

THE SIX VILLAGES ASSOCIATION



March 2018

Banham, Old Buckenham, New Buckenham,
Quidenham, Eccles & Wilby

SIX VILLAGES NEWSLETTER

When David 'volunteered' us to write the editorial for the local magazine I was somewhat daunted. "We'll write it together whilst we're away" was what I was told. Like all these things, time catches up and we are now home and once again delighting in where our new home is situated. Monday has dawned frosty and sunny and as I look out over the Green in Wilby I know we have been truly blessed to find such a location.

Since moving here in July last year we have all been warmly welcomed into the local community and into the All Saints church family. Living on the Green we are looking forward to the Rogation Sunday procession held in Wilby and hope to meet many more of our neighbours from the six villages. Living with our elderly aunt means that there are times when we make our own perambulation around the boundaries of Wilby, albeit at a slower pace. We delight in seeing the livestock in the fields, the well managed pastures and fields resulting from significant work in maintenance of ditch, fence and hedge and also watching the flocks of geese come and go.

Village life is not new to us; David and I are 'members' of a village community in the Czech Republic. Life there, as in Wilby, is based firmly around the seasons and we observe the farming year whilst managing our small orchard during our visits. The overriding sense of continuity and community, not necessarily in that order, are very much a part of village life. For example, the impressive copper clad spires on the local village church had deteriorated badly during the communist era and it was wonderful to see the wider local communities working together, through newsletters, the internet and flyers to raise funds to replace them.

As new arrivals in the wider six villages community, we were delighted to receive this newsletter to learn about, for example, the harvest supper in Eccles where we were made very welcome. Last month's newsletter highlighted the significant level of voluntary effort required to produce and distribute it. This is probably a good place to finish before David offers to assist – without first obtaining 'command approval' to do so!

We look forward to our first full year in Wilby, enjoying the lengthening days as spring progresses.

Kate & David Midgley

Many thanks to Philip Moore who has worked consistently over recent years to help ensure the continuation of our Newsletter. His work and support have been much appreciated and will be missed.

Local Clubs and Societies

Attleborough and District Gardening Club – The next meeting is on **Wednesday 21st March** at 7.30pm in the Primary School, Besthorpe Road. The speaker is Ben Thomas who will be talking about “Pests and Diseases”. Visitors are very welcome. Contact Jenny North 01953 455481

Old Buckenham WI – at our January meeting we had a most informative talk from Jim Whiteside on the work of Norfolk Lowland Rescue. This is entirely run by volunteers which along with Mountain Rescue, Cave Rescue, the Coastguard and the RNLi forms an invaluable service searching for people, saving over £4million from paid resources. Lowland Rescue is called in following a report to the police and research statistics enable them to identify the most likely areas to search. They are trained in techniques for efficient searching which includes flood response and they are keen to teach us water awareness.

We had a break for refreshments then there was a great deal of discussion on the five resolutions shortlisted for final voting at the W.I. Annual Meeting in June. These resolutions are generated from individual W.I.s across the country and cover issues deemed worth campaigning for.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 22nd March, 7.30pm in Old Buckenham village hall when our speaker will be Fay Jones on the 'Wonderful World of Stinging Nettles.'

Breckland Flower & Garden Club – It was a pleasure to welcome Wendy Goodliffe to Old Buckenham Village Hall for our February meeting. Wendy had travelled down from Spalding as our guest for the afternoon to deliver her demonstration titled "Inspired by Nature". Wendy worked her magic on the stage and created some beautiful arrangements using a wide variety of flowers and foliage.

Our next meeting on 8th March, Old Buckenham Village Hall at 2pm will be the Club's AGM. There will be a demonstration titled "Eggstravaganza". If you would like to come along to a meeting or for further information please contact Christine 01953 454528 or Sally 01953 788712.

The Arts Society Diss - meet at Diss Corn Hall and have one ninety minute lecture per month, given by a highly-respected figure from the world of art, antiques, history or travel. Everyone welcome
For more information visit <http://dissdfas.org.uk>

Bunwell Camera Club meet at the **Tibenham Community Hall** on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of the month at 8pm. Bunwell & District Camera Club is a small friendly club. Details at <http://www.bdcameraclub.co.uk/>

News from Norfolk County Council

Budget - Norfolk County Council has approved a budget which sees a 5.99% rise in its share of Council Tax - Tax bills will rise by 5.99%, increasing band D bills by an extra £74.79 per year, to £1,322.73. The budget includes £4.6m to fund pay inflation, including the nationally proposed two per cent pay rise for staff. Over the next four years (to 2022), the Council predicts it must make further savings of £94.7m. The Council has also agreed a £428.9m capital programme to fund investment in buildings and equipment, (including schools and the NDR)

Tip or Skip - Keen DIYers are being urged to make sure they plan how they will get rid of their old kitchen, shed, bathroom or fence when organising their next project. For many years people have been able to take along a very small amount of DIY to their nearest household waste recycling centre and leave it for free. Following a decision by full council, on Monday 12 February, the County Council will be extending charges from April 1 to **all** DIY waste. This includes materials such as rubble, plasterboard and flat glass and items such as fence panels, doors, fitted units and bathroom suites. The charges will be kept small and will simply help to offset the cost of waste disposal from household waste recycling centres.

Plea for unwanted clothes and shoes to support The Fire Fighters' Charity - Norfolk firefighters are urging residents across the county to clear out their unwanted clothes and shoes to help raise money for charity. The Fire Fighters' bright yellow clothing banks are located outside the majority of Norfolk's fire stations. The clothes are sorted and recycled and Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service's associated charity is given money per kilo collected. Between April and November 2017, the clothing banks generated £4,000 in income. This is enough to fund four people through physical and psychological rehabilitation at one of the Fire Fighters' Charity's centres.

Stephen Askew, Member for Guiltcross Division
Stephen.askew@norfolk.gov.uk Tel 01953861481

News from Breckland District Council

Full Planning Application - received this week from MLN Land for 43 Dwellings and associated infrastructure - Kenninghall Road.

Derelict house in Banham - I have been chasing the Officer responsible for "Unightly Buildings", as to where "Lucy's Shop" is on the list of priorities. He came out on site on 12th February and took photographs. He has spoken to Breckland Health & Housing and they feel it might still be subject to Probate, but they will report back to me.

The Examination in Public of the Breckland Local Plan 2011 - 2036 will take place by the appointed Inspector Jonathan Manning who will be holding hearings from 10th April 2018 lasting up to 12 days. Any queries about the examination or any correspondence to the inspector should be sent to Charlotte Brennan, Programme Officer, Examination Office, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, Norfolk NR19 1EE or email: programme.officer@breckland.gov.uk
Adrian Joel, Breckland councilor for Buckenhams' and Banham Wards
Telephone: 01953 860663 E-mail: adrianjoel@btinternet.com



Garden Jottings from Ken



Time marches on, and when the sun comes out gardeners do the same, stepping outside for a bit of natural therapy, absorbing the rays, listening to the birds proudly singing to attract a mate, and observing the magic of Mother Nature as buds swell ready to burst into flower or leaf. Yellow is the colour most associated with Spring, from the first Winter aconites and winter-flowering *Jasminum nudiflorum*, followed by clumps of bold daffodils or wild cowslips, and tough shrubs such as forsythia, kerria and mahonia. Of course, it's not just precious gold that catches the eye, a myriad of colours abound at this time of year. Purple, blue and white carpets the ground as the flowers of *anemone blanda*, crocus, muscari and scilla try to encourage foraging bees and other insects away from the equally tempting and colourful blooms of heathers and fragrant shrubs such as *Viburnum bodnantense* 'Dawn' or *Lonicera purpusii*.

Patio pots can be cheered up with some wonderful choices, make a simple display with miniature daffs amongst bright primroses, and soften the pot edges with some trailing thyme or ivy. If the pot is big enough you could get more creative by adding ornamental grasses, small evergreens, or conifers.

Some of the best plants for containers are choices which require an acidic soil (available from us bagged). Camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas can all look fantastic, offering blooms of red, pink, cream, white or even two-tone, and all prefer a semi-shaded position. Why not make up an arrangement of different sized pots in one area to make caring for these treasures simple, use rain water and feed regularly with an appropriate plant food. Other choices with the same demands include skimmia, pieris, and blue hydrangeas.

One of the most outstanding shrubs for Spring is ribes, the amazing pendants which cover mature flowering currant bushes are commonly pale pink or dusky red, but other classy varieties are available which flower either white, orange, or fragrant yellow (*Ribes 'odoratum'*), and for a slightly more sheltered spot the evergreen 'Amy Doncaster' is a real stunner. You could instead go for a less showy choice and grow their tasty cousins, black, red or white currants are easy to look after and suitable for productive areas or mixed into borders, but don't forget to net them as the fruit ripens - those blackbirds get up early and will happily pick them for you!

Cheers, Ken

The Garden Enclosure, Banham - March down and step into Spring's glory!

The Garden Enclosure

**Independent Plant Centre and Garden Shop
01953 888043**

www.gardenenclosure.co.uk

*Inspiring plant selections, plant sourcing and garden advice,
gardening and floristry sundries, pet supplies, gifts.....and more!*

Find us at Banham Zoo, NR16 2HE by the entry kiosks

Open Thursday to Monday, 9.30 am to 5 pm (10am to 4pm Nov to Feb)

Mobile Library Service – March visits		
Route CENS5412 Friday 16th		
Old Buckenham	10.00 The Sun (ex. pub)	10.25 St Andrew's Close
	10.50 Hargham Road	11.15 Fen Street
New Buckenham	11.40 Banham Dam Brigg (Haugh Rd bungalows)	13.20 Chapel Street (leaving 15.15)
Route CEN348 Wednesday 28th		
Banham	14.55 Mill Road	15.20 Apple Close
	16.00 The Green	
Route CEN5415 Friday 2nd		
Quidenham	11.25 ex. Post Office	14.30 St Edmunds Lodge

Local Bus Services					
Semence Coaches 10A			Semence Coaches 1		
Outward	Mondays to Fridays			Outward	Sat
Banham, adj sch	0700	0928		Attleborough,	0901
OB, adj Green	0707	0935		OB, adj Green	0909
NB, adj Green	0712	0940		NB, opp Green	0916
--				Banham, opp sch	0923
--				Quid, opp Home Fm	0933
Norwich, St Stephens	0810	1032		Diss, adj Bus Station	1005
Return	Mondays to Fridays			Return	Sat
Norwich, St Stephens	1320	1610	1745	Diss, adj Bus Station	1200
--				Quid, adj Home Fm	1229
--				Banham, adj sch	1239
NB, opp Green	1404	1655	1830	NB, adj Green	1246
OB, opp Green	1408	1701	1836	OB, opp Green	1253
Banham, opp sch	1412	1705	1840	Attleborough	1302
Flexibus – book your journey (by 3pm the day before) - 0300 1231145					
Concessionary travel for O.A.Ps – apply for free bus travel pass – 0344 800 8020					

Please note The service to Diss every Saturday is no longer being operated by Norfolk Coachways. However from 3rd March the service will be operated by Semence Coaches under contract to NCC until 28th July 2018 with the same timetable. There will be a wider review of the service between now and June.

Oil thefts - Norfolk Police are urging residents to be vigilant as incidents of heating oil thefts often increase during the winter months. A few tips to help protect your fuel. Check oil levels frequently so you are aware if anyone has tampered with your supply, fit a good quality locking device to all fuel tanks, ideally situate your tank within sight of nearby occupied buildings and consider appropriate lighting around the tank so you can see and anyone can be seen. If you have been a victim of oil theft, or have any information regarding heating oil thefts in general contact Norfolk Police on **101** or call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**



Learn Mindfulness with the Blue Angel Sangha

Every Friday from 8pm – 9pm
at Old Buckenham Relax

(Old Buckenham Country Park, Doe Lane, NR17 1PP)

What actually is mindfulness and why does it deserve attention? Mindfulness is not a religion but is a philosophy based on Buddhist teaching which encourages us to be “in the moment”, to be compassionate with others and with ourselves, and to live in harmony with nature and with our community.

To find out more contact 07909 505831 or dauidspicer@innercalm.co.uk

Lip Reading Classes - Free lip reading classes. Small friendly group at New Buckenham village hall on Wednesdays 1 - 3pm. Just come along or contact: lipreadingwithhayley@gmail.com for more information.

Bridge in Attleborough every Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 4.45pm. Enjoy a friendly game of Bridge at Holly Court, near St Mary's Church. We play the Chicago version, and provide refreshments. It will only cost you £1, and new members are very welcome. Contact Bob Gee on 01953 887743, email bobgee49@live.co.uk or phone Mary Parker on 01953 860167 for more info

Many thanks to the Ramblers group who cleared the 'spong' footpath in Banham. A lot of hard work went into making this route walkable again.
Lizzie Taylor, Banham

Robert Cooks Almshouses Trust – Old Buckenham (Charity No.206796)

The Trustees give notice that they are able to consider immediate applications for a vacant unit at the Almshouses facing the Village Green.

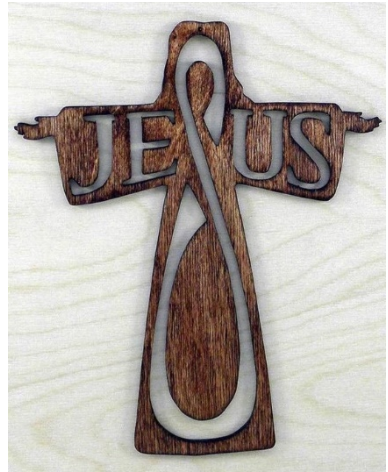
We will consider applications as follows:

- Applicants must be aged 55 years or over
- Full disclosure of the Applicants financial situation. Information provided will be treated confidentially
- Occupation of a unit must be for a single person only
- No pets are permitted
- Residents are required to pay a Weekly Maintenance Contribution, currently refurbishment improvements the Trustees deem necessary, water rates, buildings insurance, a rebate against electric bills, a panic alarm system (where needed) and television licence for qualifying applicants

Trustees will have absolute discretion as to whether to allocate a housing unit to any applicant, but will give priority to those considered to be in most need. In the event of more than one applicant having similar needs, preference will be given to an existing or previous resident of Old Buckenham.

An Application Pack can be requested by calling **Mrs Christine North** on **01953 860691**. Assistance completing the form can be provided if needed.

Sometimes I'm embarrassed by how much it costs to keep a trained and up to speed vicar on the road, but local personnel 'on the ground' are the main ministry strategy of the church – we don't want to centralise our services in larger centres as nearly everything else is these days. Our six churches between them managed about 80% of that ministry cost last year, and we are proud that we are not such a drain on other wider church resources that otherwise subsidise us. Church members and friends also pay for the maintenance of 5 graveyards for use by all the villages, and of course our beautiful church buildings that bear witness to the ways of God and his followers in our land. These are our 'holy places' and I encourage you in this season of Lent and Easter to make use of them.



There are however some costs that you cannot pay. While you can pay for most things, even friendship to an extent, I don't think you can pay for good will or for love, but that needs to be freely offered. When someone you love offends you, for all that they may say they're sorry, and may even try to pay you in restitution, your love is not bought by it. Whatever their sorrow and whatever they do to 'make it up', there is a point when you have to bear the offence, forgive, and then love, and that is a cost that cannot be paid by the one who sins against you. We remember this most poignantly at the end of this month. As the old hymn puts it, 'There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin. He only could unlock the gate of heav'n and let us in'. You may express some sorrow, and might try restitution, but you cannot earn that open door. He has carried our offences, and his door is open. I encourage you to turn to him. Holy Week services are advertised in another section – all is paid, come on in. Steve Wright

More details of our churches and events on www.quidenhamgroup.co.uk

Contact details		
Priest in charge	Rev Canon Stephen Wright	01953 887183
For Banham	Rev Michael Richardson	01953 888958
For Old Buckenham	Rev Alistair Monkhouse	01953 860845
For New Buckenham	Mrs Helen Pearson (Reader)	01953 860251
For Eccles Quid & Wilby	Rev Alan Smith	01953 860550
Benefice Administrator	Jill Moses jillannm1@gmail.com	01953 887413



Youth Café
Fridays
7.30-9.30pm
 (during term time)

at **St. Mary's Church, Banham.**
 For young people over 11.
 Contact Steph or Jonathan on
 01953 887396



Saturday Cafe
St Mary's Banham
3rd March, 10-12noon

All the usual goodies
 (Bacon rolls, scones, cakes, hot drinks etc)
All welcome

Friday Club

Fridays 6.15-7.15pm
 (during term time)

For children up to 9 year.
 meets at Rowancroft,
 Kenninghall Rd, Banham
 Contact Steve and Gill
 Eggleton. 01953 887579

Open Door

St Mary's Church, Banham 3 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 20th March
Tea, cakes and a friendly chat
All Welcome



Messy Church
Banham Church 4-6pm

25th March (Palm Sunday)
 If you would like to get involved or help please
 contact Steve on 01953 887183.

Friends of Banham Church (FOBC)

FOBC is set up to support the fabric of our historic village centrepiece. Funds are raised through events during the year and by subscriptions of only £10 per year. To join, please pick up a form from one of our events or in the Church.
Old Buckenham Methodist Church, Hargham Road hold an informal.

New Life Church (affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance)

meet at **Banham Community Centre**

Morning Services every Sun (except the last Sun. of each month) at 10am

Evening Service on the last Sunday of each month at 6.00 pm

Everyone is welcome to join us in these services

visit www.nlcbanham.org.uk or ring Jonathan Richardson on 01953 887396

Banham Spire Lighting: Do you have an anniversary soon? A wedding or special event in your life? For just £5 a night you can have the church spire lit up to celebrate your special day.

Please contact Canon Stephen Wright on 01953 887183

Please note: Closing date for church material for **April** middle pages will be **Thursday 15th March** Send to Steve at canonstevewright@gmail.com



Church Rooms Old Buckenham Sunday April 1st, 2pm to 4.30pm

There will be a display of memories in the Church Rooms for the public to come and browse. Feel free to bring any photos you have (weddings, christenings or just general ones) and chat over a cup of tea and cake. Books and cards will be on sale as well as a tombola (a prize every time!).

All proceeds will be in aid of All Saints Church. Everyone welcome. Contact Janet Moore (01953 452847) for more information.

Can you help? - Roger Wilson of Old Buckenham would like to trace any relatives of **Robert Austin Dycer**, who was killed in the First World War. Roger's grandmother was engaged to Robert Dycer and she received his medals. Roger would like to pass the medals to someone in Robert's family.

The Dycer's were in service at Quidenham Hall and Roger wondered if anyone has any old photographs of the servants at the hall who were employed there before, during and after the war.

Robert's name is on the memorial plaque in St Andrew's church, Quidenham
Roger can be contacted on 01953 860826

Holy Week Services

- 25th March: Palm Sunday** 10am New Buckenham - bring a leafy branch to wave on the green.
- 26th March: Monday** 7.30pm Wilby, - Tenebrae night
- 27th March: Tuesday** 7.30pm Eccles - Compline service
- 28th March: Wednesday** 7.30pm Banham, -Taize night
- 29th March: Maundy Thursday** 11am Norwich Cathedral, - Chrism service
- 29th March: Maundy Thursday** 7.30pm Quidenham - Holy Communion
- 30th March: Good Friday** 12noon all churches open for private prayer
- 30th March: Good Friday** 2pm Banham - service with Bishop Alan
- 31st March: Holy Saturday** 8pm Old Buckenham - First Communion of Easter
- 1st April Easter Day:** Holy Communion, 9.30am at Old Buckenham, Banham, Eccles.
- 1st April Easter Day:** Holy Communion at 11am New Buckenham

Composting at Banham Churchyard Extension - The composting basket has had to be removed and the area cleared for the next interment of ashes, so please could any waste flowers, wreaths, paper etc. be put in the green bin at the churchyard extension gate. Thank you.

Services for March 2018		
Sunday 4th Third Sunday of Lent		
Banham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
New Buckenham	11.00	Parish Eucharist
Old Buckenham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
Quidenham	09.30	Morning Worship
<i>Readings: Exodus 20: 1-17 Ps. 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22</i>		
Sunday 11th Mothering Sunday		
Banham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
New Buckenham	11.00	Matins
Old Buckenham	08.00 09.30	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Wilby	109.30	Parish Eucharist
<i>Readings: Exodus 2: 1-10 or 1 Samuel 1: 20-28 Ps. 34: 11-20 or Ps 127 1-4 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 or Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 33-35 John 19: 25b -27</i>		
Sunday 18th Fifth Sunday of Lent		
Banham	09.30	Morning Worship
New Buckenham	11.00	Parish Eucharist
Old Buckenham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
Quidenham	11.00	Parish Eucharist
<i>Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Ps. 51: 1-12 Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12: 20-33</i>		
Sunday 25th Palm Sunday		
New Buckenham	10.00	Group Eucharist
<i>Readings: Mark 11: 1-11 or John 12: 12-16 Isaiah 50: 4-9a Ps 31: 9-16 Philippians 2: 5-11 Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47</i>		

Holy Communion: All Saints, OB-1st Tuesday of the month followed by coffee in the Church Rooms.

Help needed - We are looking for someone with (or desiring) computer skills for editing the weekly Pew Leaflet. Five weeks to go before the present editor retires. Training can be given. Can you help?

Please Contact Canon Wright 01953 887183

Please note that church material for the middle pages should now be sent to Canon Steve Wright at canonstevewright@gmail.com



Places available in Kenninghall's Beaver Colony - We now have places available in our Beaver colony for children aged 5 3/4 to 8 years. All children will receive 4 weeks of taster sessions for FREE. The Beaver colony meets every Monday in term time from 6 to 7 pm at Eccles Garnier Hall.

Places are limited and offered on a first come first served basis. To find out more or book a place please email: kenninghallscoutgroup@gmail.com

Friends of Banham Church (FOBC) – Movies @ St Marys

Tickets: £5 on the night, £4.50 in advance

From Banham Post Office or Banham Butchers or contact 01953 887575. Films start at 7.45pm. Join us at the church for a pre-film meal at 7pm (£4 additional charge). Drinks and refreshments available.

Saturday 3rd March, The Audience with Helen Mirren – Stage Production

– Tony award winning - The Audience is a play by the British playwright and screenwriter Peter Morgan. The play centres on weekly meetings, called audiences, between Queen Elizabeth II, played by Dame Helen Mirren, and her prime ministers and premiered in the West End in 2013, at the Gielgud Theatre⁷

Saturday 7th April – Churchill – Brian Cox and Miranda Richardson

96 hours before the World War II invasion of Normandy, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill struggles with his severe reservations with Operation Overlord and his increasingly marginalized role in the war effort.

Saturday 5th May - Breathe (12a) - Andrew Garfield, Claire Foy and Hugh Bonneville.

The inspiring true love story of Robin and Diana Cavendish, an adventurous couple who refuse to give up in the face of a devastating disease. Their heartwarming celebration of human possibility marks the directorial debut of Andy Serkis. Screenplay written by William Nicholson.

New Buckenham Film night, Saturday, 17th March:

New Buckenham Arts has had to alter its programme for March. It will now show 'Murder on the Orient Express' (not 'The Party' as had been announced at the village's January film night. That film will now be shown on 28 April).

Kenneth Branagh directs and leads an all-star cast including Penelope Cruz, Judi Dench, Michelle Pfeiffer, Olivia Colman, Derek Jacobi and Johnny Depp. What starts out as a lavish train ride through Europe quickly unfolds into a suspenseful and thrilling murder mystery.

Tickets (£5) are on sale at Kings Stores and at www.wegotickets.com. They can also be reserved by calling 861114. The door price is £6. Doors at New Buckenham Village Hall open at 7pm and the programme starts at 7.30pm. There will be a bar, tea and coffee. Ice-creams will be sold during the interval.

Forthcoming events at Garnier Hall

Fri 30th March - Easter Egg Hunt at Hall for children at 7.30pm

Sat 7th April - Amy's Fun Family Quiz with Fish and Chips supper, 8pm start.

Fri 25th May - Stag Hen night to celebrate forthcoming Royal Wedding.

Live music Party in Park in summer, further details will follow.

For further details view at www.garniervillagehall.co.uk

New Buckenham Art Exhibition 2018

For over 25 years the New Buckenham Art Exhibition has been staged at their Village Hall. Artists come from both Suffolk and Norfolk displaying a variety of styles in watercolour, oils, pastels, acrylics, inks and pencil. There are also a selection of unframed pictures and prints. Some artists also display their greetings cards. This all gives an interesting and lively show for the visitors.

The exhibition takes place over the Easter Weekend and this year the Opening Night is on **Friday 30th March 7.30p.m. – 10p.m.** Admission is £4.00 and this includes your glass of wine and nibbles. Many people enjoy this evening particularly the serious picture buyers and many paintings are sold.

However the exhibition continues over the weekend **Saturday 31st March Sunday 1st April and Monday 2nd April from 11a.m – 4.30p.m.** Each day. Admission is £2.00. All the money that is raised at this event is donated to St Martins Church New Buckenham and the 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 you family and friends and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with homemade cakes.

More information email hazelrush@btconnect.com

Hazel Rush Art Exhibition Committee.

Another poem to banish the winter blues sent in by Christine Child



Jack's Bite

***Woke early this morning, just after three.
Looked out of the window, and what did I see?
T'was only Jack Frost looking back at me!
Glistening silver, for all to see.
On boughs of trees, visibly cold,
Just like me!***

***Hopped out of bed like a shot,
What happened to my alarm clock?
Waste of time setting that old thing,
It usually goes off, with a right old ding.
Off to work now on my bike,
Peddling with all my might.***

Cor blimey! What a sight!

Breda Ware

What's going on at our community venues?

Banham Community Centre

60's Dances 8pm (£7.50 unless otherwise stated)

3 March – Kenny & The Motives

7 April – The Strollers

Telephone 01953 888628 to enquire about the above or hire of the halls

Yoga Classes - Mondays 1–2.15pm in the small hall at Banham Community Centre with June Roberts. Contact June on 01953 498343

'Banham Bats' table tennis club welcomes all new players (of high school age), experienced or beginners. Come along on a Tuesday evening (school term only) 7:15 - 8:30pm. Your first week is free and then only £1 per week. For more details contact Mark Nash on 01953 888308 or mark.nashy@tiscali.co.uk

Banham Badminton Club. New players very welcome. Mondays and Thursdays 8.30pm to 10.30pm. For experienced players and beginners alike. 1st weeks free. Contact adam@adampower.co.uk tel 660281.

Banham Short Mat Bowls Club meets every Monday between 2 and 5 pm.

Banham Toddler Group – we are a friendly toddler group which takes place every Monday (except bank holidays) 10am – 12 noon in the small hall. The first week is free and then it's £2 per family, including a snack and drink. All welcome For more information see our Facebook page.

Garnier Village Hall/Social Club, Eccles

Social club opening times:- **Thursdays 7pm** Petanque matches. **Fridays 7pm** Club night **Saturdays** – see website for details of future events.

Membership £1 year, children free. Local Real Ales.

Hall & Bar for hire - full catering facilities (contact for booking 01953 454528)

Visit www.garnierhall.co.uk for information about future events.

Fish & Chip Van – every Tuesday, 5-7pm in hall car park

Open Mic nights - 1st Friday in every month

Cubs Tues, **Scouts** Wed, **Beavers** Mon, kenninghallscoutgroup@gmail.com

Line dance group Wed 1pm - 3pm - come along all welcome.

Petanque teams play outside during April - Sept from 7pm

Flower arranging classes Wed 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Contact Christine on 454528 or email: hewsonchristine103@gmail.com

Quidenham Reading Room

Quidenham Reading Room is a small, cosy, period room with many original features including a log fireplace. A 'Coffee Morning' is held on the first Saturday of the month 10.30a.m.-12noon (excluding Jan) primarily for the upkeep of the room and donations to local charities. Occasionally, a book sale is held and seasonal gatherings of residents and families can be booked. Contact: 01953 888604.

Old Buckenham Village Hall

Mondays: Invigorate Fitness; Rainbows; Beavers
Tuesdays: Zumba; Karate; Bowls; Kettlebell
Wednesdays: Luncheon Club; Slanted Dance
Thursdays: Breckland Flower & Garden Club; Pilates; OB Players; WI
Fridays: Yogacise; Pastel Class; Karate
Saturdays: Special events
Visit www.oldbuckenham.org.uk for more details

Pilates Class every Thursday at 2pm – call Amanda on 07557 025513 to find out more and join the class.

Yogacise Class every Friday at 9.30am. No experience necessary, suitable for all ages. Contact Eileen Oliver on 01953 860664.

Breckland Flower and Garden Club – meets on second Thursday of the month. All welcome. £5 visitors. Tel. 01953 454528 for further details.

Old Buckenham Church Rooms

The Church Rooms are used regularly for events in the village ie. Scouts, Art Club, Children's parties, Photography, Table top sales, Coffee mornings, PCC meetings, Monthly Whist, and other occasions such as Funerals and Weddings. Contact Lydia Darrah 01953 861360 for more information and booking.

New Buckenham Village Hall

New Buckenham Village Hall serves both the local and wider community. Many groups such as badminton, kettle bells, Fitsteps, Slimming World, historical war games and the Good Companions use the hall. We have exhibitions and theatrical productions. We can cater for parties and weddings.
For booking phone 07469 715517 or visit www.newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk

Pilates class every Thursday evening 6-7pm,
email heatherormerodpilates@gmail.com (other classes and times available)

Fitness & Martial Arts Classes take place in the Village Hall.
Also Kung Fu & Kickboxing, Circuit Training, Outdoor Fitcamp.
Contact Jamie-Lee on 01953 860943 info@jwcorept.co.uk

The Good Companions - A club for the over 50s which meets on the third Thursday of the month starting at 2.30 pm. We have entertainers, raffles, tea. There is also a summer outing and Christmas Lunch. Membership is open to all from any of the villages. Annual subscription is £12 per person. Further details from Dianna on 01953 860636. See P. 24 for meetings & outing dates

NB Silver Band – meets every Thursday, 8-10pm. All ages / abilities welcome.
Bookings secretary ali.austin@tiscali.co.uk

Information regarding rural crime from Norfolk Police

Type of incident	Who to contact	Non Urgent	Urgent
Farm/Agricultural & gen advice	DC Andy Brown	Tel 101 or 07900 407106 OperationRandall@norfolk.pnn.police.uk	999
Metal Theft	DC Andy Brown	Tel 101 or 07900 407106 OperationRandall@norfolk.pnn.police.uk	999
Wildlife Crime	Insp Jon Papworth	Tel 101 or WildlifeCrime@norfolk.pnn.police.uk	999
Community concerns	SGT Mark ASKHAM	OperationRandall@norfolk.pnn.police.uk	999
Other enquiries	DC Andy Brown	OperationRandall@norfolk.pnn.police.uk	

Please help reporting Hare Coursing

Hare coursing is a blood sport and is a completely banned and illegal activity, yet it unfortunately remains common in Norfolk.

Hare coursing is the pursuit of hares using hounds. Traditionally participants spread in a line across a field and disturbed the hare from its home. We now find that it might only be a couple of people with dogs, who then release their dogs to give chase. The types of dog commonly used are Lurchers. Coursing is more likely to take place at dawn or dusk but it can also take place in broad daylight. The most obvious sign is vehicles parked in a rural area perhaps by a gateway to farmland, on a grass verge, on a farm track or bridle path. We are committed to protecting Norfolk landowners' property and crops along with the declining population of brown hares and prosecuting those involved in hare coursing. If you see an event taking place we would advise you not to approach the participants but contact us immediately on 999. If possible record as much information as you can such as vehicle registrations, makes models and colours. Description and number of people and dogs and whether they have been seen in fields

Grant thank you - The children, staff, and the committee of Buckenham Pre-School Group would like to thank the Six Villages Newsletter for our grant to purchase new blinds for the Pre-school's building. Your support has always been appreciated.

Do you want to apply for a grant?

The committee have prepared a simple application form to give them details of what you would like funding for. Request this form by emailing sixvillagesnews@yahoo.com or contacting Sally McGinn (01953 888183)



Supporting local community initiatives. Helping maintain community facilities

Diary of regular events March

Fri	2	6.15-7.15	Friday Club	Rowancroft, K. Rd. Banham
Fri	2	7.30-9.30	Youth Café	Banham Church
Sat	3	10-12	Banham Café	Banham Church
Sat	3	8pm	60's Dance	Banham C.C.
Sat	3	10.30- 12	Coffee Morning	Reading Room Quid.
Sun	4	2-6pm	War Games	O.B. Village Hall
Tue	6	10-12	Coffee & Chat	O.B. Church Rooms
Tue	6	11-12	Coffee Morning	Walnut Tree, K Rd, Banham
Tue	6	8pm	Bunwell Camera Club	Tibenham Com. Hall
Wed	7	10-1pm	Luncheon Club	O.B. Village Hall
Thu	8	2pm	Breckland Flower Club	O.B. Village Hall
Thu	8	7.45pm	O.B. Wine & Social Club	O.B. Church Rooms
Fri	9	6.15-7.15	Friday Club	Rowancroft, K. Rd. Banham
Fri	9	7.30-9.30	Youth Café	Banham Church
Thu	15	12.00pm	Good Companions	N.B. Village Hall
Thu	15	7.15pm	Eccles Women's Institute	Art Centre, Eccles Hall Sch.
Tue	20	3-4.30pm	Open Door	Banham Church
Tue	20	8pm	Bunwell Camera Club	Tibenham Com. Hall
Wed	21	10-1pm	Luncheon Club	O.B. Village Hall
Wed	21	7.30pm	Att. & Dist. Gardening Club	Att. Junior School
Fri	23	6.15-7.15	Friday Club	Rowancroft, K. Rd. Banham
Fri	23	7.30-9.30	Youth Café	Banham Church
Sat	24	9am -12.30	Lopham Farmers Market	Village Hall, North Lopham

Key C.C. – Community Centre O.B. – Old Buckenham Quid – Quidenham
 N.B. – New Buckenham Att. – Attleborough K – Kenninghall

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