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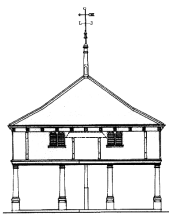
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New Buckenham Players

The Players are back and we hope to be able to put on a Christmas pantomime this year! The date for auditions is 7th September 2021 at 7pm at the Village Hall. We will look forward to seeing you all again and hope that by September the lockdown has ended, and we can all get back to our normal lives! The crew are looking forward to working with us again, the costume and make-up departments are waiting to go ahead, and the committee are all set to make this happen. The proposed pantomime is: THE (Almost) TOTALLY TRUE STORY OF HANSEL AND GRETEL. We will update you in the next edition of the Parish News.

New Buckenham Players 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 individuals and organisations who sponsor issues of the magazine, and also those businesses who choose to advertise with us.

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

Parish News Committee

New Buckenham Village Hall Trust AGM

The continued support for the Village Hall by the community is much appreciated by the Trustees. The AGM is your chance to find out more about how the Village Hall is managed, to ask questions of the Trustees, raise any issues, and make suggestions to the Trust. We rely on your input to ensure we run the Hall with the community and our hirers in mind.

This year our AGM will be held on Tuesday 20th July, 8pm at the village hall in the Auditorium. If you would like to attend, please contact Stevie Hobley to book a place.

There are three elected Trustee spaces to fill. Candidates interested in standing for election or any enquiries regarding the AGM please contact Stevie Hobley, Bookings Administrator at bookings@newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk or on 01953 860611.

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!

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Susan Jowett (860929)

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New Buckenham Parish Council

Our July Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th July at 7:30pm at the Village Hall. A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners.

We are delighted to be back at the Village 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 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 (www.newbuckenhampc.info) where you will also find further information about the Parish Council.

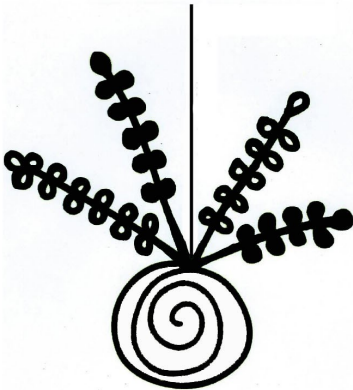
Parish Council meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month with the exception of August when we don't usually meet. The remaining dates for 2021 are 14th September, 12th October, 9th November and 14th December.

At our last Parish Council meeting, there was some discussion about the problem of dog excrement around the Play Area and Cricket Pitch. There are disposal bins on the Wymondham Road and at the car park near the Play Area and we ask that dog owners ensure that they clear up after their dogs and use the bins provided. We are acutely aware that only a small minority of dog owners do not clear up and we ask that everyone respects the health and safety of youngsters on the Play Area, and the cricketers and spectators. Please be clear that no dogs should be anywhere near the equipment on the Play Area and not just within the fenced off toddlers' area. Thank you for supporting us with this – we are so lucky that New Buckenham has such a lovely area for play and sport and we want it to be enjoyed safely by all.

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Finally, a reminder that the Parish Council has a Community Project Fund, the purpose of which is to award grants to be used in the community of New Buckenham. Full details are on our website. The Fund is managed by a group which comprises three Parish Councillors (Mary Dowson, Andrew Nettleton and Karen Hobley) and two parishioners. After the sad death of Violet Highton, we have a vacancy for a parishioner to join Juliet Fulford as part of the group. Please contact me if you would be interested in taking on this role. Thank you.

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

Summary of Parish Council draft Minutes June 2021

1. Minutes of the PC meeting confirmed as correct.
2. Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were noted, to be approved at the 2022 meeting.
3. Matters Arising
 - a) Litter Bins: Cllr Highton has repaired the bin on the Play Area. Quotations for repair and repainting to be sought for the bins on the Green.
 - b) County Broadband: Cllr Nettleton has had no response to the enquiry regarding infrastructure within the village.
 - c) Cricket Club: Clerk to contact CC to obtain their policies.
 - d) The Cottage, Church Street: No progress on wall repairs.
 - e) Hedge near the bus stop, Market Place: No progress.
 - f) Trees on the allotment: BTS to provide a quotation for thinning on the western border.
 - g) Common/Moat: Meeting with the NWT to be arranged.

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4. Public Participation

Parish Cllr Reports

- a) Cllr Crossman reported that the Play Area would be pressure washed on June 21st.
- b) Cllr Manning referred to a recent accident in the village when a car left the road and caused damage to a parked car. Traffic calming measures discussed again.
- c) Cllr Dowson referred to the need for a formal communications policy for the PC.
- d) Cllr Highton expressed concern at changes to the planning application for the buildings on the Inn on the Green without reference to the PC.

Public Comments

- a) Barbara Cattermole drew attention to blocked public footpaths around the village.
- b) Charles Stimpson asked why a letter received by the PC from the local MP, prompted by a query from him, had not been recorded. Chair referred to the agreement earlier for a formal communications policy.

5. Financial Matters

- a) Financial report for May was noted.
- b) Payments for June were approved.
- c) Annual Internal Audit Report received.
- d) Annual Governance Statement approved.
- e) Annual Accounting Statement approved.
- f) Chairman signed Annual Return 2020/21.
- g) Accounts for 2020/21 were adopted.

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6. Planning

Application Received

Ivydene, Chapel St: Two-storey side extension, garage garden room extension. Conversion front parking access area and side access area. No objection.

Planning Decisions: Approvals

Beech House, Norwich Road.

13 St Martin's Gardens.

Chapel Cottage, Chapel Street.

Wisteria House, Market Place.

King's Cottage, King Street.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Manning reported the Plan would shortly be passed to Breckland. A letter will be drafted by the Steering Group to be sent to landowners whose land is part of the Green Space designation. Cllr Manning paid tribute to Charles Oxley for his tireless work as Chair of the Steering Group and his contribution to the Plan.

8. Councillor Responsibilities

Allotments: Mary Manning, Andrew Nettleton.

Cemetery: Andrew Nettleton.

Community Project Fund: Karen Hobley, Andrew Nettleton and Mary Dowson.

Finance: Karen Hobley, Andrew Bingham, plus the Clerk.

Footpaths and Highways: Steve Highton and Andrew Bingham.

High Bailiff's Trust: Karen Hobley.

Neighbourhood Plan liaison: Mary Manning.

Parish News liaison: Mary Dowson.

Play Area: Don Crossman.

SNAP: Mary Manning, Mary Dowson.

Village Hall Committee: Andrew Bingham.

William Barber Trust: Mary Dowson.

9. Phone Box

Attention has been drawn to the poor state of the public phone box. Cllr Nettleton contacted BT who maintain the box, although it is not operational, and repairs have been made.

10. Amenities

Concern has been expressed again about dog excrement around the cricket pitch. It was decided to produce and hand out leaflets to dog walkers in the area.

Mary Dowson on behalf of the Parish Council

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New Buckenham Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is a comprehensive account of the village and its life, setting out the Parish Council's policies about planning for the future. It's important! The Plan will be submitted to Breckland Council by the end of June. Running to some 76 fully-illustrated pages, it follows the same format as the version delivered to each household 18 months ago, but it's been extensively revised to correct errors and improve the narrative. Most importantly, it now takes into account all the comments and suggestions that we received during our consultation early in 2020.

The Plan will be subject to Breckland's formal public consultation, which starts in July. Breckland will publicise its consultation and we'll also do this within the village through posters and Facebook pages. The revised Plan will be online at **www.np4nb.online** and we'll have a limited number of copies printed for those who have no internet access. We hope that you'll have a look at the revised Plan and all your comments will be welcomed. All details will be in the publicity.

The Plan is accompanied by online-only documents including commissioned reports, a Basic Conditions Statement showing the rules have been kept in producing the Plan, and an informative Consultation Statement describing all the survey results, open days and focus groups.

After the consultation has finished, all the documents go to Breckland's independent examiner who checks everything, including the comments arising from the public consultation. When the examiner is satisfied that the Plan is valid as a legal planning document and due process has been observed in its creation, Breckland will hold a referendum for village residents to see if the Plan is acceptable to them. There'll be publicity about the referendum later when the date is known.

Neighbourhood Plan Team for New Buckenham Parish Council
(info@np4nb.online or www.facebook.com/np4nb)

Village Screen

We are very sorry to inform you that our hope of resurrecting the regular showing of films in the Village Hall in July has been scuppered by the ongoing Covid restrictions. In view of the continued uncertainty around the loosening of restrictions and other commitments over the summer we are now looking to September in the hope that by then any ongoing restrictions will have loosened sufficiently to enable us to cover the costs involved in bringing back this entertainment to the village.

When we are able to ‘restart’ we very much hope to see and welcome back our previous loyal supporters and new villagers. The village screen has always proved to be a great community opportunity to meet others socially, as well as low-cost entertainment with refreshments and supporting the Village Hall. Please look out for the advertising poster, which will appear on the village green, and an announcement in the August *Parish News*.

Gerry Walsh on behalf of NewBArts (861027)

200 Club Lucky Winners

Thank you for your continued support of the Village Hall. Here are the lucky winners for the latest draw. If you would like to join the 200 Club, please call Paul Madden (860850).

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Wildflower Area: Market Green

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We all agree that it is a fantastic idea, but in retrospect think that we need to take expert advice on how best to develop the ecology of the area. We recognise the amount of work put in by Kim and Robin to develop this, but now that we are able to meet more freely, we hope to arrange a visit from a member of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, who can help us to produce a Management Plan to develop and properly manage the area.

Our plan at this moment in time is to then appeal for a small team of volunteers to help with its upkeep and it was agreed that, until we can put these plans into operation, the area will need to be cut back ready for a fresh start.

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Judith Kearney

Our friend and neighbour Judith died on Monday 14th June after a short illness.

Judith moved to the village from East Sussex in 2016 and soon became involved in many different aspects of village life. Living opposite the church, Judith played an active part in Village & Vestry and had lots of good ideas and suggestions for fund raising and events. She read lessons, led intercessions and often arranged flowers for the church, helping especially with decorating the building for Christmas. She also became the church representative on the Village Hall Trust and brought her enthusiasm and experience in interior design to assist with the recent renovation and redecoration scheme at the Hall.

She was a good friend to many in the village, and carried her great intellect very lightly. As a lover of plants, she was often to be found helping others around the village with their gardens while transforming her own into a tiny piece of paradise. She had become a big part of our lives, popping in to see us most days, usually bringing with her something of interest to us from the newspaper, or a game or puzzle to amuse the children. She always made time for her friends and neighbours and we shall all miss her very much.

Judith did not wish to have a funeral, but her sons have set up a JustGiving page in her memory, raising funds for Brain Tumour Research: [justgiving.com/fundraising/john-kearney8](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-kearney8)

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At the King’s Head, Danny and Jen have also been working hard in this unpredictable time. Opening times: Tues–Sat noon–11pm; Sun noon–6pm. Takeaways on Friday nights. Face masks on entry. Table service only – no waiting at the bar. Sanitisers everywhere. One-way system. Toilets open. Bookings advisable for meals to avoid disappointment. 01953 861247 / www.facebook.com/thekingsheadnewbuckenhams

Whatever happened to the high speed high speed broadband roll out? County Broadband have notched up a seven-fold increase in their size and taken on their 100th employee. Thirty-six rural villages in Cambridgeshire are now about to get full fibre broadband, but what about New Buckenham? Attempts to get answers have failed, rather like the issue with the O2 phone mast. Thirty-three Norfolk villages were signed up last year, fifteen more were on board by spring 2021. CB Chief exec, Lloyd Felton, said he was backing Boris Johnson’s pledge to achieve UK-wide gigabit-speed connectivity by 2025. But despite calls and emails there have been no answers to the question ‘what is happening’?

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Overwhelmed with this progress, we asked how long a 'build' would take, but no luck I'm afraid: "I don't have confirmed build dates or timescales at this time. I will let you know as soon as I'm updated on further progress."

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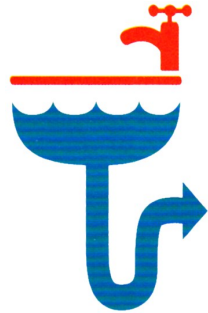
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Events at New Buckenham Common



Annual Orchid Count

SATURDAY 22 MAY, 2PM

Assist with our vital monitoring work by helping to count the beautiful green-winged orchids.

Conservation & Wildlife Walk

WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE, 10AM-12NOON

Join Senior Reserves Assistant Izzy for 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 the common. Learn about the history of commons in general and how the common at New Buckenham was used in the past.

Bee Walk

THURSDAY 8 JULY, 11AM-12.30PM

Join NWT's Rebecca Evans for an introduction to bees. Discover which bee species can be found on the common and learn more about them.

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 and sun hat.

Bat Walk

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 email info@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk. All events start from the small car park near the common play area.



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The Parish Council meets at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of every month at the Village Hall. 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 www.newbuckenhampc.info.

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