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Also Maureen Bunn and Karen Butters would like to celebrate meeting as two of the first pupils at the newly opened Area School (now High School) just over sixty years ago. And they still regularly meet and enjoy meals together.

#### Allocation of Benefits 2025

Every October, the Trustees of the Old Buckenham United Eleemosynary Charity invite residents of Old Buckenham to apply for an annual grant of benefit. Grants are available to help with needs experienced by village residents, such as electricity and heating bills as well as various other needs. There could be a long-term situation that requires extra funds, or perhaps a more temporary problem has occurred only recently.

As will be understood, the Trustees have a duty to ensure that the annual distribution of monies reflects the aim of the Charity to support the most deserving in our village. The Trustees will review all requests received and will take

into consideration benefits currently received by applicants, as described on the application form. It is important that the application forms are completed fully so as to give the Trustees a true indication of the applicant's situation. It is stressed that forms which do not give sufficient detail will not be considered. There is no age restriction. Application forms will be available in All Saints Church from the beginning of October. Fully completed forms should be returned to Mrs Sallnow, Arianne, Attleborough Road, Old Buckenham, NR17 1RF. All previous beneficiaries should complete a new application form should they wish to apply again, and the forms will be considered by the Trustees at their annual

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You can also keep up with the latest village news and see photos of the latest activities by going to http://oldbuckenham.blogspot.com

November meeting. Last date for applications to be with Mrs Sallnow is Thursday 30 October.

#### Not to be missed

Katie-Anne Whiting is back at our Village Hall with her latest production called LoreFolk. It is a celebration of local folklore, with a difference. She interviewed lots of local people at Norwich Book fair last year, alongside Norwich Theatre and collected their stories verbatim. She will be retelling them exactly as they were said at the time, with inventive shadow play and an original score. You've probably heard of Black Shuck, but who were the Hibbilybibs of Sheringham (she found out that Sheringham fisherman actually had their own language, somewhat of a backslang, and did Norfolk people ever actually have webbed toes?! ....a young lad gave her his take on the famous myth! So come along on Friday 10 October and see and hear for yourself. It's 7pm for 7.30 and for the usual £10 you are able to get tickets either through Ticketsource online or by contacting events.obvh@gmail.com or bookings.obvh@gmail.com.



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The morning car boot sale was a hit before the matter of judging got underway. The hot, dry weather impacted on the fruit and vegetable section, although there were some standout onions and leeks. Preserves and cookery



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proved popular, and we were very impressed by the quality of fruited spirits. Photography and handicrafts were well represented with some beautiful compositions for the 'View through a door/window' photograph and lovely creations in the hand knitted and Christmas decoration classes.

John Frost once again claimed Best in Show. Steve Askew and Betty Stacey also did very well. A big shoutout to entrants in the children's section which had lots of entries for Lego, decorated biscuits, a piece of writing, collages, a face made out of fruit and/or vegetables, and floral arrangement.

My co-organiser, Hayley Wright, and myself feel it is time to step back from the Show. We have organised this wonderful event for the past three years but work and family commitments are making it difficult to dedicate the time needed for the Show. We want to thank all those who have supported us over the years and welcome any interested parties to take over the organisation of the Show. We are happy to pass on information, details and advice if desired. Please contact us at

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The CIC made a small profit from the Show over the past few years which we will be donating to the Parish Council for redistribution.

#### Services for October:

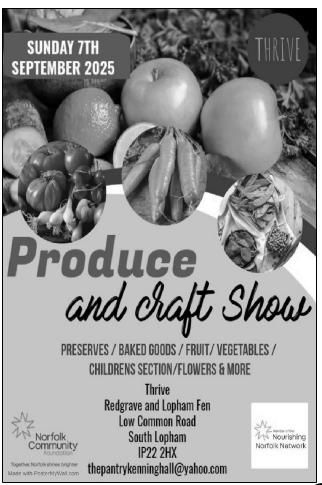
Sunday 5 October 9.30am Holy Communion Tuesday 7 October 10am Holy Communion followed by coffee and chat Sunday 12 October 9.30am Holy Communion Wednesday 15 October 7.30pm A time for quiet reflection, led by a lay member of All Saints Church Sunday 19 October 9.30am Morning Prayer Sunday 26 October 9.30am Holy Communion Everyone is welcome to come along to any of our services. If you would like more details please visit the website "A Church Near You" and search for Old Buckenham.

#### Become a trustee

The Robert Cocks Old Buckenham almshouses have a vacancy on their board of trustees. Have you thought about how you might be able to make a meaningful impact in your community? Do you have a desire to support a long-standing local charity charitable dedicated to the well-being of local residents? The Robert Cocks Almshouses









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experience in governance and charitable leadership, or would like further information about this volunteer role, please contact us at *lesley.gowers@rcah.org.uk* or call 01953 860457.

## Bingo again this month

The next Church prize and cash Bingo at the Village Hall on Saturday 18 October starting promptly at 2pm. Refreshments available. All very welcome as are donations of prizes to Alison Frank at The Old School House on the Green. They could also do with an extra bingo caller for future sessions if anyone could help with this - information to Alison please.

#### Have some festive fun

The annual Festive Fair is on Saturday 6 December from 2pm till 4pm in the Village Hall in aid of All Saints Church and also to bring villagers and friends together. They have many people signed up but if you would like a table please contact Alison on 01953 860692 or andrew.frank@btinternet.

## September Parish Council

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

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The Old Buckenham Parish Council met on Thursday 4 September in Old Buckenham Village Hall. Those present were Councillors Naomi Bailey (Chair), Doug Irons (Vice Chair), Stan Burton, Lesley Evison, Steve Gowers and Pete Twissell. David Taylor was unable to attend this meeting. Those attending were Megan Elvin (Clerk) and District and County Councillor Steve Askew. Also present were seven members of the public. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 August were approved (5 in favour 1 abstained).

Public participation. An observation from a parishioner said that the majority of the parishioners have lost confidence in the Parish Council. Suggested they took three items on the agenda, completed those items and publicise them to the public to show that work is

being done. Due to the issues with Ionn Hicks the council are still waiting for their books for 2023/24 to be audited. There is a big fine that is coming the council's way that will have to be taken into consideration before making large expenses. *Financial matters.* Financial matters and any financial payments are being suspended for the time being. The councillors received the bank reconciliation on the day of the meeting, not giving them time to review the information received. The financial risk assessment was not approved by the RFO and which needed to be completed and the Financial Regulations policy was not amended by the councillor dealing with the new bank account. The Council therefore cannot in good practice sign off on any payments without having time to confirm the information is

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correct. Then an extraordinary meeting will be called to approve the financial matters/payments.

Councillors' reports. Steve Askew said he had positive news regarding the 30mph limit on Fen Street. It is now looking like this can be done but funding needs to be identified and secured before this change can take place. Once this has been found it can take nine months to a year before this will take place. Reminder that any nonprofit organisation can apply for the environmental initiative grant. Friday 12 September was the closing date. Norfolk Warm Homes Grants is open for anyone who meets criteria to have help towards housing insulation.

Doug Irons was waiting for the Green Working Committee's 3-year plan. Their next GWC meeting is on Monday 29 September and more clarification on finances is needed. Steve Gowers has been

putting the statistics together for Community Speed Watch. Has asked Norfolk Community Speed Watch for another two sites on Attleborough Road and Hargham Road. More volunteers are required so will advertise via social media and the village newsletter. Naomi Bailey said that a bush that needed to be trimmed at the Almshouses was reported at the last meeting and was cut back the next day. There was no update from the airfield for a meeting regarding the air show traffic management. On Tuesday 2 September she had attended Norwich Crown Court for the sentencing of Jonn Hicks. He was sentenced for 12 months imprisonment suspended for 18 months. No costs were awarded to the Parish Council as they have had the money back. He has been subjected to an RAR order of 10 days over the next 12 months. He

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had pleaded guilty. She had sent a copy of the letter received to the auditors so that fine is no longer increasing but do not know how much the fine is going to be. They have proceeded with a Proceed of Crime Act; there are several dates down of several smaller hearings in regard to the money being stolen. Megan Elvin said a mobile phone number (07468 647062) has been set up for the Clerk. The number will be turned on between 7.30am and 9am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. If she is unable to answer the phone, you can leave a voicemail and she will get back to you. Most likely it will be the next day, not the same day. You can also send a text or a WhatsApp message. The 40mph speed limit sign on New Buckenham Road before Doe Lane as you are coming into Old Buckenham is being blocked by hedgerow. Highways advised that this is the landowner's

responsibility to cut back. Now that nesting season is over, she will find out who the landowner is and get in contact with them. She had also spoken to Highways regarding the salt boxes at the village hall. These are privately owned so not on Highways list to refill them. They can be moved as long as they are not an obstruction but the council would be required to keep them filled. She will look into the cost of getting these filled by NCC. The council have received a report from NCC regarding the beech tree at the top of St Andrews Close which requires felling. Three quotes have been received to get this done, the cheapest being from Emerald Trees who have quoted £460 for the felling of the tree and clearing the wood. A vote to use Emerald Trees was approved (6 in favour). **Planning applications** (All planning applications are available for viewing on the Breckland District Council planning portal www.breckland.gov.uk/article/293 3/Search-Planning-Applications -Parish Councillors have been asked by the chairman to view the new applications in advance of the meeting)

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Old Buckenham Heritage
Group. Other villages have a
heritage group and this will be
something that would be good for
Old Buckenham to take up. The
Parish Council would not be able
to run it but will look to help for
volunteers. Posts to be put on
social media to request volunteers
and someone to head the group.
Benches on the Green. The Parish

Council have received a request for those benches that are currently on the Green to be discussed and if a policy is required. The only benches on the Green that require an application form are the benches currently outside the Ox & Plough. The benches outside the shop were agreed before The Green Rights Deeds took place. Cannot override this decision and ask for payment and own insurance from the shop to be secured. The benches outside the Gamekeeper pub are not on the Green. The benches inside the play area are on Parish Council owned property and do not require any form of policy. The memorial benches have a separate agreement which is signed by the family member that wishes to have the memorial bench. The family members pay for the bench; the Parish Council maintain them. The family is also entitled to maintain the bench themselves should they wish. It costs £65 a year for the benches outside the Ox & Plough. This is to ensure that insurance is covered for the benches and that is covered by the owner of the business, not the Parish Council. The benches also take up more surface area of the Green. The money goes into the Green Working Committee funds. The iron memorial bench on the

# OLD BUCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Green is now stable where it is. *Allotments.* Lesley Iveson has not been able to get down to the allotments to provide an update. The Clerk said that the allotment holders have asked if a skip is going to be provided before they are required to vacate the allotments by the end of October. Lesley Iveson is to get three quotes for the cost of skips.

Parking (ongoing). The car park is complete at the High School and the staff are using it. There were still a lot of cars parked down on Abbey Road but everything seemed to be flowing rather well. There were not a lot of cars parked down by the play area in the afternoon. There were not any cars parked on the Green. Will keep this ongoing? The permit system is still ongoing for the Village Hall car park.

Ottomer Pond (ongoing). Stan Burton said the weather has held up getting the work for the pond started. Will now have to wait for the end of the month. Steve Gowers has received three quotes for work to sort out the drainage of the pond on Sunnyside. Proposed to go with quote from Paul Garwood Building and Paving for total cost of £1850. This was approved (6 in favour).

Solar Farm. The Parish Council had received a charter to sign in regards to receiving the money. They were not impressed with the wording of the deed. They need to send a proposal back to the Solar Farm company with amendments that we want included to the charter. It is not able to sign the charter at this time. The current agreement places personal liability on councillors and they believe the risks should be more equitably distributed between all parties. The Parish Council are willing to continue negotiations to achieve a more balanced and mutually acceptable agreement. Defibrillator update. The Church have now confirmed that they will not house the defibrillator on the Church Rooms. Their reasoning is the same as it was when originally approached a few years ago. To go ahead the defibrillator is to be installed with the insulation on the Green outside the Old Butchers House. Doug Irons and the Clerk to arrange a date for this to be installed. This was approved (6 in

favour).

**Drainage on Hargham Road.** Two quotes for the drainage were obtained, unable to get a third quote. It was approved to go with the quote for £1536 (6 in favour). Trees and greenery obstructing *road signs.* Steve Gower to provide a list and evidence of the signs that are obstructed and this will be available at the next meeting. Community Car co-ordinator. The current co-ordinator is moving out of the village and will no longer be able to take on the role. There is a need to elect a new co-ordinator and the position will need to be taken over by October 2025. The Council would like to thank Adrian Joel for his long-standing years of being the co-ordinator for this role. The main role has been maintaining the list of drivers and ensuring that they have the necessary paperwork when they sign up. The individual drivers take the calls from those that require a community car. At present only four drivers go out further afield and one driver only does local journeys. Will need to ask for a volunteer for this to be taken on, a question to be asked to the current drivers. Should they not wish to take on the role, it will put it out on social media, newsletter, etc, and will have a full job description for the co-ordinator.

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*Remembrance parade.* A poppy wreath price list has been received from the Royal British Legion. The Parish council have purchased them in the past but Stan Burton has the ones from last year and he will get these cleaned up. Should any wreaths need replacing, approval in principal was agreed to purchase these (6 in favour), The Clerk has the form to request the road closure between Crown Road and Green Lane for the memorial service. Legally we are allowed to block the road for 15 minutes ourselves and this is what was done last year. Councillors themselves stood at the road junctions to block people from driving through the parade. Will do this option again this year and Pete Twissell will ask the Village Hall to lend use the barriers again. It was pointed out to Stan Burton by a couple of the parishioners that last year's event was run completely by the vicar. It should not be solely run by the vicar and Stan Burton volunteered to liaise with the vicar to take on part of the service. Lesley Evison volunteered to read the names of the memorial.

Newsletter paper. More paper is required for printing the village newsletter for the next twelve months. Twenty-five five ream boxes are required of A4 90gsm

paper. Three quotes were obtained and the cheapest one was from Amazon. Proposal to buy from Amazon was agreed (6 in favour). Public participation. One resident thanked the Chairman for attending the court case regarding Jonn Hicks. He had also been trying to contact the solar farm directly for an update on the solar farm for the newsletter but they have not been forthcoming. Regarding people not knowing the information regarding the council, he felt that it is available to read in the newsletter and social media. The public just have to really read it.

Next agenda. These subjects are expected to be included on the agenda for the next meeting on Thursday 2 October: OB Heritage Group, allotments, drainage on Hargham Road, trees and greenery obstructing road signs, Remembrance Parade arrangements, Green Working Committee update, Prince Harry's Wood, Solar Farm progress, OB Air Show traffic management and 7.5t lorries on Hargham Road. The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 2 October starting at 7.30pm in Old Buckenham Village Hall.

## News from the Village Hall

The Village Hall Management Committee met on Wednesday 3 September. Those present were Chair Gina Stanfield, Treasurer Graham Dye, Hall Manager and Booking Clerk Stacey Reed, Jay Lucas, Alison Frank, Teresa Kemp, Jenny Devaux, Terry Cook and Eileen Oliver.

The meeting opened following the Hall check by the committee members. Apologies had been received from Ian Coyle, Tracey Hayden, Chris Dalton and Pete Twissell. The minutes of last meeting were agreed by all present. New water filters have been fitted and a new fireproof box has been purchased and is now in use. Investigations on the feasibility of having a Village Hall mobile phone have concluded that the cheapest contract available is currently £6 per month. The Committee agreed that this is the cheapest option because 'pay as you go' is no longer available. The Hall Manager will purchase a phone on behalf of the Hall and has agreed to be the keeper. The Village Hall Contacts List is to be updated with the new mobile phone number once it has been purchased and also the 'What Three Words' location of the main entrance door. These details will also be added to the Facebook

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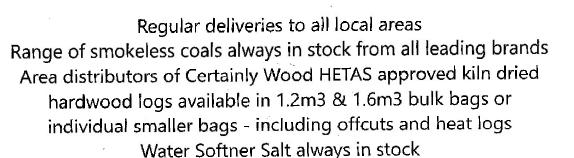


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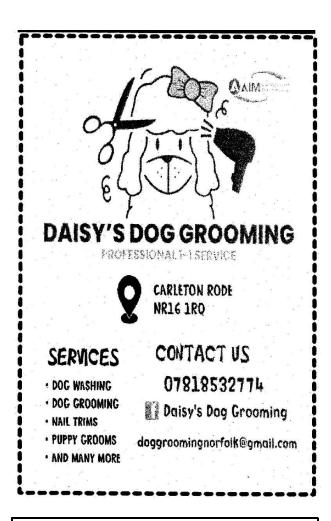


page. The Chair reported that there are no further updates on the vandalism issue and it is unlikely that any further action will be taken at this time. Prior to the committee meeting a walk around the hall building took place and a list of areas of concern has been collated. These will be passed to the Hall Manager and the Secretary for actioning or monitoring.

The Treasurer said that the music licence (PRS) has been renewed for another year - £244. The Information Commissioner Officer Licence has been renewed for another year - £52.

The five-year electrical safety test is now due. Village Electricals are likely to do this as before but they cannot reach the higher lights without a scaffold tower. They will make a start on the checks and ask for assistance if and when needed. The Solicitors, Birketts, have started work on the CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) status changeover. The Clerk reported that there have been guite a few enquiries and bookings for private parties. A local florist has enquired about hiring the hall for a wreath making workshop. The Committee agreed it would be a welcome event for the hall.

A Community Policing Team have also enquired about booking the



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Hall to use.

The Boiler Service will be done in mid-September. Tuesday Tales have agreed to move into the Main Hall to enable the new baby group to use the Memorial Hall. The Committee agreed that they should not be charged the extra hire cost because they are moving at our request. A half-drunk glass bottle of alcohol was found in the toilets of the Memorial Hall. The hirers of the hall to be notified and reminded to clear up after themselves. Several window latches have broken in the Office. the Main Hall and the Memorial Hall, which have been added to the list of actions.

The revised Child and Vulnerable Adult Policy has been completed. It is now due for review. Terry Cook and Ian Coyle should replace Jane Kelly and Richard Crawley as Safeguarding Officers on the paperwork displayed but apart from that there are only minor legislative and technical changes needed. The revised Health and Safety Policy has been adopted from the beginning of September. This is to be given to Ian Coyle (Secretary). There should be three copies of it on display in the Hall. One in each Hall and one on the board in the main entrance. A list of all legal documents needs to be created so they can be easily checked and reviewed at the

appropriate time/date. Tickets sales are currently very low for the forthcoming Clairvoyant Evening. The situation will be reviewed in a few days and a decision will then be taken as to whether it is postponed or cancelled. Ticket sales are also low for The Writing on the Wall autumn production, LoreFolk. Still waiting for the Ornithology evening event on Friday 7 November to be confirmed by the organisation. The people who put forward the suggestion of Tea Dances in the Hall have advised that Sunday afternoons are the best times to hold them. The DI hire is £60 and attendees bring their own refreshments. They suggested the East Anglian Dance Diary website may have more useful information if we wish to pursue this idea. Need to chase a reply from the Slimming World representative about them possibly holding meetings in the Hall.

The question of hirers being able to use the Hall internet was raised. It was confirmed the password can be found on the back of the router in the office. However, will check the current contract to see if allowing hirers free access to the WiFi will have a monetary or a detrimental effect on the current contract allowances. A local



person has put forward the option of holding a Ceilidh in the Hall. The band, including the caller, will charge £650 for three hours, which the Committee agreed was too expensive.

The next meeting was due on Wednesday 1 October at 7.30pm. However, with three people already unable to attend it may be postponed until Wednesday 8 October. A decision will be taken nearer the time.

## It's busy at the Village Hall

There's Beavers and Scouts, Zumba and Yoga, Tuesday Tales and Tots Time, Explorer Scouts and the Shelf pop up shop. Then there is Cubs and Luncheon Club, Women's Institute and Pilates. Not forgetting the Old Buckenham Players, the Parish Council, Social Circle, Fawns, more Zumba and Wargamers.

Additional events in October are the LoreFolk production on Friday 10 October and Church Bingo on Saturday 18 October.

Then in November there is First Aid, more Church Bingo and also Kismet Sound Bath. What a lot to enjoy.

### Have we an archivist?

The Parish Council is considering setting up an Old Buckenham Heritage Group. If you are interested in being part of this group please pass your details on to the parish clerk. Thank you.

Talking with Red Van Man How be yew ar duen Old Man? Not tew bard I sa tew Red Van Man. I fink sumar hev cum tew arn end. We hed sum rite hot days, tha recon tharts tha hot est tharts evar bin, I spec tha experts wil blam thar orn thar global warming, but as yew ofen sa this ole Erf hev bin giten warmar since tha Ice Age, thart be rite, but I carnt remember thart, corse not Red Van Man, yew be arpochin eightie, not ar few milun yers ole. Howe evar since thart tha rain hev bin duen ar rite good jorb, tha ole Farmars wus evar so pleas it cum art lars. Thar het tew harvest sum cropes rite erlie, tha sa thart tha volum orf wot tha gort wus ar lort les tharn las ver. I mus sa tha Green hev cum tew life, it star ted tew look ar bit jadard in places. Torkin orf tha Green, tha wefar hev bin gode fore Two Whel Tuesda, ar lort betar tharn las yer. We be rite luckie Ole Man we gort thre rite gode events in OB, tha Air Field, tha Cuntri Parc arn Two Whel Tuesda, tha ent mene villages carn bost thart.

I her orn tha grep vin thart yew wen tew New Buckenham Vilage Fete. Tharts rite Red Van Man arn ar rite gode artar noon it wus tew. It bort soe mene memoris bac tew tha village fetes thar ust tew put orn in thar vilagel live in wen I wus ar boye. Bolin fore tha pig, fishen fore tha Gol Fish, we ust tew hev them har in OB mos orf tha Gol Fish endid up in tha pond nere tha Game Kepar. I carn remembur bolin fore tha pig low. We, Red Van Man, at ar fetes orl thos yers ar go, tha locarl Farmar wode do nat tha pig arn if yew wus luckie enuf tew win it, he wode kepe it till Chrismarse, slortar it arn cut it up intar joints soe yew hed mete fore yar farmilie arn frens ovar tha holidas. Cors mete wus rashin in thos far orf days, soe winin tha pig art tha fete ment ar lort.

Wos thar menie pepal art tha NB fete? Thart thar wus, thar Paris Council organise it, yew dint het tew pay tew git in, thar wus ar rite gode turn out. Tha gode fing wus thar be quite ar numbar orf teen ages who semed tew be enjoyin them selves. Thart be rite nice if we cood do tha sam fing hare in OB. I spose soe sa Red Van Man, tha problem is getin pepal intar restard.

Torkin orf pepal bein intar restard, hev Ole Bilie cort up wit yew, carnt sa I"v sine him fore ar cupal orf weeks or soe.

Cor blas Ole Man he gort him

self in ar rite old tifar. Wots he orn ar bote now? It be them thar imergents. If ar Guvarmen carn stop em cumin, wots Bilie finks his ar go en tew due.

His rite seriose yew nowe, his jus ovar eightie, arn tufer weke he biked tew Diss. Tew ar lort orf pepal who wus ar protestin out side this har Hotal thart wus ar housin sum orf them than imergents. He mus be bloodie mad at his age, may be, but he luve ar ole Cuntrie, arn he recorn we carnt tak any more, we ar ova populatard orlredy. He sa were bein told ar lort orf lies, bie thos in charge. He recon tha sa tha ar takern em out orf tha Hotals ware be tha puten em? He finks it is in Councal housars, tha ar youngstars cood buy or liv in. He recorn Sufoke Councal ar buyin new "Affordable Housing" tew arcomardet them thar pepal tha be ar takin out orf them thar Hotals, thart carnt be rite ken it. He orl soe sa he carnt work out thart thar argremen wit tha French, "One in one out" he sa thart dunt make sence. Since this wus argeed sum 3,500 orf them thar imergents hev cum in wit out wun one goin out. He orl soe recon since 2018 ore soe mor than 200,000 hev cum tew ar Cuntrie. Tha tefer fing he finks is

ar lod orf ole squit, is this har legal

procesin. He sa orf orl thos gorn frew tha Corts, 98% hev bin givarn ar legal rite tew sta. Wares he gitin orl this informashun Red Van Man? I dunt nowe unles he reads tha Daylie Male. Eny howe nuff orf orl thart.

Yew nowe we wus ar torkin tufer nite ar bote wil life thart be cum ar fret tew ar Cuntrie side, thar I dew sa Red Van Man. Carn yew remembar thar Coypues? I fink tha wus intraduced frum Australia or sum ware lik thart, tha bred lik yew wunt belief. In thar late fifties early sixties tha becum ar rite fret tew ar rivars arn lakes. Tha lived in tha watar, tha wus lik ar gret ole watar rat. Tha wus soe big tha ust tew burow inta tha rivar banks soe much soe tha banks ware dangar orf corlapse arn corse may gar floodin. Tha Govarmen orf tha day declared them a "pest" thart hed tew be gort rid orf. I remembar me Dad setin these thar traps, tha wus ar large long cage, wen tha Coypue gort in he cont git out. Dad if he cort one arn he did soe menie he wood hev tew kill em wit ar tew tew rifle. Bie tha late eighties tha wus orl gorn arn soe wus tha fret tew tha rivar banks. Wots this I hare orn tha news ar bote ar Ambasadoor tew tha US? Fore Chris sake dunt git ole Bilie ar goin orn that!

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# Diary dates for October

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

Thursday 2 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

Saturday 4 All Saints Churchyard clear up, 9am to noon

Sunday 5 Windmill open for tours, 1pm to 4pm

Tuesday 7 Coffee and chat, All Saints Church, 10.30am

Wednesday 8 Luncheon Club, Village Hall, 10am to 1.30pm

Thursday 9 Social Circle, Village Hall, 715pm for 7.30pm

Friday 12 Play 'LoreFolk', Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm

Friday 17 Mobile Library throughout village from 10am

Saturday 18 Church Prize and Cash Bingo, Village Hall, 2pm

Monday 20 Copy date for October newsletter

Thursday 23 Women's Institute birthday party, Village Hall, 7.30pm

Regular happenings in the village are the Old School Bookshop open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays 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, the village Youth Club meets on Fridays in the Methodist Church at 6.30pm and the Shelf Pop Up Pantry is in the Village Hall Memorial Room every Wednesday from 9.30pm to 11.30am.

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