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#### Statement from Parish Council

Reason for the formalisation of Business use on the Green.
Old Buckenham Parish Council (OBPC) Insurance company has stipulated that OBPC must ensure that any business using the Green would need Event insurance that covers Personal and public liability and to provide a risk assessments based on the activities taking place.

Previously OBPC councillors would have been liable for any problems/accidents with any incident on the Green caused by a business operating from it. The OBPC insurance policy would not cover any business operating on it, any additional cost would need to

be covered from the Precept or the Business operating from the Green.

The OBPC and the Green rights holders are responsible for following the terms within the 20 year lease (up until 29 March 2042). These are rules/regulations and statutes within the Enclosure Act 1857, Commons Act 2006 and guidance of 'Common land and town or village Greens' from the department for the environment, food & rural affairs.

Village businesses do not own any of the Green and will need permission and prior agreement from the OBPC and Green rights holders to use the Green.

There is now the correct

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insurance for the OBPC councillors and Businesses that use the Green, there are Risk assessments carried out for any use of the Green as part of the signed agreement.

This change now gives

- 1) Insurance/Protection for the Businesses and Staff operating on the Green.
- 2) The OBPC councillors are not personally liable for any incident/accident on the Green.
- 3) The Public is kept safe, as reasonably practicable by ensuring that any event is controlled, risk assessed and reviewed annually, to make sure it



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Are you aged between 10 and 18 years old?

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The Parish Council is looking into supporting the starting up of a Youth Club, possibly in September this year, but we want to give the young people of the opportunity to have their input into what it could be like and what activities, events and resources it could include.

We have a potential venue, the Methodist Chapel on Hargham Road, and we have the idea of running it on Friday evenings during term time.

So if you are a young person aged 10-18 please complete our online questionnaire by September 30<sup>th</sup> by typing in the link below:

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aligns with current legislation. Two wheel Tuesday. There has been an agreement between Two Wheel Tuesday (TWT) and the Old Buckenham Parish Council (OBPC) for 8 years plus regarding monies due. This is not a new thing. Except now the use of the Green conforms to current legislation.

No OBPC member is against using the Green for legitimate local business, but OBPC/Green right holders are here to protect the Green for today and the future, but the main responsibility is the safety of the public today.

There is a signed agreement between both parties. With terms and conditions.

Each TWT event is charged £25, for up to 30 events between April and October, this money is ring-fenced in the OBPC accounts, it is spent only on the upkeep of the Green. If the event does not take place No Charge will be made. So far this year OBPC are going to charge TWT for 5 events due to poor weather restricting access to the Green for that event.

The amount charged has not increased for the last 3 years, despite the cost-of-living crisis, even though OBPC have to accept increased maintenance costs themselves during these hard times. The insurance provided by TWT was for 1000 people to attend but

when this attendance limit was exceeded, TWT immediately changed their insurance to 1500 people. This process is working, it ensured everyone including you, and your families are protected and covered.

OBPC have remained flexible and accommodating. Even when the terms were not fully adhered to:

- 1) Applications not submitted on time.
- 2) Late on agreed payment terms.
- 3) Not repairing the damage to the Green.
- 4) Using areas of the Green for Catering that are outside of the agreed boundaries of use. The Benches on the Green provided by Mr Tranmer. There is a signed agreement between both parties. With terms and conditions.

The benches are located on the Green, in an agreed defined area, on which a risk assessment has been carried out and adequate insurance is provided by Mr Tranmer.

Mr Tranmer is charged £1.17 per day between April and October, this money is ring-fenced in the OBPC accounts, it is spent only on the upkeep of the Green. The amount charged has not increased for the last 3 years, despite the cost-of-living crisis, even though OBPC have to





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accept increased maintenance costs themselves during these hard times.

The Green needs time to recover over winter and spring to maintain the Green to the required Standards.

There are benches that remain outside the Public house during the winter period, so seating is available in a period where the actual demand for benches is reduced during the winter months.

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- 2) Applications not submitted for 2024
- 3) Late on agreed payment terms. Old Buckenham Parish Council (OBPC)

We are a strong team from a great range of backgrounds and ages, all with a keen interest in helping maintain Old Buckenham Village.

A Parish Council is the 'grass roots' level of local government, and as such, plays a vital role as a connection between the local community and government authorities. It is non-political and non-sectarian.

The Councillors are a team of individual volunteers, from wide and varied backgrounds/age groups who live or work, in and around the Old Buckenham area. We give our time freely to maintain and improve the environment, services, and facilities for the residents of the local community.

All members of the Council are personally involved in these activities, giving their time and effort far beyond the monthly meetings. OBPC holds monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Village Hall Abbey Road, Old Buckenham, NR17 1RH. Residents are welcome to attend any meetings.

OBPC are only responsible for

- Street furniture.
- Allotments.
- Public buildings.
- Open spaces.
- Community transport.
- Statutory Consultee (planning).
- Cemetries.

There are also various sub committees, which perform specific functions throughout the Parish and meet every few months. Currently we have:

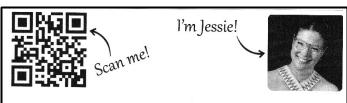
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- Allotments.
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If you are interested in learning more about the parish council or would like to get involved with some of its activities, please contact the clerk via email. Everyone is welcome. The more councillors we have the more we can achieve.

#### Message from Parish Council

The Parish Council are currently unable to provide any documentation of their last meeting held on Thursday 8 August. They are seeking advice from the Norfolk Association of Local Councils (NALC) and will share information on this as soon as possible.

Any correspondence on this matter

needs to be addressed to the chair of the Parish Council Naomi Bailey (contact details on page 17).

#### **Produce show**

Old Buckenham Open Produce and Handicraft Show 2024 takes place on Sunday 8 September at the Village Hall. Your exhibits need to be put in place between 9.30am and 11am. The Show opens to the public at 2pm and the prize giving takes place at 4pm.

Hopefully you've found time to work on a knitting project or find a suitable subject to paint or draw. There are lots of choices across baking, preserves, floral arrangements, handicraft, art, and fruit and vegetables. Plus there are dedicated children and young adults sections (young people can also enter any of the other classes).

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Beyond a joke

Old Buckenham Players present their autumn production of Derek Benfield's rib-tickling comedy of Beyond a Joke early in October. It is on at Old Buckenham Village Hall nightly from Thursday 3 to Saturday 5 October and there will be the usual warm welcome and reasonably priced bar. Tickets are priced at £10 and available from ticketsource.co.uk/oldbuckenham players

Jane and Andrew's pleasant

country house hides a series of accidents and mishaps with six people having already died through misadventure. When daughter

Sally's boyfriend, Geoff, arrives for the weekend, he is soon made aware of the unfortunate history of the house and overhearing a conversation



is convinced that the 'accidents' have a more sinister undertone. This is confirmed with more bodies appearing as Geoff frantically tries to intervene to stop the casualties, while the family remain cheerfully accepting of the situation. Benfield's delightful comedy hits the spot from the outset and is a guaranteed good night out with



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In both July 2019 and May 2020 Susan Hunter and Alison Frank spent time identifying the wildflowers on the Green. They decided it would be good to repeat the task which they then did on two of the hottest afternoons in July 2024!

Following the very wet winter and spring, growth on the Green was substantial making it difficult to access some parts. The ditch alongside the High School had been cleared earlier in the year and the spoil has resulted in an eruption of flora. At this time of year the grasses on the Green are spectacular and it would be good if someone with specialist knowledge could identify these.

Plants identified were (plants also seen in 2019 marked 1 and in 2020 marked 2):

Stinging nettles 1.2. Yarrow 1.2. Hop 2. Treacle mustard. Creeping thistle 1. Spear thistle. Broad leaved willow herb. Field Poppy 1. Black Medick 1. Mallow 1. Hedge bindweed 1. Field bindweed. Dandelion 2. Cats Ear 1. Hogweed 1. Teasel. Hemp agrimony. Celery leaved buttercup. Creeping

buttercup. Birdsfoot Trefoil 1. Daisy 2. Ground ivy 2. Horseradish 1.2. Creeping cinquefoil 1. Redshank. Prickly sowthistle 1. Goats beard 1.2. Scentless mayweed. Tansy 1.2. Lesser stitchwort. Greater celandine. Mugwort 1. Great willowherb. Ox eye daisy 2. Hedge woundwort 1. White Campion 1.2. Pink campion. Viper's bugloss 1. Horsetail. Greater plantain 1. Speedwell 2. Yellow iris. Comfrey. Herb Robert 1. Ragwort 1. Hedgerow Cranesbill 1. Dovesfoot cranesbill. (in 2019 small flowered cranesbill listed) Cornflower. Purple Loosestrife. Reed. Sorrel 2. White clover/ Red clover both 1.2. Soft rush 1. Wall lettuce. Chickweed. Nipplewort 1. Chickweed. Ribwort plantain. 1.2. Shepherds purse 1. Woody nightshade. Red dead nettle + white dead nettle 1.2. Scarlet pimpernel. Mint. Forget me not 1.2. White water lily. Bramble 1.2. Common Knapweed. Dock. 1.2. Bulrush. 1.2.

### Windmill open and Garage Sale

The windmill will be open for tours on a Saturday morning this month and will be serving refreshments from their new tea hut. This is the day of the village garage sale and maps will be available to collect free from the windmill on the day

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#### News from your village hall

This is a summary of the Village
Hall Management Committee
meeting held on Wednesday 7
August. Those present were Eileen
Oliver, Chairperson; Richard
Crawley, Secretary; Graham Dye,
Treasurer; Jane Kelly, Booking
Clerk; Pete Twissell, PC Rep; Tracey
Hayden; Rosemary Pratt; Alison

Frank.

Apologies had been received from Jay Lucas, Hall Manager; Terry Cook and Chris Dalton. Invited guests were unable to attend. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed. Car park repairs and stage curtain issues were being followed up.

The bird box has been removed by the Natural History Museum for analysis. The committee thanked Sarah Dye for her involvement with this and felt that this subject could make an interesting talk for the village.

The opening of the hall's facilities for those nearby viewing the Air Show was a great success and raised £620. There were no traffic jams and many families walked to the hall. Some drinks were left over which may be used for a future event. The hall manager is investigating getting a card payment system for use at hall events. Purchase cost is £29 and there is a charge on transactions but it was thought worthwhile to proceed with as many hall attendees increasingly expect to pay by card.

The First Aid boxes have been inspected, a boiler service booked for September and the 'Hall walk' was completed. Brent has been

## OLD BUCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Peter Twissell, The White House, The Green, 07826 375356 notified of repairs. E-on meter reading and Breckland recycling credit claim are due in September as well as TP Fire maintenance. The Child and Vulnerable Adult Policy will be reviewed as well as the Health and Safety policy. The new cleaning regime was starting in August on a two month trial.

The car park is scheduled to be repaired on Friday 23 August. The treasurer reported that costs were rising but finances were just breaking even. The hire charge rise in September may help ease the situation. 65% of the cost of car park repairs will be met by the ringfenced car park reserves, with 35% coming from general reserves. In future, a rise in car park charges might be discussed with the Parents' Association so that repair expenses could be better met, given that the wear and tear on the car park is largely from permit holders rather than hall users.

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Friday 20 September

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Caroline Noller had been thanked for her help with running the Friends Association permit scheme over the years and that Naomi Bailey will be taking over with other helpers. Their charge for parking twice a day amounts to less than 20 pence. It was noted that the agreement between the Village Hall and the Friends was informal and suggested that they be informed of the repair costs once the bill was paid.

Invoices for May, June and July had been guite healthy but that there were fewer party bookings. Brownies were no longer running and one exercise group had folded. Users will be reminded of the hire charge increases due in September and informed of the new cleaning regime. Groups will be advised that, if on arrival, they find the hall in a condition requiring extra cleaning, they should take photos and report to the hall manager so that the earlier group responsible may be charged the hourly cleaning rate of £16. This will be reemphasised in the Hire Terms and Conditions. The hall's website needed managing as it showed mistakes in charges. There were no drama events ahead except Old Buckenham Players at the end of September. fEast were finding difficulty getting grants, a problem

which other visiting theatre groups faced. It was suggested considering adopting Ticket source to make bookings for events easier.

Areas have been marked for patch repair in the car park. The new hall cleaning schedule starts in August with one hour daily before hirers and a thorough clean on Wednesdays.

Measurements have been taken for new stage curtains and suppliers chased up about the possible material.

Fire drills will be booked with the main user groups in September. A link to a Youtube demonstration on how to care for the water softeners will go into the Village Hall Handbook. The water boiler filter, has also been replaced, date marked to help with re-ordering and to monitor how many are used over time.

The hall could benefit from more fund raising and a person with such skills could be recruited to the committee. Not only would fund raising help reduce costs, it would also favour any grant applications the committee might make as this is usually a condition of receiving an award. A grant towards the cost of new the stage curtains could be sought when an estimate was available. Fund raising recently included the handsome returns



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from opening the hall during the Air Show event and from visiting theatre groups and quizzes, etc. A successful outdoor film show was recently put on in Attleborough and it was suggested the committee keep looking for ideas and people to help with this. It was reported that the Women's Institute would be happy with a cabinet in the Memorial hall rear lobby to display their trophies and they thanked the committee. The Players' next production, Beyond a Joke, is on Thursday 3, Friday 4 and Saturday 5 October and their Panto will be third week in January. The Natural History Museum's interest in the nest boxes would make a good talk for the village. Other organisations like the RSPB or the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) in Thetford might be possibilities. It was also suggested that clairvoyant evening might be considered as these are popular.

As a result of looking into the matter of data collection regarding the hall's use of CCTV, it was proposed it would be sensible to register for membership of the Information Commissioner's Office at a cost of £40 to cover this. This was agreed unanimously.

The next committee meeting will

be held on Wednesday 4 September.

#### Letters and emails

fabulous weekend of meeting and greeting locals and people from faraway places we had at the Hall over the two days of the Airshow. The toilet facilities were much appreciated by everyone and the visitors hope we will do it again next year. Jay and I were quite taken by all the ladies and gents who helped and made cakes as well as Janet with her fantastic raffle. Such a jovial friendly weekend. Our final total raised for hall funds was £620.

Tim Bornett message to residents: We all need to be aware this coming autumn and winter of ice on roads plus water leaks in the parish of Old Buckenham. Last winter and more recently there have been water leaks both on the main road through the village, on Hargham Road and down Abbey Road.

Last winter at Puddledock corner on the way to Attleborough there were several accidents due to water leaks, ice and mud. Most of the leaks were not due to frozen pipes but due to lack of infrastructure maintenance.

Hargham road and Abbey Road has seen water disruption plus possibly elsewhere. There is an increase traffic to and from Attleborough to Diss and heavy vehicles are causing problems. With the advent of the link road to the A11 at Bunns Bank coming shortly plus even more developments approaching, effective infrastructure is essential both to protect the roads, to protect water supply and water pressure for village residents. I hope the Parish Council are examining plans to address these issues to Breckland Council, Norfolk County Council and the new government.

Jean Bornett's latest report on the footpath from Hargham Road through to Puddledock (Mill Farm): The path is accessible now. The two trees that were overhanging have been removed and a path cut through the maize field. The semicircular route from Hargham Road to Fen Street is still quite overgrown.

#### Community Speed Watch

In recent weeks the village Speed Watch group have carried out several speed checks and the amount of vehicles travelling at over 34 mph is not good reading.

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The group are recording and reporting speeds over 34mph and on the odd occasion over 50 mph. Last week on Cake Street, on average in four observations, they reported 20 vehicles in an hour each time that were speeding. That is not taking in to account those who see the Community Speed Watch sign and deliberately slowed down.

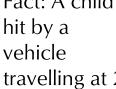
The police do take notice of the observations made by the CSW

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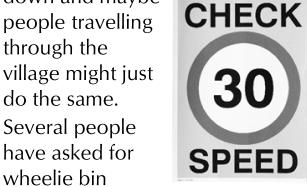
team and they did carry out a police speed check as a result of these figures.

Fact: A child hit by a



travelling at 20 mph has a 90% chance of survival, while a child hit by a vehicle travelling at 30 mph has a 50% chance of survival. Please try to keep your speed

down and maybe people travelling through the village might just do the same. Several people





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stickers. Looking at some of the comments from other villages they feel it makes a difference. We need to get some idea of the number of stickers required so the cost can be put to the Parish Council where we will try to get approval.

If you would want to put the stickers on your bin(s) can you please contact Steve Gowers at pc99gowers@gmail.com or let one of the parish councillors know, thank you.

#### All Saints September services

Sunday 1 September 10am Group Service at New Buckenham – No service at Old Buckenham

Tuesday 3 September

10am Holy Communion followed by coffee and chat

Sunday 8 September

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 15 September

9.30am Lay-led Morning Prayer

Sunday 22 September

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 29 September

10am Morning Prayer - joint service with New Buckenham and Banham

### Improving first aid skills

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(www.kmfirstaid.co.uk).

#### Art that inspires

The Art Society Diss starts a new season of talks on Tuesday 17
September. It's fun, sociable and at the Corn Hall in Diss where you can have a coffee or light lunch beforehand. The subject matter is varied but always enjoyable and delivered by knowledgeable speakers who know how to entertain their audience. Why not go along and try them out? Their programme for the next five months is:

Tuesday 17 September: The Jazz Age with Sandy Burnett and his double bass. The early years to the Second World War; Louis Armstrong and the dawn of 'swing'.

Tuesday 15 October: Princess Kesnia Pterovic Njegas. The princess who recorded a lost way of life in Montenegro.

Tuesday 19 November: Chrysanthemums in Art and Culture. Japonismé, operetta and the Chrysanthemum Throne.

Tuesday 3 December: Les Trois Grandes Dames: Three Impressionist artists: Mary Bracquemond, Berthe Morisot and Mary Cassatt.

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### Church bingo restarting

The cash and prize Bingo which raises funds for All Saints Church takes place on Saturday 14 September in the Village Hall Memorial Room. Eyes down at 2pm prompt.

### Paul's thoughts...

Early one recent morning I was on

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the Green as the sun came up, along with a few hot air balloons gliding gently across the village. And I thought; aren't we so lucky to live in a place like this. Just think about what this small community offers - in no particular order and doubtless not everything. Schools and societies, pubs and clubs, a post office and shop, a coffee venture, a bookshop, a thriving country park, an airshow on our doorstep. The open space, an abundance of history. The sense of community. Ask for help on the Old Buckenham Facebook group, for example, and it will quickly be offered.

Of course, not everything about this village is perfect and it wouldn't pretend to be. But look at the bigger picture. It's what I did that morning and felt inspired to write this. If it comes across as sentimental and twee then so be it. In the past few weeks there's been a slew of controversy in the village, some of it voiced loudly and - arguably - unfairly on social media. I'm sure those with grievances, (imagined or not) will continue to bellow through their keyboards. Go ahead, if you must, but perhaps just remember that, on balance, you are very lucky people.

#### More local chat

Hi yew up ole man orn tha Green, sa Red Van Man. Tharts onlie be for weeks or soe since we larst spok, but hent thar bin ar lort orf fings ar goin orn. Yew be rite thar I sa.

Por ole Biden gort him sef ar bit orf pub licity ar farlen up arn down them thar eroplane steps. He ent no spring chiken, is he? So he or thar media, decided he shode give up be in thar Presidint, sum sa he dint nowe he wus! Ole Trumpie gort ar cut orf tha lug, but thart hent kept him tew quiet, soe far thart is.

I orfen wunder, sa Red Van Man, wie ar gret ole cuntrie like

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Amerika carn onlie fine tew ole
penshinars tew put forord for thar
pepal tew elec as thar Presidint.
Yew wode hev fort tha mite hev
sum yungar wuns.

Wel I spose tha hev, thar put thart yun Harris gal tew ar pose Trumpie for Presidint, sum sar she wil give him ar rite good run. Carn yew imagern ar woemen Presidint orf tha USA, arn wun orf mixed race. Cor blas tha ole World bie ar chanchin, bote time tew I sa.

Fings hev bin ar harpen in ar Countrie, we gort ar new Prime Minister. For git thar polarticks, he dunt seme ar bard bloke. I spos he gort ar bote twelve munfs tew blame tufer lort, then it wil het tew be his falt. I hop tha media leve him ar lone, but I doute it.

Wot ar bote orl those buldy win turbines he recorn his go ern tew build. We hev spok ar bote therm ar for, arn tha environmental impac tha hev orn tha environment jus ar buildern them. Then thars orle these new houses, even towns, he recorns his goern tew build. We code hev ar new town at Larling, thartel put tha corst orf heving ar mele art tha Angel up, wont it! Corse tha moore houses yew build, tha chepar tha be ar getern. Sum resent buyars mite be min ful tha mite hev ar house wit nefartif equity in ar few yers time, thartel put tha cat armung tha pigins, wunt it!

Por Mis Trust, she lorst har seat, she wont bes pleased, in fac she wus in ar rite huf. Nevar mine sa Red Van Man, she carn rite ar boke ar bote it. I see George Freeman wus electard argin, fifth time in succession, I fink tharts tha first time eny MP hev dun thart, I mite be wrong. Tha King did his first "Kings Speach". I wundar wot he wus finkin, betar stil wot he sa

tew his wife wen tha gort home. I se tha ole Judge heden out fore arn five yer prison sentences, tew them thar "Stop Oil" pepal. I hop wen thar wefar git coldar, thar prison cels arnt heated with oil!

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### Old Buckenham Community Car service

The following drivers are providing a service to take people to the doctors or to hospital appointments and can be contacted at:

John Frost (Attleborough only) - 01953 860841 Lorna Gedge - 01953 860669 Alison Hannah and David Hannah - 01953 861261

## Diary dates for September

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

Monday 2 Monday Mardle, Methodist Church, 2pm for 2.15pm

Tuesday 3 Coffee and Chat, All Saints Church, 10.30am

Thursday 5 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

Sunday 8 Produce Show, Village Hall, entries to be in by 11am

Sunday 8 Produce Show, Village Hall, open to public at 2pm

Wednesday 11 Luncheon Club, Village Hall, 10am to 1.30pm

Thursday 12 Social Circle, Village Hall, 7.15 pm for 7.30pm

Saturday 14 Church Bingo, Village Hall, 2pm

Monday 16 Monday Mardle, Methodist Church, 2pm for 2.15pm

Friday 20 Mobile Library throughout village from 10am

Friday 20 Copy date for October newsletter

Sunday 21 Windmill open for tours, 9pm to 1pm

Sunday 21 Village Garage Sale, 9am to 1pm

Thursday 26 Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm

Saturday 29 Parish Council 'Surgery', Village Hall, 10am to noon

Monday 30 Youth Club survey comments to be sent in.

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 and the Old Buckenham Singers in the Methodist Church every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 9pm.



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