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Film Night: 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society'

Our next film night will be on Saturday 13th October at 7.30pm. The film has the long and intriguing title of *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society*. A free-spirited writer (played by Lily James) hears from a mysterious literary club that had its origins in Nazi-occupied Guernsey. She visits the island and forms an unexpected bond with the residents when she decides to write a book about their experiences during the war.

This is a richly layered film that is both uplifting and moving. It encompasses a war story, a mystery tale and a love triangle, all in a stunning Guernsey setting. The film also stars Penelope Wilton, Tom Courtenay and Matthew Goode.

Advance tickets (£5) can be bought at Kings Stores, on the website www.wegottickets.com or by calling 861114. The door price is £6. Doors will open at 7.00pm. There will be a bar and our usual selection of delicious ice creams will be on sale during the interval.

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Parish New Committee



New Buckenham Arts Film Night



THE GUERNSEY LITERARY & POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY



New Buckenham Village Hall
Saturday 13 October at 7.30 pm

Tickets £5 at Kings Stores (£6 on the door)
Bar from 7.00 pm **Teas & ices**

Harvest Events

Just to 'do different', the last in the coffeemates! series of Saturday Coffee Mornings will actually be a Sunday Tea Afternoon this month! A similar format will apply, all ages welcome, with book stall, Flamingo Paperie cards and gift wrap, raffle and new village postcards to buy.

The difference is that we will be serving cream teas, with sandwiches, scones and cake, tea, and squash, and as a nod to one of our local crops, cider! Contributions to the cakes are very much welcome.

Appropriately for harvest, proceeds will go to the Farming Community Network, which provides help and support to farmers and their families. Farmers have the highest rates of suicide in the UK, and the charity provides a national helpline which costs £330 a day to run.

Do come along to St Martin's to support this at 4.30pm on Sunday 14th October, then stay on if you wish for a traditional Harvest Festival service at 6.30pm.

Non-perishable food items can be brought at 4.30pm or beforehand to decorate the church and then go to the foodbank. Perishable produce is also very welcome, and is usually passed on St Mary's home.

Susan Jowett and Louise Casson

Hallowe'en

Could I put in a plea to parents, especially of older children who might be trick or treating unsupervised, to keep to the custom that they only go to houses with lighted pumpkins outside? Some older residents were alarmed last year by children knocking and shouting, just because an outside light was on. Thank you, and have fun!

Susan Jowett

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Pass it on to any friends or colleagues you may know. All views are welcome.

Janet Trewin

Litter Picking in New Buckenham

Our last attempt to organise a litter picking day was ruined by the "Beast from the East"! I am hoping that we can revisit the idea and organise a date. I am asking that all interested folk get in touch with me and together we can put a date in the diary. Thanks so much!

Bella Chirodian

860911

Good Companions

The meeting on 20th September was attended by 27 members. They were entertained by Patsy Rose, who has entertained us before, but not in recent years.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th October in the Village Hall at 2:30pm and is followed by the Autumn Sale on Saturday 20th October, also in the Village Hall at 2:30pm.

Christine Wilby

August Bank Holiday Fete

We may not have had the sunny weather as in the previous two years, but we can still count ourselves lucky and the attendance was certainly very impressive. Although we are sure the lack of entry and parking charges help the fete it means we can never establish how many people come. However, in the ultimate measure of the income/profit we have had another very successful year, the final expenses will not be paid in time to publish figures yet, they will be in *Parish News* in due course. The profit will be quartered and donated to the church, the Village Hall, the High Bailiff's Trust and the balance retained by Fundraisers. The money retained will be at least partly used to repair/update some equipment, but if any village organisations need some financial assistance they are welcome to apply.

I never usually want to name individuals for thanks, as there is always the chance that someone will be missed and so offended! But this year I must mention Janet Webb as she, after many years as the White Elephant supremo, is retiring, maybe not completely, but certainly from being the initial receiver and sorter. The committee and I are very grateful to her, and for all the others who help, but particularly those who give time organising before the day. The donations of prizes, books, Nearly New, White Elephant contribute as well.

I am often asked about prize winners, often I only have first names and phone numbers, commonly mobiles now, and if the prize is collected on the day I have no other information. The interest is sometimes whether villagers win any of the prizes. On a quick survey of my list I can identify that 11 of 20 raffle prizes were won by residents of New Buckenham. The two half pigs were not won by villagers, but by people in neighbouring villages.

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We have had a lot of very favourable feedback about the fete, particularly the value for money. However, we know that things are not always perfect or likely to stay the same. For instance, Janet's retirement will leave a big gap and we must work out how to deal with this. So, we are holding an Open Meeting at the Village Hall, Large Meeting Room, on Monday 15th October at 8pm. Everyone is welcome whether you have helped for years, never helped or are new if you think you may help and/or have ideas to improve.

Carolyn Hupton

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White Elephant

Another good day but, sadly, we didn't make the £1,000 I had hoped for.

I am sorry I will not be in charge of the White Elephant stall in future, but the time has come for me to retire. I do sincerely thank EVERYBODY who has helped me over the 40 years I have been involved. It has been a bit like Christmas – not knowing what you are going to find when you 'open the box'... I have thoroughly enjoyed it.

Janet Webb

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The Agenda for the meeting will be posted on our notice board on the Village Green a few days beforehand. It will also be available on our website, www.newbuckenhampc.info, which has further information about the work of the Parish Council.

Our remaining meetings for 2018 are 13th November and 11th December.

Karen Hobley - Parish Council Chair

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New Buckenham Parish Council

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The Parish Council meets at 7:30pm in the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of every month. Further information about the Parish Council can be found on our notice board on the Village Green or on our website www.newbuckenhampc.info.

Summary of Draft Minutes September 2018

- 1) Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bingham.
- 2) Minutes of the July meeting were approved as correct.
- 3) Matters Arising
 - a) Councillors' details now being put in the Parish News on a monthly basis.
 - b) Cllr Chirodian will be contacting volunteers and seeking suitable dates for a litter pick.
 - c) Council was grateful to Ellis Williamson for replacing allotment tap at no charge.
- 4) Public Participation
 - a) Parishioners' Comments and Questions
 - i) concern at the charges imposed at the recycling centre for DIY waste. District Cllr Joel indicated this was a County Council Policy and that the District Council were concerned over the subsequent fly tipping issue.
 - ii) parking in Boosey's Walk continues to be an issue. It was suggested that a polite letter from the Parish Council might help in this matter.
 - b) District Councillor Report

The Government's rough sleeping strategy has been published, incidence in Breckland is low, but Councillors were asked to let the District Council know of any instances as various sources of assistance are available.
 - c) Parish Councillor Reports
 - i) concern was expressed at the erection of gates at Pickwick House, Grange Road. Cllr Highton agreed to contact BDC for clarification of a possible breach of

planning condition as it appeared to prevent two cars parking on site.

ii) Cllr Crossman highlighted the procedure for Council Tax arrears

iii) concerns that overhanging trees in Marsh Lane could cause an obstruction, the Clerk pointed out this was an issue for Norfolk County Council Highways department.

5) Planning

No objection:

a) Thatched Cottage, Marsh Lane: Replacement of four timber window frames and sills.

b) The Forge, Market Place: fenestration changes and alterations to existing dwelling.

c) Cobwebs, Boosey's Walk: demolition of a redundant outside lavatory to provide patio area.

Approved by Breckland District Council since the last meeting:

a) 7, Chapel Street: repairs and alterations to a terraced cottage.

b) Rose Cottage Chapel Street: demolish outdoor toilet, shed and rear lean-to and propose enlarged two-storey rear extension.

c) Woodbury Cottage, King Street: part demolition of rear two-storey building with enlarged two-storey extension.

d) St Mary's Residential Home, Market Place: erection of three non-illuminated signs.

6) Financial Matters

a) bank reconciliation to the end of August was noted.

b) payments for August and September were approved.

7) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Manning reported that no funding would be forthcoming for a proposed traffic survey but a further bid from Locality for £1,300 would be made for specialist work on building design and architectural features. The next stage would be the writing of the draft plan.

8) Moat Lane

It was noted that the pothole on Moat Lane outside the Village Hall had been repaired.

9) Amenities

a) Allotments – the tenant of plot 16 has given notice to quit at the end of October, there is one new tenant on the waiting list. It was reported that one of the sheds had been broken into. Cllr's Chirodian and Highton to investigate.

b) Closed Churchyard – the Wildlife management plan from Norfolk Wildlife Trust still awaited. Cllr Manning to talk to the Bakers to deal with the weeds on the outside of the Church wall.

c) Play Area – Council considered the annual safety report from Playdale and resolved to accept their quotation for the remedial work of £1420 + VAT. As soon as this is done, Broadland Tree Services will pressure wash the equipment.

d) Cricket Pitch – there had been complaints about car parking on the Common near the Cricket Pitch on match days. The Clerk will write to the Cricket Club.

10) Projects

a) Parish Council Noticeboard – no progress to report.

b) Street Lighting – first annual inspection carried out,

no action needed. It was agreed to remove streetlighting as a standard item from the agenda.

c) Community Car Scheme – two drivers have left the scheme.



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After consultation with the historic buildings officer at Breckland District Council, the trustees selected Mr Porter and his son Teegan to undertake the work. This included sourcing a quantity of oak, taking detailed measurements and building the new frames in his workshop. Timing was crucial, to reduce the impact of the work on almshouse residents the actual fittings could only take place during the warmer months. Little did we realise just how warm it would be! Mr Porter and his son worked tirelessly throughout the prolonged heatwave, removing each of the old windows and ensuring that its replacement was in place by the end of each day, thus ensuring the security and comfort of the residents. The metal lattice work was transferred from the old to the new windows before being rubbed down, new glass installed where appropriate and repainted. In addition, windows at the rear of the building were also replaced albeit they were less labour intensive and quicker to install. The trustees are very pleased with the new windows which greatly enhance the appearance of the almshouse buildings.

The improvement project having now come to an end the next stage for the trustees is work to improve fire security around the heating oil tanks and associated buildings.

Stuart Offord

Firework Display and Bonfire

This year the firework display and bonfire will be taking place on Saturday 3rd November, gates will be opening at 5.15pm and lighting the bonfire will be at 5.45pm. We aim to provide the best display possible and this year we will be spending more on the fireworks to achieve this, however we are glad to say that there will be no increase in admission prices.

Prices: Adults £6, under 16s £4; family ticket (2 adults & 3 kids) £16. To speed up the entry process please have the correct money ready.

We will have burgers, hot dogs, sumptuous soups, hot punch and of course the beer tent.

Parking is always at a premium on the night and we appreciate that some inconvenience is caused for the few hours during the event. We thank those affected for their patience. We would urge people coming into the village to car share wherever possible and park considerately. Depending on the ground conditions we may be able to use the cricket ground car park.

Helpers: If you would like to get involved in helping in the evening i.e. bar/BBQ/soups or setting up during the day you will be made very welcome. The delicious soups always go down very well and we are very grateful to the 'Soupers' who kindly provide them – I will be contacting the regulars shortly, but if anyone else can make a pan-full then please feel free and let me know. Donations of red wine for the punch are always very welcome – please bring to Conifers, Marsh Lane, or contact me.

Firewood: We will be building the bonfire during the day. Clean wood gratefully received, but we cannot take plastics, fabrics or foam-filled furniture, etc – if in doubt, call me.

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The last six recording areas revealed some of the most surprising results. It's not just dog walkers who use the public footpath along the field in front of St Martin's Gardens heading towards the castle. Rare and protected Barbastelle bats whizz back and forth there too. They are on the hunt for big moths. Some moths have ears and can hear

what's about to hit them, literally. They drop down out of the way. But the Barbastelle emits a call that is 10–100 times lower than other aerial hawking bats, so the moths have no warning. But incredibly, it's now thought that some tympanic 'eared' moths can jam a bat's echolocation with a sonar system of their own. This arms race is being played out throughout the summer nights all across New Buckenham.



Meanwhile, elsewhere it's bats versus cats! The brown long-eared bat has the distinction of flying very close to the ground. It's a 'gleaner' picking up beetles and moths at low level. Sadly, this skill is also their downfall. It is this bat that is most often killed by cats. Our highest recorded number of

long-eared brown bats was at Holly Farm at Dam Brigg, but they are also skittering across the cricket pitch, dashing up and down the allotments on Cuffer Lane and the rest of the Tas Valley Way.

More drama over Spittle Mere (in the middle of the SSSI) and at Green Point on the south-east edge of the village, bordering water meadows, where there's a positive traffic jam of Noctules. These guys tend to fly in a very direct line to whatever they want to eat... usually moths and beetles. The species is protected in the EU under the Habitats Directive. It's also listed by the United Nations Environment Programme in their agreement on the Conservation of European Bats. And here's a fact I'll bet you didn't know: the Noctule was selected as bat species of the Year 2016 and 2017 by the pan-European NGO BatLife Europe!



Janet Trewin



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Roll of Honour

In last month's issue of this magazine there was a reference to some names being added to the post-war version of the Roll of Honour in St Martin's church. A few years ago our previous rector, Revd David Hill, was approached by a relative of Herbert and Ernest Land about adding their names to the Roll of Honour of those serving in the First World War. Since then, research has been done, and after approval by the relevant authorities, their names have been added.

Herbert and Ernest both left New Buckenham to join the army, Herbert in 1901 and Ernest in 1904 as Long Service soldiers, serving their country before, during and after the Great War. After the war, Herbert left the army in 1920, married Gertrude Lloyd of Aslacton and lived there until his death in 1960. Ernest served in India with the North Staffs, left the army in the 1920s and married Alice Shillshire in Lichfield in 1925. He died in Lichfield in 1967, aged 80.

All their family either died before the end of the War, moved to Bradford or London to find better jobs during the war, or married people from other places. Their grandfather, William Chambers, churchwarden and handbell ringer, died in 1915 and his wife Ellen moved away. We think the fact that there were no living relatives in the village after that is the reason why Herbert and Ernest were inadvertently left off the Roll of Honour at the time. After the war, because they were not 'from' the villages they moved to, they were not commemorated there either. It was thought fitting to remember them here in the village they thought of as home until the 1920s.

We are unaware of any research done on all the other names on the Roll of Honour, but if anyone has a collection of information about them we would love to hear from you.

Revd Canon Stephen M Wright, Quidenham Group of Parishes

A Pussy Puzzle

Some years ago we were ‘adopted’ by two very wild ginger toms, with white shirt fronts, who we think must have lost their home when the Marsh Lane piggeries were demolished.

They used to come into the house at night until once they were startled, rushed for the cat flap together, and got stuck - the only time we ever touched one. They did not like each other much, so one became the ‘Front Door Cat’, and the other the ‘Back Door Cat’. After a while they disappeared, and then they reappeared, but they would never come into the house at all, and this has happened at very irregular intervals, sometimes longer than a year, ever since. We do not think that they have been two-timing us with someone else, because they are always tatty and ravenous when they reappear, and their teeth are so bad they could hardly live by hunting.

About two years ago one of them, old and ill, disappeared and we presume died, but the other has continued to come and demand and get food – intermittently. In July we did not see him for three weeks or so, but since then he has been more attentive than ever, even entering the house and tripping us up.

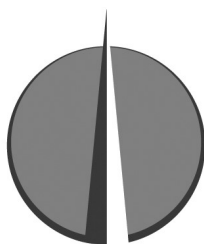
So, the puzzle is, where have they/he been when not enjoying the fleshpots around Castle House? If anyone has noticed them or can shed any light on where they have been, we should love to know....

Helen & Christopher Pearson

NSPCC Autumn Fair

The Attleborough and Wymondham NSPCC Committee will be holding their Autumn Fair in New Buckenham Village Hall on Monday 12th November from 10am until 2pm. It’s an opportunity to meet up with friends, have a coffee and do some Christmas shopping, whilst supporting the NSPCC.

Entrance fee: £3, including coffee and biscuits



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St Martin's Church October 2018

Sunday 7th	11:00am	Parish Eucharist	17th Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 14th	6:30pm	Harvest Festival Evensong	18th Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 21st	11:00am	Parish Eucharist	19th Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 28th	11:00am	Morning Worship	20th Sunday after Trinity

Books - there is a good selection of books in the church to buy or borrow, also jigsaws. Do make use of them.

New Buckenham Silver Band
&
The Seagrave Singers
(An all-ladies choir from Kettering)

will be performing a concert
in
New Buckenham Village Hall
on
Sunday 28th October at 2pm

Refreshments and Raffle

Admission Free

Everybody Welcome! Please come and join us for an afternoon of entertainment!

For Your Diary

The Village Hall administrator is Stevie Hobley,
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Tuesday 9th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Saturday 13th	Film Night, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Sunday 14th	Harvest Tea, St Martin's, 4:30pm, followed by Harvest Festival Evensong, 6:30pm.
Monday 15th	Fete Open Meeting, LMR Village Hall, 8:00pm
Thursday 18th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Saturday 20th	Good Companions Autumn Sale, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Friday 26th	Mobile Library, Chapel Street, 1:20pm
Sunday 28th	Silver Band Concert, Village Hall, 2:00pm

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