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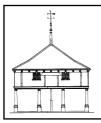
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#### New Buckenham Parish News June 2021

#### August Bank Holiday Fete

I am sure it will not come as a big surprise, but I am afraid that there will be no fete this year. The committee feel everything remains too uncertain to attempt to run a large event with lots of people needed to make it a success.

Carolyn Hupton

New Buckenham Fundraisers Committee

#### Parish News News

Every month, *Parish News* is distributed free to every house in the village, and we are very grateful to the Parish Council and all those villagers who have helped to cover our production costs during the past year. We are also grateful to those businesses who choose to advertise with us, especially during these difficult times.

If you would be interested in sponsoring an issue of *Parish News* in 2021 or advertising in the magazine, please contact Mary Dowson on 01953 860320 or mdowson@btinternet.com.

Parish News Committee

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#### The Village Hall is OPEN!

Following confirmation that COVID restrictions were eased on 17th May, we can clarify that the Village Hall is



now open for bookings, subject to the restrictions that are still in force.

We are taking bookings for children's parties, christenings, weddings and other events, following government guidance and restrictions.

There are still some building works to be completed, but we will do our best to ensure safe access to the Hall.

To make a Village Hall enquiry or booking please email bookings@newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk or call 07469 715517.

Stevie Hobley on behalf of New Buckenham Village Hall Trust

#### Food Bank

Donations to the food bank have been a little down recently, but demand is still high. Lockdown has put many people into debt and with half term and summer holidays coming up, families will be struggling. Please keep donating — your contributions make a real difference!

There are collection points at Kings Stores and in St Martin's church, and all dry and tinned goods, plus toiletries and sanitary products are welcome. Thank you.

Susan Jowett (860929)

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#### New Buckenham Parish Council

Our June meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th June at 7:30pm at the <u>Village Hall.</u> A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners.

We are delighted to be back at the Hall after an absence of over 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 or the link on the website. Thank you for helping us with this

A reminder that the agenda relevant to each meeting will be posted on the noticeboard on the Village Green and on the website (<a href="www.newbuckenhampc.info">www.newbuckenhampc.info</a>) where you will also find further information about the Parish Council. Parish Council meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month except August.

Karen Hobley Chair (860529 / karenhobley@hotmail.com)

#### Brief Notes of the Meeting 11th May

Resolved that Cllr Karen Hobley be elected as Chairman of the council 2021/2 and that Cllr Andrew Bingham be elected as Vice-Chairman 2021/2.

Financial report for the month ending April 30th was noted.

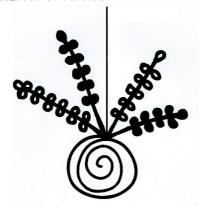
Payments for May were approved.

All Matters Arising were dealt with in the Annual Parish Meeting following at 8:00 pm.

Mary Dowson on behalf of the Parish Council



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- ⇒ A few carrier bags at a time are more manageable than huge Pickfords boxes.
- ⇒ We are not as young as we were!
- ⇒ Preferably fiction only.
- ⇒ We can take good quality cookery, garden and history books, but cannot sell Rough Guides to Thailand 1993, Betamax for Dummies or your granny's prayer book!
- ⇒ No more DVDs, thank you!

Thank you for all your support, and please keep bringing and buying!

Susan Jowett (860929) and Jane Ling (860679)

#### New village arrivals!

Once again, Turtle Doves have flown 5,000 km from West Africa. Flying mostly at night, reaching speeds of 60 km/h they can cover up to 700 km without stopping. But this bird is now threatened with global extinction. It's the fastest declining bird species on the planet and is IUCN red listed. Their distinctive 'purring' call (nothing like the Collared Dove's 'coo-coo') has been monitored on the Common and from 12th April there were daily sightings also at Hunt's Farm where they have been turning up for years in the Spring.

Some 40 years ago, flocks of 20—30 turtle doves were expected. That would be unheard of now. Since 1995, its numbers in the UK have been slashed by 95%. Operation Turtle Dove studies show there are half as many chicks today as there were in the 70s. Whilst the decline is exacerbated by the shooters of Southern Europe, the truth is that the numbers of shooters has not increased. The RSPB believe the main reason for the decline is the loss of habitat and food resources here in the UK, since it is to the UK they come to breed. The disappearance of scrub vegetation and hedges for nesting sites is critical. They feed on weed seeds on the ground, especially where the vegetation is short and sparse. Their favourite seeds are fumitory, knotgrass and chickweed.

The RSPB is conducting an innovative project alongside DEFRA to help landowners establish land management systems to protect these birds. East Anglia is the trial area. The RSPB hopes to launch a national Turtle Dove survey in May to September, if Covid allows. New Buckenham will be taking part. To find out more or record a sighting, the Turtle Dove survey webhub is at <a href="https://national-turtle-dove-survey-rspb.hub.arcgis.com/">https://national-turtle-dove-survey-rspb.hub.arcgis.com/</a>. There's also more information and videos on <a href="https://www.operationturtledove.org/turtle-doves/ecology-habitat-and-food/">https://www.operationturtledove.org/turtle-doves/ecology-habitat-and-food/</a>.

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Conservation & Wildlife Walk

WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE, 10AM-12NOON
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a guided walk around the common. Find
out how NWT manage the common
and the basic conservation principals
that influence our decisions.

Walking through Common History

TUESDAY 6 JULY, 6.30–8.30PM
Join Tom Williamson, Professor of Landscape

History at UEA, for a guided walk around

Ragwort Pulling Work Party
FRIDAY 16 JULY, 10AM-3PM
Help NWT staff and regular volunteers to keep
on top of this controlled plant by reducing its
numbers. Please bring a packed lunch, drink

Bat Walk

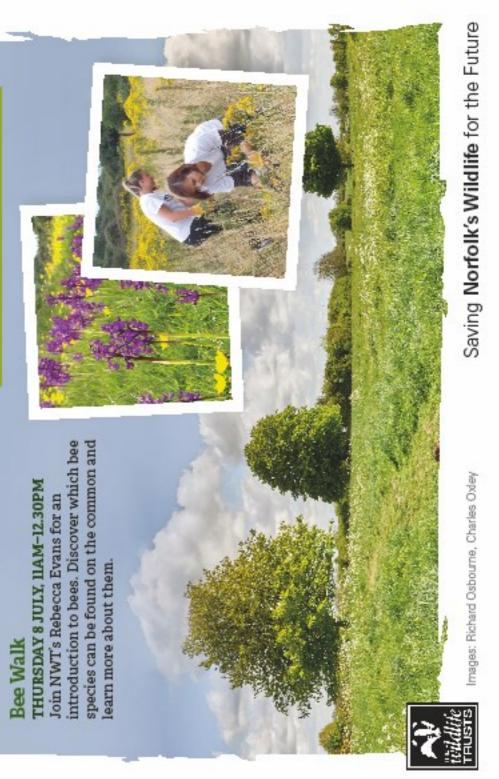
and sun hat.

THURSDAY 19 AUGUST, 7.30PM
Join Senior Reserves Assistant Izzy and
Lindsey Bilston of Norwich Bat Group to
discover more about bats. Learn how to use a
bat detector to hear bats as they use sound to
hunt for food. All ages welcome.

All activities are free, but booking is essential. To book phone 01603 625540 or

the common. Learn about the history of commons in general and how the common at New Buckenham was used in the past.

All events start from the small car park near the common play area.



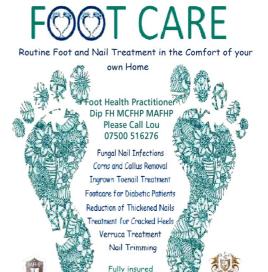
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# Great Crested Newts & New Zealand Pygmyweed

Endangered Great Crested Newts are here! An NWT study proves it. That's the good news... BUT there's another distinctly UNwanted visitor, too!

Great Crested Newts are the biggest newt species in the UK (up to 17cms) and have been around for approximately 40 million years, but for how much longer? Due to massive declines in numbers they are increasingly rare. It's illegal to kill, injure, capture or disturb them; damage or destroy their habitat; or to possess, sell or trade them at any of their life stages including eggs. Great crested newts are dark brown or black with a distinct 'warty' skin. The underside is bright orange with irregular black blotches. Norfolk Wildlife Trust is developing a database of all the sightings in Norfolk. Their survey on the SSSI in New Buckenham found GCNs in the pond on the cricket pitch and on Spittle Mere.

However, in both places they also found *Crassula Helmsii* (New Zealand Pygmyweed/swamp stonecrop). It's a small-leaved, but incredibly invasive species which is a threat to wildlife, robbing the water of light, oxygen and goodness. It can grow in water up to 3 metres deep and also on the margins some distance away. How did it get there? Birds, boots, dogs and more! The most urgent thing is to wash pond water off immediately. *Crassula* can grow from the tiniest bit of root and it could spread to your own garden pond.

Find out more here: <a href="https://www.arc-trust.org/great-crested-newt">https://www.arc-trust.org/great-crested-newt</a>. If you see a Great Crested Newt email: <a href="mailto:wild@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk">wild@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk</a> giving the location ideally including a postcode or grid reference and the date.

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ANGEL CAKES will be flying high with a new look! Cakedecorating supremo Stacey swapped cake decoration for decorating the tea room on King Street, ready for the BIG DAY It all happened on 18th May. By noon the place was mobbed! No waiting on the pavement. Just walk on in, sanitise your hands and sign the track and trace register. Sit where you like, with loads more room upstairs. The Keep Fit class from the Village Hall were upstairs by 10:45... I do hope they weren't choosing cake! Normal opening times are Tuesday to Saturday from 10am until 4pm. The kitchen closes at 3pm, so please order in good time!

There has been a right royal make-over at the KING'S HEAD! Danny and Jen have been redecorating too — outside seating with canopies, inside a mini make-over ready for noon on the 18th May. Waitress Bella was ready, as Dan rushed outside to check umbrellas, because at noon thunder and rain crashed in but also brought hopeful rainbows!

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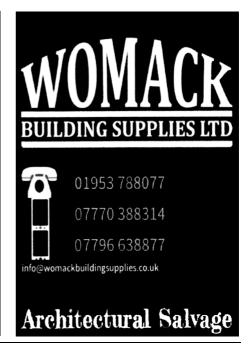
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At KINGS STORES ("We NEVER closed!") Sue has pretty much everything, including those lottery tickets. Opening times are Monday to Saturday from 7am until 6pm, and Sundays from 9am until noon. The Post Office is available on Wednesdays from 10:30am until noon.

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The Parish Council meets at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of every month. At present, the meetings are being held online via Zoom. Further information about how to join these meetings, and the Parish Council more generally, can be found on our notice board on the Village Green or on our website <a href="https://www.newbuckenhampc.info">www.newbuckenhampc.info</a>.

Contributions for the July 2021 issue of *New Buckenham Parish News* should be submitted by 6:00pm on <u>Saturday 19th June 2021</u> to Linda Bryan, Pine Cottage, Marsh Lane (861107), Michael Boswell, Peel House, Chapel Street (860015), Richard Hoggett, 9 Church Street (860136) or by email to <u>editor@newbucknews.co.uk</u>.