

THE SIX VILLAGES

ASSOCIATION



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

SIX VILLAGES NEWSLETTER

Waveney Food Bank

Have you ever wondered what happens to your food after you have donated it at the collection points in Banham and New Buckenham churches? At a recent visit to their warehouse on an industrial estate near Eye, I was able to see the amazing amount of organisation that ensures that nutritionally balanced, 'in-date' food is quickly delivered to those in acute, short-term need. Hard-working volunteers receive, sort and pack the food which goes to several distribution centres, (our nearest in Long Stratton). It is then picked up by the clients in exchange for the vouchers allocated to them by other care agencies such as social workers and doctors, who can better assess their needs.

The reasons why people find themselves in crisis are varied, but the roll out of Universal Credit has been a major reason why food bank usage increased by about 70% last year. Personally, I know that asylum seekers have a tough few weeks when they first move on to refugee status and survive in part because of food banks until they can sort out their lives in their new country. The Operations Manager told me that very few clients return repeatedly for help, and the few that do are generally the most vulnerable members of society who live with mental health and other issues.

As well as providing more than a thousand emergency meals a week the food bank supports other projects. They hold a free weekly community lunch and offer benefit and grant eligibility checking services. They also offer support to other charities such as Quidenham Hospice, rough sleeper food programmes, Christmas hamper distribution, providing sanitary packs for some high schools and food for soup kitchens.

Consequently, almost no items are wasted if they are fit for consumption. I noticed some packaging with a 'best before' date in 1987 stuck to the wall; apparently it holds the dubious honour of being the oldest food received so far!

So how can we help? Donations of food and toiletries are gratefully received. They have enough baked beans and pasta – a side room I was shown had boxes and boxes of it! However, tinned fruit and vegetables, pasta sauces and instant mashed potato are in short supply. Cash donations are also requested because although it is run by volunteers, renting the warehouse and running the van costs money. Volunteers to sort, pack and deliver are also welcomed, particularly drivers. To find out more do have a look at their website, www.waveney.foodbank.org.uk or contact them on info@waveney.foodbank.org.uk

Jo Wright

Reports from Local Clubs

Attleborough and District Gardening Club – The February meeting was opened by Jenny North, our Chairman. She gave a tribute to Charlie Gardener, our Honorary Vice President, who sadly passed away on the 6th February. Charlie had a huge range and depth of knowledge. He had exhibited Daffodils and had won many awards. He had been a National Judge for Daffodils and Fuchsias and bred new strains of Daffodils. He will be sorely missed by the membership. We continued with a Gardening Quiz hosted by Simon Whit. It was light hearted, good fun and informative. The winning team won bare rooted roses and the losers won sweet pea seeds. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18th April** at 7.30pm in Attleborough Primary School, Besthorpe Road. The speaker will be Mr Paine on Gardening in the shade. Visitors and New Members welcome. Contact Jenny North 01953 455481.

Old Buckenham WI – At the February's meeting Members were transported to the Scottish island of Iona where our speaker, local Methodist minister Rev. Jacqui Horton had spent 10 months as Sacristan at Iona Abbey. (A Sacristan is responsible for preparing the church for services). Jacqui took us through the history of the religious community with the aid of lovely slides. Failing three times over the centuries the present Iona Community came into being in the 1930s. Traditionally Scottish leaders were buried there including Macbeth and the Labour leader John Smith. Jacqui also entertained everyone with some of her poems written on Iona. As part of their 50th celebrations WI are planting a commemorative tree on the green. They are also planning a walk in April for 'Women Walk the World' in aid of 'Associated Women of the World' of which WI is a member. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 26th April**, 7.30pm in Old Buckenham village hall when Cos Stephanides will talk on Tibetan Buddhism.

Breckland Flower & Garden Club – On Thursday 8th March Breckland Flower and garden Club held their 35th AGM at Old Buckenham Village Hall. Throughout the past year the club has been raising money for a charity the Blood Bikers. It was our pleasure to present Keith Grisedale with a cheque for £1080.00, who explained how important this money was to them. Keith then went on to tell us more about the charity and the work the Blood bikers do. usually through the night, transporting blood, medication, surgical instruments and most recently breast milk for premature babies. The afternoon concluded with refreshments and a short demonstration from three of the clubs members on sewing crafts. Our next meeting is on 12th April 2- 4pm at Old Buckenham Village Hall with a demonstration by Bernard Collingsworth titled "From Steams to Dreams". Visitors are welcome for a small charge of £6. For further contact Christine 01953 454528 or Sally 01953 788712.

News from Norfolk County Council

Attleborough – Diss Bus Service - The popular Attleborough – Diss Saturday bus service which takes in some of the Six Villages on route has been under threat recently but will continue under the current timetable until July 28th 2018 at least. Semence Coaches will be running the service under contract to NCC. A wider review of the service will be undertaken between now and June. There are no guarantees regarding the service but I would encourage residents to make use of it in good numbers if it is something we wish to retain.

Transfer to Junior school - If you applied for school admission online decisions will be made available on the afternoon of 18 April 2018 on the website at www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk . Paper applications will be responded to by second class post telling you at which school your child has been offered a place. If your child attends a private school and you want to apply for a place in a Norfolk state school you can apply on line or contact us for an application form.

Transfer to Secondary School for September 2018 - The transfer to secondary school admission round is now closed and offers were made available on 1 March 2018. NCC will be holding a mini admission round on **3 April** to consider all changes that have happened since places were allocated. If you have been refused a place at one of your preferred schools your child has been placed on a waiting list which will be maintained by the Admissions team until 31 December 2018. You also have the right to appeal against any refusal and if you wish to appeal contact admissions@norfolk.gov.uk.

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

News from Breckland District Council

Breckland Budget 2018/19 - Breckland councillors have agree a budget that will protect frontline services, invest in the district's future and inject £1.7m into community projects in 2018/19. Councillors also agreed to increase district council tax by just under £5 from April to enable the authority to invest in its market towns, protect community grants and support, and back local businesses.

Despite the rise, district council tax in Breckland remains the lowest in the country. A tax increase of £4.95 in 2018-19 is based on a Band D property and, as most residents (77%) live in Bands A-C homes - the majority of residents will see their tax go up by a smaller amount. For example, the increase for a Band A home will be £3.30 per year.

Breckland Cabinet Roadshow to visit Market Towns - Breckland Council is taking its Cabinet 'on the road' and is inviting residents to attend meetings in the district's market towns throughout 2018. The nearest meetings will be in Attleborough on 12 June and Thetford on 4 September (more information nearer the time). For the first 30 minutes, from 9.30am to 10am, members of the public will be invited to ask the Council's Leader and Cabinet questions. Formal Cabinet will then begin at 10am and residents will be invited to remain for the duration.

Adrian Joel, Breckland councilor for Buckenhams' and Banham Wards
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Garden Jottings from Ken



Gardens are made up of a combination of layers which create a three dimensional image to be viewed from different angles. Introducing more height into the arrangement helps to bring an element of maturity to the display. A plain wall or fence may be functional but its harsh appearance can easily be softened by allowing climbing plants to scramble over its surfaces. Most varieties will require a little help, either strong wires or an ornamental trellis, then it's up to you to tie the growth in or wind it through to lead the climber in the right direction and stop it ending up in an untidy mess on the ground.

If you have a large area to cover in a fairly sunny position, try *Akebia quinata* (the Chocolate vine), *parthenocissus* (Virginia creeper and Boston ivy) or wisteria with its wonderfully long pendants of scented flowers (we supply grafted varieties of wisteria at flowering maturity so you won't have to wait seven years for a blooming display!) In areas that are a bit on the shady side, variegated or plain ivy (with large or small leaves), climbing hydrangeas and a multitude of honeysuckles should all happily flourish for you.

The addition of a large shrub or small tree can perform many functions as well as giving height, they can provide shade, shelter from wind and prying eyes, plus food and a perching place for wild birds. Try to choose a variety that provides interest for more than one season, such as *Amelanchier lamarckii* with its coppery new leaves and white blossom in spring then rich autumn colour later on, or *Cytisus battandieri*, a silvery leaved semi-evergreen plant which produces fantastic clusters of bright yellow flowers during the summer months which smell unmistakably of pineapples.

Plants that flower at eye level get noticed and are always worth a closer inspection as you don't have to get down on your hands and knees to appreciate the marvellous detail that nature produces. Now is the perfect time to create a summer-long treat for the eyes by planting up some hanging baskets. It's an easy and rewarding form of gardening and all you need to create a swinging masterpiece is available; baskets and liners, compost and additives, even brackets and replacement chains, plus all your favourite summer plants are now arriving, with choices suitable for sunny or shady positions. If you need advice on combinations just ask, or we can make up a special basket for you.

Cheers, Ken

The Garden Enclosure, Banham - for beautiful gardens on every level!

The Garden Enclosure

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01953 888043**

www.gardenenclosure.co.uk

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gardening and floristry sundries, pet supplies, gifts.....and more!*

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

Mobile Library Service – April visits		
Route CENS5412 Friday 13th		
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 25th		
Banham	14.55 Mill Road	15.20 Apple Close
	16.00 The Green	
Route CEN5415 Friday 27th		
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					



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	



Learn Mindfulness with the Blue Angel Sangha

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

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

To find out more contact 07909 505831 or davidspicer@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

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/>

Pilates at Banham Community Centre - Starting on **23rd April** through to end of September there will be weekly Pilates sessions in the small hall every Monday 6.30- 7.30pm, Tuesday 9.30am-10.30am and Thursday 6.30-7.30pm. The classes are suitable for all ages and abilities for men and women. The cost is £7 per class on the day or less if you pay in advance (£30 for 5 classes or £50 for 10 classes).

Any queries please contact Sheila 07841 978456

New Buckenham 200 Club - Hello all good people of Banham. My name is Paul Madden and I help run The New Buckenham 200 Club. I read recently that the 200 Club of Banham has now stopped. I was wondering if anyone would like to join The New Buckenham 200 Club?

At present there are 11 cash prizes consisting of 1x£30, 1x£20, 5x£10 and 4x£5 (these would increase as more people join). If you are interested I would willingly drive to Banham to register you. The cost per person is just £1 per month (it would be helpful if you could pay 6 or 12 months in advance, £6 or £12 to save me calling at inconvenient times). 40% of every pound goes to prizes. The remaining 60% would be split, 30% to New Buckenham village hall and 30% to Banham Church for play equipment.

My home number is 01953 860850 or email Paulmadden59@outlook.com .

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Happy Easter everyone!

I think having Easter on April 1st is bound to cause trouble. Is it Jesus way of doing an 'April fool' on his disciples? 'You saw me die last Friday but, April Fool! I'm back!'

Vicars might be tempted for such nonsense, but Jesus rising from the dead was a serious business, even frightening, but it's Jesus way of saying, 'I meant what I said'. I look forward therefore, in hope, to my own dying and rising.



On another matter: Old Buckenham's Raise the Roof campaign goes up a notch on the 22nd April with the Old Buckenham 2000 Trust 10k run (details: <http://www.oldbuckenham.org.uk/index.php/old-buckenham-race>).

If you're not an actual runner, then please consider causing your ink to run instead, around the letters for 'Old Buckenham PCC' on a suitable bit of paper. We turn to God to bless our fields and industry on 6th May when Bishop Graham of Norwich comes to pray for us on Rogation Sunday in Wilby at 10am (with the New Buckenham Silver Band). Afterwards he will come to Old Buckenham for lunch. Currently the longest serving bishop in the Church of England, member of the House of Lords, nationally known on Radio 4, he will thank and encourage us all. All Saints is a beautiful church and my hope is that people can take a share in the roof by helping to fund it. The dividend on that share is that for the rest of your life you can look at it and say, 'I helped build that roof!'. If 40 people pledge to give an average of £20 per week for the next two years, that would do it.

That previous paragraph is less 'View from the Rectory' material and more an advert or call for support. The fact is though, that what the view looks like from The Rectory is a blend of surface reality and deeper reality.

Without the news of the first paragraph, the second paragraph would be utterly pointless to me. What's your view?

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

7th April, 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 17th April
Tea, cakes and a friendly chat
All Welcome



Messy Church

Banham Church 4-6pm

Sunday 13th May

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 12th April** Send direct to sixvillagesnews@yahoo.com or contact Sally on 01953 888183

1st World War memorabilia - To mark 100 years since the ending of the First World War, I would like to have a commemorative exhibition in Banham Church. I have downloaded various details from the war memorial / war graves website, and further details about the memorial itself. I am also interested in any surviving links to families still in the village/area. I would like to request that if anyone has family links to those listed on the war memorial, and has any family history or photos that they would be willing to share, that they contact me davidhicks24@btinternet.com or 01953 887575.

Nones Service on Sun 29th April, 3.00 pm at All Saints Church Nones is the format of a service to celebrate the Black Canons of the order of Augustine who established and served the Abbey and All Saints Church in Old Buckenham from about 1146 up to the time of the reformation in 1536. All parishes throughout the country who have a connection with the Augustine Fathers and Merton will hold the same service on the same day. All welcome.

2000 Trust Run - Old Buckenham 10km Race – This takes place from Old Buckenham Village Hall, Old Buckenham on **Sunday 22nd April at 11:00**, Cost £15 (Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult at all times). The wheelchair race will start 5 minutes before the runners' race. The race director is celia.j.clarke@gmail.com. The race is organised by the OB 2000 Trust with entry management and chip timing services provided by Total Race Timing.

All profits from the event will go to the 'Raise the Roof Fund' for the re-thatching of All Saints church in Old Buckenham. Join our Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/Old-Buckenham-2000-Trust-1534454866791265/>) for regular updates and to ask any questions.



Bishop helps to Raise the Roof, All Saints Church

On **Rogation Sunday, 6th May**, the Bishop of Norwich will visit the Quidenham Group of Parishes. Following the Group service at Wilby, he will move on to Old Buckenham Church Rooms to meet members of the community, over

sherry and "nibbles", sponsored by a member of P.C.C. Everyone welcome. This is your chance to meet the Bishop.

Later the Bishop will join interested persons at the Gamekeeper for Lunch, to support the fundraising required to re-thatch the roof at All Saints Church. We celebrate and thank everyone for the monies raised so far by their hard work and initiative, and are hoping to both motivate the community, and raise money for the roof restoration. Numbers are restricted, due to size of venue, and early purchase of tickets at £50 per head, only available from Ray Bayfield (860593), and Terry Cracknell (860747) is recommended.

All the money raised from the ticket price will go to the fund.

The total cost of re-thatching the roof is expected to be between £80,000 and £100,000, We encourage the Old Buckenham community to support the cause to keep the building open.

Services for April 2018		
Sunday 1st Easter Day		
Banham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
New Buckenham	11.00	Parish Eucharist
Old Buckenham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
Eccles	09.30	Parish Eucharist
<i>Readings: Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Mark 16.1-8</i>		
Sunday 8th 2nd Sunday of Easter		
Banham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
New Buckenham	18.30	Evensong
Old Buckenham	08.00 09.30	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Wilby	09.30	Parish Eucharist
<i>Readings: Acts 4.32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2 John 20.19-end</i>		
Sunday 15th 3rd Sunday of Easter		
Banham	09.30	Morning Worship
New Buckenham	11.00	Parish Eucharist
Old Buckenham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
Quidenham	11.00	Parish Eucharist
<i>Readings: Acts 3.12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3.1-7; Luke 24.36b-48</i>		
Sunday 22nd 4th Sunday of Easter		
Banham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
New Buckenham	11.00	Morning Worship
Old Buckenham	08.00	Parish Eucharist
Eccles	11.00	Parish Eucharist
<i>Readings: Acts 4.5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3.16-end John 10.11-18</i>		
Sunday 29th 5th Sunday of Easter		
Banham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
New Buckenham	11.00	Parish Eucharist
Old Buckenham	09.30	Parish Eucharist

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Eccles	09.30	Parish Eucharist
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Readings: Acts 8.26-end Psalm 22.25-end 1 John 4.7-end John 15.1-8

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

Forthcoming events at Garnier Hall

Sat 7th April - Amy's Fun Family Quiz and Fish and Chips supper, 7.30pm start. Teams of up to 6 (£2 per person)

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.garnervillagehall.co.uk

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 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 heart warming celebration of human possibility marks the directorial debut of Andy Serkis. Screenplay written by William Nicholsen.

New Buckenham Film night, Saturday, 28th April - 'The Party' starring Kristin Scott-Thomas and Timothy Spall is a tragicomedy that unfolds in a London house. This dark satire is a sharply observed study of love, politics and middle-class values. The evening starts with *Beside the Seaside*, a short archive film about seaside resorts and holiday camps in Norfolk and Suffolk.

Tickets (£5) are on sale at Kings Stores and on the website wegottickets.com, or can 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.

Concert at Old Buckenham Methodist Church -On Thursday 10th May, at 7:30pm, New Buckenham Silver Band is once again giving a Concert. Entry is free but there will be a retiring collection of donations if desired. There will be light refreshments. Please come along and enjoy an evening of entertaining music. For more information contact gilllarge@btinternet.com

CPRE Norfolk Annual Lecture 2018 on Thur 31st May at The Hostry, Norwich Cathedral, 5.30pm. Our **Annual Lecture** will be delivered by the eminent artist **Gerard Stamp** (www.gerardstamp.com) entitled '**Artistic Licence**'. This heavily illustrated talk will be free to attend but you will need a ticket. Contact heleni@cprenorfolk.org.uk or call 01603 761660

International Women's Day – Remembering Emily Taylor Writer Poet and Children's author

- Before I moved to Banham from London in 2011 I googled 'Famous people from Banham' and got only one result. This was a Wiki page entry for Emily Taylor, 1795 -1872. Writer, Poet and Children's Author. Since we have recently marked International Women's Day, I thought it time to remember Emily Taylor for her contribution as a creative writer and teacher who made her mark on both the local and wider world with a number of important contributions

Emily Taylor was born to Samuel Taylor a farmer in Banham in 1795 where she lived before moving to New Buckenham when she was a teenager. Her mother died shortly after she was born and she was brought up by her father, two Irish Aunts, along with five brothers and one sister. Her brother Edgar Taylor was a writer and translator giving her wider cultural and educational links. Like her father Samuel she was a dissenter but converted to the C of E in mid-life under the influence of the English theologian Frederick Denison Maurice.

Her early works were very devotional and concentrated on religion and spiritual reflections. She also wrote many hymns that remained popular throughout the 19th century. However, some of her biggest contributions are acknowledged as being Children's Stories and Harvard University holds an original copy of her story 'The Boy and the Birds' which has illustrated plates by Sir Edward Landseer. She moved to London in 1842 to live with a widowed sister and continued to teach. She died on 11 March 1872

Emily Taylor belongs to the social history of Banham and New Buckenham. Her achievements are recognised at a national and international level. She was an extra-ordinary woman, so wouldn't it be fitting to highlight her as a role model at a local level.

If anyone has any information they would like to share or thoughts on the life of Emily Taylor or are interested in being part of such a project please contact sue.nicholas53@btinternet to consider how to take this forward.

Talking Newspaper Marks 20th Anniversary - Wymondham and Attleborough Talking Newspaper (WATN) are marking their 20th anniversary with a reunion of past volunteers. It was on Good Friday, 10 April 1998 that the first edition of the weekly audio news and information service for visually impaired people was recorded at the Abbey School Room in Wymondham.

Initially recordings were copied onto cassette tapes and distributed by post, using the Royal Mail "Articles for the Blind" freepost concession. Now a USB stick is used and listeners to the free service are supplied with a machine on which to play them. The 1000th edition was recorded on 3 November 2017.

To mark this important milestone in WATN's history, previous Talking Newspaper volunteers are being invited to a reunion at the Group's annual general meeting in Fairland Hall, Wymondham, on Monday 14 May 2018.

For more information about the service, visit the website www.watn.org.uk

Footnote: WATN is particularly keen to recruit more news compilers and sound technicians.

What's going on at our community venues?

Banham Community Centre

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

7 April – The Strollers

5 May - Sounds Imperial (£8)

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

Yoga Classes - Mondays 1–2.15pm in the small hall 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

Pilates – weekly classes in small hall starting 23 April, Mon & Thurs 6.30-7.30pm, Tues 9.30-10.30am. Contact Sheila on 07841 978456

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 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 Sat. of the month 10.30a.m.-12noon (excluding Jan). 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

Old Buckenham Green Survey Report - 600 surveys were delivered via this newsletter last month and 57 were returned. 46 thought the Green looked better, 4 didn't and 7 did not answer the question. The response was very positive concerning the grass and path cutting times, with the emphasis on the importance of preserving wildlife and wild flowers. Pruning of trees, litter removal and sensitive upkeep of ponds mattered too. Villagers wanted to use the Green more for village activities including sport and mainly approved of the combined litter/dog poo bins. One problem mentioned is the increasing wearing away of the Green by parking which in poor weather is adding to the muddy erosion. A lot of people offered help for an organised tidy up, ongoing litter picking, sponsoring trees, work around the ponds and putting posts on some edges to discourage parking. Please come to the Parish Meeting on **Friday 13th of April** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall to discuss further.

A reminder of our recent cold snaps from Christine Child

	<p>White Dawn</p> <p><i>Awaken by a muted, deafening silence, Although, sounds are present dull, numbing. Deep inside my ear, Familiar; announces you are here.</i></p> <p><i>Drapes asunder, there you lay, White as the given day. Falling softly to the ground, Appearing as a soft eiderdown.</i></p> <p><i>Lightly covering, all around, Gently gliding, can be found. Lace like flakes, of a formation, Each one differs, no combination.</i></p> <p><i>Footsteps with caution, gingerly taken, Each a crisp, crunching sensation. Leaving behind, indentations, Clear prints, map a destination.</i></p> <p>Breda Ware</p>
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Attleborough Health Walks – join the Attleborough ramblers for interesting weekly walks (some starting from our local villages). The walks start at 10.30am and vary from 2 to 5 miles. Below is the schedule for April giving meeting points:
2 April, Great Hockham, Hockham Picnic site on A1075 IP24 1PA (3.85 miles)
9 April, Spooner Row Primary School, Station Road, NR18 9JR (3.75miles)
16 April, Great Ellingham, The Crown Public House, NR17 1LE (3.55 miles)
23 April, Shadwell Forest Retreat Reception Centre, IP24 2RX (4.1 miles)
30 April, Carleton Road, Jubilee Hall, Mill Road, NR161NQ (4 miles)
 For more information contact Brian Lawrence on 01953 454635 or 07710 248303

Diary of regular events April

Tue	3	10-12	Coffee & Chat	O.B. Church Rooms
Tue	3	11-12	Coffee Morning	Walnut Tree, K Rd, Banham
Tue	3	8pm	Bunwell Camera Club	Tibenham Com. Hall
Wed	4	10-1pm	Luncheon Club	O.B. Village Hall
Sat	7	10-12	Banham Café	Banham Church
Sat	7	8pm	60's Dance	Banham C.C.
Sat	7	10.30- 12	Coffee Morning	Reading Room Quid.
Sun	8	2-6pm	War Games	O.B. Village Hall
Thu	12	2pm	Breckland Flower Club	O.B. Village Hall
Thu	12	7.45pm	O.B. Wine & Social Club	O.B. Church Rooms
Tue	17	3-4.30pm	Open Door	Banham Church
Tue	17	8pm	Bunwell Camera Club	Tibenham Com. Hall
Wed	18		Luncheon Club Outing	
Wed	18	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.
Fri	20	6.15-7.15	Friday Club	Rowancroft, K. Rd. Banham
Fri	20	7.30-9 30	Youth Café	Banham Church
Thur	26	7.30pm	O.B. Women's Institute	O.B Village Hall
Fri	27	6.15-7.15	Friday Club	Rowancroft, K. Rd. Banham
Fri	27	7.30-9 30	Youth Café	Banham Church
Sat	28	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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