

# New Buckenham Parish News

A festive poster for a firework display. The background is dark purple with several colorful fireworks exploding in shades of yellow, orange, and blue, surrounded by white stars of various sizes. The text is centered and reads: 'FIREWORK DISPLAY' in large, bold, multi-colored block letters; 'and Light Show' in a white cursive script; 'New Buckenham Village Hall Playing Field' in large blue block letters; 'Saturday 4th November' in large orange block letters; and 'Gates open 5.30pm | Bonfire 6.00pm' in white block letters at the bottom.

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**December 7th, 8th and 9th 8pm**  
**Saturday Matinee 2pm**

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# **New Buckenham Parish News**

## **November 2023**

### **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: [www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate)

### **December and January Issue**

A reminder that the next issue of *New Buckenham Parish News* is a double issue, covering both December 2023 and January 2024.

Contributions should be submitted by Monday 20th November.

Further details on how to get in touch can be found on the back page.

*Parish News Committee*

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# **Fireworks, Light Show and Bonfire**

## **Saturday 4th November 2023**

Just a reminder that the display on Saturday 4th November is a cash only event and tickets are not being sold in advance – last year a scammer was advertising tickets online so please be aware.

We have been assured by the fireworks guys that this year will be even more amazing than last year, and they are bringing a light display as well!

Anyone who has a few hours to spare on Saturday to help set up, or in the evening during the event, will be most warmly welcomed.

Whilst we can guarantee a fantastic fireworks and light display, we cannot be so sure of the weather, so keep an eye on the forecast and if necessary bring a brolly!

*Jon Halfacree*

*jonhalfacree@btinternet.com*

# **Winter Warmer Wednesday Café**

## **New Buckenham Village Hall, 1pm to 3pm**

Working from home? Living alone? Make a date and take a break. Join us at the community café. Look in on the games table, find out what is going on, meet up for a chat. We hope you will join us on Wednesday afternoons at the Village Hall. Warm welcome guaranteed.

Starts Wednesday 1st November, weekly thereafter, 1pm to 3pm at the Village Hall.

*Juliet Fulford*

# Beauty and the Beast: Tickets on sale!

## Thursday 7th – Saturday 9th December

This December, New Buckenham Players bring you the greatest love story ever told ... by a poodle!

Beauty and the Beast *le pantomime*, by Ben Crocker, is a fast-paced, fun-filled and action-packed adventure that all of the family will enjoy.

Kick-off your festive season with us on Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December at New Buckenham Village Hall. Curtains open at 8pm for evening shows with a 2pm matinee on Saturday 9th. Doors open half an hour before the show starts. Raffle and refreshments available.

Tickets are available from Kings Stores or online at TicketSource (scan the QR code below, or search 'New Buckenham Players' on TicketSource). Standard £10 / concession £8 / ages 10 and under £5 at the matinee performance.

*Ellie Hupton*

*New Buckenham Players*



# Chapel Street Pump

If you have driven or walked down Chapel Street in the last few days you will have noticed that the old village pump has been replaced with a spanking new green one. We, the High Bailiffs Trust, are responsible for the pump and when the old one finally collapsed



we realised that we had to do something other than cap the well and turn it into a car parking space. Fortunately, our latest recruit, Don Crossman, took on the project and we can all see the result.

There used to be two public village pumps for those who did not have their own wells dug and pumps fitted. One disappeared when the bus stop was installed on the village green but the one in Chapel Street remained. However, back in the 1960s, Dr Hamerton locked it up as the water was judged to be unsafe. Since then the pump fell into disrepair and finally gave up the ghost some time ago.

Steve Highton measured the well and found it to be 9 metres deep with 5 metres of water and if you were worried about the well itself, the brickwork still appears to be in good order. So we went ahead with a replacement.

Don enlisted the help of Phil Anderson who assisted with the installation of the four new posts and Gary Buckle with the replacement of the old concrete collar with a slab to which the pump is now bolted.

The pump itself was purchased from Panks engineers in Norwich who also installed it and got it working. Admittedly they did charge for their input, but they brought pump expertise to the installation and quickly got it working. We are very grateful that neither Phil nor Gary charged for the hours, the materials and equipment they donated to the project. A special thanks to them.

It is great that with all this assistance, we were able to restore a village monument and more importantly, to get our picture in the EDP (thanks Sonya).

A word of warning, we have not had it tested yet so please do not drink the water. However, it is probably excellent for your plants.

*Jimpy Casson, Chairman*

*High Bailiffs Trust*

## **August Fete 2023**

As I am writing this the torrential rain is starting to ease and the floods are starting to subside, so cast your minds to a really rather splendid August Bank Holiday Monday – what a lovely summer day to have the Fete on!

It was a record-breaking year (again) raising a fantastic £6,256. All the stalls did wonderfully well and as always, the committee are extremely grateful for all the people who generously give their time and effort in making the Fete so special and successful.

We will be having a post fete meeting on Wednesday 15th November in the large meeting room of the Village Hall at 7:30pm to look back at this year's event and think about next year (never too soon to start planning!), so please come along if you can and share your views.

So, once again a big thank you to all involved and roll on 2024!

*Jon Halfacree - Treasurer*

*New Buckenham Fund Raising Committee*

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# Here Comes Summer!

Well, that's not strictly true, of course, but the Gardening Group has already started planning for our activities next summer – Open Gardens on Sunday 16th June followed by the Village Show on Saturday 27th July.

There will be lots more information in the coming months, but, in order to help you and keep you occupied through the crisp autumn days and the long winter evenings, below are our photography and handicrafts classes for 2024's Show.

## Photography

- A place to sit
- Lights at night
- Round things
- Landscape in black and white
- Bees, butterflies or bugs

## Handicrafts

- A Christmas tree decoration
- A celebratory string of bunting; maximum one metre
- A handmade knitted, crocheted or felted article
- A hand-crafted item of jewellery
- A patchwork or appliqué article

Happy photographing and handicrafting everyone!

*Karen Hobley*



# Nurtured Sound

I'm putting a concert on in the Diss Cornhall on Friday 10th November with another local music teacher. It's a mixture of our students so they get a chance to perform to an audience. This is something I am so passionate about supporting and creating! All ages and abilities will be performing, from beginners to more advanced players. There will be a choir, singers, pianists and flautists. Please come along and support some local musicians learning a new skill. Things like this can't happen without the support of YOU and music is so important. There's nothing better than performing to a great audience! The concert starts at 7pm and tickets can be bought here: [www.thecornhall.co.uk/shows/nurtured-sound/](http://www.thecornhall.co.uk/shows/nurtured-sound/).

Thanks everyone!

*Delcine Dunsmore*



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# News from the Pews

**Farewell:** The Rev Bob Baker led a moving funeral last month for Mrs Joan Whitwham, who died at the age of 100 years and 10 months. She came to the village in 1959, with her husband, Rev Hugh Whitwham, and their daughters Fizzy and Chrissie. Those were the days The Old Vicarage was just The Vicarage, and the resident priest had just one church to look after. Hugh was the last vicar of New Buckenham, which joined the Quidenham group after his death in 1977, so this really was the end of an era in the history of our parish, and it was good to give thanks for the work that both Joan and Hugh did here.

**Coffeemates!:** Huge thanks again for yet another record breaking coffee morning last month. We raised £244.80 for YANA – a charity which supports the wellbeing of those who work in agriculture and rural businesses – and collected lots of tins and packets for our Harvest display and ultimately the Food Bank. That's the last one until spring, so thank you to all the helpers, bakers, stall holders, raffle contributors, cleaners, washer uppers and above all our loyal supporters. You have raised the astonishing total of £1,141.38 this year for various charities – thank you all very much. See you in April!

**Service Rota:** Slight changes this month. We have the usual group service on the first Sunday of the month, at Eccles this time, but there will be no evensong on the second Sunday, as we are marking Remembrance Sunday in the morning. We are delighted to welcome Rev Canon Tony Billett for Holy Communion here on 19th November and we have Morning Worship with coffee here on 26th.

**Diary Dates:** Beyond there, everything changes as we approach Christmas! We have Christingle on 3rd December, Readings and Carols on 10th December, Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, and the Crib Service on Christmas morning. All welcome!

**Choir:** The choir goes from strength the strength as our singing at Harvest proved. We are now getting ready for Christmas and would welcome more voices even just for this season. No auditions, and you don't have to read music, but we do sing in parts if we can. Rehearsals are Mondays 7–8pm. Contact Susie on the number below for details!

**Book Stall:** As the nights draw in, come and find a book to snuggle up with! Income from the book stall will help to pay for heat and light in the dark months. Some donated books are still on sale in the shops at anything from £4.50 to £8. They're 50p from us – come and see!

**Organ Fund:** Having just spent £900 on urgent repairs, we have had to call out the specialists again to tweak the blower and our valiant organists Peter, Sarah and Grant have coped with its bronchial noises, for which we are very grateful! We are investigating grants to pay for the remainder of the £16,100 which it will cost to fully repair this wonderful instrument. Sadly, George Burrows our resident organist has had to retire due to ill health and will be much missed. We will be thanking George for his considerable service over the years because we cannot let him retire quietly!

**Reredos:** The ornamental wooden screen behind the altar is being gilded, kindly funded by the Pearson family, in memory of Helen Pearson. Helen did so much for the church, and this will be a fitting memorial. It will take a little time to do, so you may see Fiona hard at work if you go into the church.

**Contact details:** Rev Sarah Walsh is always happy to visit or chat. Contact her on 01953 571549 or 07809 430 967.

Enquiries about funerals in the benefice, Jill Moses, [jillannm1@gmail.com](mailto:jillannm1@gmail.com), and for weddings and baptisms Val Plummer, [quidenhamgroup.wedding@gmail.com](mailto:quidenhamgroup.wedding@gmail.com). For details of services, contact Susie, and queries about the premises, Louise, both numbers below.

*Louise Casson (Churchwarden) 860191*

*Susan Hilton-Jowett (AWA) 860929*

# St Martin's Services: November 2023

Subject to change – please check church noticeboard

Sun 5th	10am	Group Service at Eccles	4 before Advent
Sun 12th	10:50am	Remembrance Service	3 before Advent
Sun 19th	11am	Holy Communion	2 before Advent
Sun 26th	11am	Morning Prayer	Next before Advent

## **For more information about services, contact:**

Priest in Charge: Revd Sarah Walsh (01953 571549)

Authorised Worship Assistant: Susan Jowett (01953 860929)

## Paul Madden

We are saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Paul Madden on Tuesday 10th October. Paul lived with his wife Sue and children Pamela and John at Orchard Cottage, Marsh Lane until March 2022 when they moved to Aylsham.

Paul played an active role in village life while living here. He was central in growing the 100 Club to the 200 Club, part of Fundraisers and a popular member of the cricket team.

*Parish News Committee*

## Community Car Service

The community car service is provided by 'vetted' voluntary car drivers from the village, to enable those not able to access transport for non-emergency health-related journeys such as hospital/GP/optician/dental or other health appointments. The journey fare is charged at 45p per mile with the service user paying half the cost direct to the driver with the other half paid out of a grant from Breckland Council and the Parish Council. We currently have seven volunteer drivers, including the co-ordinator.

To access the service, or for more information about becoming a voluntary driver, please contact me (leaving a message if necessary).

*Gerry Walsh/Gildersleeve*

*Acting Co-ordinator, 861027*

## Good Companions

The meeting on 19th October was attended by 25 members, who played table-top games and cards. Tea was served by the committee. The Good Companions is a club for the over 55s and new members are made very welcome.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16th November at 2:30pm in the Village Hall, when we will have a demonstration about Christmas table decorations.

*Christine Wilby*

# The Poppy

The pale lilac opium poppy, orange poppy and more widely seen red poppy all grow wild around New Buckenham. The opium poppy flower and its plant is much larger than the red and orange varieties. The Latin name, *Papaver Somniferum*, means the 'sleep bringing poppy'. It has been used as a drug since 3400 BC when it was known as 'the joy plant'. *Papaver Somniferum* has been grown commercially in the UK since 2002. In 2014, 6300 acres across Dorset, Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire and Hampshire were grown for the pharmaceutical market. It is only the seed pod and 2" of the stem which are used to produce pain relieving drugs such as codeine and morphine. The seeds, which contain no morphine, are cleaned for culinary use.

The common red poppy holds a poignant place in the minds of many owing to its association with conflict and remembrance. Flowering from June to August, there are still a few holding on in mid-October. During the First World War the countryside of Western Europe was repeatedly churned up and turned to mud during the fighting where little or nothing could grow. The exception was the bright red 'Flanders' poppy. With the churning up of the ground, where the seeds may have lain dormant for many years, the poppy flourished in these extraordinary conditions, growing in their thousands.

John McCrae, a Canadian Lt. Col. and doctor during WWI, lost a close friend at Ypres. The moving sight of so many bright red poppies amid so much destruction inspired him to write 'In Flanders Field':

In Flanders field the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.



We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

An American academic, Moina Michael, having read and been moved by the poem, campaigned to have it adopted as an official symbol of remembrance across America. She worked with other campaigners in Canada, Australia and the UK who wanted to do the same.

A French woman, Anna Guérain, was in London in 1921. At this time, Earl Haig was forming the Royal British Legion. He was persuaded to adopt the poppy as the UK emblem. Earl Haig ordered nine million poppies which were sold on 11th November that year. The money raised was used to help war veterans with housing and jobs. Wanting to make sure there were enough poppies to sell for the next appeal, Major George Howson set up a poppy factory employing disabled ex-servicemen to make them.

To this day, the red poppy continues to be an enduring and poignant symbol of remembrance.

*Kim Cutmore*

*Weavers (by the sheep)*

# **New Buckenham Parish Council**

Our November Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. A warm welcome 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 ([newbuckenhampc.info](http://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. The remaining date for 2023 is 12th December.

Very many thanks to the Speedwatch members (Sue Felton, Sue Briton and Maria Lloyd) who attended the Police SNAP meeting on 19th October. They were able to talk through their statistics and put forward an excellent case for extra support for dealing with speeding issues in New Buckenham and I was also able to feedback on behalf of the Parish Council. It was made clear that there will be further support available from the Police in the near future. The SNAP (Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel) meetings are open to all, and October's was attended by representatives from at least seven other villages, all of whom had speeding problems.

On the subject of speeding, thank you also to Andrew who has submitted an application for a grant for a Village Gateway which will be designed to slow down traffic approaching the village on the B1113 from Norwich. Andrew has completed a lot of work on this project.

At our October Parish Council meeting, issues were also brought up about overhanging branches in Rosemary Lane which impede the Flexibus and also bins which are left out for a number of days, blocking pavements which cause difficulties for people getting past, who have to step out into the road.

At both meetings, it was clear that there are things which we can do to help each other in the village so, on behalf of the Parish Council,

may I request once more that you drive and park safely in our village and ensure that your actions don't cause problems for fellow villagers? Thank you.

A summary of the Draft Minutes of October's Parish Council meeting follows below. Please contact myself or any other Parish Councillor if you require further information or updates about our work.

*Karen Hobley - Chair*

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## **Summary of Draft Minutes: October 2023**

Present: Karen Hobley (KH) Chair, Mary Manning (MM), Paul Martin (PM), Andrew Bingham (AB), Don Crossman (DC), Stevie Hobley (SH) Minutes. Also in attendance, one parishioner.

1. Minutes of the September meeting confirmed as correct.
2. Matters Arising
  - a) Village Gateway: Action AB to complete Parish Partnership application process and submit by December 2023.
  - b) Defibrillator: Awaiting installation at the King's Head.
  - c) County Broadband Wayleave Agreement: Still with solicitors.
  - d) Establishment of community woodland: 1st choice potential site unavailable; 2nd site to be investigated. Landowner contacted. Action AB.
  - e) Electric Charging Point: NCC site survey complete. Charging points to be installed and maintained by NCC. Probable location in the first two disabled bays. Replacement disabled bays to be at the rear of the Village Hall. Costs and funding to be discussed.

f) Breckland Mobile Food Store: Information received and can be found earlier in PN.

g) Speedwatch: A newsletter with information about speeding issues has been sent to all Village Hall users. Increased activity along Church Street to be monitored.

h) Brew Daisy: An email from prospective leaseholders of Angel Cakes was discussed but it was felt this arrangement could continue on a Tuesday from 10am-2pm.

### 3. Public Participation - Parish Cllrs

a) KH will ensure the Christmas Tree is ordered.

b) KH has visited Old Buckenham Primary School library which has been refurbished partly with money from the Community Project Fund. She reported that the school has provided a very welcoming space for children to encourage pupils to read.

c) MD had received a letter from a parishioner to suggest making a pathway in the car park near the Play Area to reduce the risk to children. It was felt there was not enough space and it was unlikely to stop the children running across the car park. Action AT.

d) MM has received information that the Flexibus has difficulty in Rosemary Lane due to overhanging brambles. KH to write an article in PN regarding overhanging foliage and bins obstructing the paths.

### 4. Financial Matters

a) Bank reconciliation for September approved.

b) Payments for October approved.

## 5. Planning

Applications at Anvil Cottage, Castle Hill Road and 2 Town Houses, Marsh Lane were considered – no objection but requested Breckland would consider that both overlooked neighbouring properties.

## 6. Amenities

### a) Closed Churchyard

Refurbishment of Victorian lamppost - to consider options whether it is part of the church fabric or PC responsibility. Emails to be forwarded to Cllrs for a decision next meeting.

### b) Cemetery

Registration on the Diocesan system is in place to allow re-use of some graves which are more than 85 years old and verbal confirmation has been granted.

### c) Allotments

i) BTS scheduled to complete some maintenance work.

ii) MM reported that both gates were broken, unsure if repairable. DC to investigate.

### d) Play Area

i) DC arranging replacement and repair of broken log and possible replacement of worn signage. 10 year warranty now up.

ii) Mushroom seats to be repaired or replaced. DC to report back.

### e) Public Footpaths

i) MM, on behalf of a parishioner, reported that footpaths to the South have not been reinstated. This will be monitored and landowners given time to reinstate.

ii) MM to contact NWT regarding the closure of the wooden bridge across the stream.

iii) DC reported that the stile on the footpath behind the Castle leading to the main road needs repair and the electric fence is too close to the hedge to allow access.

Action AB.

#### f) Street Lights

Quotes from TT Jones to be considered for the dimming of the lights at midnight and shields to prevent glare into properties.

### 7. Community Car Scheme

a) Gerry Walsh reported that OB Community Car Scheme has no coordinator and that paperwork is completed by the Responsible Financial Officer of the PC. GW currently looking at the budget, to discuss with AT. Six DBS checks due 2024.

b) GW to resign at the end of the financial year but will offer support at handover. Currently low numbers of users. GW to investigate costings and viability of the scheme going forward.

### 8. Key Documents for Review

a) To consider and review updated Data Protection Policy.

b) To consider and agree updated Cllr responsibilities.

c) PM to take responsibility for Allotments, Cemetery and become a member of the Community Project Fund Committee.

*Mary Dowson for NBPC*

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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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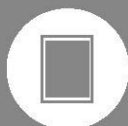
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Fri 10th	Nurtured Sound Concert, Diss Cornhall, 7pm
Sun 12th	Remembrance Service, St Martin's, 10:50am
Tues 14th	Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
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