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Are you new to New Buckenham and have you attended some of the events which have taken place in the village this year?

Have you lived here for a number of years and often thought about volunteering but never been sure how to go about it?

Events in the village have grown over the years and we always need more volunteers. Could you help at the Easter Art Exhibition, the Village Show, the Village Fete, the upcoming Bonfire and Fireworks or any other events? Would you like to join the New Buckenham Players or support the Community Car Scheme?

"New Buckenham needs you" has never been more true!

Would you like to know more? Drop in to the Village Hall on Saturday 17th October, any time between 10am and midday, have a cup of tea, a piece of cake and a chat with some of our current volunteers about how you could help in the village. You will be very welcome.

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Parish News Committee

Fireworks Display and Bonfire

Saturday 7th November 2026

We will be having the New Buckenham Firework and Bonfire on Saturday 7th of November at the Village Hall – Pete Marshall will be attempting to improve on last year's stunning display ably abetted by Dan and his crew from the fireworks team!

The plan this year is to open the gates from 5:30pm, light the bonfire at 6:30pm and for the display to commence at around 7:30pm, if all goes to plan.

As well as the BBQ we will have Bucket List loaded fries and hopefully other caterers (to be confirmed), hot punch, soups and hot drinks on the field as well as the beer tent.

Please note that card payment facility we have is governed by the signal strength on the field and it may be quicker and easier to bring some cash.

Parking

Parking is always at a premium on fireworks night and we appreciate that some inconvenience is caused for the few hours during the event – we thank those affected for their patience.

We are working with the relevant authority to have a parking plan in place which will allow the "coning off" of King Street and Church Street to reduce disruption and keep traffic flowing through the village.

The cricket field (if dry) will be utilised fully to provide as many parking spaces as possible.

Parking at the Hall is strictly limited to Disabled visitors only.

Helpers

We are hoping that a few volunteers will come forward to give us a hand on Saturday evening to help with the parking/stewarding/hot soup and punch etc. – so if you want to get involved we can guarantee a warm welcome, a free burger/drink/entry (maybe teens?) so please do not be backward in coming forward! Also anyone who can spare a couple of hours during the day to help with the set up would be great as well.

The soups always go down very well and we are very grateful to the generous villagers who kindly provide them – I will be contacting the regulars shortly but if anyone else can make a pan full then please let me know.

Bonfire

As usual the bonfire will be on the amphitheatre side of the playing field and we will be building it on the morning of the event. We have to be very mindful of the regulations covering bonfires regarding pollution as enforced by the relevant environmental agencies and as such we are not able to accept anything apart from clean wood. We will have no choice to refuse unsuitable material so please do not be offended. The site is monitored so please do not leave anything in advance!

Many thanks.

Jon Halfacree

New Buckenham Cricket Club

01953 860064 or 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	Sonya Duncan, Jane Amey, Gary Buckle
£10	Danny Willams, Gail Paterson, Matt Greenacre, Esther Jack, Jill Cox, Julie Thorndike, John Hall, Liz Norris

Over the Moon not Sick as a Parrot!

After a summer busy with tournaments and training, New Buckenham Junior Football Club has officially started their 2026/2027 season. Everyone is keen to be back and we have a number of new players who are delighted to have been able to join us.

There have been some changes as our two Under 9s teams (The Tigers and The Lions) have now moved to Bunwell but still under the umbrella of New Buckenham Junior Football Club. With six full teams and other players attending for training only, space was at a premium so we are very grateful for everyone at Bunwell who has assisted us with the move. We are also hoping that this move will ease the pressures on parking and reduce the number of vehicles travelling through New Buckenham at certain times.

A reminder that all our coaches and officials are DBS trained and have completed Norfolk FA`s relevant training programmes. We have a number of youngsters who are flourishing with their football whereby school and various situations are not always easy for them. I think it is also fair to say that we have many happy parents and carers who are delighted to see their youngsters flourish.

Thanks to our coaches and helpers who put so much into our club. We would also like to send our thanks to Kat, our Secretary, who has decided to leave the club. If anyone is interested in taking over her role, which is voluntary and for about an hour or two each week, please contact me in the first instance. Many thanks.

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Big Thank You

Thank you to everyone who took the time to give me cards, gifts and best wishes on my 90th birthday.

Margaret (no.3 Almshouse)

Winter Warmer Wednesday café

Working from home, living alone, need to get out? Make a date, take a break and join us at the free community café. Look in on the games table, find out what is going on, meet up for a chat. We hope you will come along on Wednesday afternoons at the village hall. Warm welcome guaranteed.

Starts Wednesday 28th October, 1:30 to 3:30pm, at New Buckenham Village Hall.

Juliet Fulford

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.

White Elephant Stall

The White Elephant stall at the fete was once again very successful and raised a large amount of money. This is mostly down to Janet and Audrey who have run the stall for so many years and created a very successful system. I came in to help with running it this year. They have both been very generous with their time (and patience) showing me how things work and teaching me the subtleties of pricing and sorting. I am hugely grateful to them, and to Audrey who helped me manage on the day with her support and her wise words of advice.

Thanks also to the great band of helpers who managed both selling and occasional crowd control! And thanks also to everyone who brought items for us to sell – the stall wouldn't exist without your generosity.

Fiona Paul

Good Companions

Twenty members attended the meeting on Thursday 17th September, where they enjoyed a high tea which was prepared and served by the committee members. We had two new members. Entertainment was a craft session run by Lynn, where we were shown how to make cards.

The next meeting will be in the Village Hall at 2:30pm on Thursday 15th October, when there will be a talk from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. New members will be made very welcome.

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

Christine Wilby

The Village Show

Autumn, being the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, seems a little way off. The sun keeps shining (well, sometimes) and we have had some rain at last. However, according to the meteorologists, this weather pattern is going to be standard in future years and so we must take the opportunity to make some changes to our Village Show plans. We have often considered that we perhaps hold the Village Show at the wrong time of year. It was originally planned for July so it didn't clash with Flower Shows earlier in the year and Produce Shows in the autumn. Unfortunately, the entries for at least the last two years have been affected by weather patterns.

As a group, we have discussed this at length and have decided that the Village Show in 2027 will be held on **Sunday 19th September**. Make sure it is your first entry when you purchase your 2027 diary!

A new time of year will mean new classes of fruit and vegetables, new recipes and all part of the celebrations for our 30th anniversary. We find that more and more entries come from non-residents and hope that we can boost our entries from New Buckenham. We are currently planning a class for eggs, there being so many chickens in the village, but if you have any ideas regarding new classes, then please let us know.

We are also very keen to include the youngsters from the village and beyond. We are going to produce a pack for them which will include individual schedules, ideas and instructions. Again, if anyone has got any suggestions for classes that would appeal to the younger members of the village, we would love to hear from you.

Although the Show is slightly less than a year away, look out for articles charting our progress in *Parish News* and on Facebook and do get in touch with your thoughts and ideas.

Jimpy

Chairman

Gardening Group

News from the Pews

coffeemates!: The September morning raised £125 for Cuppa Care, the outreach run by Hear for Norfolk, so thank you to everyone who came, ate, drank and were merry! As the weather becomes cooler, the church isn't always the most comfortable place to sit, even with a warm cup of something. So, our final coffeemates! of the season is on 10th October, when we shall be raising funds for YANA, the mental health charity for those working in any capacity in the agricultural community. We look forward to seeing you!

Save the Dates: We will be holding a short Service of Remembrance and wreath laying on Sunday 8th November, at 10:45am. At the end of the formal service we will visit the Churchyard, which is a designated Commonwealth War Grave churchyard, to lay a wreath at the grave of William Tite. William was a resident of the village, who died as a result of his wounds in World War I. (The flag will also be flown from the tower that day: there is no political motive in doing so, but simply continues a tradition started decades ago.)

Is it too early to mention the 'C-word'?! Hopefully not… so you might like to make a note in your diaries that there will be a traditional Carol Service on Sunday 13th December, at 4:30pm, followed by refreshments.

Book Stall: You may have noticed a new donations box when visiting the book stall. Unfortunately, we recently found that the key lock to the previous box had been tampered with, luckily without success. We have now replaced it with a combination lock money box, which hopefully provides more security. The recent attempt on the old box is irritating, but not the end of the world – there are far more important things in this world for everyone to get excited about.

Food Bank: Thank you for your continued donations to the food bank box.

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) – 01953 860191

St Martin's Services: October 2026

Sun 4th	10am	Group Service at St Martin's, New Buck.	18th Sunday after Trinity
Sun 11th	4:30pm	Evensong	19th Sunday after Trinity
Sun 18th	11am	Holy Communion	Luke the Evangelist
Sun 25th	11am	Morning Prayer	Last Sunday after Trinity

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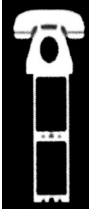
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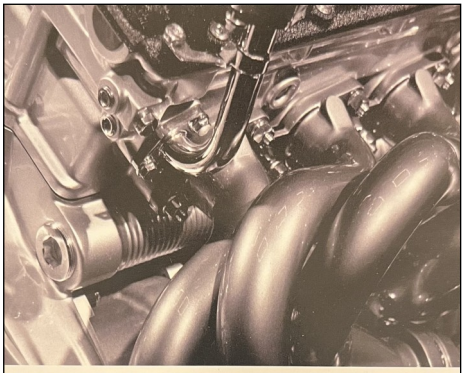
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Tues 13th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Thurs 15th	Good Companions, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Sat 17th	"New Buckenham Needs You" volunteering drop-in, Village Hall, 10am to midday
Weds 28th	Winter Warmer Wednesday café, Village Hall, 1:30 to 3:30pm

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