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May 2026



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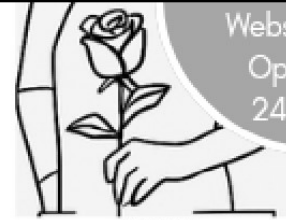
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## **Latest Village Hall news**

*A message from Gina, the chair of the Village Hall Management Committee:* I want to start on a note of gratitude. To the small, dedicated committee thank you. Most people in the village see the doors open, the lights on, and the grounds beautifully kept, but they don't see the countless hours of admin, the work put in by our Hall Manager and Cleaner, the grant applications, and the calls and emails that make it all happen.

This team has worked hard over

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the past year—not because they have an abundance of free time, but because they care deeply about this village. However, I have to be honest with you all: our village hall is at a crossroads. While we have managed to keep the wheels turning, this has not been without its challenges. We are operating with a skeleton crew and a tightening budget. This year we have had to pay out more than ever to keep the Hall going. The village hall is more than just bricks and mortar; it is the beating heart of a community. But like any heart, it needs a steady flow of energy to keep pumping. Right now, that energy is coming from our small, dedicated committee and staff. We are struggling in two key areas. Our events are the primary way we keep the lights on. When attendance is low, we don't just lose morale; we lose the financial means to maintain this building. Our committee is stretched to its limit. Without new faces and fresh ideas, we simply cannot continue to provide the level of service this village deserves. This is not just a report; it is a heartfelt appeal. If we want this hall to be here for the next generation—for the weddings, the coffee mornings, the voting days, and the parties—we need your help.



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The future of Old Buckenham Village Hall isn't decided by the committee alone; it's decided by the community. We have a beautiful space here, but it needs people to fill it up and hands to hold it up.



*Bob Adams*

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So I will close by saying, If you've ever thought about getting involved, or if you have a skill you think might be useful, please come and speak to us. No contribution is too small. Let's work together to ensure this hall remains a vibrant, busy, and welcoming home for us all. Thank you.

*From Graham the Treasurer:* The accounts for the year to 31st December 2025 show the continuation of a trend that has been well established throughout the period since the end of the global pandemic. That is one of ever-increasing costs against a background of flat or declining community engagement. The increase in costs has been the most marked with last year's 24% increase being replicated this year. As a result, it now costs almost £9,000 more to run the Hall for a year than it did in 2023. This is broadly explained by two factors. The first represents a change in that we now, largely, have to pay for work previously undertaken by volunteers. The second is a policy decision, which is to continue to maintain the facilities of the Hall to the highest possible standard to both honour existing users and hopefully also those who might wish to use it in the future. The replacement of the stage and other curtains this year is an example of

this policy as it was both necessary (the stage curtains having been in place since the 1980s) and at over £6,000, expensive. Turning to the income side of the equation, I would argue that this too reflects the same post-pandemic situation and of life in wider society. First is the continued decline in the stable and reliable income from regular user groups which perhaps indicates a general move away from communal activity. Balancing this is a significant increase in bookings from individual, one off and occasional users. In percentage terms regular users are down by 4% and one-off bookings are up 70%. Combined, these equate to a 2.7% increase in overall lettings income. Should this trend continue, as currently seems likely, the Hall will increasingly need to move its focus towards the more ad hoc bookings. Moving to non-lettings income, this has held steady at just over £7,000 in both 2024 and 2025 and it is the hope and intention moving into 2026 that we might be able to improve the contribution from this side of the equation. Overall, this might seem to be a rather negative report - and in a way how can it not be after two years of losses. However, I do not believe that the hard-working members of the Halls committee

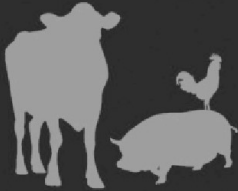
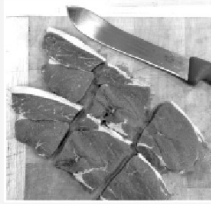
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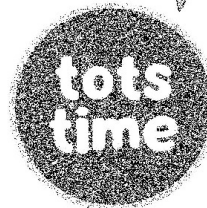
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should feel too despondent. The Hall remains in a good place financially and is able to move on and tackle its new reality. The move to Community Interest Company status might encourage more volunteer involvement, while our continued upgrading of the facilities will stimulate continued and future use of the Hall. I am expecting further legal costs will impact the 2026 accounts and I expect this year to show a loss again. In short, from a financial perspective, things might get worse before they get better. At this stage however, we have the choice to push on and secure a successful future for the Hall – or alternatively batten down the hatches and await a long-term decline. Neither the Hall nor the village deserve the latter. As a village asset the Hall is one of the major remaining facilities available to the surrounding community. It is my hope that it will continue to receive the future support it needs to be so for the years to come.

*In the election of Trustees.* Gina Stanfield will continue as chair. Graham Dye will continue as treasurer. Jenny Devaux will be handing over to someone else as Players representative but will remain until then. Eileen Oliver

will remain on the committee. Pete Twissell will remain on the committee. Stacey Reed will remain on the committee. Tracey Hayden will remain on the committee. Teresa Kemp will remain on the committee. Ian Coyle will be standing down as secretary. Chris Dalton will be standing down. Alison Frank will be standing down. Stacey Reed has kindly agreed to take on the role of secretary.

*General discussion and questions.* Suggestion from the public that village hall should suggest to the Parish Council that they should fund the new lighting from the solar farm fund. Member of the public asked about a breakdown of where the hall income comes from. The committee were thanked by members of the public for all their hard work. Date of the next AGM is Wednesday 7 April 2027.

### **Fund raising quiz**

*Christine and Kathryn have written:* A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at the Village Hall on Sunday 29 March for our fundraising quiz in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. It was a fantastic evening, filled with laughter and friendly competition.

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like to thank all those that donated a raffle prize; they all helped make it such a successful evening! Every penny will now go towards our fundraising promise, helping to support the vital work Macmillan does for those affected by cancer. With the quiz now behind us, our next challenge awaits, taking on the Macmillan Norfolk Mighty Hike Marathon on Saturday 9 May. It's a daunting but exciting goal, and we'll be drawing on the encouragement and support from this event to help carry us over the finish line. Thank you once again for being part of such a special evening and for helping us make a real difference.

## All Saints services in May

*Sunday 3 May*

10am Group Holy Communion at St Mary's Eccles (no service at All

Saints)

*Tuesday 5 May*

10am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

*Sunday 10 May*

9.30am Holy Communion

*Wednesday 13 May*

7.30pm A time for Quiet Reflection

*Sunday 17 May*

9.30am Morning Prayer

*Sunday 24 May*

10am Group Holy Communion for Pentecost at St Mary's Banham (no Service at All Saints OB)

*Sunday 31 May*

9.30am Holy Communion

## All Saints Church, Hargham

*This short piece about the redundant/part ruined church of All Saints, Hargham comes from Jacqueline Amos: In the early 1970s I became aware of how many*

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ruined and disappeared churches there were in Norfolk. There are well over 300. Passing the part ruined church of All Saints, Hargham, when out with a friend, Cliff Amos, who was a builder, we stopped and I commented that I had read that the church was due to be made redundant, and therefore in danger of being demolished or just left to fall into total disrepair. I had visited the church a few years earlier, and noticed that there had been a great deal of more vandalism since this visit, as well as items belonging to the church were now missing, stolen or removed, the Bible, the cross, candle sticks, coat of arms, the altar, chest, silver chalice and paten the hymn and service books burned. Some years later we did find some of the items that had been removed.

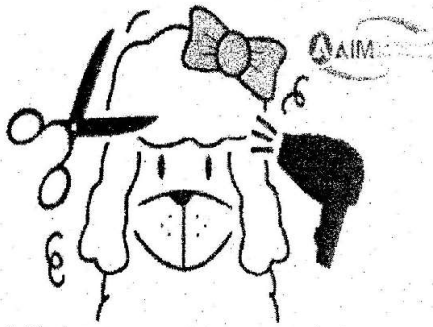
With his builder's knowledge Cliff thought the church could be saved. We contacted, what is now The

Norfolk Churches Trust, and they did all the paperwork so they were able to take on the lease All Saints, Hargham as one of their leased churches. Cliff and I agreed to take on the repairs to make the church weather tight, etc.

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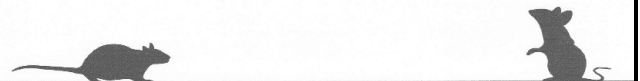
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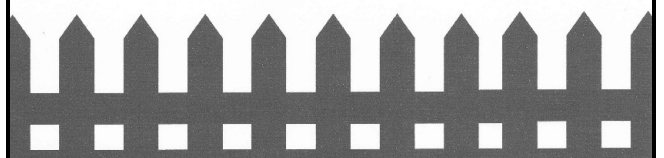
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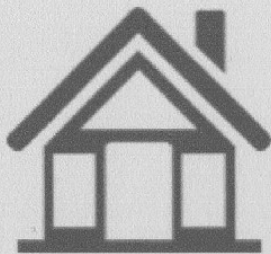
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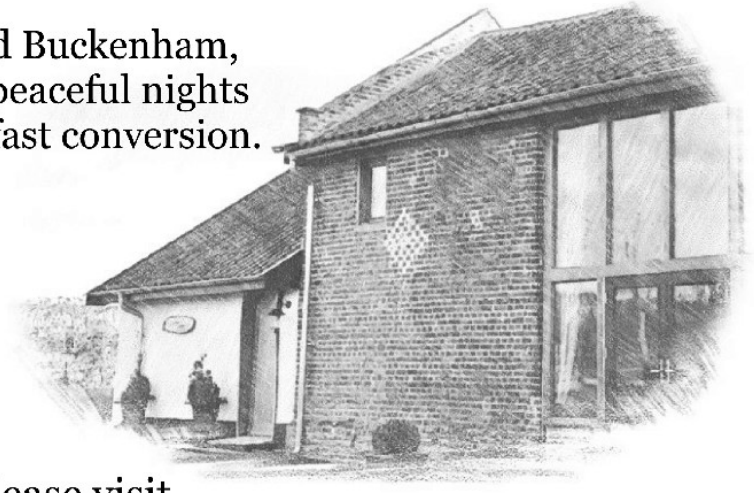
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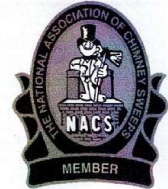
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across the Met Office, the Environment Agency, and Anglian Water. As part of the project, a range of ecological improvements have also been delivered across the radar site boundary and the wider Anglian Water grounds.

These include new planting, the installation of bird boxes and improvements to the existing pond, helping to enhance local biodiversity alongside the new infrastructure.

This major infrastructure project, jointly funded by the Met Office and the Environment Agency, will deliver high-resolution rainfall data for East Anglia, closing a long-standing gap in an area that has



historically lacked the level of radar coverage available elsewhere in England.

Once completed the new radar will extend detection reach further east, this being critical for weather systems arriving from the North Sea. It will enhance detection of rapidly developing convective storms and improve observed rainfall inputs for nowcasting and forecasting. The additional data provided by this new radar will translate into better warnings, which support better preparedness, helping to reduce the impact of flooding on the thousands of homes and businesses across East Anglia.

The project team are now carrying out detailed testing and commissioning to ensure the radar is functioning well and delivering high quality rainfall data. This work is expected to continue through to the early autumn, at which point the radar will go live and begin feeding data into Met Office and Environment Agency products and services.

### **Bingo once more**

Church prize and cash Bingo continues again in the Village Hall on Saturday 9 May at 2pm. All welcome. Raffle and refreshments. Donations of raffle prizes to Alison

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Frank at The Old School House  
would be gratefully received.

## Latest Parish Council minutes

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

Old Buckenham Parish Council met on Thursday 2 April 2026 at Old Buckenham Village Hall. Those present were Councillors Naomi Bailey (Chair), Stan Burton, Steve Gowers, David Taylor, Pete Twissell and Darren Butler. Also attending were Megan Elvin (Clerk) and Steve Askew (District Councillor) along with nine members of the public. Doug Irons and Lesley Evison had sent their apologies as they were unable to attend due to work commitments. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 March were approved (4 in favour, 2 abstained due to absence).

**Financial matters.** Julia Aitken had finished as RFO a month early due to work commitments. Thanks

were given to her for stepping in the interim.

The Barclays Community Account now stood at £9,169.17 and there was £6,711.55 in the Lloyds Community Account . Payments for approval were £1,596.71. which included` £1271,39 to Megan Elvin, £138.16 to Julia Aitken and £138.82 to the community car drivers. These payments were approved (6 in favour).

*Councillors' and District Councillor's reports.* Steve Askew reported that Government's decision was to proceed with a three-unitary model for Norfolk in April 2028. These were East Norfolk, West Norfolk and Greater Norwich. These Councils will now cover everything that both Breckland and Norfolk County Council covered. Old Buckenham will be under West Norfolk. Elections to go ahead on Thursday 7 May for councillors for Norfolk County Council. This term will only be held for 1 year and another election will be held in 2027 and 2028. Norfolk County Council has piloted a Norfolk Community Fund, having ideas to bring people together in communities. The local member can contribute to the event and the community organisation has to set up a "crowd funding" towards it as well. Food waste bins will be rolled out in the

Autumn 2026. A 7 litre blue caddy for your kitchen and a 23 litre blue food waste bin for outside. Should be emptied every week.

Stan Burton said that comments on social media were pointing out how bad the war memorial on the Green looks. He will put the funds up for cleaning the war memorial and he was thanked for funding this. Steve Gowers announced that Speed Watch now starting sessions on Saturday morning. One out of 25 cars were speeding. Another was carried out when schools are off and more cars were speeding. Emails were sent to the safety team at Norfolk County Council regarding the speeding. Always looking for more volunteers. The Clerk said that there were letters generated and to be posted regarding the "give way" sign on Harlingwood Lane's junction to Cake Street. Although the hedge covering the sign has been cut directly in front of it, you still cannot see the sign from a distance. It is not until you are directly in front that you see it and the entire hedgerow needs cutting back. The sign on Cake Street has been cleared.

Quotes had been obtained to either replace or add an additional bin outside the shops. Replace the current bin - but keep the old one in storage. Should the bigger bin

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*Use of Green Application.* Use of Green application received for "Bikes on The Green". Parking issues discussed. New landlady and landlord of the pub have spoken with the Chair of the Village Hall Committee for use of the car park. Donation will be made to the village hall for this use. Stewards also having full training in regards to monitoring cars and should hopefully reduce the cars around the Green. Proposal to support was agreed (4 in favour).

*Ottomer Pond.* The following email received from the Flood Authority regarding this. The Flood Authority suggests a CCTV and documentation provided on completion by the drainage contractor would be very useful ie location map with traces/photos of pipework and outfall structure/CCTV footage and condition rating of the pipework. The report previously given was not sufficient and the CCTV is required before any further progress can be made. Permission from West View Farm will be required for this. The Clerk to draft an email to landowner and to S Halls from Flood Authority. Have already paid for part of the survey on his land which showed the blockage 70 metres down. The Parish Council cannot fund the additional £923.84

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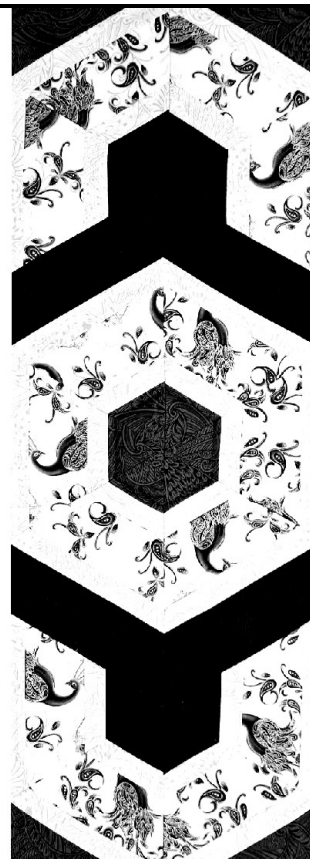
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plus disposal cost (£63.75 plus VAT per tonne). Something else to explore is to create a soakaway somewhere on the Green off the pond. However, a lot of run-off water from the Green goes into Ottomer pond in the first place.

**Crown Road parking and repairs.** Stan Burton has measured the gaps where cars are parking. There are more gaps between the trees. The Clerk to take these measurements to get quotes for filling in these laybys.

**Playground maintenance.** An email from a member of the public asking for the playground to go through some maintenance. The orange swing is letting off a loud squeak every time it is used.

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Solar Farm update. The following ideas have been provided for when money is available and ideas for the funding.

- New Cemetery land
- Electric car charging point in village hall car park
- Replacing main lighting in village hall to low LED lighting (saving energy)
- Grant towards renovation of windmill (changing old production of energy)
- Fund benches and bands for Two Wheel Tuesday
- Grant to Green Working Committee towards Prince Harry's wood (Creating a path through, provide bird and bat boxes, general tidy up)
- Help get properties at the very top of Cake Street and St Andrews Close area fibre broadband (County Broadband has dismissed further action)
- Create a safe footpath that leads to Old Buckenham Country Park to make it safer for residents of Old Buckenham to get there without the need of a car.
- Build a cycle path to Attleborough
- Upgrade the park equipment with new items for both young and older children. (multiple suggestions of this)
- Provide more areas for kids to

play elsewhere in the village, not just the park. (bike park or football pitch.)

- Upgrade the football pitch at the back of the Village Hall into a multi-sport pitch.
- Fund a village Fete like there used to be.
- Have part of the Green laid to wildflower garden.
- Outdoor gym equipment.
- Extend village hall car park into the old recreation area and put double lines down Abbey Road.
- Extend existing footpath on Cake Street around the corner to the top of Doe Lane.
- A third to be given as a Grant to the Windmill - to be used as the Trustees wish.

A third to be given as a Grant to the Village Hall - to be used as the Village Hall Committee wish.

A third to be retained as a separate amount (in a separate account?), for use should funds be needed at some stage in the not-too-distant future for an as yet unidentified need.

**Hargham Road Cottages.** An email had been received following the letters sent advising that the residents' cars are not the sole cause of flooding. Posts will be going in towards the end of the month at the area where the new drainage has gone in.

**Footpath along the Green.** Work commences on Monday 18 May.

The footpath will need to be closed while work is going on.

**Volunteer Meet and Greet Day.** Leaflet will be provided giving brief description of the Parish Council. Also Budget details and pie chart to show what the council tax contributions are allocated for.

**Hargham Road weight restriction.** School buses are also driving down Hargham Road. The Clerk to email Norfolk Coachways asking them not to drive down this road.

**Memorial benches.** There has been another request for a memorial bench to be placed on the Green. They would like to have the bench somewhere around the pond. Questioned if they would be happy to share a bench with an already existing one and have a plaque added onto it but the family would like to have their own bench. There are several round Ottomer Pond already and there is not really space to put another around it. Suggestion that they could have a bench over by St Andrew Close, overlooking Manor Pond or by the War Memorial. The Clerk to go back to the member of the public with these suggestions.

**Bike ramps.** Further correspondence with members of the public concerning a young boy in the village who did a presentation to his school on BMX



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mud ramps for children to use. Polite notice to advise on use of bikes only. East Harling have something along this line. Fundraising would be required to help towards the costs of these as the Parish Council would be unable to fully fund this. Naomi Bailey to arrange for those interested to come to the next meeting to discuss this. At the moment they are using Prince Harry's Wood and a small area on the Green. The Clerk is to contact East Harling Parish Council to ask for their policies regarding their bike ramps.

***Dogs on the Green.*** An email had been received from member of public regarding lose dogs on the Green not being controlled and running up to walkers scaring

them. Is there a way we can regulate uncontrolled dogs on the Green. The Parish Council encourage people to keep dogs controlled while using the Green. Please be more aware of your dogs while on your walk. Dog poo has also been largely found on the Green. Also around Stackford a member of public has had filled poo bags dumped in their driveway. Naomi Bailey proposed that a dog bin be provided for this area and the Clerk to get quotes. People should be picking up after their dogs. It is anywhere between £100-£200 penalty for not picking up their dog fouling. A proposal to get a further bin was agreed (6 in favour). The Clerk to also look into quotes for additional signage to go around the Green.

*Clerk and RFO hours.* Before Julia Aitken leaving the Parish Council she was originally doing two hours a week. The Parish Council felt it will be appropriate to start Megan Elvin out on 30 hours a month (original 20 hours a month plus the two extra a week for RFO work). This will then be reviewed next year.

*Public participation on agenda items.* The 'Chicken' was removed from the children's playground as it was unsafe and too close to the fence. Concern was raised about the two roles of Clerk and RFO merging into one again. Reassured that no payments can be issued without two members of the council authorising those payments. No cheque books are being used so no payments can be made. New policies are in place to prevent problems from happening again and all invoices are sent to the councillors for approval based on what is due to be paid.

*Items for next agenda.* Items are expected to include Clerk appraisal, Ottomer Pond (ongoing), playground maintenance, additional bin cost and collection for shop, bike ramps, dogs on the Green, repairs to the Green, Crown Road repairs, Village Meet and

Greet (outcome update), Village Annual Meeting, Solar Farm update and Green Working Committee update.

*The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 6 May at 7.30pm in Old Buckenham Village Hall.*

### **Chatting with Red Van Man**

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Red Van Man, yew am I be getin

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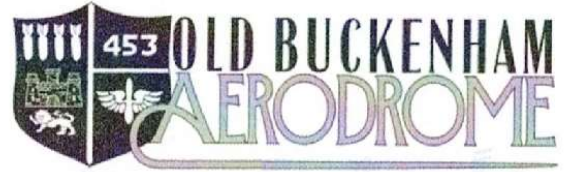
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## Diary dates for May

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

Friday 1	Mobile Library throughout village from 10am
Wednesday 6	Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Thursday 7	Elections at Village Hall
Saturday 9	Church Prize and Cash Bingo, Village Hall, 2pm
Sunday 10	Windmill open for tours, 1pm to 4pm
Wednesday 13	Luncheon Club, Village Hall, 10am to 1.30pm
Wednesday 20	Copy date for May newsletter
Thursday 21	Old Buckenham Players Village Hall, 7.30pm
Friday 22	Old Buckenham Players Village Hall, 7.30pm
Saturday 23	Old Buckenham Players Village Hall, 7.30pm
Thursday 28	Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Friday 29	Mobile Library throughout village from 10am

Regular happenings in the village are the **Old School Bookshop** (and cafe) every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday between 10am and 4pm, the **Fawns** (for parents and their pre-school children) in the Village Hall every Friday morning in term time from 9am to 10.30am, the **Shelf pop-up shop** every Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm at the Village Hall, the village **Youth Club** on Fridays in the Methodist Church at 6.30pm and the **Old Buckenham Singers** in the Methodist Church every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 9pm.



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