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**February 2024**



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# New Buckenham Parish News

February 2024

## The Villager

The new edition of *The Villager* is now out and should have been delivered to every household in New Buckenham.

Unfortunately, the section about the village's Community Car Service was omitted. The service is coordinated by Gerry Walsh (861027) and full details appear regularly in *Parish News*. Please note that these contact details will change in the spring and this will be announced in *Parish News*. Also omitted were the phone numbers for Kenninghall Surgery (887208) and East Harling Surgery (718571). We are sorry about these omissions.

Thanks go to our advertisers who made publication possible and to the volunteers who collated the information and delivered the copies. Please phone me if you didn't get your copy and we'll make sure you get one.

The editorial team were Ed Dowling, Mary Dowson, Mary Manning and me. We hope you find *The Villager* useful.

*Charles Oxley, 860708*

## Sponsor the Parish News

We are very grateful to the Fundraising Committee for sponsoring this month's magazine. 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](mailto:mdowson@btinternet.com).

*Parish News Committee*

# New Buckenham Art Exhibition 2024

**Opening night:** Friday 29th March, 7:30pm

**General admissions:** Saturday 30th March, Sunday 31st March,  
Monday 1st April, 11:00am to 4:30pm

Our preparations are well underway for the New Buckenham Art Exhibition, what with the Easter weekend being in March this year. We have already sent out our entry forms to previous artists but are always pleased to hear from new artists who would like to exhibit so please do get in touch with Hazel Rush (hazelrush1@outlook.com).

You will see I have put the 'Helpers Rota' for the three days on the opposite page – if you are on this list please would you let us know whether you are able to help again this year. It is important you do this now so please contact Clive on 01953 860572 or 07732598937, or via email at clive.a.rush@gmail.com.

If you would like to help and have not done so before please also get in touch with Clive. We are always grateful for more volunteers.

Other areas where you could help are listed below:

- Setting out exhibit screens: Thursday 28th March (evening)
- Booking in artwork: Thursday 28th (evening) / Friday 29th March (morning)
- Hanging of all artwork: Friday 29th March (morning)
- Bake a cake: delivery on Saturday 30th March
- Dismantling of the exhibition: Monday 1st April (afternoon)

In the next issue of *Parish News* I will go through these areas again in more detail. Your help is really valuable for this well-loved event.

I should also say that this is a fundraising event and we hope to continue with our efforts to raise money for both our church and Village Hall. Thank you.

*Clive Rush, Art Exhibition Committee*

## Helpers Rota

		<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>
11:00am to 12:30pm	S	Mary Dowson	Carolyn Hupton	Sandra Lester
	S	Charles Wolfe	Katie Wyatt-Hupton	Rory Lester
	A	Gerry Gildersleeve	Nancy Robertson	Mary Manning
	A	Geoff Gildersleeve	Vivienne Walker	Barbara Cattermole
12:30pm to 2:30pm	S	John Hobley	Hazel Rush	Ed Dowling
	S	Karen Hobley	Ed Dowling	Audrey Dowling
	A	Pauline Dynes	Ron Thompson	John Frith
	A	Alan Dynes	Margaret Ward	Lou Frith
2:30pm to 4:30pm	S	Richard Anderson	Clive Rush	Ann Gascoyne
	S	Charles Wolfe	Claire McNamara	Karen Hobley
	A	Dawn Eagling	Audrey Dowling	Meryl St John Cooper
	A	Tom Eagling	Ed Dowling	Robert St John Cooper
11:00am to 2:00pm	R	Alison Randall	Bella Chirodian	Juliet Fulford
	R	Gill Goodwin	Janet Ovens	Andrew Bingham
	R	Hazel Rush		
2:00pm to 4:30pm	R	Jackie Bishop	Linda Bryan	Alice Cattermole
	R	Sue Cattermole	Kathy Steele	Andrea Halfacree
<b>S – Sales      A – Admissions      R – Refreshments</b>				

# Eastern Angles: Stones in his Pockets

**Save the date:** Wednesday 20th March, 7:30pm

Join us for live theatre at New Buckenham Village Hall! Eastern Angles present *Stones in his Pockets* – a hit in both Edinburgh and London's West End.

*"Stones in his Pockets is a chance for audiences to laugh, cry and revel in the power of theatricality."*

Tickets will be on sale from mid-February at Kings Stores or via the box office on 01953 861150.

*Juliet Fulford*

**Winter Warmer Wednesday**  
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GOING ON IN THE  
VILLAGE.

*Everyone welcome*

# **New Buckenham Players' Summer Production**

A meeting for New Buckenham Players' summer production will be held on Tuesday 27th February at 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

We are always open to new members wanting to partake on or off the stage. There are plenty of creative things to do behind the scenes if being onstage isn't your first choice, such as costume, set building, make-up, choreography and technical aspects; like sound and light.

We hope to see you there.

*New Buckenham Players Committee*

## **Good Companions**

The last meeting of 2023 was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th December. Twenty-nine members and friends attended and enjoyed a lovely three-course Christmas lunch. Entertainment was provided by Susan Jayne, accompanied by her husband, and the afternoon was completed with a visit from Father Christmas along with his elf.

As there was no meeting in January, our first meeting of 2024 will be at 2:30pm on Thursday 15th February in the Village Hall. New members will be made most welcome!

*Christine Wilby*

# Beauty and the Beast – it's behind you!

Sadly, the New Buckenham Players' production of *Beauty and the Beast* is now some way behind us but I would like to express my delight at this year's excellent production which has definitely left its audiences with many happy memories of a thoroughly enjoyable evening. *Beauty and the Beast*, which had all the ingredients of a fantastic production with something for everyone, played to four packed houses. The professionalism of the cast and crew, on stage and behind the scenes, was matched by the creators of the wonderful scenery and costumes, the musicians and sound department, the prompt and those working front of house on the photography, on the raffle and in the bar. Also, I can definitely say that the old saying "never work with animals(!) or children" certainly didn't apply here! They were brilliant!

May I finish with a huge thank you to everyone involved in the production? Given that the Christmas production takes place on the first weekend of December, it's just ten months until the next one!

Oh yes it is!

*Karen Hobley*

## August Fete

Here we are in the depths of midwinter so what better time than to think back to the Summer Fete. A lovely afternoon (sunny but not too hot) and plenty of people enjoying all the various stalls and attractions that so many of the village get involved with to raise some cash for local causes – and a steam traction engine thrown in as well!

Talking of cash, the Fete made a profit of £6,256.04, a fantastic amount and the best ever result in the history of the Fete – well done to all!

So where does the money go? After the post-Fete meeting back in November it was decided to split the funds five ways. The church, Village Hall Trust and High Bailiffs Trust have received a fifth (£1250) each, one fifth has been retained by the Fundraisers for the much needed second container project (will report on that in a future edition) and the remaining fifth shared between the Good Companions and the *Parish News*, £625 to each.

Roll on August!

*Jon Halfacree*

*Treasurer New Buckenham Fundraisers*

*jonhalfacree@btinternet.com*

## Thank you

We would like to express our gratitude to the Fundraising Committee for their donation, which will help to ensure the continued production of the *Parish News*.

*Parish News Committee*

# News from the Pews

**Christmas Services:** Thank you to all who came and shared our Christmas services. We were really pleased to welcome a good number to Christingle, Midnight Mass and Christmas morning, and together with the amazing efforts of the Carols on the Green team we have sent a donation of £225 to the Children's Society. Thanks also to everyone who baked, cleaned, decorated, read, sang and played over the weeks, and to Clive for the beautiful tree.

**Coffee Mornings:** Village & Vestry, the fundraising group that helps to keep the building standing and maintained, will host the first coffee morning of the year on 23rd March, and Coffeemates! will start up again on 13th April, then every second Saturday of the month until October. More details next month!

**The Book Stall:** This is open every day from 10am until dusk.

**Lent and Easter:** Lent comes early this year and we are lucky to have the Bishop of Thetford, Rt Rev Ian Bishop, to take our Ash Wednesday service in Old Buckenham at 7:30pm on Wednesday 14th February. We then have a Lent Course Tuesday evenings 7:30–9pm in the nice warm Village Hall! This year we are reflecting on some well-known and inspirational people of the Christian faith.

- 20th Feb: Rev Clive Wylie SCP speaking about St Columba
- 27th Feb: Rev Liz Billett speaking about St Francis
- 5th March: Rev Dr Peter Doll speaking about St Benedict
- 12th March: Rev Richard Stanton speaking about Mother Julian of Norwich

We have plans to have Lilies for Easter again this year, with the quiet hour from 2–3pm on Good Friday to collect them and listen to some music and readings. More details about this and other Easter events next month.

**Choir:** We would love to have some more members for our evensong (and Good Friday) choir. No audition, just come and enjoy the singing! Monday 5th or 12th February at 7pm.

### **Volunteer Parish Administrator**

Anyone fancy a part time voluntary job to brush up their admin skills? 6 hours a week, based in Banham Rectory. You don't need to be a churchgoer. See separate advert overleaf for details.

*Susan Hilton-Jowett (AWA) 860929*

*Louise Casson (Churchwarden) 860191*

## **St Martin's Services: February 2024**

Sun 4th	10:00am	Group Service at Eccles	2nd Sunday before Lent
Sun 11th	4:30pm	Choral Evensong	Sunday next before Lent
Wed 14th	7:30pm	Group Service at Old Buckenham, led by the Bishop of Thetford	Ash Wednesday
Sun 18th	11:00am	Holy Communion	1st Sunday of Lent
Sun 25th	11:00am	Morning Prayer	2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Priest in Charge: Revd Sarah Walsh (01953 571549)

Authorised Worship Assistant: Susan Jowett (01953 860929)

## Volunteer Parish Administrator

We are requesting applications for the post of a Volunteer Administrator for the Quidenham Benefice. The post will be for 6 hours a week and will be based at Banham Rectory. The role will include being responsible for the Pew Leaflet preparation, helping to organise the occasional offices, producing adverts for various events and being the safeguarding officer.

The post was previously held by Jill Moses and Val Plummer for a number of years who both have to stand down for family reasons.

If you know of anyone who is interested in this position, then please ask them to contact Reverend Sarah Walsh on 01953 571549 or 07809430967, or email [revsewalsh967@gmail.com](mailto:revsewalsh967@gmail.com).

A detailed job description and person specification is also available from Reverend Sarah.

The deadline for applications is February 4th 2024.

With very best wishes.

*Reverend Sarah Walsh and PCC representatives of the 7 parishes*

## Brew Daisy

From Monday 5th February the Brew Daisy coffee van will be visiting New Buckenham on Mondays rather than Tuesdays. The pop-up coffee shop will be at the Play Area car park between 10am and 2pm weekly (excluding Monday 19th February due to school half term).

Brew Daisy offers a range of barista coffees, using locally roasted beans, herbal teas, hot chocolate and milkshakes, alongside a selection of savoury scones, cakes and pastries.

*Emma (Brew Daisy)*

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# New Buckenham Parish Council

Our February Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th February at 7:30pm in the Large Meeting Room at 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 ([www.newbuckenhampc.info](http://www.newbuckenhampc.info)) where you will also find further information about the Parish Council meeting dates for 2024: 12th March; 9th April; 14th May; 11th June; 9th July; 10th September; 8th October; 12th November; 10th December. The Parish Council does not meet in August.

As I'm sure most people are aware, the Parish Council has a Project Fund which awards grants towards new or existing community-based activities in the Parish of New Buckenham or activities of the designated organisations of New Buckenham (e.g., the designated schools for New Buckenham are Old Buckenham Primary School and Old Buckenham High School). We have recently been delighted to support applications from the New Buckenham Fundraisers and St. Martin's Church. Full details of the Project Fund and an application form are on our website. Grant Applications are considered by a monitoring group which makes recommendations to the full council and is made up of three Parish Councillors and two parishioners. We currently have a vacancy for a parishioner as Sarah Nash has resigned from the group. Please contact me if you need further details in order to make an application to the Project Fund or would be interested in joining the monitoring group to review new applications.

I am pleased to report that New Buckenham's defibrillator is now installed on the side wall of the King's Head. Thank you, Simon. Please note that if the defibrillator is needed, your first action **must** be to call 999. You will then be given the code to unlock the cabinet and Ambulance Control will stay on the line until an ambulance is with

you. Once switched on, the defibrillator itself will also talk you through what needs to be done.

Thanks to everyone who has supported this project in so many different ways. Unlike other facilities in the village, this is one which we fervently hope will never be needed.

*Karen Hobley*

*01953 869529 / karenhobley@hotmail.com*

## **Summary of Draft Minutes January 2024**

Present: Karen Hobley (KH), Chair; Mary Manning (MM); Paul Martin (PM); Andrew Bingham (AB); Don Crossman (DC); Steve Highton (SH); Mary Dowson (MD); Angela Thornton (AT), Clerk.

Also in attendance, 2 parishioners.

1. The Chair congratulated AT on obtaining her Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) qualification.
2. Minutes of the December meeting confirmed as correct.
3. Matters Arising
  - a) Village Gateway: awaiting outcome of Parish Partnership application process.
  - b) County Broadband Wayleave Agreement: still with solicitors.
  - c) Establishment of community woodland: 1st-choice potential site unavailable. 2nd site not viable. 3rd choice still under investigation.
  - d) Electric Charging Point: NBVHT confirmed it is going ahead.

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- e) NBPC email services: awaiting instructions from NCC.
- f) KH contacted Norfolk Wildlife Trust regarding the removal of the electric fence around the edge of the Common. AB to contact the grazier.
- g) The large area of standing water in Church Street has been reported to Steve Askew (SA).

#### 4. Public Participation

##### a) Parish Cllrs

- i) KH confirmed that she will not be standing for re-election as Chair in May 2024.
- ii) AB reported that footpaths to the south of the village have not been reinstated. AB to contact the landowner.
- iii) The Dambrigg has flooded again. AB suggested to contact SA to report to Highways. Action AT.
- iv) DC requested the purchase of an additional dog bin at the far end of the Common as the current bin is constantly overflowing. Action AT.
- v) MM reported that the bridge on footpath 2 has been dislodged by floodwater. Action AB, MM and DC.
- vi) MM agreed to review the impact of the Neighbourhood Plan and compile a 6 monthly progress report.

##### b) Parishioners

Dr Richard Hoggett and Katie Wyatt-Hupton, both editors of Parish News, described the financial pressure facing its publication and the difficulty in securing a reliable income stream. Given the support it provides for Council business they invited the Council to consider adopting the publication as a 'council amenity' or to provide support with an annual grant. KH proposed a grant of £1,500 for 2024/5. All agreed.

## 5. Financial Matters

- a) Bank reconciliation for December approved.
- b) Budget monitoring for 3rd quarter considered and noted.
- c) Council considered a Community Project Fund application from the PCC for a contactless payment device and plinth for the church. A sum of £478 was agreed for purchase of the device, delivery and installation and construction of the plinth.

## 6. Planning

An application for Ivy House, Market Place was discussed. No objections made.

## 7. Amenities

### a) Closed Churchyard

- i) Repairs to the roof of a neighbouring property have led to concern of water ingress into the flint wall. Action DC.
- ii) Three bushes have been planted without the permission of the Council. MD to investigate.
- iii) Compost bin still to be relocated. Action AT.

### b) Cemetery

Notices are in place to allow re-use of graves.

### c) Allotments

- i) 3 of the vacant plots have been allocated. The state of the 4th plot is a concern and it was agreed the former owners should be asked to restore it to an acceptable condition. Action AT.
- ii) AT agreed to ensure responsible Cllrs are informed of new tenants.

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iii) A new tenant has requested permission to keep hens. Cllrs did not think this was appropriate, so refused.

d) Play Area/Cricket Pitch

i) Pressure washing of play equipment to be done before Easter. Action DC.

ii) Cricket Club to be asked to remove temporary fencing from the perimeter of the pitch. Action AT.

e) Defibrillator

Monitoring schedule in place.

8. Key documents

Review deferred to February meeting.

9. Correspondence

A discussion took place relating to the Clerk's working conditions following her completion of CiLCA. Clerk to be on point 21 of the National Pay Scales, working 8 hours per week from February 2024.

*Mary Dowson for NBPC*

# New Buckenham Parish Council

<b>Chair:</b>	Karen Hobley (01953 860529 / karenhobley@hotmail.com)
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<b>Clerk:</b>	Angela Thornton (01953 887830 / parishclerk@newbuckenham.net)

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).

## 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*

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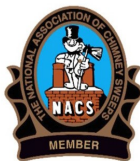
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# Dates For Your Diary

## February 2024

Tues 13th	Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Thurs 15th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Tues 20th	Lent course (St Columba), Village Hall, 7:30pm
Tues 27th	NB Players meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Tues 27th	Lent course (St Francis), Village Hall, 7:30pm

## Save the date: March 2024

Weds 20th	Eastern Angles: <i>Stones in his Pockets</i> , Village Hall, 7:30pm
Fri 29th	Art Exhibition opening night, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Sat 30th to Mon 1st Apr	Art Exhibition, Village Hall, 11am to 4:30pm

The Village Hall Bookings Administrator is Stevie Hobley

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