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New Buckenham Village Hall AGM

Everyone is welcome to the AGM, which will be held on Tuesday 21st July at 8pm at the Village Hall in the Auditorium.

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

Stevie Hobley on behalf of New Buckenham Village Hall Trust

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Parish News Committee

New Buckenham Village Show 2026

After a very successful Open Gardens event, the Gardening Group is now gearing up for the Village Show on 18th July, with three weeks left to be nurturing those blooms and vegetables and preparing your entries for this year's Show. Full details can be found in previous issues of Parish News at newbucknews.co.uk or in the Village Show Schedule delivered to every household. If you need any further information, please contact me using the details below.

Entry forms should be delivered to me by 7pm on Friday 17th July – we do accept entry forms 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. This means that if you are too late, we will not have time to process your entries.

We look forward to seeing lots of entries this year, so if you can bake, craft, garden, flower arrange or take photographs, we would love to see your entries.

For the youngsters, there are opportunities for the 6-year-olds and under to bake flapjacks (recipe in schedule) and to make a thumbprint flower painting, an item of handmade jewellery or a decorated face mask. For the older age group (7 to 12 years), in addition to the flapjacks, jewellery and a face mask, you can produce a collage of a bird made out of magazines.

Phew! Lots of classes to enter! Also, don't forget our Up the Wall and Fill Your Boots competitions designed to make New Buckenham look fantastic on Show Day and if you are already nurturing a geranium (adults) or a sunflower (youngsters) make sure that they are looking their absolute best on Show Day!

However, if your talents lie in other areas and you would be able to help with a bit of heavy lifting and furniture moving for about half an hour from 6pm on the Friday evening before the Show (17th July) that would be much appreciated. You won't win a trophy, but you will definitely be awarded some Brownie points from the Gardening Group Committee! As the years go by, the only thing I can manage to carry is the clipboard!

Talking of trophies, I am about to start collecting trophies from last

year's winners. Please would you be kind enough to give it/them a quick polish and return to me at 9 St Martin's Gardens by the weekend prior to the Show? (11th/12th July) Alternatively, contact me and I will pick them up. Thank you.

And last, but certainly not least, Audrey Dowling (01953 861155) would be delighted to accept some small prizes for the Tombola which will be running again this year.

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

Well, I think that's everything from me - I can hear a large sigh of relief from you all! Thank you, everyone, for your support for and contributions to the Show.

Karen Hobley

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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.

Further information can be found on our notice board on the Village Green or www.newbuckenhampc.info.

Open Gardens

A huge thank you from all of us on the committee for your dedication and hard work. We hope that you all enjoyed the day and had a wonderful experience (maybe not so much in the Village Hall kitchen). It was a very successful day and as far as we are aware, there were no serious problems. How we forgot napkins is going to be investigated! To let you know how successful we all were – and I use ‘all’ because it is a team effort – here are a few estimates:

We think that we had about 250 visitors. Thanks to the Open Gardens website, we had visitors from Shrewsbury, Durham, Gloucester and London. Admittedly they were all on holiday or house-sitting in the county. Others came from Bury St Edmunds, Gorleston, Hoveton, Banham and Old Buckenham, plus some from the village itself. Let's hope that they all enjoyed themselves and will come again!

On the playing field, we had about 80 cars and most commented on the kindness of the weather and that thank goodness it wasn't like Friday with 37°C. Wasn't that the conversation that everyone had at some point during the day?

The cakes never seemed to stop coming and we had loads. Thanks to all the cooks and bakers and they were all needed. There were only crumbs left at the end and therefore you would not be surprised to learn we made over £300 on refreshments. Amazing considering Mark and Ali had the café open from 9:00am and also had a very good day. Special thanks also must also go to Pat and Charles Oxley who raised £190 with the plant stall they organised and ran and Janet Webb made £25 from her ‘Guess how many marbles in the jar’ competition (there were 237 of them). Many winners, Janet!

We estimate that we made £1,250 on ticket sales and so the Village Show is safe for another two years, plus we have funds to support other garden charities, projects and the like.

If you have any feedback regarding Open Gardens please let us know. We strive to make it better and your help would be appreciated.

Thank you once again for making the day such a success.

Jimpy Casson on behalf of the Gardening Group Committee

News from the Pews

coffeemates!: The July coffeemates! is on Saturday 11th July. 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.

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 contact Louise Casson (Churchwarden) on 01953 860191.

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

For more information about services, contact:

Priest in Charge: Revd Sarah Walsh (01953 571549) or go to www.achurchnearyou.com for services throughout the Benefice.

August Bank Holiday Fete

The Village Fete will be returning this year on Monday 31st August, starting at 1pm. 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 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. If you have helped previously and you are unable to help this year, please let me know as soon as possible so we can find other volunteers.

We had another wonderfully successful Village Fete last year and we raised over £6,500, all of which has been distributed to organisations within the village.

We are extremely lucky to have such a long-standing tradition and an event that attracts visitors from neighbouring villages and beyond. It is the scale of the fete that allows us to generate such an impressive income for our community when compared with villages of a similar size.

The fete's success is entirely thanks to the hard work of so many volunteers, and we are hugely grateful for everyone's time and effort. However, without new volunteers coming forward, the future of the fete in its current form is uncertain. We have a great team who help with setup, takedown, and running stalls on the day, but we now need people to join the committee and help with some of the planning and organisation that happens quietly behind the scenes.

This isn't a huge commitment as the committee only meets two or three times a year, but it's vital to ensure continuity and to allow those who've helped for so many years to take a well-earned rest.

We are very short of help. Both for organising beforehand and on the day. If you are able to offer some time please, let me know.

Please contact me on 07534 353713 or jon.frith@frith-blake.co.uk or see me at Bailey, King Street. Alternatively, come along to our fete meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th July at 7:30pm to find out more.

Please also note the following:

White Elephant: See separate notice, overleaf.

Book Stall: Books are being 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 Don at Pinchpot, Chapel Street. Please delay dropping off items until after mid-July.

Tombola: We are looking for donations for prizes for the tombola. There will be a collection box in Kings Stores and the Church or please contact Maria Lloyd (861229). 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.

Finally, thank you to everyone involved for your help – it is very much appreciated!

Jon Frith

Bailey, King Street / 07534 353713 / jon.frith@frith-blake.co.uk

August Fete: White Elephant Stall

As many people probably know, Janet and Audrey have retired from organising the White Elephant Stall. There has been no one come forward to take over this very popular and profitable stall, and storage has always been a problem.

However, we (Lol Satchwell, Tony Lister, Jon Halfacree and Clive Rush) have put a plan into action, with expert advice and possible help from Janet Webb and Audrey Dowling.

We have decided to accept and collect items for the white elephant stall and store them in the Village Hall. We intend to be at the Village Hall every Tuesday night from 7pm–9pm to receive any goods. We can also pick up from your house on the same evening.

We will **start on Tuesday 30th June at 7pm** and continue every Tuesday until Tuesday 25th August. If you need anything collected other than a Tuesday just phone 01953 860572 and ask for Clive or leave a message with whoever picks up the phone.

Please do not leave your items outside the Village Hall at any other time.

Clive Rush

New Buckenham Village Hall

Thank you to everyone who has supported events at the Village Hall over the past year. We have never been so busy, which is great news for the Hall, but with use comes all those maintenance jobs on the building which is now over 40 years old. This coming year we will be looking to re-varnish the main auditorium floor and start on the long-awaited refurbishment of the toilets. Not very glamorous, but essential to making the hall fit for its community use in the years ahead. The money raised from the 200 Club and donations received from the Art Exhibition, the Photo Show and the income from recycling will all be put to good use on the refurbishments.

The Village Hall is managed by a group of Trustees, who bring a range of skills to help maintain, manage and sustain the Hall for community use. We are currently looking for Trustees to join us, so if you have ideas and or practical skills and would like to get involved in a community activity then please let us know.

Stevie Holey is our administrator who manages all the bookings, promotes and markets the hall and supports the Trustees. The Village Hall is a registered charity, so for those who are interested in more details on our finances and governance you can visit the Charities commission website and search for New Buckenham Village Hall.

Finally, our AGM will be held on Tuesday 21st July at 8pm – it's a friendly meeting, open to all, we look forward to welcoming you.

For more information contact:

bookings@newbuckenhamvillagehall.com

Juliet Fulford

New Buckenham Village Hall Trust

New Buckenham Parish Council

Breckland Council are due to commence the food waste collection service very shortly (intended to be mid-2026). The need for this collection is based on a directive from central government and is intended to reduce waste going to landfill. Food waste will be taken to an Anaerobic Digester (AD) plant for disposal. The AD plant produces methane gas which is used for renewable energy production in the form of electricity generation. A useful byproduct is high-grade fertiliser that can be used in agriculture and horticulture.

All households will be provided with a small kitchen caddy, and a larger outdoor caddy. It is expected that collections will be weekly.

You can put the following food waste in your caddy:

- All uneaten food and plate scrapings
- Raw and cooked fruit, vegetables, and peelings
- Raw and cooked meat and fish (including bones)
- Dairy products, cheese, and eggshells

And whilst on the subject of bins it would be appreciated if residents can help to reduce clutter in front of houses and where possible move black, green and brown bins off the road and footpaths. The Council does appreciate that in the village this is not always possible, but anything residents can do will contribute to keeping the village looking tidy.

A reminder that the next Parish Council meeting is on 14th July at 7:30 at the Village Hall – all parishioners are very welcome to the meeting with an opportunity to speak and raise any issues of concern or interest.

Andrew Bingham | Councillor

New Buckenham Parish Council

New Buckenham Junior Football Club

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Presentation Day on 7th June.

Our youngsters were delighted to receive their medals and trophies after a really successful season and enjoyed an afternoon of footballing activities and other competitions. Every team had a stall with competitions, such as a human fruit machine and penalty shoot outs, and, of course, there was the inevitable raffle! However, it was clear that one of the most popular attractions was throwing sponges at their coaches in the stocks which the youngsters happily queued up for! Revenge at last!

The weather was kind to us, even though it rained the day before and the day after. The pizza van and ice cream van did amazing business and many cups of tea and coffee, and delicious cakes were sold from the kitchen.

As a result, we made £548.50 – an amazing total. Thanks to everyone in the Football Club for all their hard work after a long season and everyone else who helped or attended on the day.

We are grateful to everyone who supported us. Thank you.

Karen Hobley

Easter Art Exhibition

This year the Easter Art Exhibition made a profit of £3,286. Whilst a significant sum, this is down on the previous few years and reflects the reduced footfall (especially on Friday night), we assume due to the general 'belt tightening'.

However, the percentage of pieces sold in relation to visitors actually exceeded previous years, which we feel reflects the high standard of the exhibits and the skill of the artists.

As always, we must say a big thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time over the weekend on the admissions, sales and refreshment roster and the help from the various individuals and other village organisations on Thursday night with the screens and again on Monday afternoon putting the Village Hall back to normal.

As always, the money is shared between the church and Village Hall. It is worth noting that to date the Art Exhibition has raised over £97,000 and hopefully we can exceed the £100k mark in 2027!

Jon Halfacree

Treasurer, New Buckenham Art Exhibition

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Good Companions

Seventeen members attended the meeting on Thursday 18th June, where they enjoyed a strawberry cream tea, which was prepared and served by the committee. Entertainment was provided by the ukulele band from Wymondham.

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 16th June at 2:30pm. The entertainer will be Jack Darcy, who we haven't had before, but who has been highly recommended.

New members will be made very welcome. For more information, please contact me on 01953 860467 or Diana Cole on 01953 860636.

Christine Wilby

Fireworks Event 2026

We are holding an open meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesday 28th of July at 7:30pm to start planning for this year's event (Saturday 7th Nov) and also to look at how future years will need to be staged.

It would be fair to say that we have gained a good reputation for the quality of the display, the value for money and the family-friendly atmosphere generated at New Buckenham.

However, we do appreciate that as it has become more successful and well-attended, the event has generated increased issues around the village with accessibility and parking, etc., with last year being particularly busy. As such, we would welcome people to come along and give us some positive input on how we can manage these situations better in the future.

If you cannot attend, but have a suggestion that you would like aired, then please email me.

Jon Halfacree

New Buckenham Cricket Club / jonhalfacree@btinternet.com

200 Club Lucky Winners

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

£20

Karen Hobley, Maria Lloyd, Alison Taylor

£10

Julie Thorndike, Joe Heasman, Tom Underwood,
Mark Quinton, Matt Greenacre, Claire Heasman

Finding Military Veterans in Norfolk

According to Government figures there are over 40,000 veterans in Norfolk. This is the highest percentage of any county in England, with an average of 6% of the population! Veterans Central, a charity based at West Raynham Squadron Headquarters (SHQ) near Fakenham (NR21 7PL), currently engages with around 900 veterans and a spokesperson said: “with those numbers in mind we are clearly still ‘missing a few’.”

We need YOUR help in finding veterans across Norfolk so we can reach out to them. YOU may be a veteran, have veterans in your extended family or friends, or have a veteran in your neighbourhood. In many cases this will involve people that we are currently not reaching and who are unaware of the support that is available, from direct help with specific issues to the more broad ‘somewhere to go and something to do’.

Veterans Central was launched in 2023 with the dual aims of providing veterans with a sense of purpose, a reason to get up that day and go and achieve something, or provide somewhere to go for socialisation, what we refer to as the 4Cs (Coffee-Cake-Conversation-Company).

Veterans Central is open three days a week – Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday – from 10am until 3pm. The Veterans Voice project also runs monthly drop-ins (coffee, cake and conversation) in Swaffham, in the Assembly Rooms on the last Tuesday each month. There are also several Armed Forces Breakfast Clubs across Norfolk.

Since the project started in 2023, the volunteers have completed over 40,000 hours of work at West Raynham on the SHQ building and the 3-acres of grounds; we have also provided over 1,500 breakfasts at our free monthly breakfasts and countless cups of coffee and pieces of cake!

For more information email info@veteranscentral.co.uk or visit <https://veteransvoice.co.uk/index.php/about-us/veterans-voice-projects/veterans-central>.

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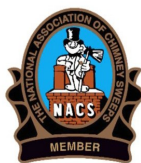


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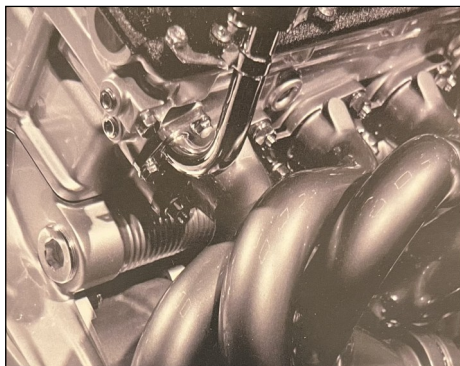
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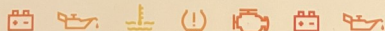
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July 2026	
Weds 8th	Fete Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Sat 11th	coffeemates!, St Martin's Church, 10:30am
Tues 14th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Thurs 16th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Sat 18th July	Village Show, Village Hall, 2pm
Tues 21st	Village Hall Trust AGM, Village Hall, 8pm
Tues 28th	Fireworks Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Save the Date	
Mon 31st	August Bank Holiday Fete, Village Hall Field, 1pm

The Village Hall Bookings Administrator is Stevie Hobley
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