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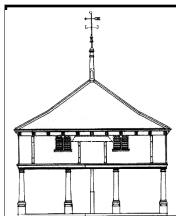
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## Orchids on the Common

We have welcomed quite a few newcomers to the village over the last few months, so not everyone may be aware that from early May these fascinating flowers will be appearing on the common, mostly on the far side of the stream. It is said that New Buckenham common has the largest number of Green-winged Orchids in Norfolk, and they truly are something beautiful to observe on a stroll across this natural landscape!

*Michael Boswell*

## Parish News News

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*Parish News Committee*

# The Village Hall Reopens!

Here at New Buckenham Village Hall we are working hard to be ready to welcome the majority of our groups back from 17th May.



Following government guidance and advice from Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), we have so far opened up our hall to the Oakley School of Dancing and the New Buckenham junior football club are back training on the pitch. We will be hosting the local elections on 6th May and the Parish Council will be returning to in-person meetings this month.

Meanwhile, we have been busy renovating and decorating our meeting rooms, toilets, corridor and entrance hall with new flooring and blinds being installed in the coming days. The trustees are hoping to host an opening event in the summer where we can invite the local community along to see our refreshed hall and share our thanks to those who have made this work possible. Watch this space for further information!

With the hall reopening soon it is important to remember we need to remain cautious. The underlying reality of this horrible virus remains the same – as we increase social contact, the rates of transmission will go up as well. Please continue to follow social distancing rules while you're out and about – this is the best way to keep you, and everyone around you, safe and well.

The Village Hall will reopen with all recommended guidance in place. The test, trace, and isolate programmes will remain in place and continued attention to hand washing, good hygiene, wearing of face masks, social distancing and indoor capacity limits will be required until at least 21st June.

Our Village Hall has always been a hive of activity and we are looking forward to welcoming back our groups and individuals!

We are taking bookings for children's parties, christenings, weddings and other events, following government guidance and restrictions. To make a Village Hall enquiry or booking please email [bookings@newbuckenhamborough.co.uk](mailto:bookings@newbuckenhamborough.co.uk) or call 07469 715517.

*Stevie Hobley*

*On behalf of New Buckenham Village Hall Trust*

## New Buckenham Village Screen

We are very pleased to announce that we are planning (subject to COVID regulations) to bring cinema back to the Village Hall this July. Look out for update in next month's magazine! We look forward to welcoming back our regular supporters and new comers to the village.

*Gerry Walsh, on behalf of New BArts*



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# Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on Zoom this year – how else! We were delighted to welcome Jimpy and Louise Casson and Barbara Cattermole to the PCC and even more delighted that Louise has been elected Churchwarden - a position that has stood vacant for several years - and Electoral Roll Officer, and Barbara has become PCC Secretary.

Christopher Pearson continues as Fabric Officer and Acting Treasurer, and other members are Susan Jowett, Alan Baker and Charles Clarke. A full list appears in the church porch.

Tribute was paid to the work and witness of Helen Pearson, who is greatly missed and irreplaceable, but with our new team and the additional help we've received with preaching, cleaning, flowers and book stall, we hope to put St Martin's back at the heart of village life as restrictions are lifted. Look out for coffeemates! and V&V plans later this year!

*Susan Jowett 860929*

## Local Elections

On Thursday 6th May, residents will go to the polls to have their say on who represents them at Norfolk County Council. New Buckenham lies within the Guiltcross Division and the candidates are as follows:

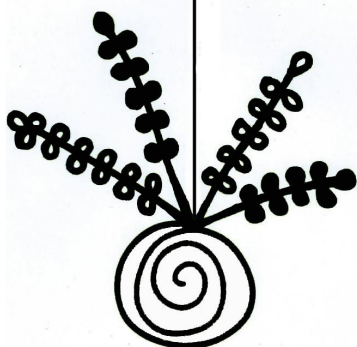
- Stephen ASKEW (The Conservative Party)
- Michael BRINDLE (Labour Party)
- Beverley Ann BULMER (Liberal Democrat)

Further details can be found on the Norfolk County Council website: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/elections2021>

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We are planning to get rid of a lot of outdated non-fiction and reference books, and concentrate on fiction and a few popular topics, such as food and history and gardens. You may have noticed that we are moving a lot of stock around on the far side of the church. Can you help us? As you enter the church turn immediately right and you will see boxes of books on the south-side pews. Please feel free to help yourselves to any you can use. Better still, if you are planning a trip to the dump, or have a skip, or even room in your wheelie bin, could you take a handful, or a boxful and dispose of them? It would be such a help. Please do not take any of the books on the shelves or on the pews on the far (north) side!

*Susan Jowett (860929) and Jane Ling (860679)*

## 200 Club

We have had to suspend the 200 Club for a couple of months, but hope you all agree that we are now safe to recommence. Please be assured that we will still be in accordance with Covid restrictions, i.e. 2 metres, face-mask and money dropped into a bag to avoid touching. Prizes will be prepared more than 72 hours in advance of the draw, which will be done by Paul and myself in the company of witnesses.

We are going to restart with a draw in May and then a resumption of normal operations, i.e. Paul coming round to collect subscriptions. We will carry on the club as if January to April did not exist and any subscriptions for those months will quite naturally be carried forward to future months.

*Jimmy and Paul*

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# New Buckenham Parish Council

Our May Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, 11th May at the Village Hall. Please note that this will start at 7pm and will be followed at 8pm by our Annual Parish Meeting which offers an opportunity to hear about the work of the Parish Council over the last 12 months. A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to either or both meetings.

We are delighted to be back at the Village Hall after an absence of 12 months. Social distancing will be in place and masks will need to be worn. In order to assist us with the organisation of the meeting, please would you be kind enough to let me know if you wish to attend, using the contact details below? Thank you.

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.

Parish Council meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month with the exception of August, when we don't usually meet. Remaining dates for 2021 are 8th June, 13th July, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November and 14th December.

*Karen Hobley – Chair*

*01953 860529 / [karenhobley@hotmail.com](mailto:karenhobley@hotmail.com)*

## Summary of Draft Minutes April 2021

1. Minutes of the March meeting approved.

2. Public Participation

a) Parishioners' Comments and Questions

A query was raised regarding procedures to notify the public of correspondence received by the PC. The Clerk

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said he received about 200 emails each month and that significant items were passed to Councillors and if a decision was required this would be minuted.

b) Parish Cllr Reports

i) A query was raised regarding infrastructure plans of County Broadband. Clerk to make an enquiry so that PC could be kept informed.

ii) Cllr Bingham had a meeting with Highways regarding flooding at the Dam Brigg. Potential solutions were being costed.

iii) Cllr Crossman agreed to turn the water supply on at the allotments.

iv) Cllr Hobley questioned whether PC, as landlords, should have a copy of the Cricket Club's safeguarding policies. Clerk to investigate.

3. Financial Matters

a) Financial report for March was noted.

b) Payments for April were approved.

c) A review of Financial Standing Orders and Financial Regulations is needed to take account of procedures for online banking. Clerk to bring a report to the June meeting.

4. Community Car Scheme

Gerry Walsh and the Clerk will get drivers certified to resume the service. In order to use DRB business solutions to deal with the DBS checks Council must have these policies in place: Handling of DBS Certificate Information and Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders. Two template policies provided have been adopted by the Council.

## 5. Planning

### a) New Applications

Wisteria House, Market Place - opening up historic access by removal of part of the hedge, demolition of existing shed to provide a parking area, installation of EV charging point, erection of new shed. No objection subject to Highways approval of vehicular access.

Kings Cottage, King Street - installation of steel support above existing beam in the lounge. No objection.

### b) Planning Decision

St. Mary's Residential Care Home - rebuilding of small wall in front of property. Approved.

## 6. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Manning reported that the Basic Condition Statement had been returned from Breckland with comments that are currently being addressed.

## 7. Amenities

### a) Allotments

The vacant plots have now been let. In view of the poor state of allotment 15 it was agreed that the rent for this year be reduced to £5. Concern raised about the shading by trees along Cuffer Lane, agreed to get BTS to quote for thinning and crown reduction. Tenancy Agreement was discussed and agreed that the present policy would suffice with the of a statement that when vacating an allotment the tenant should leave it in good condition.

### b) Cemetery

Cemetery Rules were discussed, the main issue being lack of space will become a problem in the future but Cllrs agreed that restrictions should not be made and resolved to make no changes to the existing rules.

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c) Market Place

In view of the substantial cost of renewal of the litter bins, Cllr Highton agreed to look into repairing/replacing the lids. Decision to be made at the next meeting.

d) Closed Churchyard

Repairs to the boundary wall, The Cottage, Church St. Further clarification being sought regarding the Party Wall Act which may indicate that repair responsibility lies with the Landlord of the cottage.

e) Play Area

The Safety Inspection has been carried out. No major issues were identified, but it gave an indication of a number of areas of work which will be required over the next few years requiring extra budgetary provision.

Repairs to the roundabout will be carried out 26th April.

Cllrs agreed to purchase the Bee Maze sensory play equipment costing £335+VAT using S106 funding.

f) Cricket Pitch/Moat Area

Issues have been raised regarding the maintenance of the Moat area. Work was asked to be curtailed until it could be discussed at the PC meeting. Agreed that a meeting will be arranged with Norfolk Wildlife Trust to discuss a way forward. After this, parishioners will be invited to form a working party to look at the whole area as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

8. Future meeting arrangements

Emergency legal provision for online meetings expires on 7th May, so future meetings will be at the Village Hall.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting (including election of Chair) is at 7pm on 11th May and the Annual Parish Meeting (for electors of the Parish, chaired by PC Chair) at 8pm 11th May.

*Mary Dowson on behalf of the Parish Council*

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# Biz Buzz



New Buck Biz is re-emerging, but gradually. As we await the King's Head opening its doors next month, Kokedama has blossomed into life and Angel Cakes is preparing to whet our appetites.

## HAVE YOU INVESTIGATED THE LEAFY LIFE OF KOKEDAMA?

It's all systems go at Kokedama. A relatively new New Buck Biz. But raking in lots of support. In case you're wondering, a Kokedama is a moss-covered ball with a plant growing inside. Boss Caryn Louis says, 'They're quite trendy now. You soak them every couple of weeks. They can hang or sit in a dish. We just liked the name as it's simple and we like Kokedamas!' Biz partner Tony, who before retirement was a chef to the rich and famous on big yachts, is joyously converting Kokedamas into affordable artworks in recycled containers. He reckons it's similar to presenting food – OK, well as long as they don't ask me to eat a cactus! Caryn also sells an unusual range of jewellery, pots, macrame, shawls/scarves, trendy face-masks and printed canvases. Caryn says, 'I'm an artist myself when I can make time, so the collection reflects this.' They have other artsy plans afoot too. They want to open up the back garden once a month so that other crafty folk can set up stalls along their Marsh Lane driveway. Watch this space. Open Tuesday–Saturday 11am–5pm.

## ANGEL CAKES IS SPRUCING UP FOR A MID-MAY OPENING. IT'S THE ICING ON THE CAKE!

Just a little longer to wait... and in the meantime preparations are underway. And if there's anyone who knows about decoration it must be cake and coffee supremos, Stacey and Ryan Enever. Except that in this case it's not the cake that's getting the treatment – it's the shop. So, out with the paint

brushes. Ryan's Mum, Sharon, is a willing volunteer. In the meantime, Stacey has continued supplying custom-made cakes to many a hungry tum. She reckons that decorating a cake is easier than decorating a shop. We beg to differ!

**STAY SAFE... KEEP CALM... DON'T GIVE UP!**

If you know anyone who might find this group useful, do pass the information on to them

All Biz Buzz updates are to be found on [www.np4nb.online](http://www.np4nb.online).

*Janet Trewin*

## Reopening of the King's Head

The King's Head will reopen on Tuesday 18th May. We will initially just do evening meals and Sunday lunch, but we will start lunches from Saturday 29th May.

We will continue our Pie and Pint night on a Wednesday, Friday night eat in or takeaway, Friday night happy hour from 4–6pm and our roast dinner deal on Sundays.

Opening times are: Monday Closed; Tuesday–Saturday 12 noon until closing; Sunday 12 noon until 6pm.

Food serving times are: Tuesday–Saturday 12 noon until 2pm and 5:30pm until 8:45pm; Sunday 12 noon until 4pm.

*Jen and Dan*

# The Ghost Pond

## A new project for New Buckenham CAN

Spring is here – at last – and we would like to share our ideas for an exciting new project which we have been mulling over during the winter months. You might be surprised to know that there is an old overgrown pond behind the cricket pavilion. In fact, it may not be just old, but is possibly medieval, being part of the common village pond and waterway system. Such ancient forgotten ponds are poetically known as Ghost Ponds and are frequently found to be precious repositories for the seeds of plants that have become rare in our time. However, our ghost pond is currently in a sad state. It is choked with litter, including an old barrow and a fluorescent tube, and has become overgrown with marauding willow clumps and brambles, which are not only blocking out the light, they are also sucking all the life and water out of the pond.

At present, we are still trying to find out who is responsible for managing the pond. But with the support and cooperation of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the Parish Council, we envisage getting it cleared, aerated and redefined, transforming this forgotten and neglected corner of our village into an appealing and accessible habitat for local wildlife. This is going to be a long-term project and one for which we will need both professional advice and enthusiastic volunteers!

Until now, New Buckenham CAN has concentrated on planting trees as the cheapest, most efficient way to combat climate change, but our group is not only about trees! We also want to encourage biodiversity, which supports the well-being of plants, insects, birds, mammals - and of ourselves and our families. The unknown architects of these old ponds understood a lot about the workings of the natural world that

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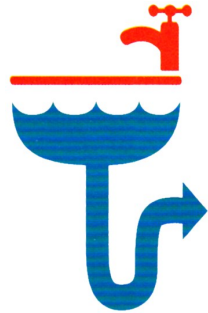
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have been forgotten in our time. We think it would be wonderful to restore our pond to full health

Once the pond has been cleared of debris, dead trees, and some of the brambles (we would leave part of the bramble scrub as it provides good wildlife habitat), we believe there will be room to plant at least two new trees, one of which we would like to dedicate to the memory of Violet Highton. We would also like to plant the area with suitable wild flowers, snowdrops, aconites, etc., and we would like to buy a bench to place near the pond for families to enjoy. If you are interested in helping us with this project or have suggestions for future projects for New Buckenham Climate Action Now, please get in touch!

*Annie Dalton (861300)*

### **St Martin's Church Services – May 2021**

Sun 2nd	11:00am	Holy Communion	Easter 5
Sun 9th	6:30pm	Evensong	Easter 6
Sun 16th	11:00am	Morning Prayer	Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension)
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