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It takes a village...

This email came during the recent problems of getting to Attleborough because of roadworks on the B1077. It is from a group of people living in Fen Street: You may know the saying "it takes a village to raise a child"? Well, we believe "it takes a village to raise concerns affecting the village".

What used to be. Fen Street is a pretty, single track lane teaming with wildlife. The traffic is sporadically light making it the perfect circular village route for pedestrians, cyclists, dog walkers, horse riders and family walks. At the Hargham Road end it is more densely residential with a 30mph limit whilst at the Puddledock End it is more sparsely residential with

an unrestricted speed limit.

Current chaos. However, with the current chaos of road closures and inappropriate diversions in the village, can you even recognise the above description? We are sure that, by now, you have also suffered the inconvenience and frustration of trying to get from one end of Fen Street to the other either on foot or in your car.

Negative impact. The negative impact in terms of traffic, environmental destruction and village cohesiveness has been shocking. There have been queues, frayed tempers and cross words. There has been obliteration of verges, trespassing in driveways, accidents and damage to cars. Worse, the emergency services

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have been severely restricted in getting to their destinations. *It's not your fault.* The "Road Closed" signage from Attleborough has been inadequate with no indication that the Hargham Road is the alternative route. Keir Highways have somehow managed to divert all forms of traffic off a two-lane B-road onto a single-track unclassified road with no passing places!

Effect on the village. It is obvious to all of us villagers that Fen Street is the width of one car; it is completely unsuitable for two-way traffic; it is completely unsuitable for HGVs; it has blind bends making it dangerous; it has an



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**Our next meeting is on
Thursday 27th February at 7.30pm
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**Our Speaker will be Tony Perkins, a
local Butcher, who will be talking
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At each meeting we have refreshments with home-made cakes/biscuits, a raffle, and competitions. We also have a Book Group, Gardening Group, and Scrabble Meetings and a local Walk which is held most months.

We are a friendly group of women of all ages and welcome new members and visitors to come and see us. For more information please contact:

Betty Stacey on 01953 454790

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inappropriate speed limit enabling new or inconsiderate drivers to travel too fast for the conditions; it is structurally inadequate for any vehicle over 7.5 tonnes. Villagers know that Fen Street can never be deemed an appropriate diversion



route.

Keeping the village a village. Many of us believe that we need to keep the country lanes in the village pedestrian-friendly. That we need to keep verges for wildlife and pedestrians. That we need to have safe routes for our families to walk around and keep healthy. That we need to have places to walk without HGVs and speeding cars. Let's come together as a village to ask the authorities to sit up and take note because "it takes a village to raise concerns affecting the village".



It only takes two minutes. We would like to keep our village safe for families. If you would like to comment that the speed

limit in Fen Street is inappropriate; or that HGVs should take alternative routes; or that Fen Street needs to be kept as a safe walking route; or that Fen Street should not be used as a diversion route (or all the above!), then please spend just two minutes emailing all or any of the following (it is easiest to write one email and copy it to all those listed below!) and let's keep our village a village...together.

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Parish Council –

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More letters and emails

This message came from Old Buckenham Women's Institute:

My name is Sheila Young and I am the Programme Secretary and Vice Chairman of Old Buckenham WI. I hope you are all having a happy and prosperous New Year. We have had a very interesting year in 2024 at our WI with activities, demonstrations, talks, competitions and outings such as a trip to Cambridge Botanical Gardens, singing for wellbeing with an aboriginal lullaby, a



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Some of our members are also involved with village activities and take a very active part in village life. We also support other charities when we can with events such as walks and regular donations. We have over the last year created some new groups with Coffee Mornings, a Gardening Group and Book Club and have an already established Scrabble Group for members and non-members alike.

Our WI is part of the Norfolk Federation of WIs with lots of events taking place last year including gliding days, craft days, trips out, competitions, digital training, 'tubing' and we even had the chance to see Janet

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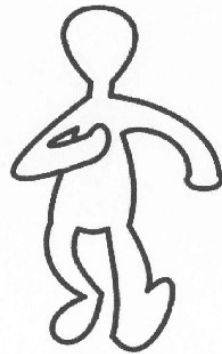
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December when we have our Christmas Lunch. I hope to see you there.

From a grateful Gill Large: I would like to thank Gina and her partner for coming to my aid on a recent Saturday. I fell over near the Post Office. I tripped on a small twig and before I knew it I was on the ground. They helped me up and then drove me home. I am ok now. I was just a bit shaken and have a grazed knee. Thank you both so much for your help.

From Nick Howell: Following on from last month's message from our 1st Old Buckenham Scout Group. We mentioned the Scouts have a chance to secure funding from the Co-Op, but they need our votes. How we can help? Feel free to cast your votes here on <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/93110>

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The cost of these journeys is partly sponsored by both the District Council and the Parish Council meaning that the current cost to the user is reduced. For instance a trip there and back to a Norwich hospital will currently cost the user just under £10.

Any resident who would like to help as a driver should please contact Adrian Joel on 01953 860663. A list of our Community Car Drivers and their phone numbers are given on page 28 of this newsletter.

Youth Club launch

An Old Buckenham Youth Group is due to launch in April so here is a request for both donations and volunteers. With the support of the Parish Council they are in the process of setting up a Youth Group in the village for 10 to 16 year olds which will meet on Friday evenings at 6.30pm during term time. More details will be announced later in the year but what they need before the launch are:

Volunteers – they need people willing to attend the sessions, even if it's only one session a month or a term.

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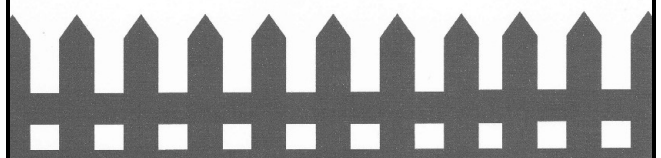
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Soft Phenomena reborn

From Stan Burton: Once upon a time three friends, two from Old Buckenham, the other from East Harling, decided to form a band. They were Jeremy on guitar, Stan on drums and Larry on bass and vocals. After practicing, they first performed in the wooden village hall in Old Buckenham. After a while Jeremy left. Larry and Stan then answered an advert in New Musical Express from a guy seeking fellow musicians for jamming, that is how they met John. They eventually decided to gig on the local pub circuit, so in the late 70s

into the early 80s they played in Norwich, Thetford and Bury St Edmunds. They needed a name for the band, thus Soft Phenomena was born. After a couple of years, they called it a day.

They remained in touch and when lockdown came along due to covid, Larry and John recorded music together via the internet. Once people were able to meet again, they reformed and started rehearsals together.

After doing a couple of private parties, and being joined by Richard on guitar, they decided they had enough material to perform in public again. Their first gig in 44 years is at the Ox and Plough on Sunday 16 February at 3pm playing a mixture of rock and blues. Soft Phenomena are returning to their ancestral home village!

All Saints February services

Sunday 2 February

10am Group service of Holy Communion at St Mary's Banham (no service at Old Buckenham)

Sunday 9 February

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 16 February

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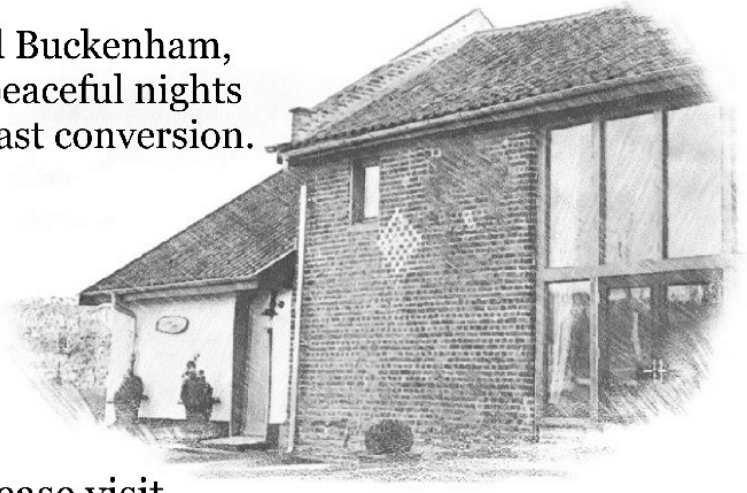
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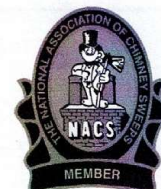
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Parish Council minutes

These notes by the newsletter editor have been written from the draft minutes and so may contain information that is changed at a later date.

Old Buckenham Parish Council met on Thursday 9 January 2025 at Old Buckenham Methodist Church. Present were councillors Doug Irons (Vice Chair), Stan Burton, Lesley Evison, Steve Gowers, David Taylor and Pete Twissell. Apologies for non-attendance had been received from Naomi Bailey and Donna Oakley. Also attending were Rachel Noyes (Clerk) and five members of the public. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 December 2024 were approved (4 in favour, 2 abstain).

Financial matters. Payments for a total of £2776.47 were approved (6 in favour). These included £250 to Donna Oakley (RFO), £153.82 to Rachel Noyes as reimbursement for dog bin costs, £148.80 to Online Playgrounds, £264 to Biltons Limited and Stan Burton as reimbursement for digger hire. Payments to the community car drivers totalled £119.10. VAT reclaim received for 2023/24 financial year was £1474.33. An invoice had recently been received from Breckland that had not been paid last year. This is for the cutting of grass around St

Andrews Close and emptying of dog bin on Harlingwood Lane. A proposal to pay from the remaining balance held by Breckland was approved (6 in favour).

Green Budget. This has been kept the same at £2000 on the draft Precept. Lesley Evison enquired whether we would need more for the maintenance for Prince Harry's Wood in addition to the Green. Doug Irons explained that once Terms of Reference are completed, then full budget can be planned for the Green. If there is no evidence to need to increase the budget, then we can't really change it for now. Will review spending at the end of the year.

Precept. The key points included the suggestion as whether the Training budget suggested to be halved to £500. Councillors felt it should stay at £1000 as new Clerk will need training and several councillors need to update their training. There was a query over what the Footpath allocation is for. Would mean a reduction in Precept by £1,067. Proposals to agree the spending breakdown and the draft Precept were approved (6 in favour).

Councillors' reports. Lesley Evison hasn't managed to get to the allotment or look at feasibility. Some allotment holders are not happy as there is poor quality land,

OLD BUCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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break-ins and wildlife damaging crops. She will liaise with Donna Oakley to analyse spending and whether they are economically viable. Rachel Noyes to investigate original agreement with landowner. There will be a Green Working Committee meeting on Monday 13 January.

Stan Burton reported that the Christmas tree was down and he will collect the lights. Hasn't had a chance to trim hedging from around 40mph sign but will do so as soon as possible, weather permitting and when safe to do so on the road.

Steve Gowers had had a meeting with Highways Engineer about speeding on Cake Street. Very positive and looking at possible solutions. It could be very expensive to change speed limits. Engineer will come back with some options in the Spring. Meanwhile he will look at funding and gather opinions from Cake Street residents opinions. Looking at new locations to place the mobile SAM sign.

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Currently have three so this would allow a collection of data to then argue the need for Speedwatch to be able to use those locations. Would require purchasing new bracket to attach SAM sign to poles, which would be approximately £50 and he will collect quotes for purchase. Steve Gowers has got repair kit for hole by playground. Waiting for dry weather to complete repair. He has consulted with the company that provided the repair kit for advice about playground surfaces and they are going to suggest improvements and quotations. There may also be funding available. Will complete research and keep the Council updated. Rachel Noyes had received thanks from all the village groups that applied for Precept grants. The dog bin for the Recreation Ground purchased and she will arrange installation this month. Has spoken to the Bank about new account. The mandate that was signed after last meeting and posted has not been received. They believe it has been lost in the post. They will resend us another mandate. She will collect signatures as soon as possible and can take to branch to avoid same issue again. This will be the third copy they have sent out as first copy was never received as also lost in the post. The advertisement for a new Clerk was

put up in December. Have completed interviews and looking at possible option of Rachel Noyes staying for a short while as a mentor to help in transition of workload and information.

Doug Irons had been approached by parishioner about the area of land off Sunnyside Track that has an area of parking for two cars, which some residents believe they own. However the Parish Council believe it is still part of the Green. Stan Burton explained that the Government website says that a claim of ownership for parking cannot be made on town and village Greens. Posts have currently been placed around it by residents. However they would need to be removed from around it and placed adjacent to the track.

Thanks to Steve Gowers, Steve Askew and Highways for the installation of handrails on steps opposite Stud. However the Parish Council were led to believe that the steps themselves need changing due to differing heights so Steve Gowers is to contact Highways for clarification.

Planning applications received before the meeting. (All planning applications are available for viewing on the Breckland District Council planning portal – www.breckland.gov.uk/article/2933/Search-Planning-Applications. <https://publicportal.breckland.gov>.

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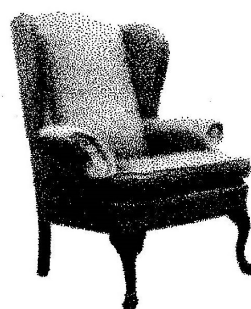
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Parish Councillors have been asked by the chairman to view the new applications in advance of the meeting)

New planning applications. Three Ways, Cake Street. A proposal for single storey front, side and rear extensions, increase in roof height to create a first floor and new double garage to the front of the dwelling (PL/2024/0776/HOU). Cannot identify any areas to object to. A resident raised the issue of whether a car can turn around and exit the property on a dangerous bend. No objections from Highways. A proposal to support was approved (6 in favour). Caldcleugh, Cake Street. Proposed two storey side extension (PL/2024/0781/HOU). No areas for objection and proposal to support was approved (6 in favour).

Posts on the Green. Residents on the top of Sunnyside Track have paid for posts to be installed to prevent parking on the Green. Reg's Way (track from Abbey Road that is perpendicular to Sunnyside track) has become very busy with parking and is causing severe erosion of the Green. Resident has collected quotes for placing posts along both sides of Reg's Way and bottom of Sunnyside Track in one order, but would be paid separately. Permission has been

received from Highways and consulted about requirements and specifications. The Parish Council would pay for those for Reg's Way, residents for those at the bottom of Sunnyside Track. Resident explained that they would still need to allow a certain amount of traffic to pass through, otherwise it will push the problem elsewhere. Best quote is for £1,920.96. Doug Irons highlighted that all posts will need to have two reflectors per post. The quotes received for posts are 100mm instead of 150mm (size of those already installed). Current posts are also taller than the ones proposed (due to ground conditions). Current ones can be shortened if needs be. A proposal to agree the potential purchase, provided the Green Working Committee approve the installation and location, was approved (6 in favour).

The traffic and parking has been monitored in depth. Teachers parking out on Abbey Road and the Green has reduced as they have given an area of land. This is now boggy with wet weather but it will be tarmacked in the summer. This still might not be enough space. Councillors felt that the High School need extra pressure to provide enough spaces for all the staff. Steve Gowers highlighted that it is the school that needs to make

more effort to manage the parking/turning of cars.

Documents for approval. (i) OBPC complaints procedure Rev A, (ii) OBPC Grievance Policy rev A, (iii) OBPC Disciplinary Policy rev A, (iv) OBPC Antibullying & Harassment-policy-rev A and (v) OBPC Antibullying & Harassment-Practical Guide notes-rev A. Proposal to approve all above documents was approved (6 in favour). Doug Irons had also sent out an answer to the Freedom of Information Request for councillors to read. All Councillors were happy for the reply to be sent with no changes suggested.

Annual Parish Meeting date. The proposed date was Saturday 7 June starting at 10.30am.

CPR and defibrillator training. Approximately thirty people have shown interest so far. The charity that runs the sessions can do a maximum of twenty people per session so would require two separate sessions. Steve Gowers to organise a date and arrange bookings. Anyone still wanting to express interest to contact him.

Lease Agreement for the Green. Documents for revised versions of the Lease Agreements were sent out. No changes suggested by councillors. A proposal to agree the revised Lease Agreements for the Green was approved (6 in favour). Doug Irons to liaise with David

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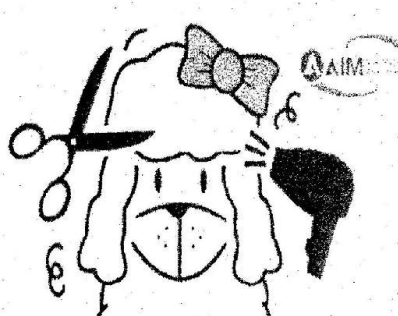
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Tranmer to complete applications for Two Wheel Tuesday and benches. Concern was raised about the fact that repairs have not been made to the Green, despite reminders and attempted help from Pete Twissell. Invoices for TWT events, benches and additional events in 2024 were sent out at the end of November and should have been paid within 14 days but have still not been paid. The Clerk to contact David Tranmer to remind about the overdue payments and repairing of the Green.

Electricity payment for Christmas Tree lights. Cost for electricity measured and calculated at £38.49. Proposal to approve payment was approved (6 in favour) and an additional cheque approved for payment of £38.49. Thanks to Harrow and Ferne for providing the electricity for the tree and helping with the organisation of the switch on.

Pipe for West View Farm. At the last meeting, Doug Irons and Stan Burton agreed to investigate where the pipe goes from concrete slab outside West View Farm. Have now got a working endoscope so will complete investigation this month. Resident explained that an engineer from lead Local Flood Authority has stated that if there is proof that the pipe goes in to a (now filled in) ditch outside West



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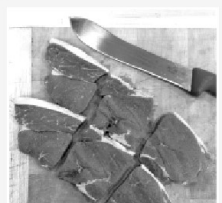
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View Farm, then it may need to have ditch reinstated.

Public participation. A resident questioned the rules around taking a picture of a lorry and its driver, as there are frequently lorries on Hargham Road that exceed weight limit. Clerk to research the rules. Thanks were also given to Stan Burton for all his work on the Ottomer pond and the overflow pipe.

Items for next agenda. These would include the site of a possible future graveyard.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 6 February at Old Buckenham Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Look out, toads crossing

From Alison Hannah: You may remember reading in this magazine last year that I registered the main road across the village Green, and the access road to the Ox and Plough, as 'Toad Crossing points' with the organization 'Froglife' (see www.froglife.org for more information – registered site 1099). Although we haven't been able to set up a 'crossing patrol' group this year (anyone keen to do so for next year – please do get in touch with me. I wanted to remind everyone that it is 'that time of year' and the toads, frogs and newts will be making their annual journey to their ponds sometime this month. After a few 'warmer' (above about 5

degrees) nights, if the weather is wet, they will emerge from their winter homes and head to their breeding sites – particularly Ottomer pond – in very large numbers. This migration may take place in 'waves' so they might not all travel on the same one or two nights, but in batches over two or three weeks. If you're out in the evening you may see them, please be aware of them when driving and walking! If you decide to try and see any safely across the road, carefully placing them a short distance away from the road on the pond side is good enough, they'll carry on their journey from there. But as we are not an organised group and no risk assessment or training has been completed, you will be doing this 'at your own risk'. Don't do anything that might put you or others in any danger. (Reading the information on the Froglife website, it's clear that gloves, torch, bucket and hi-viz jackets along with an organised group, are the way to go). On behalf of the toads – thank you for reading.

Free CPR training

A reminder that Old Buckenham Parish Council will be offering free CPR and defibrillator training to any Old Buckenham resident who would like it. Whether it is refresher

training or full training, the session will last about one hour. Not a lot to give considering you may just save a life. The training sessions will take place probably on a Saturday morning. The venue is still to be confirmed.

Training will be carried out by Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (NARS) which is a charitable organisation. The Parish Council are planning for early 2025 but need some idea of numbers of people interested. If you would be interested in the training, please contact Steve Gowers at pc99gowers@gmail.com or one of your parish councillors

Village Hall needs you

Old Buckenham Village Hall has its AGM on Wednesday 2 April. The present committee would like to invite you to attend. They will have three vacancies to fill to ensure that the thriving committee can carry on its good work into the future.

If you would like to talk to a committee member or ask questions about what membership involves please email the secretary with your phone number and you will be called back. Email your questions to maylodge7a@gmail.com
Thank you.

Our cover picture

Thanks go to Adrian Pett for giving the editor a choice of several bird photos taken in his back garden so he could pick one to put on the front of this newsletter.

New play here in March

fEast Theatre are putting on their new production called 'Tales from the Motherland' in our Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 7 March. Tickets will be £10 and more details to follow.

Talking about art...

Diss Art Society are a friendly and welcoming society that meets at the Corn Hall, Diss at 2pm on the third Tuesday of the month to enjoy a wide range of illustrated talks about the arts, given by highly qualified speakers. Here are some of their future programmes if you would like to go along to their meetings.

Thursday 18 February: The Ashcan Painters: The Eight: early 20th century founders of New York Realism.

Thursday 18 March: Studio Pottery: A Concise History. The Curator of the Fitzwilliam Museum explores handmade pottery in Britain from the late 19th century to the present day.

Thursday 15 April: The Women who Made Modernism: Paula

Modersohn-Becker, Kåthe Kollwitz, Gabriele Münter, and Marianne von Werefkin: pioneers of German avant-garde.

Thursday 20 May: Textile Visionaries of Modern Art. The Textile Revolution and post war female designers.

Thursday 17 June: The Golden Age of Danish Painting: Landscape art showing changing Danish society between 1800 and 1850.

The suggested donation for guests is £8 and new members and guests are always welcome. For more information go to <https://artsocdiss.org.uk> or email info@artsocdiss.org.uk

New Buckenham paintings

If you are considering putting any of your artwork in the NewBuckenham Art Exhibition the entries have to be in by Monday 17 February along with your entry fee. Exhibits have to be delivered by 11.30am on Friday 18 April at the latest and any unsold ones picked up late in the afternoon on Monday 21 April. For further details you can contact Juliet Fulford by ringing 01953 861150 or emailing her at newbucksart@gmail.com

Chatting with Red Van Man

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Resist temptation

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

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 way.**

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 come to the Village Hall and
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Stop press

As this newsletter goes off to
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Diary dates for February

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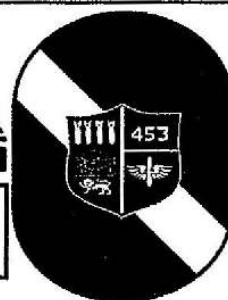
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Thursday 6	Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Friday 7	Mobile Library throughout village from 10am
Wednesday 12	Luncheon Club, Village Hall, 10am to 1.30pm
Sunday 16	Soft Phenomena at Ox and Plough, 3pm
Monday 17	Monday Mardle, Methodist Church, 2pm for 2.15pm
Thursday 20	Copy date for March newsletter
Thursday 27	Women's Institute, Village Hall. 7.30pm

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 Memorial Room every Wednesday from 9.30pm to 11am.



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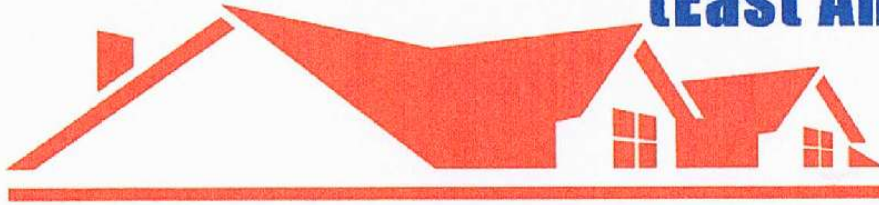
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