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# **New Buckenham Parish News**

## **December 2023 & January 2024**

### **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

We would like to send season's greetings to all our readers. We would also like to remind you that this issue of *Parish News* covers December 2023 and January 2024, so the next issue will be with you at the start of February.

*Parish News Committee: Mary Dowson, Geoff Gildersleeve, Richard Hoggett and Katie Wyatt-Hupton*

### **Sponsor the Parish News**

We would like to thank all those who have sponsored the *Parish News* during the past year, including this month's sponsors, Dan and Jackie. We are very grateful for the support we receive and the money offered contributes to the payment for production costs.

If you would be interested in sponsoring an issue of *Parish News* in 2024 or advertising in the magazine, please contact Mary Dowson on 01953 860320 or email [mdowson@btinternet.com](mailto:mdowson@btinternet.com).

*Parish News Committee*

## Carols on the Green

Meet at St Martin's church at 6pm on 21st December with your lanterns and torches for a procession to the Market Cross, then gather round our glorious tree. Brand-new carol sheets will be provided and you will be fortified by mulled wine and hot chocolate, warm mince pies, warm sausage rolls (including vegan) and other festive treats!

Come and meet Father Christmas and his elf at this traditional village event in aid of the Children's Society. A brilliant start to the Christmas weekend!

And, if you'd like to get involved, extra help is always needed for setting up, serving, collecting, clearing, or providing more nibbles! Please contact me.

*Fiona Gallimore (01953 860645 or 07981 107703)*

## Good Companions

The meeting on 16th November was attended by 25 members. We were entertained by Christine from Breckland Flower Club with a demonstration on table decorations for Christmas lunch. Everyone then had an attempt to do one for themselves. Tea was served by the committee.

The Good Companions is a club for the over 55 and new members are made very welcome.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th December at 12 noon in the Village Hall. This will be the last meeting of the year and is the Christmas lunch.

There will be no meeting in January, and the details of the February meeting will be included in the next issue of *Parish News*.

*Christine Wilby*

# Beauty and the Beast: Tickets on sale!

## Thursday 7th – Saturday 9th December

This December, New Buckenham Players bring you the greatest love story ever told ... by a poodle!

*Beauty and the Beast le pantomime*, by Ben Crocker, is a fast-paced, fun-filled and action-packed adventure that all of the family will enjoy.

Kick-off your festive season with us on Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December at New Buckenham Village Hall. Curtains open at 8pm for evening shows with a 2pm matinee on Saturday 9th. Doors open half an hour before the show starts. Raffle and refreshments available.

Tickets are available from Kings Stores or online at TicketSource (scan the QR code below, or search 'New Buckenham Players' on TicketSource). Standard £10 / concession £8 / ages 10 and under £5 at the matinee performance.

*Ellie Hupton*

*New Buckenham Players*



# Gardening Group Update

I'm afraid that last month we misled you all with regards Open Gardens and that it will be on Sunday 30th June 2024 and not the 16th as originally published. This is due to circumstances beyond our control. I assume that, with Open Gardens being the major outdoor event of the year, you will have already entered the date on your calendar and you will need to apply some Tippex! Apologies all round. This means that, assuming you get your *Parish News* on 1st December, you only have 212 days to wait! Or if you are willing to open your garden to help us raise funds to finance the Village Show and donate to gardening orientated charities, then you have 212 days to prepare for numerous visitors. Just about enough time, I would have thought. Seriously, we do need funds to support the Village Show, as that is getting more expensive every year and we are looking to add additional classes. This year the number of entries almost hit 200, a lot more than previous years proving the popularity of such an event. And to help we have already agreed those classes that require a bit more time and effort and they are:

## Photography

- A place to sit
- Lights at night
- Round things
- Landscape in black and white
- Bees, butterflies or bugs

## Handicrafts

- A Christmas tree decoration
- A celebratory string of bunting (maximum one metre)
- A handmade knitted, crocheted or felted article
- A hand-crafted item of jewellery
- A patchwork or appliqué article

If you are prepared to help us and open your garden, please let me know 01953 860191. We understand that it is a lot of work, but well worth it both to you the owners, the many visitors we get and everyone involved in the Village Show. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Jimpy Casson*

## **Hair of the Dog Walk**

Once again the essential first event of the village's New Year will take place on 1st January. This will be the 27th walk. A cheerful crowd of walkers, their children, dogs and house guests will gather at the Market Cross at 11:00am.

After a glass of 'the hair of the dog' and New Year greetings, we then go on one of two guided walks. One will be around the castle and common, the other a little further afield. We will walk come rain or shine, so please dress appropriately.

We hope to see you at this traditional event and especially welcome newcomers to the village.

*Charles Oxley*

*New Buckenham Society*

# News From the Pews

## End-of-Year Review

**From the Churchwarden:** As we come to the end of the year, it's time to say a very big thank you to everyone who has helped us during the last 12 months – and there are a lot of people to thank, so here goes!

You will have seen that yet more work has gone on in the Churchyard over recent months and we are very grateful to Phil Anderson for his work in keeping the grass mown and for clearing the lime tree near the gate; it was threatening to engulf our neighbours in the cottage next door and making getting through the gate challenging. We are also very appreciative of the support from the Parish Council, who have the responsibility for maintaining the Churchyard, in carrying out repairs to the wall and for clearing the area along the Church Street side, so that we can extend the area for burial of ashes.

Thank you to the Fundraisers and Tony Lister, for their donations as a result of all their hard work organising major village events and recycling collections. The funds they donate to us are invaluable.

If you have been into the church very recently, you will have noticed work going on to the repair the porch – and that there is now a rather splendid light in there, worked on a sensor so that in the dark no-one is stumbling around. We have also arranged for the Victorian lamp in the Churchyard to be repaired, thanks to Jamie Bowering, and we hope to have the electrics reconnected soon, again on a sensor, so that you don't have to grope your way along the path. Barbara Cattermole has been instrumental in getting these works done. Barbara is our amazing PCC Secretary, so huge thanks to her for all she does for us!

There is also a roll of honour for everyone who keeps the inside of the church looking so good: Margaret Ward does the wonderful weekly fresh flower arrangements; Fi and Jeremy Gallimore and Jimpy continue their campaign against the spiders' web, bat poo and dust; and I'm sure you have noticed the flags that go up and down, and the lighted cross at Christmas – we couldn't do that without Nigel Lond-Caulk. We salute you, Nigel! The very popular book stall is kept in order by Susie Hilton-Jowett and Kathie Steel, so thank them for the wonderful fiction you can read! Our thanks, too, to Sue Green, who volunteered to repair the fall on the pulpit, having noticed its rather parlous state. Finally, and by absolutely no means least, a massive thank you to our Verger, Susie, who does so much.

Thank you, too, to Village&Vestry, for their wonderful fundraising work. They rose to the challenge in a magnificent way twice: once, producing 100s and all manner of puddings for the Waveney Choir Concert for the huge audience; then the fabulous Jazz evening, when we had a power cut, not that it dampened anyone's spirits! There is one thing you are guaranteed in a church – a lot of candles! We also want to thank the bellringers, who have brought that special magic to village weddings and who rang to celebrate the Coronation.

Lastly, we thank George Burrows, our organist, who sadly had to retire this year due to ill health. George has been associated with St Martin's for longer than we can remember (and more years than he probably cares to remember, too). Thank you, George, for all your support, and thanks to our other organists, Sarah Dye, Peter Lee and Grant Pilcher.

We apologise if we have forgotten anyone (this does seem like an Oscar thank-you speech, but is heartfelt nonetheless). It goes without saying that without all the help we get, we couldn't keep this important building going – so thank you all very much indeed.

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**George Burrows:** As mentioned above, George is retiring after decades of devoted service as organist. We will make a presentation at the Carol Service, but we also have plans for a celebratory organ recital and buffet in the spring. Details to follow.

**Christmas Services:** Our Candlelit Christingle service is at 4:30pm on Sunday 3rd December. This is a really special time for all ages to look ahead to Christmas, eat their first mince pie and take a Christingle home. Nine Readings and Carols is on 6:30pm Sunday 10th December, with the choir, readers from village organisations, and decorations and refreshments by V&V. We are very excited to have Midnight Mass back at the time of 11:30pm, on Sunday 24th December, with Canon Tony Billett, and Christmas Day sees the well-loved crib service at 11am, short, sweet and lot of fun!

**Choir:** If you enjoy hearing the choir, how about joining us for our once-a-month evensongs? No auditions, and you don't have to read music, but we do sing in parts if we can. Rehearsals are 7pm until 8pm on Mondays. Contact Susie on the number below for more details!

**Book Stall:** As midwinter approaches, come and find a book to snuggle up with. Income from the book stall will help to pay for heat and light in the dark months. Some donated books are still on sale in the shops at anything from £4.50 to £8 — they're 50p from us!

**Contact Details:** Rev Sarah Walsh is always happy to visit or chat (01953 571549 or 07809 430967). Enquiries about funerals in the benefice: Jill Moses (jillannm1@gmail.com). For weddings and baptisms: Val Plummer (quidenhamgroup.wedding@gmail.com). For details of services, contact Susie, and queries about the premises, Louise, both numbers below.

We wish you all a beautiful, blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy new year!

*Louise Casson (Churchwarden, 860191) &  
Susie Hilton-Jowett (AWA, 860929)*

# St Martin's Services: New Year 2023–24

## DECEMBER

Sun 3rd	4:30pm	Christingle Service	Advent 1
Sun 10th	6:30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	Advent 2
Sun 17th	11:00am	Holy Communion	Advent 3
Sun 24th	11:30pm	Midnight Mass	Advent 4
Mon 25th	11:00am	Family Crib Service	Christmas Day
Sun 31st	11:00am (TBC)	'Something Different' with Old Buck & Banham	1st Sunday of Christmas

## JANUARY

Sun 7th	10:00am	Group Service at Banham	Epiphany Baptism of Christ
Sun 14th	4:30pm	Sung Evensong	2nd Sunday of Epiphany
Sun 21st	11:00am	Holy Communion	3rd Sunday of Epiphany
Sun 28th	11:00am	Morning Prayer	Christ's Presentation at the Temple

**For more information about services, contact:**

Priest in Charge: Revd Sarah Walsh (01953 571549)

Authorised Worship Assistant: Susan Jowett (01953 860929)

# **New Buckenham Parish Council**

The Parish Council currently has three vacant allotments available. Please contact Angela, our clerk, if you would be interested in renting one.

A summary of the draft minutes of November's Parish Council meeting follows this article. Please contact myself or any other Parish Councillor if you require further information or updates about our work.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th December at 7:30pm in the Large Meeting Room at the Village Hall. A warm welcome is extended to all parishioners. After the business of the meeting is concluded, there will be an opportunity to join us for festive nibbles and drinks.

If you are unable to join us on 12th December, may I, on behalf of the Parish Council, wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

*Karen Hobley – Chair*

*01953 860529 / karenhobley@hotmail.com*

## **Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2024**

All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting dates for 2024 are: 9th January; 13th February; 12th March; 9th April; 14th May; 11th June; 9th July; 10th September; 8th October; 12th November and 10th December.

The Parish Council does not meet in August.

## Summary of Draft Minutes November 2023

Present: Karen Hobley (KH), Chair; Mary Manning (MM); Paul Martin (PM); Andrew Bingham (AB); Don Crossman (DC); Steve Highton (SH); Angela Thornton (AH), Clerk. Also in attendance, 1 parishioner.

1. Minutes of the October meeting, with amendment, confirmed as correct.
  
2. Matters Arising
  - a) Village Gateway: Parish Partnership application process submitted.
  - b) Defibrillator: installation at the King's Head by end of Nov.
  - c) County Broadband Wayleave Agreement: still with solicitors.
  - d) Establishment of community woodland: 1st-choice potential site unavailable. 2nd site not viable. 3rd choice to be investigated.
  - e) Electric Charging Point: NBVHT agreed to progress subject to satisfactory insurance.
  - f) NBPC email services: awaiting progress. Action AT.
  
3. Public Participation
  - a) Parish Cllrs
    - i) MM requested, on behalf of the Village Directory, a donation of £150.00. Agreed, AT to add to the payments list for November.
    - ii) MM stated that villagers have reported that the top end of the Common is very overgrown. Action AT to report to Highways and Carleton Rode PC.

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iii) MM stated that the Neighbourhood Plan reports are not on the website. Action AT.

iv) KH proposed a £50 donation to the British Legion - agreed. Action AT to add to November payments.

b) Parishioner

i) Amanda Hartley (AH) suggested that villagers may like a village sign. AH to canvas the village for views.

ii) AH suggested that the PC could enter the village into Anglia in Bloom. Following discussion it was decided to approach the organisers of Open Gardens to involve children and include the Children's Garden in this event.

4. Financial Matters

a) Bank reconciliation for October approved.

b) Payments for November approved.

c) Cllrs noted and approved the payment on Health and Safety grounds the payment for the Play Area stepping stones.

d) Cllrs received the draft budget for 2024/5. Cllrs requested revised draft budget with 3 precept options for consideration next meeting.

5. Amenities

a) Closed Churchyard

i) Work to prepare the churchyard for extending the memorial garden and the repairs to the flint walls have led to an overspend of £150.

ii) Following discussion and advice from the PCC it was decided that the PCC could not financially support the refurbishment of the Victorian Lamppost.

iii) Period Pointing are booked in May 2024 to continue the repairs of the flint wall. A draft budget of £3,000 has been allocated for Quinquennial Report work in 2024/5.

b) Cemetery

Registration on the Diocesan system is in place to allow reuse of graves. Await PCC Minute to progress paperwork.

c) Allotments

i) BTS have completed maintenance work. Compost bin needs to be moved. Action AT to contact BTS. Cllrs discussed the use of the cleared area which may already have been used to dump rubbish. MM suggested that allotment owners may have a view on its use. AT to coordinate owners' views.

ii) Broken gates, PM to repair/investigate.

iii) There are 4 vacant plots. KH to place article in PN.

iv) It was proposed and agreed that in future only one plot per resident will be allocated.

d) Play Area

i) DC arranged for urgent replacement of stepping stones.

ii) Mushroom seats to be repaired or replaced.

iii) Proposed that £1,000 to be allocated to Play Area improvement budget 2024/5.

e) Public Footpaths

MM clarified that the bridge on path 2 is the responsibility of NCC, they have been notified electronically.

f) Street Lights

Quotes from TT Jones were discussed for the dimming of the lights at midnight and shields to prevent glare into properties.

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Cllrs to decide which require shields and those that could safely be dimmed from midnight to 5:30am.

## 7. Correspondence

AB to represent PC on Mid Norfolk Flood Partnership.

2024/5 budget provision of £1,000 for any NB village 'D-Day 80' event.

*Mary Dowson for NBPC*

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## **New Buckenham Parish Council**

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The Parish Council meets at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of every month at the Village Hall. Further information can be found on our notice board on the Village Green or [www.newbuckenhavillagehall.co.uk](http://www.newbuckenhavillagehall.co.uk).

# Wymondham Youth Music Society's Festive Fun Concert

**Thursday December 7th 2023**

**at 6:30pm**

**Queens Street Baptist Church, Wymondham NR18 0AY**

Join the Wymondham Youth Music Society and friends for an evening of FESTIVE FUN . Together with the Windmill Handbell Ringers and members of the High Oak Music Group, Junior and Senior instrumentalists of WYMS plan an evening of happy music making and good cheer, celebrating Youth and the Community

**Admission at the door: Adults £10, children FREE!**

If you haven't heard of the Wymondham Youth Music Society in its 35 years of providing opportunities for young musicians of Grade1 standard and upward, visit [www.wyms.org.uk](http://www.wyms.org.uk)

# Whizzbangs!

## A Prose Poem

In 1605, the King was not assassinated.

The whizzbang powder, which would have assassinated the King and murdered over 200 other people and destroyed lots of homes, was not lit.

In 1606, the law said that people must give thanks for the life of the King who was not assassinated by going to church and lighting bonfires. At this time, whizzbangs were not available for ordinary people so the giving of thanks was much quieter.

From 1900, 295 years after the King who was not assassinated died, ANYBODY could buy whizzbangs. And they did.

In 1914, the war to end all wars started.

In 1918, men who had been fighting in the war to end all wars were executed for trying to escape the whizzbangs, which had deeply traumatised them.

In 1921, the red poppy was adopted as a symbol of remembrance and hope for all those people affected by the whizzbangs.

In 1939, 21 years after the war to end all wars finished, another war began.

In 1954, a class of school boys co-ordinated the slamming of their desk lids. Their teacher, who had first hand experience of fighting with the whizzbangs and was deeply traumatised by them, hid under his table, weeping. The noise had reminded him of his terrible fear and what he had seen.

In 1959, the law which celebrated the life of the King who had not been assassinated, but had been dead for 354 years, ended. But the people still celebrated with bonfires and whizzbangs.

In 2004, a law was passed that said only grown ups could buy

whizzbangs. But, five-year-old children were still allowed to hold spitting, lighted sticks that burned at 2000°f, hot enough to melt some metals and to cause serious burns.

In 2022, Russia fired whizzbangs at Ukraine.

In May 2022, people started to leave Ukraine to escape the danger and trauma of the whizzbangs. Some of them came to live in our village.

In November 2022, people still celebrated the life of the King who had not been assassinated, but had been dead for 417 years, with bonfires and whizzbangs.

In October 2023, Gaza fired whizzbangs at Israel. Now, many people are firing whizzbangs at each other.

On 5th November 2023, people still celebrated the life of the King who had not been assassinated, but had been dead for 418 years, with bonfires and whizzbangs.

On 11th November 2023, people gathered together to remember the people who had been deeply traumatised by whizzbangs. They stood still, and quiet, for two minutes thinking about them and all the other people who continue to be traumatised by whizzbangs in our fracturing world.

Then, there were no more whizzbangs in the village. The wild birds stopped being afraid. Bats could flit around in the dark no longer affected by the huge flashing lights reaching high into the sky. Owls, who have the best hearing ever, could hear their next meal. Cats and dogs no longer trembled in fear. Horses no longer reared up in terror trying to escape the noise of the whizzbangs.

November settled back into its 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' although it rained a lot and was very windy which does not feel very mellow or help the fruitfulness.

At the end of November there was a bright full moon.

We could forget about the whizzbangs, and celebrating the life of the King who had not been assassinated and has been dead for 418 years, and quietly reflect on what we do have, and to care for the important things around us.

And, around the village, a few Flanders poppies were still flowering.

*Kim Cutmore*

*Weavers [by the sheep]*

## **Community Car Service**

The community car service is provided by ‘vetted’ voluntary car drivers from the village, to enable those not able to access transport for non-emergency health-related journeys such as hospital/GP/optician/dental or other health appointments. The journey fare is charged at 45p per mile with the service user paying half the cost direct to the driver with the other half paid out of a grant from Breckland Council and the Parish Council. We currently have seven volunteer drivers, including the co-ordinator.

To access the service, or for more information about becoming a voluntary driver, please contact me (leaving a message if necessary).

*Gerry Walsh/Gildersleeve*

*Acting Co-ordinator, 861027*

## **Winter Warmer Wednesday Café**

New Buckenham Village Hall, 1pm to 3pm

Working from home? Living alone? Make a date and take a break. Join us at the community café. Look in on the games table, find out what is going on, meet up for a chat.

We hope you will join us on Wednesday afternoons at the Village Hall. A warm welcome is guaranteed.

Please note that there will be no café on Wednesday 13th December.

*Juliet Fulford*

## **Season's Greetings**

Merry Christmas to all friends and neighbours. I am supporting MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières) and their current efforts in the Middle East war instead of sending cards.

*Gill Goodwin*

## **Poppy Appeal**

This year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in the village raised a total of £315.52. Thank you to everyone who donated.

# Bats in New Buckenham 2023

The international science boffin, Dr Stuart Newson (otherwise known in our village as Batman Superior), has been fundamental in enabling our bat surveys to continue throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and all the lockdowns, when almost everyone else in Norfolk has been forced to stop.

It was Dr Newson who invented the citizen science technology which makes it possible for ordinary folk to record bat sounds overnight and then to find out, accurately, which species they are. You could register your interest, choose a mapped kilometre square and borrow the kit from the local library. Of course, when libraries closed and people were forced into isolation – not to mention the general panic and fear about bats – his brilliant surveys were stopped in their tracks. But not here in New Buckenham! Stuart lent the kit to us and New Buckenham carried on with the readings.

For those who have been wondering what the tech involves, it's this: a 7-foot mast with a microphone attached to the top; a lead from the microphone plugs into a small plastic box containing batteries, operations buttons, screens and the SD card which will collect the data. Depending on the time of year, it is set to function from about an hour before dusk and to close down after sunrise. Many bats fly in daylight, not just in darkness.

Once put in position and switched on, the bat box will 'go to sleep' until awoken by the sound wave of a bat, at which point it records and goes back to sleep. It takes only seconds, but by the end of a busy bat night, it will have collected literally thousands of echolocators, stored them as WAV files on the SD card, and 'gone to sleep' again until the next night. Then comes the fun bit: I access the relevant website which unscrambles all the numbers and tells me what happened whilst I was asleep.

The great news is that, despite all the change and upheaval due to Covid-19 and exceptional weather, this village has a large population of rare bats. Without Stuart's kit we would never have known. There are 18 species of bat in Great Britain and at least 11 of them are right here. Even better, amongst them are the rarest of all. All 11 are to be found across the village, the Green and the Common, but the number of Barbastelles and Serotines zooming along Cuffer Lane and making good use of the fields and ponds, is noticeably higher. It's likely that the trees, hedges and ponds here, as well as the short direct route from the Common makes it a good feeding ground.

The GB Red List includes six species of bat in real peril. The top two are only found on the south coast, but examples of the other four species are all to be found in New Buckenham. The most threatened of those four are Barbastelle and Serotine. Next on the list as 'near threatened' are Leisler's Bat and Nathusius' Pipistrelle.

Other UK bats found here in New Buckenham are: Brown long-eared bats, Brandt's bat, common pipistrelle, Daubenton's bat, Noctule, Soprano pipistrelle, and Natterer's bat.

The Red List for British Mammals has been produced by the Mammal Society on behalf of Natural England, Natural Resources Wales, Scottish Natural Heritage (NatureScot) and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee.

You can find out more about bats on the following websites:

<https://www.iucnredlist.org/about/background-history>

<https://www.mammal.org.uk/species-hub/uk-mammal-list/>

<https://www.batsurvey.org/>

*Janet Trewin*

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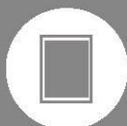
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Fri 8th	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i> , Village Hall, 8pm
Sat 9th	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i> , Village Hall, 2pm and 8pm
Sun 10th	Nine Lessons and Carols, St Martin's, 6:30pm
Tues 12th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Weds 13th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 12 noon
Thurs 21st	Carols Around the Tree, Market Place, 6pm
Sun 24th	Midnight Mass, St Martin's, 11:30pm
Mon 25th	Family Crib Service, St Martin's, 11am

## January 2024

Mon 1st	Hair of the Dog Walk, Market Place, 11am
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