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Parish News Committee

Remembering Ken Gee, aged 86 years

I would like to thank the many of you who sent cards and messages after Ken's passing on 10th December. It was a great comfort to me that he was remembered as a man who enjoyed helping with everything in the village.

My sincere thanks to the staff of St Mary's home, who cared for Ken in his last weeks with such kindness. Their help and comfort to my family in those last days were more than we could have expected.

Diana Gee

Thank you

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their cards and good wishes while I was in hospital/convalescing and for all the help and concern that was shown to Robin.

I would also like to thank Violet for all her help in arranging SO many Community Car trips for appointments, and to all the kind drivers who give up their time.

Further thanks go to my wonderful neighbour – Linda Bryan has gone above and beyond, visiting me, taking me out and, also, since I have been home, collecting prescriptions, picking up shopping and myriad other small kindnesses.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2018,

Kathie Steel

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We would like to thank everyone who came to our Christmas fete. We raised £208 for the residents' fund.

Thank you to Jean Howling and everyone from the Methodist Chapel for donating all the cups and saucers — it was very much appreciated.

Happy New Year from everyone at St Mary's Residential Home!

Melanie Green

Village Hall Clear-up Day

The Trustees are holding a clear up and general tidy up in the Village Hall on Saturday 20th January between 9am and 1pm. We would appreciate it if representatives from organisations could come along and help in any way you can, and if you have any surplus items to dispose of there will be a skip in the car park on the day. Please note, the skip is ONLY for items from the Hall.

Clive Rush, NB Village Hall Trust

Don't Forget...

New Buckenham Players AGM is on Sunday 14th January at 11am in the Village Hall. Refreshments will be available, and this an important event as we need new faces on the Committee, we need ideas for future productions, and we would like to welcome anyone who would like to join us to act, help with stage and scenery, costumes, etc.

Michael Boswell, for the NB Players Committee

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New Buckenham Parish Council

Our next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. A warm welcome is extended to all parishioners. The agenda will be posted on our new notice board on the Village Green a few days prior to the meeting.

A reminder that Parish Council meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month with the exception of August when we don't usually meet.

Dates for 2018 are: 13th February; 13th March; 10th April; 8th May; 12th June; 10th July; 11th September; 9th October; 13th November and 11th December.

Karen Hopley, Chair NB Parish Council

New Buckenham Art Exhibition

The Easter Art Exhibition is well underway for 2018. We have sent entries to all of the artists who have exhibited with us before. However, we are always looking for new artists to exhibit their work, so if you know of anyone who would like to enter this year please get in touch. The deadline for receiving entries is Friday 23rd February 2018.

The dates for your diary: Opening Night Friday 31st March 7:30pm. Admission £4, which includes wine and nibbles.

The exhibition is then open over the Easter Weekend: Saturday 1st, Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd April from 11am–4:30pm. Admission £2.

This is a big event to organise, so, as many of you know, we do rely on the wonderful help so many of you give us. I will give more details of help required next month, but please feel free to contact me by phone or email if you would like to get involved in helping or would like further information.

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Yet again, New Buckenham Players produce a fun-filled pantomime, and, to cap it all, fish floating around the hall, and a shark on the prowl! I was expecting David Attenborough to be appearing next in a cameo role as Dracula!

It was a wonderful evening's entertainment, with the full quota of corny jokes (how DO you spell COD – I never knew there was an F in cod), singing, dancing, double entendre, and the standard 'it's behind you' routines. As with any Clive Rush production, we got our money's worth of bangs and flashes, along with amazing sets. And, of course, all the traditional pantomime characters.

The cast were beautifully dressed and made up. The cat and rats and Sarah (played perfectly by Louise Casson) were particularly stunning. All the costumes were amazing and show the lengths New Buckenham Players go to to ensure everything from the set, make up, and costumes, come together to entertain the audience.

And then there's the cast. It's wonderful to see such talent in the village, and particularly to see young people on stage and clearly enjoying themselves. Dick Whittington (played by Emma Frith) and Puss (played by Olivia Mcleod) set the scene with great performances. Olivia's dry humour and perfectly timed responses and expressions were just right. Alice Fitzwarren (played by Cora St John-Cooper) and Fairy Bowbelles (played by Kara O'Dell) were suitably gorgeous, and then of course there's the evil King Rat (played by Bella Chirodian) and all her little rats – I bet she scared the children at the matinee!

It was good to see Captain Cook (played by Roger Turner) back on stage again after a long absence, and I loved his sidekick Bosun Chips (ably played by Susie Clark), who always had a beaming smile and laugh. The whole cast were excellent and everyone contributed to make the evening's entertainment so good.

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And there's the sets – as ever, the crew have done an amazing job to produce great scenes, beautifully painted and prepared to set the scenes for the cast. Thanks go to all the backstage crew, prompt, sound, lighting, pyrotechnics, front of house, bar crew and, of course, the man behind the shark.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who made this a success – looking forward to next year's show.

Andrew Bingham

Film Night: *Victoria and Abdul* (PG)

New Buckenham Arts will present *Victoria and Abdul* on Saturday 27 January in the Village Hall, starring Judi Dench as Queen Victoria and Ali Fazal as Abdul. Eddie Izzard is almost unrecognizable in the role of Bertie, Prince of Wales.

The film is based on the extraordinary true story of an unexpected friendship in the later years of Queen Victoria's rule. When Abdul Karim, a young clerk, travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee, he is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself. As Victoria questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance with a loyalty to one another that her household and inner circle attempt to destroy. As the friendship deepens, the Queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes and joyfully reclaims her humanity.

Tickets (£5) will be available at Kings Stores from the beginning of January. They can also be reserved on the website www.wegottickets.com or by calling 01953 861114. The door price is £6. The bar will open at 7pm and the screening will start at 7.30pm.

Sandra Lester, New Buckenham Arts

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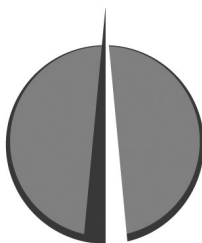
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Photo: Charles Oxley

The organisers would like to thank all those who helped with setting up, especially Darren Rush, and those who helped serve the delicious mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and sausage rolls. Also all those who came, sang, and helped to raise £183.44 for the Children's Society, which means a little extra help for disadvantaged young people. In spite of renderings of 'Frosty the Snowman' and 'In the Bleak Midwinter' the icy temperatures of previous days had moderated a little, and the mulled wine no doubt warmed many a heart.

Michael Boswell, on behalf of the organisers

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