. CL will send plans.

CL requested that the landowner of Tanning Lane be identified so that a wayleave agreement can be sought.

CL outlined the CB charity which has funds available for community projects. KH to consider applying for the defibrillator.

4. Parish Cllr Reports

KH had met the Police regarding traffic and parking problems. The officer highlighted that the SNAP meeting to set priorities is on 25th October in Attleborough Town Hall and is the forum to highlight issues.

KH clarified no Project Fund applications had been received and suggested that applications should be considered when they are received and not quarterly. AN to adapt Project Fund paperwork.

5. Parishioners Comments and Questions.

- a) Could a Neighbourhood Speed Watch be set up? KH to investigate.
- b) CAN updated on Wildlife Day. Subject to Village Hall Trust approval a tree will be planted to commemorate the Queen. A quote for tree and plaque to be considered at next meeting. It was agreed that a tree to

commemorate Violet Highton should be planted amongst trees near the playground.

6. Financial Matters

- a) Second quarter's budget monitoring accepted with agreement for change in next year's budget.
- b) October payments approved.
- c) Cemetery, allotments and cricket pitch costings report were discussed.

It was agreed to increase allotment charges from £30 to £40 p.a. The shortfall for 2021-22 was £1,252. AT to amend paperwork.

Meeting to be arranged with the Cricket Club to agree an increase in 2023-24. The shortfall for 2021-22 was £1,022.

Cemetery costs to increase, memorial headstone £82 to £100, exclusive rights £136 to £250, interment from £136 to £250. No more reservations will be taken until further notice. The shortfall for 2021-22 was £1,523. AT to amend paperwork.

- d) PC will continue to use the external auditors appointed by SAAA.

7. Planning

- a) Approved: Ham House, Boosey's Walk.
- b) St Mary's Chapel Castle Hill Road: conversion of out-building to provide additional bedroom and new flat-roof kitchen-link between the outbuilding and Victorian chapel extension. No objection.
- c) Council noted that the Cuffer Lane planning application has been deferred again.

8. Amenities

a) Grounds maintenance

AT to circulate draft maintenance requirements specification for comment at the next meeting.

b) Closed Churchyard

Steps and rails to be refurbished, works approved by PCC. Village volunteers to clear and weed 'compost area'. Skip hire approved. KH to contact White House regarding the possibility of acquiring a brown bin.

Wildflower area has been cut and cleared. AT to ensure maintenance contract clarifies requirements for this area.

Deterioration of flint wall inspected by AB following correspondence from a villager. AT to send information to agent and tenant.

c) Cemetery

AT is investigating the reuse of some grave space and is waiting for information from the Diocese.

d) Allotments

Still two available plots. Agreed to offer to a family who live on the village boundary.

e) Play Area

Inspection has taken place, works required to be collated and quotes obtained.

f) Cricket Club

Secretary of the CC requested that general play and cricket areas should not allow dogs. Discussed, but not agreed.

g) Public Footpaths

PC thank Barbara Cattermole for her offer to facilitate a

village footpath walk. This will take place as part of the Hair of the Dog walk on New Year's Day. To be publicised in *Parish News*.

9. Community Car Scheme

Replacement coordinator requested, no interest to date.
Reduced usage during this Summer. Gerry Walsh to submit mileage/expenses.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

Discussed implementation of NP. MM agreed to coordinate the monitoring role of checking planning applications and provide quarterly reports.

11. Succession Planning

Elections due in 2023. KH will stand down as Chair in 2024.
Discussion took place regarding how long a future Chair should stand. Some ideas but no decisions made.

Mary Dowson, for the Parish Council

200 Club Lucky Winners

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

£20

Katie Wyatt-Hupton, Mark Pallett,
Kerstin Kappler, Wendy Elliott

£10

Alan Hilton, Mike Boswell, David Oliver,
Liz Norris, Mark Quinton

St Martin's Church Services – November 2022

Sun 6th	11am	Group Service at New Buckenham Rev. Sarah Walsh	3rd Before Advent
Sun 13th	10:50am	Remembrance Service Susan Hilton-Jowett	2nd Before Advent Remembrance Sunday
Sun 20th	11am	Holy Communion Rev. Sarah Walsh	Next Before Advent Christ the King
Sun 27th	4pm	Christingle Service Susie Hilton-Jowett	Advent Sunday



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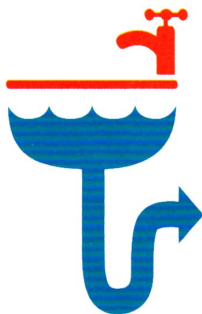
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Sunday 13th	Remembrance Service, St Martin's, 10:50am
Wednesday 16th	Fundraisers' Committee Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Thursday 17th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Sunday 27th	Christingle Service, St Martin's, 4pm
Thurs 1st until Sat 3rd Dec.	Pantomime, Village Hall, 8pm (and 2pm Sat)
Sat 3rd Dec.	Coffeemates!, St Martin's 10:30am until 12:00pm

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