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Parish News Committee

New Buckenham Village Hall Trust Annual General Meeting

This year is our 30th year! Everyone is welcome to the AGM which will be held on Tuesday 15th July, 8pm at the Village Hall. Come along and find out about the exciting projects we have starting in our 30th year to ensure the hall remains viable for the next 30.

The continued support for the Village Hall by the community is very much appreciated by the Trustees. The AGM is your chance to find out more about how the Village Hall is managed, to ask questions of the Trustees, raise any issues, and make suggestions to the Trust. We rely on your input to ensure we run the hall with the community and our hirers in mind.

If you are unable to attend but have any views or comments to put forward please contact Stevie Hobley using the details below - these can be anonymised for the meeting if you wish.

There are three elected Trustee spaces to fill, candidates interested in standing for election or any enquiries regarding the AGM please contact Stevie Hobley, Bookings Administrator at bookings@newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk or on 07469 715517.

Good Companions

The meeting held on 15th May was attended by 14 members. Tea was provided by the committee members and we were entertained by the Wymondham Ukelele Band.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19th June 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

New Buckenham Art Exhibition

I am very pleased to report that now we have all the figures in and the final profit from the Art Exhibition is £3949.46. A great result and reflects all the hard work put in by the committee and also the volunteers over the weekend – so a big thank you to you all!

As always the money is shared between the Church and Village Hall, over the years the Art Exhibition has raised almost £94,000 that has been split between these two village organisations.

It was good to see such a range of exhibits in differing mediums and styles and it speaks volumes for the talents of the exhibitors that we continue to attract such a high number of visitors over the weekend, as always we had some new artists as well as regulars and both brought in a lot of positive and complimentary feedback.

Looking forward to 2026 - if anyone would like to come on board the committee please let me know as new hands would be warmly welcomed!

Jon Halfacree

Treasurer, New Buckenham Art Exhibition

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The Villager

Do you have your copy?

The Villager is the essential directory for New Buckenham, with useful contact details for businesses, clubs and individual residents. It is offered free-of-charge and was delivered to every village household when the new edition came out last year.

If you don't have a copy of The Villager, please call me and we will get one delivered.

Charles Oxley, 860708

News from the Pews

coffeemates!: firstly, my apologies for confusingly putting the wrong date in last month's magazine. More importantly, a huge thank you to everyone who baked, brought plants and jam and generally joined us on 17th May. The amazing sum of £240.50 was raised on the day for the Pabulum Café, run by the Wymondham Dementia Support Group – adding in Gift Aid brings the total donation to £300.27! Thank you all so much.

June's coffeemates! on Saturday, 21st is in aid of The Pantry. Launched in September 2022, The Pantry is based in Kenninghall and serves the surrounding areas. Creatively using a converted shipping container as their premises, The Pantry is part of the Nourishing Norfolk Network, and provides affordable food and household items. Please do come and support this vital organisation.

Concerts:

Thank you, too, to everyone who came to the concert given by "The Cats". It was a small but perfectly formed audience and £95 was raised, so thank you for your generosity.

Our next concert is an organ recital on Saturday, 14th June, at 3pm. It is being given by Tim Patient, the Director of Music at Eye Parish Church: Tim will be playing a varied programme. The concert is free, but there will be a retiring collection and, of course, refreshments afterwards. We look forward to seeing you!

Bats in our Belfry?:

Last July Janet Trewin carried out a survey of the bats in and around the church. It produced some fascinating information, the results of which are displayed in the porch. Almost a year on and Janet will be conducting a second survey in June, so don't be surprised to see the monitoring equipment in the church and churchyard. We look forward to seeing the results!

Book Stall:

Thank you for all your donations to the book stall, they are very much appreciated, both by us in raising funds but also for those who use the book stall.

St Martin's Services: June 2025

Sun 1st	10am	Benefice Service, All Saints' Wilby	Rogation Sunday
Sun 8th	4.30pm	Choral Evensong	Pentecost
Sun 15th		No service at New Buckenham. See www.achurchnewyou.com/quidenham	Trinity Sunday
Sun 22nd	11am	Holy Communion	1st Sunday after Trinity
Sun 29th	10am	Joint service at St Mary's Banham, with Old Buckenham and Banham	2nd Sunday after Trinity

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

If you do donate books, please could they just be fiction titles, as we find that non-fiction and religious or spiritual books are not popular.

The (News) from the Pew will be empty next month, so I hope everyone has a good, (with luck) sunny and warm, July.

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) 01953 860191

Here comes Summer!!

The New Buckenham Gardening Group has come out of its rather long hibernation and we are currently racing ahead with plans for this year's Village Show which takes place on Saturday, July 19th at the Village Hall.

Show Schedules have been distributed throughout the village. The Schedule is also available at newbuckenham.net. If you haven't received yours or you require extra copies, please do contact us using the details below.

As ever we look forward to receiving a bumper crop of entries within an ethos of friendly competition so make this the year when you enter for the first time alongside some of our "regulars." If your lettuces are luscious, your marmalade magnificent and your succulents are, well, succulent, think about what you can enter this year. There are classes for cookery, flower arranging, crafts and photography in addition to fruit, vegetables and flowers so there are a number of opportunities to display your talents. There are also Junior Classes for 6 years and under and 7 to 12 years. We have a number of very talented people in the village but different names are engraved on the trophies each year so it really is a level playing field (or level lawn in gardening terms!). Also, please encourage family and friends to enter - the more the merrier!

There is also "Up the Wall," the class for hanging baskets, pots and window boxes and, this year, we have added "Fill your Boots," for a pair of wellies planted with flowers. Further details about these appear in the Schedule and the entries will be judged "in situ" on the day. There are always fabulous floral displays around the village in the summer and we thought that the addition of decorated wellies would be fun to look at as you walk round the village.

I hope this will inspire you to start thinking about your Village Show entries.

If your talents are hidden or lie in other areas, there are other ways in which you can support the Show - we would welcome some small gifts for the Tombola or cakes for the refreshments in the afternoon. Also, we would welcome anyone who can help with some lifting and

furniture moving from 6pm on the Friday evening before the Show (July 18th). The heavy lifting will only take about half an hour and we can do the rest! You won't win a trophy but you will definitely be awarded some brownie points!

Please would you be kind enough to let me know if you can help in any way so that I can update my spreadsheet? (OK scribble your name on a piece of paper!)

Many thanks - as ever your help will be much appreciated.

Further updates will be appearing in July's Parish News. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need more information, please contact Jimpy or myself.

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2025 Village Show

Saturday July 19th

Entries from 8:30 - Public from 2:00pm -

Prize Giving 3:30pm

Vegetables, Flowers, Cookery, Photography

Children's Classes, Hanging Baskets

Don't forget the children's entertainment
with Dr Mandy Hartley



New Buckenham Village Fete 2025

Here we are again! Collecting things for the White Elephant Stall - bric-a-brac, crockery, garden tools etc., but no clothes please. Small pieces of furniture accepted but no wardrobes (or similar).

We had a brilliant turnout last year so let's see if we can top it.

Thank you.

Janet Webb (860450)

Audrey Dowling (861155)

Village Hall Garden Tidy

You may have noticed the garden at the village hall needs a tidy! A friend of Phil Anderson has very kindly made us a new, more sturdy arch. To celebrate its installment (hopefully by this date!),

We are planning to do some weeding and plant some bee friendly plants. We would be very grateful if you could come and help, on Sunday, 8th June 10am - 12pm. There will be refreshments!

This is a community event and everyone is welcome. Do bring gloves, spades, forks, wheel barrows and watering cans ... or just yourself! We hope to see you there. Mandy Hartley (TLSTC@outlook.com)

Mandy Hartley

New Buckenham Parish Council

At the May meeting the Council elected the Officers for the coming year. Andrew Bingham was elected as Chair and Paul Martin as Vice-Chair.

The Council are pleased to be able support the Junior Football Club and approved a Grant for the Club to purchase new equipment.

With support from Steve Askew (our District and County Councillor) we have been successful in getting NCC Highways to improve the road drainage near the junction of Queen St and Chapel St (corner of the green); and to re-paint some (not all) of the white road markings in the village.

And following the regular safety inspection work has been carried out on the Play Area to improve and repair equipment, surfaces, and fencing.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th June at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. All Parishioners are welcome – take the opportunity to raise any matters of concern and interest in the village.

Andrew Bingham

Chair - New Buckenham Parish Council

New Buckenham Parish Council

Summary of Draft Minutes: May 2025

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

1. Election of Chair

KH proposed AB. PM seconded. All approved, Duly elected

2. Election of Vice-Chair

MD proposed PM. DC seconded. All approved, Duly elected

3. Minutes of the April meeting approved.

4. Matters Arising

- a) Drain outside Lovells work complete.
- b) Road markings work complete

5. Public Participation

None

6. District/ County Councillor Report

None.

7. Parish Cllr Reports

SH reported he had surveyed some villagers for their view on a village sign. Council awaits feedback from the proposers' contact with the High Bailiff's Trust

8. Financial Matters

- a) April Bank Reconciliation approved.
- b) Payments for May 2025 approved.
- c) Community Project Fund - PM outlined a request from NB football club for equipment. KM declared an interest as Club Welfare Officer. Club accounts show the need for the fund to purchase the equipment to ensure FA compliance. The CPF

recommended the application and it was approved by council.

d) The Asset Register was reviewed and several pieces of equipment written off.

e) The Annual Internal Audit Report was approved

f) The Annual Governance Statement which had been circulated was approved and signed.

g) Annual return 2024/5 was signed.

9. Planning

No new applications or decisions.

10. Amenities

a) Grounds Maintenance: none

b) Closed Churchyard: MD read out a request from PCC via Mary Manning for weeding west part of garden, Suggests a group effort. AB to arrange.

c) Cemetery: none.

d) Allotments: request for 2nd allotment approved because there is no waiting list.

e) Play Area: DC meeting Playdale week commencing 19th May for scheduled maintenance.

11. Correspondence

AT read out an email requesting pruning/pollarding trees on cricket pitch bordering a residential property. PM declared an interest. AB to seek advice from Broadland Tree Services.

Mary Dowson for NBPC

Land for Sale

I am writing to advise readers of two fields that are for sale. As they are particularly close to New Buckenham, I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know.

The first is at Dam Brigg (15.76 acres) located on the corner of the road to Old Buckenham and the road to Banham. The houses on the Banham Road, back on to the land.

The second is the 'Cemetery Field' (17.08 acres) which wraps round the New Buckenham Village Hall and the allotments and includes the meadow opposite Hunts Farm up Cuffer Lane.

In the April 2025 edition of the New Buckenham Parish News, the New Buckenham Parish Council highlighted how the big changes to Local Government are progressing rapidly and outlines how some of the recent Local Government changes might affect a village like New Buckenham. They state: 'There are major changes to Planning with increased requirement for the local authority to provide more housing to meet government housing delivery targets.'

In the February NB Parish Council Minutes, item 4, the report of the District/County Councillor Report states: '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.'

Residents will be aware of the 'Change of use' permission granted on the adjoining field further up Cuffer Lane (3PL/2021/1690/F). Additionally, permission has been granted, with conditions, for the erection of a New Agricultural Building on the same site.

All enquiries regarding the land for sale to
Jason.Cantrill@ceresrural.co.uk

You can find further details on Rightmove, EDP, as well as via social media on Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn and X (formerly Twitter) via the Ceres Property link.

Vanessa Walker

Parish News

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Paula Davy Reminisces

I was born in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on 12th August 1971 and lived at Willow Dene, the first bungalow in Marsh Lane. Mum paid £500 for the land and the bungalow was built for mum and dad just before they got married, for £2000. They moved in on 21st March 1970.

Before then my dad, Byron, lived in New Buckenham and my mum, Irene, lived in Winfarthing. My mum's father, Arthur Hall, was on his way into Diss and went round a corner and hit some ice. He went into the bank and smashed his car up so decided to sell the parts. Being a mechanic, my dad went round to buy some of the parts. He saw my mum but didn't have the courage to say much so made the excuse he had to go and get some money and come back another day. Then he got the courage to ask her out. They got married in Winfarthing church.

I went to Old Buckenham Primary School. My mum bribed me on my first day. She bought me a doll's pram and said if I got on the bus and didn't cry I could have it when I got home. It was a big thing getting on this big bus when you're only little but I bit my lip and was happy to see my best friend Dawn Buckle when I got to school. I met Dawn at the playgroup run by Mrs Breeze in the old village hall that used to be called The Tin Shack.

My great grandparents, Caroline and Daniel Davy owned the village shop. It was where the Castle Cafe is now and they also owned all the land at the back and King's Cottage next door. My grandad, Frank, was born there in 1915. Their son, Robert Edgar Davy, known as Edgar, ran the shop after they both died until he retired in 1939. Frank was a vegetarian from quite a young age because of the butcher's next door that put him off eating meat. In those days that was quite unusual. Grandad's eldest brother, Aubrey Egbert Davy, was in the Merchant Navy and was the youngest person in the UK at that time to become captain. That would have been about the time of the First World War.

There was also Stanley whose wife, Sarah Kenny, was quite a well known Tiller Girl dancer at the London Palladium. My dad could remember when he was little and they came round and she danced

on the table. My family were quite entertaining.

Grandad Frank had a little shop in some sheds in his garden at the back of Carleton House where I live now. He sold things like clothes, shoes and toys. In the 1940s everyone from the village went round there to buy things from him. He was good at maths and came top in Norfolk in his maths exams. He got a scholarship to Redcap School in Norwich. When we went to the supermarket he could work out how much his shopping was and how much change he was getting before the till could. He was head hunted by a lot of accountants because of his mental maths but decided to set up his shop instead.

My grandad was only 18 when he lost his mum and dad; they died within a few months of each other. His dad had asthma so I don't know if it was an asthma attack. His sister Annie died quite young as well aged 41. My grandad had such a hard time and by losing his parents early he had a nervous breakdown.

He was 21 when he married my nanny, Mary Emma, in 1936. They met on a blind date and even just before he died he could remember what she was wearing on the very first day he set eyes on her - this beautiful blue dress. He knew she was 'the one'. Because his mental health was not great they married secretly at night in New Buckenham church with just the witness and the vicar. My dad, who they named Byron, after Lord Byron, then Alwyn Kneale Daniel was born in 1939. My grandad did a lot of reading so maybe Alwyn and Kneale came from one of the books he'd read.

Nanny played the organ and I think she played it in the chapel at the end of Chapel Street. She had a little organ indoors, was a good singer and sang a lot of hymns. She was quite talented. My grandad liked Danny Boy so nicknamed my dad 'Danny'.

Nanny had an allotment that was behind my house backing onto Rosemary Lane. There's a new house built there now. She grew marrows and made marrow wine every year for Christmas. It was strong. It could blow your head off! I was about 5 when she gave me some and I thought, 'Oh, my goodness.....!' She had a big marble slab in the pantry where she made the wine and the pastry. They didn't have fridges and freezers in those days so everything was made from scratch and in season. She was a really good cook and at Christmas

time would make Christmas cake and puddings, mince pies and sausage rolls. I don't think my mum ever lived up to her cooking. I didn't like my mum's cooking which is why I learned to cook at a young age. I don't think dad thought she was a great cook either. She tried but burned a lot of things.

When mum married dad and moved to New Buckenham, it was too far to cycle to work at Emms Clothing Factory on Victoria Road Diss so she gave up work. She had me the following year. Things were harder then as you didn't have disposable nappies or automatic washing machines so every thing took longer. The same with cooking so I think that's what kept her occupied. She helped out with the garden as we grew everything. I loved helping my dad. He got free pig muck from the pig farm next door to put on the garden. It was a bit smelly and there were always a lot of flies. We had a chicken run as well with maybe 50 or more chickens. My mum was more into animals than anything. She had sweet little bantams with fluffy legs so we never bought eggs. Mum sold them in the village. My dad once rescued a battery hen. It was very loving and made friends with a rabbit that was also rescued.

My dad worked long hours as an HGV mechanic; weekends as well. Being a mechanic he would get accident damaged cars and do them up. We had a blue Cortina.

We were lucky enough to go on holiday every year but never went abroad. When I was 10 I got my first dog. My dad bought a caravan then we went on caravan holidays so we could take the dog with us.

I didn't go out of the village much except to school and didn't go to a supermarket until I was 14. There was everything you needed in the village. I had a bike and used to cycle to Banham Zoo with my cousin. There weren't many young people in the village, not like now, so I found it quite hard in the school holidays. I was about 9 when they built the terraced houses down Marsh Lane and made friends with Daniel Boughton who lived there. He was also an only child and so we spent all our time cycling and going for walks. He suddenly moved away as his mum liked to move and I never saw him after that.

When I first left school I got an apprenticeship at The Jolly Farmers, Tacolneston, so got my chef's training there. I've always worked away

from the village and difficult hours. At first, I'd start at 6.00am but since Covid and on-line shopping it's got earlier. I now work at Sainsbury's getting up at 1.00am Monday to Thursday for a 2.30am start but, don't get me wrong, I love my job!

I met Nigel when I was 29. We live in Carleton House on Chapel Street and have two children; Keely who is 21 this year and Kieron who will be 19.

Since I was little I've seen a lot of changes in the village.

Paula Davy

Recorded and transcribed by Kim Cutmore

Paula's recording has been passed to Charles Oxley as part of the New Buckenham Oral History Project

New Buckenham Parish Council

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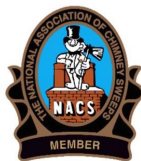


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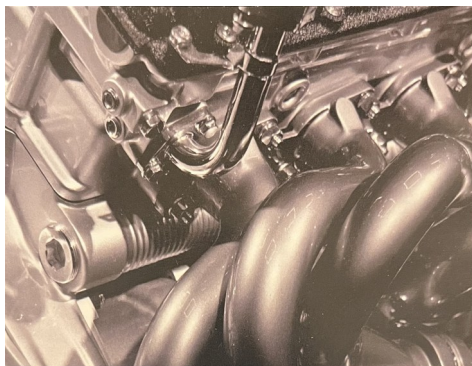
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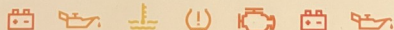
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