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Norfolk Coachways Service 1

Important Announcement from Norfolk County Council

Norfolk County Council are sorry to announce that this service is going to be withdrawn from Saturday 24th February 2018. Norfolk Coachways currently operate the service under contract to Norfolk County Council and unfortunately they require more subsidy to continue to operate the service. Having fully reviewed the situation, we are currently unable to increase our funding.

We appreciate this will be disappointing to read, as there will be no service to Diss on a Saturday. However, the County Council would like to hear your views and ideas on what you would like to see from public transport from where you live, specifically, where and when you would like to travel. Your input will help us shape the current services around needs that you have identified and we can include them in our future reviews of transport in the area.

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Snowdrops at the Castle

When the snowdrops are out the castle we like to open the gates and invite everyone to see them, but usually at short notice because we don't know when this will happen. However, we suddenly realise that it is normally the same weekend each year!

So, please come on Sunday 18th February. Gates open from 1:00 pm (or earlier if we get there first) until dusk. We hope to see you then!

Christopher and Helen Pearson

New Buckenham Society

The Society was delighted to see 50 or so walkers of all ages and their dogs for the 22nd New Year's Hair of the Dog Walk. It was lovely to welcome some new walkers to the event. The weather was kind although some local flooding had to be avoided. A splendid hot buffet lunch was enjoyed afterwards in the village hall, many thanks being due to the volunteers who cooked and served.

The Society also remembers Ken Gee who sadly passed away before Christmas. Ken was a keen and active member of the Society from its inception, contributing in so many practical ways; by helping to arrange meetings, organising the bar and keeping the wine flowing, and interviewing older village members for the sound archive. He carefully labelled and filed photographs, cuttings and memorabilia that constitute the Society's archive. His work for the Society will be remembered with affection and gratitude.

Ken cared deeply about the village and he undertook wide ranging tasks that included helping with fund raising, acting as the pinder for the Common's cattle and methodically recording the number of the Common's orchids over many years for Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

Joyce Little and Charles Oxley

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Ken Gee

Ken was quite a remarkable man and I was fortunate to have many dealings with him.

First, he was an active member of the Gardening Group and contributed to the Village Show in many different ways. The one we always remember fondly is that he supplied the wine that both we and the judges enjoyed at the Show lunch. He would also assist on the day with the plant stall, helping to raise more funds for us.

Ken also organised the various bus trips to gardens and villages, kindly subsidised by Freda Holman's legacy. These were very popular and places sold very quickly.

Ken was a key player in the 100 Club, which raises about £600 per annum for the Village Hall, collecting the monies and distributing prizes. Without him it could not have worked and he did this for 25 years with Bryan Hill and then with me from 2004. When he retired and I was searching for a new collector/distributor of funds, he worried about the future of the 100 Club and had Diana ringing me frequently. Fortunately Paul Madden has taken over the reins and, as I explained in an earlier issue, he has been actively recruiting and we now have 220 members. Ken would have been happy with that but it would have meant more shoe leather.

Farewell Ken, we will remember you fondly.

Jimpy Casson

Chairman Gardening Group & Administrator 100 Club

Alan Webb

Janet, Andrew and Mark and all the family would like to thank everybody who contributed to the collection for the East Anglian Children's Hospice. This amounted to £808.48, which we are extremely proud of. This was in lieu of flowers.

Janet Webb

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Cass

Thank you to all those who have sent sympathy cards. We have been overwhelmed with the number of them and the kind offers of help.

Cass died at home on Saturday 30th December, as was his wish, with family and friends at his bedside. He was 94 years old and had had an exciting life in the RAF for 19 years followed by 25 years in the motor trade before retirement. We shall miss him.

Jimpy Casson

New Buckenham Players

Forthcoming Production: "A Bedroom Farce" to be directed by Bella Chirodian. Performances on the 7th, 8th and 9th June 2018.

The auditions will take place on the 27th February 2018 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall New Buckenham. There are eight parts played by four couples. Set in three different bedrooms, this play is humorous from start to finish (with some adult content). So please come along to the Audition where you will be able to read the script and get a sense of this classic farce.

Sally Elvin, Chairman

Good Companions

The last meeting of the year was the Christmas lunch, which was very good and enjoyed by all who attended. The entertainment by Andy York was brilliant; in fact he is booked for next year already! The committee would like to say a big thank you to Father Christmas and his helper.

There was no meeting in January and the next meeting will be on 15th February at 2:30pm in the Village Hall. This just leaves us to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Christine Wilby, on behalf of the Good Companions

(Apologies for missing this out of the January newsletter – Eds)



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We're keen to make the Neighbourhood Plan for New Buckenham the best it can possibly be. An incredible 84% of you answered the general questionnaire (huge thanks!), so now we're seeking more detail and we'd like the help of BUSINESS.

The Plan lets everyone have a say about how this village can develop over the next 20 years. 2036 may seem a long way off, but our children will be running things then, probably using Artificial Intelligence, driverless electric cars, etc. So, we need to prepare now. We want to ensure that village businesses can flourish and that New Buckenham is an attractive place to do business. We want to be innovative and cutting edge, so we need your help.

BUT WHO ARE YOU? Many people running businesses are behind front doors with no need for sign boards, so we can't easily find you to swap ideas and offer support.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: If you run a business or work for a business of any sort in or around the village, or if you work from home as a sole trader, run an eBay operation or Air B'n'B, or if you simply want to share your expertise and ideas about New Buckenham business, then this is your chance.

Contact us at info@NP4NB.online simply to say who you are and what you do. We can make sure you know all the latest info and you can fling us your thoughts (in confidence).

Just to get the ball rolling: how damaging to your work are the communications in the village? Have you got examples of how it affects your business?

Does the poor traffic flow cause your business problems? Or are you concerned that traffic might be diverted away from your business which would be bad for you?

How would electric cars affect you? Does parking matter? Should the village be promoted as a good place for business, and if so how? By advertising? Can we help our youngsters by offering work experience or apprenticeships, or business links with schools?

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Please get involved in whatever way you can. We appreciate people who run businesses are busy, but taking time to give us your thoughts and ideas could be key to village business success. Please contact us at info@NP4NB.online or talk to any of the Neighbourhood Plan team personally.

We have a plan website <http://www.np4nb.online/> and there's a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/np4nb/>.

The Neighbourhood Plan team

Village Hall Chairs Cleaned

Recent visitors to the village hall may have noticed that the chairs are now lovely and clean. Having been in constant use for about 20 years, a thorough professional cleaning was very much needed. The work was carried out by Stuart's Carpet and Car Care and the cost for cleaning 200 chairs was around £600. This was financed through funds raised at the August Fete.

A word of warning - although the chairs have been stain-proofed, it is always best to deal with spillages promptly as stains that are set are much more difficult to remove. So please, should you accidentally spill wine or Coca Cola on a chair, ask whoever is on kitchen or bar duty for a wet cloth.

Sandra Lester

for the Village Hall Trust

Whist at Old Buckenham

We have decided to discontinue the afternoon whist sessions in The Church Rooms Old Buckenham on the 2nd Monday of each month for the time being. With many thanks to all those who have supported us during the past 25 years.

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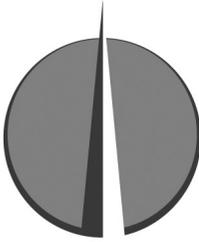
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Food Bank and Period Poverty

Thank you for all your continuing donations to the food bank, and a huge thanks to Carolyn Hupton, who is regularly moving gifts from Kings Stores to the collection point in church. Keep the stuff coming, to either box!

You may have read the recent article in the *Diss Mercury* about 'period poverty', where many women and girls are unable to afford basic sanitary protection. Food bank organisers stated that some resort to using socks and newspapers in the absence of actual sanitary products. The Waveney Foodbank has been contacted by 12 schools in the district requesting sanitary products this year alone, as girls will often miss school if they don't have protection. The report goes on to say: "These products can add up. For example, a single parent of two girls would need to find around £30 a month for sanitary products. That's a lot of money for some families, who may already be using the food bank to top up."

Please help if you can, by adding a few sanitary products and other toiletries to our food bank collection box. Thank you.

Susan Jowett (860929) & Carolyn Hupton (860216)

Rubbish!

It was noted at the last Parish Council meeting that some areas in the village are looking a bit untidy due to a build-up of mostly plastic rubbish. So join me on a village 'litter pick' on Sunday 11th March (weather permitting) starting at the Market Cross at 10:30am. Let's get our village ready for Spring!

All welcome, contact me in advance or just turn up on the day.

Bella Chirodian, Parish Councillor

New Buckenham Art Exhibition 2018

With Easter a little earlier this year, we are in need of getting things organised. One of the most important things is making sure we have enough help. I would be very grateful if you could tell us when you would like to help with this event. I have included last year's Helpers Rota (opposite) so that you can see where you kindly helped steward last year. We would love to have some new people involved too. All you need to do is contact Clive (01953 860572) and let him know what you would like to do.

Opening Night: Is Friday 30th March at 7:30 pm. You do not need a ticket, but admission will be £4 to include a glass of wine and nibbles. The exhibition carries on over the Easter Weekend: Saturday 31st March, Sunday 1st April and Monday 2nd April from 11 am until 4:30 pm. Admission is £2.

Raffle: Anyone who can give us a raffle prize would be much appreciated. These can be brought to Clive at the garage or the house. You can also bring them to the Village Hall on Good Friday morning.

Cakes: Our refreshments run over the weekend, which our visitors really enjoy. Can you bake a cake or make a few buns? That would be great. We need these to start with on the Saturday 31st March at 11 am. If you want to bring them on the Sunday that would be fine, but just tell us which day you will be bringing them to the Hall. Contact Clive to let us know that you will be bringing a cake please.

Important Note: Although this is a very social event, with many people visiting our Hall, it is a fundraising event which started over 25 years ago to raise money to build the new Hall. Now the money is used to maintain and improve facilities as well as donating half of this to our church – a building which requires huge funds to survive.

Hazel Rush

Art Exhibition 2017 Helpers' Rota

		Sat 26th March	Sun 27th March	Mon 28th March
11am to 12:30pm	S S A A	Mary Dowson Charles Wolfe Gerry Gildersleeve Geoff Gildersleeve	Carolyn Hupton David Hupton Nancy Robertson Vivienne Walker	Sandra Lester Rory Lester Mary Manning Mike Boswell
12:30pm to 2:30pm	S S A A	Mary Manning Karen Hobley Pauline Dynes Alan Dynes	Hazel Rush Ed Dowling Ron Thompson Kathy Cunniam	Joyce Little Audrey Dowling Elly Newport John Newport
2:30pm to 4:30pm	S S A A	Richard Anderson Joyce Little Paul Madden Pamela Madden	Clive Rush Violet Heighton Audrey Dowling Tracey Wooldridge	Ann Gascoyne Karen Hobley Meryl St John Cooper Robert St John Cooper
11:00am to 2:00pm	R R	Sue Cattermole Megan Bailey	Bella Chirodian Janet Ovens	Juliet Fulford Andrew Bingham
2:00pm to 4:30pm	R R	Kathy Steele Linda Bryan	Janet Webb Kim Cutmore	Janet Webb Andrea Halfacree

S = Sales A = Admission R = Refreshments

New Buckenham Parish Council

Our next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th February at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. A warm welcome is extended to all parishioners. The agenda will be posted on our notice board on the Village Green a few days prior to the meeting. In addition, we are happy to publicise village and charity events on the notice board – please deliver any posters to 9 St Martin's Gardens.

As well as Parish Council papers, we are currently displaying information about the Community Car Scheme and local bus excursions – please take a look.

Finally, a reminder that 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 2018 are 13th March; 10th April; 8th May; 12th June; 10th July; 11th September; 9th October; 13th November and 11th December.

Karen Hobley, Chair

Summary of Draft Minutes January 2018

1. Apologies Cllr Andrew Bingham.
2. PC resolved to approve draft Minutes December meeting.
3. Matters Arising:

Street lighting: TT Jones indicated that glare from the LED street lights would not be solved by dimming, but it is possible to supply shielding. Clerk agreed to investigate, particularly in relation to the lamp in Rosemary Lane.

4. Public Participation.
 - a. District Cllr Report

Breckland Council will be carrying out a consultation on a 6-month trial of limited parking in Queen's Square for up to 2 hours, no return within the hour. Comments should be made to Breckland website.

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b. County Cllr Report.

Cllr Askew reported that Highways had identified a problem with drains in Marsh Lane.

c. Parish Cllr Reports.

i. Cllr Chirodian reported concerns of allotment owners that a large rodent had been damaging root crops. She agreed to do some research around the suggestion that it might be a coypu.

ii. Cllrs Manning and Dowson had attended a SNAP meeting where a report on the restructuring of Norfolk police, including the withdrawal of all PCSOs, was given.

iii. Cllr Highton has removed the old notice board from the wall of Lovells.

iv. Cllr Crossman drew attention to a problem with litter in some areas. Cllr Chirodian agreed to organise a litter pick and investigate loan of equipment from Breckland.

5. Financial Matters.

a) Financial Report for December received.

b) Council received a detailed report on the 2018/9 budget and resolved :

i) budget approved for 2018/9.

ii) precept of £18,319.60 approved

iii) decision regarding Clerk's salary deferred to next meeting.

iv) current grounds maintenance contract to be extended to the end of 2019.

c) payments for January approved.

6. Planning

Council considered the application for a phone mast at Down More Farm, Old Buckenham. Cllrs resolved to support the application whilst noting the views that option of siting within St Martin's Church had not been properly considered.

7. Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Manning reported an application for a further grant had been submitted.

8. Amenities

- a) Cemetery: A topographical survey of the Cemetery and the Allotments had been carried out and initial plans produced.
- b) Allotments: One available plot to be offered to Jane Ling.
- c) Play Area: Council agreed renewal of its membership of Norfolk Playing Fields Association and to find out if pressure washing of play area equipment had been carried out.

Next meeting Tuesday 13th February 7:30pm

Jack Russell in Need of Respite Care

I am a seven-year-old Jack Russell, my name is Alfie. Many of you will know who I am, and may have seen me out walking with my owner. I spend some of my day sitting on my cushion looking out of the window of Dial House, where I live, keeping guard and barking at anyone passing who I think may need to be warned off. In the evening after dinner I like to curl up on the sofa with my master, and if the fire is alight you will find me stretched out in front of it taking pleasure from the warmth.

If you have a garden I will be quite happy for you to play with me twice a day and throw a ball for me to retrieve. Then I will not need taking for a walk. I am fed twice a day and that's it.

Anyway enough of that, I am looking for a human male or female who may like to take on the job of looking after me when my mistress and my master go on their holidays, or for a short weekend away. I will pay for my bed and board. Send my bill to my master who will negotiate a fee acceptable to all parties or email elvin211@btinternet.com. or phone 01953 861438.

Sally Elvin

St Martin's Church February 2018

Sunday 4th	11:00am	Parish Eucharist	2nd Sunday before Lent
Sunday 11th	11:00am	Matins	Sunday before Lent
Weds 14th	7:30pm	Group Eucharist Old Buckenham	Ash Wednesday
Sunday 18th	11:00am	Parish Eucharist	1st Sunday of Lent
Sunday 25th	11:00am	Morning Worship	2nd Sunday of Lent

News from the Pews

BOOK SALE - for the whole of February, all paper backs and hardbacks are 30p each. We need to make room for more! There are some very recent titles, so you can bag a bargain. The church is open every day from dawn until dusk, but marginally less cold at about 12 noon on Sundays, after the service!

COFFEE MORNINGS - we are hoping to start these up again soon, beginning with a Lent Lunch on March 10th, and running once a month through the summer. Any willing helpers, stallholders or bakers, past, present or future, please let me know, and watch out for future notices!

Susan Jowett 860929

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February 2018

Tues 13th	Parish Council, Village Hall, 7:30pm.
Thurs 15th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm.
Fri 16th	Mobile Library, Chapel Street, 1:20pm.
Sun 18th	Snowdrops at the Castle, from 1:30pm.
Tues 27th	Players' Auditions, Village Hall, 7:30pm.
Sun 11th March	Village litter picking. Market Cross, 10:30am.

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