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In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we mark the beginning of the new year with the news that several current and former members of the New Buckenham community have passed away.

We extend our sincere condolences to the families and friends of Annie Dalton, Irene Davy, Judy Harrison, Joan Parker and Elizabeth Rutledge.

The Parish News Committee

Elizabeth Rutledge

We are sad to notify the death of Elizabeth Rutledge, who died peacefully in her sleep on 6th January, aged 80.

Elizabeth lived at The Pleasance, Queen Street and was an active member of the village for 45 years before moving to Dartmoor after the death of her husband, Paul.

The funeral will be held at the Glynn Valley Crematorium, Bodmin, at 12:30pm on Monday 10th February. The service will also be live-streamed. The family has asked for no flowers, but donations, if wished, to a cancer charity.

Funeral director and live-stream details can be requested by emailing editor@newbucknews.co.uk.

Harriet Rutledge

Joan Parker

I am so sad to announce the death of my mother, Joan Parker, on 15th January, at the age of 101.

Joan moved to Norfolk after my father died in 2001, living first at 8 Marsh Lane, then moving to her new bungalow in Moat Lane in 2007. She thoroughly enjoyed village life and her many friends, until 2020 when she moved to De Lucy House in Diss.

The funeral will take place at St Martin's church, New Buckenham at 11am on Tuesday February 11th. All are welcome to the church and for refreshments at the King's Head afterwards.

Susie Jowett

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Good Companions

Our last meeting of 2024 was held on 11th December, when 24 members and friends enjoyed a three-course Christmas lunch. We were entertained by Susan Jayne. We would like to say a big thank you to Stevie Hobley for her efforts to keep the Village Hall nice and toasty, especially after the cold November meeting. Also, thank you to Father Christmas and the table fairies who have so kindly put out the tables and chairs for all our meetings during the year. It is very much appreciated!

The first meeting of 2025 will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 20th February at 2:30pm.

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

Christine Wilby



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We seem to have romped into 2025! The beginning of the year is always a little quiet at St Martin's, so there is not much news to impart, but looking back at...

Christmas: it was wonderful to see so many at our Carol Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Morning service – thank you for coming! We hope that the Carol Service helped to start your Christmas festivities. We are now looking forward to...

Easter: it is a little later this year, but we already have services planned for Good Friday on 18th April and Easter Day on Sunday 20th. Our Lily Remembrance this year will be held on Saturday 19th in the afternoon, so in March look out for the leaflets if you would like a lily to remember loved ones.

Book Stall: don't forget that you can visit the book stall any time the church is open. There is a wide variety of novels to choose from, to help while away the cold days and nights of winter!

Food Bank: together with King's Stores we have a collection point for the Food Bank and we thank you for your generosity in leaving donations.

Church Opening: the church is open every day, from about 9:30am until dusk. As well as visiting the book stall, it is a peaceful space to spend some time (albeit that at this time of year, it is somewhat chilly!).

Contact details: Revd. Sarah Walsh is always happy to visit or chat. You can contact her on 01953 571549 or 07809 430967.

For any queries do contact me!

Louise Casson (Churchwarden)

01953 86019

St Martin's Services: February 2025

Sun 2nd	10am	Candlemass Group Service at St Mary's Banham Rev Sarah Walsh	
Sun 9th	4:30pm	Choral Evensong Rev Sarah Walsh	4th Sunday Before Lent
Sun 16th	11am	Morning Prayer Bill Rout AWA	3rd Sunday Before Lent
Sun 23rd	11am	Holy Communion Rev Sarah Walsh	2nd Sunday Before Lent

For more information about services, contact:

Priest in Charge: Revd Sarah Walsh (01953 571549)

New Buckenham Art Exhibition 2025

Opening Night: Friday 18th April 7:30 pm.

Open: Saturday 19th April; Sunday 20th April; Monday 21st April; 11am until 4:30 pm.

Our preparations are well underway for the New Buckenham Art Exhibition. We are soon to send out our entry forms to previous artists. The majority of our forms are sent by email, so if you would like to exhibit please contact Hazel Rush: hazelrush1@outlook.com

This event does demand a lot of planning and relies heavily on helpers. Over the 30 years it has been running, we have been very fortunate to have people offer helper in all areas. We are very lucky to have such a willing community. Please make a note of the dates of the exhibition and let us know when you can what you would like to do.

Hanging of all Pictures: Morning of Friday 18th April.

Setting out Screens in the Main Hall: Evening of Thursday 17th April.

Booking in Pictures: Evening of Thursday 17th April and Friday 18th.

Make a Cake for our Refreshments: Delivery Saturday 20th April.

Dismantling of Exhibition: Monday 21st April after 4:30 pm.

In the next *Parish News* I will go through these areas again in more detail. Your help is really valuable to this well-loved event.

I should also say that this is a fundraising event which originally raised funds to build the new Village Hall and we hope to continue with our efforts to raise money for our church and Village Hall.

Please contact Clive on 07732 598937 / 01953 860572 / clive.a.rush@gmail.com if you are able to help with this year's Art Exhibition.

Clive Rush

Art Exhibition Committee

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Thank You

I would like to put up a big thank you to all the people in New Buck who sent lovely messages, cards, chocolates and flowers after my hip operation. I've felt really loved by you wonderful lot.

Many thanks.

Janet Ovens

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Parish News Committee

New Buckenham Village Hall Trust

At our recent meeting the Trust agreed budgets for the coming year to improve facilities at the village hall. The projects include replacing the existing theatre lighting to LED, new LED lighting in the auditorium, repairs to external windows, upgrading the toilets/washrooms, and deep cleaning and re-varnishing the floor in the auditorium. We are also arranging a work day in February to tidy up and clear out accumulated 'stuff' – all offers to help are welcome.

We are in discussion with Anglian Water about installing a radio mast at the Village Hall. Anglian Water need this mast to serve the recently installed smart meter units on each water meter in the village. The mast will be located in the corner of the car park, the mast will be 12m high, the trees along Moat Lane will largely screen the mast from view from the lane. If anyone would like more information about the installation please email me.

It's a busy time for the Trust and we are always looking for new Trustees to join us and get involved in helping run the Village Hall. If you are interested or would like to meet and get more information please email me.

Andrew Bingham

NBVH Trust

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The Village Hall Trust started 2025 with farewells to two long-serving Trustees: Gill Goodwin and Edwin Dowling. The aim of the Trust is to maintain the fabric of the building and to encourage the local community use of the hall. Both Gill and Ed have given many years of voluntary work to doing just this. Gill originally was the Booking Clerk for the hall, which was all managed in her inimitable style with huge diaries, loads of notes and paper forms, but, most importantly, a

very welcoming smile and willingness to always try and find a solution whatever the problem. She then retired as administrator and became a Trustee, bringing her experience and knowledge of the community to the Trust.

Ed became a Trustee on moving to the village. I remember him saying “I am not good at committees”, but he has been a Trustee now for over 15 years. He will be missed for his practical contribution to the Hall and for being the person always there when you needed help. They will both be missed and can’t be replaced, but the Trust goes on and we will continue to keep the local users and the maintenance of the building as priorities.

We currently have a great team of Trustees with an excellent mix of practical and people skills, we do however need new members! If you are interested in becoming a Trustee and feel you would like to contribute to the community then join us and let’s keep our Hall as one to be proud of.

Find out more from one of the Trustees who are: Andrew Bingham, Alice Cattermole, Juliet Fulford, Amanda Hartley, John Hobley, David Potter, Clive Rush, Ian Speller, Tom Underwood and Ellis Williamson.

Stevie Hobley

Administrator

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New Buckenham Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7:30pm on Tuesday 11th February 2025 at the Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome to join us at the meeting, bring along any issues you would like to discuss with the Council. It really helps us to hear your views and comments.

And a reminder to the very few dog owners that fail to pick up their dogs' mess when out walking around the village, castle, and common – it really isn't very difficult and there are plenty of dog waste bins around the village. And removing dogs' mess makes for much more enjoyable walking for everyone else.

Andrew Bingham

Chair – New Buckenham Parish Council

Summary of Draft Minutes: January

Present: Paul Martin (PM Chair for this meeting), Karen Hobley (KH), Don Crossman (DC), Mary Manning (MM), Mary Dowson (MD) and Angela Thornton (AT) Clerk. No members of the public.

1. Minutes

Minutes of the December meeting approved.

2. Matters Arising

Charge of £50 for extra football pitch agreed. AT to invoice.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. District/County Councillor Report

None.

5. Parish Cllr Reports

PM reported on the meeting with Highway Officer who confirmed that the Village Gateway will be installed in this financial year and that he would follow-up issues regarding the impassable footpath near High London Farm.

6. Financial Matters

- a) December Bank Reconciliation approved.
- b) Payments for January approved.

7. Planning

None.

8. Amenities

- a) Grounds Maintenance: None.
- b) Closed Churchyard: Metal gates reported in the Quinquennial Report have been inspected and will be monitored. No further action at the moment.
- c) Cemetery: None.
- d) Allotments: Plots 16 and 17, a request to keep bees was considered but not approved. DC to investigate an alternative site. A request for a second allotment was approved, as there are three vacant sites.
- e) Play Area: Inspection report works to be funded out of 2025/6 budget.

f) Public Footpaths: Ongoing issue with Footpath 14 reported to Highways.

g) Community Car Scheme: Expenses.

9. Correspondence

The William Barber Trust has requested a second nominee for their committee. PC considered one (currently MD) councillor to be sufficient and did not think it appropriate to nominate anyone else.

Mary Dowson for NBPC

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.newbuckenhampc.info.

Illuminating Christmas

Let's say thank you to those villagers who all worked very hard to brighten up Christmas for us all. I believe that we had more lights per resident than Attleborough or Norwich.

On behalf of the church, we must thank Village&Vestry who erected the two Christmas trees in the church and the crib with the new figures. The crib was illuminated, as were most of the columns in the church. Special thanks to Clive Rush, who paid for and erected the magnificent Christmas tree in the churchyard. And let's not forget Nigel Lond Caulk, who got the cross on the church tower repaired and put up. Thanks to all of you from all of us on the PCC.

Many thanks to Phil Anderson and family and Clive (again) who erected the Christmas tree on the green and lit the Market Cross. With the new lights the Christmas tree is very impressive, and Phil's own tree at the entrance to Tanning Lane welcomed drivers coming into the village. I hope it made them slow down as they passed it! And thanks again to Phil and company for shredding all the Christmas trees. It's good to see that natural trees are so popular in the village, but more work for Phil and the boys.

I hope that everyone had a good Christmas and New year, but I have heard numerous tales of 'flu and colds interrupting the festivities. I do hope you are all getting better.

Jimpy Casson

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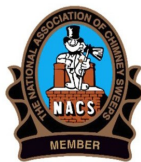
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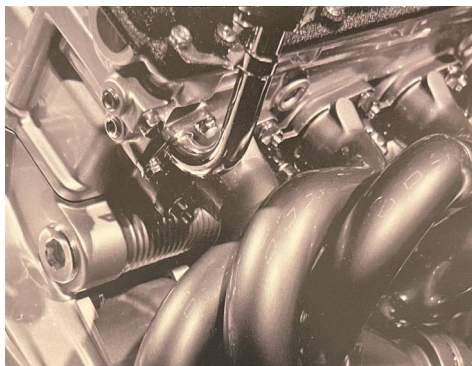
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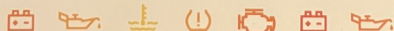
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