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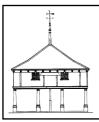
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Macmillan Big Coffee Morning 2021

Although it is two years ago when we last organised this event I am sure many of you will not have forgotten our Big Coffee Morning at the Village Hall. I think this will be our eleventh occasion, as we missed last year's.

Macmillan Cancer Support is a charity I am sure is supported by many of you. I guess there will be some of you who have known people who have benefited from their care and support. Macmillan does a huge amount for people in need of help. So, if you would like to enjoy our Big Coffee Morning please make a note of the date in your diary. It is Friday 24th September in the Village Hall from 9am until 12 noon.

If you have not been to this special event before do come and join us - it is a very friendly occasion. It is also a chance to have a chat and meet some new friends.

All the proceeds will be donated to Macmillan. If anyone would like to contribute to this morning by donating a raffle prize, please could you bring it to Clive at Mill House Garage or to Sue at Kings Stores. If you are able to bake a cake or help with the event in some way please contact Clive 01953 860572 or clive.rush@btconnect.com.

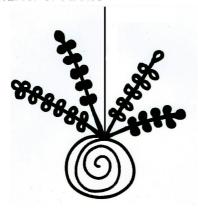
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New Buckenham Village Screen

We are pleased to announce that after 18 months we are back, and presenting the film 'MILITARY WIVES' on Saturday 25th September at 7:30pm at the Village Hall (doors open 7pm). Tickets are £5 in advance (Kings Store or 861150) and £6 on the night.

There will be a bar and other refreshments, and ice-cream will be available. There will be cabaret-style seating on this occasion to offer some social distancing for individuals and groups, as we are aware of ongoing safety concerns about attending a Hall event since the onset of the pandemic. The Hall's own Covid rules will apply regarding mask-wearing when not seated, etc.

Inspired by true events, this film tells the story of a band of women from different backgrounds all faced with their loved ones serving in combat in Afghanistan. They come together to form a choir on a military base. Despite initial differences, unexpected bonds of friendship flourish, and music and laughter transform their lives as they help each other to overcome some of life's most difficult moments.

Even if you have already seen this film and enjoyed the feelgood factor, we would encourage and welcome you (new to the village or long-standing members) to come along for a second joyful viewing, to show your support to the return of 'film night' and to enjoy a long-missed village social event.

Gerry Walsh/Gildersleeve (on behalf of New BArts) 861027

(NewBArts is a sub-group of the Village Hall Trust, formed to support and bring a variety of arts events, including drama and music, to the village. We would very much welcome new members, so if you would be interested in finding out more or joining this small informal group do get in touch.)

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In September, communities across the country are supporting the Great Big Green Week, a week of events to celebrate action on climate change. After a difficult year we are looking ahead to how we can all create a cleaner, greener, healthier world. So please come and join New Buckenham Climate Action Now for The Great Big Green Afternoon on the Village Green on September 18th from 2pm until 4pm.

There will be magical green activities for children, including rainbow making and a rockpool activity. We will have a beefriendly stall with seeds and plants to give away. Cliff will demonstrate his prototype of a 'shallow stream' to enable thirsty bees to drink and he has built a Great Big Green Bug Hotel to raffle! Sue Chapman will be taking the names of anyone who'd like to learn how to weave baskets out of hedgerow materials. We will also have a Cake Stall!

Profits from the cake stall will go towards hiring a film, My Octopus Teacher, to be shown at the end of October/early November.

Izzy Williamson from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust will be joining us for a Q&A session on subjects ranging from the management of our beautiful common, to tips on wildlife friendly gardening. If you have a question for Izzy please email it to anniedalton22@gmail.com to be read out and answered on the day.

Almost two years ago, we tied our hopes and wishes for our planet on the symbolic oak tree that we planted on the village green. But this year, as well as continuing the tradition and tying on new wishes, we are inviting adults and children to compose their own personal Letters to the Earth. See page 11 for more details.





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What story would YOU write? If you could write a letter to the Earth, to the oceans, animals, birds, trees and insects, sharing your fears and frustration, your love, your hope, your longing for change, what would you say? We are inviting you to write that letter now, then copy it on to one of the special sheets of handmade paper that Anke will leave for you at Kings Stores, making sure to return it to the village shop to be collected before September 18th. Later we will hold a special exhibition of your letters together with art works the children have made on our Great Big Green Afternoon.

Annie Dalton

Good Companions

The first meeting of the Good Companions since the pandemic began was held on 19th August — it was a red-letter day for us who were shielding and those who were just extra careful. It was a very successful meeting, with 29 members and three new members with plenty of chat and tea.

We remembered one of our founder members, Eileen Woodrow, who passed away in St Mary's at the end of July. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to her daughter Mary and family.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16th September at 2:30pm in the Village Hall.

Christine Wilby

New Buckenham Community Car Scheme

I am pleased to announce that another longstanding village activity forced to close due to the pandemic is at long last reopening and will be fully operational from 1st October. Since the sad death of Violet, who acted as the Co-Ordinator of the Scheme for many years, I have been working with the Parish Council and Breckland Council to get the scheme up and running again. As well as driving for the scheme, I am now taking on the voluntary role of Acting Co-Ordinator again for the time being.

The car service is provided by 'vetted' voluntary car drivers for those unable to access transport for non-emergency health-related journeys such as hospital/GP/optician/dental appointments. The journey fare is charged at 45p per mile, with the service user paying half the cost direct to the driver and the other half paid out of a grant from Breckland Council and the Parish Council. We currently have eight volunteer drivers, two of whom we welcome as new to the scheme.

To access the service, please contact me on 01953 861027 (leaving a message if necessary) with full details of the transport needed and with as much notice as possible. As already mentioned, the nature of the service precludes us being an emergency/crisis service, although we do recognise that some journey requirements can be at short notice and we will always do our best to assist. The scheme comes under the Parish Council and is overseen by them.

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New Buckenham Parish Council

Our September Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th September at 7:30pm at the Village Hall. A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners.

A reminder that the agenda relevant to each meeting will be posted on the noticeboard on the Village Green and on the web-site (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 12th October, 9th November and 14th December.

The Parish Council is currently seeking a new Parish Clerk (see overleaf). Please feel free to contact me if you are interested or require further information.

Finally, please may I remind you that 30th September is the closing date for the latest round of applications to the Parish Council's Community Project Fund, which awards grants to be used in the community of New Buckenham? Full details are available on the website or, again, please contact me if you require any further information.

Karen Hobley — Parish Council Chair 01953 860529 / karenhobley@hotmail.com

New Buckenham Parish Clerk

New Buckenham Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer.

New Buckenham Parish Council is looking for an enthusiastic and self-motivated person to take on the role of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

The post is for 7½ hours per week, to be reviewed after 6 months. This includes attendance at 11 Parish Council meetings per year and responsibility for the finances of the Council.

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The Moat and Cricket Pitch Pond

There has been much discussion recently about management of the moat (the section facing on to the cricket field) and the pond in the corner of the field. Three parish councillors met recently with Norfolk Wildlife Trust to discuss the management of these areas. This section of the moat is owned by the Parish Council, and the pond is owned by NWT.

The Parish Council is keen to ensure the vegetation in the moat area is properly managed for both the flora and fauna. Great Crested Newt have been found by NWT in the pond, which means they are almost certainly present in the moat, most likely hibernating in the undergrowth. Disturbing the newts or damaging their habitat is an offence and therefore any management of the moat needs to consider the habitat for these internationally important amphibians.

The moat is also an important historic feature and NWT has advised that before any work is done we need to agree a management plan to ensure there is no damage to the earthworks.

NWT are planning to carry out in early October clearance of some of the willow and alder in the pond, and clear any rubbish. This will improve both the habitat of the pond and give improved public visibility. NWT will do the felling and cutting work but would very much appreciate volunteers to pull trunks and cuttings out of the pond. NWT will advertise dates for this work.

Andrew Bingham (Parish Council)



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Please contact me on 01953 860850 or Jimpy on 01953 860191 if you would be interested. Thank you.

Paul Madden

200 Club Lucky Winners

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It was fantastic to hear the church buzzing again. George, our organist, had come to 'practise' (his words!) but had forgotten Coffeemates! was on, so we had the unexpected added bonus of lovely organ music playing gently in the background. And for once, the church was warm! All in all, it made for a memorable return.

You raised £178 for the Stroke Association, for which we are incredibly grateful. Thank you.

The next Coffeemates! is Saturday 11th September, when we will be raising money for Leeway, the domestic violence and abuse charity. We hope to see you there, although the church might not be quite as warm in September...

Louise Casson

David Seville — Thanks

I should like to express my thanks to all who sent cards of condolence, letters and offers of help and kind remarks on the passing of David Seville. The people who helped with the chairs and tables in the hall, for the lovely presentation in the Parish News and the conducted tour of the Kitchen to my niece and I so that access could be gained to the well stocked kitchen for the catering. It was all so very kind and helpful at this sad time.

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Having arrived at 7:30pm in daylight, Lindsey explained about bat life cycles, how they fly at different levels and different speeds, and how they use different pitches of sonar to communicate and to hunt. Then, as darkness fell, everyone was given a hand-held bat detector which, cunningly, is designed with a torch on it so you can see where you're going.

It's an addiction. Common and Soprano pipistrelles were out in force. The Norfolk Bat Survey which has been conducted in and around the village for the last five years has show once again this season, that the SSSI is a flight path for at least ten of the UK's 18 bat species, including three of the rarest — the Barbastelle, Leisler's bat and Nathusius' pipistrelle. But it's not just the SSSI the bats go for. A dozen of the rarest bats fly around this village from dusk till dawn every night... even when it's raining!

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Contributions for the October 2021 issue of *New Buckenham Parish News* should be submitted by 6:00pm on <u>Sunday 19th September 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 editor@newbucknews.co.uk.