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# NEW BUCKENHAM Villager

THE VILLAGER serves as a useful reference tool for the inhabitants of New Buckenham, providing information about local services, village activities and including a phone directory. It is published every two years by The New Buckenham Society. As some of the numbers are ex-directory, we ask for it not to be circulated outside the village but be kept at home.

This printed information is being increasingly supplemented and enhanced by online resources and social media. On page 3 you will find web addresses and internet links that will keep you up to date with all that is going on in the village.

The next edition will require a new editorial team. If you are interested in contributing, would like to make corrections or have ideas for improving the publication, please contact Charles Oxley on 860708.

Again, we thank local businesses for financing *The Villager* through their advertisements.

From the 2019/2020 editorial team:

*Violet Highton, Sandra Lester,  
Elly Newport and Charles Oxley.*

*Note: All telephone numbers without an area code prefix are 01953.*

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## YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

### Parish Council

#### Chair:

Karen Hobley, 9 St Martin's Gardens NR16 2AX 860529  
*karenhobley@hotmail.com*

#### Vice-Chair:

Andrew Bingham, Hill View, Castle Hill Road NR16 2AG 861150  
07702 119318  
*andrewbingham100@gmail.com*

#### Councillors:

Bella Chirodian, The Grange, Grange Road NR16 2AU 860911  
Don Crossman, Pinchpot, Chapel Street NR16 2BB 861246  
Mary Dowson, Lanes End, Marsh Lane NR16 2BE 860320  
Steve Highton, 2 Chapel Hill NR16 2BD 860499  
Mary Manning, The Thatched Cottage, Marsh Lane NR16 2BE 861242

**Clerk:** Trevor Wenman *parishclerk@newbuckenhams.net* 01379 641423

*Parish council meetings are held in the village hall at 7.30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Villagers are warmly invited to attend. Agendas are posted on the village notice board and on the website [www.newbuckenhampc.info](http://www.newbuckenhampc.info)*

### Norfolk County Councillor (Guiltcross Division)

Stephen Askew 861481  
07774 159738  
*stephen.askew@norfolk.gov.uk*

### Breckland District Councillor (The Buckenham and Banham Ward)

Adrian Joel 860663  
*adrian.joel@breckland.gov.uk*

### Member of Parliament for the Mid Norfolk Constituency

George Freeman, Constituency Office, 8 Damgate Street,  
Wymondham NR18 0BQ 600617

### Breckland Council (Main Office)

Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham NR19 1EE 01362 656870

## LOCAL INTERNET LINKS

### Village Life

The main website for New Buckenham is [www.newbuckenham.net](http://www.newbuckenham.net). There you can find current and past editions of *Parish News* plus an online version of this *Villager* publication (minus the directory, for privacy reasons).

There are links to the websites of:

- the parish council ([www.newbuckenhampc.info](http://www.newbuckenhampc.info))
- the village hall ([www.newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk))
- the archive ([www.newbuckenhamarchive.net](http://www.newbuckenhamarchive.net)) and
- the neighbourhood plan ([www.np4nb.online](http://www.np4nb.online)).



There are also dedicated pages on Facebook to village groups. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for New Buckenham Players, Archive, Football Club and the Village Hall. There is a public group page for the village itself.

Keep up to date with happenings in our village plus Old Buckenham and Banham by visiting [www.banhamandthebucks.co.uk](http://www.banhamandthebucks.co.uk)

Local government information can be found at [www.breckland.gov.uk](http://www.breckland.gov.uk) and [www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk)

### Police

Enquiries and to report a crime	101
Switchboard, Wymondham Headquarters	424242

<p><b>IN A REAL EMERGENCY PRESS 999</b> <b>FIRE – POLICE – AMBULANCE</b></p>
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### Village Emergency Arrangements

During emergencies such as a prolonged loss of electricity in the village, community members will be on hand to offer refreshments and company at the village hall. Clive Rush has his own generator at Mill House so contact him on 860572 if you urgently need a power supply. Parish councillors are happy to be contacted and will offer support wherever possible. For more details, please contact the Parish Council (*contact numbers on page 2*).



## PUBLIC SERVICES

### Anglian Water

General Enquiries/Billing,	03457 919155
Monday–Friday 8 am–8 pm, Saturday 9 am–1 pm	
Emergencies 24/7	03457 145145
Reporting a leak 24/7	0800 771881

### UK Power Networks

General enquiries, power cuts and supply	105
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### Registrar of Births and Deaths

0344 800 8020

### Marriages, Civil Partnerships & Copies of Certificates

Council Offices, 11–12 Market Hill, Diss IP22 4JZ	01379 643848
King's House, King Street, Thetford IP24 2AP	01842 754247

### Citizens Advice

Attleborough: Town Hall, Queen's Square NR17 2AF	0344 411 1444
Diss: Shelfanger Road IP22 4EH	01379 651333

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- Cake Decorating Classes.

For all inquires please speak to a member of our staff in store or by telephone or you can drop us a message through our Facebook page.



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

**Buses** – Various companies operate services that run through the village.

First Bus	0345 602 0121
Norfolk Coachways	01953 528528
Traveline	0871 200 2233
Konectbus, weekday return service 37A to Norwich	03300 539358

**National Express** coach services run from Norwich, some stopping at Wymondham and Attleborough, to Stansted, Heathrow and Gatwick airports. Enquiries and telephone booking 24/7. 0871 781 8181

### Trains

Abellio Greater Anglia	0345 600 7245
Monday – Sunday 8 am – 8 pm	
<i><a href="http://www.abelliogreateranglia.co.uk">www.abelliogreateranglia.co.uk</a></i>	

### Flexibus Ring and Ride

Bookings Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm	0300 123 1145
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### Village Community Car Service Co-ordinator:

Violet Highton	860741
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Contact Violet if you need a car for health-related journeys such as hospital appointments, doctors' surgeries, opticians, dentists etc. She will arrange a driver and explain the charges. The service welcomes volunteer drivers so let her know if you can help. Mileage expenses are paid.

## COMMUNICATIONS

**The Post Office** operates from Kings Stores every Wednesday morning from 9.30 am to 12.00 pm. The last collection times from the post box outside the former Lovell's Stores are 5 pm, Monday to Friday, and 10.45 am on Saturday.

**Vehicle Licensing** – Post Offices providing this service are at Attleborough, Banham, Bunwell, Diss, East Harling and Wymondham.

### Local radio

BBC Radio Norfolk 95.1, 95.6 and 104.4 FM	01603 619331
Radio Norwich 99.9 FM	01603 703300
Heart 102.4 FM	01603 630621



## WASTE DISPOSAL

**Green bins** for household waste. **Black bins** for recyclables.

**Brown bins** for green garden waste are available on application.

Contact Breckland Council's Environment and Waste 01362 656878

**Council recycling centres** at Ketteringham, Snetterton and Wymondham.  
See Norfolk County Council website for opening times or call 0344 800 8020

### **New Buckenham Recycling Project (NBRP)**

The NBRP is an independent recycling and fundraising project which donates money to various local organisations. It relies mainly on the residents using the recycling facilities at the village hall car park where they can recycle glass, cans/metal and newspapers. This is instead of putting it in the council bin from which the village gets no benefit. Plastics can no longer be accepted so these can be put in the council bins. Tony Lister will also take larger pieces of cardboard. Contact him on 860950 to arrange drop-off time or collection on a Friday.

## DOCTORS' SURGERIES

**NHS 111: For urgent problems outside surgery hours, call 111. This service is available 24/7.**

### **Attleborough**

Queens Square surgery NR17 2AF 453166

Station Road surgery NR17 2AS 453166

Dispensary (Enquiries only) 452663

*Both surgeries and dispensaries open Monday–Friday 8.30 am–6 pm*

*(Closed every Wednesday, 12–2 pm)*

Community Health Clinic, Station Road NR17 2AS 456643

**East Harling** Market Street NR16 2AD 717204

*Monday–Friday 8.30 am–6 pm, Wednesday 8.30 am–1 pm and 2 pm–6 pm*

*(ordering prescriptions 10.30 am–12.30 pm)* 718571

**Kenninghall** Quidenham Road NR16 2EF 887208

*Monday–Friday 8.30 am–6 pm, Wednesday 8.30 am–1 pm only*

*(ordering prescriptions after 10.30 am)*

## DENTISTS

**Local dentists include the following:**

Rookwood Dental Practice, Attleborough 454216

Church St Dental Practice, Attleborough 454358

Fair Green Dental Practice, Diss 01379 651689

Diss Dental Care Centre 01379 643789



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## EDUCATION – GENERAL ENQUIRIES

County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich NR1 2DH 0344 800 8020

### Local Schools

#### **Old Buckenham County Primary**

Abbey Road, Old Buckenham NR17 1RH 860380

#### **Old Buckenham High School**

Abbey Road, Old Buckenham NR17 1RL 860233

#### **Chapel Green School**

Attleborough Road, Old Buckenham NR17 1RF 453116

#### **Banham Community Primary School**

Crown Street, Banham NR16 2EX 887293

## ADULT EDUCATION

UEA – Main switchboard 01603 456161

University of the Third Age (Diss) [www.u3asites.org.uk/diss](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/diss) 01379 871551

Norfolk County Council, Adult Education 0344 800 8020

## CHURCHES

### **Church of England**

St Martin's Church, Church Road, New Buckenham, is in the Diocese of Norwich, and part of the Quidenham Group of Parishes, together with the parishes of Old Buckenham, Banham, Quidenham, Eccles and Wilby.

Rector: The Rev. Canon Stephen Wright 887183

Honorary Curate: The Rev. Alan Smith 860550

Reader: Mrs Helen Pearson 860251

Authorised Worship Assistant: Mrs Susan Hilton-Jowett 860929

Named Person for Children and Vulnerable Persons: Mrs Jill Moses 887413

#### **Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

Hon. Secretary: Mrs Helen Pearson 860251

Acting Hon. Treasurer: Mr Christopher Pearson 860251

Times and details of services are given in the *Parish News*, the *Six Villages Newsletter*, and on the notice board outside the church.

*There is a choir, so if you enjoy singing, why not try it?*

Contact Mrs Susan Hilton-Jowett 860929

#### **Methodist Church, Old Buckenham**

861207

Sunday service at 10.45 am

Minister: The Rev. Jacqui Horton 609106

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**t: 01953 607715**

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## **Roman Catholic Church**

Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury, Wymondham

Mass: Saturday at 6 pm (fulfils Sunday obligation) and Sunday at 10 am  
Attleborough (in the Methodist Church) Mass: Sunday 8.30 am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Quidenham

Mass: Sunday at 10.30 am, Weekdays at 8 am

St Henry Morse Catholic Church, Shelfanger Road, Diss

Mass times vary from week to week

## **PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

Norfolk Library and Renewals Service

01603 774774

The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich

31 Connaught Road, Attleborough

452319

Church Street, Diss

01379 642609

Back Lane, Wymondham

603319

## **Mobile Library Service**

Enquiries, [www.libraries.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.libraries.norfolk.gov.uk)

01603 222267

The Mobile Library – Route Number CEN5412 – calls on Fridays, normally every four weeks. 11.40 am–12.10 pm Haugh Road bungalows service road and 1.20 pm–3.15 pm Chapel Street, New Buckenham

## **VISITING SERVICES**

**Spens's Fresh Fish** from Lowestoft visits the village, on the Green, every Friday between 4 pm and 4.30 pm. For orders phone

07929 097124

or email [spensfish68@gmail.com](mailto:spensfish68@gmail.com)

## **NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS**

*New Buckenham Parish News* is published monthly. It is compiled by a volunteer group of villagers and is circulated to all households in the village free of charge. *Parish News* also has its own page on the New Buckenham village website, where you can download copies of the latest issue and older issues of the newsletter, and join our mailing list: <http://newbuckenham.net/index.php/parish-news>

*Parish News* contains reports of committees, societies and other village events. Articles for inclusion can be submitted by email to [editor@newbucknews.co.uk](mailto:editor@newbucknews.co.uk) or in person to Linda Bryan, Pine Cottage, Marsh Lane (861107), Michael Boswell, Peel House, Chapel Street (860015) or Richard Hoggett, 9 Church Street (860136). The copy deadline is given on the back of each issue.

If you wish to advertise in the *Parish News* (rates are modest) please contact Mary Dowson (860320 / [mdowson@btinternet.com](mailto:mdowson@btinternet.com)).





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## NUMERICALLY LISTED TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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## CONTACT NUMBERS FOR VILLAGE BUSINESSES

<b>Angel Cakes</b> , Ryan & Stacey Everden, King Street	860008
<b>Architectural Design</b> , Steve Highton, 2 Chapel Hill	860000
<b>Beauty Box</b> , Gayle Wilby, 1 Norwich Road	861021
<b>Broadland Tree Services</b> , Sycamore House, Tanning Lane	860370
<b>Builder</b> , Gary Buckle, 11 St Martin's Gardens	860680
<b>Childminder, Registered</b> , Andrea Halfacree, Conifers, Marsh Lane	860064
<b>Friendly French</b> , Meryl Anderson, The Ivy House, Market Place	860985
<b>Gentle Folk Community Care</b> , Fiona Gallimore, Chapel Street	860645
<b>Holiday Let</b> , Caryn Louis, Bakehouse Cottage, King Street	860512
<b>Inn on the Green</b> , David Francis, Chapel Street	860172
<b>JB Carpentry</b> , Jamie Bowering, 2 Church Farm Buildings, Wymondham Road	860933
<b>King's Head Pub, Restaurant and B&amp;B</b> , Daniel Leeder, Market Place	861247
<b>Kings Stores</b> , Sue Cattermole, King Street	860713
<b>Mill House Garage</b> , Clive Rush, The Common	860572
<b>Painter &amp; Decorator</b> , Pete Vale, The Moat House, Moat Lane	861230
<b>Property Maintenance</b> , Paul Bird, Albavene, Marsh Lane	861476
<b>Smart Gardens</b> , A & V Baker, 1 Rosemary Lane	860451
<b>St Mary's Residential Care Home</b> , Susan Chacko, Market Place	860956
<b>The Little Storytelling Company</b> , Mandy Hartley, Pump Court, Church Street	860080

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Neighbourhood Plans are a way of helping local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work, introduced by the Localism Act of 2011. Our Parish Council appointed a small working party to do this task in 2016. There have been a series of surveys, consultations and activities for public participation, all funded by government grants. Issues covered include local ecology, parking and traffic, landscape and heritage, business, building design and visitors.

New Buckenham's emerging Neighbourhood Plan is scheduled to be finished in 2019. It will then be subject to further consultation and a village referendum. If accepted by the village it will become part of local planning law.

The process of developing the Plan is fully described on a dedicated website [www.np4nb.online](http://www.np4nb.online). Comments and queries are welcomed at any time and can be sent to [info@np4nb.online](mailto:info@np4nb.online).

## VILLAGE AMENITIES

**New Buckenham Project Fund** is run by the parish council and provides funds to organisations in the villages for projects benefiting the community. For more information and application forms, see the parish council website <http://www.newbuckenhampc.info>

### **New Buckenham Village Hall Trust**

New Buckenham Village Hall is a modern, versatile community venue with excellent facilities for events. Our busy hall plays host to a huge range of activities and events, from meetings, seminars, craft and exercise classes to large exhibitions, film screenings, theatre productions, weddings and parties. It is also the venue for the annual Art Exhibition at Easter and the biennial Photoshow. The football field is well used by the local junior team and the auditorium is marked out and used for badminton on Wednesday evenings.

The hall is a flexible, accessible and comfortable venue for all to use. With modern facilities and full disabled access, the hall has a large adjacent car park with disabled parking spaces. To book all or part of the hall, contact the bookings administrator ([bookings@newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk), tel. 07469 715517) or visit the website [www.newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk). Have a look at the facilities page and identify the space you need, check availability and booking costs using the online calendar and booking form. Up to date information can be viewed on the hall's Facebook page.

The hall is managed and maintained by the Village Hall Trust, Registered Charity No. 1024699. Its purpose is to "maintain a village hall for the use of the



inhabitants of the parish of New Buckenham – with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.” The Trust consists of three elected members, eight nominated members from a range of village groups and organisations, and the occasional co-opted member. Running and maintaining the hall requires constant expenditure, so the Trust welcomes charitable donations, legacies and practical support. To find out how you can help, call 07469 715517 or email [donate@newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:donate@newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk). The hall houses the 1997 Village Tapestry and other commissioned works by local artists.

**Noticeboards** announcing parish business and events are located on the Market Place and at the village hall.

**Public Houses and Café.** The village is fortunate to have two pubs, The Inn on the Green and The King’s Head, both of which face the Market Place, and a coffee shop, Angel Cakes, on King Street. Please see their respective advertisements in this edition of *The Villager*.

**The Common.** Lying to the east of the village, the common is owned by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust although there is full public access. The common rights owners, some of whom live in the village, jointly lease the grazing to a farmer whose cattle are on the common for several months a year. Electric fencing is in use when the cattle are there but there are several safe access gates. Grazing of the land is an important aspect of the common’s management, allowing the appearance of its renowned orchids in the spring. The north part of the common is a designated site of special scientific interest.

Breckland Reserves Manager: Jonathan Preston [info@norfolkwildlifetrust.co.uk](mailto:info@norfolkwildlifetrust.co.uk)  
Grazier responsible for cattle on the common: Brian Jones 454997  
07860 730938

**St Mary’s Chapel** (c.1150) was the parish church until St Martin’s was built, and it continued as a place of worship until 1547. It was used as a barn until 2003, when it was renovated and refurbished and can now be hired for self-catering holidays and for small functions. Contact the owners, Oliver and Sarah Pearson. 681822

**Buckenham Castle** (c.1145) is classed as a Scheduled Monument. The inner bailey and the ramparts are a glory of snowdrops in the spring. What is left of the round, thick walled Keep serves to remind us of the long history of the village. Keys for the gate to the castle keep are available from Kings Stores or from Helen and Christopher Pearson in Castle House. 860251

**William Barber's Almshouse Charity** owns the four almshouses in Castle Hill Road and is managed by the Board of Trustees, "competent persons of New Buckenham". Clerk to the Trustees: Jenny Shorter 01379 658813

**The High Bailiff's Trust** is a charity that was established to be of general benefit to the village. The Trust has five members on the board including the Clerk, and they have a responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Market Cross, the village green, the pump in Chapel Street and the church clock. The Trust's activities are funded from the past sale of pieces of land and property, and the interest from the fund is used both for the maintenance and other projects judged to be for the general good. The kerbing of the area around the green was one such project. The Trustees are willing to consider other such projects and further information and applications can be obtained from Steve Highton, Trustee. 860499

**Millennium 2000 Book.** This is a unique record for future generations of the thoughts and aspirations of the people of New Buckenham at the onset of the new Millennium. It came about thanks to the generosity of the Village Hall Trust, the Parish Council and the New Buckenham Society, which jointly funded the special display case in the village hall. The Millennium Book, which is in two volumes, is on permanent display for all to view. The only time the display case is opened is to change the pages at regular intervals. Enquiries about particular pages should be emailed to [newbuckenhamociety@newbuckenham.net](mailto:newbuckenhamociety@newbuckenham.net)

**Village Shop.** Kings Stores on King Street is open every day of the week. *See the advertisement on page 32 for opening hours.*

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## VILLAGE GROUPS AND SOCIETIES

*This section of The Villager describes the activities available in the village with information about the organising groups. Most groups and societies hold their sessions or events in the village hall, though committee meetings tend to happen in one of the two village pubs, the café, or in someone's home. New members are always very welcome.*

### 200 Club

The 200 Club is organised and run by Jimpy Casson and Paul Madden. For £1 a month you can participate in the grand monthly draw, maybe win a prize, and help to raise money for repairs to the village hall. To join contact

Jimpy, 860191 or Paul, 860050

### Badminton

A group plays regularly at the hall on Wednesday evenings between 8 pm and 10 pm. Contact Ann Gascoyne

860164



**Biz Buzz** is a support group for all businesses of any size, full time or part time, in and around New Buckenham. It is particularly useful for those who work from home, the self-employed and small businesses, whether on the high street or on line. Retired folk are also welcome as they have valuable expertise to share. Its aim is to share knowledge, build contacts, improve the business environment, find funding, come up with new ideas and help each other in whatever way it can. A monthly Biz Buzz newsletter keeps everyone up to date with happenings and issues that affect businesses. There are talks and learning sessions – the Biz Chats. If you want to get on board, contact *info@np4nb.online*

### Bridge Group

An informal bridge group meets once a week at the King's Head. There are one or two tables and the group would be glad to welcome new players and beginners. Contact Mike Boswell

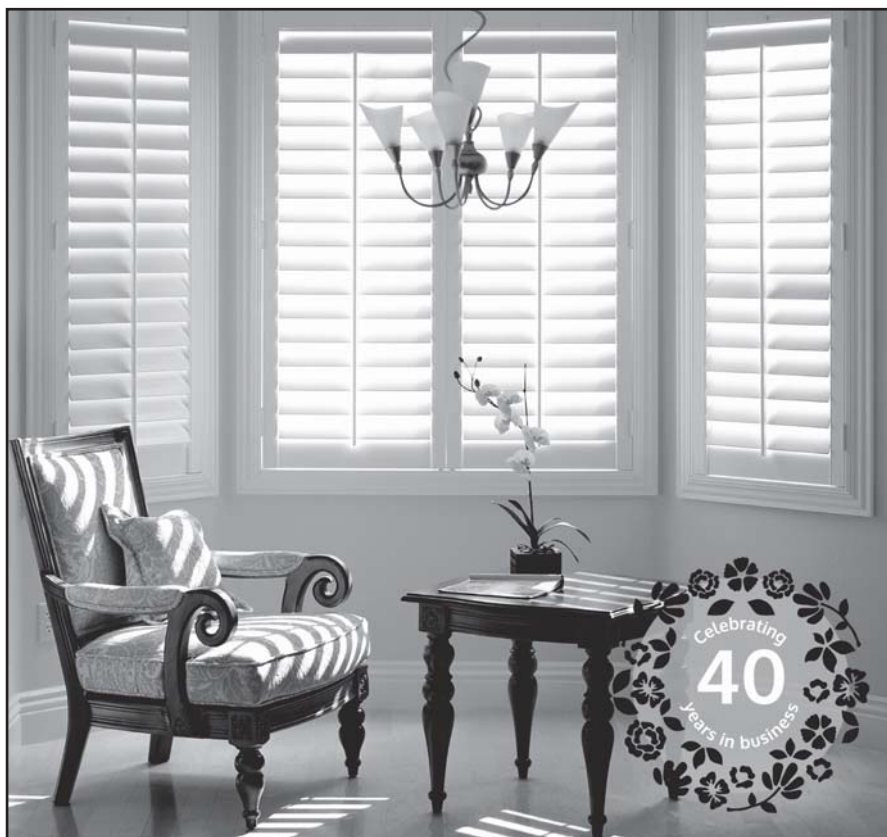
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**Bucks Photoshow** is a great way to get your photos into the eye of the wider public. It is held in the village hall every other year and is organised by Charles Oxley with New Buckenham Arts. Contact

860708

**Cricket Club** plays in the Norfolk Cricket League and has games on Saturdays using the 45-Over format. The club has training and net sessions. New players are always very welcome. If you are interested in joining the club, please call Richard Halfacree on 07818 369749 or pop down to training at the ground on Tuesday evenings from 5.30 pm.

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### **DGAS-Drummers**

A women's drumming group meets at Mill House in Haugh Road on the third Monday of every month from 7 to 9 pm. The group has been drumming here for several years and meets throughout the year. They are happy to show women how the drums sound and encourage active participation. Contact Aileen Richmond-Shaw 860110

### **FitSteps**

This is a fitness class based on dance moves but adapted to be suitable for most ages and abilities. Tuesdays at 9.30 am in the village hall. Contact Marie Diesel-Dyer 07917 733655

### **French**

These small friendly classes for adults aim to improve your knowledge and use of French in a relaxed and fun environment. Great for maintaining mental dexterity too! Classes take place on Mondays and Wednesdays, beginner to intermediate levels. Contact Meryl 860985

email [merylanderson@me.com](mailto:merylanderson@me.com)

**Fundraisers** was originally formed to raise money to build the current village hall. The committee now contributes to the upkeep of the hall, the church and to the High Bailiff's Trust on a regular basis and to other village organisations which apply for funding. The group runs the village fête in August and various one-off events. Suggestions



*Children's entertainment at the August fête*

for events and volunteers for the committee or to help out are always welcome.

Chair: Carolyn Hupton

860216

Treasurer: John Halfacree

860064

### **Gardening Group**

Organises the annual Village Show and an Open Gardens event every other year. The show offers masses of cups, trophies and prizes to be won by children and adults. The group welcomes new members and organisers. Contact Jimpy Casson 860191



### **Good Companions**

A group for the over 60s, the Companions meet monthly at the hall for entertainments and refreshments. There are outings and the famous Christmas lunch party. A warm welcome is given to all newcomers.

Contact Christine Wilby

860467

### **Jacqui Oakley School of Dance**

Classes for both children and adults in tap, contemporary and ballet are held in the village hall. Jazz, contemporary and ballet classes are also available in other locations. Contact Jacqui

456577

*admin@oakleydancing.co.uk*

### **Junior Football**

There are a number of teams for youngsters aged 14 and under. The club welcomes new players and their parents. Please contact Suzanne Wickham  
*suzanne.wickham@live.co.uk*



*A junior football team with King's Head strip*

### **Lip Reading**

Sessions are held on Wednesdays during term time at the village hall from 1 to 3 pm and are arranged by Adult

Education Services. For more information, see the notice board in the village hall, call Norfolk County Council's Adult Education Customer Service on 0344 800820 or visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/adultlearning)

### **Martial Arts**

Little Dragons classes for children offer a fun approach to martial arts that will improve your child's health, motor skills, confidence and concentration. Adult classes combine Kung Fu, Kickboxing and Tai Chi with fitness and flexibility training. They are ideal for those wishing to get fit, meet new people and learn self-defence. To book a slot call Jamie-lee on 887991 or email *info@jwcorenutrfit.co.uk*

### **New Buckenham Arts**

This group brings a variety of arts events to the village hall. The regular film screenings are very popular, with a full bar and refreshments including ice-cream. There are also occasional musical evenings and professional touring theatre productions. Contact Sandra Lester

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### **New Buckenham Silver Band (est. 1887)**

A very long established feature of village life, the band rehearses regularly in the village hall, gives concerts and is the 'sound' of the village fête. Musicians of all ages are welcome to join them. Beginners can have tuition and an instrument to play. For more information about the band ring Pauline Dixon, Chair, on 885296, or the Bandmaster, Laurence Salmon, 861031.

### **New Buckenham Society**

The society aims to promote the interests of New Buckenham through researching the past and appraising the present. The society holds an archive of photographs and documents about village life. If you want to know anything about the history of the village or be part of preserving this historic community, contact Charles Oxley on 860708.

### **Pilates**

There are daytime and evening classes at the village hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for all levels and ages. As well as being fun, they aim to get you stronger and leaner and also to reduce stress and tension. Contact Heather Ormerod on 861404 for an up-to-date schedule or email [heatherormerodpilates@gmail.com](mailto:heatherormerodpilates@gmail.com)

### **Players**

This long established am-dram group puts on two plays a year, one of which is a Christmas show or pantomime. The group is always looking for new members, either to 'tread the boards' or to join the backstage crew. Learn new skills and choose from costume, make-up, stage design, sound and lights or voice and theatre-craft. Contact Sally Elvin 861438



*Players production of Boeing Boeing*

### **Sewing Groups**

#### ***Impatiens***

This quilting and patchwork group meets on the fourth Thursday each month (10 am to 3 pm) at the village hall and welcomes new members from the village. Contact Betty Stacey 457790

*continued overleaf*

### ***Seedlings***

Seedlings meet from 10 am to 3 pm on the second Thursday of each month. This is a quilting and patchwork group which is very happy to welcome beginners and support them.

Contact Cathy Ward

01379 687897

### ***Retreat***

A friendly group meets on the first Thursday each month to share interests in needlework and crafts, working on textile projects and sharing skills. The group offers a warm welcome to new members from the village.

Contact Linda Collins

01508 535928

### ***Slimming World***

Groups meet on Mondays in the village hall at 5.30 pm and at 7.30 pm. Contact Amy Dugan

07493 179533

### ***Village&Vestry***

A small group of both newly arrived and long-established village residents formed 'Village&Vestry' in the spring of 2018, with the aim of supporting St Martin's Church. Many of the group have no religious affiliation, but all want to ensure that this wonderful historic building remains safe and secure for future generations. They also want to see the church and its grounds being used for the benefit of all within the community and beyond. The group aims to raise funds through various activities and hopes you'll join them for jazz nights, talks, concerts, food tasting, coffee mornings, pop in to use the ever-expanding library or maybe sign up for bit of gardening! They look forward to welcoming you. If you would like to know more, become involved or have any thoughts or ideas do contact Gordon Chase (861312) or Maria Lloyd (861229) or email [villageandvestry@outlook.com](mailto:villageandvestry@outlook.com).

### ***War Games***

Meets most Fridays in the village hall to play historical battle games from ancient Rome to WW2 using hundreds of beautifully painted miniatures. March on in and take a look! Contact Chris Cope

714865

### ***Women's Institute (Old Buckenham)***

This is an active and friendly WI, with members of all ages from all the surrounding villages. The group gives the opportunity to meet new people and learn new things, with entertaining and informative talks arranged on the fourth Thursday of every month in Old Buckenham village hall. New members are very welcome. To find out more, contact Pat Dickinson

452604



## THE VILLAGE YEAR

*(Dates may vary, though a few are fixed)*

- January** New Year's Day "Hair of the Dog" Walk. Meet around 11 am for a glass of sherry at the Market Cross before setting off for a walk of about an hour. All villagers, their visitors and their dogs are most welcome. The walk is usually followed by lunch at the village hall (sorry, no dogs at the hall).  
Organised by The New Buckenham Society.
- Easter** Art Exhibition (always over the Easter weekend)
- May/June** Photoshow (alternate years, always over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend)
- June** Open Gardens, Gardening Group (alternate years)  
Players summer production and tea party
- July** The Village Show, Gardening Group
- August** Bank Holiday Monday Fête, organised by Fundraisers, contact Carolyn Hupton
- November** (1st Saturday) Bonfire and Fireworks, organised by Jon Halfacree and New Buckenham Cricket Club
- December** Players pantomime or Christmas show; Christingle Service (St Martin's Church); Lessons and Carols (St Martin's Church); Carols around the Tree; Christmas Concert (New Buckenham Silver Band).

In addition, there are various theatrical evenings and film screenings in the village hall, organised by New Buckenham Arts, and other events organised by Fundraisers and Village&Vestry. These are advertised in the village, and tickets can be purchased in advance from Kings Stores or on the door.

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