

THE SIX VILLAGES NEWSLETTER



April 2017
Banham, Old Buckenham, New Buckenham,
Quidenham, Eccles & Wilby

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I am sure we all feel sad that our beautiful Walnut Tree has been taken from us by storm Doris. I could have understood if it had been Bill or Fred!

I was evacuated into the village of Old Buckenham in 1939, as an evacuee from London I was warmly welcomed by the lovely, gentle local people.

We were kept safe in Old Buckenham from the air raids which were happening in London.

At the end of the war it was my wish to remain in Old Buckenham, which I had grown to love along with my old Walnut Tree. I used to pass it every day on my way to and from school. I later joined the fleet air arm and when I came home on leave my old Walnut tree was always there to greet me.

I have always felt a special relationship with the people in the village and my old Walnut tree.

I am planning to plant a new Walnut tree as a small thank you to the village and I hope it will give future generations as much pleasure as my old Walnut tree gave me.

Don Edwards



Old Buckenham Village Hall AGM

The Old Buckenham Village Hall Management Committee AGM will be held on Wednesday 5th April, 2017 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Tea/coffee will be served. All welcome.

Local Club / Society News

Breckland Flower & Garden Club

Once again more than 50 members gathered for the March meeting our AGM. Our Chairman, Christine Hewson opened the meeting, reports were read, and the committee was elected. Founder member, Mrs Joy Tunmore, was presented with the President's badge, a very popular choice.

Yearly Flower competition trophies were awarded: Most points Novice: Maxine Mace (yes me!); Most points Advance: Alison Vivian; Most points overall: Maxine Mace; Most points Table competition: Christine Hewson. In 10 years the club has raised over £10,000 and this year's charity will be The Norfolk Blood Bikers. Last year the Club raised around £1000, for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Association, following the death of Rachael Tarry, a founder member, in 2015.

This year is the Coral Anniversary of the Club, Christine concluded the afternoon with a slide show and talk on the past 35 years. The photographs evoked laughter as members recognised themselves and the changes in fashion. It was a credit to the club to hear Christine talk of the events the ladies had been involved in over the 35 years, including the Royal Norfolk Show, Kew Gardens, Chelsea as well as churches and cathedrals.

Our next meeting will be on 13th April, Old Buckenham Village Hall. This is a Coral Anniversary for members only, 10am to 5pm, including lunch. The competition is "Oceans Treasure". Contact Christine for members tickets.

If you would like further details contact Christine 01953 454528 or Sally 01953 788712. *Maxine Mace*

Attleborough and District Gardening Club - 15th March 2017

Jenny North, our chair, introduced the speaker, David Boulton, who was giving a talk on Fungi. David showed some wonderful pictures of Fungi in their natural settings. He explained that there is a beauty and diversity, and a lot of folklore attached to fungi. David did warn that although some fungi are edible, "if you are in doubt do not eat". There are more poisonous fungi than edible.

Jenny discussed the need for someone to take over the running of the monthly table show and the need of a volunteer to help set up a website for the club.

The table show winners were Class 2 Pauline Garrad, Class 2 John Pheonix, Class 4 John Frost and Class 5 Ron Brewer.

Next meeting is on Wednesday 19 April, the talk is on Botanical Gardens by Mrs Robin McDonald. Visitors very welcome. Contact Jenny North 01953 455481. The Spring show is being held on the 22nd April in the Connaught Hall 2pm to 4pm. Contact Betty Stacey for schedule 01953 454790

Bunwell Camera Club

We 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. We welcome new members. For details see <http://www.bdcameraclub.co.uk/>

News from Norfolk County Council

Parish Partnership Bid Success

The Parish Partnership scheme invites local councils to submit bids for highway improvement schemes, offering up to half the cost of successful bids with town/parish councils contributing the balance. I am pleased to announce that 5 parishes in the Guiltcross Division were successful with their bids for Speed Awareness Modules. They are Banham, Quidenham, Kenninghall, Garboldisham and South Lopham.

Staff who drive for work at greater risk of being involved in a collision

Norfolk County Council offers hands-on training and driver assessment for employees who drive for work as well as theoretical learning and policy writing for fleet managers and health and safety staff. Courses range from 1.5 hours bitesize sessions to full day workshops and can be run at a company's premises. For more information contact the road safety team at roadsafety@norfolk.gov.uk or visit www.driveforwork.co.uk

Norfolk libraries get ready for Great Big Read

Residents across Norfolk are being invited to read the county's most popular books as part of this year's Great Big Read campaign which aims to encourage adults to read more. It is organised by Norfolk County Council's libraries service and will run from March 20 to 22 April. The theme is Norfolk's Most Wanted and it features a list of 20 of the most popular books asked for by Norfolk library customers. Those featuring include everything from crime to romance and bestsellers including *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins and *The Night Manager* by John Le Carre. Extra copies of the 20 titles on the list have been brought in by the libraries to meet demand throughout the promotion. A selection of the Most Wanted titles will also be available through our eBook and eAudio service. For more information visit <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/news/2017/03/norfolk-libraries-get-ready-for-great-big-read>

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

News from Breckland District Council

Breckland Council approves budget to protect frontline services

District council tax in Breckland will rise by just under £5 from April, but is expected to remain the lowest in the country.

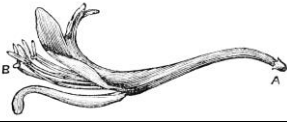
At the full council meeting on 23 February, Breckland Council members approved a recommendation to increase tax by £4.95 in 2017-18. The tax rise is based on a Band D property but, as most people in the district (77%) live in Bands A-C homes, the majority of residents will see their tax go up by a smaller amount.

Those in a Band D home will pay £78.93 from April, up £4.95 across the year – the equivalent of around 9.5p per week. Those in a Band A house will see district council tax increase by £3.30, around 6p per week.

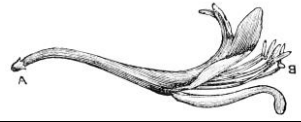
Raising council tax is not a decision Breckland have taken lightly, but it means we can continue to offer high-quality services to residents and businesses.

A small increase in district council tax provides opportunities to further safeguard services going forward, for example by enabling Breckland to make investments which will bring in new income in the future.

Adrian Joel - Breckland Councillor for the Buckenham's & Banham Ward
Telephone: 01953 860663, E-mail: adrianjoel@btinternet.com



Garden Jottings from Ken



A beautiful garden is a balance between plants, practical things such as paths, sheds or fences, and decorative items which enhance the overall appearance and show the plants off at their best.

Climbing plants such as honeysuckle or jasmine need some form of support, you could just grow them up a pole or allow them to scramble through a mature shrub, but imagine how nice they might look over an elegant wooden arch spanning a pathway, where you can enjoy their fragrance as you pass underneath.

Obelisks can be used to create stately focal points for more moderate climbers such as colourful sweet peas, blousy clematis, or maybe some tasty climbing French or runner beans.

On a larger scale, a pergola would give robust support for several climbing choices such as roses, wisteria, or even a grapevine with bunches of fruit dangling down on you from above as they ripen in the sun!

Gardens are not all about work, they are spaces to relax in after a busy day, a private retreat away from the hustle and bustle. The feeling of privacy is an issue for many people, so why not create an intimate space by installing a screen of trellis around your seating area, either free-standing, or over a raised planter made up of rustic-looking mini timber sleepers, that way you can surround yourself with some lush planting to create your very own outdoor sanctuary.

When it comes to plants, remember that green is also a colour, and some of the most effective-looking gardens are achieved by keeping it simple, using uniform or contrasting foliage as the primary feature, whilst limiting the amount of flowers to a few star performers.

Alternatively, if you love your blooms there's a wonderful selection of fresh perennial plants available which offer great value in terms of flowering potential and price, starting at just £1.99.

Visit The Garden Enclosure and have a browse, we have all kinds of garden plants, plus a yard full of timber products, aggregates, compost, statues and more, all at very competitive prices!

Cheers, Ken

The Garden Enclosure, Banham - making your garden a garden!

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 – April visits | | |
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| Route CEN5412 | No April visit next is Friday 12th May | |
| 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 26th | |
| Banham | 14.55 Mill Road | |
| | 15.20 Apple Close | |
| | 16.00 The Green | |
| Route CEN128 | | |
| Eccles | Discontinued through lack of use | |
| Route CEN5415 | Friday 28th | |
| Quidenham | 11.25 ex. Post Office | 14.30 St Edmunds Lodge |

| Local Transport | | | | | | |
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| Bus | | | | | | |
| H. Semmence & Co | | | 10A | | Norfolk Coachways | NC1 |
| 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 |
| -- | | | | | Kenninghall, adj PO | 0930 |
| -- | | | | | Quid, opp Home Fm | 0933 |
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| Norwich, St Stephens | | 0810 | 1032 | | Diss, adj Bus Station | 1005 |
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| Return | | Mondays to Fridays | | | Return | Sat |
| Norwich, St Stephens | | 1320 | 1610 | 1745 | Diss, adj Bus Station | 1200 |
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| -- | | | | | 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 |
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| Other options | | | | | | |
| Flexibus – book your journey (by 3pm the day before) - 0300 1231145 | | | | | | |
| Concessionary travel – O.A.P? – apply for free bus travel pass – 0344 800 8020 | | | | | | |

New Buckenham Art Exhibition

I think it would be fair to say that the New Buckenham Exhibition over the twenty years has built up quite a reputation for being a quality show. It has always been held over the **Easter Weekend** and this year is no exception. The **Opening Night is Friday 14th April starting at 7.30 p.m.** and finishing at 10pm.

Admission is **£4.00** and this includes your glass of wine and nibbles . It is always a special night where lots of people gather as soon as the doors are open to find their very special picture. Many are sold on this evening, often to people who have bought a picture at the exhibition before. However if you prefer a more calm leisurely viewing then the Saturday, Sunday, or Monday are the days to go and enjoy this cultural event. The exhibition is open on **Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th and Monday 17th April from 11am to 4.30pm. Admission is £1.50**

The exhibition varies from year to year as new Artists exhibit. However there are some artists that have been exhibiting with us since it opened twenty years ago. The quality is always good and it seems to get better each year. There is an interesting mix of styles and mediums. Water colours and oils are probably the most popular and then you find some incredible drawings, stitch work and always an individual view point in photography. I think it is fair to say there is something for everyone. Remember the dates, bring your family and friends and maybe you will find a painting to buy. For further details contact Hazel Rush email:

hazelrush@btconnect.com Hazel Rush, Art Exhibition Committee

Recreation area for Banham?

Banham Parish Council is considering the possibility of leasing land for a recreation area in the village. Before it makes any further enquiries, it would like to know the views of Banham residents. Do you agree or disagree with the idea; if you agree, where do you think this could be and how would you envisage it? All views are welcome and will be considered. Please contact the Parish Clerk, Geraldine, on 01953 887327 or banhamclerk@outlook.com

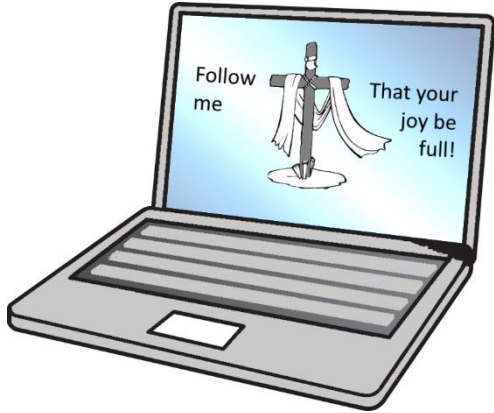
Old Buckenham Windmill Open Days 2017



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| 9 th April | 2pm – 5pm |
| 14 th May | 2pm – 5pm |
| 11 th June | 2pm – 5pm |
| 9 th July | 2pm – 5pm |
| 13 th August | 2pm – 5pm |
| 10 th September | 2pm – 5pm |

For any queries, please contact Bev on 01953 860987

Last month I revealed one of my potential addictions and my resolution to reduce its hold on me – computer based entertainment. My links with computers go way back to university days and my degree and my short-lived job as a software engineer in the days before Mice and internet were invented. Though the mindset is still with me sometimes, my life took a turn when I dedicated my life to God by becoming a



clergyman. I remember that fateful day every year at a service in the Cathedral just before Easter on Maundy Thursday. The bishop says to us all, 'As we stand once again on the threshold of the paschal mystery [celebration of Good Friday and Easter], ready to go with Christ to die with him, I invite you to reaffirm your dedication to his service'. After the clergy have answered their questions, the people from all the parishes standing around us face their own question from the bishop, and once committed to, 'the priestly ministry of all the baptised, working in partnership' is affirmed. It's a moving occasion and you are welcome to come up to join me – 11am on the 13th.

When the demands of love are a weight, in job or family life, I remember the dedication of Jesus. How he was heralded as saviour on Palm Sunday, betrayed by his friends, crucified by the disillusioned, and rose again sometime in the night before Easter Dawn. If you'd like to join us at services in each of our six villages during Holy Week, you'd be very welcome at any or all our meditations. It's a hard road sometimes, but with Jesus, your joy will be full.

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

Please note: Closing date for church material for **May** middle pages will be **Monday 17th April**. Send to Phil at bailcott@gmail.com

Christian Aid 2017 Banham

This year we are having a bit of a change in an effort to raise as much money as we can for those less fortunate than ourselves. The donation envelopes will go out in the Six Villages Newsletter and be collected from the Post Office or St Mary's Church Banham. On 6th May in St Mary's church we are having a special Saturday Café (10-12md) and serving 'Full English' breakfast with all funds collected donated to Christian Aid. We are also having a big meal, date to be confirmed. Helpers would be very much appreciated.



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

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



Saturday Cafe

St Mary's Banham

1st April 10–12 noon

All the usual goodies

(Bacon rolls, scones, cakes, hot drinks etc)

All welcome

Open Door

St Mary's Church, Banham 3 - 4.30pm

Tuesday 18th April

All Welcome



Messy Church

Banham Church 4-6pm

Good Friday 14th April

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.

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

Old Buckenham Methodist Church, Hargham Road hold an informal, friendly service every Sunday morning at 10.45 am. All are welcome. We also hold a monthly 'Songs of Praise' sing-a-long every month. For more information on activities or for enquiries to hire the church for events please visit our website <http://oldbuckenhammethodist.yolasite.com/> phone 01953 861207 or email oldbuckenham.methodist@aol.co.uk

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 Phil Moore [01953 888333](tel:01953888333) or bailcott@gmail.com

All Saints - Old Buckenham



On Easter Day each year, we commemorate the lives of loved ones who have died and we shall continue this tradition this year. Flower arrangements in the church at Easter will comprise of lilies each in memory of departed relatives or friends. If you would like to contribute to this event could you please let me have your donation before Sunday 2nd April together with the name of the person to be remembered. In the event you have not subscribed before please also advise year of birth and date of death. It is estimated that each lily will cost in the region of £4.00 and any additional monies received will go towards a lasting memorial. Last year donations given went towards the purchase of a fifteen set of Nativity figures. If you wish to contribute please send a cheque made out to 'Old Buckenham PCC' with details of the deceased to:

*Revd. Alistair Monkhouse, Wildwood', Mill Road,
Old Buckenham, Norfolk. NR17 1SG*

Church Events in Old Buckenham

Dates for your diaries

(all monies raised for these events will be for All Saints Church)

Sun. April 16th - All Saints Church Easter Remembrance. Floral displays of lilies on view from 11am. Refreshments in the Church Rooms from 2pm to 4.39pm, also raffle and card stall.

Sat. April 29th – Prize Bingo at 2pm in the Church Rooms

Sat. May 27th – Coffee Morning from 10am to 12noon in the Church Rooms. Refreshments, raffle, cards, tombola and cakes.

Contact Janet Moore (01953 452847) for information on any of these events

Contact details

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| 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 | Rev Alan Wright | 01953 860300 |
| | Mrs Helen Pearson (Reader) | 01953 860251 |
| For Eccles, Quid.& Wilby | Rev Alan Smith | 01953 860550 |
| Benefice Administrator | Jill Moses | 01953 887413 |
| | jillannm1@gmail.com | |

| Services for April 2017 | | |
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| Sunday 2nd | | Fifth Sunday of Lent |
| Banham | 09.30 | Parish Eucharist |
| New Buckenham | 11.00 | Parish Eucharist |
| Old Buckenham | 08.00 | Holy Communion |
| | 09.30 | Parish Eucharist |
| Eccles | 09.30 | Morning Prayer |
| Readings: Ezek. 37. 1-14 Ps. 130 Rom 8. 6-11 John 11. 1-45 | | |
| Sunday 9th | | Palm Sunday |
| New Buckenham | 10.00 | Group Service |
| Readings: Liturgy of the Palms: Matt 21: 1-11 Ps 118. 1-2. 19-29 Liturgy of the Passion: Isa. 50. 4-9a Ps 31. 9-16 Phil. 2. 5-11 Matt. 26. 14-27. end or Matt 27. 11-54 | | |
| Sunday 16th | | Easter Sunday |
| Banham | 09.30 | Morning Worship |
| New Buckenham | 11.00 | Morning Worship |
| Old Buckenham | 09.30 | Family Eucharist |
| Wilby | 11.00 | Parish Eucharist |
| Readings: Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6 Ps. 118:1-2. 14-24 Col. 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28: 1-10 | | |
| Sunday 23rd | | Second Sunday of Easter |
| Banham | 09.30 | Parish Eucharist |
| New Buckenham | 11.00 | Family Service |
| Old Buckenham | 09.30 | Parish Eucharist |
| Eccles | 11.00 | Parish Eucharist |
| Readings: Acts 2. 14a. 22-32 (or Exod. 14. 10-end; 15. 20-21) Ps 16 1 Pet 1. 3-9 or Acts 2:14a. 22-32 John 20:19-31 | | |
| Sunday 30th April | | Third Sunday of Easter |
| Eccles | 10.00 | Group Service |
| Acts 2. 14a. 36-41 Or Zeph. 3: 14-end Ps 116 1-3, 10-17 1 Peter 1. 17-23 or Acts 2. 14a. 36-41 Luke 24. 13-35 | | |

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

NEARLY NEW SALE

Selling or Buying, all welcome.....

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2017
10AM - 12NOON
BANHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
MAIN HALL



Bake Sale, Hot Drinks, Bacon Rolls
£7 per Table

Enquiries or to Book please contact Tash

Tel: 07867 474344

natasha_causton@hotmail.com

***All proceeds raised go towards Community Centre
maintenance.***



Great Ellingham Preschool's

May Day Fest

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May
2017

11am - 3pm

At Great Ellingham Recreation Centre

Come join us for a day out for all the family different things for all ages Maypole, many stalls, tombola, raffle, outside bar, bbq, games and much more



For more information
please contact us:
gepsfund@outlook.com

5-7th MAY 2017
Carleton Rode
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Castleton Brass
 Friday, 5th May - 8.00
 Tickets : £10 & £6

Susie Meszaros
 Sat, 6th May - 7.30
 Tickets : £12.50

800 & Bands Afternoon
 Sunday, 7th May - 1 - 7 pm
 Tickets : free

All events taking place at
 Carleton Rode All Saints NR16 1RW
 for more details see our facebook page

Music Tester Lessons
 Sunday, 7th May - 10 - 12 noon

Ticket Hotline call
 01953 860294

LIVE MUSIC FROM LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL PERFORMERS

Feline Care Cat Rescue

We're getting ready for our first big open day of the year on Easter Sunday and Julie is collecting for another of her giant tombolas! We really hope to see you on April 16th between 12noon and 3pm for our Easter Sunday Open Day!



Feline Care Cat Rescue
Roudham Road
East Harling, Norfolk NR16 2QN
01953 718529



What's going on at our community venues?

Banham Community Centre

60's Dances 8pm (£7) 60's Dances 8pm (£7) 1 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 pm and 5 pm. New members always welcome.

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

Hall & Bar for hire Full catering facilities. Social club bar open from 7pm Friday evenings. Membership £1 year, children free. Local Ales.
DATES for your Diary www.garnierhall.co.uk to view up and coming events. Saturday April 8th - Amy's Easter Quiz & Raffle 8pm. Teams max of 6 - £1 per person. Saturday June 24th from 1pm - Family fun day, further details to follow next month.

Open mic nights 1st Friday in every month, Release your inner rock star. All welcome.

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

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

Flower arranging classes Wed 9.30am to 12.30pm. All welcome.
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 £10 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

Old Buckenham WI

The February meeting of Old Buckenham WI took the form of a members' evening. Members had been asked to bring along a favourite book/author and to explain the reason for their choice. Favourite authors included Charles Dickens (from the past) to the more modern authors like Ian Rankin, Robert Harris, Victoria Hislop and Antoine Laurin. The evening also included an exhibition of members' craft including Sugar Craft, Needlepoint, Blackwork, Hardangar, Patchwork and Paintings. The April meeting will be held on Thursday, 27th April when the speaker will be Kathy Denton and the subject of her talk will be 'A London Fashion House'.

Play Whist in the Church Rooms

There will be Afternoon Whist in Old Buckenham Church Rooms on the Second Monday of the month at 2pm.

All Welcome.

Fee £1 including a score card, tea and biscuits. Contact Jean and Gerald Norton on 860025.

Holy Week

9th April Palm Sunday – Group Service 10am at New Buckenham.
Bring some greenery to wave.

10th April Monday – Taize service at Wilby at 7.30pm

11th April Tuesday – Tenebrae service at Eccles at 7.30pm

12th April Wednesday – BCP Evening Prayer at Banham at 7.30 pm

13th April Thursday – Maundy service at Quidenham at 7.30pm

Good Friday – Group service Old Buckenham at 12.00 and then own churches for prayer.

Easter Saturday – Vigil at Old Buckenham at 8pm

Easter Sunday – Old Buckenham 9.30, Banham 9.30. Wilby 9.30 and New Buckenham 11.00.

There will also be a **Messy Church** event on Good Friday in Banham Church 4-6pm.

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 April 2017

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| Sat | 1 | 10-12 | Banham Café | Banham Church |
| Sat | 1 | 10.30-12 | Coffee Morning | Reading Room Quid. |
| Sat | 1 | 8.00pm | 60s Dance | Banham C.C. |
| Sun | 2 | 2-6 | War Games | O.B. Village Hall |
| Tue | 4 | 10-12 | Coffee & Chat | O.B. Church Rooms |
| Tue | 4 | 11-12 | Coffee Morning | Walnut Tree, K Rd, Banham |
| Tue | 4 | 8pm | Bunwell Camera Club | Tibenham Com. Hall |
| Wed | 5 | 10-1pm | Luncheon Club | O.B. Village Hall |
| Thu | 13 | 2pm | Breckland Flower Club | O.B. Village Hall |
| Thu | 13 | 7.45pm | O.B. Wine & Social Club | O.B. Church Rooms |
| Wed | 19 | 7.30pm | Att & Dist Gardening Club | Att Junior School |
| Thu | 19 | 2.30pm | Good Companions | N.B. Village Hall |
| Thu | 19 | 7.15pm | Eccles Women's Institute | Art Centre, Eccles Hall Sch. |
| Tue | 18 | 3-4.30pm | Open Door - Coffee and Chat | Banham Church |
| Tue | 18 | 8pm | Bunwell Camera Club | Tibenham Com. Hall |
| Wed | 19 | 10-1pm | Luncheon Club | O.B. Village Hall |
| Fri | 21 | 6.15-7.15 | Friday Club | Rowancroft, K. Rd. Banham |
| Fri | 21 | 7.30-9.30 | Youth Cafe | Banham Church |
| Thu | 27 | 7.30pm | O.B. Women's Institute | O.B. Village Hall |
| Fri | 28 | 6.15-7.15 | Friday Club | Rowancroft, K. Rd. Banham |
| Fri | 28 | 7.30-9.30 | Youth Cafe | Banham Church |

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

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