

New Buckenham Parish News



NEW BUCKENHAM ART EXHIBITION EASTER WEEKEND

Opening Night: Friday 18th April, 7:30pm–10pm.

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New Buckenham Art Exhibition 2025

Opening Night Friday 18th April 7:30pm

We have over 300 paintings and some 3D work for this year's Easter Art Exhibition. Some of the artists are professional and others are dedicated hobby painters. There will be a section of unframed pictures in our browser stands and many artists will be displaying greetings cards. There are several new artists displaying artwork and I think you will find a lovely variety of styles, materials and techniques. If you are looking for a painting to buy, the prices are very varied.

If you are unable to come to the Opening Night, the Exhibition is open on Saturday 19th, Sunday 20th and Monday 21st April from 11am until 4:30pm. Refreshments are available all day with lovely homemade cakes, teas and fresh coffee.

Thank you to all who have offered their help with prizes for the raffle, baking a cake, stewarding and the many things that helpers do before the event begins.

Do come and bring your family and friends to support this event. All proceeds to New Buckenham Church and the Village Hall Trust.

Clive Rush (Art Exhibition Committee)

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Parish News Committee

News from the Pews

Easter is just around the corner, with the promise of far too much chocolate, but before we get to indulge, there are several services over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Lilies for Easter: whilst in the past we have held a contemplative service to remember loved ones on Good Friday, the format is changing this year and will be on Easter Saturday. There will be no service, but we will be holding a short period of meditation from 12 noon when you can collect your lily, put it in the vase and light a candle. You are welcome to simply come and go, or sit quietly listening to music whilst remembering those you love. We will be there until 1pm, but if you can't come at 12 o'clock, the church will be open until dusk and as usual all the lilies will be named, so you can collect yours. The lilies will then be displayed in the church until they are past their best. Hopefully, you will have received the flyer about the lilies, but if you have any questions, do give me a ring.

Good Friday: on Good Friday we will be holding a reflective service, with choral pieces by the choir, congregational hymns and spoken meditations on the Easter story. It starts at 2pm and everyone is welcome. By tradition, services on Good Friday finish by 3pm.

Easter Sunday: there will be holy communion with Rev Lorraine Summers at 11am – with the promise of a bit more Easter chocolate to enjoy!

coffeemates!: we usually hold these on the second Saturday of the month, which for April would be the 12th – but this month we are moving to Saturday 26th. The reason for doing so is that we are delighted that there is a wedding on the 11th and then the major Benefice Palm Sunday service on the 13th, so it's going to be quite a

busy weekend! The following weekend is Easter and we have the Easter Lilies on the Saturday, to say nothing of not wanting to clash with the first full day of the Art Exhibition and their refreshments. We will be raising funds for the Big C Appeal, a charity close to so many in the community, so we hope to see you there – let's just hope things have warmed up a bit by then!

As a result, the May coffeemates! will be a week later than normal, on the 17th, otherwise it would only be two weeks after the April coffeemates! and you can have too much of a good thing... After that, we'll be back to the second Saturday, through to October.

Fauré Requiem & Choral Favourites Concert: we hope you have your tickets! They are £7 and are available at King's Stores, or you can ring me to book. The Waveney Choir are excellent and it should be a great concert.

Church Electoral Roll: every six years parish churches are required by the Diocese to prepare a new Electoral Roll (which is then displayed on the notice board), and we are required to advertise this. Any member of the Parish can apply to have their name added to the Roll, provided they fulfil certain criteria outlined on the application form. Application forms can be found at the back of the church. If you would like your name added to the Roll please complete a form before April 20th and return it either to the box in church or to the Electoral Roll Officer, Barbara Cattermole, Flint Lodge, Marsh Lane.

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

For any other queries do contact me: Louise Casson (Churchwarden) on 01953 860191

St Martin's Services: April 2025

Sun 6th	4:30pm	Evensong Rev Sarah Walsh	5th Sunday of Lent
Sun 13th	10:00am	Palm Sunday Rev Sarah Walsh	Meet on the Green
Fri 18th	2pm	Good Friday Meditation	
Sat 19th	12pm	Easter Lily Remembrance	
Sun 20th	11am	Holy Communion Rev Lorraine Summers	Easter Day 1st Sunday of Easter
Sun 27th	11am	Morning Prayer Val Plummer AWA	2nd Sunday of Easter

For more information about services, contact:
Priest in Charge: Revd Sarah Walsh (01953 571549)

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The Community Car Scheme provides affordable transport to enable people who live in New Buckenham to attend medical appointments. We would love to recruit a few new drivers as we are quite busy. You need to have access to a vehicle and be willing to transport others to medical appointments.

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Alice Cattermole (Community Car Scheme Coordinator)

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Good Companions

The meeting held on 20th March was attended by 14 members. Bingo was played and tea was served by the committee.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th April at 2:30pm in the Village Hall. All new members will be made very welcome. For more information, please contact me on 01953 860467 or Diana Cole on 01953 860636.

Christine Wilby

Badminton

Fancy a game of badminton? The friendly, mixed-ability group who meet in the Village Hall on most Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm would love some more players.

Please contact Ann Gascoyne on 01953 860164 for more details.

Gill Goodwin

New Buckenham Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th April at the Village Hall, note the earlier time of 7pm.

Following the Parish Council meeting we will be holding the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm. All Parishioners are welcome to both meetings.

The Annual Parish meeting is an informal forum and provides an opportunity for everyone to raise and discuss any issues affecting the village. Proposals for big changes to local government are progressing rapidly with these affecting us all. Plans for devolution will see the end of Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils which will be merged to form a Unitary Authority with an elected Mayor. It is expected that Breckland Council will disappear, with their role taken on by the Unitary Authority. Ward boundaries will change with much bigger wards and fewer Councillors. How will this impact on local representation? What will be the effect on our Council Tax?

Also, there are major changes to Planning with increased requirement for the local authority to provide more housing to meet government housing delivery targets. How will the village be affected and will we be asked to accept some new houses?

Join us at the Parish Meeting to discuss these and any other issues. We may not (and probably don't) have all the answers, but would very much appreciate hearing your views.

Andrew Bingham

Chair - New Buckenham Parish Council

Summary of Draft Minutes: March 2025

Present: Andrew Bingham (AB), Paul Martin (PM), Karen Hobley (KH), Mary Manning (MM), Mary Dowson (MD), Angela Thornton (AT) Clerk, County/District Cllr Steve Askew (SA) and 3 parishioners.

1. Minutes of the February meeting approved.

2. Matters Arising

a) Norfolk CC has contacted the landowner regarding the problem with footpath FP14.

b) Highways Officer contacted regarding the drain by Lovells.

3. Public Participation

a) Posts in front of village gateway need to be removed. Action AB.

b) Concerns regarding the Inn on the Green planning application including lack of parking, inaccessible bin access/storage.

4. District/County Councillor Report

SA talked through his understanding of the Local Government Reform and Devolution.

The Local Plan has stalled because the government has increased house-building requirements. The call for new sites has been requested. Service Centre Villages will be required to provide an additional 200+ houses. The NB Neighbourhood Plan may help in limiting development, but it is not guaranteed. Breckland DC wishes to engage with parishes to consider possible sites.

The Parish Briefing Report will be attached to the Minutes and available on the website, noticeboard and Facebook.

5. Parish Cllr Reports

a) MM reported a lack of road markings in the village. SA to contact Highways.

b) DC reiterated that footpath FP14 was impassable due to overgrown hedgerows and mud.

c) AB reported that taxis were using the Play Area car park as a 'day car park'.

- d) AB reported that the Anglian Water Mast has been approved by Planning. As Custodial Trustee of the Village Hall, NBPC is required to lodge in writing their support for the mast.
- e) AB attended the LGR and Devolution workshop.

6. **Financial Matters**

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

7. **Planning**

Conversion of dwelling to 3 dwellings: Inn on the Green, Chapel Street. Discussion took place and concerns were raised, including that insufficient time was available to consider the application fully. AT to request an extension.

8. **Amenities**

- a) Grounds Maintenance: none.
- b) Closed Churchyard: AB met with PCC and agreed some tidying of vegetation on South Wall be discussed with BTS.
- c) Cemetery: none.
- d) Allotments: one vacant plot. Debris accumulating again at the far end of the area. AT to write to tenants.
- e) Play Area: safety inspection report work to be done, order to be sent and funded in 2025/6 budget.
- f) Community Car Scheme - going well, 2 more drivers would be of benefit.
- g) Defibrillator: parishioner noted that pads may need replacing this year. KH aware.

9. **Correspondence**

VE80 email noted.

Mary Dowson for NBPC

Art Exhibition Set Up

As always, we will be setting up the display boards for the Easter Art Exhibition on the Thursday evening before Good Friday (17th April). The Silver Band have kindly given up their regular rehearsal slot so we can start at 6pm. So, if you can spare an hour or so up at the Village Hall then please come along and lend a hand!

Also, please remember on Monday afternoon from about 4:30pm we will be taking them down again and getting the Hall back to normal, so again if you can please come along.

Jon Halfacree – New Buckenham Art Committee

860064 or jonhalfacree@btinternet.com

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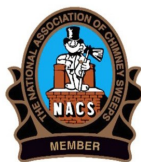


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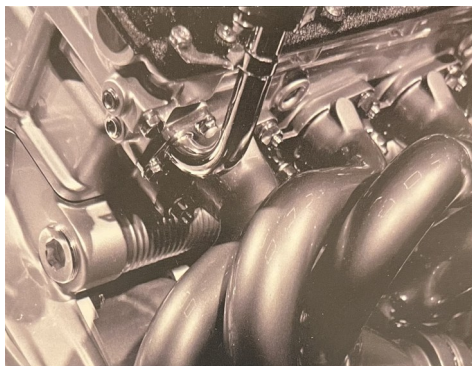
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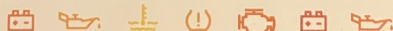
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Thurs 17th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Fri 18th	New Buckenham Art Exhibition, Village Hall, 7:30pm
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Sun 20th	New Buckenham Art Exhibition, Village Hall, 11am–4:30pm
Sun 21st	New Buckenham Art Exhibition, Village Hall, 11am–4:30pm
Sat 26th	Coffeemates, St Martin's, 10:30am

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