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Calling All Villagers/Families!

We are having a garden clean up event at the Children's Garden at the Village Hall on Saturday 1st June at 10am. We will be weeding, sprinkling seeds in the bee-friendly meadow and creating a log pile habitat to encourage wildlife. There will be refreshments. Please bring tools, watering cans and wheelbarrows. If you are unable to attend, please leave any logs you have to donate near to the left of the entrance (near the archway).

Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

PS The bird feeding bin will be reinstated shortly!

Mandy Hartley

07776396963

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This month's issue is sponsored by Richard Hoggett and Alice Cattermole to mark the 15th anniversary of their moving to here.

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 email mdowson@btinternet.com.

Parish News Committee

New Buckenham Gardening Group

Open Gardens will be here very soon, on Sunday 30th June, and the Village Show the following month, on Saturday 27th July. For Open Gardens, there are about 20 gardens which will be open, along with the church and the castle.

Open Gardens

Cakes: Refreshment sales are really busy, especially at Open Gardens, and we need cake! If you are able to bake for either event, please do get in touch.

Kitchen helpers: We also need people to help sell the refreshments and make teas and coffees. If you are able to spare an hour or so for either or both events, again, please do get in touch.

Tombola: This happens at the Village Show and is always popular. If you can spare some suitable items we would be delighted to receive them. All sorts of unwanted gifts could find a new home.

Trophies: If you were a winner of a trophy at the last Village Show, can you please get these polished up, and returned to me in good time for this year's show.

The Village Show

Schedules for the Village Show have been distributed throughout the village already, but if you need more copies, please contact Jimpy on 01953 860191, or email petercasson219@btinternet.com, or you can download one at newbuckenham.net.

We look forward to seeing lots of entries this year. Last year we received a record number of exhibits and we would like this year to be even more successful. So if you can bake, craft, garden, flower arrange or take photographs please do consider entering.

Also, the "Up the Wall" competition will be judged on Village Show day. The village looks lovely around this time of year, so please

consider entering the floral decorations outside your house in this competition. There is a trophy for the winner!

There are only four of us on this Committee and we need help to make these events a success. If you can help in any way, please do contact Jimpy as above, or myself. Thank you.

Karen Hobley

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Open Gardens Plant Stall

The plant stall is at the Old Vicarage during Open Gardens (Sunday 30th June). Profits go to the village's Gardening Group.

Do you have any mature plants that have been split-up, raised cuttings or small plants left over from sowing too many seeds? Please think of the stall as all contributions are welcome. We can help with collection if needed. Thanks for your help.

Pat and Charles

860708

August Bank Holiday Fete: a call for help!

The Village Fete will be returning this year on Monday 26th August (1pm start) and preparations are now underway. The fete will follow a similar format to last year, with the usual attractions and fun for all the family at the Village Hall.

I'm sure you all agree that the Village Fete is a great annual tradition. Without sounding too dramatic, the future of the fete is in doubt unless we attract new volunteers to help organise and run the event. In particular, we need people to take on the responsibility of organising the refreshments, 'nearly new' stall and the tombola, as well as new committee members to help with general organisation.

Those of you who kindly helped out last year will no doubt be contacted by me over the next few weeks in the hope that we can sign you up for this year. For those who are new to the village or those long-term residents with a new lease of life who can spare some time to help, please contact me on 07534 353713 or jon.frith@frith-blake.co.uk or see me at Bailey, King Street. We are desperate for new committee members as well as helpers to set up the event and help on the day.

We will continue to provide updates as the date gets closer, but in the meantime, please note the following:

White Elephant Stall: If you have good quality items to donate please contact Janet Webb (860450) or Audrey Dowling (861155) to arrange for drop off. If necessary we can arrange for the collection of larger items. No electrical items or large furniture please.

Book Stall: Books will be stored by Carolyn Hupton. Either leave in the garage of Beech House or call Carolyn (860216) if you need to arrange for collection. No magazines or outdated technical/ educational books please.

Nearly New: Very good quality clothes only please. We will provide an update next month on where items are to be stored.

Tombola: We are looking for donations for prizes for the tombola. There will be a collection box in Kings Stores or please drop off to me at Bailey, King Street. Toiletries, 'unwanted' gifts, boxes of sweets or chocolates, wine etc. would be much appreciated as well as prizes for children.

Vintage or Unusual Vehicles: This has been a popular attraction at previous fetes. If you have a vintage or unusual vehicle you would like to display, please contact Clive Rush on 860572 or call in at Mill House Garage.

Raffle Prizes: Look out for your books of raffle tickets to be delivered closer to the date. Please gently harass friends and family to buy the tickets as this makes a big difference to how much money the fete raises.

Gazebos and Tents: Fingers crossed we will have good weather and we can never have too many gazebos and party tents. If you are able to loan any for the day it would be appreciated.

Watch this space for more details as we get closer to August. Finally, thank you to everyone involved for your help – it is very much appreciated!

Thank you.

Jon Frith, Chair of Fundraisers

Bailey, King Street

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The Rarest Bats in Britain are in New Buckenham

It may seem early for the bats to be whizzing about the village...but it seems everything on the green scene has been happening earlier.

Despite poor, rainy, cold weather at the end of April and the beginning of May, the bats were determined to get out and about. The first readings were done up Cuffer Lane and reveal a fabulous collection of some of the rarest bats. The second readings were done around Chapel Street.

There are 18 species of bat in the UK, 17 of which actually breed here. Of these, incredibly, New Buckenham has, in past years, recorded 12 species.

The Barbastelle is one of the rarest and is listed as endangered or vulnerable in most European countries. The first known breeding colony was discovered in 1996 in Norfolk. All species have declined in recent decades. The mouse-eared bat became extinct in 1991.

The Bat Conservation Trust (www.bats.org.uk/about-bats/what-are-bats/uk-bats) lists a number of features that threaten bats: building and development work that affects roosts, loss of habitat, the severing of commuting routes by roads and threats in the home including cat attacks, flypaper and some chemical treatments of building materials. Other potential threats can include wind turbines and lighting if they are sited on key bat habitats or near roosts.

All bats are protected. Under the 'IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) Red List' criteria, each species is allocated one of the following categories relating to the imminent risk of extinction: Critically Endangered (CE); Endangered (EN); Vulnerable (V); Near Threatened (NT); Least Concern (LC); Data Deficient (DD); and Not Assessed (NA).

Don't go away thinking that LC ("least concern") means there is no panic for certain types. The most numerous species and the one that most people have heard of is the Pipistrelle. But its numbers fell by 60% between 1978 and 1986.

So far, our check list looks like this. Covid brought recordings to a halt in many places. The Norfolk Bat Survey operators are delighted that, in this village, the data gathering goes on.

- Barbastelle (Vulnerable)
- Serotine (Vulnerable)
- Leisler's bat (Near threatened)
- Nathusius pipistrelle (Near threatened)
- Brandt's bat (Least Concern)
- Daubenton's bat (Least Concern)
- Natterer's bat (Least Concern)
- Noctule (Least Concern)
- Common pipistrelle (Least Concern)
- Soprano pipistrelle (Least Concern)
- Brown long eared bat (Least Concern)

Janet Trewin

News from the Pews

Services: We continue to hold a group service around the Benefice once a month with services here all the other Sundays. Details on the noticeboard and in the magazine. All welcome!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Our AGM was held on 12th May and, to the relief of all, the existing PCC was willing to stand again and was duly elected en bloc, with the welcome addition of Carol Martin.

The members are:

- Chair: Rev Sarah E Walsh
- Churchwardens: Louise Casson + one vacancy
- Secretary to the PCC: Barbara Cattermole
- Treasurer and Fabric Officer: Jimpy Casson
- Members: Charles Clarke, Fiona Gallimore, Susan Hilton-Jowett, Carol Martin

In the various reports, heartfelt thanks were also given to other volunteers who maintain the music, cleaning, bookstall, flowers, refreshments, flag and clock maintenance, and to Village & Vestry, our 'friends' group. Such a lot of work goes on to keep our church an open and welcoming place for all. Thank you!

We are very dependent on the generosity of the village and are particularly grateful for donations received from the Fete and Art Exhibition (£1,989), funds raised by Village & Vestry (£700), and the bookstall (£707).

Books: Talking of which, Susie and Kathie are having a big spring clean and cull. Cast-off books are kindly taken to recycling by Tony Lister, but while they are awaiting their fate, they are up for grabs. Check out the pews immediately to your right as you enter the church – they are labelled FREE.

Coffee Mornings: The coffee morning on 11th May raised £196 to be divided between the Dogs Trust and Cats Protection. Many thanks to all who helped and supported. This month, on Saturday 8th June we are raising money to continue to fund our Toilet Twinning project. We sponsor a basic latrine in the Democratic Republic of Congo and are hoping to extend this to one in Rwanda.

As always: The church is open every day from 10am to dusk. We have a huge range of paperback books for sale, and children's books are free to borrow or keep. There are children's toys, drinking water, a loo, and a collection point for the Waveney Food Bank. This is your village church, offering centuries of peace and reflection – please come and sit, explore, or walk in the gardens, whenever you like.

Contact details: Rev Sarah Walsh is always happy to visit or chat. Contact her on 01953 571549 or 07809430967. For details of services here, contact Susan, and queries about the premises, Louise, both numbers below.

Louise Casson (Churchwarden) 860191

Susan Hilton-Jowett (AWA) 860929

St Martin's Services: June 2024

Sun 2nd	10:00am	Group Service at Eccles Rev Sarah Walsh	Trinity 1 Proper 4
Sun 9th	4:30pm	Choral Evensong Canon Tony Billett plus choir	Trinity 2 Proper 5
Sun 16th	11:00am	Holy Communion Canon Lorraine Summers	Trinity 3 Proper 6
Sun 23rd	11:00am	Morning Prayer Susan-Hilton Jowett (AWA)	Trinity 4 Proper 7
Sun 30th		Fifth Sunday (details to follow)	Trinity 5 Proper 8

For more information about services, contact:

Priest in Charge: Revd Sarah Walsh (01953 571549)

Authorised Worship Assistant: Susan Jowett (01953 860929)

Good Companions

The meeting on Thursday 16th May was attended by 20 members. We were entertained by the ukulele band from Wymondham and tea was served by the committee.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 20th June at 2:30pm in the Village Hall, when we will be given a talk from Age UK.

All new members will be made very welcome! For further details please contact Diana Cole on 860636 or me on 860467.

Christine Wilby

Bees - Culture and Survival

'Start The Week' on Radio 4, Monday 13th May.

A wonderful programme, well worth listening to on BBC Sounds. It begins with a recording of bees 'talking' to their queen!

Kim Cutmore

Weavers (by the sheep)

Lost Dogs

In 2017, Graham Burton set up a group of drone pilot volunteers around the country to help people find their lost dogs. This free service has been incredibly successful. This brought to my mind the posters we have around the village of two lost dogs.

You can find out about this free service on dronesar.org.uk.

I heard about him on Radio 4's 'Cafe Hope: Lost and Hound' broadcast on Monday 13th May.

Kim Cutmore

Photoshow 2024

The ninth Photoshow had slightly fewer exhibitors than usual, but it did have some special attractions. There was a display of astonishing aurora borealis photographs taken from within the village and on the Saturday afternoon Peter Bance the historian and collector showed his unique collection of original photographic prints taken by Prince Frederick Duleep Singh. The Prince, who lived at Old Buckenham Hall in the late 19th century, took many local photographs including scenes of New and Old Buckenham. Local knowledge identified some of the scenes and buildings, but others remain a mystery.

It was good to welcome newcomers who had never shown their work before. There were plenty of visitors and they were most complimentary about the photographs on show and the refreshments provided. The Photoshow is grateful for all the help given by screen shifters, kitchen helpers and, not least, the cake makers. All proceeds went to Village Hall funds.

Charles Oxley

New Buckenham Arts



Easter Art Exhibition 2024

I am very pleased to report that now we have all the figures in, and the final profit is £4,602.43 a fantastic result and as always, the money is shared between the church and Village Hall. Over the years the Art Exhibition has raised almost £90,000 that has been split between the two village organisations.

This year we had some artists exhibiting for the first time and combined with a lot of returning artists made for a diverse range of work which brought in a lot of positive and complimentary feedback. Hopefully next year we can continue to attract new artists and a wider range of mediums.

As always, we had a great response with helpers over the Easter weekend and we are very grateful for that. We welcomed Tina onto the committee but unfortunately Pauline has reluctantly had to stand down. Looking forward to 2025 we could do with a bit more help on the organisation side so if anyone would like to get involved and could spare some time from Autumn time onwards as we run up to next year's event, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks to the committee members – Gill, Ed, Juliet, Clive, Katie and Tina for making the Exhibition the successful and enjoyable event that it is. Also thanks to Hazel who helped out in many ways and also to wish Pauline well for the future and thank you so much for your help in the past.

Jon Halfacree

New Buckenham Parish Council

At the May Parish Council meeting Karen Hobley stepped down as Chair after a record breaking 25 years in the role. Over this time she has led the Council diligently and sensitively, listening to and balancing opinion from both Councillors and the public. Thanks were expressed to Karen for her long (and continuing) dedication to public service, and a presentation was made of an engraved silver platter, flowers, and champagne. 25 years is an amazing milestone to reach, and probably never to be beaten. Karen has led the Council through many issues, some controversial, and always of benefit to the village. Some that spring to mind are the sale of the Town Houses and subsequent creation of the Project Fund – which has benefitted many organisations in the village – the Neighbourhood Plan project, and the play area refurbishment. But of particular importance has been the transition in the operation and administration of the Council to a modern and accountable organisation fit for the 21st century. Thanks again Karen for all your work. I have now taken over as Chair (albeit not for a 25 year term!) and Paul Martin is elected as Vice-Chair.

The Council are keen to create a Community Woodland and are open to suggestions and offers of suitable land that might be available in close proximity to the village. Please do contact me if you have land that you would be prepared to sell or lease to the village for what we see as becoming a valuable village asset and community space.

A reminder that all are welcome to Parish Council meetings with the opportunity to raise and discuss any issues. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday in the month, 7:30pm at the Village Hall – the next is on 11th June. Minutes of previous meetings and agenda for the next meeting can be found on the Parish Council website (www.newbuckenhampc.info/).

Andrew Bingham

Parish Council Chair

Thank you...

...to my fellow Parish Councillors for the beautiful flowers, engraved tray and fine bottle of champagne which I received at my last meeting as Chair on 14th May. Perfect presents! You have been an exceptional team to work with.

Thank you also to all district, parish councillors, clerks and everyone who has supported the work of the Parish Council over the past 25 years. Your contributions have always been greatly appreciated.

I send my best wishes to Andrew Bingham and Paul Martin as they take over as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. I hope I can continue to contribute to the Parish Council's work from the "backbenches!"

Karen Hobley

Former Chair of New Buckenham Parish Council!

Summary of Draft Minutes: May 2024

Present: Karen Hobley (KH) Chair, Andrew Bingham (AB), Mary Manning (MM), Don Crossman (DC), Paul Martin (PM), Steve Highton (SH), Angela Thornton (AT) Clerk and 2 parishioners.

Apologies: Mary Dowson.

1. Election of Chair

KH requested nominations for election to Chair. DC proposed Andrew Bingham. MM seconded
All approved. AB duly elected as Chair.

2. Election of Vice-Chair

MM proposed Paul Martin. DC seconded. PM duly elected as Vice-Chair.

Continued overleaf...

3. Minutes of the April meeting approved as correct

4. Matters Arising
 - a) Village Gateway: NCC have confirmed the award. PC has paid their contribution of £512.
Awaiting schedule of works from NCC.
 - b) County Broadband Wayleave Agreement: still pending.
 - c) Community Woodland: 4 identified sites not available. Site to be requested in *Parish News*.
 - d) Electric Charging Point: 2 charging points installed, await commissioning.

5. Public Participation
 - a) District/County Cllr: SA reported BDC may soon offer delivery instead of the food bus in Old Buckenham.
 - b) Parish Cllrs:
 - i) PM reported ongoing parking issues in Grange Road.
 - ii) SH reported excavations of the field behind houses in Marsh Lane.
 - iii) KH has received a request for speeding signs for bins.
 - iv) MM reported the visibility issue by the children's playground has been resolved by Broadland Trees.
 - c) Parishioners: an enquiry as to whether any land around the Castle could be considered for the community woodland.

6. Financial Matters
 - a) April Bank reconciliation approved.
 - b) Payments for May approved.

7. Planning

- a) Kings Cottage, King Street: no objection.
- b) Transfer of Grazing Rights from James Hamerton to Carolyn Hupton.
- c) Transfer of Grazing Rights from Mrs Ruth Hamerton to Andrew Bingham.
- d) County Broadband cable installation: Cllrs expressed disappointment that cables are not running underground. AT to contact BDC to express concern that notification was received after the work had taken place.

8. Amenities

- a) Closed Churchyard: the maintenance contract does not include weeding or removal of ivy from the flint walls. Proposed a 'weeding party' to address this issue.
- b) Cemetery: with the approval of the Faculty it was agreed to lift the hold on exclusive rights applications.
- c) Allotments: all now let. 5 on the waiting list. Amanda Hartley considering the viability of a children's plot on the cleared area.
- d) Play area/cricket pitch: DC investigating new mushroom table in toddlers area. Power washing ongoing.
- e) Footpaths:
 - i) MM reported footpaths have been reinstated.
 - ii) Marsh Lane gate: spring broken.
 - iii) High London Farm path: fence and stiles causing issues for walkers. Action AB.

Mary Dowson for New Buckenham Parish Council

The Forget-me-Not

Although the forget-me-not, a tiny five petalled blue flower with a yellow centre, with several flower heads on a single stem may appear to be a perennial, it isn't. A perennial plant is one that grows in the same place year after year, dying back in the winter and appearing again in its expected season.

The forget-me-not is a biennial with a lifespan of two years. During its first year, the plant establishes itself but does not flower, only doing so in its second year before dying back permanently. However, it produces 700 or so seeds per small plant making it a prodigious self-sower, giving the impression that it is coming up in the same spot year after year. It usually blooms from May to October with the first seeds reaching maturity in June.

The forget-me-not is part of the Boraginaceae family which are plants that have a cluster of flowers on each stem and leaves covered in rough hairs like mouse ears. This gives the plant its botanical name 'myosotis' a combination of the Greek words 'mus' and 'otis' meaning 'mouse ear'. Another name is scorpion grass. As the flower stem unfurls prior to blooming it resembles the curl of a scorpion's tail.

According to Greek myth Zeus was busy naming all the plants. Thinking he had completed his task a small blue flower, fearing being left out cried, 'forget me not!'. Hence it became rather lazily and unimaginatively named the forget-me-not.

Another story about its name comes from a German legend. A handsome knight in shining armour was walking by the riverside with his lady love wanting to impress her. Clanking along in his rather noisy and heavy suit he spied a patch of the sweetest blue flowers near the water's edge. Gallantly, and somewhat precariously, he bent and grasped the flowers to give to his lady love but toppled into the water. As he sank, owing to the weight of his armour, he threw the flowers to her and with his last breath called out, 'forget me not!'

Perhaps, not forgetting this traumatic incident, she found a knight with rather more common sense than to lean over deep water in a heavy suit of armour with its inevitable and less than favourable outcome.

Like several other wildflowers used medicinally, the forget-me-not has diuretic and anti-inflammatory properties. When crushed and applied to a small cut it could be used to slow down bleeding and was also used to stem nosebleeds.

In Chinese medicine, made into a vitamin c rich herbal tea to speed the metabolism, this nourishing infusion was drunk to prevent the appearance of wrinkles and dark skin spots.

Apparently resembling the blue eyes of the virgin Mary, the forget-me-not was made into a treatment for eye infections. This came from a belief in the 'Doctrine of Signatures'. Apparently, if a plant resembled any part of the human body by that very nature, or signature, it could successfully treat an ailment in that area. Dioscórides who practised medicine in ancient Rome wrote in the year 65: "*The herb Scorpis resembles the tail of a scorpion and is good against his biting.*"

By implication of its name, the forget-me-not is a symbol of friendship, love, hope and remembrance. Henry IV adopted it during his exile in 1393 and during the American civil war soldiers would press them into letters home to their loved ones. To the Victorians, for whom the language of flowers held great significance, the forget-me-not was a symbol of true love and devotion.

The Alzheimer's Society has adopted the flower as their emblem. Along with other symptoms, the often-distressing loss of memory is the one most associated with dementia therefore the forget-me-not is the perfect token to represent the organisation.

My theory is that the forget-me-not is so called as it pops up not only where you expect it to but in all sorts of other places. In its easy profusion it is saying, 'You will forget-me-not!'

Kim Cutmore

New Buckenham Parish Council

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Parish News Committee

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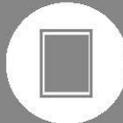
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Sat 8th	CoffeeMates, St Martin's, 10:30am
Tues 11th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Thurs 20th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Sun 30th	Open Gardens, starting at the Village Hall, 1pm to 5pm (gardens close at 6pm)
Sun 30th	Open Gardens Plant Sale, Old Vicarage, 1pm to 6pm

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