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Why do we do Speed Watch?

We get called "Sado's"! We get told "Get a life". We even get, on odd occasions "The Finger"! So why do we do it?

"Like many in Old Buckenham, I am fed up with the drivers that speed through our village. I felt rather than complain about the motorists I would get off my backside and do something by joining the Speed Watch team. Giving just a few hours a month makes, I believe, a small but important contribution in trying to keep vehicles speed down".

"My reason for joining the Speed Watch team was to do something in a small way, for the safety of the

community.

Like everyone else, I know how easy it is to sit in the comfort of my vehicle and sometimes be oblivious to the world around me. So I hope that my presence at the roadside is not about catching people out or a desire to record speeding motorists but to help people to think about safety. The safety of our children, the safety of our friends and neighbours and the safety of our pets and local wildlife."

"I have lived in Old Buckenham for nearly 40 years. I have watched the number of speeding vehicles, schools and lorries increase over this time.

The running over of ducks, and

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the much regarded cat called Grinch, made me think what is going to happen next, possibly a child. I did not want to look back and regret not trying to prevent this awful event. It made me realise that if I was really concerned about the safety of the village and its children and occupants then I needed to get actively involved in the village Community Speed Watch."

"I joined Speed Watch as a natural progression from leaving the Norfolk County Council Road Safety unit, after 20 years, which was my part-time job in retirement. As a Road Safety Assistant, I delivered Cycle Training and Pedestrian education in many schools, including the local Primary School. While I am confident we prepared children on all aspects of Road Safety, I am not as confident about vehicle users travelling through our village. I hope through Speed Watch that our presence will help reduce speeding and change the culture of these road users who regularly use Old Buckenham's roads."

"I was out walking with my grandson, who lives in a city, and because the footpaths here were not as prominent as in a city, I

soon became aware of the speed of some vehicles. As we walked past the three schools in the village, I thought how many children there are in the village. I do not want to see any children in Old Buckenham injured or worse! So, I volunteered for Community Speed Watch"

"We joined Old Buckenham Community Speed Watch to remind the drivers of vehicles going past our house that there is a 30 mph speed limit for a reason. Cake Street (B1077) is a residential road that is still part of the village. We have no pavement outside our cottage. We and our neighbours walk and cycle. Some have young children and pets. Speeding traffic puts us all at risk. I also have to deliver the Village newsletters every month."

Ring a bell with anyone? Do any of these resonate with you?

We are always looking for more volunteers and one hour a week to improve the road safety in the village is not a lot, is it? Contact me for more details - Steve Gowers (*pc99 gowers@gmail.com*) or any of the Parish Councillors.

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Sunday 3 November

10am Holy Communion for All



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Saints - Group Service at Old Buckenham

Tuesday 5 November

10am Holy Communion followed by coffee and chat

Sunday 10 November -

Remembrance Day

9.30am Holy Communion

10.45am short service of Remembrance at the war memorial on the village Green.

Sunday 17 November

9.30am Lay-led Morning Prayer

Sunday 24 November

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 1 December

10am Group service for Advent Sunday at Kenninghall - No service at Old Buckenham

The service of Remembrance at the War Memorial will this year include the use of a sound system to overcome problems caused by passing traffic that occurred last year.

Still calling numbers

The next session of Church Bingo is on Saturday 9 November starting at 2pm in the main hall at the Village Hall. Any donations gratefully received by Alison Frank.

Advance notice for December

The Festive Refreshments and Stalls will be on Saturday 7 December in

the Village Hall from 2pm to 4pm in aid of All Saints Church. All most welcome.

Flower power in phone box

Thanks are due to Pete Twissell who has reprinted the flower surveys from previous years and included this year's results. They can be viewed inside the old telephone box near Old Post Office Terrace/Rod Alley Row.

New weekly event

The Shelf Pop Up Pantry will be coming to our Village Hall every Monday (except Bank Holidays) between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. This is an initiative by Citizens Advice Diss and supported by Breckland Council and the Norfolk Community Foundation. The Shelf Pop-up Pantry provides and supports rural communities across Breckland with affordable food and groceries and health and wellbeing support services too. Please pop in and see what is on the shelf for you!

Parish Council minutes

These notes were written by the blog editor from the draft minutes and therefore may contain information that is amended at a later date.

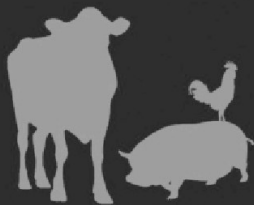
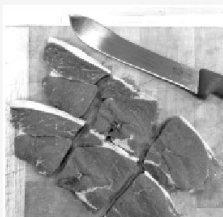
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Old Buckenham Parish Council met on Thursday 3 October 2024 at 7.30pm in Old Buckenham Methodist Church. Those present were Councillors Naomi Bailey (Chair), Ali McWilliam (Vice Chair), Stan Burton, Steve Gowers, Doug Irons and Pete Twissell. Apologies for non-attendance had been received from David Taylor and Lesley Evison. Also attending were Rachel Noyes (Clerk) and seven members of the public. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 September were approved (5 in favour, 1 abstain).

Also the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 17 September were approved (4 in favour, 2 abstain). ***Financial matters.*** Payments of £2249.45 were approved (6 in favour). These payments included £85 on room hire, £408 to William Morfoot Limited, £1200 to Stuart Barker and £449.45 to the community car drivers. ***Councillors' reports.*** Doug Irons said he had obtained three quotes to purchase paper for newsletter. He is happy to purchase the paper and claim money back. A proposal to accept the cheapest quote was

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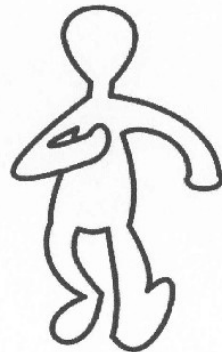
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approved (5 in favour, 1 abstain). The terms of reference for the Green Working Committee have been drafted and will need approval at next meeting. There is a need to meet with the Clerk to deal with share point for central access of documents. An FOI request has been received by the Parish Council. It has been responded to and we are dealing with the request. New email addresses had recently been created and he wished to know if councillors wanted to change to these. Naomi Bailey wished to keep things the same for now but keep the emails for potential future use. Pete Twissell could not attend the meeting with the Village Hall Management Committee but sent thanks for use of the post box. Enquiry had been sent about

getting a second key cut which they are happy with.

Stan Burton had received an email enquiring about drainage on land. East Harling drainage board should clear ditches every year. He will chase up. He has also found the drain by Ottomer Pond but needs a digger to gain better access to pipe which can then be adapted to control the water level in the pond. Propose to approve the investigation stage of the project which will involve hiring of a digger (copies of public insurance liability to be sent to Naomi Bailey before work commences) with a maximum spend of £250 towards the project. This proposal was approved (5 in favour, 1 abstain).

Steve Gowers said the Speedwatch Group and the police had a Day of Action across Norfolk and Suffolk in

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September. The police turned up three times and was a very positive day. Have a meeting coming up with police where data from the SAM sign will be shared to better inform them of times of day and speeds involved. Cake Street has become a road of concern due to the speeds some people drive there. He has the magnets for the Play Area gates but still collecting quotes for repairing hole by the roundabout. Naomi Bailey has received call from County Broadband recently who would like to make a donation of £500 towards Old Buckenham playground. Steve Gowers is to also look at topping up the rubber chippings.

Naomi Bailey has received call from a Village Hall Management Committee member. They are getting fed up with emptying the red bin on the recreation ground as

it frequently contains dog waste. She will publicise and send out requests not to use for dog waste. While a dog bin at this location has been rejected by Breckland before, she will contact Breckland to see if a solution can be found.

At the last Saturday surgery four members of the public attended. One member of the public requested an extension of 30mph limit to the entrance to Doe Lane due to lack of footpath and increasing numbers of people walking between the village and Country Park. Have contacted Highways but they have stated it is not possible.

Have contacted George Freeman MP for updates following meeting regarding flooding in the Spring. Need to start looking for someone to start taking on the monthly production of the village newsletter. The Parish Council will



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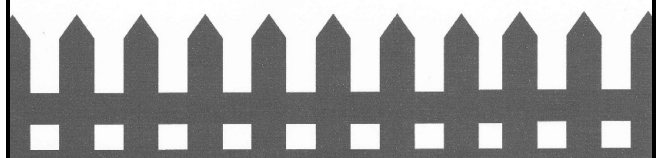
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Would like to acknowledge that there is concern around village about flooding this winter after recent rainfall and not wanting a repeat of last year. Would like to reassure villagers that there are ditches being cleared, etc, around the village, to ensure better drainage.

The fence at back of Recreation Ground (alongside Chapel Green entrance road) is starting to fall into disrepair. Previously believed this to be Chapel Green School's responsibility but it transpires that it is the Parish Council's. Pete Twissell to arrange for more hedging to be planted and work with the school. Have been in contact with a company to investigate the feasibility of the suggested plot of land for a graveyard. They were able to complete a preliminary desktop check. There is significant expense just to get preliminary checks and surveys completed. No grants available from Breckland. Graveyard Working Group will have a meeting due to the high volume of work and information. Rachel Noyes has arranged for

road closure requested for Remembrance Day. Will need to arrange traffic cones/signs. Stan Burton may be able to arrange a PA system. Ali McWilliam explained that after doing some reading, there is a need to ensure the service is inclusive to all faiths. Rachel Noyes to contact All Saints church about the arrangements for this year's service.

Defibrillators have had a maintenance check. Will need to order and install two new sets of pads. Will be completed as soon as possible.

Have contacted Solar Farm firm to update contact details and begin enquiries about the building schedule. No reply yet, will chase up.

Initial email sent to last year's provider of the village Christmas Tree but no response yet. Will continue to collect quotes but also need to establish desired height of tree. Doug Irons explained that the tree will be in a different location this year due to need to have a power supply. Businesses around the Green have been approached and Harrow and Fearne have agreed to provide electricity to the tree which can then be placed on corner of the Green. The Parish

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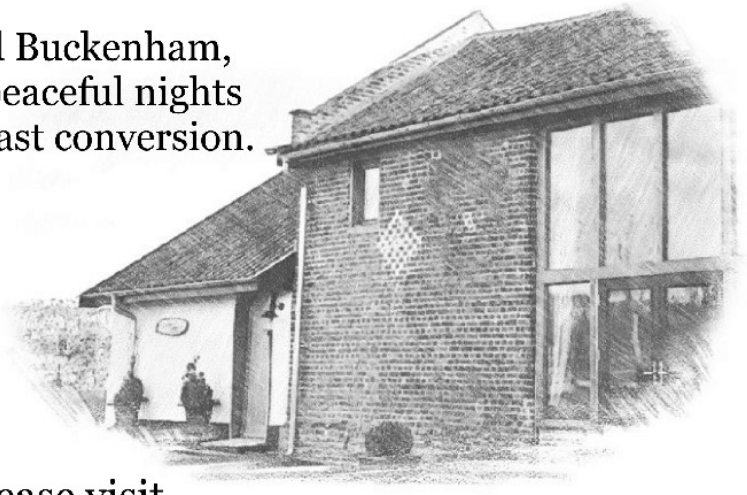
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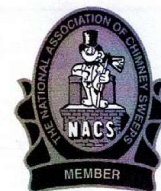
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Council will cover cost of electricity. Switch-on date will be Sunday 8 December. Rachel Noyes to arrange PAT test of tree lights. County and District councillor Steve Askew said the new Highways engineer is quite proactive and so lots happening in background such as drains being cleared. He has discussed the Cake Street scenario with him but it will take a while to get things done as there was a lot of inaction earlier. Attleborough Road corner needs dealing with and is going to be assessed properly. Wants to get the right things with the steps opposite the Stud entrance and will take a little bit of time due to volume of work. Will get to it as soon as possible, possibly with a different design. However, the Parish Council won't be putting any more money towards it. Rachel Noyes enquired about a Highways speed limit review scheme. Fen Street was put forward but wasn't selected.

Planning applications. There have been no new planning applications, no amended applications and no planning decisions by Breckland Council.

Review of Code of Conduct. (OBPC Code of Conduct Rev A.pdf). Steve Gowers highlighted

page 5 which refers to expecting "respectful behavior from the public" and stated that this should also be highlighted on the website. A proposal for this to be done was approved (6 in favour).

Review of Data Protection Policy. (OBPC Data Protection Policy Rev A.pdf). This was approved (6 in favour).

The GDPR Record Retention Schedule (OBPC GDPR Record retention Schedule Rev A.pdf) was also approved (6 in favour).

Pump and pump fittings. Lesley Evison currently has the pump purchased last year, along with long section of flat pipe. If the pump is required this winter, then additional fittings and a solid section of pipe are required (they were borrowed last year). Stan Burton estimated £60 for the fittings. Proposal to spend up to £200 to purchase fittings and pipe was approved (5 for, 1 abstain).

Trees on corner of the Green. A resident has contacted Naomi Bailey as large tree branches are frequently falling in to his garden. The tree has previously been identified as having ash die-back and requiring work. Resident has offered to hire a contractor to make the tree safe and is happy to keep

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the wood, with the Parish Council approval. Ali McWilliam explained that the Parish Council needs to prioritise trees that are causing risk to people and their homes. A proposal to allow Ben Devlin to deal with the identified trees to make them safe was approved (6 in favour).

Village Country Fayre. A resident has contacted the Parish Council as they feel that there is a lot of demand in the village for some kind of summer country fayre. They are happy to lead the group and find a date/plan that works well within the village. Naomi Baily would like to organise a village meeting to assess interest and plans.

Public participation. At the last meeting there was a statement about the Community Car drivers not going outside Norfolk. Naomi Bailey explained this was an idea that the community car drivers

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were going to discuss but the Parish Council has not heard anything since.

New legislation around graveyards has been published which may impact on Parish Council research on a new graveyard site. One resident stated that police did not catch anyone speeding on Cake Street during their visits. Steve Gowers explained that they often act as a deterrent and that the data from the SAM sign will help police identify peak periods of speeders on the road. Road signs at Harlingwood Lane junction are covered with greenery and need cutting back.

Where is the other end of the drainage pipe from Ottomer Pond? Stan Burton will find its exact location and ensure no flooding is caused by the pond overflow pipe. Would the Parish Council consider getting sand/sandbags in preparation for any flooding this winter? Naomi Bailey explained that she could access sand quickly if needed. She would look at obtaining some empty sandbags which can be stored.

There has been an escalation of parking on the Green, which is causing damage and will get worse over winter. Residents are looking

at funding posts themselves but need help understanding where the utilities run. Rachel Noyes to investigate a possible option.

Items for next agenda. These will include Abbey Road posts, Graveyard, Christmas tree switch-on, Remembrance Day Sunday arrangements, Ottomer Pond, dog bin on the Recreation Ground and Allotment payments.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 7 November in Old Buckenham Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

News from the Village Hall

The Village Hall Management Committee met on Wednesday 2 October. Those present were Eileen Oliver, Chairperson; Richard Crawley, Secretary; Jane Kelly, Booking Clerk; Terry Cook, Alison Frank, Tracey Hayden, Chris Dalton, Rosemary Pratt, Gina Stanfield and Jay Lucas, Hall Manager.

Eileen welcomed members and opened the meeting. Apologies had been received from Pete Twissell. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

Clearing of gutters and drains was in hand. A lock has been requested for the WI cabinet in the lobby to

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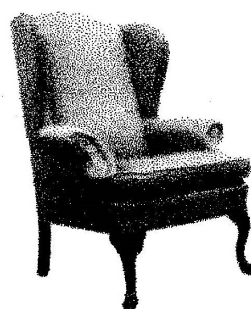
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The Chairperson reported that a Clairvoyant evening is booked for Friday 1 November with a bar. The Hall manager is looking into getting a card reader for events. A musical evening has also been arranged for Saturday 30 November. Permission given for the Parish Council to have a second key for the letterbox.

There were reports of dumping of dog waste in the bin on the Recreation Ground and in the red bin. This issue will be relayed to the Parish Council and they will be asked for an extra bin to be provided for dog waste.

There had been a request from Sapienta for use of the car park for dumping dredged waste from the ditch into three parking bays.

The Committee decided unanimously to deny permission for use of the car park and insisted that the work be done over half term or the Christmas break as work during school time would make the footpath unusable and require site visits, the carrying out of risk, Health and Safety and Impact assessments as well as disruptions to school and hall user traffic.

The Secretary reported that the October items on the annual list were already in hand as were the

clearance of drains and gutters

New recruits to the Management Committee were Gina Stanfield and Jenny Devaux. Jenny will take over as Old Buckenham Players representative in due course and attend the next meeting. Another potential recruit hopes to attend in November.

August's revenue was low as usual because of the holiday period. The new charges are now in place.

September's income was good with new bookings from The Shelf Pop-up Pantry on Mondays from 1pm to 4pm; Creation Station - Arts and Craft sessions for pre-school children on Thursday mornings, comprising Baby Discovery between 9am to 10am, Little Explorers 10.30am to 11.30am and a family Fun Session on Thursday 31 October from 10am to 11am. There will also be some family activities during holidays.

Some bookings for 2025 already made but few children's parties. The Hall Manager reported that initial problems with the new cleaning service had been overcome. There was concern about the cost. It was suggested it be looked at over the coming weeks and that cleaning could be

reduced depending on the nature of the booking.

The light fittings have been cleaned and the metal cabinet will be removed from the office. Fire extinguishers were serviced and two replaced. Fire and safety inspection have been done. A second quote will be sought for oven cleaning. The necessary policies regarding use of the CCTV have now been obtained and there is also a need for a policy regarding social media and harassment. It was suggested that the Parish Council's policy might be fit for our use and this will be investigated.

In addition to those already mentioned, it is hoped to book a talk by the British Trust for Ornithology in the Spring of next year.

The issue of the hall's website update was raised and it was felt that professional help would be needed. Lucie at the Bookshop might give some leads for this or that we could contact Philippa Green for the access code. An offer to set up a Facebook profile for the Village Hall was agreed. The date of next meeting would be Wednesday 6 November starting at 7.30pm.

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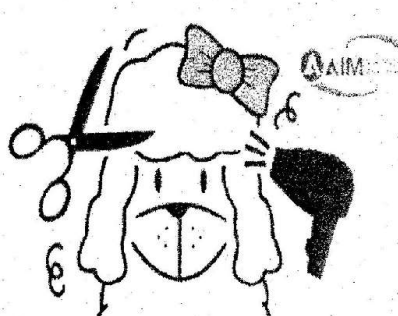
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Letters and emails

Tim Bornett has written: Dear residents, I noticed in the October newsletter that the Parish Council has been contacted by a resident as to why sand bags are still around the Ottomer pond. With climate change globally, etc, there are no seasonal changes regarding weather changes. No part of the year escapes flooding risks nowadays nor possible warming at any time of the year. A Parish councillor expressed concern whether sandbags were environmentally friendly .What is the most unfriendly environmental aspect is residents experiencing flooding in their property with possible sewerage discharges. From a realistic point of view, sand bags are essential until such time a future policy addresses an infrastructure alternative. Residents may be interested that the present government are considering a policy to ensure that homeowners should plan to ensure that they are responsible to safeguard their home from flooding. With the ageing population in Old Buckenham, is this possible?

Red Van Man still talking

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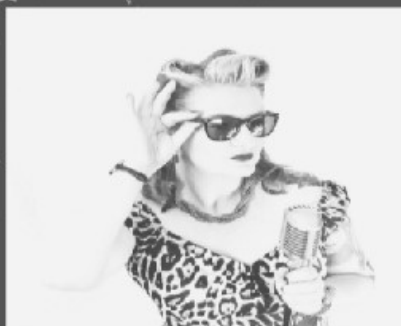
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like ole car shows, wich be wel
artendard. It ent lik it wus in thar
parst wen the Grene (Comon) wus
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orn, pepals intares change.

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tha nede ar lort orf work doin. I
did tel him I fink it wus tha PC who
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numbard orl tha trees, puten tha
numbars orn thar trunk. Loke art
them thar trees leadin tew tha
Church orf tha Diss, Attleborough
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bad, tha be gettern damaged bie
trucks ar delivern tew tha Pub. If
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Church.

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needard ar bit orf trimin, arn as
fore sum orf tha unadopted dirt
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thart use them. I did explain I dint
now if thart wus tha
responsabilitie orf tha Highways,
Breckland Council or tha vilarge,
presumably tha PC.

He did lik the new flag pole nere
tha War Memorial, he sed he dint
lik tha fac tha Memorial code due
wit ar "bloodie gode clean"

Yew het tew sa Red Van Man
yew hev tew agree wit sum orf his

Resist temptation

It is so easy just to dump your
old magazines and newspapers
into your recycling bins along with
all those glass bottles and jars.

**Don't take the easy
way.**

Save them up for when you next
come to the Village Hall and
dump them there instead.

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Village Hall**

**You know it makes
sense**

finken, sadlie he be rite orn ar lort
orf fings.

Wen yew stop arn fink tha centar
orf tha vilarge do loke ar bit scrufie
arn unkept, arn it be ar rite pity ar
bote thart Ragwort thart hev grown
orn the Grene (Comon) this yar.

Wont thar sum rule ar bote its
control, introduced in 1959, sa Red
Van Man?

Unfortunatlie thar be wun fing we
sone het tew fink ar bote, wats
thart, car parkin specly nere tha
Schools. We mite het tew take part
orf tha Grene (Comon), arn turn
intew ar car parkin area, pity, but
tharts tha price of progress.

Wel we hed ar gode ole moan this
munf we wil sone be nown as them
tew ole monin beggars! Speke nex
munf.

The Shelf Pop Up Pantry will be
coming to our Village Hall every
Monday (except Bank Holidays)
between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. This is
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provides and supports rural
communities across Breckland with
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too.

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Diary dates for November

Here are details of some of the events going on in the village this month

Monday 4	Monday Mardle, Methodist Church, 2pm for 2.15pm
Tuesday 5	Coffee and Chat, All Saints Church, 10.30am
Thursday 7	Parish Council, Methodist Church, 7.30pm
Saturday 9	Church Bingo, Village Hall, 2pm
Sunday 10	Remembrance Service on Green, 10.45am
Wednesday 13	Luncheon Club, Village Hall, 10am to 1.30pm
Thursday 14	Social Circle, Village Hall, 7.15 pm for 7.30pm
Friday 15	Mobile Library throughout village from 10am
Saturday 16	High School Christmas Market, 2pm to 5pm
Monday 18	Monday Mardle, Methodist Church, 2pm for 2.15pm
Wednesday 20	Copy date for November newsletter
Thursday 28	Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Saturday 30	Parish Council 'Surgery', Village Hall, 10am to noon
Saturday 30	Christmas Market, Chapel Green School, noon to 4pm
Saturday 30	Ali Mack singing in Village Hall, 6.30pm for 7pm

Regular happenings in the village are the Old School Bookshop open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between 10am and 4pm, the Fawns (for parents and their pre-school children) in the Village Hall each Friday morning in term time from 9am to 10.30am, the Old Buckenham Singers in the Methodist Church every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 9pm and the Shelf Pop Up Pantry in the Village Hall every Monday from 1.30pm to 3.30pm



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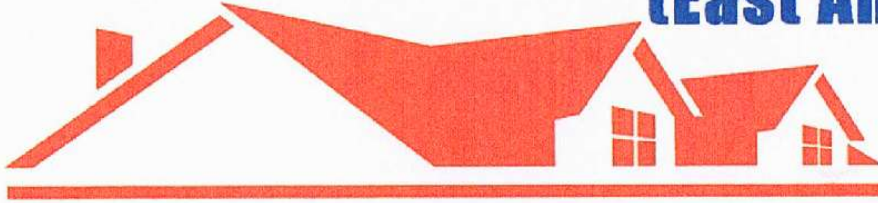
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