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A Wonderful Show of Photos

The ninth Photoshow takes place 17–19 May. Entry is free of charge and we do hope you'll come and see what's on show and talk to the exhibitors. As usual there will be wide range of photographic styles, some by experienced photographers and others by complete beginners. On the Friday opening night there's a bar. On the Saturday we hope to have an unique collection of original photographic prints of the area taken by Prince Duleep Singh. Remember the Photoshow closes at 1pm on the Sunday.

Had you thought of showing your own photos? It's not too late to enter; please phone or email me as soon as possible and all help and encouragement will be given.

Charles Oxley for New Buckenham Arts

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Parish News Committee

New Buckenham Parish Council

Our Annual Parish Meeting took place on Tuesday 9th April, giving all parishioners the opportunity to hear about the work of the Parish Council over the previous twelve months and to enjoy drinks and nibbles afterwards. For those of you who were unable to attend, my report is summarised here:

“Tonight you will hear about the work of the Parish Council over the last 12 months, during which we have remained mainly unchanged, so thank you very much to Andrew, who has been vice-chair, Mary D., Mary M., Don and Steve, who all remained on the Council after elections last May. Andrew Nettleton decided to stand down at the election, but we would like to thank him for his work on the Parish Council. We only received one applicant who applied to be co-opted on to the Council and that was from Paul Martin who had previously been a Parish Councillor. We are delighted to have him back – you see, being a Parish Councillor’s not too bad!

For some years now, it has not just been about attending a meeting every month, but so many other things as well. Additional responsibilities are currently allocated as follows:

- a) Allotments – Mary M. and Paul
- b) Cemetery – Paul
- c) Village Hall Committee – Andrew
- d) Footpaths & Highways – Andrew and Steve
- e) Play Area – Don
- f) High Bailiff’s Trust – Karen
- g) Community Project Fund Group – Karen, Mary D. and Paul (plus two residents of New Buckenham: Gerry Walsh and Andrew Nettleton)
- h) Finance – Karen, Andrew and Don, plus the Clerk

i) Insertion of précised monthly PC Minutes in *Parish News* to further publicise the work of the Parish Council – Mary D.

j) William Barber Trust – Mary D.

You will be hearing about various aspects of the work of the Parish Council during this meeting, but I do just want to mention a few of the happenings over the last 12 months:

- We have worked with the relevant authorities to obtain a Faculty to extend the burial of ashes area in the churchyard and to re-use identified graves over 75 years without headstones and untended as we don't have many spaces left in the cemetery.
- Period Pointing has done two weeks' work on the churchyard wall and will return in May to do another two weeks' work. This is in addition to the maintenance work done by Broadland Tree Services in both areas over the year.
- We partly funded the excellent Coronation Party arranged by Mandy Hartley and her fantastic team.
- Councillors considered, but rejected the idea of turning off the street lights over night.
- Myself and three members of the SpeedWatch team attended the Police SNAP meeting in Attleborough. There was much discussion about speeding in all the villages represented, but unfortunately no ready solutions.
- We have financially supported *The Villager* and *Parish News*.
- After many setbacks and delays and thanks, eventually, to a grant from County Broadband, our defibrillator has been installed on the wall of the King's Head. Thank you Simon and thanks to Sue Britton and her team of volunteers who are monitoring it. A reminder that in an emergency, your first action MUST be to dial 999. You will then be given the code

for the defibrillator and support until the ambulance arrives.

- Our Clerk, Angela, has achieved her Certificate in Local Council Administration after many, many hours of hard work. Well done, Angela.
- Our website has been completely updated – thank you again Angela – and we are about to launch new specific Parish Council emails in order that we don't need to use our personal email addresses.
- We also have involvement in the Community Project Fund and New Buckenham Community Car Scheme, both of which you will hear about in a moment.

That gives you a picture of some of the work of the Parish Council over the last twelve months. So much work involves many 'thank you's', a flavour of which are as follows:

Special thanks to Steve Askew, our Breckland Councillor and Norfolk County Councillor, who attends meetings when his busy schedule allows. He has always been available when we need him and has supported us throughout the year. Special thanks to Steve for his efforts to obtain a reduction to the speed limit on the B1113.

Phil Anderson and his team for their sterling work on Grounds Maintenance in the Cemetery, the Play Area, the Cricket Pitch, the Churchyard and various other projects around the village.

Gerry for her work on the Community Car Scheme and Alice Cattermole. who has recently taken over as co-ordinator. Thanks also to the drivers.

Mandy Hartley and her group who organised a fabulous celebration of the Coronation.

Sue Felton who has set up Speedwatch in the village and her group who are making fantastic inroads into reducing speeding.

Thank you also to everyone else who has contributed in many ways.

Thank you also to the *Parish News* team who have supported us in keeping the village up-dated with the activities of the Parish Council.

I will finish with another thank you to my fellow councillors and a reminder that Parish Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month with the exception of August, when we don't normally meet. Dates of meetings and minutes of previous meeting are in Parish News. Agendas are on the noticeboard and on our website. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th May at 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

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The Parish Council meets at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of every month at the Village Hall. Further information can be found on our notice board on the Village Green or www.newbuckenhampc.info.

Summer's Coming...

... and plans for our Open Gardens event on Sunday 30th June and the Village Show on Saturday 27th July are progressing nicely.

We are delighted to welcome Ian Ludbrook, a former Chair, back to the Gardening Group, but we still only have four committee members so there are a number of areas where we would really appreciate some help with both of our upcoming events:

- If you could bake a cake for either event, we would be most grateful.
- Our last Open Gardens event in 2022 was extremely busy, so much so that we have hired the Auditorium this year rather than the Large Meeting Room. I will be asking our 'regulars' if they will be kind enough to help us in the kitchen once again, but if you are able to do an hour or two at any time during the afternoon, that would be great. We will need similar support at the Village Show.
- In addition, Audrey and Janet will be running the Tombola at the Village Show again this year, so if you have any items suitable for tombola prizes, they would be delighted to receive them.

We had a very successful Show last year with an excellent number of entries. Schedules have been distributed throughout the village, but if you need more copies please contact Jimpy on 01953 860191 or email petercasson219@btinternet.com. You can also view and print the Schedule or extra entry forms at <https://newbuckenham.net>.

Please also consider entering the 'Up the Wall' competition. There are some fabulous hanging baskets/window boxes to be seen around the village in the summer. How lovely if yours are judged as award winning with a suitable trophy to be won!

If you are not a baker, crafter, gardener, photographer or flower arranger, you may well be able to help us with setting up the Village Hall on the Friday evening, somewhere between 6pm and 7pm. Half an hour of heavy lifting would be GREATLY APPRECIATED especially by me!

There's a lot to take in, but we would be most grateful for any help. Please would you be kind enough to let me know if you can help in order that I can ensure that we have covered everything? Carrying the clipboard is a huge responsibility!

Karen Hobley

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Good Companions

The meeting on Thursday 18th April marked our 75th birthday, which we celebrated with an afternoon high tea supplied by the committee. We gained one new member at the April meeting.

The entertainer who was booked for the party let us down at the last minute, so a huge thank you to Susan Jayne for stepping in a moment's notice!

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16th May at 2:30pm in the Village Hall.

All new members will be made very welcome. For further details please contact Diana Cole on 860636 or me on 860467.

Christine Wilby

News from the Pews

Holy Week and Easter Services: We marked Good Friday with a reflective hour of music, readings and periods of silence. Those who had dedicated lilies to the memory of loved ones placed them in a candlelit arrangement where they decorated the church over the whole Easter period. On Easter Sunday we enjoyed a service of Holy Communion, with music, spring flowers and of course chocolate to take home! Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to this special weekend.

Coffee Mornings: Village & Vestry, our 'Friends' group, opened the season for us with a coffee morning on 23rd March in aid of church funds. With live music, colourful stalls selling cards, jam and crafts, as well as the usual raffle and book stall, it was a jolly event and raised £338. Thank you from all at St Martin's!

Our own CoffeeMates! programme started on 13th April, when we welcomed Heidi Glendenning from the Kenninghall Pantry, part of the Nourishing Norfolk Network. She told us about their work, which was quite an eye opener, and we raised £241.80 to support them.

This month, we are raising funds for the Dogs Trust, who have a centre at Snetterton, and Cats Protection, with a base in Norwich. As well as rehoming dogs and cats, both charities run schemes offering support and pet fostering for those escaping domestic violence (called Freedom and Lifeline respectively) and helping owners experiencing homelessness or a housing crisis. In addition, Snetterton Dogs Trust run a dog-food bank. There is much written about the mental health benefits of owning a pet and in these challenging times any small thing we can do to help those facing difficult situations can only be a good thing. We look forward to seeing you on the on Saturday 11th May from 10:30am. There will be the usual delicious fare, stalls and raffle – and you don't have to be a dog or cat lover to come!

Don't Forget: The church is open every day from 10am until dusk. We have a huge range of paperback books for sale, and children's books are free to borrow or keep. There are children's toys, drinking water, a loo, and a collection point for the Waveney Food Bank. This is your village church, offering centuries of peace and reflection – please come and sit, explore, or walk in the gardens, whenever you like.

Contact details: Revd Sarah Walsh is always happy to visit or chat. Contact her on 01953 571549 or 07809 430 967. For details of services here, contact Susan, and queries about the premises, Louise, both numbers below.

Susan Hilton-Jowett (AWA) 860929

Louise Casson (Churchwarden) 860191

Village and Vestry

Many thanks to those who supported our coffee morning on 23rd March. There was a great turnout! Along with great music from Hugh and Billy, there were stalls offering crafts from Mabel and Doll, Janet's jams and Sue's cards. It all added to a super morning and helped to raise £338 in support of our efforts for St Martin's.

Thank you again.

Village and Vestry

New Buckenham Art Exhibition 2024

This year's Easter Art Exhibition was really good: it definitely had the 'Wow Factor'! There was some beautiful artwork and the Hall looked so inviting with all the amazing exhibits. Several large paintings were exhibited and looked stunning, with viewing possible from a reasonable distance. We sold many paintings and cards. It was busy each day and those of us on duty did not have much time to sit and admire the show.

Everything ran smoothly with very few problems. A big thanks should go to everyone who contributed to the exhibition. People offered their services willingly over the Easter Weekend. Many of you made wonderful cakes for the refreshments. There was a great team of people on the Thursday evening when the artists brought in their work. A team of helpers put up all the screens ready for hanging the pictures, while the rest of us took in the 390 exhibits. On Friday, our hanging day, people worked very hard to get everything ready for our opening night. The evening required helpers, too, and many gave up their Easter Weekend to steward the exhibition. On Easter Monday, a team of volunteers helped clear the Hall and return paintings to the artists and buyers. All the heavy screens were dismantled and put away by another group of volunteers. By 6:30pm, it was all over!

This, I think, could well be one of our best exhibitions we have had over the 30 years it has been running. As you know, this is a fund-raising event for our church and Village Hall. I think the outlook is good, but until all is accounted for I will not give details of the money raised. Our treasurer, Jon Halfacree, will give you the details soon.

Lastly, to everyone who helped with the Art Exhibition a huge thanks for your support and commitment. Without YOU the Art Exhibition just could not function. **THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!**

Clive Rush, on behalf of the Art Exhibition Committee

St Martin's Services: May 2024

Sun 5th	11:00am	Holy Communion	6th Sunday of Easter
Sun 12th	4:30pm	Choral Evensong Revd Sarah Walsh Followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting	7th Sunday of Easter
Sun 19th	10:00am	Group Communion at Old Buckenham Revd Sarah Walsh	Pentecost
Sun 26th	11:00am	Morning Prayer Val Plummer (AWA)	Trinity Sunday

For more information about services, contact:

Priest in Charge: Revd Sarah Walsh (01953 571549)

Authorised Worship Assistant: Susan Jowett (01953 860929)

No Mow May

In 2019, in response to the alarming and continuing loss of wildflowers and their habitat, the charity Plantlife (founded in 1989 with the King as patron) set up the movement No Mow May. Their reasoning was the number of private and public lawns, if not cut, may compensate for the loss of wild flowers in other places around the country.

According to the Director at Kew Gardens, since 1930, 97% of our wild-flower meadows have been lost. This is having a huge impact on the pollinators which need the flowers as a food source, creating a negative chain reaction for other insects and the birds which need them. The chain then links to mammals and, at the very end of the chain, has a real impact on the food WE eat.

During the height of the wild-flower season, a one-acre meadow can have up to 3,000,000 flowers, producing 1kg of nectar sugar - enough to support 96,000 honey bees a day.

It is important to have a variety of flowers, as not every species is attracted to every plant. Many will only feed and breed on one or two. So, the greater variety of plants and grasses, the greater number of insects will be there feeding and laying their eggs. Different heights of plants and grasses are also needed as they create shade which helps to hold the moisture to the ground. Only needing a pond in which to breed, frogs and toads need areas of moisture in which to live.

Growing up in the 60s and 70s, I can remember an abundance of wild-flower varieties. On our long and invariably wet and muddy adventures 'over the woods' or 'over Weald', we would come home with handfuls of bluebells or whatever else happened to be in season.

It was possible to collect many flowers from the verges on our walk to school along the straight mile, making a display for the nature table or posy for the teacher's desk. Impromptu whole-class nature walks

happened in the summer, when we picked and learned the names of the flowers. This culminated in a competition to create a scrapbook of what became rather wilted blooms stuck in with Sellotape alongside a laboriously written description of its virtues.

Moving to New Buckenham from the busy south-east coast eight years ago, I was struck that many of the wild flowers still growing here I'd not seen for years. During the respite from the first lockdown in 2020, I was keen to show my daughter how the hedgerows and verges would have looked half a century before in the south-east. With reduced pollution levels from the banning of air and road journeys, the flowers in the ditches, field-banks and hedgerows along Cuffer Lane were sublime. But, to my distress, they were dead. Cut down. Decimated. Left to rot down with the wilted flowers offering no nectar or pollen for insects or bees and no chance for the flowers to set seed for the following year. It is unlikely to have been Norfolk County Council's contractor on such an insignificant lane; probably, just a job seen to be needed doing as it always has been. It has not been as beautiful since.

In the 1990s, Norfolk County Council introduced the Roadside Nature Reserve Scheme, run jointly with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. There are now 224 schemes, equating to 53 miles of flower-rich verges. Every scheme is marked by a post at each end identifying the area of special interest. New schemes are being added every year. At the appropriate time, once the flowers have set seed for the following year, the reserves are cut and the cuttings removed. This prevents the ground from becoming too nutrient rich, as wild flowers thrive on more impoverished soil.

Even if not part of the scheme, roadside verges are crucial habitats for rare and declining species of plants, insects and small animals. Covering almost 311,000 miles across the country, these narrow strips of land are becoming increasingly important. With the loss of so

many meadows, pollinating insects are having to travel further to find the flowers vital to their species. Ultimately, this makes them weaker genetically and more vulnerable to changes in the environment.

Many roads across the country developed from ancient trackways. Over hundreds of years and many generations, the roadsides were used for grazing and left uncut through the spring and summer months. At the appropriate time, they would be cut with a hand-held scythe, which maintains a higher level of biodiversity than machine cutting. The cuttings were raked and collected and used for hay. As such, these fragments of ancient ground are unimproved grassland, much like the area of Market Place under the lime trees, growing important scarce or unusual plants.

Not all verges are suitable to be part of the Roadside Nature Reserve Scheme. Tarmac, NCC's contractor, has two cutting programmes: one for urban roads and one for rural roads. This is done between May and September to one swathe/metre width for safety, providing sufficient visibility at junctions and unrestricted passage on pavements. Where some vegetation encroaches on hard surfaces, causing damage, the council uses Glyphosate [Weedol] weedkiller once a year in late spring/early summer, although there has been controversy concerning Glyphosate throughout Europe. NCC's use is covered by their 2022 Glyphosate Policy Document.

The 1947 Agricultural Act required farmers to increase food production. Farming practices became more intensive requiring larger fields and bigger more efficient machinery. As a result, 50% of hedgerows were destroyed with a disastrous and devastating effect on biodiversity, as well as the damage caused by insecticides and herbicides.

The increase in size of many towns and villages, and the ongoing pressure to build more houses also has a detrimental effect on biodiversity. It is easy to blame farming methods as a major cause of

harm, but, although the building of new roads is widely protested, the problems this causes do not seem to be as comprehensively documented.

With what may feel like uncontrollable wholesale destruction of what is important to us, just not cutting your lawn, or leaving a small area of your garden to its own devices for a few months may seem pointless. It isn't.

Throughout the country, it is estimated there are nearly two million acres of private garden. If even a small number of owners were to consider adopting No Mow May the impact in creating wildlife corridors would be significant. Although a relatively small and compact community we, too, can open up and link those vitally important corridors. And, while you're not mowing, take that time to watch just what you are doing for the tiny creatures we so depend on!

Kim Cutmore

Weavers [by the sheep]

White Elephant

We are ready for collecting 'stuff', bric-a-brac, etc., for the White Elephant stall at the August Bank Holiday fete. Please phone first – much appreciated!

Janet Webb (860450) and Audrey Dowling (861155)

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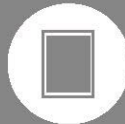
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Tues 14th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Thurs 16th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Fri 17th	Bucks Photoshow, Village Hall, 7:30pm–10pm
Sat 18th	Bucks Photoshow, Village Hall, 10am–5pm
Sun 19th	Bucks Photoshow, Village Hall, 10am–1pm

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