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## **Good Companions**

The meeting held on 17th April was our birthday tea – the Good Companions have been meeting for 76 years! The tea was provided by the committee and we were entertained by Susan Jayne.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 15th May at 2:30pm in the Village Hall. All new members will be made very welcome. For more information, please contact me (01953 860467) or Diana Cole (01953 860636).

*Christine Wilby*

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- Jen Shorter (Clerk): 07768 313701 or [jenshorter@icloud.com](mailto:jenshorter@icloud.com)

The closing date for applications is 17th May 2025.

*Jon Frith*

*William Barber Charity*

# New Buckenham Art Exhibition

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time over Easter weekend to help with the Art Exhibition. It's no mean feat to put this event on and it couldn't be done without the valuable help from all those involved.

The Village and the Village Hall received lots of compliments over the weekend from visitors to the exhibition. So for those involved in the Art Exhibition I think a collective "pat on the back" is allowed.

Many thanks for making it a great show and we hope you will join us again next year for the 2026 Art Exhibition.

*Art Exhibition Committee*

*newbuckarts@gmail.com*

Every Easter (apart from the Covid years when it was sadly missed!) New Buckenham's Art Exhibition takes place at the Village Hall.

It is an enjoyable event attended by large numbers of people, some just to enjoy the art plus delicious cakes and cups of tea and others delighted with their purchases, be it paintings, browsers or cards.

There is a great atmosphere in the Hall and everything always runs smoothly. However, this is only achieved by the hard work put in by a fantastic team of organisers who start their planning long before the event. Some have been there since the inaugural exhibition many years ago and they are supported by a great team of people from the village and beyond, who do their bit every year.

It is, undoubtedly, one of the jewels in New Buckenham's crown. Congratulations to everyone involved in this year's Exhibition – looking forward to Easter 2026, maybe with a bit of breathing space before the organising begins again! Thank you to the team for organising another fantastic event!

*Karen Hobley*

# News from the Pews

Easter was a busy time for the Church, with the meditation service on Good Friday, the Lilies for Easter on Saturday and the Service on Easter Sunday. Before the Easter weekend, in a packed church, we were treated to a wonderful concert by the Waveney Choir. If you came to any of these events, thank you for joining us and we hope that you enjoyed them.

May is a quieter month, although there are two events to look forward to!

**coffeemates!:** Join us on Saturday 17th, raising money for the Pabulum Café in Wymondham. It is run by the Wymondham Dementia Support Group, a voluntary organisation providing a safe, friendly and understanding environment for people living with dementia and their family carers. As well as the Monday café the Group does amazing work in supporting those with dementia and particularly their families, also running a singing café, sports club and a dementia friendly garden.

**Concert by 'The Cats':** The following day, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>, we welcome 'The Cats', a music group playing a variety of music genres from the 1920s, all the way to the 2000s – and they welcome requests! The concert lasts an hour, starting at 3pm and includes light refreshments. Tickets are £10 and available from King's Stores (who have kindly agreed to sell tickets, for which we are very grateful) or ring me on the number below to book your ticket. Proceeds are for the Quidenham Benefice.

We look forward to seeing you!

**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)*

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## St Martin's Services: May 2025

Sun 4th	10am	Benefice Service at St Mary's, Kenninghall	3rd Sunday of Easter
Sun 11th	4:30pm	Choral Evensong, followed by the APCM	4th Sunday of Easter
Sun 18th	11am	Morning Prayer	5th Sunday of Easter
Sun 25th	11am	Holy Communion	6th Sunday of Easter
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# **New Buckenham Parish Council**

## **Summary of Draft Minutes: April 2025**

Present: Andrew Bingham (AB), Paul Martin (PM), Karen Hobley (KH), Mary Manning (MM), Mary Dowson (MD), Steve Highton (SH), Don Crossman (DC), Angela Thornton (AT) Clerk, and 3 parishioners.

### **1. Minutes of the March meeting approved.**

### **2. Matters Arising**

- a) Norfolk CC has contacted the landowner regarding the problem with footpath FP14.
- b) Highways Officer confirmed the drain outside Lovells is on the work schedule.
- c) Highways Officer confirmed the village road markings are on the work schedule.
- d) Taxis using the Play Area car park will be monitored.

### **3. Public Participation**

A village sign was requested to be placed on the village green. The village green is owned by the High Bailiffs Trust (HBT) so it was suggested that village opinion was sought, designs and costings sourced and the HBT contacted. If it progresses funding may be available from the PC.

### **4. District/ County Councillor Report**

None.

### **5. Parish Cllr Reports**

PM informed the meeting that the water for the allotments has been turned on.



## **6. Financial Matters**

- a) March Bank Reconciliation approved.
- b) Payments for April 2025 approved.
- c) Request water meter reading for allotments bill. Action AT.
- d) Discussion took place following emails explaining the clerical error in the submission of the 2025/6 precept. AT clarified the amount of precept requested from BDC had not deducted – 4k income which resulted in an additional 4k precept for this year. Following legal and audit advice, this money will be held in NBPC bank account and either used for a project during the current financial year or taken account of in the following year's precept.

In future the precept request Form B of the Local Government Finance Act will be countersigned by the Chair of NBPC.

## **7. Planning**

No new applications or decisions.

## **8. Amenities**

- a) Grounds Maintenance: AB to contact contractor re 'no mow May'.
- 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: plot 16/17 now let. Permission for 4 dwarf trees. Debris accumulating again, AT to write to tenants with photos.
- e) Play Area: DC to investigate whether the fencing is included in works from safety report.
- f) Community Car Scheme: going well, 2 more drivers would be of benefit.

*Continued overleaf...*

g) Defibrillator: Defibrillator Hypercharged Foundation plaque has been received. KH to get permission from King's Head to install it.

## **9. Correspondence**

The Village Survey required by BDC will be collated and submitted by AB.

*Mary Dowson for NBPC*

# **2025 Village Show**

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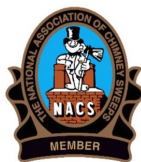


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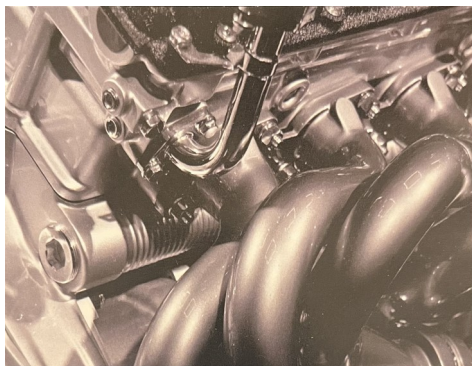
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Sun 18th	Concert by 'The Cats', St Martin's, 3pm

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