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Call for Plants

Just a quick reminder – the plant stall for Open Gardens day (28th June) welcomes all contributions of plants, cuttings, seedlings and indeed anything growing in a pot.

Please deliver to Old Vicarage, Castle Hill Road, or we can collect.

The plant stall is a big attraction to Open Gardens visitors and we hope we can put on a good display for sale. All proceeds go to the Gardening Group.

Pat and Charles Oxley

01953 860708

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We would like to thank this month's sponsor, Jackie and Dan of DC Groundworks.

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Parish News Committee

Open Gardens 2026

Hello, it's us again from the Gardening Group! We have a couple of busy months with the Open Gardens event on Sunday 28th June and the Village Show on Saturday 18th July. We have been looking for volunteers to help with both events so if you haven't been contacted yet, you could well be next.

Talking of volunteers, we have 16 owners who have volunteered their gardens to be open on the 28th. We have lost a few gardens from the 2024 line up due to holidays, etc., but we are looking forward to seeing two gardens which have never been opened before.

If you would like to open your garden, the book isn't closed yet!

Pat and Charles Oxley will be running a plant stall on the day so don't miss that.

We will need some volunteers on the day to help in the kitchen and supply refreshments. We have several already and we thank them for volunteering, but we need some more. Please contact Karen Hobley or me if you can spare an hour.

As with all events, we will need cakes, especially some vegan and gluten-free cakes, so we cater for all. Don't forget that you need to supply a list of ingredients with the cakes please.

Please put these dates in your diary

Sunday 28th June Open Gardens

Saturday 18th July Village Show

Jim's (01953 860191) and Karen (01953 860529)

Decorate a Bench

To celebrate this year's Open Gardens, Decorate a Bench is back! It is open to all villagers who would like to get involved, with a fantastic prize for the best-decorated bench (to be presented at the Village Show on Saturday 18th July).

There are 16 benches in the village. The idea is for people to decorate them, not only to demonstrate their creativity and green fingers, but also to add to our already beautiful village.

The ideas are endless, from fancy pots, pretty flowers, a nature garden to any theme you like, maybe even a castle! Benches will be included on the map given to villagers and visitors attending Open Gardens, so they can walk around and view all the benches, casting a vote for their favourite.

The following benches are available:



If you are interested in taking part, first choose which bench you would like to decorate (allocated on a first-come, first-served basis). Then email me on TLSTC@outlook.com and I can enter you into the competition! Good luck!

Mandy Hartley

News from the Pews

The church is normally pretty nippy, but with the current high temperatures, the cool of the church comes into its own, if you want a respite from the heat! As well as the pew cushions (making the pews a little more comfortable), there's also a small sofa in the children's corner to take advantage of. You can even get a glass of water in the kitchen to quench your thirst! Talking of the kitchen... on a couple of occasions we've discovered dirty mugs and glasses left on the draining board. We're more than happy for anyone to use the facilities, but would just ask that anything used is washed up!

coffeemates!: thank you to everyone who supported us in May. We were raising funds for Leeway and thanks to your generosity, including gift aid, donated £139.38.

On Saturday 13th June we will be raising funds for Break. Break started in Norfolk in 1968, offering short breaks for families with children with disabilities, which is probably what most people know them for. Since then, their services have expanded, including fostering, support for those with complex needs, offering long-term help for young people leaving care – and this is just some of their work. Uniquely, they promise lifelong support to young people, for however long they need it. It is astonishing that many in care become care-leavers at the age of 18, to live in independent or in semi-independent accommodation. How many of us could honestly say we would have been totally equipped at that age? It is no wonder that a third of care-leavers become homeless within the first two years of leaving care.

The July coffeemates! is on Saturday 11th. Our charity that month will be Caring Together. They support unpaid carers of all ages in Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, from young carers to adult carers. There are over 150,000 unpaid carers across the region covered by the charity, many of them caring alone behind closed doors. Unpaid carers often find themselves in a caring role with little warning, and feel completely overwhelmed and exhausted. More than three in five of us will become an unpaid carer at some point in our life; not just looking after a family member but also a friend or neighbour, and

despite how common caring is, many feel they are on their own, which is where the charity offers support.

We look forward to seeing you on 13th June and 11th July, to support these vital charities.

Book Stall: Thank you to everyone who supports the book stall, donating books or money for those borrowed.

Food Bank: Thank you, as ever, for your generosity in leaving donations either in the church or at King's Stores. Particular thanks to the anonymous person who left a considerable donation last month: it was much appreciated by the food bank.

News from the Pews will be taking a break in July, so I hope you enjoy the summer!

Contact details: Revd. Sarah Walsh is always happy to visit or chat. You can contact her on 01953 571549 or 07809 430967.

For any queries do contact me: Louise Casson (Churchwarden) on 01953 860191

2026 VILLAGE SHOW

Saturday 18th July

Entry for the public at 2pm prize giving at
3:15pm



Open to crafters, bakers, gardeners, photographers and children.

A friendly show for all the family with lots of prizes.

Refreshments, tombola and raffle.

St Martin's Services: June 2026

Sun 7th	10am	Group Service at All Saints', Wilby	Rogation Sunday
Sun 14th	4:30pm	Evensong	2nd Sunday after Trinity
Sun 21st		No service at New Buckenham	3rd Sunday after Trinity
Sun 28th	11am	Holy Communion	4th Sunday after Trinity

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St Martin's Services: July 2026

Sun 5th	10am	Group Service at St Andrew's, Quidenham	5th Sunday after Trinity
Sun 12th	4:30pm	Evensong	6th Sunday after Trinity
Sun 19th	11am	Morning Prayer	7th Sunday after Trinity
Sun 26th	11am	Holy Communion	8th Sunday after Trinity

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We look forward to seeing you there!

For further information contact Rev. Sarah Walsh on:
01953 571549/revsewalsh967@gmail.com

New Buckenham Parish Council

Having been elected as Chair of the Parish council at the last meeting, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Councillor Andrew Bingham for his leadership and hard work over the last two years.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th June at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome with the opportunity to raise any issues of concern or interest in the village.

Paul Martin

Chair - New Buckenham Parish Council

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Summary of draft Minutes May 2026

Present: Andrew Bingham (AB), Paul Martin (PM), Karen Hobley (KH), Mary Dowson (MD), District Councillor Steve Askew (SA) Angela Thornton (AT) Clerk and two members of the public.

Chair opened the meeting expressing condolences on the passing of retired parish councillor Andrew Nettleton. Andrew was a valued and respected member of the council.

Election of Councillors

- a) Paul Martin was elected Chair of NBPC.
- b) There were no nominations for Vice-Chair.
- c) Parish Councillor Vacancy - SA suggested advertising the vacancy on social media.

PM expressed his apologies for the June meeting together with other Cllrs. AT to investigate whether the date could be changed to the 16th, as the council would be non-quorate on the 9th.

1. Minutes

Minutes of the April meeting approved.

2. Matters arising

- a) The village map has been reprinted, received and displayed - invoice approved.

b) Dual use of playing field for cricket and football - terms and conditions to be reviewed before the next season.

c) Neighbourhood Plan review group met on 9th May. No changes of substance expected at this stage. Review should be completed by December 2026. Mary Dowson to replace Mary Manning as monitoring officer.

3. Public Participation

Parishioner reiterated condolences for the passing of Andrew Nettleton, KH to write an article in Parish News.

Parishioner reported broken gates on Footpaths 5 and 6, gates routinely left open. AB to audit footpath gates and contact NCC with defects.

4. District Councillor Report

Food waste bins will be provided by BDC in the autumn, to be collected weekly.

LGR currently moving forward.

BDC voted to support YMCA to provide accommodation for the homeless.

5. Parish Councillor Reports

a) AB suggested the Summer recess should be in September rather than August. All agreed.

b) AB received a letter regarding speeding in the village and industrial vehicles using Cuffer Lane. Letter to be forwarded to SA.

6. Financial Matters

a) April Bank Reconciliation approved.

b) Payments for May 2026 agreed.

c) Asset Register reviewed and agreed.

d) Annual Internal Audit Report read out and agreed.

e) Annual Governance Statement read out, approved and signed.

f) Annual Return signed.

g) Accounts for year ending 31st March 2026, approved, adopted and signed.

7. Devolution LGR

Nothing to report.

8. Planning

No new applications.

9. Amenities

a) Grounds Maintenance - nothing to report.

b) Closed Churchyard - wild flower survey to be conducted.

c) Cemetery - nothing to report.

d) Allotments - monitor water usage and prepare annual allotment costs.

e) Play Area - low risk works to be considered in the autumn.

f) Defibrillator - nothing to report.

g) Street Lights - nothing to report.

h) Community Car Scheme - not discussed at this meeting.

i) Public Footpaths - High London Farm footpath still impassable. AB to contact NCC again.

10. Councillors' responsibilities

Councillors' responsibilities were reviewed. AT to update list.

11. Correspondence

None.

Date of next meeting: changed to 16th June.

Mary Dowson for New Buckenham Parish Council

The Bucks Photoshow 2026

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to The Bucks Photoshow 2026!

Visitors enjoyed an outstanding exhibition of photography from a wonderfully talented group of local photographers, and it was fantastic to see so many people supporting the show.

A special thank you goes to all of the photographers who gave up their weekend to exhibit with us at New Buckenham Village Hall. Your creativity and dedication are what make this event so special year after year.

We are also incredibly grateful to our team of volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes, to Gerry Walsh for coordinating the refreshment volunteers and Jon Halfacree for sorting the putting up and taking down of the exhibition boards, as well as manning the bar on the first night.

Finally, sincere thanks to Charles Oxley, who first started the Photoshow 20 years ago with the idea of creating an exhibition that was accessible to all, friendly and inspiring for both exhibitors and visitors alike. That vision continues today in this unique little show, proudly showcasing work from professional photographers, camera clubs and societies, students, and aspiring young photographers beginning their journey into the world of photography.

Thank you all for being part of it and we look forward to seeing you next time!

Sonya Duncan

Andrew Nettleton

The Chair opened our May Parish Council Meeting reflecting on the recent sad death of Andrew Nettleton, who was one of our former Parish Councillors.

After graduating from the University of Exeter, Andrew had a career in finance which took him all over the world to places such as Brussels, Warsaw, Kuala Lumpur and India, working for the International Bank, City Bank and HSBC. He eventually arrived in New Buckenham where he settled in The School House.

Andrew was co-opted onto the Parish Council in March 2021 and remained with us for two years, standing down in May 2023.

I think it is fair to say that Andrew found that the wheels of New Buckenham Parish Council turned rather more slowly than he was used to but he was a hardworking member of the Council and could be relied upon to complete any tasks which were asked of him. He took on the might of British Telecom and arranged for the telephone box to be cleaned and painted after exchanging quite a number of (sometimes terse!) emails. He was also given responsibility for the cemetery and carried out his duty diligently ensuring that the cemetery was kept in good condition with regular inspections. Comments made by Andrew at meetings were brief and to the point, always demonstrating that he had thoroughly studied the many documents which were circulated between us all.

When Andrew ceased to be a Parish Councillor, he remained in touch as a parishioner on the Community Project Fund Group which assesses applications to the Fund and makes recommendations to the Parish Council. After one meeting when we had spent an inordinate amount of time deciding whether to spend £500 on a project, Andrew dryly mentioned that he had signed off contracts for millions of pounds in a shorter time! Andrew was still a member of this Group at the time of his death.

The Parish Council would like to send our deepest condolences to Andrew's family and friends. I'm sure Andrew will be very much missed by many people in places near and far.

Karen Hobley

Good Companions

Fifteen members attended the meeting on Thursday 21st May, where we played prize bingo. Tea was prepared and served by the committee members.

The next meeting will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 18th June at 2:30pm. This will be our summer strawberry tea. New members will be made very welcome.

For more information, please contact me on 01953 860467 or Diana Cole on 01953 860636.

Christine Wilby

Village Fete: Nearly New

Sharon is ready to start taking items for the Nearly New stall for the August Bank Holiday fete. Please drop off your pre-loved clothes at: Pinchpot House, Chapel Street (01953 861246). If we are not at home just leave them in the porch. Thank you!

Sharon

200 Club Lucky Winners

Thank you for your continued support of the Village Hall. Here are the lucky winners for the latest draw.

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Gina Stanfield, Tammi Hall, Jason Bye

£10

Ellie Hupton, Phil & Jeannie Anderson,
Ron Thompson, Brian & Averil Camp,
Mary Manning, Sonja Duncan

Back of the Net!

On 7th June, New Buckenham Junior Football Club will be celebrating the end of another fantastic season with its annual Presentation Day.

In the morning, our six teams, currently ranging from Under 7s to Under 15s, will be in the Village Hall to receive their trophies and medals in front of proud mums and dads, carers, other relations and friends, reflecting many excellent performances throughout the season. In addition, to improving their footballing skills, friendships have been formed, team-building and de-escalation skills have been learned, and the physical and mental health of our players has been nurtured.

We have a fantastic team of coaches, helpers, parents and carers, not forgetting the back-room team, of course, all of whom contribute massively to the success of the club. We also have support from the New Buckenham Village Hall Trust, Broadland Tree Services and a large number of sponsors, details of whom can be seen on our Notice Board at the Village Hall. Thank you all - everything you do for the Club is greatly appreciated!

This year, we are inviting villagers, guests and visitors to join us on the field from noon. There will be a pizza van and an ice cream van on site, in addition to a few stalls, competitions and the inevitable raffle! We will also have a Swap Shop for football kit (washed!), boots, etc., which youngsters have grown out of. We have a few items, but do bring any more items along if you are looking to move them on.

We are all very proud of our club and would love you to join in with our celebrations on June 7th!

Apologies in advance that the event may bring more traffic into the village with drivers looking for extra parking spaces. All parents/ carers, etc., will be reminded to drive carefully, keep to speed limits and respect the village.

Karen Hobley on behalf of New Buckenham Junior Football Club

New Buckenham Parish Council

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The Parish Council meets at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of every month at the Village Hall.

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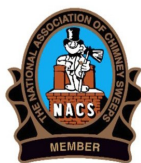


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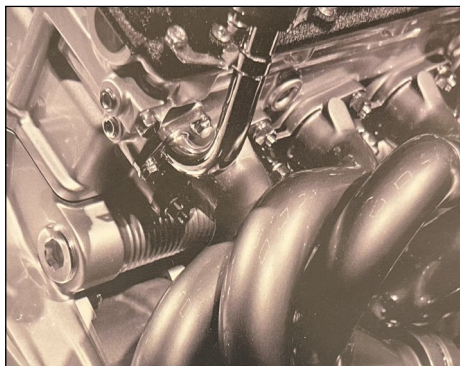
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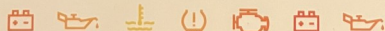
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June 2026	
Sat 13th	coffeemates!, St Martin's Church, 10:30am
Tues 16th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Thurs 18th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Sun 28th	Open Gardens, start at Village Hall, 1pm–6pm
Save the Dates	
Sat 11th July	coffeemates!, St Martin's Church, 10:30am
Sat 18th July	Village Show, Village Hall, 2pm

The Village Hall Bookings Administrator is Stevie Hobley
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