

New Buckenham Parish News



New Buckenham Bonfire and Fireworks
Saturday November 1st
Village Hall Field
Gates Open - 6.30pm

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New Buckenham Society AGM

The New Buckenham Society AGM will take place from 7.30pm on Friday 14th. November in St. Martin's church. Note the change of both date and venue from last month's announcement. The formal business should be completed by around 8.00pm. and will be followed by a talk from Richard Fisher, Assistant Tree and Countryside Officer at Breckland Council.

Most members will not only remember the devastation caused by Dutch elm disease back in the 1980's but will have noticed the current problems with the chestnuts, of which we have many in and around the village. The talk will address these and other issues which affect our native trees.

Please note that membership of the Society is £1.00 per annum and becomes due at the AGM. The charge for non members attending the talk is also £1.00.

The usual refreshments and nibbles will be available.

Ian Jowett

Play Area News

As you may have read in last month's Parish News we have been successful with our grant applications to Awards for All, £10,000, and Breckland Council, £15,900.

I'm delighted to say that we have nearly reached our target! To fill the gap in our funds we have just submitted an application for another grant called Community Spaces. We'll know if we've successful by mid November so please keep fingers, toes and anything else you can think of crossed!

However at this point I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all the people who have supported this project so far – particularly the fantastic fundraisers and the sterling form fillers!

Robert St John Cooper

FOBPS Christmas Fayre

Friends of Old Buckenham Primary school are holding their annual Christmas Fayre on the 28th November in the school hall from 6:00PM to 8:00 PM. Should anyone wish to have a stall please contact Bella Chirodian on 860911 for further details. Father Christmas will be visiting, along with mulled wine, mince pies, fun and games for the kids and some lovely pre-Christmas shopping stalls. Please support the school.

Bella Chirodian

Volunteers Desperately Needed Please!

New Buckenham Junior Football Club are in need of some special people to help at their matches played at Old Buckenham High School. We need to serve hot drinks and snacks to the spectators watching on Sunday mornings and sometimes afternoons just for an hour or so. The parents are desperate to watch their children play and find it difficult to keep the refreshments flowing whilst peering over customers' heads to watch the match. It is very hard to find help to support the club and if anybody is prepared to give up a little of their valuable time we and all the spectators would be so very grateful.

If you feel able to offer any time please call Sally Bailey
01953 456109 or 07920 141612

The Round House Party

A huge thank you to the 200+ people who came to enjoy the cob bale round house party at the Dam Brigg. We were blessed by the weather and raised a profit of £300 on the gate for the East Anglian Children's Hospices. As the sun went down, the day ended with the fantastic sound of the New Buckenham women's drumming group reverberating around the circular walls of the studio.

Julie Reynolds

Welcome

A warm welcome to Mrs Irene Crossman who has come to live next door to her son Don in Chapel Street.

Plodders

Having not been able to go to the planning meeting we volunteered to lead the November walk, confident that this would leave plenty of time for research, trying out a walk and most importantly finding the right pub for Sunday lunch. Well as you may guess hasn't quite happened!

I can tell you that on Sunday November 16 we will lead a walk of around 8 miles either around Harleston or Pulham Market so we need to meet at the Market Cross at 9.50 for a prompt departure at 10am. If you intend to come and want to stop for lunch please contact us know so we can book as necessary.

Carolyn & David Hupton
860216

Smallest Plod? (October 2008)

At the appointed hour we had just three intrepid walkers (plus dog) raring to depart from the Market Cross. Many of the "regulars" had apparently sloped off to Berlin for the weekend!

So Juliet (with an initially reluctant Mollie), Ann (Stafford), and myself strode off along Cuffer Lane to just cover the "three-mile loop" taking a detour across the farmland to Harlingwood Lane. Mollie's reluctance soon wore off when she discovered a pond to swim in.

One of the beauties of Autumn mornings is dew-laden cobwebs, and many of these were admired as they hung from the hedgerows in the hazy sunshine. Discussion included the lack of sloes this year (for sloe gin.... what else?) and possible substitutes. Blackberries were still to be had but were well past their best.

Ironically the sun finally defeated the mist as we came back into the village and went our separate ways.

Mike Boswell

Babes in the Wood

Rehearsals are well underway for our wildly anticipated panto. Tickets will be available from 15 November at the box office (Sheila Roberts on 01953 861165) and all usual outlets. Prices are £6 per adult and £5 concessions, £4 for the matinee.

If you don't come we know where you live!

Darren Rush

New Buckenham Parish Council

At a meeting well attended by members of the community on 14th October the Parish Council considered the following matters - the minutes for which will be approved at the next meeting:

- Continuing problems with drains - the Chairman is still awaiting receipt of a report from the inspector who visited the village several weeks ago
- Continuing concern about dog fouling in the village. The provision of 'poo bags' in the village will be investigated.
- Request to be made for the re-instatement of the fence alongside No. 2 Town Houses, Marsh Lane, by the builder developing the adjacent site.
- The establishment of the capacity in which the Parish Council acts in relation to the Town Houses. This is a legal matter which needs to be clarified for accounting and management purposes.
- The appointment of agents to manage the Town Houses on behalf of the Council. This was agreed in view of the increasing legislative requirements of property management, the specialist knowledge required and the desire to provide a professional service to tenants. Three quotations had been received and the Council will complete the final negotiations and agree a contract as soon as possible.
- Progress with grant funding for the refurbishment of the play area - the fundraising team have been very successful in obtaining grants and hope they will have the full sum available later in the year.
- Maintenance of the town ditch along Moat Lane - this is being arranged by the owners of the Grange.

Planning matters discussed were:

- Resubmission: Mrs Bailey - development adjacent to Willowdene, Marsh Lane - no objections.
- 3PL/2008/1402/A - new illuminated pub signs at the George - applicant Punch Taverns Ltd - no objections.
- 3PL/2008/1413/F - two semi-detached houses to rear of King's Head - applicant Mr. Michael Gregson - after much discussion and the expression of concern about access and the reduction of light to nearby properties it was agreed that the correct plans would be confirmed by the applicant and a site visit arranged as soon as

possible for Councillors and other interested parties.

Various payments were approved including the re-imbusement to New Buckenham Village Hall Trust of 50% of the cost of the building of the cycling area at the hall.

Adrian Joel, as the village's District Councillor, gave an update on the judicial review applied for by Breckland which is challenging the basis of the Boundary Committee's options. The review is due to be heard at the High Court on 13/14 November. Adrian also reported that Breckland had £12 million invested in Iceland - which had been placed there on professional advice. He assured the audience that Breckland could still pay their bills and the precept.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th November 2008, 7.30pm, village hall large meeting room.

Caroline Greenwood,
Clerk

W.I. News

Sitting in the Village Hall's large meeting room on a beautiful afternoon, with the sun streaming in through the windows, was the perfect setting to admire the wonderful collection of plants brought to our October meeting by the speaker from the plant centre adjacent to Banham Zoo. It was the ideal time to plan our gardens for next year as well as contemplate ideas for providing colour during the Winter.

You may remember that last year WI members were busy knitting hundreds of mini Teddy Bears for sale at £1 each in order to raise money towards the establishment of a school in Burundi. (For those of you who, like me, read the map of the world as it was known when we were at school, Burundi is now part of what was Tanganyika, Africa.) The good news is that three schools have been completed and they are well on their way to moving into school number four.

On Saturday 29th November we shall be holding our pre-Christmas Fayre with a well stocked cake stall of goodies and many craft items on offer so please do pay us a visit, if only to have a cup of tea.

Marie Kelson

St Martin's Church Flower Festival

The church was once again beautifully decorated with thirty flower arrangements based on the theme "Hymns Ancient and modern" made by people from the village and surrounding area.

We would like to thank the flower arrangers for their time and expertise in putting on such a splendid show, our thanks also go to everyone else who took part. This includes the organists, cake makers (mouth watering goodies) those people who so generously gave donations and not forgetting that band of stalwart bell ringers who played the three hour peel on Saturday, well done, I understand there were a few blistered hands when they had finished.

Also everyone who turned up to man the stalls and generally help over the three days.

Unfortunately the weather on Sunday was against us, heavy rain and floods stopped people turning out.

All Preachers Great and Small

Keith Skipper, Diane, Bidy, Brian and Jason returned to New Buckenham in All Preachers Great and Small. This proved to be a very entertaining evening with their unique blend of humour and readings. A bucket collection was made for the EDP We Care Appeal. This amounted to £94.44 which Keith has passed on to the appeal chairman. At the end of the evening we had refreshments and a mardle while Keith signed copies of his book.

After pulling out all the stops for the organ fund our final total after expenses amounted to £509, not a bad amount considering the awful weather.

A list of Raffle Prize Winners is posted on the Church Notice Board.

Thank you all very much

New Buckenham Silver Band

Would like to invite you to our Christmas Concert on December 13th at

New Buckenham Village Hall

7.30 pm start £3.00 entrance

Raffle & Refreshments

Enquiries - 01953 860425 or 01953 452314

New Buckenham Junior Football Club - Race Night

For all of you who enjoyed last year's event we are pleased to confirm that we will be again running the Race Night at the Village Hall on Sat 22nd of November, doors open at 7.00 and the first race 7.30(ish).

Only £1 entrance, bar and raffle (any prize donations to Jon or Andrea Halfacree, Conifers, Marsh Lane please), as usual the velvet voice of racing the debonair Dave Dowson will be our Master of Ceremonies. All proceeds going to football club funds, which having paid out over £5,000 this year alone on equipment to continue to help the training and playing facilities of the youngsters, needs some topping up. So come along and have a good evening and help raise a few quid for a worthy local cause!

Jon Halfacree, Secretary, NBJFC
01953 860064

The Good Companions

The October meeting of the Good Companions was entertained by one of our regulars, Colin Thackery, who treated us to a selection of songs from the shows. The audience numbers were low, (some thirty people attended), nevertheless it was a successful meeting.

Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday November 20th where Mandy Martin will be entertaining. Two days later on Saturday 22nd at 2pm we will be holding our November Sale in the hall. We look forward to all the kind help so freely given by club members and, hopefully, the usual generous support from the village. Refreshments will be available, so please come and join us in what is always a very friendly gathering.

Charles Sapsford

Methodist Church Services

November 2nd	11.00 am	J Wilkinson	
November 9th	11.00 am	Pease	
November 16th	11.00 am	Rev Wilkinson	
November 23rd	11.00 am	P Carter	
November 30th	11.00 am	Freeston	

St Martin's Church

Sunday 2nd	11.00	Parish Eucharist	<i>All Saints</i>
Sunday 9th	8.00	Holy Communion	<i>Remembrance</i>
	10.55	Mattins	<i>Sunday</i>
	3.00	British Legion Remembrance Service	
Sunday 16th	11.00	Parish Eucharist	<i>2nd Sunday before Advent</i>
Sunday 23rd	8.00	Holy Communion	<i>Christ the King</i>
	11.00	Christingle	
Sunday 30th	6.30	Advent Carol Service	<i>Advent</i>

For your diary

The Village Hall administrator is Gill Goodwin
The telephone number is (01953) 860463

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Tuesday 11	Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Wednesday 12	W.I. AGM, Village Hall, 2.00pm
Friday 14	New Buckenham Society AGM, St Martin's Church, 7.30pm
Sunday 16	Plodders, meet at Market Cross, 9.50 am
Thursday 20	Good Companions meeting, 2.30pm
Saturday 22	Good Companions Sale, Village Hall, 2pm
Saturday 22	New Buckenham Junior Football Club Race Night Village Hall, 7.30pm
Friday 28	Friends of Old Buckenham Primary School Christmas Fayre, School Hall, 6pm
Saturday 29	W.I. Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Contributions for the December issue of Parish News should be submitted by 6.00pm on Wednesday 19 November to Bryan Hill at Four Winds, Marsh Lane (860125) or Linda Bryan at Pine Cottage, Marsh Lane (861107). Alternatively by email to editor@newbucknews.co.uk

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