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March 2025

Good Companions

The meeting held on 20th February was the first of 2025 and was attended by 17 members. Tea was served by the committee.

We wish to send our condolences to the families of the two members who passed away at the beginning of the year.

The next meeting will be held on 20th March at 2:30pm in the Village Hall.

Christine Wilby

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Eastern Angles: Sophia

Eastern Angles presents Sophia on Wednesday 26th March at 7:30pm.

Sophia Duleep Singh was born into royalty and grew up to be a revolutionary. This Spring, Eastern Angles theatre production focus on her extraordinary story in the play Sophia.

Sophia's father was the last Maharajah of Punjab, dethroned by the British as a child and exiled to England. The family made a home in Elveden in Suffolk, until bankruptcy and a new mistress swayed the dispossessed Maharajah to make a secret new life abroad and plot to take back his kingdom.

Back in England, the young Princess faces years of loss and mourning before embarking on a lifechanging journey to her family's homeland in India. Returning with a bold new sense of bravery, Sophia uses her status to become a beacon in the fight for women's suffrage and Indian independence.

Written by Hannah Kumari, this epic new drama tells the story of an unknown lioness of women's suffrage and her part in some of the defining moments of British Indian history.

Sophia follows in Eastern Angles' tradition of touring shows inspired by the places and people of the region of East Anglia. Join us at New Buckenham Village Hall for this live performance. Bar and refreshments from 7pm.

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New Buckenham Arts

Players Comedy Cabaret

We're aiming to put on a comedy cabaret with a variety of acts on 26th, 27th and 28th June.

A brainstorming meeting is being held at the Village Hall on 25th March at 7:30pm.

Whether it be acting, singing, stand up or something out of the box, please come along to have a chat with any ideas of your own or a willingness to explore some options. Adult participation only.

New Buckenham Players



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New Buckenham Art Exhibition 2025

Opening Night: Friday 18th April, 7:30pm, admission £5

General admission: Saturday 19th, Sunday 20th, Monday 21st April, 11am–4:30pm, admission £2

Preparations are well under way for this big event. We now have all the artist's entries and we have had a good response. I feel sure it will be another good exhibition. If you have never been before I would say to you do go and have a look. It is only £2. entry and you can stay as long as you like and there will be refreshments to enjoy too. All the art is for sale and there will be a good range of prices. All the money that is made at the exhibition goes to the village hall and our church.

You will see I have put in the Helpers Rota from **last year**. I would like to remind you it would be very helpful if you could let us know if you would like to be involved this year. This Rota is quite a task to organise so if you could contact Clive and let him know if you are able to help would be great.

Helpers Rota: Please see the next page for the 2024 rota.

Contact Clive on 860572 or 07732598937 or email clive.a.rush@gmail.com.

Cakes: We would love you to bake a cake for the refreshments .Fi Gallimore has kindly offered to help co-ordinate this so please do contact her on 07981107703. Delivery of cakes to the Village Hall Saturday 19th after 10am.

Raffle: There is still time to donate a prize for the raffle. Raffle Prizes also to the Village Hall on Friday 7th April after 10am.

There many other areas where we do need helpers.

Set-up/clear down: Can you help to hang some of the 400 pictures on Friday 18th April in the morning? Can you help to set out the screens in the Main Hall on Thursday 17th April in the evening for an

hour? Can you help with dismantling the exhibition on Monday 21st April late afternoon?

Thank you.

Clive

Art Exhibition Committee

Helpers Rota

Please let Clive know if you are available to help again this year or if you are new to the village and would like to help for the first time:

		Saturday	Sunday	Monday
11am to 12:30pm	S S A A	Mary Dowson Charles Wolfe Gerry Gildersleeve Geoff Gildersleeve	Carolyn Hupton Katie Wyatt-Hupton Nancy Robertson Vivienne Walker	Andrea Halfacree Jon Halfacree Mary Manning Barbara Cattermole
12:30pm to 2:30pm	S S A A	Lynn Carter Karen Hobley Claire McNamara Alan Dynes	Hazel Rush Ed Dowling Ron Thompson Margaret Ward	Ed Dowling Audrey Dowling Denise Smolkovic Kruno Smolkovic
2:30pm to 4:30pm	S S A A	Richard Anderson Charles Wolfe Dawn Eagling Tom Eagling	Clive Rush Gill Goodwin Audrey Dowling Ed Dowling	Ann Gascoyne Karen Hobley Meryl St John Cooper Robert St John Cooper
11am to 2pm (tea/coffee)	R R	Lynda Kerr Stevie Hobley	Bella Chirodian Janet Ovens	Juliet Fulford Andrew Bingham
2pm to 4:30pm (tea/coffee)	R R	Jackie Bishop Sue Cattermole	Linda Bryan Kathy Steele	Alice Cattermole Andrea Halfacree
S - Sales A - Admission R - Refreshments				

News from the Pews

Hopefully spring has sprung, making us all feel a little cheerier and coming out of hibernation from winter. It's certainly the case for St Martin's, as we are planning events for the coming months – and with luck, the church might warm up a little!

V&V Coffee Morning: the first event is V&V's coffee morning on 22nd March, so look out for information from them.

Concerts: we are organising some concerts this year at St Martin's, on behalf of the benefice. We have four in the pipeline, mostly on a Sunday afternoon for an hour, followed by refreshments. It will be a varied programme of live music and there is nothing like listening to live music, particularly with the great acoustics in the Church.

Look out for the advertising over the coming months!

Excitingly, the first of these will be the very popular Waveney Choir, who will be performing Fauré Requiem and other choral favourites on Wednesday 9th April at 7pm – so put the date in your diary! Tickets are £7, to include refreshments. King's Stores have very kindly said that they will sell tickets – but please note it is cash only – or you can ring me on 01953 860191 to book. This will be a wonderful concert, so book early to avoid disappointment!

coffeemates!: our 2025 season gets under way in April and we have our final morning in October. We are always on the third Saturday of the month. We aim to support local charities and those who do not have the high profile of some of the larger, national charities. This year we have chosen some of the charities we will be supporting: the Big C, the Pabulum Dementia Café in Wymondham, The Pantry food bank based in Kenninghall, Chapel Green School at Old Buckenham and YANA, a mental health charity for those working in agriculture, whom we have supported for some years. We look forward to seeing you on 19th April for our first coffeemates! Of the year.

Food Bank: once again, we thank you for your generosity in leaving donations either with us, or King's Stores.

Book Stall: the ever popular book stall is open every day during daylight hours. Thank you to everyone who supports it and to Kathie who acts as librarian: there are some really good reads.

Mothering Sunday: this year it is on 30th March and we will be (rightly!) celebrating mothers at Holy Communion. We will be giving a small gift to all mothers who join us or to those remembering their mothers.

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 860191

Thank You from the Davy Family

Irene Davy sadly passed away on 21 January 2025, after suffering a fall at home and further complications in hospital. She lived in the Village, in Marsh Lane since 1970, following her marriage to Bryon.

Her funeral took place on Friday 7th February 2025 at St Martin's Church, New Buckenham. We would like to thank all family and friends, for the cards, flowers, and messages of sympathy at this difficult time. A big shout out to those, who helped at the wake at the Village Hall. Thank you, it is greatly appreciated.

Davy Family

Elizabeth Rutledge

It is with great sadness that we announce the death on 6 January 2025 of Elizabeth Rutledge, a prominent member of the Norfolk Record Society Council for over thirty years. Elizabeth read jurisprudence at Bristol University before taking the diploma in archive administration at Liverpool University under the direction of the redoubtable medievalist Dorothea Oschinsky, whose high standards of scholarship and forensic approach to historical evidence she shared. While working at the Norfolk and Norwich Record Office (now the Norfolk Record Office), she met and married Paul Rutledge, later deputy county archivist and early modern editor for the Society. Her archival career ended with the arrival of a young family, but she soon became involved in a variety of educational activities and academic projects, including the University of East Anglia (UEA)-based Norwich Survey, which led to her co-authorship of *Men of Property: An Analysis of the Norwich Enrolled Deeds 1285-1311* (1983). Recognising her palaeographical skills and expertise in legal history, as well as her remarkable efficiency, Hassell Smith, then chair of the Norfolk Record Society, recruited her to the team working on the Bacon Papers project. She proved a mainstay of the entire enterprise, being largely responsible, along with Barry Taylor, for producing the texts of volumes IV, V and VI. Although she formally withdrew from the project in 2019, she continued to act as a consultant, offering characteristically trenchant and insightful comments on the final drafts of volume VII.

Excerpt courtesy of the Norfolk Record Society. The full article can be read online at www.norfolkrecordsociety.org.uk/elizabeth-rutledge/

Parish News Committee

Joan Parker

Thank you to all those who made my mum's funeral such a special occasion - to Rev Sarah Walsh; to Rosedale Funeral Directors; to Verger Jimpy and Flower Fairies Margaret and Barbara; and to the Kings Head who went above and beyond to fit us in. Thank you too to everyone who came, and for all your cards and good wishes. It has all meant so much to us. As with most things, Joan had firm views on what her funeral should be like, and I think we got it just right!

Joan moved to New Buckenham from North Derbyshire after my father died in 2001. It was quite a culture shock at first, but she settled into the life of the village and of the church here – and drinks afterwards with the golden gang of Joan W, Ruth, Steph Lennie, the Pearsons and the Nortons! She was a regular at Miscellany, New Buck Soc, the village films, the Lip Reading Class, Parish Council meetings, and all the annual events. She took great pride in her prizes at the Village Show, and in her more active years sewed costumes for Players and made sandwiches for the Fete.

When she moved to the Moat Lane bungalow she particularly enjoyed seeing all the walkers and hall users going past, and your waves were very important to her, especially during lock down.

It was a big decision for her to move here, but thanks to the warmth of this village, she enjoyed her 20+ years, and this is where she wanted her funeral to be.

Thank you.

Susie Jowett



Village and Vestry

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Sun 9th	4:30pm	Choral Evensong Rev Sarah Walsh	1st Sunday of Lent
Sun 16th	11am	Morning Prayer Val Plummer AWA	2nd Sunday of Lent
Sun 23rd	11am	Joint Service at St Martin's with Old Buckenham, and Banham	
Sun 30th	11am	Holy Communion Rev Canon Tony Billett	4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday
<p>For more information about services, contact: Priest in Charge: Revd Sarah Walsh (01953 571549)</p>			

New Buckenham Parish Council

Summary of Draft Minutes: February

Present: Andrew Bingham (AB), Paul Martin (PM), Karen Hobley (KH), Mary Manning (MM), Mary Dowson (MD), Steve Highton (SH), Angela Thornton (AT), Clerk, County/District Cllr Steve Askew (SA) and 2 parishioners.

1. Minutes

Minutes of the January meeting approved.

2. Matters Arising

- a) AB informed the meeting that the Village Gateway has been installed.
- b) Norfolk CC has contacted the landowner regarding the problem with footpath FP14.
- c) SA to contact Highways regarding the drain outside Lovells.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. District/County Councillor Report

SA circulated his report electronically. He verbally highlighted the devolution of Norfolk and Suffolk agreed as priority. Consequently Breckland have postponed car parking charging.

5. Parish Cllr Reports

KH referred to SA's report noting the Norfolk Youth Justice Service rated 'good', with staff going 'above and beyond'.

6. Financial Matters

- a) January Bank Reconciliation approved.
- b) Payments for February 2025 approved.

7. Planning

Smart Metering Mast on Village Hall site near containers - no objection.

8. Amenities

- a) Grounds Maintenance: none.
- b) Closed Churchyard: an email from Parochial Church Council requested removal of plants close to church wall to allow repair of gutters. AB, PCC and Broadland Trees to meet to consider options and timescales.
- c) Cemetery: burial taking place this month.
- d) Allotments: one vacant plot. No progress made with ideas for the area at the far end.
- e) Play Area: safety inspection report quote approved and work to be done and funded in 2025/6 budget. Quote for repairs to 2 benches approved in current budget.
- f) Community Car Scheme: DBS checks to be renewed this year, the grant request to Breckland will reflect this.

9. Correspondence

AB has received a request for a memorial tree to be planted. After discussion the request was declined as PC does not want to set a precedent and future maintenance issues.

Mary Dowson for NBPC

New Buckenham Parish Council

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Mary Dowson (01953 860320)

Steve Highton (01953 860000)

Karen Hobley (01953 860529)

Mary Manning (01953 861242)

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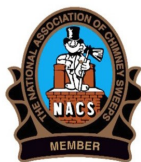


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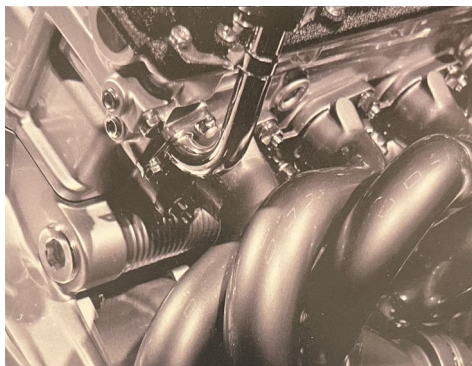
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Thurs 20th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Sat 22nd	Village & Vestry coffee morning, St Martin's, 10:30am
Tues 25th	Players meeting, Village Hall, 7pm
Weds 26th	Eastern Angles: Sophia, Village Hall, 7:30pm

Save the Dates - April

Weds 9th	Waveney Choir 'Fauré Requiem', St Martin's, 7pm
Fri 18th - Mon 21st	New Buckenham Art Exhibition, Village Hall

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