



New Buckenham Parish News



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December 2017

It's Pantomime Time

The performances of Dick Whittington on Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December begin at 8pm, with a 2:30pm matinee on the Saturday. Tickets are now available from the box office 01953 861438/860320 and also from Kings Stores.

The stage is set, costumes are ready, the cast and crew are waiting in the wings for the curtains to go up. All we need is you – the audience! So, come along to Kings Stores or phone the box office and buy your tickets in time for the show. We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Enjoy the show and have a happy Christmas!

Sally Elvin

Chairman, New Buckenham Players

Parish News News

This month's issue has been kindly sponsored by:

New Buckenham Players

We are extremely grateful for this support which helps to fund the production of the magazine.

Please note that, due to the Christmas break, the next issue of *Parish News* will be delivered during the first week of January. Regular contributors should also note this month's earlier copy deadline of 16th December (details on the back cover).

Finally, we would like to wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Parish News Committee

New Buckenham Players

The Players will be holding their AGM on Sunday 14th January 2018 at 11am. Coffee and cake will be served before the meeting starts. We are looking for new members and hope to appoint new people to the committee. We have three Members leaving this year: Mike Boswell, who has been on the committee for many years, is stepping down as Vice Chairman and Sam Jones, our Secretary, will be taking a year out along with her soon-to-be husband Ollie Allen.

So, we are looking for anyone who would like to help keep the players going by joining myself (Sally Elvin, Chairman), Mary Dowson (Treasurer) and Hugh Lynch (Child Protection Officer). For the forthcoming year, we are looking for a Secretary to take the minutes, update our Facebook page and website, and send out newsletters to the members twice a year. We are also looking to appoint a Vice Chairman, to support the Chairman and liaise with the crew, and someone who may be interested in publicity, designing posters and programmes. If you would like to join us, we would love to hear from you!

We will be putting on a play in June and the usual pantomime in December. In addition, we will be having our tea party in the first week of June. So, all you lovely people out there that may be interested, please get in touch and give me a call, email me or contact any member of the committee.

Without this support the Players may not be able to continue in the same format. The Players have been going for over 30 years and it would be a shame to see it end. So, New Buckenham it's up to you – support us or lose us. You may find that we will not be able to continue and I am sure that nobody wants that to happen. (You do not need to live in New Buckenham to join us).

If you would like to come along to a meeting to find out how we work before committing yourself please get in touch.

Sally Elvin

Chairman (01953 861438 / elvin211@btinternet.com)

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Donations will be welcome, with all proceeds going to The Children's Society whose campaign hopes to bring change to more than three million vulnerable children and young people when they feel they have no one they can turn to for help.

If you feel that you are able to contribute towards the refreshments by supplying sausage rolls, mince pies or wine for the 'Mulled Wine' it would be greatly appreciated.

Claire McNamara

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The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year's Poppy Appeal raised £797.08 in the village. Many thanks to all the businesses that held collection trays and to our ever-willing band of collectors.

John and Elly Newport

Parish News Goes Digital

We are compiling a list of anyone who would prefer to receive an electronic copy of *Parish News* by email in PDF format as well as, or even instead of, receiving a paper copy. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send your details to us at editor@newbucknews.co.uk.

You can also find an online archive of past issues of *Parish News* at <http://www.newbuckenham.net>.

Parish News Committee

Christmas for all the Family at St Martin's

Our service of Nine Readings and Carols will be held at 6.30pm on Sunday 10th December. As usual, we follow the King's College pattern, but with a mixture of well-loved Bible passages and less conventional readings, read by representatives of village organisations. Everyone gets the chance to have a good old sing of some popular Christmas favourites, interspersed with choir items, and there will be mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. (If any newcomers would like to join the choir for this, please contact me ASAP).

'Midnight' Mass on Christmas Eve is again at 9.30pm this year and we're calling it Christmas Communion, led by Rev. Canon Steve Wright.

Then Christmas morning, we have our Round the Crib Service at 11am with the Family Service team. This is a lovely calming interval after the excitement of present opening. The Christmas story is told informally, from Mary to the Three Kings, with all the well known carols. It's a very 'hands-on' event for the children, using our cheery knitted figures to assemble the crib and there'll be masks to wear as well. But it's good for all ages, so bring the whole family, or give the chef half an hour's peace to get the bubbly chilled. We are a child friendly church with loo, quiet corners, and a play area, and will make you very welcome!

Susan Jowett

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Further to the generous donation given to the William Barber Trust by the New Buckenham Recycling Project the use of these funds was discussed at our last meeting of the Trustees. It was unanimously decided that the front doors to all the Almshouse properties need new locks with thumb screw turns for the residents to give ease of opening. We will also be providing key safes to ensure additional security. The funds provided by the Recycling project will go towards this. These locks and key safes will all be fitted in the near future.

So, thank you again to the New Buckenham Recycling Project and thank you to all the residents of New Buckenham who use this brilliant facility and therefore generate funds for charities within the village.

Felicity Thomas

Chair, The William Barber Trust

... and no thanks!

On Monday 6th November I was woken sharply by the sound of fireworks in or very close to the village, just after 12:30am. This, I believe is totally unacceptable and irresponsible. It also woke our dog Molly which of course added to the noise. I was considering calling the police but they have better things to do than chasing irresponsible idiots who would have been long gone before being caught.

There was a brilliant display at the village hall field on 4th November, enjoyed by many, properly supervised and at an appropriate time.

Michael Boswell

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Village Survey Results Out Now

Most of the analysis has now been done and the results were presented to the Parish Council at its November meeting. You can see them online at www.np4nb.online and we'll publish them, hopefully towards the end of December, once the grant money is secured. The response was huge: we distributed 359 forms to residents over the age of 16 and got a response rate of 83%. Most surveys are lucky to achieve half that number of households, let alone individual responses, highlighting the community's interest.

The headlines:

- We love our village, at least 98% of us do!
- There's much to like about the village, particularly the friendliness and sense of community
- We don't like the traffic problems, particularly the speed, lorries and parking
- We don't like the lack of mobile signal
- Most of us support events, particularly the big fundraising ones
- Loads of improvements have been suggested, covering almost aspects of village life
- *Parish News*, posters and word of mouth are the main sources of information
- Social media is much less used to get information, but will become increasingly important
- The shop, garage and other businesses are very important, as are the surrounding countryside, wildlife and walking opportunities
- 80% of us has a car available but the bus might be used more if it went to Attleborough
- 16% of households have three or more cars or vans
- A small majority see no need for more houses for New Buckenham, but if any more were to be built they should reflect the local style and be within the village rather than outside

- There's no majority view to support energy production outside the village

Many would say that these findings are obvious in retrospect, but at least now we can measure the differences in opinion and provide a firm basis for further study. Everyone's comments and suggestions provide a rich source of ideas for our future. The next stage in the project is to have a more detailed look into some of the important issues highlighted above.

Congratulations to George Halfacree and Alan Baker for being winners of the prize draw in their respective age groups. Thanks to all who completed a survey form.

Neighbourhood Plan Team

22nd Hair of the Dog Walk

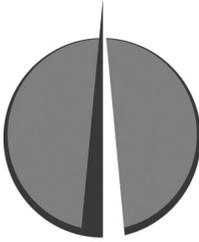
Once again, the essential first event of the village's New Year will take place on 1st January. A cheerful crowd of walkers, their children, dogs and house guests gather at the Market Cross at 11.00am. Some walkers will be bright eyed and bushy tailed, others will show signs of partying the night before.

After a glass of 'the hair of the dog' and New Year greetings we then go on one of two guided walks around the village and surrounding footpaths. We will walk come rain or shine, so please dress appropriately. After walking we hope to meet up at the Village Hall for a warming home-made lunch with a bar, but we will need some helpers.

We hope to see you at this traditional event and especially welcome newcomers to the village. Youngsters have a great time and certainly love the lunch. If you've enjoyed doing the walk in the past, could you help us this year either by doing some food for the hot buffet or work behind the scenes? We offer expenses. Please give me a call on 860708. Thanks.

Charles Oxley

New Buckenham Society



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Our December Parish Council meeting takes place on Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. The agenda will be posted on our noticeboard on the Green a few days beforehand. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend and join with us for some seasonal nibbles and a glass of wine after the business of the meeting has been completed.

If you are unable to join us on the 12th, may I, on behalf of the Parish Council, wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2018.

Karen Hopley

Chair

Summary of Draft Minutes November 2017

1. Apologies Cllrs Bella Chirodian, Don Crossman, Mary Manning
2. PC resolved to approve draft Minutes October meeting
3. Public Participation
 - a) Parishioners Comments and Questions

Two representatives of the Cricket Club gave an update on the Club's activities. Membership is around 20, but as it lacked accredited coaches it is only insured for young players of 14 and over. The firework display was a great success and the Club acknowledged that some of the money made would be used to help other village activities, e.g. they have agreed to sponsor three issues of *Parish News* next year.

One issue of concern is dog fouling on the Cricket Pitch and it was agreed a reminder would be placed in *Parish News* before the start of next season.

Dimming of street lights was discussed. Manufacturers stating that dimming was not noticeable to the naked eye. Clerk agreed to investigate further dimming.

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b) District Councillor Report

Cllr Joel reported on the launch of Breckland Council's new website.

Breckland are bidding for funds from Highways for the provision of four charging points for electric and hybrid cars.

c) Parish Councillor Reports

Cllr Bingham raised the potential issue of long-term parking outside former Kings Stores. He is to approach Cllr Askew to see if a white or single yellow line could be used to discourage long-term parking.

4. Planning

a) retrospective application for a sign at St Mary's Care Home. Council resolved to recommend refusal because it is considered it to be detrimental to the appearance of a listed building in a Conservation area.

b) a pre-application consultation from Waldon Telecommunications for installation of a radio base at Down More Farm at Old Buckenham. Council had no objection.

5. Financial Matters

a) Council received a financial report for October

b) Council received half-yearly report on the budget, noting that spending equated to 51% of budgeted expenditure.

c) first draft of budget for 2018/19 to be presented next meeting.

d) Council resolved to donate £50 to the Royal British Legion.

e) Council agreed expenditure up to £250 for Christmas tree on the Market Place.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

Charles Oxley gave a preliminary report on results from residents survey. The presentation is available on the NP4NB website.

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7. Amenities

a) Cemetery

Councillors considered a quotation for a topographical/land survey of the cemetery. Resolved to accept the price of £450 from Survey Solutions if it included the allotments.

b) Allotments

Three plots available for letting. Clerk to contact people on the waiting list.

8. Projects

a) Community Car Scheme

Violet Highton expressed concern that funds were not sufficient to meet the full costs. District Cllr agreed to look into this.

b) Project Fund.

Community Project Fund Group considered two grant applications:

i) `New Buckenham Silver Band requested 25 embroidered banners £1,052 and a Baritone Horn £957.50 – approved

ii) `New Buckenham Players requested a grant to enhance the village hall lighting system, but it was considered more appropriate to come from the Village Hall Trust.

Good Companions

First, we would like to say thank you to all who came and supported our autumn sale on 11th November. The sum raised was £474, which is a great help to the club funds.

At the 16th November meeting, we were entertained by Linda Howell and we all enjoyed a good sing-along.

The Club's Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 13th December at 12:00pm for a 12:30pm meal. We would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Just leave your donations at Kings Stores, or if you can, take them to the collection point in the church, which saves my back – and you can pick up a bargain from our restocked second-hand bookstall at the same time! There's lots of quite recent fiction and biography at 50p–£1, or borrow, or swap.

Susan Jowett

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August Bank Holiday Fete

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Many thanks to all the helpers on the day and in the lead up to Fete day. Special thanks are due to Janet Webb and the white elephant crew, to Don and Brett on the bar, to Gerry and co. on the ice creams and the ladies on the Nearly New who, as you will see on the spreadsheet, all had the best day since I have been recording the figures.

After all the pennies were counted and all the expenses paid, the amount raised on the day was an incredible £3,846.31. Once the event insurance cost is allocated this comes down to £3,611.31.

A lot of credit has to go to Carolyn and Clive and the fundraising committee who put in a lot of time and effort in pulling the event together. We are always open to fresh ideas and new blood so please don't be shy!

This year, with the demise of the Chapel, the money raised will be split thus: 50% to the Village Hall, 25% to the Church and the remaining 25% will be available for local causes which can benefit the community, so please do not be backward in coming forward!

Many thanks and roll on next August!

Jon Halfacree

Treasurer, Fundraisers

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Bowling for Pig	£110.50	£126.40	£67.50	£59.80	£67.60	£72.10
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Money in Jar	£23.49	£20.50	£13.41	£59.85	£32.20	-
Nearly New	£161.66	£172.48	£257.85	£198.85	£252.60	£300.80
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Produce	-	-	-	£157.40	£170.40	£265.80
Dragon Draw	-	-	-	£29.50	-	-
Refreshments	£278.34	£420.32	£168.00	£121.90	£278.80	£371.10
Roll a Penny	£29.62	£13.37	£9.15	£13.49	£27.70	£22.10
Splat the Rat	£100.00	£100.00	-	-	-	-
Eds Games	-	-	-	-	£68.90	£78.90
Ten Pin Bowling	£77.90	£56.60	£18.45	£0.00	£43.50	£55.50
Tombola	£159.90	£166.80	£117.00	£141.40	£154.40	£164.80
White Elephant	£648.43	£591.61	£741.25	£519.80	£668.90	£757.70
Whisky Raffle	£156.95	£162.60	£99.00	£109.00	£173.50	£176.00
Whisky Dice	£32.50	£60.10	£21.55	£28.75	£16.50	-
Donations	£124.00	£20.00	£55.00	£105.00	£85.00	£25.00
Circus Skills	-	-	-	-	£19.00	-
Cricket	-	-	-	-	£52.50	£63.00
Chilli	-	-	-	-	£270.50	£77.80
Football	-	-	-£7.00	-	£27.00	£51.00
External Stalls	-	-	-	-	-	£30.00
Bucket Game	-	-	-	-	-	£21.00
Timed Bike	-	-	-	-	-	£42.50
Sub-Total	£5,117.01	£5,471.51	£3,549.19	£3,352.40	£5,065.85	£5,673.00

EXPENDITURE	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Main Prize Money	£100.00	£100.00	£170.00	£170.00	£170.00	£170.00
Punch & Judy	£135.00	£140.00	£140.00	£160.00	-	-
Baz	-	-	-	-	-	£200.00
Mandy Moo	-	-	-	-	£200.00	-
Ice Cream	£133.48	£171.68	£120.37	£128.62	£105.79	£109.94
Silver Band	£125.00	£125.00	-	-	£125.00	£125.00
Skip Hire	£72.00	£60.00	£60.00	£162.00	£102.00	£102.00
Chilli	-	-	-	-	£162.02	£56.80
Bar B Que	£358.35	£383.00	£153.50	£163.55	£388.04	£373.08
Peeks	£207.40	£178.96	-	-	-	-
Main Draw Tickets	£117.60	£145.20	£145.20	£148.80	£152.40	£156.00
Sweets & Toys	-	£23.94	-	-	-	-
Coconuts	-	£22.00	£30.00	£25.00	£22.50	-
Road Closure	-	£36.00	£36.00	£36.00	-	-
Childrens Prizes	-	-	£50.56	£41.29	£38.21	£45.47
Cake Cost	-	-	-	-	£27.69	-
Unsavable stock	-	-	£35.00	£20.00	-	-
Pig prizes	-	-	£132.45	£174.06	£168.46	£184.59
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	£23.01
Medi cover	-	-	-	-	-	£80.00
Signage	-	-	-	-	-	£106.80
Hall Hire	-	-	£63.00	£99.00	£136.00	£94.00
Sub-Total	£1,248.83	£1,385.78	£1,136.08	£1,328.32	£1,798.11	£1,826.69
TOTAL PROFIT	£3,868.18	£4,085.73	£2,413.11	£2,024.08	£3,267.74	£3,846.31

A Welcome Addition to the Village

It opened on Saturday 18th November, a chilly but bright day. There was a warm welcome from Stacey and Ryan of the Angel Cakes Tearoom in King Street, premises whose previous incarnations have included a pine furniture shop and the village store. Around a year ago Stacey wanted to branch out from her established cake-making business and was looking for premises for a café-type establishment. “I fell in love with the building and with the village”, says Stacey. After looking at several possibilities, she and Ryan decided on New Buckenham and took out a lease on the King Street building. Over the weeks leading up to the opening, Stacey, Ryan and family members could be seen decorating and installing furniture, and welcomed any enquiries about progress.



The tearoom offers coffee, tea and a delicious selection of cakes, scones, croissants, etc., all home made by Stacey, assisted by the other two partners, Alfie and Tracey.

The tearoom can seat up to around 36 people upstairs and down with the choice of tables and chairs or comfortable sofas.

We would like to welcome the Angel Cakes team to New Buckenham and wish them every success in their venture.

Michael Boswell on behalf of the Parish News Committee

St Martin's Church December 2017

Sunday 3rd	11:00am	Parish Eucharist	Advent
Sunday 10th	6:30pm	Carol Service	Advent 2
Sunday 17th	11:00am	Parish Eucharist	Advent 3
Sunday 24th	9:30pm	Christmas Eucharist	Christmas Eve
Monday 25th	11:00am	Family Service	Christmas Day
Sunday 31st	10:00am	Group: Banham	New Year's Eve

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December 2017

Thursday 7th	<i>Dick Whittington</i> , 8pm, Village Hall
Friday 8th	<i>Dick Whittington</i> , 8pm, Village Hall
Saturday 9th	<i>Dick Whittington</i> , 2:30pm & 8pm, Village Hall
Sunday 10th	Nine Lessons & Carols, St Martin's, 6:30pm
Tuesday 12th	Parish Council Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall
Tuesday 19th	Carols around the Christmas tree, 6:30pm
Sunday 24th	Christmas Communion, St Martin's, 9:30pm
Monday 25th	Family Crib Service, St Martin's, 11am
Monday 1st January 2018	Hair of the Dog Walk, Market Cross, 11am

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