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2025 Village Show

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Good Companions

The meeting held on 19th June was attended by 16 members. We were entertained by Simon with a singalong. A strawberry cream tea was provided by the committee.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th July 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

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New Buckenham Village Show

3 weeks left to be nurturing those blooms and vegetables and preparing your entries for the other classes in this year's Village Show! Full details in last month's Parish News, on newbuckenham.net or in the Village Show Schedule delivered to every household. If you need any further information, please contact me using the details below.

I am currently collecting Village Show trophies from last year's winners. Please would you be kind enough to drop them off at 9 St. Martin's Gardens or contact me and I will pick them up? Also, Audrey and Janet have kindly agreed to run the tombola for us once more this year. Thank you both. If anyone would be willing to donate some small prizes, we would be most grateful. Please contact Audrey on 01953 861155 if you require any further information.

Also, a quick reminder that brownie points are available if you are able to help with the heavy lifting on Friday evening from 6pm or bake a cake for refreshments on Saturday afternoon! Please contact me if you can help in any way.

We really hope that you will enter or visit us on the day itself – public viewing from 2pm.

Entry forms should be delivered to me by 7pm on Friday 18th July – we do accept entries on the morning of the Show but it can get very busy and we have to close the doors at 10:30am in order that judging can begin promptly.

We had a very successful Show last year and we very much look forward to seeing you on 19th July.

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A big thankyou from the new Mrs and Mrs Bosworth

We were lucky enough to have our wedding celebrated in the beautiful village of New Buckenham on 24th May 2025. As Bethan grew up in the village it was important to her that New Buckenham should have a leading role in the proceedings. Thankfully the rain held off and a wonderful time was had by all.

There are a few people who played a major part in the success of the day that we would like to thank. So, in no particular order we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Stevie Hobley who dealt with the booking of the Village Hall, arranged for us to have access when needed and patiently answered all of our questions, Oliver Pearson who kindly allowed us to use the Castle and ensured that it looked so magical on the day, Steve, Sarah and Alice Highton for the Serai tent – it certainly provided the wow factor! Bella and Nish Chirodean for playing host to so many of our friends, Andrew Bingham for sorting out the sound and lighting at the 99th hour and to Rob St John Cooper for dog sitting!

Last and not least to the village of New Buckenham for providing the perfect setting and for tolerating any additional noise or parking issues on the day

Bethan and Sarah Bosworth

New Buckenham Junior Football Club – another fantastic season!

Saturday 10th May – the sun was shining, the bar-b-ques were in position, the ice cream van had arrived and the Village Hall was packed to the rafters with young footballers (and very, very proud parents and carers!) ready to receive their medals and trophies after a truly fantastic season.

Yes, Presentation Day had arrived for New Buckenham Junior Football Club. Since the beginning of the season, we have acquired an Under 7's side and a group of Young Bucks. Next season we will have two Under 8 teams (Lions and Tigers!) and a new Under 7s team, making 6 teams in all plus a Young Bucks group who have training sessions once a week. The Club continues to support a huge number of youngsters from New Buckenham and beyond. They are passionate about their football (absolutely!) but are also improving their team building skills, social skills, physical and mental health and developing strong friendships in addition to having fun, of course. They are supported by adults who all have DBS Checks and every team has an adult who has a Coaching qualification, a First Aid Certificate and a Safeguarding Children Certificate ensuring that they are able to keep an eye on the youngsters to make sure all is well with them.

This is probably an appropriate moment to thank all the coaches and helpers who run their teams with passion and enthusiasm, modelling good behaviour and encouraging the youngsters at all times. They all give up one evening each week and part of their weekend for training and match duties.

We are also grateful to our Chair, Secretary and Treasurer amongst many more, although I have avoided mentioning names in case I leave someone out.

I would like to give a shoutout to our outgoing secretary, Gemma Kerry, who has done a fantastic job over the past few years. Thank you also to our sponsors as well as New Buckenham Village Hall Trust for their ongoing support and Broadland Tree Services who go above and beyond to maintain the Village Hall field.

As the Club expands, we have more commitments to cover – training courses, equipment, extra pitches to train on and, occasionally, to play on, more medals, more trophies. The list is endless! We have recently received £3,100 from the Parish Council's Project Fund to purchase goals for our Under 15s, a Sports Tracking Camera and a set of Defender Dummies to provide a more realistic and appropriate alternative to cones and poles being used to simulate a player on the pitch. Thank you very much to the Parish Council from everyone at the Club.

(Details of the Parish Council's Community Grant Scheme are available on their website and the PC is keen to support village organisations.)

So our New Buckenham Junior Football Club teams are almost always over the moon and rarely sick as a parrot!! Supporters welcome on Saturday and Sunday mornings and, if you can help the Club in any way, e.g. by sponsoring some kit, please contact me as we always welcome offers of support or extra pairs of hands!

Many thanks.

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August Bank Holiday Fete

The Village Fete will be returning this year on Monday 25th August (1pm start) and preparations are now underway. The fete will follow a similar format to last year, with the usual attractions and fun for all the family at the Village Hall.

Those of you who kindly helped out last year will no doubt be contacted by me over the next few weeks in the hope that we can sign you up for this year.

As ever, we are looking for new helpers. In particular, we need people to help organise the event, as well as helpers setting up and on fete day. If you are able to spare some time please contact me on 07534 353713 or jon.frith@frith-blake.co.uk or see me at Bailey, King Street.

Please also note the following:

White elephant stall: If you have good quality items to donate please contact Janet Webb (860450) or Audrey Dowling (861155) to arrange for drop off. If necessary we can arrange for the collection of larger items. No electrical items or large furniture please.

Book stall: Books will be stored by Carolyn Hupton. Either leave in the garage of Beech House or call Carolyn (860216) if you need to arrange for collection. No magazines or outdated technical/educational books please.

Nearly new: Very good quality clothes only please. Please drop off items with me at Bailey, King Street or contact me on 07534 353713. Please delay dropping off items until after mid-July.

Tombola: We are looking for donations for prizes for the tombola. Please drop off any items to me at Bailey, King Street. Toiletries, 'unwanted' gifts, boxes of sweets or chocolates, wine, etc., would be much appreciated as well as prizes for children.

Vintage or unusual vehicles: This has been a popular attraction at previous fetes. If you have a vintage or unusual vehicle you would like to display, please contact Clive Rush on 860572 or call in at Mill House Garage.

Raffle prizes: Look out for your books of raffle tickets to be delivered closer to the date. Please gently harass friends and family to buy the tickets as this makes a big difference to how much money the fete raises.

Watch this space for more details as we get closer to August. Finally, thank you to everyone involved for your help – it is very much appreciated!

Thank you.

Jon Frith, Chair of Fundraisers

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News from the Pews: Coffeemates!

A big thank you to all who supported coffeemates! on Saturday 21st June and for once enjoyed sitting in a chilly church! June's event was in aid of The Pantry at Kenninghall and over £150 was raised for this worthy local organisation. To those who came, baked, made coffee and supported the event, a huge thank you.

Please join us for the next coffeemates! on Saturday 12th July where we hope to raise funds for Nelson's Journey the Norfolk charity which since 1997 has helped children and young people experiencing the death of a significant family member. Your support for the work of this vital service will be most welcome.

Barbara Cattermole

On behalf of St. Martin's Church

NB: Please see the board outside St. Martin's Church for information on services in July.

Village Hall News

2025 marks 30 years since the village hall opened its doors to the public. All parishioners are invited to the Village Hall public meeting and AGM (annual general meeting) on Tuesday 15th July at 8pm. At this meeting we welcome discussion on any ideas, issues relating to the Hall. Please do join in and let us know what you think is important for our village hall – is it meeting your needs? What should the future priorities be?

This year was marked by doing lots of domestic stuff such as having the curtains cleaned and rehung; clearing up the gallery; and getting rid of stuff that has been around unused for too long! It was also a year of innovation: we became part of Norfolk County Council's EV charging points project with two electric car charging points installed at the hall; and we have an Anglian Water radio mast in the corner of the woodland area bringing in an annual income of £1,500 for the hall.

Fundraisers put in another container for storing structures used for the village fete. The recycling project is going strong and the old oil drums used for collecting cans have been replaced with wheelie bins so ensuring we don't get all the rubbish blown about in the Autumn storms.

The village hall has been busy this year with an increase in bookings, particularly the Autumn of 2024 when there was something going on every weekend. We had a special wedding this year, Bethan Philips who grew up in the village chose the village hall, where she had her 18th birthday, for her wedding celebrations.

We hosted Eastern Angles theatre company who brought us their innovative production, *Sophia*. It is increasingly costly and risky to put on live theatre so thank you to everyone who supported the hall, bought tickets and helped us make a profit of just over £300.

2025/26 will be the year of the big spend. The village hall is lucky to have received some major financial legacies over the years and has received generous donations from fundraising events such as the Art Exhibition, theatre nights, and the recycling project. Matched with a grant from the Parish Council, and a potential grant from DEFRA (we are currently waiting on their response), we have the following

worked planned in and ready to start at the end of July:

- Upgrade all domestic lighting in the auditorium and kitchen to LED
- Upgrade the theatre lighting to LED
- Replace the main windows with Aluminium (current wooden frames have rotted beyond repair)

Future projects will include refurbishing the toilets, revarnishing and marking out the main auditorium floor, and maintaining the playing fields.

The work of prioritising what we need to do, how we do it and when, is all done by a dedicated group of Trustees who support the day to day running and maintenance of the hall. This year we saw the retirement of Gill Goodwin and Ed Dowling from the Trust but are very happy to welcome a new Trustee Sonja Duncan to join the team.

If you have skills that you can share, please do consider joining the Trustees and help keep the Hall going for the next generation.

For more information go to www.newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

New Buckenham Village Hall Trust

New Buckenham Parish Council

Summary of Draft Minutes: June 2025

Present: Paul Martin (PM), Karen Hobley (KH), Mary Dowson (MD), Steve Highton (SH), Don Crossman (DC), Mary Manning (MM), Steve Askew District Councillor (SA) Angela Thornton (AT) Clerk, and 6 members of the public.

1. Minutes of the May meeting approved.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Public Participation

- a) The owner of The Grange requested that the PC would contribute to clearing an area of The Moat 'in no man's land' i.e. unknown ownership.
- b) A member of the public queried the payment of £1,200 to BTS. Clerk clarified that it was part of the tendered maintenance contract paid over 10 months.
- c) A member of the public requested information on the roadside verge signs on Cuffer Lane. SA to investigate.
- d) A member of the public raised the upcoming sale of Grade 3 agricultural arable land beside the Village Hall. PM stated this would be discussed as an agenda item under Correspondence.

4. District/ County Councillor Report

- a) Local Plan: the call for potential building sites ended in April. NBPC has not identified any potential sites at this stage.
- b) Local Government Reorganisation/Devolution: proposed service delivery models to go to government by September. Mayoral elections proposed in May 2026.

PM suggested an open meeting to collate residents' views on the different models. AT to ensure current models are available on the website.

5. Parish Cllr Reports

KH raised recent Facebook comments regarding the village sign. Council awaits feedback from the 'proposers' contact with High Bailiffs Trust.

MM expressed thanks for the road markings and will indicate to SA areas that have been missed.

6. Financial Matters

- a) Mayl Bank Reconciliation approved.
- b) Payments for June 2025 approved.
- c) Community Project Fund: an application for £5k has been received from NBVH for updating the lighting system in the VH, total cost £32k. The Community Project Fund Group discussed and recommended the application which was supported by council subject to sight of NBVH accounts.

7. Planning

Bailey, King Street: no objection.

8. Amenities

- a) Grounds Maintenance: none.
- b) Closed Churchyard: MM confirmed volunteers will be working on flower beds.
- c) Cemetery: none.
- d) Allotments: no vacant plots.

Continued overleaf...

e) Play Area: Playdale maintenance has been done and fence repaired, thanks to BTS.

f) Defibrillator: KH stated pads need to be replaced.

11. Correspondence

Discussion took place regarding a plot of land that is for sale beside the village hall. It is 17 acres with a guide price of £140k. Could this be bought for the community? Comments to be brought to the next meeting.

Mary Dowson for NBPC

Parish News

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<http://www.newbuckenhamsarchive.co.uk/parish%20news.htm>

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Take reading to the great outdoors with ‘The Summer Reading Challenge’

Children can grow their imaginations with this year’s Summer Reading Challenge: ‘Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors’, which launches in Norfolk libraries on Saturday 5th July.

Developed by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, the Summer Reading Challenge is a free activity for children aged 4–11. It’s all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children’s reading skills and confidence over the summer holiday.

Children can read anything they like and collect free rewards for their reading. For under 5s there is a mini challenge, so they don’t miss out.

This year’s theme will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature. They can also join in with free Story Garden activities at their local library.

To sign up to the challenge, just pop into your local library or visit the website. Children will need to be library members – you can do this in a library or online. It’s free of charge and children will receive their own library card for which there are no overdue fees.

This year’s Summer Reading Challenge features artwork from award-winning illustrator Dapo Adeola, whose stunning illustrations will bring the Story Garden theme to life; creating an enchanting world where children can find magical creatures, plants and flowers to inspire their next reading adventure.

Find out more at www.norfolk.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge

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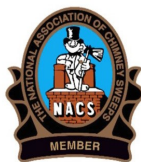


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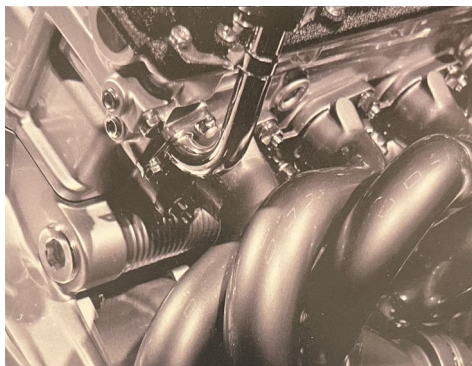
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Dates For Your Diary

July 2025

Tues 8th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Sat 12th	Coffeemates, St Martin's, 10:30am
Tues 15th	Village Hall Trust public meeting / AGM, Village Hall, 8pm
Thurs 17th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Sat 19th	Village Show, Village Hall, entries at 8:30am, public viewing at 2pm

The Village Hall Bookings Administrator is Stevie Hobley
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