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Letters and emails

Alison Hannah has written this appeal on behalf of Old

Buckenham toads: If one evening back in the early Spring this year you happened to walk down the footpath along the edge of the Green along the main road, or between All Saints church and the Ox and Plough, you may have encountered our resident toads. They were making the hazardous annual journey from their 'normal' residences on the Green and in the churchyard to Ottomer Pond for the mating season. You might also have been aware of those that didn't make it - having sadly encountered a moving vehicle before reaching safety.

Following a conversation with a

lead member of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, I have registered these sites as 'Toad Crossing Points' with the organisation 'Froglife'. They have uploaded this information to their website but have also sent me their information pack about setting up a local 'toad crossing patrol' which would be great way to try and reduce the carnage next year. Randomly trying to help the toads across the road without a proper patrol is not really the way to go although I know some of us have tried. If anyone feels inspired to take on the role of a patrol manager and organise a rota of volunteers to help save the lives of the toads next year, please get in touch as I have lots of useful information.

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This report is from Sheila, a member of Old Buckenham WI:
Lots of laughter and fun was had on our Thursday evening meeting late in June when we were introduced to Bollywood dancing by Tina Vallance. We warmed up with her showing us how to move our hands, arms, legs and body! Then we practiced with music. As you can imagine lots of wrong steps and movements as well as some really good dancing. Then we dressed up with Bindis and costumes and danced away until we couldn't stand any more. We were all desperate for our drinks and cake and afterwards our delegate, Liz Moy, gave us a report on the National Annual Meeting in April. Business, competitions and raffle ended the evening very nicely.

This contribution has been received from Jean Bornett: Have you recently tried to walk from Hargham Road to the part of Fenn Street near Puddledock? My advice is to take a machete! The first part in Hargham is not too bad. Boggy but passable. Then there are two dead trees you need to duck under. The stinging nettles and briars are taller than me and I'm 5ft 6in. Next is the maize field



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where the maize meets the nettles. Somebody has had a go at hacking their way through. The farmer has taken the hay from the left side of the field but left the path overgrown, I don't know what it is like from there to Fen Street. I've lost the will to live. I know we've had lots of rain and everything is growing but footpaths, as we were shown during Covid, were a lifeline for sanity.

Update on Wednesday 17 July. I walked the path today and someone has had a go at improving the footpath till you get to the maize field. Thank you but



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there is still work to be done.

This review of Small Pleasures by Clare Chambers is from Lucie of the Old School Bookshop: The book club met in July to discuss the book *Small Pleasures* which was well received by all members. We discussed how reminiscent it was of 1950s London and Kent with some members having memories of growing up in those areas (but perhaps a little later than the 50s as they are a youthful bunch really!) We found the dynamic between single journalist daughter (Jean) and her (more overly dependent than strictly necessary) mother true to life and, at times, really amusing as were many of the domestic day-to-day occurrences for a single working woman in the post-war era. The writing was really accessible but not predictable and kept you hooked from chapter to chapter as the mystery of a virgin birth news story and an unexpected love story unravelled. The book contained a lot of sadness but also love, hope, surprise, secrets and uncertainty. For me it held a true mirror up to the complexities of life and the strange mix of fatigue and optimism that is so reflective of post-war suburbia.

For me this was my favourite book we have read to date and I can't

wait to read more of Clare Chambers' novels.

More thoughts from Alison

Hannah: Many thanks to those who came along on Sunday 21 July to our 'service at All Saints for dogs and owners'. Never having held a service like this before, we were slightly concerned that either there would be chaos – or that no-one would come – and neither was the case. On a bright and warm day a congregation of some 18 people and 6 dogs celebrated the wonderful joy our canine companions bring into our lives; and gave thanks for them, and for those who help us care for them. From the smallest terrier to the largest hound – we love them, and we were reminded that God loves us too. After one dog joined in the singing of 'Morning has broken', maybe we could say it was a 'howling success' (oh dear!).

News from the Village Hall

The Village Hall Management Committee met on Wednesday 3 July. Those present were Eileen Oliver, Chairperson; Graham Dye, Treasurer; Richard Crawley, Secretary; Jane Kelly, Bookings Clerk; Pete Twissell, Parish Council representative; Rosemary Pratt; Terry Cook and Tracey Hayden.

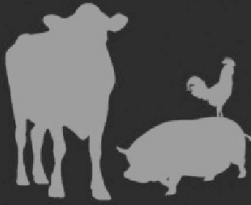
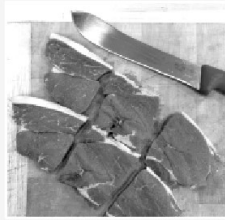
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The Chairperson welcomed members and opened the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed. Matters arising from these minutes included the request to see if there might be a more prominent site for the Women's Institute trophies than the Memorial Room rear lobby offered at the last meeting. It was felt that there was no longer spare wall space that was suitable.

The Old Buckenham AirShow manager, Matt Wilkins, had raised concerns about opening the Village Hall car park for people to view the Show. The booking clerk will contact him to allay his concerns and the chairperson will talk to Matt after the Show. The Parish Council representative confirmed that he had consulted with the Parish Council about the use of the Recreation Ground for viewing the AirShow. The volunteer helpers over the AirShow weekend will be contacted as possible recruits to the

committee. A local contact to follow up for help with cleaning at the hall had been identified and local cleaning companies had also been contacted. Other items due on the Annual List are inspection of the First Aid boxes and arranging the oil boiler service.

The "Walk " of the hall for identifying risks and repairs will be carried out at the start of August's meeting from 7pm. This will include finishing off the "learning process" about the outside of the hall. The secretary reported a meeting with the treasurer and booking manager about sharing information to form the basis of a Village Hall handbook and thanked them for their time and contributions. The neatness of the front lawn had been commented on. Documents related to this week's Trustee training have been circulated on line to members. Help with various Village Hall chores was still needed and also a review of our policies. The search for cleaning help continues as mentioned earlier. It was agreed by the committee agree to go ahead with the car park repairs that had been negotiated previously. It is hoped that the work can be completed during the school holidays. Inquiries about replacing the stage curtains will continue.

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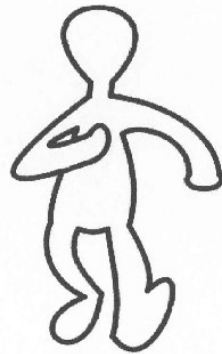
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The treasurer has made the return to the Charity Commission and the claim to Breckland Council for the paper collection. The revenue from the solar panels remains steady. Profits from fEast's *Elephant* production were £130 from running the bar and a raffle. Last year's recycling revenues totalled £1128 made up of £762 from glass, £184 from paper and £182 from textiles.

Brownies will no longer run and there is no-one to take over. Dance practice is re-booked for three hours on Sunday evenings. Party enquiries are increasing. A commercial educational firm may make a booking at the start of September. Harleston Players present *Friendly Invasion* in July for which the committee will run the bar and possibly a raffle if wanted.

Supply of tickets at £12 will be run by Harleston Players. It was reported that the Natural History Museum is interested in studying the cigarette ash box at the hall where a family of tits were nesting. This would entail careful removal of the box and it was felt that Brent would be the best person to do this when the Museum staff were present. It was also reported that County Broadband will give the Hall free broadband provision when it becomes live.

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 7 August and committee members were reminded to note the earlier starting time of 7pm.

Garage sale in September

This event will take place between 9am and 1pm on Saturday 21

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The windmill will be open for tours on that day and they will be serving refreshments from the new tea hut. Maps will be available to collect free from the windmill on the day, at other locations in the village the week before and will be published online.

Thanks are due to Steph Gipp for running the previous garage sales or yard sales for many years and passing the baton to the windmill charity to run this year's event.

July Parish Council minutes

The following notes were written by the newsletter editor from the draft minutes and so may contain information that is amended at a later date.

Old Buckenham Parish Council met at 7.30pm on Thursday 4 July at Old Buckenham Methodist Chapel. Those present were councillors Naomi Bailey (Chair), Lesley Evison, Pete Twissell, Stan Burton and Ali McWilliam. David Taylor arrived at 9.30pm. Apologies had been received from Doug Irons and Steve Gowers. Also in attendance were Jonn Hicks (Clerk) and four members of the public. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6 June were approved (5 in favour 2 abstain).

Financial matters. The Community account balance now stands at £21,388.39. Payments of £528.45



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were approved (5 in favour) which consisted of Community car drivers £153.30, grass cutting £150 and Parish Clerk salary £225.15.

Councillors' reports. Naomi Bailey reported that she had numerous complaints from various residents because of the volume of cars parked around the Green during the recent TWT event. David Tranmer of the Ox and Plough was invited to attend this meeting but sent a message to say he was unable to attend but also asked for payment for the event to be held off for a couple of weeks due to the recent poor weather. This was rejected by the Parish Council and so the Clerk will speak to him and insist on payment. Clerk reported that he has delivery coming for the traffic cones and barriers and will erect them on the next TWT if the weather is ok for the event to go ahead.

The Clerk also has taken delivery of the new batteries for the SAM sign and will deliver them to Steve Gowers. Pete Twissell told the Parish Council that the damage on the Green caused by TWT has begun but thinks this should be put on hold until this year's events have ceased. The Parish Council all agreed but insisted that this must

be done in November.

Naomi Bailey said that she had a phone call from a resident asking to fell a tree on his land. The Clerk informed her that she must tell the resident to speak to the Breckland Tree officer as this tree will have a Tree Protection Order attached and therefore requires permission from them before any works can be carried out.

Ali McWilliam had called an allotment holders meeting but only three turned up so will try again. Also reports that there is a small parking issue at the allotments but holders will trim and cut grass to relieve problem. Lesley Evison said that a couple of branches will be removed from tree by the High School due to them blocking the footpath and a couple of residents having problems using it on mobility scooters. Stan Burton has looked at Ottomer Pond for the overflow pipe again but the water level is still too high to find it

Action Log update. None.

Planning updates. 48 Fen Street. Proposed removal of rear conservatory, rear single storey extension & porch. Conversion of attached garage. Proposed rear extension, and re-building porch (3PL/2024/0525/HOU). There

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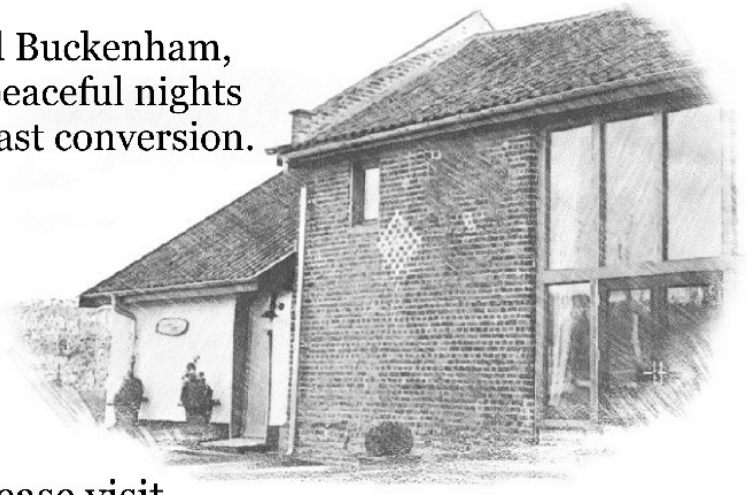
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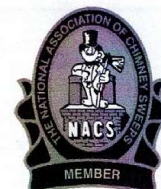
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were no objections from the Parish Council (5 in favour).

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(3PL/2024/0499/LU). There was a lack of information on this application and it was not supported (4 in favour, 1 abstain). It now appears to have been withdrawn.

Saturday Surgery. A couple of residents attended and pointed out the footpath on Raggs Lane was very overgrown. Lesley Evison will walk it and inspect and then report to the Clerk. The Clerk will then speak to Breckland to find out when the Rangers are next in village and will ask them to tidy.

Other business. Naomi Bailey said that a few residents had complained on social media that the Annual Parish Meeting was not advertised. The Clerk pointed out that it was in the village newsletter editorial and was also included in the diary dates. Ali McWilliam pointed out that all personnel must be aware of what is posted on social media and to think before posting or commenting on posts. The Clerk said that the post she refers to was on a personal page and that if it is copied and pasted to another page it's often taken out of

context.

The next Parish Council meeting will on Thursday 8 August at 7.30pm in Old Buckenham Village Hall.

Future parking in Attleborough

Breckland District Council is proposing to start charging for all the car parks that it owns in the market towns in about twelve months time. The proposals were prepared for them by outside consultants and were approved by the council in July and will soon go out for public comment. The editor of this newsletter has been reading through the consultants' report and even watched the proceedings of the Breckland Council's meeting when these proposals were passed by members.

The following is his attempt to summarise what he thinks it all means.

The towns involved are Dereham, Swaffham, Thetford, Watton and Attleborough. Breckland Council reckons that it owns thirty car parks and that three of them are in Attleborough. It also says that running all these car parks costs it around £450,000 to maintain them. The proposal is that in future each market town will have one car park

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services. At present Attleborough has a very popular car park in Queen's Road where people can stay for up to three hours (and no longer) without payment. Exceed three hours and you are fined. This allows time to go round the shops or visit one of the cafes. An hour of free parking is hardly enough to enjoy a good cup of coffee. At the moment we don't know various other factors. How much were the consultants paid to produce their report? How expensive will it be to fit the new solar-powered payment machines to the car park? What does Attleborough Town Council think about their present scheme being abandoned? How happy are the local shops with the idea? Will it always be possible to find a parking space in Queens Square or will lots of people pay their £3 and then get a bus off to Norwich or Thetford? Only time will tell.

All Saints services in August

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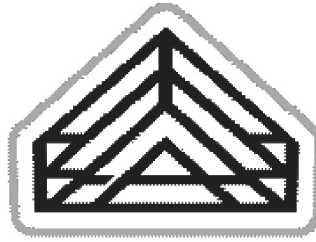
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Trains of thought

Tom Walshe tracks a railway carriage journey in this description of more local history: Old

Buckenham is not an obvious place to find a railway carriage. So you may be surprised to learn the story of a coach that began its journey on the commuter lines of Victorian London and now lies derelict in woodland at Old Buckenham Hall. It came to its current resting place in the late 1980s following an intriguing contribution to local history – first as a unusual family home and then as an unlikely addition to the village sporting scene.

Built by the Great Eastern Railway at its Stratford Works around 130 years ago, the carriage was one of many redundant vehicles sold off by the railway companies in the 1920s and 30s for domestic use. When and why it first came to Old Buckenham is unclear but, from the 1940s, it was situated on a large piece of land beside Hargham Road. It was lived in by Mr Horace Hilton, his second wife Florence



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and their young son David, born in 1948.

Horace was the brother of Herbert Hilton and an uncle of Clifton who farmed at Mill Farm. He and his first wife had a cottage on the opposite side of Hargham Road (or Old Mill Road as it was then known). But after her death in 1939 and his marriage to Florence the following year, the newlyweds moved into the carriage, granting occupancy of the house to his daughter Ella and her husband Fred Lancaster.

As I remember the carriage in the 1960s, it had only basic amenities



with a bedroom and kitchen extension on the side and – as with most living accommodation in the village at that time – an outdoor plank-and-pail toilet. Other features included a solid-fuel stove, a harmonium (on which David honed his considerable skills as an

organist) and Mr Hilton's trusty Windsor chair.

To some degree, young David adopted the quirkiness of the living arrangements. If the actual accommodation was a little inhibiting, the extensive piece of land it occupied widened his horizons. And both helped inspire his interest in railways and gardening. He even set out an imaginary train line via garden paths, complete with semaphore signals connected by string to wooden levers. Friends on their bicycles would ride along the "track" obeying the signals that David operated. Later in life he realised his boyhood dream to become a signaller and worked the box at Attleborough station for a decade before going on to supervise signalling on the North Yorkshire Moors heritage line.



Back in the early 1970s, after his parents had died, David and his

sister Ella decided to sell the land for development. But what to do with the railway carriage? Old Buckenham Cricket Club needed somewhere as an equipment store and part-time pavilion and he generously gifted the carriage to the club, a crane and low-loader being hired to relocate it to the Hall grounds.



It served its purpose well for around fifteen seasons until the present brick clubhouse was built, after which it was moved to the edge of a nearby meadow and used as a hay store for horses. There it remains, rather sad but still recognisable, among the trees that frame its resting place.



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Calling all green thumbs, artists, bakers and crafters!

A message from Rebecca Feake: The Old Buckenham Open Produce and Handicraft Show is on Sunday 8 September at the Village Hall. Exhibits deposited between 9.30am and 11am. Open to the public from 2pm. Prize giving at 4pm The schedule is available at residentsofoldbuckenham@hotmail.com.

There are loads of classes to enter. I can't wait to see the range of fabulous creations for 'holiday fun' collage and 'animals' themed cupcakes in the Children's Section. The shortbread biscuits, traybakes, and savoury scones are simple and fun ways to participate in the cookery section. The creativity in the handicrafts and art sections is always so impressive and I am determined to enter a photograph this year. Flowers and produce are not my strengths but I do love celebrating the labour of others in their gardens.

The Produce Show is a friendly competition. We promote inclusivity and encourage people of all ages and abilities to participate. There are dedicated Children's and Young Adult sections, and young people can also enter any of the other classes. It is an opportunity to meet others from the community and support local businesses. Please join us on 8 September and bring along an entry or two!



The fate of the carriage has only become known to the family following David's death late last year. His son Tom, who taught music at the High School for a number of years, says: "Following Dad's passing, it has been fascinating to learn the full story of the Hilton railway carriage. Having had a lifelong association with Old Buckenham – attending the Primary School, teaching at the High School, and playing the organ at All Saints' Church – I am proud of my ancestors' small but unique contribution to village history."

Famous people next year

Unfortunately it has been necessary to cancel this year's Flower Festival which normally takes place in the Methodist Chapel during the August Bank holiday weekend. Apologies to those who have already put in lots of work into their proposed displays but the organisers will be keeping the same title "Famous British People" for next year. There shouldn't be the same problems in 2025 so please put that August Bank holiday weekend in your diary now.

Growing on the Green

Two of our village residents, Susan and Alison, have been out and about

on the Green trying to identify what's growing there in the way of wild flowers and what has changed from the previous surveys they did a few years ago. This is very much work in progress and they will aim to be more specific in their results for the September newsletter.

Starry Ceiling Project 2024

After extensive fundraising through grants and donations, All Saints Church, Wilby has undergone extensive repairs over the last 14 months. Now that the work on the chancel roof is drawing to a close, they are turning their focus to the chancel ceiling. A distemper in King's Blue, as befits the medieval church and Jacobean oak interior, is to be applied by the contractors. Stars, to replace those that were there before, will be hand gilded by Wilby artist, David Ord Kerr (RA). From anecdotal evidence it is thought that the original starry ceiling was installed in 1953, the Queen's coronation year. Stars are being offered for a suggested donation of £50 each but please donate what you can, to ensure all who live in, or are associated with Wilby have an opportunity to take part. It can be a single star or multiple stars for a

family, or perhaps one for a loved one in the churchyard. Stars could be for those who married at All Saints, or were baptised there. There will be many personal reasons why you may like to be part of this project.

A record will be created of the stars that have been purchased. If you are willing to provide any information to be included, this would be appreciated. There will be a 'celestial plan' of the stars, with yours marked on your own copy. For an application form to take part please contact Kate Midgley, jkatemidgely@gmail.com or at Lochinvar House, Wilby, NR16 2JP.

Red Van Man still talking

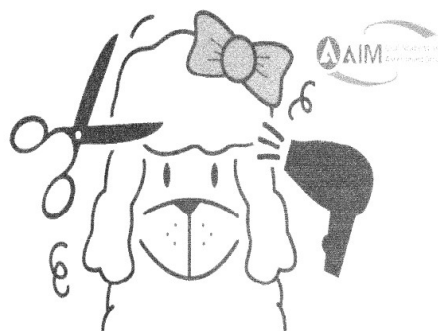
Tufer day I cum arcors mar Dad's Demob Papers, tha corled it 'Soldiers Service Book'. It med rite intar resten readrn. He enlisted orn tha 15/02/1940, arn wus dischar orn tha 20/04/1946, six yers ar servin his countrie. He sor acshun in Europe, toke part in thar 'D Day landins' he wus ar tank driva, ar flail tank, thart ust tew cler tha land mines, soe tha soldiers code safely move forward. His tank landid orn 'Sword Beach' orn day wun, 6/06/1944, it wus part orf tha 'The Westminster

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Tha fort thar way via Caen in Belgium tew Eindhoven in Holland, ware he wus stashun until tha war in Europe ended. He nevar torked much ar bote tha war, like thousands orf ufers he did his duty. I orfen wundar wot he wood fink orf ar cuntre as it is tew day!

Goern back tew chan, he sor ar lort orf it in his life time, he wus ninty wun wen tha good Lord corled him.

Mi earl est memories orf him, cos like his six brufers he wus ar gamekeeper, wus ar worken rone tha hedgerows lookern fur English Partridge nests, thar wus plenti in them days.

He wood chec them thar nests everie mornin, if thar eggs wus warm he wood tark wun or tew, wich he wood place undar broodie Bantams who wood hatch them. Tha Bantums hed tew be takern orf thar nest nite arn mornen arn fed arn watared, thar wun leg wus tied tew ar stak tew stop them wunderin orf.

Tha vilarge ware we lived, wus mad up orf severale large families wun hed forteen kids, thar majoritie five or six. Most orf em ust tew hev tew poach game orf orl descrip shun jus tew survive. Dad wood spen hours tri en tew

catsh them, orn tha odd ocashuns he did, he nevar took tha game orf them. In those far orf days he ust tew trap rabbits, orfern ar hundrid or soe in ar day. He wood skin arn gut em, Mum wood then cook em, put them in buckets wich Dad wood put orn his bik, arn take tew tha vilarge pepal.

Thar wus respec shown in therm thar days. Tha vilarge wus 'ruled' bie free pepal. Tha vilarge policeman, tha head master orf tha scole arn tha vicar. Dad arn ar few urfers wus special constables. Tha orl prided them selfs that thar boys arn garls didn't git intew truabal, arn they dint, wel most orf em!

I sar tha vast change wus tha ar numbar orf pepal ar livern in our once great cuntrie, I sa once cos I ent tew shure if tha world respeck us as tha once did.

But wun queshun Dad mite hev arsk if he wus stil here tew day, wots thart asrk Red Van Man, wot is arn 'ENGLISH MAN', or cum to thart a true 'BRITISH MAN'. Shut yew up yew ar starten tew git ar bit political. Wun larst fing arsk Red Van Man, dint yar ole man rite a book? He did, it wus corled 'In Gentlemans Service'. Thart ent no longar available.

Become an Old Buckenham community car driver

Community Car Scheme

The Parish Council have agreed to support the following Community Car Scheme to offer transport to villagers for medical appointments.

Would you like to volunteer to be a driver? The drivers need to meet the following conditions:

- a) All vehicles must be taxed and have a current MOT
- b) All drivers hold a valid driving license
- c) Have a biennial CRB check (no cost to driver)
- d) A three-year medical by a General Practitioner (cost reimbursed in full by Breckland Council)
- e) Have full comprehensive insurance and letter confirming that this applies whilst driving as a Community Car Driver

These requirements are to protect both passengers and drivers.

The reimbursement is divided between the passenger paying 50% of the journey with Breckland Council and Parish Council paying the other 50%. The passenger fee is paid direct to the driver with the other 50% paid to the driver by the Parish Council monthly by cheque. Monthly returns should go to the Parish Clerk/RFO.

There is a set fee paid by the passenger going to the N&N Hospital and to Attleborough Surgeries, other destinations are calculated on mileage. (At present the passenger pays just under £10 for a return trip to the NNUH and below £2 to go to and return from Attleborough Surgeries.)

Any resident who would like to help as a driver should please contact Adrian Joel on 01953 860663.

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

Alison Hannah and David Hannah - 01953 861261

Diary dates for August

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

Tuesday 6	Coffee and Chat, All Saints Church, 10.30am
Thursday 8	Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Friday 9	Balloon Festival, Country Park, from 10.30am
Saturday 10	Balloon Festival, Country Park from 5.30am
Sunday 11	Balloon Festival, Country Park from 5.30am
Wednesday 14	Luncheon Club, Village Hall, 10am to 1.30pm
Sunday 18	Windmill open for tours
Tuesday 20	Copy date for September newsletter
Thursday 22	Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Friday 23	Mobile Library throughout village from 10am
Saturday 31	Parish Council 'Surgery', Village Hall, 10am to noon

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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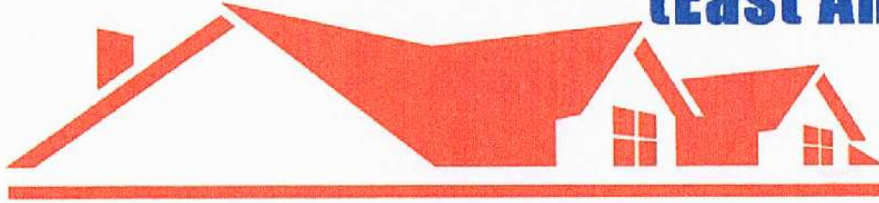
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