# New Buckenham Parish News



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## New Buckenham Bank Holiday Fete 2017

#### Monday 27th August, 1pm

Arrangements are in full flow for this event, which is a great village tradition, lots of fun and an important fundraiser for village organisations. Previously, the Chapel have been one of the organisations to benefit from this fundraiser. Since the Chapel has now, sadly, closed the committee has agreed that the High Bailiff's Trust should have a share of the profits. As you will have seen in the last issue, the Trust is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of many of the important features of our village.

The Fundraisers committee are working hard to make sure everything is in place for the big day — with fingers crossed for good weather! Last year we benefitted from many gazebos and party tents providing at least some shade, but we could still have used more. So, any offers gratefully received. Let us know please.

**RAFFLE & PRIZES:** You should have received tickets within this *Parish News*, but if not or if you would like to buy more they will be available to buy at Kings Stores and on the day. If you do not wish to buy the tickets, please return them in the envelope provided. We usually sell out, so it is good to have them back. Tickets, stubs and money can be returned in the envelope to Kings Stores, to Clive at Mill House, to me or brought back on the day. Full details are printed on the envelope. The raffle is an important part of the fundraising, so we like to have a good range of prizes, in addition, of course, to the main cash prizes. If you have any to donate they can be dropped in to Clive or me. We need prizes for other games, so all items are welcome. Village & Vestry have kindly taken on the Tombola, so they will be looking for a variety of prizes for this.

**STALLS:** All the stalls are still collecting and the sooner you can take things the better as it allows more time to get things sorted out. A reminder of collection points:

White Elephant — can be delivered directly to Janet Webb, Rookery Cottages, Tanning Lane. If you need something collected please contact Clive at Mill House Garage. NO ELECTRICAL ITEMS.

Nearly New - to Clive & Hazel Rush at Mill House. Please remember we are not collecting jumble, so only good quality items.

Books — to David and me at Beech House, delivery to the garage. Please phone 860216 if you need any collected.

**HELPERS:** The most essential part of the Fete is all the help provided by villagers year after year. If you have helped before and have not been asked yet, I am working my way through the list. If you have not helped previously, we can never have too many people! There is work from morning until evening, and even just an hour helps whether it is setting up, clearing up or helping during the fete. Try it out, you will probably enjoy it! We are hoping to be able to run some new games, but this all depends on having enough people. Please send me an email or phone me if you can help or speak to Clive.

**CAKES:** These are used for both the cake stall and for refreshments, so we need a good number. All contributions will be very gratefully received. Please bring these to the Hall on Monday morning.

Any questions offer of prizes or help do not hesitate to contact me.

Carolyn Hupton, Fundraisers Committee

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## New Buckenham Players

This year's pantomime is being directed by Jimpy Casson. The pantomime will be Robin Hood. The auditions for those of you that might be interested will take place at the village hall on 4th September at 7:30pm. All are welcome — there will be plenty of parts to play for everyone.

Also, help will be welcome in the green room with make-up and hair, etc., and most importantly help is needed with the costumes.

So, do come along and join in with this production! It will be fun all the way. Clive Rush and his team are on board and Meryl and Ellie will be helping with the children. Kerstin and myself will sort out costumes and the rest of the committee will do their part.

We look forward to seeing you all at the auditions.

Sally Elvin

## Boeing, Boeing Reviews

#### New Buckenham Players 28th-30th June

Gloriously non-PC and hilarious, this farce could only have been set in the Swinging Sixties, when jet travel and air hostesses were fun and glamorous.

In his Paris flat (and with help from his long-suffering housekeeper) playboy architect Bernard juggles three fiancées, working for different airlines, relying on their flight timetables to keep them all apart. But things get complicated when new, faster aircraft come into service and the timings change. Will all the girls be in Paris at the same time? And will his friend Robert, who has come to stay, back Bernard up in his schemes - or does he have plans of his own?

The piece calls for skillful direction, split-second timing and deft line delivery and the company was fully up to those demands. More than that, and most importantly, each of the cast vividly brought out the personality of their particular character — the contrast between them lying at the heart of the comedy.

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This was a classy show in which everyone shone. And full marks as well for the set: the props team managed to construct an utterly convincing urban apartment in the unlikely setting of the village hall stage. Clever use of props (photos, flags and food!) and lighting (to match the colours of the stewardesses' uniforms) enhanced the whole production, as did the aircraft-style seating arrangements for the audience and the initial safety briefing from a very directorial chief flight attendant.

Congratulations to everyone involved – more of the same please!

Karen & John Hobley, Elly & John Newport

I wondered how this 1962 play would seem today with every chance of political incorrectness getting in the way. But this was soon forgotten as the Players whistled through the farcical storyline. A cast of just six, three from our village, managed the tight directions well.

The three air hostesses (as they were then called) played by Meryl Anderson, Ellie Hupton and Holly Warren had accomplished German, Italian and American accents, and their uniforms were colourful, stylish and gorgeous. The brash playboy (Adam Sewell) provided a good foil to his diffident country visitor (Peter Harold), while the long suffering housekeeper (Susie Jowett) was more than a match for both of them.

The backstage team is to be congratulated on the splendid box set that had no fewer than six entrances and a rotating picture! The director (Bella Chirodian) should be pleased that the French author's script was delivered with such panache.

Charles Oxley

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There's still an incomplete set left for which there is no storage space. Before these 'unwanted' old copies are sent for paper recycling, they will be left in the library at St Martin's Church in case anyone would like some of them. They are in more-or-less chronological order, so you may find editions that contain special items of interest, perhaps a birth notice, an obituary or even the proceeds earned from a past Bank Holiday Fête!

Please help yourself - they are free of charge although a donation to the Church library would be appreciated.

New Buckenham Society

## Post Office

Just a reminder that we do still have a Post Office from 9:30am to midday every Wednesday in Kings Stores. I know there will be people who cannot use the service at this time, but for those of us who can it is important to use it and keep it open. This is even more essential in a time when banks are closing branches, as the Post Office can provide many of the services formerly provided by the banks.

Carolyn Hupton

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## Good Companions

As the June meeting was after the magazine deadline we had no article in the July edition. So, we would like to thank all those who came to the sale in May and £380 was made for club funds. This is earmarked to go towards the cost of the Christmas lunch, which last year cost over £1000.

The entertainer in June was Jackie Raven, someone new to us. She was very good and is booked to come again later in the year.

The July entertainer was Carole Lea. We also had a birthday celebration for our oldest member. Eileen Woodrow, who helped to start the Good Companions along with her mother, has reached 100 years and we wish her a few more!

The next meeting will be held in the village hall on Thursday 16th August at 2:30pm.

Christine Wilby

## 100 Years Young

Eileen Woodrow and family would like to thank all the neighbours and friends who made her 100th birthday so great. We would also like to thank Diana and Good Companions for her lovely surprise party.

Her Family

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## St Mary's Summer Fete

St Mary's summer fete will be held on Saturday 18th August from 2pm on the village green. There will be a cake stall, tombola and raffle. Everyone welcome! All proceeds go to the residents' fund. Any donations of prizes gratefully received.

St Mary's Care Home

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#### Just Round the Corner

As most of you will know, there has been a second-hand bookstall running at St Martin's church for some years. Under the auspices of 'Village and Vestry', this is now expanding into a much larger bookstall/lending library.

At present, we have over 250 recent novels from thrillers to kitchen sink to classics along with some biographies and general reading. There is also a selection of children's books.

#### So get in there and use it!

50p buys you a paperback or children's book, £1 a hardback, and if you donate it back when you've finished it, you can keep your bookshelves clear, someone else can enjoy the book, and we can make another 50p - three wins in one!

All funds raised will go specifically towards maintaining the fabric of our village church.

We have plenty of shelf space available and welcome donations of books. Recent novels, biographies, history, art, travel, etc., are particularly welcome.

Enjoy a good read!

lan Jowett

## Biz Buzz: Biz Hub Update

Yes! Stuff is happening behind the scenes. We are watching the premises market. Meantime, we have taken advice from the Inward Investment Manager at Breckland DC, Robert Campbell. His experience (extensive) shows there are four things necessary:

- 1. A small, energetic team with lots of local support
- 2. Expertise in corporate affairs, land agency, funding etc.
- 3. Clear target know precisely what you want
- 4. Funding or at the very least, where to seek it.

Taking his advice we are sending out a quick survey to find out what you want. Make sure you fill it up and return it. Robert says 90% of such schemes fail because what was wanted/needed was never made clear. So now it's YOUR turn. Tell us. If you don't, NOTHING will happen because that will have been what you told us i.e. NOTHING!!! Also, if you have knowledge, contacts, information in such matters please help e.g. estate management, funding, community projects, etc. Get in touch info@np4nb.online If you want to join in with Biz Buzz and get the info and downloads, hop on board now. The more the merrier and, let's face it, the business environment is as tricky as can be right now. Together we can hunt help and find answers.

Janet Trewin

## New Buckenham Parish Council

The Parish Council does not meet in August but if any issues arise, please feel free to contact me using the details below.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 11th September at 7.30pm in the Large Meeting Room at the Village Hall. Remaining dates for 2018 are 9th October; 13th November and 11th December.

Karen Hobley, Parish Council Chair

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## Rare Bat Hanging Out in New Buckenham!

The Barbastelle is one of Britain's rarest bats and it's an endangered species, but it's here in New Buckenham. It even has a 'Species Action Plan' created by the Government to protect it.

As part of our Neighbourhood Plan, we have joined the British Trust for Ornithology's ground-breaking Norfolk Bat Survey, to establish what's whizzing round where: http://www.batsurvey.org/

We've monitored Barbastelles around the castle, the church, over the common, on St Martin's Gardens and close to the houses on the south side of the village near the old town ditch. There are 18 bat species in the UK. We have recorded at least 9 of them across the village in May, June and July this year in 27 different locations. Bats are increasingly regarded by naturalists as a good gauge of a healthy wildlife environment.

Watch out for these too: Noctules, Daubentons, Brown long-eared bats, Natterer's bats, Serotines, Pipistrelles, Soprano Pipistrelles, Whiskered or Brandt's bats. The



Norfolk Wildlife Trust said 'Excellent news. What good results!' The BTO said we were doing pretty well in the bat league. Dr Stuart Newson, who set up the project and masterminds it from the BTO's Thetford headquarters, said 'In terms of species, at least, there's not much more that could be recorded!'

Janet Trewin

## New Buckenham Easter Art Exhibition

Well, what a fantastic long weekend it was! Many debutant artists who brought a new feel, lots of visitors, lots of pictures sold and lots of lovely cakes!

We had a record year with the event making a staggering £4,633 – this was due to a combination of quality exhibits, plenty of buyers and for the first time the ability to take card payments (many thanks to Andrew Bingham for arranging this through the Village Hall Trust – I know that process was far from straight forward). The profit is split between the church and the Village Hall, and cheques have already been distributed.

Over the years the Art Ex has raised almost £73,000 for these village causes, an incredible amount for little ol' New Buckenham!

If anyone would like a copy of the figures, please let me know as there is too much information on the spreadsheet to display it effectively in the *Parish News*.

As you would expect, it takes a lot of effort to stage and a lot of work is put in by the Art Ex committee, especially Hazel, Clive and Gill, who take great care with the exhibition. We were also very glad to welcome Pauline Dynes aboard this year who is a valuable addition to the team.

Many thanks if you exhibited, bought, visited or helped out over the weekend and we hope to see you all next year!

Jon Halfacree

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August 2018			
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Thursday 16th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm		
Saturday 18th	St Mary's Fete, Market Place, 2:00pm		
Monday 27th	Village Fete, Village Hall, 1:30pm		
Friday 31st	Mobile Library, Chapel Street, 1:20pm		
Tues 4th Sept	Pantomime Auditions, Village Hall, 7:30pm		

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