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Thank you to this month's sponsor Richard Rawcliffe. His message is: Since becoming the Lord of Old Buckenham in April 2022, I am trying to get more involved in the village and so it gives me great pleasure to sponsor this month's newsletter especially as my birthday falls in March. Best wishes to all the villagers

If you are interested in 'sponsoring' an issue, it is a nominal cost of £10. The months left for this year are just August and September. Should there be a special occasion that you wish to celebrate before then you may be able to share a month with someone else.

The Hollyhock Trilogy

Old Buckenham Village Hall is delighted to welcome back fEAST Theatre, one of the region's leading touring theatre companies, with a brand-new show called The Hollyhock Trilogy. fEAST is touring to lots of venues across Norfolk this spring and luckily they will be stopping off in Old Buckenham on Sunday 17 March for a matinee performance.

Written by Rob John (The Canada Boys/Rosa Mendoza) The Hollyhock Trilogy presents three strange but poignant love stories. A woman reveals an unrequited passion for her postman, an aging trapeze artist dreams of the beautiful woman who dropped him and a chance remark about hollyhocks changes the lives of two

strangers for ever.

Author Rob says he wants to take the audience on three separate but connected journeys while John feels it is a show about people in love but it's also a show about story-telling; the magic of sitting down in a darkened room and listening to a story.

Starring Owen Evans (The Nimmo Twins/Canada Boys) and Dawn Finnerty (The Canada Boys/Rosa Mendoza), fEAST Theatre promises that 'these darkly funny tales of loneliness and lust are guaranteed to warm the coldest winter evening.'

Sunday 17 March at 2.30pm and tickets are £10, paid in cash at the door on the night please. So avoid disappointment by reserving your place in the audience by

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Also keep this date in your diary.
fEAST will be visiting Old
Buckenham again on Friday 14
June with 'Elephant'. In a house
balanced on an eroding cliff in
North Norfolk, a local recluse
Manny, gets a surprise visit from
his estranged sister...

All Saints services in March

Sunday 3 March

10am Group service at
Kenninghall (no service at Old
Buckenham)

Sunday 10 March

9.30am Parish Eucharist for
Mothering Sunday

Sunday 17 March

9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 24 March (Palm Sunday)

10am Group service at St
Martin's, New Buckenham (no
service at Old Buckenham)

Monday 25 March - Thursday 28

March. Services for Holy week
being held across the Benefice -
see church porch notice for details

Friday 29 March (Good Friday)

3pm Stations of the Cross - a
service of reflection based on
words of Julian of Norwich

Saturday 30 March (Holy
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8pm Service of the Light

Sunday 31 March (Easter Day)

9.30am Holy Communion for
Easter

Note that there will be no Tuesday
Communion/Coffee and Chat in
March.

Latest Parish Council minutes

Old Buckenham Parish Council
met on Thursday 1 February at
7.30pm in Old Buckenham Village
Hall. Those present were
Councillors Naomi Bailey (Chair),
Pete Twissell, Stan Burton, Steve
Gowers, Lesley Evison, David
Taylor and Doug Irons. Ali
McWilliam had sent her apologies



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for not being able to attend. Also present were Clerk Jonn Hicks and fifteen members of the public. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4 January were approved (6 in favour).

Financial matters. The Community account balance now stands at £22674.54. Payments for approval (6 in favour) were £1246.86 which included £106.75 to the community car drivers, allotment rent of £450, stationary and postage £43.50, Clerk and RFO salary £510.34, hire of Methodist Chapel £15 and purchase of St George Flag £115.27.

Councillors' reports. Stan Burton said that he has the Christmas tree lights stored in his barn and they can remain there for the year. Steve Gower reported that the Speed Watch training will be in the Methodist Chapel on Friday 16 February. Doug Irons said that he has sent content to the web designers and was awaiting their reply.

Naomi Bailey reported that she and the Clerk attended a meeting in January regarding this year's maintenance of the footpath between the Primary School and Chapel Green School. It was agreed that the Parish Council will cut the grass, Primary School will cut and maintain the hedge and Chapel

Green School will maintain the footpath surface.

Green Report. The Chair, Stan Burton, Lesley Evison and the Clerk attended a meeting in the Methodist Church in January with two members of the Green Working Party, John Fernihough and Sarah Dye. Naomi Bailey set out the rules of a working party to all and was agreed by everyone to re-start this with everyone aware of how the working party should work and who is permitted to attend. It was agreed by all that Suggitt Farm Services will continue to cut the Green three times a year at the cost of £500 per cut, Stuart Barker to remain as the village handyman at the same price as last year. Any other works that need performing will only proceed once a job card has been issued by the Clerk and approved by the Parish Council to avoid any confusion. It was also pointed out that any work carried out on or around the Green are subject to insurance and risk assessment being provided to the Parish Council as well as a method statement before any works commence.

Action Log updates. Doug Irons and Steve Gowers to look at rebooting the action log with a different format.

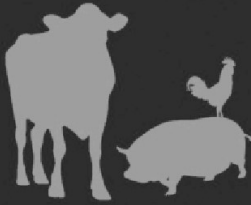
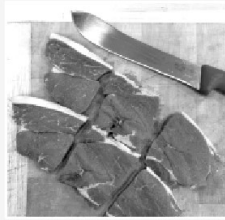
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New planning applications.

Westward, The Green, NR17 1RR. Proposed change of use of existing barn and outbuildings to a single residential dwelling (3PL/2023/1204/F). Proposal to support was approved (5 in favour 1 abstain).

Crown House, Stacksford, NR17 1PD. Demolition of outbuilding. Erection of 2no. single storey extensions and a cart shed with storage above (3PL/2024/0060/HOU).

Proposal to support was approved (6 in favour).

Chestnuts, Mill Road, NR17 1SG. Horse Chestnut trees, target prune the trees to clear the overhead utilities and bracing from the telegraph pole. T3 Scots Pine tree, Prune back the upper laterals overhanging the roof line and functioning chimney of the dwelling "Chestnuts2" by no more than 2.0m (TRE/2024/0018/TCA). Proposal to support was approved (6 in favour).

Planning decisions by Breckland.

Stacksford Grange Road from Stacksford Lane to Hargham Road (3PL/2023/1025/EU).

Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing Use (CLUED) for the use of the dwelling known as

Stacksford Grange in breach of the agricultural occupation condition attached to planning permission 3PL/1988/1300/O.

Traffic issues. Numerous members of the public attended the meeting to voice their concerns with traffic issues around the village. It was accepted that this needs addressing so a meeting has been called at the Memorial Room on Saturday 24 February at 10am. The clerk will invite the NCC Highways officer and Steve Askew to attend to try and answer questions from the public. Concerns were raised by public around the large amount of flooding in the village in recent weeks. Clerk to speak with Highways regarding ditches that need cleaning and Ron Brewer has put a piece in the village newsletter asking residents to ensure drains and any ditches on their property are kept clear

Public participation. Adrian Joel reported that a former Parish Council member Derek Smalley has died. He also reported that the community car scheme is looking for new drivers.

Items for next agenda. These will include updates on Solar Farm and flooding update

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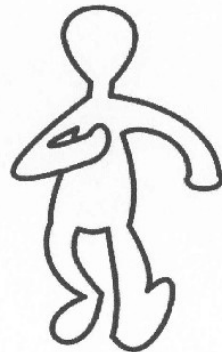
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There will be the usual raffle and refreshments. Everyone very welcome as are any donations of prizes.

Future Bingo dates are the Saturdays 13 April, 11 May and 8 June.

News from the Village Hall

The Village Hall Management Committee met on Wednesday 7 February. Those present were Eileen Oliver, Chairperson; Richard Crawley, Secretary; Jane Kelly, Booking Clerk; Pete Twissell, Parish Council representative; Jay Lucas, Hall Manager; Rosemary Pratt; Alison Frank; Tracey Hayden and Chris Dalton. Apologies for non-

attendance had been received from Terry Cook and Graham Dye. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

Matters arising from these minutes included the crack in floor between kitchen and foyer in Memorial Hall, It will be checked and if it worsens, a building inspector will be consulted. A quote for replacement curtains to be delayed until accounts for 2023 are settled.

Unacceptable and insanitary rubbish has been placed in the outside bins. The perpetrators may be identified via the hall's CCTV which may help by providing a specific date and time that this occurred. The issue of clearing the office was raised and it was agreed that this should be done. The Parish Council continues to make use of the village hall office and will start up a monthly Parish surgery in the Memorial Hall on the

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The treasurer had submitted a report on current hire charges. The hall is increasingly reliant upon paid rather than unpaid/volunteer help and as such some level of price increase seems inevitable. The accounts up to the end of December 2023 are not yet complete but are expected to show a small loss. Now need to hold back increasing charges until the increased costs are looked at. A slightly different arrangement has been agreed with the treasurer of the Old Buckenham Families Association as regards the timing of

future receipts and payments but this is quite complex and will be reported on before seeking approval from the committee.

The car park wastepaper bin has collected 2.71 tonnes during 2023 and the hall should receive a useful sum once the claim is processed. Village Electrical have completed their work on the emergency lighting. The oil order should see the hall right through the winter and well into 2024 as, based upon last year, the new boiler and extra insulation has cut the fuel usage noticeably.

Hire charges were discussed. Old Buckenham Village Hall appears to have lower hire charges than other local village halls. Our hall should not be seen to be undercutting other venues, nor, on the other hand, deterring bookings by becoming too expensive. Income has to cover the increases in



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labour, materials and energy costs that have increased dramatically nationwide. In addition, they are obliged by the Charity Commission to make a separate and higher charge for commercial bookings. Though difficult to define, the difference between commercial and private bookings was not easy. It was felt that agreement was needed on a percentage increase in addition to the regular charges. A proposal was made that a 25% increase be levied on hire charges for commercial bookings, rounded to the nearest 50p or £1, and subject to negotiation taking into account duration and frequency of hire. This was carried by a unanimous vote. CAN will be asked for clarification on what bookings constitute a commercial charge. A high income for January was reported thanks to the Players' pantomime. A new class in Qi Kong is starting up and Church Bingo restarts in March when the Christian Aid Quiz will also be held. Hollyhock Trilogy, a drama production, will be visiting on Sunday 17 March at 2.30pm. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served, and help will be required for the event. Also fEast are returning in June with a new production. The Hallmaster booking system needs more committee members

able to use it and a promise of more help was greatly appreciated. Village Electricals had carried out the emergency lighting inspection and issued the certificates. The British Gas contract is due for renewal at a much higher standing charge. Direct negotiations with the company have led to a much better deal. It was agreed to should renew the contract on these terms another year.

Car park signage was considered. The speed bump on the exit lane has been replaced. Discussions took place on whether signage should be renewed on the surface or by signs on posts or walls.

Applying white arrows in the winter is difficult as the material takes time to set. The best time for the work is the school summer holidays. This work can be expensive especially if a professional firm is contracted.

Exit signs are much cheaper and signs on the walls and the fence next to Chapel Green School, plus two signs on posts along the edge of the Recreation Ground were suggested. There is also the issue of having too many notices along the walls of the building that may go unnoticed.

It had been reported that the defibrillator at the Village Hall is not working and the Parish Council has been informed. A meeting between

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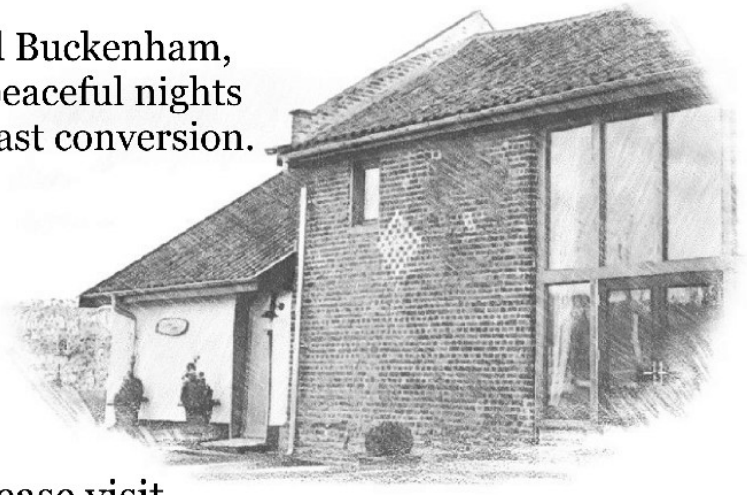
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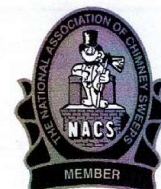
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a few members of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee was due and the Parish Council will be asked to propose a date for this. The date of the next Management Committee meeting will be Wednesday 6 March.

Activity at our Bookshop

From Lucie of the Old School Bookshop: In January, the Old School Bookshop held its first author event since opening. It was a great success with guests enjoying a glimpse into Victorian life as author Moira Walsh recounted stories of her family history and her experiences of investigating and writing about her ancestry.

We learned about the family's connection to Old Buckenham and how Moira's grandfather became the first to sell petrol in Norfolk from the shop and petrol station in the village.

Over refreshments, guest had their books signed and chatted with the author. Moira's book – *The Clarks of Crofton Hall* – can still be bought from the Old School Bookshop.

The next author event at the bookshop is on Thursday 21 March when we will be visited by Louis de Bernières to discuss his recent

book, *Light Over Liskeard*. Tickets available from

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I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your continued support into my third month of trading. Each one of you have supported me in your own way - from subscribing to my newsletter, spreading the word, giving me ideas to improve, putting up posters, joining the book club, coming to events, visiting again and again to buy books or give me a well-needed pep talk when I'm feeling weary! I appreciate you all so much.

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Read and enjoy

Here is the first of several pieces being supplied by writer Tom Walshe on some local history. He pays homage to a master airman who did Old Buckenham proud.

Who's been watching the new TV series "Masters of the Air"? Eighty years ago this month, a movie star arrived at Old Buckenham to take part in a war drama. He was the "Tall Drawl", otherwise known as Jimmy Stewart. And the action was undeniably for real.

Stewart had won his first Oscar in the 1940 movie *The Philadelphia Story*. A few months later he

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stunned film fans – and his production team at MGM – by enlisting as a humble private in the US Army. He was the first Hollywood actor to join up. When a producer asked him why he would give up his screen career for the military, he said "This country's conscience is bigger than all the studios in Hollywood put together, and the time will come when we'll have to fight."

How right he was. Within four years, he had risen to the rank of colonel with the Air Force and remains to this day a hero of the American war effort that helped save Europe from the Nazis. After pilot training in the States, James Maitland Stewart, then aged 35, came to South Norfolk in December 1943 as a squadron leader with the 445th Bombardment Group based at Tibenham. He transferred to "Old Buc" (as the Americans dubbed the new aerodrome) a few weeks after

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operations began here in February 1944.

The airfield was the new base for the 453rd Bombardment Group and had a mighty fleet of B24 Liberators flying daylight (and therefore very dangerous) missions over Germany and other strategic targets in occupied Europe.

Stewart's arrival as Group Operations Officer on 30 March 1944 came three days after his predecessor in the role had been killed during a raid over France. He began with a statement of intent, piloting the lead plane on his first mission on April 13th as 18 "Libs" attacked an aircraft parts factory and repair depot near Munich; all but one plane made it safely back to Old Buc.

The following day there was a very different duty for Stewart as he helped lead the celebrations at the opening of the Aero Club on base. This facility, run by the Red Cross, gave the men off-duty leisure and respite activities including dances (local girls were regular attendees), along with film shows, a games area and snack bar.

Despite having been assigned to the 453rd "for the duration", his promotion from major to lieutenant-colonel in June 1944 was followed by appointment as an executive officer of the 2nd Bomb

Wing, later becoming its deputy commander. As such, he was based at the wing's HQ at Ketteringham Hall.

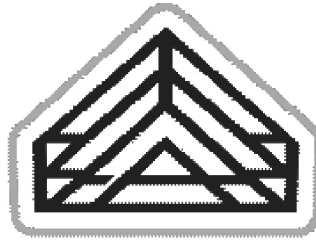
It is clear, however, that he continued to have a close association with "Old Buc" and took part in more bombing missions from the aerodrome here until operations officially ended in April 1945.

Stewart's official tally of missions is just over twenty. However, all but a handful of those, relate to his time at Tibenham. Most of his later missions went uncredited at his own insistence.

His skill and bravery was recognised though by the prestigious awards that marked his service. He twice received the Distinguished Flying Cross for actions in combat, as well as the French Croix de Guerre and no fewer than four Air Medals.

Some of the younger villagers were aware of the presence of a big movie star among the hundreds of airmen who gave the village its whole new status in 1944. But the older generation tended to have less interest in popular American culture and were doubtless more sanguine. War, after all, had no truck with celebrity.

So it was that when smartly-dressed officer Stewart came knocking on



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the door of agricultural contractor Tom Loveday to thank him personally for a brave act attempting to save the crew of a Lib that had crashed shortly after take-off, the local hero was unaware who the caller was.

Tom's son John Loveday, now 98, and himself a great recorder of village life from that era, explains: "My dad was out in his car and saw an American plane that had just taken off and looked as if it was going to crash. He realised it would have bombs on board but he sped to where it was coming down. When he got there, he found the door of the plane was jammed and the men couldn't get out. So he took an axe he had with him to the plane and managed to open it enough for a few chaps to escape. Then there was an explosion which blew my Dad off his feet. He was singed quite a bit round the eyebrows and hair."

Stewart's unexpected visit to Tom Loveday at Rod Alley Row was much appreciated and certainly impressed young John, even though he was not home at the time! "Coming to the house to thank my father was a great gesture and very indicative of the type of man he was," says John.

Others have observed that Jimmy Stewart was an exemplary officer

who chose to lead his men in combat, stating that he wouldn't ask them to do anything he wasn't prepared to do himself. He continued to play a role in the United States Air Force Reserve after the war, rising to the rank of Brigadier General in July 1959. And his movie career didn't go badly either!

Next time: The "Friendly Invasion" from a local perspective.

Easter lilies

Once again, on Easter Day (Sunday 31 March), All Saints Church will commemorate the lives of loved ones who have died. Flower arrangements in the church at Easter will comprise of lilies, each in memory of departed relatives or friends.

If you would like to participate in this event by remembering loved ones please contact Sheila Freake before Saturday 17 March with your name/s and the name/s of the person/s to be remembered together with any donation you may wish to make to the Lily Fund. It is estimated that each lily will cost in the region of £5. Any additional money received will go towards the costs of ensuring that All Saints' Church is able to continue providing for the needs of the village. They need funds to

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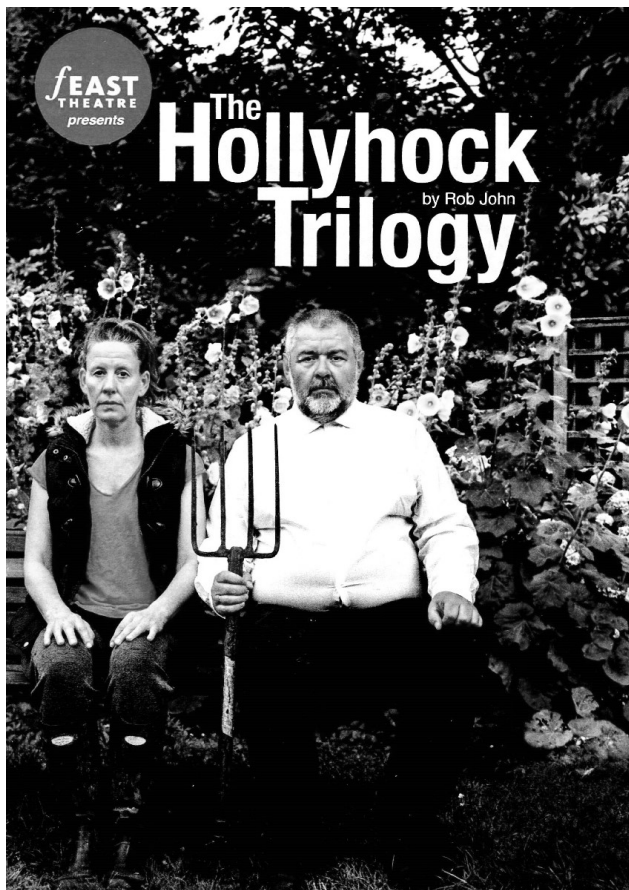
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If you have any queries please contact Sheila Freake, 36 Hargham Road, NR17 1SL, email sheilafreake@btinternet.com or telephone 01953 860156.

Letters and emails

From Sheila Young: Our meeting in January was fun and games as we played a Beetle Drive and had a Quiz. We were lucky to have three new visitors as well who enjoyed themselves and are now going to join our Women's Institute. Our competition was "A Pretty Plate" with some beautiful entries and our Flower of the Month included a hellebore and catkins. February was our Annual Meeting where we were voting in a new committee for the year. On Thursday 28 March we will be 'Singing for Well Being' so it would be nice to see you there...

Tim Bornett's message to residents: I write this on the day of the deadline for the March news letter. Absolute chaos going to Attleborough on the B 1075. Major water pipe burst past Bunns Bank. Had to divert to Foundary Lane, met tanker lorries et al. When I returned I went via Attleborough's Hargham Road but could not get through because of floods. Eventually got back via Foundary Lane. Attleborough Town Council stated that lack of infrastructure support was the cause re water pipe burst. I agree. No diversion signs and many motorists decided to remove barriers to get through. The following weekend the same stretch of road was due to be closed for 48 hours for resurfacing! It was excellent to see Attleborough Town Council also helping to support flood victims in part of Attleborough by providing sand bags, etc. Since Christmas last there has been considerable rain and subsequent frosts, plus mud on the roads. At Puddledock bend heading towards Attleborough, rain plus ice plus mud has caused several accidents. Thankfully no serious injuries but a resident has suffered considerable fence damage to his property. Old Buckenham is witnessing many

heavy vehicles entering Old Buckenham, not only on the B1075 but rat running from the A11 via Hargham Road. The Parish Council needs to apply pressure to not only local councils but the Government to insist that adequate investment is provided to ensure infrastructure support. The flooding on the Green around Ottomer pond and at Hargham Road near the Almshouses needs to be a priority for the Parish. Perhaps a start for all the above is for a 20 mph limit on the B1075 at Puddledock bend but with adequate enforcement.

Old Buckenham Methodist Church has written: The Old Buckenham Alternative Quiz Night will take place this year on Saturday 27 April at Old Buckenham Methodist Church, NR17 1PY (parking available).

Starting at 7pm, it will have a range of fun quizzes including visual, sound and other interactive quizzes plus traditional questions and answers. £5 per person including refreshments.

Proceeds to be donated to the St Martins Housing Trust. Bookings available for teams of 4 to 6 (individuals also welcome to join or make up teams).

To book a place either email oldbuckenham.methodist@aol.co.uk or phone 01953 861207. Due

to the size of the building we can only accept a maximum number of 40 people.

From Rupert Rawcliffe: I am not sure whether this is any interest to people in Old Buckenham to see what the Lord of Old Buckenham is doing at all. I won't be offended if it is not but Roz and I were lucky enough to be invited to a dinner in the Great Hall at Arundel Castle on a recent Saturday to learn more about the South Downs National Park Trust. As well as meeting and talking to Tim Peake who is a British astronaut, we met the host who was Charles Gordon-Lennox, his Grace, The Duke of Richmond and Gordon.

The Duke of Norfolk had given the use of Arundel Castle for the event with drinks in the magnificent library and dinner in the Great Hall. As only 100 people were invited it was a massive honour.

From all of the Trustees of the Almshouses: Please can you put another thank you note go in the next village newsletter? The Robert Cocks Almshouses Charity donation tin in the village shop was recently counted and a lovely £52 was donated this time. All money raised is being saved to go towards the re-roofing project. Thank you to everyone that contributed and to Krishna for allowing our tin to be

there. A new donation tin has taken its place!

Charles Oxley writes: Something for Old Buckenham's photographers. The ninth biennial Photoshow will be held from Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May (the weekend before the Spring Bank Holiday) at New Buckenham Village Hall. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to show your photos to the public. We welcome photographers of all standards and particularly encourage people who have never shown their photos before - and we give them lots of help.

Do you know anyone who hasn't exhibited at the Photoshow, perhaps an enthusiastic youngster? Please let me have an email address and I'll invite them as well. The email address is photoshow@newbuckenham.net I'll send out more details and application forms nearer the time, meanwhile start looking out your best pictures and keep your camera with you for the perfect shot!

Jon Halfacree tells of something else you can enjoy: The New Buckenham Art Exhibition is a popular Easter event where artists from East Anglia come to display their artwork. You will see watercolours, oil and acrylic

paintings, drawings, photographs, collage, prints, pottery and sculptures. There will be also a selection of unframed pictures some artists also display their greetings cards, together they give an interesting and lively show for the visitors and all work is for sale. Many of you will be familiar with this event and will have visited and enjoyed it in previous years. It is held in New Buckenham Village Hall, Moat Lane, New Buckenham NR16 2AU.

The Opening Night this year is on Friday 29 March 7.30 pm to 10pm. Admission is £5 and this is quite a special evening both socially and for the serious picture buyers, with many exhibits being sold.

The exhibition continues over the Easter weekend Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 11am to 4.30pm. Admission is £2. All the money that is raised at this event is donated to St Martins Church New Buckenham and the New Buckenham Village Hall.

If you have not been to this before do come this year you won't be disappointed and you might even find a picture you want for your home. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a selection of delicious homemade cakes. For more

information email
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Local thoughts

Hiup sa Red Van Man, ar tha Dorkters in Attleborough par orf tha Nashonal Dorkters strike. Howe wode yew kow I sa, yew carnt them at tha best orf times! Torkin orf be-en contra versal, remembar we spok ar bot them thar Electrck Vericarls, arn I sey if I wost tew bie arnufer car it wode be ar Disal. I due recorl sa Red Van Man.

Wel this ole gal giv me ar rite rolocken. Yew shode bie ar seten arn exarmpal she sa, arn be finken orf ar enviromen.

Hol yew hard I sa, hev yew fort orf ware orl thar electricity be ar cumin from tew char tha bateres. Frum tha plugs in yar hose she sar, but hoe did it git tew yar hose? Dont be tarf frum them thar pylorns she rekorn. Due yew now if eitie percent orf tha futshur cars arn vericarls be electrck, we wode need art lease free orf them thar Nuclar Powar Stashuns tew provide thar electricity.

Yew fink orf orl tha fus orf bildin ar secorn Nuclar Powar Stashun ar Sizwell, let arlon arnufer tew else ware.

Wot she sar tew thart, she recorn

I dunt now wot I bie ar torkin ar bote. May be she wus rite, observe Red Van Man, we due tork ar lode orf squite now arn argin dunt we? I spose soe, but noe probleen be easie tew solve wit out createn ar nunfer wun. As we orfern say we bof be getern up in thar tofe, arn howe many chanigers we hev sen in ar time orn this ole worlde.

Wel tufer da sum wun from Earsham sen me sum photo graphs orn ma putar shoen me Dad ar sitern orn his Mum arn Dads nee as ar babie, thart be mi Granie ar Grandard. Nex da tha sam bloke sen mi pitshus orf mi Granie ar Grandard with thar Mum arn Dad, mi gret Gran parens. Thart be ar rite long time argoe. Wite me thart be for generushuns. Jus yew fink orf orl tha changes thar hev takern place in thart time, sa Red Van Man. As I fink I sed arfor I carn rembar sum orf those changes thart harpen in mi life time.

I carn re corl tha farm ware I lived as a boye, cuten tha barley wit ar hoss drawn binda. Thern ar frashern it wit ar Ransum frashern machine, belt drivern bie ar Field Marshal Tracter, ar gren wun in those days it wus state orf tha art. It wos drivern bie Billy Smif. He het tew ware ar marsk arn

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fumes frum tha tracter ote orf his
face, no helf arn saftie
reguleshuns bac thern!

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dinar, ar eaten thar sandwiches,
arn heven ar gret ole mardel,
generile ar-bote them thar war
time vacagues frum Lundern, who
knew nofink ar-bote Norfuck arn
its pepal. Tha ofern sa yew can
orles tel a Norfuck man, but yew
carnt tel him much, them thar
pepal frum Lundern did wel tew
remembar that. Arter fortie
minutes tha wode git bac tew
work, finishen wen it gort dark.
Wen tha wode take tha ole
Tracter arn hosses bac tew tha
farm sheds arn stables, afor go en
home them selfs. Enquiring tha
gode ladies wot Winston
Churchill hed tew sa tew da, arn
how meny orf tha Americans
eroplanes dint make it home frum
thar day lite bomin raids ovar
Germany, brav yung men ar fiten
for us, wot wode we hev wit out
them?

Wen yew loke bac arn se how
meny American air fields thar
wose in Norfuck arn Sufuck, arn
how meny aircraft tha lorst in tha
larst cupal orf yers orf tha war its
rite frightening. Each plane wus
crewed bie eite air men. I fink I

bie rite in sayern thar Americans
lorst ovar free hundred air craft, due
tew enemie acshun, thar crews be
in killed or takern prisinor, thar
average age wus onlie twentie tew.
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home, meny orf them did far mor.
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James Stewart, he did twentie five
raids ar flien frum Tibenham arn
free frum Old Buckenham. As I sar
brave yung men. Thar "Friendly
Invashun" a lort pepal use tew sa.
Wun ole boye in tha pub tel me as
sone as he cum out orf school in
tha arternoon he wode bike tew
Old Buckenham arfield arn wach
tha Bombers ar landing arter tha
cum home frum tha rades ova
Germany, tharts tha wuns thart
mede it bac.

Cor blas, sa Red Van Man, yew ent
haf makin me fele rite sad. Not as
sad as I be wen I loke at orl them
blokes names orn ar War
Memorial. Jus like them thar Yanks,
tha gave thar lives for us, we mus
nevar forget thart, arn show them
thar respec tha ritlie deserve.

Wen we tork agin it shode be
sumfim more lite hearted, sa Red
Van Man, arn I dunt mean ar Parish
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Hev a good munth orl tha best
tew yew arn yours.

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Diary dates for March

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

Monday 4	Monday Mardle, Methodist Church, 2pm for 2.15pm
Thursday 7	Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Friday 8	Mobile Library throughout village from 10am
Thursday 8	Church Bingo, Village Hall, 2pm
Wednesday 13	Luncheon Club, Village Hall, 10am to 1.30pm
Thursday 14	Social Circle, Village Hall, 7.15pm for 7.30pm
Saturday 16	Christian Aid Quiz, Village Hall, from 6.30pm for 7pm
Sunday 17	Hollyhock Trilogy play, Village Hall, 2.30pm
Monday 18	Monday Mardle, Methodist Church, 2pm for 2.15pm
Wednesday 20	Copy date for April newsletter
Thursday 21	Louis de Bernieres talk, Old School Bookshop, 7pm
Thursday 28	Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Sunday 31	Lilies on display, All Saints Church, from 12 noon

Regular happenings in the village are the Old School bookshop open Fridays and Saturdays between 10am and 4pm, the Breckland Food Bus in the Village Hall car park every Friday from 1.15pm to 2.15pm, 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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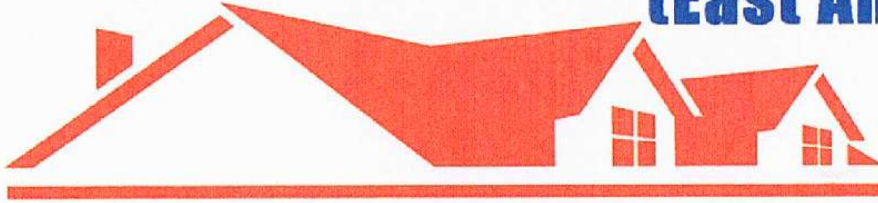
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