

# **New Buckenham Parish News**



**February 2022**

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# NewBarts film night



**Saturday 19 February, 7.30pm**

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## **Village Cinema: *The Courier* (12A)**

**Saturday 19 February 7:30pm**

This is the true story of a British businessman – played by Benedict Cumberpatch – unwittingly recruited into one of the great international conflicts of the twentieth century – the 1963 Cuban Missile Crisis. His role was to form an unlikely partnership with a Soviet officer in the hope of preventing a nuclear confrontation. The two men worked together to provide the crucial intelligence that was used to defuse the Crisis.

Tickets: £5 in advance at Kings Stores or call 01953 861150 / £6 on the door. Doors open at 7pm, refreshments and bar available. Seating will once again be socially distanced cabaret style with table service.

If you are interested in being involved in any way with the village film group, please get in touch either on the night or by phone. There are a variety of roles from helping to select the film to sharing the role of projectionist and lots in between.

*Gerry Walsh/Gildersleeve (861027), on behalf of New Barts*

## **Sponsorship**

If you would be interested in sponsoring an issue of *Parish News*, please contact Mary Dowson (860320 / mdowson@btinternet.com). We are very grateful for the support we receive and the money offered contributes to the payment for production costs.

*Parish News Committee*

# Community Car Scheme

Are you interested in community voluntary work? Are you a car driver with some free time during the week, but not wanting a regular time commitment? If so, look no further than the community car scheme!

Since our scheme re-opened in October 2021, our seven volunteer drivers have completed 37 medically-related return journeys for parishioners, so I think that we can say we are fully operational again. However, the number of requests for drivers is on the increase as medical services are opening up post-pandemic. As a result, we are looking for new drivers to join us.

As a long-standing driver for the scheme I took up the task of Acting Co-ordinator on the behalf of the Parish Council, following the death of Violet Highton last year, in order to ensure the future of the scheme. However, this was only intended to be on a temporary basis and we are seeking someone to take over this role permanently.

If you would be interested in either, or both, of these volunteer roles and would like to hear more on what is involved in the tasks, please do contact me for an informal discussion. I am aiming to continue to be a driver and will be available to induct and support a new coordinator.

*Gerry Walsh (861027), Acting Co-ordinator*

# 2022 Village Show and Open Gardens

After a break of two years, we're back and things are looking up. So please go to your new 2022 calendar and put in 19th June for Open Gardens and 30th July for the Village Show.

The last time we held Open Gardens we had over 20 gardens, the church and the castle for people to visit and we are looking to do better this time. So, if you are prepared to have 'forriners' viewing your garden then please let me know. This is not only a brilliant day for socialising, but also raises funds for the Village Show. We open from 1pm until 6pm, with the last ticket being sold at 5pm and we will need some assistance on the day with car parking and teas.

Moving on to the Village Show, this year we celebrate our Silver Jubilee, delayed from 2020 – it's been a long time coming and how we have missed you! The Show is one of the great village occasions, open to everyone from bakers to crafters to gardeners. We hope this will be the best yet, as I suspect you are all bursting to release your creative spirit, bottled up for the last two years. The schedules detailing the various classes will be posted through your doors within the next two months. As usual we are looking for helpers on the day. We need a volunteer to run the raffle (a vital source of revenue), stewards to assist the judges, and volunteers for teas in the afternoon.

On a sad note, we must remember two people who did so much to promote the Show: Jo Boswell was a founder member of the committee which re-started the Show and was the Secretary for many years; she had myriad creative skills and won countless prizes over the years. Violet Highton was also a member of the committee for many years, promoting the children's classes and running the raffle every year. They are both sorely missed, but their legacy lives on.

If you are willing to participate in either event or have any questions, then please call me.

*Jimps (860191 / [petercasson219@btinternet.com](mailto:petercasson219@btinternet.com))*

## **New Buckenham Players try again!**

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the AGM in January, so the New Buckenham Players' AGM will now be held on 27th February at 11am in New Buckenham Village Hall. We look forward to picking up where we left off in 2019! All newcomers welcome and there will be coffee and cake, so please come along to catch up or introduce yourself.

Looking ahead, this June we are going to put on *The Foreigner* by Larry Shue. We had originally cast the play last year and then Covid forced its postponement, so now some of the original cast are not available. We are holding auditions in February, with rehearsals to start in March. If you are not familiar with the play here is a short summary: an ex-deb, a wealthy bricklaying English teacher and a nice old lady from the Deep South join forces with a bashful Brit and his faithful Froggy to take on the KKK. There are four male and three female roles and ages can be flexible. Anyone interested in taking part should please get in touch so that we can contact you regarding auditions.  
*Ellie Hupton (elliehupton@yahoo.com), Chair, New Buckenham Players*

## **Photoshow 2022**

The Photoshow returns this year, deferred from last year due to the pandemic. It will probably take place Friday 27th – Sunday 29th May, the weekend before the Jubilee celebrations. Full details will be announced later, but local photographers will wish to start thinking about exhibiting their work. We know there were lots of lovely pictures taken during the lockdown and some of them are already on show in the village hall.

*Charles Oxley (photoshow@newbuckenham.net)*

# The Villager

The first village directory came out in 2007 and a new edition is normally published every two years. It was last produced in 2019, but a new edition last year had to be deferred. *The Villager* is now out of date!

Published by the New Buckenham Society, *The Villager* is delivered free of charge to every household in New Buckenham. It's the essential directory of village organisations, facilities, businesses and many other aspects of local life. Of particular value are the directory of residents' contact details and useful internet links. Circulation of *The Villager* is strictly confined to this village and details of residents are excluded from the online version.

There have been many changes in the village since the last edition, so a team of volunteers will be fully updating the forthcoming edition. Over the next month volunteers will be calling at households to update residents' details and seek consent to use them in *The Villager*. Please help us to make this *Villager* up to date and comprehensive.

*Charles Oxley*

## Welcome to the Neighbourhood

We would like to extend a warm welcome to David and Jane Amey, who have moved into Tudor Rose Cottage.

*Parish News Committee*

# New Buckenham Parish Council

Our February Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th February 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 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. Dates for 2022 are 8th March, 12th April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November and 13th December.

We start the New Year with old problems as parking in the village remains a major issue in a number of areas. One particular area is the Inn on the Green crossroads where it is often difficult to turn into Church Street because of cars parked right on the junction. Please could I remind villagers that parking within 10 metres of a junction is illegal and ask that everyone considers where they park and how it could affect others? May I also ask that people don't park directly on the cobbled areas?

The Parish Council is aware that parking is one of the main areas of concern within the village and is always keen to hear from parishioners who have any ideas which could help us. As you will know from Andrew's article in the previous edition of *Parish News*, we are looking at a shared car scheme. We would love to hear your views on this or maybe you have the expertise to help us look into this project? Please do get in touch. Thank you.

We have recently received information about two schemes to support people in the current pandemic. Breckland Council has a

support scheme for businesses in Breckland. It is entitled the 'Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant' and full details are on the Breckland website: [breckland.gov.uk](http://breckland.gov.uk). Also, please see below information from the Anne Robson Trust, which has been forwarded to us.

Contact details for all Parish Councillors and Angela Thornton, our new clerk, are listed in this *Parish News*. Please do contact us if we can help you with anything. Kind regards.

*Karen Hoblely (860529 / [karenhoblely@hotmail.com](mailto:karenhoblely@hotmail.com)), Parish Council Chair*

## **The Anne Robson Helpline**

Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline - if you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us.

At the Anne Robson Trust, we aim to be there to listen to anyone who is struggling with the imminent death of someone they care about. We know that facing the end of life can leave you isolated and alone. Calls are free and confidential – call us on 0808 801 0688.

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## Summary of Draft Minutes December 2021

Present : Cllrs Karen Hobley (Chair), Mary Dowson (MD), Mary Manning (MM), Andrew Nettleton (AN), Andrew Bingham (AB), Don Crossman (DC), Steve Highton (SH), Angela Thornton (Clerk)

1. Minutes of the November meeting agreed as correct.
2. Matters Arising: it was decided to investigate the cost of repair of the 'cemetery bench', with a view to restoration and relocation.

3. Public Participation

Parish Cllrs: The Chair thanked those responsible for setting up the Christmas tree on the Green.

The Chair reported there had been no recent applications to the Project Fund. AN to write an article in *Parish News* promoting the fund.

Parishioners: Concern about potholes in Cuffer Lane – Chair to contact Highways.

Concern about potholes in Play Park area car park – AB to contact Phil Anderson.

Concern over parking on pavements – Chair to write an article in *Parish News* highlighting the issue.

Community Car Scheme is going well. A volunteer to cover Gerry Walsh's absence has been recruited. GW to meet the Parish Clerk to review paperwork and grant application.

4. Financial Matters

Financial report to 30th November was noted.

Payments for December were approved.

Draft Budget 2022/3, including the parish precept, were considered and approved.

## 5. Planning

Applications received:

a) Erection of an agricultural building in Cuffer Lane: Mr Whaley's application was discussed and the Clerk will lodge PC's objection to Breckland Council.

b) Single Storey side extension, The Haven, Rosemary Lane: No objection.

c) Rear ground- and first-floor extension, porch canopy to front door, replacement single- to double-glazed windows, 8 Chapel Street: No objection.

## 6. BT Digital Voice

Concern was expressed regarding this latest BT proposal, as in the absence of mobile a phone signal, it would leave us with no telecommunications in the village during a power cut. Chair to send our concerns to BT.

## 7. Community Involvement Consultation

Breckland has invited comments on the new Local Plan. The document was discussed and AB to reply on behalf of the PC.

## 8. Neighbourhood Plan

MM stated our NP was at the Examination Stage.

## 9. Amenities

a) Grounds Maintenance: AB to find out if the additional work on the trees at the rear of the allotments had been carried out to allow the letting of the affected plot.

b) Closed Churchyard: MM and AB to plan a way forward for 2022 regarding the wildflower area.

c) Cemetery: memorial request for the late Betty Anderson approved. MD and AN had checked the Burial Register with the plan of the new part of the cemetery in order to ascertain the

number of available plots. The reserved plots were noted and it was agreed to have the vacant plots rodded at a cost of approximately £280.00.

d) Allotments: available plots to be offered to those on the waiting list.

e) Play Area: DC reported that replacement posts had been installed and that the Bee Maze had been delivered and he would arrange installation.

f) Public Footpaths: walking and checking of Path 6 will take place in January. Thanks were expressed to Barbara Cattermole who had arranged repairs to the broken bridge on Path 5.

*Mary Dowson, for New Buckenham Parish Council*

## **The Children's Society**

We have been able to donate £257.19 to the Children's Society and we owe thanks to a few people:

Suzie Jowett, our beloved verger, organised a special collection at Christingle and raised £50. Thank you!

Fiona and Debbie organised carols around the Christmas Tree and managed to raise £200.19. A terrific amount of thanks must also go to everyone who attended and gave so generously. Thanks to Covid, I was unable to attend, but I heard the singing and the praise that Fiona and Debbie received after the event. Well done to the dynamic duo and thanks again to all!

*Jimps, Church Treasurer*

## Good Companions

The Christmas lunch on 8th December went well, with a very good lunch and a very good entertainer.

The next meeting will be on 17th February at 2:30pm in the Village Hall and will be the usual mardle.

*Christine Wilby*

## Carleton Rode Jubilee Hall

At Carleton Rode Jubilee Hall, we have recently resurfaced our disused tennis court into a fabulous new floodlit 3G Astro surface. We were also fortunate enough to secure some community grants to offer a suite of subsidised community activities. Our aim is to attract local families to try new activities, reconnect with each other and improve overall wellbeing amongst our communities, in an outdoor space and therefore covid-safe way. Please feel free to come along and try our new activities, free taster sessions, all with qualified coaches!

- Mondays 6–7pm Walking Football
- Mondays 7:30–8:30pm Cardio Tennis (from Mon 7th Feb)
- Tuesdays 5:30–6.30pm Multisports (from Tues 18th Jan)
- Thursdays 8–9pm Adult Football Roll-up

The court is also available for private/group hire. For more info email: [crode.jubileehall@gmail.com](mailto:crode.jubileehall@gmail.com) or phone 07507 035390.

# New Buckenham Art Exhibition 2022

Opening night: Friday 15th April 7:30pm. Open: Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th and Monday 18th April between 11am and 4:30pm.

We are very pleased to tell you that preparations for the art exhibition are well underway for the Easter weekend. It will be two years since it was forced to close due to the Covid pandemic. This special event is enjoyed by so many we hope that you will all want to come back and help us make it a success. If you have not helped before, please do think about it as we would like to see as many new people involved as possible. Don't forget to visit – there will be over 400 works of art to view.

We have included the Helpers' Rota 2019, so that those of you who kindly helped then may like to pick the same time again. If you are able to help again this year, it would be helpful if you could let Clive know as soon as you can. There will, we are sure, be spaces in the rota we need to fill, so if you would like to be involved over the weekend please let us know: Clive Rush (860572 / [clive.rush@btconnect.com](mailto:clive.rush@btconnect.com)).

**Erecting the Screens:** This is a task that requires some serious muscle, the exhibition screens are very heavy to lift. If you can help us, we shall be putting the screens up in the hall on Thursday 14th April at 10pm. It usually takes about an hour to set up. To help please contact: Jon Halfacree (860064 / [jonhalfacree@btinternet.com](mailto:jonhalfacree@btinternet.com)).

**Hanging the Pictures:** This takes place on Friday 10th April from 9am until lunchtime, but there are usually some things to do in the afternoon to set the scene ready for the opening in the evening. It is an interesting job and don't worry if you have not done it before, as you will be shown how to go about it and usually two people work together. If you would like to give it a go please let us know: Clive Rush (860572 / [clive.rush@btconnect.com](mailto:clive.rush@btconnect.com)).

**Dismantling the Exhibition:** Monday 18th April after 4:30pm. This

is when we return pictures to the artists and to people who have bought pictures at the exhibition. This takes about an hour and a half. The second part is dismantling the screens and clearing the hall. This is where we need people who are able to carry the heavy screens. It is difficult to give an exact time for this, as the two procedures overlap, but probably about 5pm. Please let Jon Halfacree know if you can help: 860064 / jonhalfacree@btinternet.com

**Cakes:** Could you bake a cake for us? That would be wonderful! We do have a long tradition of lovely cakes of all kinds. Many people love to stop and have a coffee and slice of cake. We would need these on the Saturday 16th for 10am at the Village Hall. Please contact Pauline Dynes: 860053 / psdynes@hotmail.com.

**Raffle Prizes:** Our raffle is usually a great success with lovely prizes and like everything connected with this event it helps to bring in more money for our church and Village Hall. If you can donate a prize for this, that would be great; they can be brought to Mill House when you like.

*Art Exhibition Committee: Clive Rush, Gill Goodwin, Jon Halfacree, Ed Dowling, Pauline Dynes, David Hupton, Mike Boswell and Juliet Fulford.*

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TASK</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
11–12:30	S	Mary Dowson Charles Wolfe	Carolyn Hupton David Hupton	Sandra Lester Rory Lester
	A	Gerry & Geoff Gildersleeve	Nancy Robertson Vivienne Walker	Mary Manning Mike Boswell
12:30–2:30	S	Karen Hobley	Hazel Rush Ed Dowling	Carolyn Hupton Audrey Dowling
	A	Pauline Dynes Alan Dynes	Ron Thompson	John Frith Lou Frith
2:30–4:30	S	Richard Anderson Charles Wolfe	Clive Rush	Ann Gascoyne Karen Hobley
	A	Paul Madden Pamela Madden	Audrey Dowling Ed Dowling	Robert & Meryl St. John Cooper
11–2	R	Stevie Hobley Gill Goodwin	Bella Chirodian Janet Ovens	Juliet Fulford Andrew Bingham
2–4:30		Gill Goodwin Sue Cattermole	Linda Bryan Kathy Steel	Alice Cattermole Andrea Halfacree

Tasks: A = Admission; S = Sales; R = Refreshments

## **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 (01953 860850).

£50	Mary Manning
£20	Richard Hoggett, Jane Ling, Julia Rose, Calder Trewin, Nick Aveston, Wendy Elliott
£10	Gary Rose, Diana Cole, Christopher Pearson, Peter Hodges, Karen Hobley

## News from the Pews

We are sad to announce that Rev. Canon Stephen Wright is leaving us at the end of February. He and Jo are having what he calls 'one last adventure' and moving to the far north, to Haltwhistle in Northumbria. Steve has been an inspiration to this group, bringing originally six and now seven churches together, and we will miss his cheerful smile and thoughtful words. We wish them all the very best – and a good supply of thermals! His last service in New Buckenham will be Evensong on 13th February.

Steve writes: "I think the thing I will miss most ... is the regular round of weekly services and community events where people can support one another in unspectacular, but significant, ways simply by knowing one another and looking out for one another. In every church here there is a warm welcome for the newcomer, a desire to help anyone in need, and, although we may not see it in our casual chat after a service, there is a profound spirituality in the hearts of those who attend and many who don't."

Until a replacement is found, Steve's departure may change the way we do things, so watch this space! However, it will not diminish our activity with services still taking place each week, Coffeemates! starting again on 9th April, and Village&Vestry planning their new programme of fun fundraising (usually with food). Meanwhile, the Friday team are keeping us clean and tidy and florally decorated, the bookshop is open, and the choir is working hard, singing at Evensongs, at Rev. Steve's leaving service in Banham on 27th February, and a couple of weddings in the summer.

We always need and welcome more people to support both the worship and the building at the heart of our village, either as helpers or attenders. Come and experience that 'warm welcome' for yourself!

*Susan Jowett (860929) and Louise Casson (860191)*

## St Martin's Church Services – February 2022

Sun 6th	11:00am	Holy Communion	4 Before Lent
Sun 13th	6:30pm	Sung Evensong*	3 Before Lent
Sun 20th	11:00am	Morning Prayer	2 Before Lent
Sun 27th	10:00am	Group Service at Banham**	Next Before Lent

\* This will be Rev. Stephen Wright's last service in New Buckenham.

\*\* This will be Rev. Wright's last service for the Group.

## Reverend Alan Wright

Margaret and family would like to say thank you to all those who donated in memory of Alan – a total of £1,570 was raised and has been divided between New Buckenham church and Cancer Research UK.

## Parish News

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*Parish News Committee*

## Parish News Needs You!

Each month the *Parish News* is edited, formatted and distributed to every house in the village by a group of volunteers. To help with this, we are looking for one or more people who would be willing to take on some of the more technical tasks, in particular the formatting and laying out of the magazine, uploading the PDF to the website and sending out the email version. The layout is currently done using Microsoft Publisher, so will be familiar to anyone with experience of Office, while the emailing is done through MailChimp.

If you would be interested and would like to find out more, please contact Richard Hoggett in the first instance ([richard@richard-hoggett.co.uk](mailto:richard@richard-hoggett.co.uk) / 01953 860136).

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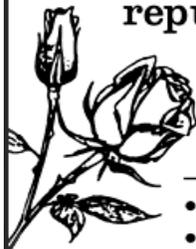
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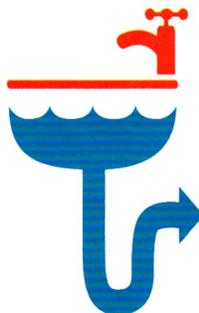
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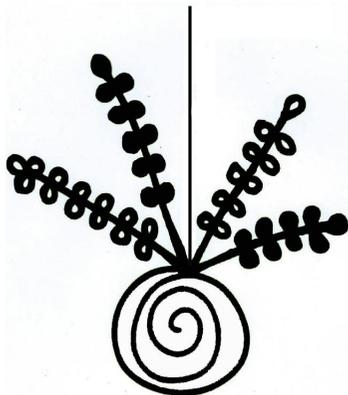
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Sun 13th	Evensong, 6:30pm, St Martin's Church
Thurs 17th	Good Companions, 2:30pm, Village Hall
Sat 19th	Film: <i>The Courier</i> , 7:30pm, Village Hall
Sun 27th	Group Service, 10am, St Mary's Church, Banham
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