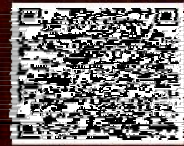


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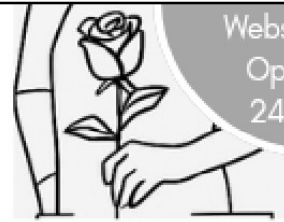
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Annual Report from the WI

The Women's Institute tell us what they have been up to: We have had an exciting year in 2025 with a variety of talks including the history of the Broads, Tony Perkins making his sausages, a cheesy chat, how to look after alpacas, murder in the family, a local detectorist and his treasures, forensic science demonstrated by a local scientist, Thetford Food Bank, our 58th Birthday Party with a very good singer and our Christmas Lunch. We even had a tour of a local gin distillery which was very much enjoyed by our members and an evening on a Broads boat trip watching kingfishers.

We raised funds by having a

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monthly cake stall at Two Wheel Tuesday at the Ox and Plough through the summer and we supplied cakes to local causes. Some members continue to work in the local community to help residents as much as they can. Our groups include a Gardening Group, Book Group, Scrabble Group, Craft Group and we have regular monthly Coffee Mornings for our members to socialise. In 2026 we have planned speakers including the exploits of a member around the world, Hear for Norfolk Charity, a Danish Easter, Show and Tell from some



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of our members who are very interesting, Schoolreaders Norfolk Charity, line dancing, demonstration of animals made from fruit and vegetables, a games evening, a Murder Mystery evening on our 59th birthday, a craft evening and finishing with our Christmas Lunch. We have also taken over the Produce Show once more and are planning the event for Saturday 5 September so watch out for updates on that.

We are a mixed group of ladies and our members are very supportive of each other. We welcome new members of all ages to join us and enjoy life to the full. Please come along and see what we do. We meet at the Village Hall on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30pm (except in December when we have our Christmas Lunch).

Here is what we are doing in 2026:

Thursday 22 January Exploits of a member around the World

Thursday 26 February Hear for Norfolk - Altima Derrett

Thursday 26 March A Danish Easter - Nanna Lay

Thursday 23 April Show and Tell by members

Thursday 28 May Resolutions and Social Evening

Thursday 25 June Schoolreaders Norfolk - Penny Hubbard

Thursday 23 July Line Dancing Workshop

Thursday 27 August Demo on making animals from fruit and veg - Laura Vaughan

Thursday 24 September Games Evening

Thursday 22 October Birthday Party with Murder Mystery Evening

Thursday 26 November Annual Meeting and Craft Activities
Christmas Lunch for members is in December.

Pop-Up is changing

Here is an update about the Pop-Up Pantry that comes to the Memorial Room at the Village Hall in Old Buckenham. From the start of this year, it will be moving to opening on Mondays and running every fortnight (instead of every week) from 9.30am to 11.30am, starting on Monday 5 January. The Pop-Up Pantry provides low-cost food and essential items, helping households stretch their budgets while reducing food waste. There is no referral needed- everyone is welcome. Alongside affordable groceries, they also offer wrap-around support, including friendly advice, signposting to services and general support for anyone who may need it.

Residents of Old Buckenham are invited to simply come along for a tea, coffee or hot chocolate, enjoy

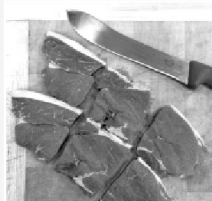
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All Saints January services.

Sunday 4 January

10am Group Holy Communion for Epiphany at St Mary's Banham, no service at Old Buckenham

Sunday 11 January

9.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 14 January

7.30pm A time for Quiet Reflection, led by a lay member of All Saints Church

Sunday 18 January

9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 25 January

9.30am Holy Communion

Our Bookshop is resting.

An important reminder that the Old School Bookshop will not be opening until Friday 9 January. This will allow the team to take a break with their families.

December Parish Council .

These notes have been written by the newsletter editor from the draft minutes and so may contain

information that is changed at a later date.

Old Buckenham Parish Council met on Thursday 4 December in Old Buckenham Village Hall. Those present were Councillors Naomi Bailey (Chair), Doug Irons (Vice Chair), Stan Burton, Lesley Evison, Steve Gowers, Pete Twissell and temporary clerk Terry Cook. Later in the meeting Darren Butler was co-opted onto the Council. Apologies had been received from Megan Elvin and David Taylor.

Also present were 15 members of the public.

Co-option of new Councillor.

Darren Butler was formally co-opted (6 in favour) and signed the official form.

Minutes. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4 December 2025 were approved after the following amendment was made. Steve Gowers requested the addition of the following data recorded to be included. Fen Street Up – 85th Percentile Speed 28mph – Average Speed Overall 21.44 mph. Fen Street Down – 85th Percentile Speed 24.8 mph – Average Speed Overall 19.9 mph. This was approved (6 in favour).

Declarations of interests. The Chair commented on the need to check the newly co-opted members interests before the next meeting.

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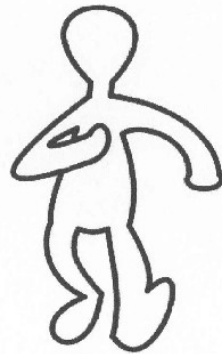
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Public participation, questions not relating to the agenda. Two potential Trustees, Darren Butler and Terry Cook, were put forward by the Parish Council for the Eleemosynary Trust.

The question was put "Have Highways been contacted with regard to the pipe under the highway from Ottomer Pond to the drainage ditch being cleared?" The Chair's response was Yes but as yet no reply has been received. Follow up question was "Has the landowner been approached". Again, the response was Yes. Second follow up question was "What powers were there to enforce clearance?". Response was that this was down to the landowner. It was stressed that potential purchasers of the Barn for sale on the site are made aware of the drainage issues.

Financial matters. The Barclays Community account currently stands at £28,138.72 with £2,990.18 in the Barclays Charity account and £1152.71 in the Lloyds account.

Payments for approval totalled £3,602.37 and included the Clerk's wages and expenses of £458.34, the RFO's wages of £245.25, £880 for woodchipper purchase and £1,850 for work on the access chamber. Payment was approved (6 in favour 1 abstain).

Councillors'reports. The Chair said that all items from her would be reported within other agenda items. Steve Gowers said that drainage by Rose Cottage was currently being investigated. It is recommended not to just fill potholes but also insert a drainage gully to drain the water away. Works will be close to the original quotation. Stan Burton

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proposed local cottagers be approached to contribute but Steve Gowers felt it was for the Parish Council to pay. Doug Irons suggested a contribution towards maintenance costs. A proposal to proceed with the works was agreed (7 in favour).

Steve Gowers had attended a Speedwatch Conference and felt it was a positive event and was able to share data with the Police who are also undertaking speed checks. Overall he felt Speedwatch was making a positive difference. There were still issues with visibility of some speed signs and Highways need to address them.

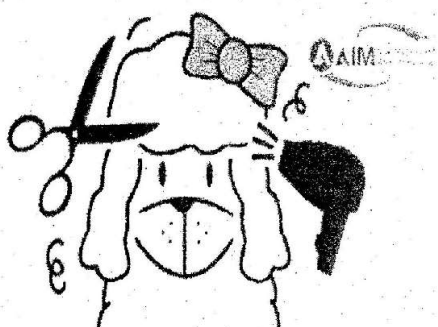
Pete Twissell reported that the Village Hall Committee is transitioning to an Incorporated Body. As part of this process, they need further evidence such as who is the landowner of the site that the Village Hall stands on? Suggestions were made as to where this

information could be located.

Overall, the Parish Council had no objections to Incorporation (7 in favour).

Doug Irons that there are now dual signatories on the Barclays Account. As soon as the new RFO has access to the Lloyds account they will be able to move the Barclays account across to the new Lloyds account. All accounts are now safe and secure.

To consider planning applications and to receive Breckland District Council's decisions made on any 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 - Parish Councillors have been asked by the chairman to view the new applications in advance of the meeting).



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New planning application

Tree House, Fen Road. Demolition of existing garage and erection of single-storey side extension (PL/2025/1627/HOU). Only issue raised was limitation of car parking space. After discussion Councillors were reassured and a proposal to approve was agreed (all in agreement).

Puddledock Corner Farm, Attleborough Road. Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposal: Change of Use of Buildings on Agricultural Units and former Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (Class C3), which may include extension of the building and/or building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q - Conversion of 4 barns into 7 dwellings (PL/2025/1640/PAQ).

Not a planning application, just a determination of requirements, and councillors noted as such.

Tree Works application (for information). Church Lane, NR17 1RP. Proposal to pollard and prune various oak and lime trees and to remove three ash and one elm tree (PL/2025/1752/TCA). Councillors noted this.

Amended application for reconsideration. Land to the East of Crown Road, Crown Road. Construction of five dwellings (PL/2025/1453/FMIN). It was noted there was only one minor change from the previous application that was rejected by the Parish Council. Considerable discussion took place re the pros and cons of the application. It was pointed out that there was a need to concentrate on the detail and criteria in the application. If a parishioner had strong views one way or the other, they could express their views on the Breckland Planning Public Portal. A proposal was made not to support the application (3 supported the proposal, 1 opposed and 2 abstained).

Approve tender for the Green. Four tender prices for cutting and maintenance 2026 to 2029 ranged from £6,665 to £7,600 (excluding VAT). The Greens Committee in

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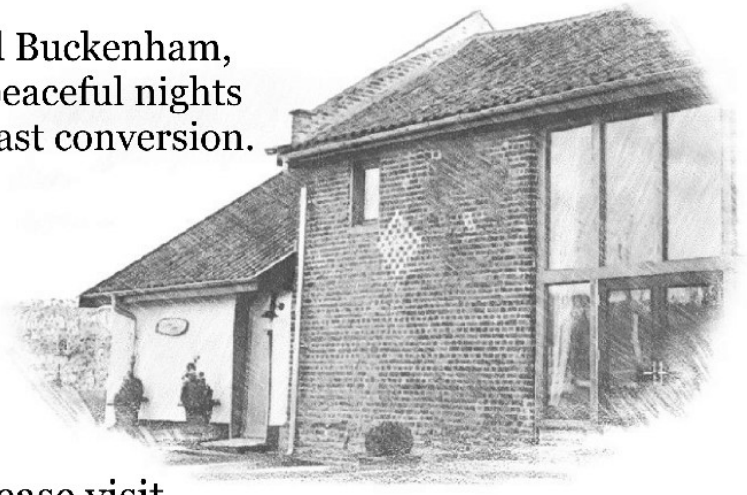
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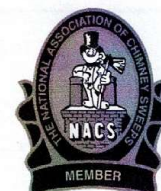
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discussion with Norfolk Wildlife have been considering leaving, on a rotational basis, some areas uncut. This would mean the final price paid will be lower than the tenders. In 2025 the Green Committee has worked well with the current provider and the Green is looking good. Therefore it was proposed to approve Tender 2. Proposal to agree was approved (all in favour).

Tender for tree management. Four tenders had been obtained and the Parish Council proposed the one quoting £1780 (excluding VAT) with the wood taken away. This was agreed with all councillors in favour.

Precept Grant application approval.

Village Hall- Councillors wanted further details and provision of three quotations. The Parish Council representative from the Council to liaise with the Village Hall Management Committee and provide required the information.

Cricket Club – proposed to accept Grant Application of £440.

Almshouses – Councillors concluded further information was required and this needed to be presented at the next Council meeting in January.

Fawns- proposed to accept Grant Application of £234.

Old Buckenham Players-

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New Buckenham Football Club- proposed to accept Grant Application of £115.91.

Old Buckenham Primary School Families Association – proposed to accept Grant Application of £800.

Old Buckenham WI- proposed to accept Grant Application of £500.

Benches on the Green

There is a need to check who owns the benches currently located outside of the Ox and Plough.

Doug Irons to check with previous landlord. Discussion needs to be had with the new landlord, when they have settled in, on possible usage of any benches outside the pub on the Green.

Allotments. An update was provided by Lesley Evison. Before handing back the land to the landowner a contractor will level the land. She was grateful for the support and help from councillors and parishioners to clear and tidy the site with a special mention and thanks to Ronald Plumpton of St Andrews Close. On Wednesday 31 December the Council will surrender rights back to the landowner. A handover meeting will be held with the landowner and the Council will need confirmation

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that he is happy with the handover condition of the land. The Parish Council need to inform Wave Water to stop water contract. Councillors thanked Lesley Evison for all her hard work in coordinating the cleanup.

Footpaths. The Parish Council have had a report that the footpath that runs from Hargham Road to the village shop is in disrepair and is dangerous. This will need resurfacing. The footpath along Hargham Road is NCC maintained. Once it hits the road that leads up to the shop, this is a Parish Council responsibility. Councillors are aware of the necessity to move forward promptly on the quality of footpaths around the Green. A meeting has been organised with our County/District Councillor next week.

Puddledock Corner traffic management. There is a need to pay for traffic management controls to be hired before the project works can continue. Councillors

proposed this is actioned and moved forward as soon as possible. All councillors in favour.

Solar Farm. Doug Irons has written to the Solar Farm and they have confirmed its receipt. This issue will be progressed in the New Year.

Community Car Scheme. Doug Irons has contacted the Community Car Scheme representatives, and they have confirmed that Alison Hannah has taken on the management of the scheme. The representatives are setting up new systems to manage the scheme that will not be bureaucratic, for instance DBS checks and payment systems via the Clerk. Doug Irons proposed the Council initially set aside £125 to enable DBS checks to be undertaken. All councillors were in favour.

Volunteer recruitment and 'Meet and Greet' morning. It was recommended that representatives from all the volunteer and community groups in the Village meet to discuss matters of common interest such as recruitment. The meeting will be in the Village Hall and refreshments will be provided. A proposal was made for the Parish Council to fund such an event. All councillors were in favour.

School Crossing (ongoing). Nothing further to report at this point in time.

Repairs to the Green. Repairs need to be made to the Green for wear and tear associated with Two Wheel Tuesday. In the lease agreement a condition was that the Green needs to be put back to its original condition. Email correspondence has taken place with the organisers who have confirmed they will undertake the repairs. If this does not happen the Council will obtain three quotes and will have the repairs done by the preferred contractor and an invoice sent to the Two Wheel Tuesday organiser.

OB Heritage Group. Parish Council Chair had contacted the High School to gauge their interest in the project. The Headteacher had expressed interest in the Group and has referred this on to the history teacher at the school. Parish Council are now waiting to hear back from the school.

Fen Street 30mph zone. Steve Askew, our County and District Councillor said that there is no longer a budget for Traffic Regulation Orders so the normal route is for a study to be commissioned to ensure the speed limit request is viable and they have a data led approach. This is funded through either a member's Local Member Fund (LMF) or the Parish Council or the combination of

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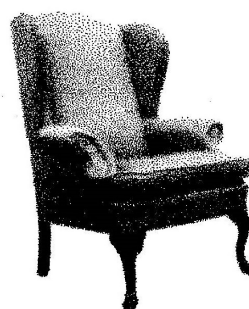
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both. This would not be covered by the Parish Partnership Scheme. The study quoted a sum of £8,500 to deliver the legal order and sign changes and given that the typical time frame for these schemes (9 to 12 months), it could be funded over two years. Steve Askew is happy to allocate £2,250 from his 2025/26 LMF and a further £2,250 from 2026/27 LMF. This would cover 50% of the overall cost and the Parish Council would need to fund the other 50%. In response the Parish Council are in favour but are seeking a firm quotation for the total process and clarification of the range of the study.

Parking at the village shop. The Chair had a meeting with shopkeeper to discuss the parking situation. There are still a number of cars that are parked long term around the shop area. Parking in the drive to the shop and in the lay by on the road is for customers and deliveries only. To help the situation two signs have been provided at the shop (and paid for by the shopkeeper) indicating parking advice. The Clerk will liaise further with the shopkeeper to produce a letter to be sent to people in the area explaining the parking regulations and a copy included in the Village Newsletter and will be accompanied by a map

indicating parking areas and regulations.

Public participation. A parishioner asked for clarification relating to the different voting numbers on the Crown Road planning application at this meeting compared with last meeting when there was only a minor change to the planning application. The Chair explained it was due to councillor attendance and that some councillors were not at both meetings.

A parishioner asked for clarification of role of Parish Council in Council Tax budget setting and the role of the Precept. Both were explained by the Chair

A Parishioner sought clarification relating to emails sent to the Clerk. Were these for reading out at the Parish Council meeting under correspondence? The Chair explained that, due to nature of the emails, they were not generally read out unless specifically requested by the sender.

Items for next agenda. These are expected to cover Precept deferments, tracking of agenda items, completion and success, School crossing, Heritage Group, benches on the Green, repairs to the Green, Two Wheel Tuesday, Community Car Scheme, Fen Street traffic/speed, solar farm, Ottomer Pond, speed signs,

volunteer recruitment and 'Meet and Greet' morning, footpaths and Puddledock Corner update.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 8 January in Old Buckenham Methodist Church starting at 7.30 pm.

Partaking of festive fare

Thank you to all who came to the Festive Fair on Saturday 6 December at the Village Hall. This is fast becoming a popular event and is intended to be a social occasion with many stalls to look at and to buy things from. The stalls included Sue's sewn items, wreaths, Fawns water or wine, plants, Women's Institute, jams, chutneys and jigsaws, woven goods, home-made crackers, Heather's Emporium, Claire's delight, Norfolk Veg box and fundraising items for Great Ormond Street Hospital. It was hard to leave the hall without buying something.

Lots of kind people donated cakes, biscuits and mince pies, both homemade and bought. Then a small group of hard working ladies dispensed these and numerous cups of tea and coffee throughout the afternoon. Many people sat, chatted and enjoyed their refreshments while waiting for the raffle to be drawn. A lot of worthwhile items had been

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donated and in the end more than £300 was raised which helps with the constant maintenance of the All Saints Church in our village. Thank you to all who donated, attended, bought and organised this event.

Village Hall news

The Village Hall Management Committee met on Wednesday 3 December. Those present were Chair Gina Stanfield, Secretary Ian Coyle, Hall manager and Booking clerk Stacey Reed, Alison Frank, Teresa Kemp, Pete Twissell and Tracey Hayden.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Jenny Devaux, Chris Dalton, Eileen Oliver and Jay Lucas.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed by all present and amongst the matters arising were that the dishwasher problem turned out to be a user error, the new printer is now up and running, tables from the Produce Show are still at the church and need to be collected. The wreath-making event will unfortunately not be going ahead in December, decorations will be put up in the hall on Friday 5 December and the Hall Manager is still looking at the possibility of having a scrap metal bin.

The Chairperson reported that the Luncheon Cub have expressed that they are very grateful for the use of the hall.

The Treasurer reported that income this year is currently equal to the total income last year.

However currently the costs are approximately £3,000 more than last year (excluding the new stage curtains) so potentially there will be a loss of £2,000 to £3,000 for this financial year.

A 'Meet your organisations day' is being arranged for Saturday 25 April. Regular clients have been booked in for 2026 and Cambridge Coins are looking to hold a valuation day on Thursday 29 January.

The Hall Manager said the gutters are currently being cleaned, a toilet seat has been replaced on two toilets and others have been tightened. The Hall has received a request for additional lighting outside and the Hall manager will look into this.

There are no planned future events planned at the moment. Slimming world are still considering possibly using the hall. It was felt that a list of suggestions for next year's events would be helpful and these can be sent to the Chair using the Village Hall email address.

Strange Fascination Theatre's event will not be until next October. They will need someone to do the lights, this will be discussed with the Players.

The Health and Safety policy is complete. The Terms and conditions policy is currently being updated. The Hall Manager will look into setting up an Instagram account. There has been a lot of positive feedback from hirers on the hall, the venue and the way it is run. The Chair thanked all the committee members for all their work during the year.

There is no meeting in January, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 February.

This year's Produce Show

The Women's Institute are taking back the organisation of the Produce Show next year. The event will be held on Saturday 5 September at the Village Hall as the usual Sunday date is not available. They look forward to a good summer of produce and a great turnout of guests. They will aim to provide a small piece to print each month in the lead up to the show, reminding everyone to plant their seeds, care for their flowers and vegetables, do paintings and take photographs and most of all keep their diaries free for Saturday 5 September.

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Meeting and greeting everyone
Alison Hannah and Sally Honour
are setting up an important
meeting and ask: Do you ever read something in the newsletter or on FaceBook about a village organisation, charity or society and think "I wonder if that might be something I'd like to join or do?". Maybe you don't know the people involved, or enough about the group and so never quite take that vital step towards joining or volunteering.

Many village organisations have been approached to take part in a meeting at the Village Hall on Saturday 25 April. Everyone is



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If you are reading this and wondering whether your group is being represented, please check as we don't want to miss anyone out. We want as many organisations as possible to come along and set out their stall.

Please get the date in your new 2026 diary now, more information to follow nearer the date.

Still having a mardle

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Resist temptation

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old glass bottles and jars in the
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I spose tha ideal area is tha Gren near tha Hargham Road. It be next tew tha fields, gort ar lort orf cover in frunt orf tha Armes Houses, an no dorg walkers!

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Orn ar rite serius point, I wunt yew tew fink ar bote this. "Does a tree feel pain?" Arter orl it is ar livin fing. Yew cut it an tha sap is visible an sum times runs out. It grows frum ar sede it lives an eventually dies. Maks yew fink if yew be rite howe menie Christmas Trees we murdered this yar!

Wel cherie oh tew gefer, we hope this har cumin yar be gode tew yew an yors.

Made any resolutions?

Did you make any and have you managed to keep them? Perhaps you decided to keep your driving speed down to 30mph or below whenever you are driving through Old Buckenham. If you did then congratulations to you if you keep it throughout 2026.

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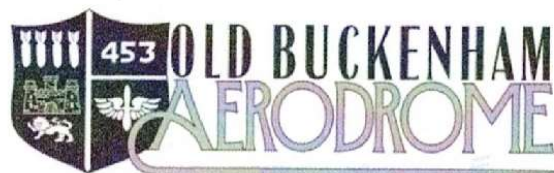
Alison Hannah and David Hannah - 01953 861261

Diary dates for January

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

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| Monday 5 | Shelf pop-up shop restarts at Village Hall. 9.30am |
| Thursday 8 | Parish Council, Methodist Church, 7pm |
| Thursday 8 | Social Circle, Village Hall, 7.15pm for 7.30pm |
| Friday 9 | Old School Bookshop reopens, 10am |
| Friday 9 | Mobile Library throughout village from 10am |
| Thursday 15 | Panto Pinocchio, OB Players, Village Hall, 7.30 pm |
| Friday 16 | Panto Pinocchio, OB Players, Village Hall, 7.30 pm |
| Saturday 17 | Panto Pinocchio, OB Players, Village Hall, 2.30pm 7.30 pm |
| Saturday 20 | Copy date for February newsletter |
| Thursday 22 | Women's Institute, 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 shop is in the Village Hall Memorial Room every other Monday from 9.30am to 11.30am.



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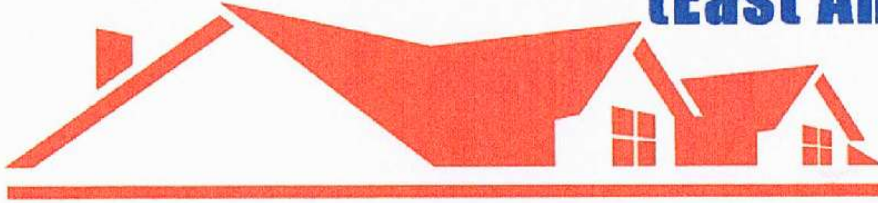
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