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John Smitherman

We are sad to notify the death of John Smitherman who died on the 17th August 2023. John and Dee Smitherman lived in Grange Cottage, New Buckenham for many years before moving to Dorset.

Those who knew him will remember his famous curry evenings and his 'starring' roles in New Buckenham Players.

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The 2023 Village Show

As I sit here writing this, the show seems almost a distant memory, but it was only three weeks ago. Thanks must go to everyone involved, entrants, visitors, lunchtime ladies, teatime ladies, Dr Mandy, Sue selling cards, and donors of raffle prizes. So many people and so much to do. But what a show!

Last year entrants and entries were well down on previous years, and we were worried that, like a lot of events, the time had come to cease as interest had been lost (as had two of our Village Shows due to lockdown). Last year we had only 114 entries and although this may seem a lot, compared to previous years this was well down. But no, this year we had 45 entrants who supplied 197 entries from vegetables to handicrafts and photos. This is an increase of 73% so there is life in the old dog yet. We had many new people entering and some from outside the village too. One told us he saw the advertising each day as he drove through the village and that inspired him and his family to take part.

Best in show was shared by Leslie Coulthard for her lemon cheesecake and Rachael Borenkova for her miniature flower arrangement. Well done to you both. The number of entries for the vegetable classes were well down but that was due to lateness of the show and the weather. Hopefully next year...

The high number of entries was boosted with flower arrangements and the handicrafts table, which overflowed with entries, the quality of which was very high according to the judge.

Dr Mandy ran her science club for the children and had over a dozen hiding under tables with torches making rainbows. Parents said it was an excellent idea to entertain the children whilst they viewed the entries and drank tea.

I must thank Rory Lester who stopped me in the street and volunteered to assist with the show and ended up doing everything for the photographic classes as our judge was unable to make it at the last minute. Also, Janet and Audrey who gathered unto themselves various prizes and ran the tombola for us. Thanks ladies.

So, it's on to next year and as it is an even numbered year we will be holding another Open Gardens event in June and the next Village Show is already booked for July 27th 2024. I bet you can't wait! (We haven't been able to arrange for the Red Arrows to open the show next year. Sorry!)

Jimpy Casson

Chairman

New Buckenham Parish Council

Our September Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th 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 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. Remaining dates for 2023 are 10th October, 14th November and 12th December.

Karen Hobleby (Chair)

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News from the Pews

Coffeemates!: Owing to shortage of person-power, the August coffee morning was postponed until Saturday 9th September, when we shall be raising funds for the British Heart Foundation in appreciation of treatment received by Susie and other friends. The Harvest coffee morning has also shifted to Saturday 7th October to coincide with Harvest Evensong on 8th October. See you at 10:30am for coffee, cake, stalls and raffle.

Book Stall: Income from the book stall continues to be much appreciated. So far this year we have taken £441.30, an average of £14.30 per week. Some donated books are still on sale in the shops at anything from £4.50 to £8. They're 50p from us – come and see! Many thanks to Kathy for all her hard work, especially in Susie's absence.

Changes to Service Rota: Please note that the September Evensong will be on the 24th, and watch the notice board for information about services on the 10th.

Waveney Food Bank: We continue to take donations, as does Kings Stores. The demand has been unprecedented over the summer, and supplies have become critically low in some areas, particularly pasta sauce and tinned veg.

Contact details: Rev Sarah Walsh is always happy to visit or chat. Contact her on 01953 571549 or 07809 430 967.

Enquires about funerals in the benefice, Jill Moses (jillannm1@gmail.com) and for weddings and baptisms Val Plummer (quidenhamgroup.wedding@gmail.com). For details of services, Susie, and queries about the premises, Louise, both numbers below.

Louise Casson (Churchwarden) 860191

Susan Hilton-Jowett (AWA) 860929

St Martin's Services: September 2023

Subject to change – please check church noticeboard

Sun 3rd	10am	Group Holy Communion at Old Buckenham	Trinity 13 Proper 17
Sun 10th	<i>TBC</i>	<i>See notice board</i>	Trinity 14 Proper 18
Sun 17th	11am	Joint Holy Communion at New Buckenham (with Kenninghall)	Trinity 15 Proper 19
Sun 24th	4:30pm	Sung Evensong at New Buckenham (with the choir)	Trinity 16 Proper 20

For more information about services, contact:

Priest in Charge: Revd Sarah Walsh (01953 571549)

Authorised Worship Assistant: Susan Jowett (01953 860929)

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to my mum, Joan Parker, formerly of 4 Moat Lane, who will turn 100 on 11th September. This completes the trio of St Martin's Centenarians, who so often enjoyed a sherry together after services. Joan Whitwham was 100 in November 2022, Ruth Hamerton was 100 in April this year, and now mum. They all live in De Lucy House Care Home in Diss, and although they can't manage the sherry sessions now, are all well at the time of writing. Congratulations and bring on the Croft Original!

Susan Hilton-Jowett

Good Companions

The meeting on 17th August was attended by 27 members, who were entertained by Allen Avery, whom we have had before. It was great to see everyone up and dancing!

The next meeting will be on Thursday 21st September at 2:30pm in the Village Hall.

Christine Wilby

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Gerry Walsh/Gildersleeve

Acting Co-ordinator, 861027

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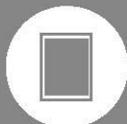
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Sun 24th	Sung Evensong, St Martin's, 4:30pm

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