

New Buckenham Parish News



NEW BUCKENHAM ART EXHIBITION

Opening Night: Friday 15th April 7:30pm. Entry £4 (incl. wine).

Sat 16th / Sun 17th / Mon 18th: Open 11am–4:30pm. Entry £2.

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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 / 01953 860136).

Parish News Committee

Thank You

We are very grateful to the sponsor of this month's issue, New Buckenham Cricket Club.

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.

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New Buckenham Art Exhibition

Opening Night: Friday 15th April 7:30pm.

Despite a gap of two years due to the Covid pandemic we have had great response from artists for the New Buckenham Art Exhibition. There are 111 artists from Norfolk, Suffolk and further away. In total we will be displaying 428 works of art. Some of the artists are professional and others are dedicated hobby painters. There will be a section of unframed pictures displayed in our browser stands and over 30 artists will be exhibiting greetings cards. All these are for sale over the Easter weekend. If you are looking for a painting, you will find a lovely variety of styles and use of materials to choose from.

You will see from the Steward Rota that this is now complete. All Helpers will receive a copy of this in due course. Thank you to all our helpers for their support with this event.

Don't forget we would love you to bake a cake for the refreshments if you can please. Also, there is still time to donate a prize for the raffle, thank you. Lastly, do come with your family and friends to see this great show.

Clive Rush, Art Exhibition Committee

Art Exhibition Thursday Night Set Up

We are looking for a few 'active' volunteers to help with setting up the display boards at the Village Hall on Thurs 14th April in readiness for the Easter Art Exhibition. Anyone who can help out will be warmly welcomed. The Silver Band have kindly given up their usual Thursday night slot so we can start at 7pm and should take about half an hour or so. Many hands make light work!

Jon Halfacree (860064 / jonhalfacree@btinternet.com)

HELPERS' ROTA ART EXHIBITION 2022

TIME	TASK	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
11–12:30	S	Mary Dowson Charles Wolfe	Carolyn Hupton	Sandra Lester Rory Lester
	A	Gerry & Geoff Gildersleeve	Nancy Robertson Vivienne Walker	Mary Manning Mike Boswell
12:30–2:30	S	John Hobley Karen Hobley	Hazel Rush Ed Dowling	Carolyn Hupton Audrey Dowling
	A	Pauline Dynes Alan Dynes	Ron Thompson Margaret Ward	John Frith Lou Frith
2:30–4:30	S	Richard Anderson Charles Wolfe	Claire McNamara Clive Rush	Ann Gascoyne Karen Hobley
	A	Dawn Eagling Tom Eagling	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

From Village and Vestry

Thank you, thank you, thank you for everything you did to help our efforts at our recent coffee morning in support of our church and Ukraine. It was wonderful to see so many people there, and it was evident that the children enjoyed their craft making activities with the wonderful Katy Dynes. The cakes were delicious... even if I say so on behalf of all of our bakers! The stall holders had a variety of crafts to offer, and it was super to see people able to meet and mingle once again.

We are delighted to say that we have raised £250 for the Ukraine appeal, and we can also help Jimpy keep our church open... for a few more days at least!

As you may be aware, Bella and Nish Chirodian are sponsoring a family from Ukraine, offering them a place within their family home. We hope you will agree that to be able give some financial support to a family whose lives have been destroyed in this horrendous war shows how our community cares. We will be delighted to use these funds to support them and we look forward to welcoming them to our village.

A super team effort from V/V and the New Buckenham community.
Thank you!

Maria Lloyd, Village & Vestry

David Hupton

We are sad to inform you that David Hupton has died. David lived in the village with his family for thirty-one years. He contributed a great deal to village life supporting, helping to organise, and participating in a wide range of village events and activities. He will be greatly missed.

A longer article outlining David's many roles within the village will appear in the next edition of *Parish News*.

We offer our sincere condolences to David's family.

Parish News Committee

2022 Bucks Photoshow

Calling all photographers! The Bucks Photoshow (27–29 May) invites you to show your work. Any style of photography is welcomed, at any level of expertise. We particularly encourage and help beginners.

For those new to the area, the Photoshow is held on alternate years (although deferred from last year) and this will be the eighth.

Exhibitors from the surrounding villages come together to create an eclectic show in the splendid display facilities at New Buckenham's village hall. Have no fear, we are not a camera club and there's no judging.

Let me know if you're interested and I'll send you all the details. Do you know anyone who might be interested in exhibiting? Please let me know. Exhibitors from previous years will already be on the mailing list.

The Photoshow is run by New Buckenham Arts in aid of the Village Hall Trust.

Charles Oxley (01953 860708 / photoshow@newbuckenham.net)

New Buckenham Parish Council

April's Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th April at the Village Hall. Please note that this will start at 7pm and will be followed by our Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm. This will be an opportunity to hear about the work of the Parish Council over the past 12 months, including updates on various projects, and plenty of opportunities for discussion and to ask questions about our work. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend either or both meetings.

One of the projects which we have been discussing over the last few months is the restoration of the old bench at the cemetery gate. A number of people expressed disappointment at our decision to sell it but we were able to review that decision after Clive Rush very kindly offered to restore it for us, free of charge, and the High Bailiff's Trust volunteered to support us with re-siting it. For those of you who are unaware, the bench has a plaque to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935 and the Parish Council has agreed to purchase a second plaque for it, commemorating the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. Hopefully, it will be part of New Buckenham's heritage for many more years. Thank you to everyone who has offered support with this project.

The Parish Council is also looking at providing a defibrillator for the village. Sue Britton (susanjanebritton@gmail.com / 01953 861406) has kindly agreed to look into the logistics of this and is investigating a suitable site, costs, maintenance and insurance. I do know that Sue has already had some kind offers of help but, if you feel you can support the project in any way, please contact Sue or myself. I know that, if we are successful with this project, we will need a rota of people to check the defibrillator regularly - batteries, pads etc. Do please get in touch if you can help. Thank you.

Also, at our Annual Parish Meeting, Andrew Bingham will be interested to hear people's views on an electronic car point and car

for the village, there will be an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and we are currently trying to contact a representative from County Broadband to come and speak to us about progress in the village.

We look forward to seeing you on 12th April and we hope you will take the opportunity to join us to hear about all our current initiatives, ask questions and take part in the discussions.

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

Summary of Draft Minutes March 2022

Present: Karen Hobley (KH, Chair), Andrew Bingham (AB), Mary Manning (MM), Mary Dowson (MD), Steve Highton (SH), Don Crossman (DC), Andrew Nettleton (AN) and Steve Askew (SA, County/District Cllr). Stevie Hobley: Minutes.

1. Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting approved with two minor corrections: Payments list NPower changed to Eon, MD to write article in PN not AB.

2. Matters Arising

AN has submitted an article about the Community Project Fund to PN.

DC reported some work had been done on potholes in Cuffer Lane.

Contact had been established with County Broadband. Clerk has invited them to attend a PC meeting.

Marsh Lane roadworks underway. The road closure has caused issues with bin collections, but works should be finished at the weekend.

Village gateway – ongoing.

George V bench – there is a lot of feeling that the bench should remain in the village. It was agreed to give the bench to the High Bailiff's Trust and if funding is required they apply to the Community Project Fund. KH proposed to obtain a new plaque in addition to the George V one to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

3. Public Participation

District/County Cllr

Queen's Jubilee - from April 1st funding of up to £500.00 is available for other bodies (not PC) to access.

No further progress on the Dambrigg.

Telephone mast, work has begun.

Cuffer Lane planning application has been extended into April. If the application is rejected the PC would request the site restored. AB to investigate a Request for Enforcement.

There are large potholes on the road leading to the village hall but it has never been established who owns it. The PC will look into costings to repair it. AB to get quotes.

Parishioners' Comments

Sue Britton presenting the case for a defibrillator. Running costs: pads every 18 months £20-30, battery every 4 years £150. Cost of the defibrillator itself from £700 upwards, average £1000. Insurance costs unknown.

MD: money was not the issue. It is the location, management and administration of the device.

Sue Britton stated a possible location may have been found but not confirmed, it would need to be on an outside wall, in a locked box and registered with EoEAS.

Five parishioners have offered support for it's maintenance.

MM: training in its use is available although the call handler and the device will give clear instructions.

AB: to look at which budget it would come from.

KH: proposed that a written proposal, including location, rota and costs including installation from Sue would be welcome at the April meeting.

4. Financial Matters

Financial Report was noted.

Payment report was a duplicate of last month, but payments to Robin Steel, A & V Baker, VHT and Stevie Hobley for minuting this meeting were agreed.

AB: will be unavailable for 2–3months, DC agreed to deputise as a named person for online banking.

5. Planning

Hunt's Farm planning application has been approved.

6. Amenities

Closed Churchyard – Quinquennial Report. It was noted that a meeting took place between representatives of the PCC and PC to establish their shared responsibilities. Agreed that the PCC would maintain the two sheds and that the Churchyard grounds would be maintained by the PC.

Three areas were discussed: the formal flower beds, the lawns and grassy paths and the conservation area. It was suggested that the conservation area be reduced in size and a gardener sought to help with this. It was hoped to organise a group of volunteers to assist with some routine garden clearance. It was

also agreed that the PC would undertake minor repairs to the steps and hand rail by the South door.

Cemetery – Agreed to defer review of charges until April.

Rodding of the ‘old’ cemetery to go ahead in late April.

Allotments – One outstanding allotment rent, DC to investigate. An allotment holder who has left the village has requested an extension to clear their site.

7. Community Car Scheme

Annual grant received.

8. Neighbourhood Plan

The examination is complete and it has the status of a planning document. Breckland will decide when it goes forward for the referendum.

Mary Dowson, for New Buckenham Parish Council

New Buckenham Parish Council

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The Parish Council meets at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of every month at the Village Hall. Further information can be found on our notice board on the Village Green or www.newbuckenhampc.info.

New Buckenham's Green Agenda

The Annual Parish Meeting is held this year on Tuesday 12th April in the Village Hall.

A few months ago in the *Parish News* I raised the possibility of addressing the village car parking issues, developing sustainable travel with the provision of a shared community car, and provision of electric vehicle charging. Would you use a communal electrical vehicle charging point, would you use a shared community car – are you prepared to change your lifestyle to reduce your impact on the environment?

The Parish Meeting is a great opportunity for open debate and discussion on these issues, plus any other green and environmental opportunities that the village could adopt. So please come along to the meeting with your ideas and concerns – I can provide information on the latest environmental thinking from Breckland and how they can support a green agenda.

Andrew Bingham (861150)

News from the Pews

Services

We were delighted to welcome the Right Reverend Alan Winton, Bishop of Thetford, to take our service on 20th March, and hope he enjoyed the unusually good refreshments, saved from the V&V coffee morning! As you will see from the list, April services differ from the norm, starting with Choral Evensong with the choir on 3rd.

Holy Week and Easter

The group Palm Sunday procession and service on 10th April will be here again this year. There will be an hour of Music & Meditation on Good Friday, with readings and hymns for choir and congregation – a bit like Nine Lessons and Carols. Those who have ordered lilies in memory of loved ones will be invited to place them during this hour.

Coffee Mornings

Village & Vestry, our friends group, held a very enjoyable coffee morning on Saturday 19th March with stalls and children's activities. Thank you to all those involved and for all your generosity – details of the proceeds and donations will follow. St Martin's Coffeemates! starts up again on 9th April – see Louise's article for details.

Bookstall

Thanks to your generosity, we are still very well stocked and can take no further donations for now. Do come and look, we have a huge selection of paperbacks and all children's books are FREE. For future reference, we prefer fiction only, no DVDs and DEFINITELY no videos, as we just have to dispose of them! And please leave donations in the labelled baskets – please don't try to shelve them

yourself, or dump them in odd boxes and corners... whoever that was!

During the Vacancy

Enquires about funerals and general matters should be made to the Benefice administrator Jill Moses (jillannm1@gmail.com) and for weddings and baptisms to Val Plummer (quidenhamgroup.wedding@gmail.com), but please feel free to contact me or any of the PCC if we can help.

Susan Jowett (Authorised Worship Assistant) for the PCC (860929)

St Martin's Church Services – April 2022

Sun 3rd	6:30pm	Sung Evensong with the Choir	Lent 5
Sun 10th	10:00am	Group Procession and Service	Palm Sunday
Fri 15th	2–3pm	Music & Meditation with placing of lilies	Good Friday
Sun 17th	11:00am	Holy Communion	Easter Sunday
Sun 24th	11:00am	Morning Worship	2nd Sunday of Easter

Coffeemates!

We're delighted that for the first time in a long time we can start holding Coffeemates for a full "season". So, our first coffee morning will be on Saturday 9th April at 10:30am in St Martin's church, when we will be raising funds for the British Red Cross. They are the UK's largest provider of services for refugees, asylum seekers, vulnerable migrants and survivors of trafficking, helping on the ground in conflict zones and providing support for those who seek refuge in the UK. Whilst the terrible events in Ukraine are foremost in the news at present, we should not forget that there are other ongoing wars and emergencies across the world.

Over the coming months we'll be raising funds for the East Anglian Air Ambulance, St Martin's church, Admiral Nurses, The Mission to Seafarers, All Saint's Church Wilby's Roof Appeal and YANA (a charity providing mental health support for those involved in farming and rural business). Look out for the dates over the coming months and the posters around the village.

We do hope you'll join us for coffee, cake, chat, the ubiquitous raffle, and more – it's good to be back!

Louise Casson

New Buckenham Players

New Buckenham Players are returning after an absence of two years and are preparing to put on a performance of three plays that have not been seen before. The trio of plays are *Keep Your Distance*, a comedy, and two radio plays, *Breaking and Entering* and *Sleep Perchance to Dream*, a comedy. The dates for your diary are 30th June, 1st and 2nd of July.

During the interval the bar will reopen and tea, coffee, ice cream and cake will be available. A raffle will be held with many prizes, one lucky winner will receive two tickets to the Christmas production! So put the date in your diary and come and enjoy an evening of fun and laughter.

To all newcomers to the village and beyond – we are seeking new members to join us, performing, directing or helping in the Green Room with makeup, costume or hairstyling. All welcome to join in the fun of belonging to an amateur dramatic group who have been performing for 40 years. So if you're interested please get in touch on 01953 714893 or email elvin211@btinternet.com, we look forward to hearing from you.

Sally Elvin (Vice-Chairman)

Bizz Buzz

It really might soon be happening! Can you believe it?

At last, positive action on the phone mast for New and Old Buckenham... Just in case you hadn't caught the latest news about the new phone mast (which was confirmed by O2 on the 3rd March – typically just too late for the *Parish News*) here's the update... but as we in Biz Buzz always say: **DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH!**

Works have commenced on the base station at Downmore Farm. There can be no total certainty about the build schedule, but O2 believe that all the relevant works are expected to be completed by June. This includes the physical build and then a period of network integration and testing. And this means that if all goes well the mast would be fully operational by June.

Be aware, as Biz Buzz has constantly warned, the network services provided from this site will be for O2 only. It's possible that other providers could buy their way onto the mast, but there is no indication at the moment that this is happening.

Business news, info, views? All the updates from Biz Buzz are to be found on www.np4nb.online.

Janet Trewin

The High Bailiff's Trust

The High Bailiff's Trust have asked Phil Anderson to have a look at the limes on the Market Place and he recommends that the crowns be cleaned and the deadwood and dieback be removed. Also, that the trees be reduced in height so that they are all of uniform height.

This work will allow some additional light through to the grass and will not affect the snowdrops that have been planted any more than is absolutely necessary. We have left it to Phil to commence the work as the trees are in a conservation area and permission needs to be granted before work can commence.

Having sought advice from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and others, we have also decided that we will continue to manage the area surrounding the limes in the same manner as the rest of the Market Place. We are very grateful to Kim Cutmore for her ideas and enthusiasm for giving this ground over to wildflowers, but following a trial period have decided that this is not appropriate in this location. If anyone has any questions or comments, please call me on 860191.

Jimpy Casson

Chairman, High Bailiffs Trust

Historic Buildings of New Buckenham

Starting about 20 years ago many of the older houses in New Buckenham received unusual visitors! They rummaged around in lofts, measured everywhere, made numerous drawings, took photographs and bored holes in the ancient beams.

The Norfolk Historic Buildings Group is a voluntary group whose passion is vernacular buildings. It spent several years surveying buildings in New Buckenham as the first of their studies of vernacular houses in a village context. The survey results include work by the late Paul Rutledge, a local resident, and a book was published in 2005. Its final section describes the detailed construction of each house surveyed and discusses the dates of building uncovered by dendrochronology. This is a technique involving the analysis of ring patterns in the oak beams.

The book was on sale for several years before selling out. Reprinting a short run was not feasible, so we are delighted that the NHBG has now made the work available for everyone to read online or download via the New Buckenham Archive website:

<http://www.newbuckenhamarchive.co.uk/nhbg%20book.htm>

Charles Oxley (New Buckenham Archive) and Ian Hinton (Norfolk Historic Buildings Group)

A Volunteer is Needed

The William Barber Trustees are looking for someone to join our small committee to help us monitor and maintain the four Alms Houses in the village. These houses were re-built in 1861, but were the legacy of William Barber who died in 1693 and are for villagers who find themselves in need. The Trustees act as befrienders to the residents and look after the properties.

If you are willing to give up a small portion of your time to keep this historic trust active within the village, please contact Jon Frith on 01953 861185 or Gill Goodwin on 01953 860703. Thank you.

200 Club Lucky Winners

Thank you for your continued support of the Village Hall. Here are the lucky winners for the latest draw.

£20

John Hoble, Jeremy Gallimore, Doreen Madden

£10

Jill and Ian Ashford, Emma Bird, Katie Hupton,
Karen Hoble, Pamela Clark

Good Companions

At the meeting held on the 17th March 25 members attended and were entertained by Arthur Barrett with an interesting talk on steam railways. Many of you will remember Mr Barrett, as he was a teacher at Old Buckenham for many years. Although he has been retired for approximately 20 years, he hasn't changed much since my days there!

The next meeting is the Birthday Party on 21st April in the Village Hall at 2:30pm – new members will be welcome!

Christine Wilby

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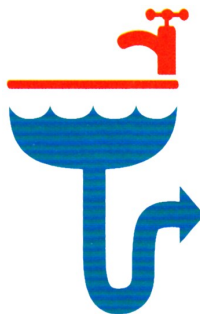
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Tues 12th	Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm, followed by Annual Parish Meeting, 8:00pm, Village Hall
Fri 15th	Music and Meditation, St Martin's, 2:00pm
Fri 15th	Art Exhibition Opening Night, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Sat 16th / Sun 17th / Mon 18th	Art Exhibition, Village Hall, 11am until 4:30pm
Sun 17th	Easter Day Holy Communion, St Martin's, 11am
Thurs 21st	Good Companions, 2:30pm, Village Hall

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