

# New Buckenham Parish News



**July 2018**

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# FINDING YOUR FEET



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## The Village Show: Saturday 7th July

After a hugely successful Open Gardens event, we are now full steam ahead with the organisation of the Village Show which takes place at the Village Hall on Saturday 7th July. Full details of how to enter appear in copies of *Parish News* for May and June. However, may I draw your attention to one change in the rules this year – if your lettuces are luscious, your marmalade magnificent and your succulents are, well, succulent then you can now put forward two entries in each class. Up until now, we have only allowed one entry per class, but after a number of requests, we have agreed to increase the number to two so we are expecting a bumper crop of entries this year. There is also "Up the Wall", the entry class for hanging baskets, wall containers and window boxes. There are some fabulous floral displays throughout the village so please enter this part of the show. Entry forms will be delivered soon otherwise phone Jimpy (860191) for a form.

The Show is being organised by a small team and we would like to ask for some help as follows: can you spare an hour on Friday evening to help us to set up the show? Are you able to bake a cake for refreshments or help out with teas and coffees on the afternoon of the show? (Thank you to Pauline and Jan who are already (willing!) volunteers in the kitchen) Could you contribute a few small gifts for the tombola?

If you are able to support us with the running of the Show, please contact us using the details below. I promise that we will then be going into hibernation for a few months!

*Jimpy Casson*

*Karen Hobley*

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# Film Night, Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> July: 'Finding Your Feet' (12A)

Our summer film is a feel-good comedy with some bittersweet twists and turns. Sandra Abbott, a judgmental snob, discovers that her husband of 40 years has been having an affair with her best friend. She seeks refuge in London with her bohemian older sister. The two could not be more different, but different is just what Sandra needs. Dragged along to a community dance-class, she discovers new friendships and starts "finding her feet".

The star-studded cast includes Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Joanna Lumley and Timothy Spall.

Tickets (£5) are on sale at Kings Stores and on the website [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com), or can be reserved by calling 861114. The door price is £6. Doors at the village hall open at 7pm and the programme starts at 7.30pm. As usual there will be a bar, tea and coffee. Ice-creams will be sold during the interval.

*Sandra Lester, New Buckenham Arts*

## Disappointment

Gerald and I have been fortunate to have lived in The Buckenham for 36 years. We appreciate everything in the villages. A warm and loving community with everything anyone could wish for. All the activities run by people giving their time and commitment, fine Village Halls and churches. We were so sad and disappointed to see the awful graffiti in New Buckenham. What pleasure can anybody feel by desecrating others' property. During the same week three hanging baskets were stolen from a local pub. Oh dear! Let us hope that those responsible will soon see the error of their ways.

*Jean Norton*

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# Open Gardens: A Perfect day

It started off cloudy in the morning and then the sun came out to warm everyone who came to visit the gardens. We couldn't have asked for more. And then 350 visitors turned up and at one point we had over 100 cars in the Village Hall car park. They had come to see the magnificent gardens of New Buckenham and they were not disappointed!

This year we had the Church, the Castle and 19 gardens, 9 of which were opening for the first time. To the "newbies" and the "oldies" we say a huge thanks for all the hard work they put in to get their gardens to such a high standard. We also have to thank all those who supplied cakes and edibles and the catering crew who dispensed them. Such was the demand that we ran out at 5:00pm!

Thanks, too, to everyone who visited the gardens. I say that because not only were there visitors from neighbouring villages, but there were many villagers who basically went round visiting their own village. And last, but by no means least, thanks to everyone else who assisted in making it a very profitable day. With the profits from the plant sales at the Oxley's and Janet Webb's village competition, we made £1,650. This is a significant improvement over previous years where the profits have been about £1,100, so you can see how much more successful this one has been. This means that the Village Show which normally makes a loss, is financially secure for at least two years, probably three.

When Jo Whetter and Caroline Greenwood set up the Village Show in 1995 they hoped to make a small profit that could go to charity. We will use some of the profits from Open Gardens to support gardening and other charities. However... we will still have another Open Gardens in two years' time, so happy gardening!

I would just like to say that we had many visitors from Carleton Rode and Old Buckenham and it would be a nice gesture to return the favour on the weekend of June 31st/July 1st when they have their events.

*Jimps,*

*Chairman - NB Gardening Group*

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# Hello from ‘Village and Vestry’

A group of village residents, both newly arrived and long established, has come together as a result of a meeting which formed part of the New Buckenham Neighbourhood Plan. Although many of us have no religious attachment, we all want to ensure the future of St Martin’s Church as an open, vibrant, and accessible place at the centre of New Buckenham village life.

The name of this newly founded group combines "Village" to suggest the wider groups of people, homes and interests. "Vestry" conveys life within the church. We hope that this symbolises community and partnership to benefit all. Specific aims are:

- To generate greater interest in this historic building and what it has to offer for our community.
- To ensure that the church remains open and is used to the widest benefit of both residents and visitors.
- To raise funds to help keep the structure of St Martin's secure and the building safe for now and for future generations.

One of our big aspirations is to have the church used as a performance space and, with your help, to develop a programme of music and ‘the spoken word’ – a programme for performers and audiences of all ages. We want to encourage greater use of the grounds and the internal space of the church for the benefit and enjoyment of all. We have a number of plans in progress and ideas for the future. You will see them unfold over the coming months.

We hope that you will like our ideas and support these events and activities. If you would like to know more, become involved, or have any thoughts or ideas about how the church could be used, we would love to hear from you. We do hope that you will buy tickets to support the launch event on: Saturday 29th September at 7:30pm with an evening of singing and jazz with wine and canapes included.

More details will be in the August edition of Parish News and posted around the village.

*Maria Lloyd (861229) and Gordon Chase (861312)*

# Fundraising Tea-Towel

'V&V' are hoping to create a village tea towel as part of our fundraising efforts in support of our beautiful church.

The idea is to have a number of different drawings that represent the village. The tea-towel will show an image of the church at the centre, and we would love you to contribute a drawing of your house or business to be placed around the central picture.

It's a format that many of you will be familiar with having received tea towels created by your children, grandchildren or friends, via schools or clubs.

We do hope as many children as possible will participate; however, the image can be created by anyone in your household (young or old) and you don't have to be Picasso, Rembrandt or Banksy! The most charming creations will be those that are a little quirky, but recognisable.

You will shortly receive a letter through your door detailing what you need to do. Watch out for the plain white envelope!

Thank you in advance, for your support!

*Maria Lloyd (861229)*

# The Dave Dowson Hackers Trophy 2018

This year the trophy took place at Silfield Pitch and Putt on Saturday 16th June. Once again the weather was good as was the field of 18 golfers. It was good to see some new faces mixing with the regulars!

This year the winner was Sandra Lester, the fourth winner, who received the 'Claret Jug' from Mary Dowson. Afterwards, we returned to the King's Head and we would like to thank Dan for the BBQ.

Next year we hope to see even more people taking part.

*Ian McNamara*

# The High Bailiff's Trust

It would appear that there are some villagers who are unsure as to the responsibilities of the High Bailiff's Trust. Who or what is it? Well, someone has to look after the Market Cross, the Village Green, the Church clock and Chapel Hill pump on behalf of the village and the Trust does just that. We were set up back in 1983 by Dr Hamerton and Lennie Breeze to formalise the care of the above amenities under the auspices of the Charity Commission. The Green, of which a plan is available, is registered to the charity and so we are in effect the owners. The Trust consists of a Chairman, secretary, nominated trustee from the Parish council and co-opted trustees.

The current chairman is Jimpy Casson with a committee of Tony Hamerton (secretary), Karen Hobley (Parish council nominee), Steve Highton and Dr Rik Hoggett.

Our main problem, as with all charities, is money. At this moment in time we are living off the capital sum created when the Trust was first set up, plus the interest on that sum. As you can imagine in these days with a Bank Rate of 0.5% we are earning very little and at present we have no other income. Fortunately our outgoings are not great, but they do exceed our income. The greatest of these is the Green maintenance which costs us approximately £50 every two weeks during the summer to cut the grass and strimming. We also have an electricity supply into the Market Cross which is used principally for lighting the Christmas tree. This costs a lot more than you would expect. There is also the weeding and maintenance required around the Market Cross.

The Church clock is regularly maintained by Steve Highton, but requires a full overhaul every few years and that is very expensive, requiring an expert horologist. And then to top it off there is the ever present cost of insurance. At some point, no doubt, one of our amenities will require some serious maintenance and refurbishment but we plan to delay that day for as long as possible. Our aim is the preserve the amenities under our care for the village and for the future. We do not seek to improve them, merely to pass them on, well maintained, to the next generation.

We plan to undertake a survey of all the amenities as this has not been done for some time and we need to identify the potential risks. We also plan to investigate the opportunities for grants to pay for any major works.

We hope this clarifies our things and that you enjoy the various facilities and Steve promises to try and keep the church clock telling the correct time.

*Jimpy Casson, Chairman*

## Your Village, Your Heritage

As part of developing the Neighbourhood Plan, a detailed assessment of the village's heritage is being prepared, which will aim to capture all of the things which make the village special. Subjects to be covered include the history of the castle, the laying out the town ditch and street grid, the historical development of the settlement, the historic buildings and the ways in which the village continued to change up to the present day. We want as many people as possible to be involved in this process, and as the summer goes on, the Neighbourhood Plan team will be putting on a series of heritage-themed events, including an illustrated talk on the village's heritage and an evening guided walk around the village, so that everyone can get involved and have their say.

To get the ball rolling, the Neighbourhood Plan team have organised for a guided tour of the Norfolk Record Office, next to County Hall on the edge of Norwich. The tour is free and will take place on Friday 20th July from 10am–12pm, during which it will be possible to find out more about the work of the Norfolk Record Office, go behind the scenes and look at many of the important historic documents and maps of the village which the Record Office holds.

If you would like to book a place on the tour, please contact Richard Hoggett (860136 / [richard@richard-hoggett.co.uk](mailto:richard@richard-hoggett.co.uk)). There is parking at the Norfolk Record Office, but transport can be arranged from the village if necessary.

*The Neighbourhood Plan Team*

# Bugs and Blooms

With the warmer weather and the approach of the school holidays, just a reminder that the church garden, which is managed by the parish council, is an open space available to all.

It's a great place for a picnic and there is plenty of room to run around, in the safety of the walls. The flower beds are tended by volunteers and there has recently been a lavender border planted which will attract good insects. The whole area is now a wildlife conservation area, so there are interesting areas of rough grass to explore.

It had been suggested that we might jointly (Parish Council, PCC and Friends) hold an event to launch the wildlife area, and promote the use of the church grounds as a village 'park'. Ideas included building bug hotels (suggested by the children in the Neighbourhood Plan), treasure hunts, nature I-Spy, etc, plus a visit from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. However, with all that's going on in the village this summer, we realised we would need some 'parent power' to organise this. If you would like to get involved, especially with outdoor games and activities, on a weekend in July or August, please get in touch with one of us.

And if not, just wander in and enjoy!

*Susan Jowett (PCC) 860929   Karen Hobley (Parish Council) 860529*

# Gentle Gardening in the Church Grounds

At New Buckenham's recent Open Gardens, many visitors to the church commented on how well kept the garden borders were. Currently there is a very small number of volunteers to help with the upkeep of the formal borders (weeding mostly). As part of the Village & Vestry initiative, we'd like to grow this group of volunteers to support the gardeners who attend to pruning and larger maintenance jobs within the church grounds. Might you be able to help with an hour or so here and there to help keep the church grounds weed free? If so, we'd love to hear from you.

*Jan Prior (861312)*



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# Old Buckenham Open Gardens

Some fifteen gardens will be open in Old Buckenham on Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July. This will be the first time for fourteen years that the villagers have opened their gardens to the public and it is all for a very good cause. All Saints' church, unusual for its octagonal tower and thatched roof, is desperately in need of re-thatching before damage is done to the church's interior.

Thatching is expensive with such a large area to be re-covered, around £100,000 will be needed to complete the work. Many different fundraising events have taken place in the village over the last eighteen months, ranging from afternoon teas to a 10K running race and a visit from the Bishop of Norwich.

Fifteen individual gardens, of all shapes and sizes, will be open for others to go round and see what they look like. Some are works in progress and others are much more established. Visitors will be able to pick up details of all the gardens and a map of their locations from 11am on both days from the Church Rooms (NR17 1RP) in Old Buckenham. The majority are situated around the large village Green and can be reached on foot while others may need travel by bike or car. Refreshments will be available each day at the Church Rooms.

Entry to all the group of gardens is £5 (accompanied children free).

*Ron Brewer*

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# New Buckenham Parish Council

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th July at 7.30pm in the Large Meeting Room at 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, details of our meetings and other information about the Parish Council can be found on our website [www.newbuckenhampc.info](http://www.newbuckenhampc.info) The notice board is also a good place to publicise village and charity events - please deliver any posters to 9 St Martin's Gardens.

There were two issues which were the subject of intense discussion at our last meeting, both of which we feel can be resolved with co-operation and consideration.

One was a complaint about the amount of dog excrement on the cricket pitch and the play area which led on to a discussion about dogs being allowed to roam on, or indeed, being taken on to the play area, even in to the fenced off toddler area. We are lucky to have a lovely play area which is very well used and it is great to see everyone enjoying these facilities in an age where computers in bedrooms are the norm for many youngsters. The Parish Council has a duty to ensure that these facilities can be used safely – in addition to the problem of excrement, which is unpleasant and can lead to serious health issues, some children are fearful of dogs and cannot enjoy their play times if there are dogs running around the equipment. The Parish Council is currently looking at signage at the Play Area – there is a sign which says “No Dogs” but perhaps it doesn't make it clear that dogs are not allowed ANYWHERE on the Play Area or near the play equipment. I am sure that everyone understands why we have to say this and the Parish Council thanks you for your co-operation and consideration in this matter.

The second issue was parking – individuals parking in one or two areas is causing problems and we are hoping that a quiet word will resolve this. However, parking in Boosey's Walk is causing some major problems – if you are parking in the vicinity, please would you be kind enough to consider the people who live on or drive through the road? It is difficult to negotiate at times and it would be difficult for emergency vehicles to access it if they needed to. It is

back to co-operation and consideration when you are parking and hopefully this issue can soon be resolved. Many thanks.

I will finish with a reminder that all Parish Council meetings are open to the public and take place on the second Tuesday of every month with the exception of August when we don't usually meet.

Remaining dates for 2018 are 11th September; 9th October; 13th November and 11th December.

Kind regards,

*Karen Hobley Parish Council Chair*

## Summary of Draft Minutes June 2018

1. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Chirodian and Dowson.
2. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as correct.
3. Matters Arising, it was noted that the work being carried out at The Forge was being done in consultation with the Listed Building Officer at Breckland Council.
4. District Councillor Report
  - a) 12 members of the public had attended the Breckland Council Cabinet Meeting.
  - b) a new interim service is to be set up in 3 Breckland Market towns to provide support for those applying for Universal Credit. This would be available in Attleborough Library, Monday 2pm–5pm and Thursday 10am–2pm.
5. Parish Councillor Reports

It was suggested that information about Parish Councillors should be put in *Parish News*.
6. Parishioners Comments
  - a) Concerns were raised about a vehicle habitually being parked by the Village Pump.

- b) New residents in Boosey's Walk raised issues of inconsiderate parking outside their property. Whilst accepting there is no legal right to park in front of their home they sought the help of the PC to resolve the situation amicably. Cllr Manning and Cllr Dowson to speak to residents concerned.

## 7. Planning

### a) New Applications

Rose Cottage, Chapel Street: demolish garage and replace with cart shed and store, demolish outdoor toilet and shed to create patio area with French doors to existing sitting room, remove lean to structure and replace with two storey extension. Resolved, no objection from PC, but it is understood that Planning Officers from Breckland have discussed changes to provide additional parking space.

St Mary's Residential Home: erection of 3 non-illuminated signs. Resolved no objection from PC.

### b) Recent Decisions

Oak View, Marsh Lane: single storey side extension, approved with conditions.

## 8. Financial Matters

- a) Financial Report for May was noted.
- b) Payments for June approved.
- c) Resolved to approve Annual Internal Report.
- d) Annual Governance Statement approved and signed by Chairman and Clerk.
- e) Accounting Statements approved and signed by Chairman and Clerk.
- f) Annual Governance and Accountability return submitted to External Auditor subject to further clarification of Neighbourhood Plan funding.
- g) Final Accounts for 2017/18 approved.

## 9. Moat Lane Pothole Repairs

Council noted a request from the Village Hall Trust regarding large potholes approaching the Hall. The Trust wondered if repair work might be community funded as ownership has not been established. Proposal deferred until costing estimates were received.

## 10. Two Wheel Tuesday

Cllr Bingham raised issues of motorcycles speeding through the village. Resolved that a letter be drafted outlining the PC's concerns to be sent to Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner.

## 11. Amenities

a) Allotments: holder of allotment 15 has surrendered plot and it has now been let to the next person on the waiting list.

b) Closed Churchyard: Council considered a letter from the PCC to discuss maintenance issues. Resolved to engage Smart Gardens to do 5 hours gardening each month in the formal area of the Closed Churchyard at £12.00 per hour. Cllr Bingham has discussed with Phil Anderson the work to be done on the Wildlife Area.

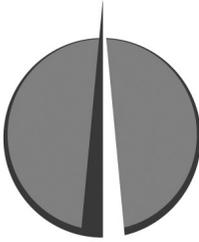
c) Play Area

Phil Anderson will be power washing equipment shortly. Considered that some additional signage regarding dog fouling might be appropriate

## 12. Parish Noticeboard

Working group have discussed the provision of a map, covering drone aerial photography, a map in digital form, possible provision of UV filter glass and producing leaflets based on the map.

Next Parish Council Meeting July 10th Village Hall



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# August Fete Monday 27th August 2018

Preparations are well underway and I am delighted that the newly formed group, Village and Vestry (formerly the Friends of St Martin's Church), have agreed to run the Tombola and have ideas for new games. Whilst we all love the old favourites, it is good to shake things up a bit, well we think so anyway! In an ideal world we could run all the old games alongside the new, but I fear we would never find enough help!

Just to reconfirm the collection arrangements for various stalls:

**BOOKS (NOT MAGAZINES, please):** bring to us at Beech House, either leave in garage or call me if you want them collected.

**NEARLY NEW:** bring to Mill House Garage. **NO JUMBLE THIS YEAR!**

**WHITE ELEPHANT:** Janet Webb, 860450, Rookery Cottages is again collecting or call Clive if there is anything you need picked up.

The tickets for the Main Draw will be distributed through the August *Parish News*, so look out for those. Any potential prizes for raffle, tombola, especially bottles can also be left with me or at Mill House. Many thanks in advance for all the goodies!

As always the fete needs helpers so the more the merrier. There are all sorts of jobs and any time you can commit to would be welcome, not necessarily the whole day, though we are very grateful to those who do. Setting up starts first thing, there are all the attractions to run and, often the area we are short of help, it all needs to be cleared up at the end. If you can offer any help please speak to any member of the committee, me, Gerry Walsh, Clive Rush, Jon Halfacree, Ann Gascoyne, Darren Rush, Rob St John Cooper, Simon Ballard or Paul Madden.

*Carolyn Hupton, Chair of Fundraisers 860216  
carolyn.hupton@gmail.com*

# Business-Friendly Facilities



New Buckenham village hall currently hosts conferences, business training and meetings for a range of local businesses. We are a busy hall, but currently have daytime slots available on Wednesdays and Fridays and welcome business bookings.

The village hall has Wi-Fi access to all rooms, small and large digital projectors, a full sound system, including roving microphones, a small PA system and a hearing loop. For conferences or large meetings, room set-up and refreshments are available and light lunches can be booked in advance, catering by Angel Cakes.

The village hall offers regular users storage facilities free of charge and we are about to extend the storage capacity with new built-in lockers. Hire charges and booking contact details can be found at [www.newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk).

Stevie, our venue administrator, is always happy to help with information and advice on setting up your event.

The Trustees of the village hall wish the “Biz buzz” group all the best with their projects. Our business clients to date have found the hall to have “great meeting facilities” (Willow Consulting) and “An excellent hall, helped make the day” (NAHRG).

To find out more or share ideas on how we can enhance our service, join us for the AGM.

## Village Hall Trust AGM

Tuesday 24th July 2018, 8pm, Large Meeting Room, Village Hall.

Your ongoing support for the Village Hall is very much appreciated by the Trustees. The AGM is your chance to find out more about how the Village Hall is managed, to ask questions of the Trustees, raise any issues, and make suggestions to the Trust.

There are three elected Trustees, candidates interested in standing for election or any enquiries regarding the AGM please contact me.

*Stevie Hobley, Bookings Administrator, 07469 715517*

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Sunday 1st	11:00am	Parish Eucharist	Trinity 5
Sunday 8th	6:30pm	Evensong	Trinity 6
Sunday 15th	11:00am	Parish Eucharist	Trinity 7
Sunday 22nd	11:00am	Morning Worship	Trinity 8
Sunday 29th	10:00am	Group Eucharist	Trinity 9

**Books** - there is a good selection of books in the church to buy or borrow, also jigsaws. Do make use of them.

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## July 2018

Friday 6th	Mobile Library, Chapel Street, 1:20pm
Saturday 7th	Village Show, Village Hall
Saturday 7th	'Finding Your Feet', Village Hall, 7:30pm
Tuesday 10th	Parish Council, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Saturday 14th	Coffeemates, St Martin's Church, 10:30am
Friday 20th	Norfolk Record Office Visit, NRO, 10:00am
Tuesday 24th	Village Hall Trust AGM, Village Hall, 8:00pm

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