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If you are interested in 'sponsoring' an issue, it is a nominal cost of £10. The next two months, August and September, still have no sponsor so you may be able to claim one for yourselves. Again if you have some special occasion that you wish to celebrate in the future then you may be able to share a month with someone else.

It's nearer to show time

The Old Buckenham Open Produce and Handicraft Show is back for 2024. Come join in the fun on Sunday 8 September at the Village Hall.

There are sections for preserves, cookery, flowers, art and crafts, and fruit and vegetables. Any questions or for an electronic copy of the schedule, please email residentsofoldbuckenham@hotmail.com.

Latest Parish Council minutes

These notes have been written by the newsletter editor from the draft minutes and may be incomplete or amended at a later date.

Old Buckenham Parish Council met on Thursday 6 June at Old Buckenham Village Hall. Those present were Councillors Naomi Bailey (Chair), Lesley Evison, Pete

Twissell, Stan Burton, Ali McWilliam, Doug Irons and Steve Gowers. David Taylor arrived part way through the meeting. Also attending were Jonn Hicks (Clerk) and four members of the public. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11 April were approved (5 in favour, 2 abstain). **Financial matters.** The Community Account balance presently stood at £26,069.04. Payments of £4776.15 were approved (6 in favour) and were made up of: Community car drivers £165.20 Grass cutting £446 Clerk's salary £375.25 and Suggitts £3780.

Councillors' reports. Pete Twissell said that the damaged areas of the Green will be repaired this month. David Tranmer was invited to the meeting but was unable to attend due to ill health.

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The Clerk has reported that the instruction banners for Two Wheel Tuesdays are being made and being donated by a local company who wish to remain unnamed. Martin Lambert are willing to donate some used road cones and traffic banners to help ease the parking issues on a Tuesday evening. The clerk to collect with the trailer before the end of the month. Councillors asked about payments for TWT. The clerk informed them that he agreed to delay the first payment due to the poor weather that has had an effect on the event but is to speak with David Tranmer to ensure payments are caught up. Naomi Baily had a meeting with Steve Askew, George Freeman and representatives from Banham parish council regarding the local flooding issues. George Freeman was to lobby parliament to try and find a solution but this is now on hold as parliament is being dissolved due to the election. Naomi Bailey will press for this action to restart once we have an elected MP, whoever that will be. Pete Twissell also reported that the Village Hall Management Committee members thought their joint meeting was a success and Graham Dye will attend the next Parish Council meeting.



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Steve Gowers said that the Almshouse Trust has thanked the Parish Council for their precept grant.

Ali McWilliam reported that the ditch at the allotments still hasn't been cleared by the land owner but it was not possible due to the burst water main that has now been repaired. The Clerk to chase the landowner to clear the ditch. Pete Twissell also reported that the Village Hall Management Committee are looking for new committee members as some of the current members are wishing to retire.

Steve Gowers reported that he felt that the sign for the bookshop is



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Naomi Bailey reports that she and the Friends group at the Primary School would like to hold a few car boot sales to raise funds for Old Buckenham Primary School and were asking for the use of the recreation area for such an event. Doug Irons voiced his concerns about the event getting too big and causing traffic issues within the village. However Naomi Bailey assured the Parish Council that this would only be one or two events so should not be a problem. All the Parish Council agreed this can go ahead.

Naomi Bailey also said that a meeting had been arranged to see if there was an interest in forming a youth club for the village.

Action Log updates. The Clerk has sent all the Policies to Doug Irons in electronic form so they can be added to the new website. Many of these documents are now out of date and need updating and re adopting.

Planning updates. There have been no new planning applications but Breckland Council have approved the following:

Land off Attleborough Road.

Amendment to pp

3PL/2021/0236/F - regularise the

approved drawings so that they align with the new skylark mitigation set out in the CEMP and EMP. The revised layout also increases the distances from vegetation along the southern boundary to the panels, improving the efficiency of the panels (3NM/2024/0024/NMA).

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 4 July starting at 7.30pm at Old Buckenham Methodist Chapel (as the Village Hall is being used for General Election voting).

All Saints services in July

Tuesday 2 July

10am Holy communion followed by coffee and chat

Sunday 7 July

10am Group Service at Banham -
No service at Old Buckenham

Sunday 14 July

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 21 July

9.30am A Lay-led special service for dogs and their owners (see notice below)

Sunday 28 July

9.30am Holy Communion

Calling all dog lovers

Are you a dog-lover? Maybe a dog owner now, or have been in the past? We are so fortunate to have these wonderful canine companions to share our lives

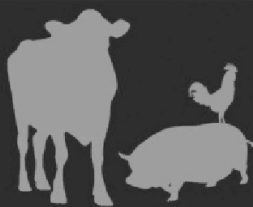
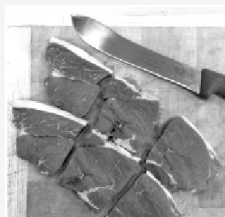
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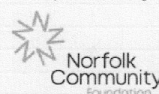
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with, they can give us so much. On Sunday 21 July (part of the 'Open Churches' weekend, see item later in newsletter) the morning service at All Saints Church will be a special one when everyone who loves dogs is very welcome to come along to say thank you for the joy they give us, through a short service of praise and thanksgiving. There will also be time to remember the dogs that are no longer with us as we recognise what a huge 'hole' their loss leaves in our lives. So do come along at 9.30am on Sunday 21 July, both you and your dogs if you want to bring them. Just remember that they may need to share the space with other dogs. Come with friends and family or on your own. All welcome.

Pick your own flowers

The Garden Retreat is now back open at Old Buckenham Country Park and there are more than 40 varieties of flowers to choose from. The business is a real family affair and it is run by mother-and-daughter Claire Hornby and Jessica Ward (who lives in Old Buckenham). The Garden Retreat is a Community Interest Company (CIC) and in 2025 they will be relocating to a larger site

at the country park.

Visitors can pick their own flowers and are charged from £6, £10 or £16 according to how big a bunch they pick. Paying is by cash only with cutters provided.

The Garden is open from 10am to 2pm on Wednesdays and Sundays until the end of September and well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

They can also offer bespoke flower and foliage buckets for weddings and other events. These need to be pre-ordered as they are grown elsewhere. Look at the 'Old Buckenham Garden Retreat' Facebook page for more details and updates.

Cover photo

Thanks are due to Katie Townsend who took the lovely photograph of an egret on Ottomer Pond on Sunday 2 June. It was therefore just too late for our June issue but it has been saved up for you to enjoy on the July cover.

Open Churches Weekend

Over the weekend of Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 July all seven churches in the Quidenham Benefice will be open and visitors will be especially welcome to attend some special events. A programme, entitling the holder to entry to any

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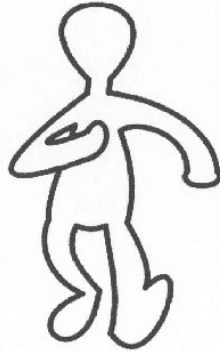
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All Saints Old Buckenham.
Saturday 20 July 3.30pm to approximately 4.30pm there will be an illustrated talk "Who's Who at Buckenham Castle: 400 years of the Castle's owners, linked to the heraldry in the Medieval windows at All Saints (with some meandering along the way)." Following this talk someone will be available in the church to show you around and point out all the fascinating features of this ancient

building.

Sunday 21 July 10.30am to 12 noon - after the special service for dogs and their owners there will again be someone available to show visitors around the church building.

St Mary the Virgin, Banham.

Saturday 20 July 10am to 4pm Refreshments (tea, coffee, cake), 10am to 12 noon and again from 1pm to 3.30pm. Children's activities: face painting, flower button-hole to make, decorate a biscuit, colouring. 10am to 4pm Church records, village census.

Sunday 21 July 10.45am to 4pm Refreshments (tea, coffee, cake), 11am to 4pm Children's activities: face painting, flower button-hole to make, decorate a biscuit, colouring. 10.45am to 4pm Church records, village census.

St Mary Eccles. *Saturday 20 July* 10am to 4pm Guided tours of the

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Saturday 20 July 9am to 4pm

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9.30 am to 11am. Church

Bellringing Workshop, 11am to noon Hand Bell Workshop.

1pm to 3pm Talk and Tour on

History and Importance of St Mary's Church

Sunday 21 July 12 noon to 4pm

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St Martin New Buckenham

Saturday 20 July 10am to 4pm

Coffee mates and refreshments

St Andrew Quidenham will be open for visitors

All Saints Wilby is currently closed for roof repairs but do go along and see this ancient church from the outside. Plenty of room to picnic in the churchyard

Chapel Green School Fete

The editor has received the following message: Thank you so much to everyone that attended our Summer Fete on Saturday 22 June and who donated tombola prizes. A grand amount of £2824.88 was raised, £556.92 more than last year.

We had such a fabulous day and we hope you all did too.

Local wartime history

The 'Young' Bob Thrower writes: In Tom Walshe's article in last month's newsletter, he mentions his mother Marjorie Westfield's bedroom chart on which she commented on her father digging out the air raid shelter with my dad Bob Thrower. I have this picture of them which I thought would be of interest. I used to go to Sunday school at Old Buckenham Baptist Chapel where Marjorie helped with Audrey Hammond who lived at Hungry



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Hill in Staxford. She was a teacher at Bunwell school.

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Note that I still say Staxford. Why is it now Stacksford on the signposts? It has always been Staxford in my mind as it is over the front door at Staxford Villa.

I still have so many happy

memories of living with Mum and Dad at Staxford and can still reflect on those times when visiting our daughter and family living there now.

Village Hall minutes

The Village Hall Management Committee met on Wednesday 5 June. Those present were Alison Frank, Acting Chairperson; Richard Crawley, Secretary; Graham Dye, Treasurer; Jay Lucas, Hall Manager; Pete Twissell, Parish Council representative; Tracey Hayden and Rosemary Pratt. Apologies for non-attendance had been received from Eileen Oliver, Terry Cook, Jane Kelly and Chris Dalton. Robin Steel, the gardener, attended as a guest at the beginning of the meeting. The acting chairperson opened the meeting, welcomed Robin and introduced him to the committee members. Robin offered to pressure wash the front curtilage of the hall which had suffered from silting after the recent heavy rain and flooding. The committee agreed to this provided the costing was reasonable. He also suggested cleaning the roof tiles and was asked what his view was on cleaning the solar panels. The committee decided to defer decisions on these matters. Robin was thanked for his good work

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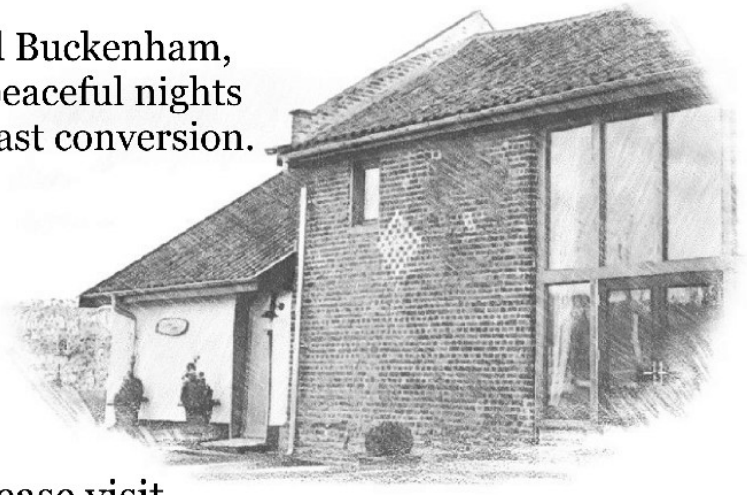
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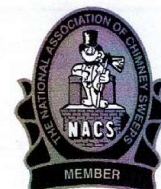
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before he left.

The committee started on its 'Walk' of the hall. The secretary stated that the object of the exercise was to create a Handbook for present and future members of the committee to acquaint them with the workings of the hall. He thought it would be good practice to take new members of the committee on the 'Walk'.

Members were led from the Memorial Hall, to the kitchen and lobby, the loft stairs, through the stage corridor to the storage room, main hall, kitchen, chair store, toilets, cleaner's store, office and cloak room, pointing out salient features and appliances. This was found to be instructive to members and the Village Hall Handbook would be updated following the additions that were mentioned. The main meeting then started. The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by the acting chairperson. The call for recruits to the committee and more use of the bottle banks had been included in the village newsletter. Old Buckenham Players committee would be asked about storing paint in their shed at the meeting next week. The trolley under the stage had been checked and found to be empty and so available for storage. An online conversation had been

held with CAN about the next step towards Incorporation which involved the transfer of Village Hall property to the new CIO. The review of the Health and Safety policy will be deferred to October, the date when its review was finalised last year.

With regard to incorporation, a solicitor had been contacted to carry out the property transfer which may take some time as the Charity Commission has a backlog. It was also noted that we had started to earn interest on our bank account. For the performance of Elephant on Friday 14 June the hall would run the bar, the raffle and will cover front of house duties. Lucie from the Old School Bookshop will help publicise the event and bring a display of books to the evening. Members were invited to pick up fliers and publicise the event as much as possible. The Writing Workshop would be publicised on Facebook. The payment of the water bill was delayed as the treasurer had not received the invoice. After negotiations with White Rod over repairing the car park surface, they recommended stripping and re-tarmacing the two lanes in need of repair rather than patching potholes. The committee agreed unanimously to go ahead with this.

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Measurements of the stage curtains had been taken and would be used to get a quote based on ordering wool serge fabric, not needing lining, for the committee's consideration. One future event is Harleston Players' production of Friendly Invasion which will be on Wednesday 24 July at 7.30pm. The Women's Institute had asked if a permanent space could be found for their trophies and memorabilia. It was proposed to contact the Airfield museum manager to ask if he could reorganise the USAAF memorabilia in the Memorial Hall lobby as this could free up the space for the Women's Institute. After a request from the Scouts the cleat for the flag rope in the Main Hall would be lowered. The date of the next meeting of the Management Committee is Wednesday 3 July.

Tuesday night generosity

A running total of £944 has so far

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been collected for the Norwich Air Ambulance during this season of Two Wheel Tuesdays (probably over £1000 since this was first written). Not bad considering the awful weather that has happened on some Tuesdays. Thanks for your support.

An Elephant in the Village Hall

A review by one of our readers:

Touring theatre company fEast brought their new play 'Elephant' to a packed OB Village Hall on the evening of Friday 14 June and, like the proverbial elephant in the room, there were a good many secrets the characters in the play were deliberately avoiding.

The play itself was a bit of a cliff-hanger, set in a house balanced on an eroding cliff in North Norfolk. Local recluse Manny gets a surprise visit from his estranged sister, Jessie, whom he's not seen for a year. She's wildly unpredictable, searching for a long lost family secret, and has inexplicably brought along with her a petty criminal, Lee Farrier, trussed up in a sack. Jessie describes an unlucky series of events that have conspired to her making such a poor and rash decision, but Manny's believing none of it. She's done this kind of thing before.

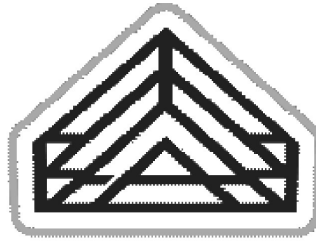
As a rising tide eats away at the

foundations, it's the sudden appearance of a local girl, Cally, arriving with a damaged reputation and an uncanny ability to read minds, that forces all four of them to try and salvage something from the day before it's too late. But as time runs out, and the uneasy truce turns towards possible violence, a hastily reckless plan begins to fall apart, exposing the bitter truths that have brought them together, the lies they've told each other, and against all expectation, the discovery of a strangely redemptive power that might just be buried beneath their feet.

The acting throughout was superb, the story engaging (if a bit crazy at times!) and without giving a spoiler, the ending was pure gold. The play is still touring Norfolk until the end of June so you may be too late to see it at the moment. But if you get the chance to see it in the future you won't be disappointed.

Writers' workshops

One of the special offers on the Elephant play was that the author, Jeremy Page, would for a small extra fee be giving a workshop on creative writing. As Jeremy has had several books published and also lectures at the UEA there were four Old Buckenham residents who had booked themselves on to this



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Unfortunately that was not enough people but they were offered a place at Diss Corn Hall where Jeremy Page was holding the same event on Friday 21 June. All four went along and joined in with another sixteen prospective writers for a very helpful three-hour workshop.

Bookshop news

The Old School Bookshop Book Clubs met on Thursday 13 June to discuss the book 'Strange Sally Diamond' by Liz Nugent which most of the group agreed was a real page turner and a great darkly humorous summer read. The subject matter was a bit challenging at times but the psychological thriller kept everyone guessing all the way along. Bookshop owner Lucie will be checking out more books by this author.

The book club members met again on Thursday 20 June for a summer walk and drink back at the bookshop – this gave the different groups a chance to meet each other and socialise. It was a lovely relaxing evening enjoyed by everyone who came along including the honorary four-legged members.

This month they are meeting on Thursday 11 July to discuss 'Small

Pleasures' by Clare Chambers.

New members are very welcome. They meet on the second Thursday of every month. You can choose from a 10.30am, 2pm, or 7pm meeting time and you can book your place which includes a copy of the book at oldschoolbookshop.co.uk or in the shop in person from Friday to Sunday.

Tea shop news also coming soon – keep your eyes peeled for an offer for village residents.

Open during Airshow

It has become a tradition during the last couple of years for people unable to get tickets for the Old Buckenham Airshow to congregate in the car park and recreation area behind the village hall. During the four-hour flying displays on both Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 July, the Village Hall Management Committee have agreed to open the hall between 10am and 4pm so that the spectators can use the toilets and get themselves a drink and simple refreshments.

Please treat these arrangements with due respect and use the facilities with care.

Where are the youth?

Do you remember this notice that took up half a page in the June

newsletter? It announced a meeting that would be held in the Methodist Church on Friday 21 June to see if the younger members of the village would be interested in having youth club that they could go to.

Old Buckenham Youth Club?

Are you aged between 10 and 18 years old?

Would you like to have a Youth Club in the village?

Would you like to have your say on what you'd want it to offer?

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

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

So if you are a young person aged 10-18, a parent or someone interested in giving a helping hand please come along to our 'ideas event' to be held on:

Friday 21st June, 6.30pm-7.30pm at the Methodist Chapel, Hargham Road.

Refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions please contact
obyouthclub@gmail.com.

Your 'youthful' editor went along to see how the meeting would turn out.

The room was all neatly laid out with small tables and plenty of writing equipment.

Next to arrive were the Chair of the Parish Council and her Vice-chair who joined the two 'facilitators' who had offered to see if a youth club could be started.

Score was then adults five, youth none. The five grown-ups stayed for an hour just in case somebody else turned up but no one came. Where were the youth of the village? There wasn't a big football match on that night. Do parents read the newsletter and tell their children about such items? Are there any youngsters who read their way

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Community Car Scheme

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- 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.

through the newsletter? What

methods do the youth use to talk to each other these days?

Answers on a postcard please...

Or preferably to the email address
obyouthclub@gmail.com

Annual Parish Meeting

This was held on Saturday 22 June. The audience was smaller than usual but the Chair started by giving a quick run through on what they had done during the last year. The problem of flooding throughout the village and the overflowing of Ottomer Pond had taken much of their time. Our District and County Councillor also spoke of the flooding as well as trying to explain how planning decisions were made. He asked that more individuals put their opinions and comments on the Breckland planning portal as this would have much more affect.

Lord of the Manor

Rupert Radcliffe, our Lord of the Manor, popped into the village on Saturday 22 June. He had left his home in Brighton by car and arrived here in time to pop into the Old School Bookshop before attending the Annual Parish Meeting. He took part in the discussions there before going on for a quick look round the Chapel Green Summer Fete. Then off for more activities somewhere.

Wild flower patch

You may have noticed that the area of the Green where John Fernihaugh and Richard Lindner made a brave attempt to sow a mix of wild flower seed two years ago is now a different colour to its surroundings. There are lots and lots of white daisies and much more clover.

It seems that the birds didn't eat all the seeds that were spread there after all.

Two requests for you

Please ask beforehand if you would like to park for a short while in the car park behind the Methodist Church. It is not a public car park but those at the Methodist are happy to let parking take place if they are asked.

Old Buckenham Parish Council would like to kindly remind residents and visitors to the village that the red litter bin on the recreation area (located at the back of the village hall) is a litter bin only and NOT for dog waste! Please refrain from disposing of your dog waste in that bin. The village hall cleaner kindly empties the bin for them and it's not fair on the person who does this. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Red Van Man asks again

Ar yew orl rite ma ole bewety? I sar tew Red Van Man, nort tew bard he reken, orl mos fare tew middlin.

Thart be rit dark ova Wills Mufers, I recorn thar be moor rain orn tha way, we hev hed ar share ova tha larst few weeks hent we, tharts bin rit rafty for tha time orf tha yer. Torkin orf time we ar haf way threw this here yer, tha nites wil soon be pullin in afor we now it. I spec wen we tork agin we mite hev ar change orf guvermen, ar new Priminister. If tha dew wot tha sar orl ar problums ar goern tew be solved ova nite. Ar bin abote this ole world ar few yer now, herd it orl afor sa Red Van Man, but weel se, yew nevar nowe.

Torken orf change, tha recorn yew mite soon be ar worken part time, onli delvern letars tew or fre days ar wek. Sum pepal fink yew wus ar dewin it now. Shut yew up, we gort soe meny pepal want tew change wot we be ar dewin, I rekorn we gort more admin astarors tharn drivers orf red vans. We mite nort delivar tha numbars orf letars we ust tew, but yew shode se tha numbar orf gretern cards, arn everi tim we make ar delivari we hev ar han full orf broshurs we stic frew yar leta box. Tha way we be ar goern I wil be

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Wen I wus yungar I het ta traval ar lort wit ma work. Tha first plac I went tew, be South West Africa, now corled Namibia. Thar wus hundreds orf miles orf dessert, tha blowern sand maken it rite dificull tew travarl, les yew wus in ar Land Rover, tha orl soe hed ar wet season, thart lasted free munths or so, wen it wus jus as hard tew travarl.

Tha uthar plac were tha wefer ust tew make me frit wus Sudi

Arabia. It wont haf hot, tha sand wode be blown bie tha wind, it wode drift like snow, it wus rite hot. Even in those earlie days in sum placs vehical movemen wus hard, tha locarls in tha interear ust tew use camels as thar mane mode orf transport. Cos tew day tha use specialised vehicarls.

Tha recorn her in tha UK, Europe, arn tha res orf tha moden world it ont be tew long ar for we dunt use petrol or diesel powered vehicarls tha orl be poward bi Electric or Hydrogen. I dunt now ar bote thart sa Red Van Man, wot tha sa, arn tha stil be ar doern, be tew diferen fings.

I wus readen tufer day thart tew orf ar biggest Banks, Barclays arn HSBC spen 705 billion dollars, larst yer 2023, orn investin in fossil fuels. Perhaps sum wun hent tol them we ar phasen out petrol arn diesel poward vehicarls arn tufer machines, I doubt it, but yew nevar nowe!

Tha 'Trooping of the Colour' hev bin shown orn tha tele, makes you proud tew be British. I now we ar a bit criticarl orf ar ole Country at tha moment but tharts nufink like us in this har World, long may it continue.

Tharts ar nuf orf orl thart speke argin nex munf orl bein wel in tha mean time kepe yew ar troshin.

Old Buckenham windmill

The mill is not opening for tours in July. The next date to remember is Sunday 18 August from 1pm to 4pm. On Saturday 21 September the opening hours are longer, 9am to 1pm, as this will be the date of a village garage sale event. They will still be open for mill tours too.

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Diary dates for July

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

Monday 1	Monday Mardle, Methodist Church, 2pm for 2.15pm
Tuesday 2	Coffee and Chat, All Saints Church, 10.30am
Thursday 4	General Election, Village Hall, open 7am to 10pm
Thursday 4	Parish Council, Methodist Church, 7.30pm
Wednesday 10	Luncheon Club, Village Hall, 10am to 1.30pm
Thursday 13	Social Circle, al fresco at 1 Mill Lane Cottages
Monday 15	Monday Mardle, Methodist Church, 2pm for 2.15pm
Thursday 20	Copy date for August newsletter
Sunday 21	Special dog service, All Saints Church, 9.30am
Wednesday 24	The Friendly Invasion, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Thursday 25	Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Friday 26	Mobile Library throughout village from 10am
Saturday 27	Old Buckenham Airshow, gates open at 8.30am
Saturday 27	Parish Council 'Surgery', Village Hall, 10am to noon
Saturday 27	Village Hall open 10am to 4pm
Sunday 28	Old Buckenham Airshow, gates open at 8.30am
Sunday 28	Village Hall open 10am to 4pm

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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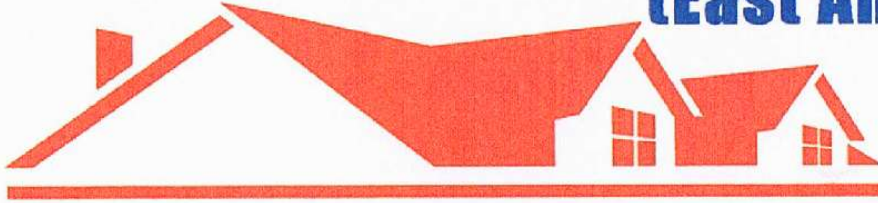
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