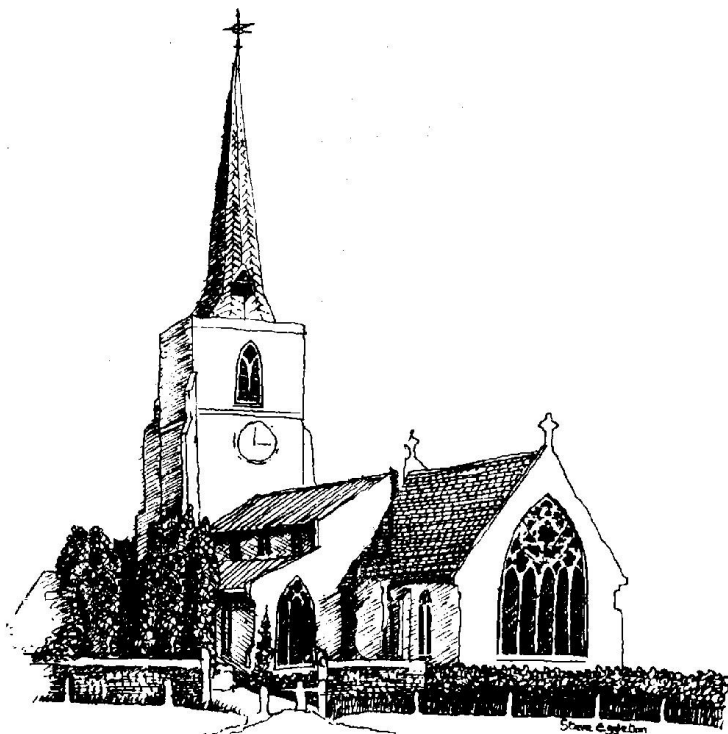


THE SIX VILLAGES NEWSLETTER



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



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So why The Friends of Banham Church?

The Church belongs to us all, and whether you regularly worship, or come just occasionally in times of need or celebration, what can we do to ensure it continues to be there for all.

St Mary's has played a central part in the life of Banham for over 600 years, and generations of our villagers have been baptised, married, buried and worshipped there. An asset to the community, its 125 foot spire is a landmark to be seen for miles around the village, especially when lit at night, and its beautiful architecture set back from the green gives us something to be very proud of.

Throughout its life it has been altered and repaired to meet the changing needs of the village.

Occasionally, such as now, we can attract outside funding such as the heritage lottery grant to deal with some of the major issues, but this does not cover the full extent of works so further fund raising is always needed. Whilst the day to day running costs are met by the congregation, The Friends of Banham Church was set up to bring in and include the wider community in helping to maintain and develop the building and all that goes with it, and to keep it for future generations to enjoy.

As well as the regular Sunday services the community are welcomed in many ways, through Saturday Café, Open Door, Messy Church and Youth Café among many others. FOBC plays its part with the now regular "Movies at St Marys" Film and meal evenings, enjoying a glass of wine whilst you watch the latest great film (bring your own cushion!!). Even just to know it is somewhere open to go and sit and enjoy in peace

The Friends, a registered charity raise funds both through some great social events such as the films, the quiz night and progressive lunch, and so importantly by annual subscription, suggested at £10, and forms can be picked up from any of our events. Members are kept informed through our annual newsletter, meetings and now facebook page.

In the past FOBC has helped fund window refurbishment, notice boards, heating, path lights, the glass porch doors and most recently towards the screen, projector and sound system improvements, but as always there is so much more we could do with your help and support.

Please come and find out more, and you will be sure of a warm welcome at our next film night "A Street Cat named Bob (12a)", or at our AGM on 27th April, and be a part of keeping this glorious historic centrepiece here for all.

David Hicks – Chair

Local Club / Society News

Breckland Flower & Garden Club

On Thursday February 9th the skies outside threatened snow. This was soon forgotten as we were entertained by Susan Horn with her demonstration titled "Pick a colour, any colour". Susan charmed us with her unique talent for flower arranging creating nine colourful arrangements. She used a variety of foliage, most of which can be found in the garden even at this time of the year, adding bright colours with flowers. Susan's arrangements were raffled.

There were eight entries in the competition titled "Love is in the Air". The winner was Alison Vivian with a stunning heart shaped table arrangement.

A mention for one of our members who had a very serious car accident. She is recovering slowly in hospital but it will be a long journey and everyone at the Club sends their best wishes and wish her a speedy recovery.

The next meeting at Old Buckenham Village Hall on **March 9th** at 2pm, is the AGM followed by a talk with slides looking back over the years with our Chairman, Christine Hewson.

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

Attleborough & District Horticultural Society

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15th March** in the Junior School, Besthorpe Road at 7.30pm. Visitors very welcome.

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/>

Old Buckenham WI

We were pleased to welcome Rev Jacqui Horton (the local Methodist Minister) January meeting. She gave us a fascinating insight into the life of Jane Austen, who died at the early age of 42 (2017 is the bi-centenary of her death). Her talk: "The Trail of Jane Austen" traced the life of this remarkable author from her birth at Steventon, Hampshire in 1775 until her death in Winchester in 1817. She was buried in Winchester Cathedral where a stained glass window is dedicated to her memory.

Members were pleased to hear that Alison's "Waste Not Want Not" table has now passed the £1,000 mark since it was started in 2008. This money goes towards our donation to Associated Country Women of the World, which supports the education and training of women in third world countries.

Our next meeting is on 23rd March at 7.30pm in Old Buckenham Village Hall when the speaker will be Chris Brown and the subject of his talk is "The Case for the Defence – Life as a Criminal Lawyer". We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month and we are always pleased to welcome new members.

News from Norfolk County Council

Norfolk's Most Borrowed Library Books Revealed

Norfolk libraries' most borrowed books for 2015-2016 have been revealed, with a mix of adults and children's favourites topping the chart. The most borrowed book, being issued 1,854 times in the county across the year, was **Susan Lewis's novel Too Close To Home**. The 10 most borrowed books were loaned out in the county more than 16,000 times. In total, Norfolk County Council's libraries issued more than five million items in 2015-16. While the vast majority of these items were books, e-books, e-audio books, e-magazines, DVDs, CDs and console games are included within that total. It is free to join Norfolk libraries and borrow books. Books can also be returned to any county library, not just the one they were borrowed from.

Norwich Highway Changes. Golden Ball Street

The permanent closure to traffic and completion of works on All Saints Street, Ber Street and Golden Ball Street have an expected completion date for the end of May 2017. The changes are designed to help increase footfall and boost trade to local businesses.

You can find all School Term Dates at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/term-dates/term-dates-and-school-holidays.

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

News from Breckland District Council

New Buckenham Play Area Awarded Breckland Community Grant

Breckland Council will provide £5,000 for the upgrade project - the rest of the money coming from the parish council. The money will be used to help deliver the play park improvement scheme, expected to cost a total of £10,051.

Three new pieces of equipment for young children – a crawl tunnel, play train and speaking tubes – will be installed at the existing play area on Wymondham Road with a three-person swing set for older children and it is hoped that the work will start over the summer.

Breckland Council's Website easier for Residents to use.

The revised layout is simpler and clearer, making it easier to find commonly requested information, such as bin collection days, council tax queries, planning applications and ward representative details.

It also features top tasks so residents can easily pay their invoices, council tax, business rates, and garden waste subscriptions online. Simple forms are in place to enable customers to report any issues or changes in their circumstances, such as their address. Applications for things like postal votes or online billing can also be completed online. It is designed to be used on phones and tablets as well as a PC or laptop, so people can contact the council online 24-7.

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



Garden Jottings from Ken



That's enough!, there's just too many coming in and spoiling everything, no matter how hard you try to tolerate them they just don't seem to respect people's property. If you want to keep things nice, securing your borders seems to make perfect sense, so it's time to make a stand and keep the blighters out. I know they don't mean to annoy (it's natural behaviour to them), but with their big feet, long ears and fluffy tails, bugsy and his mates can hop right back to wherever they came from and leave our plants alone!

Whether it's to keep rabbits, deer, or neighbours out, or pets and children in, making sure that your boundaries are in good order is an important job.

As an island we're never far from water, and if space allowed, a return to having moats around properties would be a good thing to see, and they'd be great for wildlife, especially birds, but they're not really an option for the average sized garden. The next thing to consider might be a wall, solid, secure and long-lasting, but expensive especially over a long length (although it seems that maybe you can expect your neighbour to pay!).

For most of us, putting up or repairing a fence is probably going to be the best solution. A fine mesh wire netting is going to be the cheapest option, fairly quick to install and flexible for awkward shaped areas, but a wooden fence is the most popular choice, it's available in a range of different styles to suit any garden, and if built properly will last for many years. Even the standard 6 x 6 fence panel has come of age, the 'Ultimate' panel has smooth sawn and planed timber (no rough bits), a fully framed and jointed surround, and the best bit is it's all pressure treated for an extra long life, so no more painting (unless you want to), but still realistically priced.

Don't forget bunnies can dig, so sink gravel boards or netting into the ground, and if deer are the problem make sure you have enough height to deter them. Putting up a boundary may look a bit harsh, so make a feature of it and add climbers to soften the look, or create borders in front and plant to your heart's delight, at least your efforts won't get destroyed by unwanted intruders!

Cheers, Ken

The Garden Enclosure, Banham - making your borders better!

The Garden Enclosure

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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)

Route CEN5412	Friday 17th	
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 1st	
Banham	14.55 Mill Road	
	15.20 Apple Close	
	16.00 The Green	
Route CEN128		
Eccles	Discontinued through lack of use	
Route CEN5415	Friday 3rd	
Quidenham	11.25 ex. Post Office	14.30 St Edmunds Lodge

Local Transport

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	
Return	Mondays to Fridays			Return	Sat	
Norwich, St Stephens	1320	1610	1745	Diss, adj Bus Station	1200	
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--				Quid, adj Home Fm	1229	
--				Kenninghall, opp PO	1232	
--				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	

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

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

Birthday Cards for Red Nose Day

Friday March 24th is Red Nose Day and it is also my birthday! Please will you help me raise some money by sending a card to me with a cheque in it made out to Comic Relief. If you live near enough, cash can be included if you prefer and put through my door. I live at The Old School House, The Green, Old Buckenham, Norfolk NR17 1RR.

So ... as much money as possible and as many cards!

Thank you, *Alison Frank*

Old Buckenham Windmill Open Days 2017


	9 th April	2pm – 5pm
	14 th May	2pm – 5pm
	1 st June	2pm – 5pm
	9 th July	2pm – 5pm
	13 th August	2pm – 5pm
	10 th September	2pm – 5pm

For any queries, please contact
Tel on 01953 860987

Harling Theatre Company
presents

BEDROOM FARCE

by Alan Ayckbourn



Directed by John Wallace-Jones

Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th March
At 7.30pm in the Old School Hall
East Harling

Tickets £8.00 from Dorothy Jubb 717128
an Amateur production by permission of Samuel French Ltd

A view from the Rectory - March

I'm not very good at New Year's resolutions, though that said, my resolution this year has been more successful than any before it in that I am STILL following it! My resolution was to be less screen based in my entertainment. My children scorned it as not specific enough, and in order to know whether I'd kept it or not, I should say I would BAN the computer for entertainment and then I'd KNOW (and so would they)!



But I do know, it has been good. Having a complete ban might have been more easily measurable, but it would clearly have been for a limited period because OBVIOUSLY one has NEEDS! The desires of the flesh, when given free reign, can often take over, and the temptation is to CRUSH them with a vengeance in the hope that we can drive the evil lust (say for chocolate) away for ever. We can keep it up for a short period, like Lent, but we long for Easter Day when we can indulge ourselves with a chocolate feast, nom nom nom! We breathe a huge sigh of relief and are stuck where we were before.

I encourage you this Lent to pick a resolution that is not so extreme. A complete ban might be in order for some things, but for most things, reducing what has become an addiction for a season may enable you to form a life habit that is manageable for a longer period, even if at first it is not easy. If you chose, and kept, one more good resolution each year then you'd be on your way to being a saint! Lent is only 40 days (with Sundays off). You could try it.

All Saint's Church, Old Buckenham, has a service for our six villages to mark the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, 1st March at 7.30pm.

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

Please note: Closing date for church material for **March** middle pages will be **Monday 13th March**. Send to Phil at bailcott@gmail.com

Lent Courses in 2017

Mondays from 27th Feb (Quidenham Reading Room)

First night is to watch the film: **Chocolat** at 7.30pm

Thursdays from 2nd March (The Rectory, Banham)

First night is to watch the film: **The King's Speech** at 7.30pm.

Don't worry! ... it doesn't matter if you've missed a session you can come at any stage of the course.



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
4th March 10-12 noon

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 21st March
All Welcome



Messy Church
Banham Church 4-6pm

Look out for date of next meeting
If you would like to get involved or help please
contact Kate on 01953 888862..

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)

Sat. March 4th - Prize Bingo at 2pm in the Church Rooms.

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

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 March 2017		
Sunday 5^h First Sunday of Lent		
Banham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
New Buckenham	11.00	Parish Eucharist
Old Buckenham	08.00 09.30	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist
Quidenham	09.30	Morning Prayer
<i>Readings: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matt 4: 1-1</i>		
Sunday 12th Second Sunday of Lent		
Banham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
New Buckenham	18.30	Evensong
Old Buckenham	09.30	Morning Prayer
Wilby	09.30	Parish Eucharist
<i>Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a Ps 121 Romans 4:1-5. 13-17 John 3:1-17 or Matt 17:1-9</i>		
Sunday 19th Third Sunday of Lent		
Banham	09.30	Morning Prayer
New Buckenham	11.00	Morning Prayer
Old Buckenham	09.30	Family Eucharist
Quidenham	11.00	Parish Eucharist
<i>Readings: Exodus 17:1-7 Ps 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42</i>		
Sunday 26th Mothering Sunday		
Banham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
New Buckenham	11.00	Family Service
Old Buckenham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
Eccles	11.00	Parish Eucharist
<i>Readings: Exodus 2:1-10 or 1 Samuel 1:20-end Ps 34: 11-20 or PS 127:1-4 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 or Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2: 33-35 or John 19:25b-27</i>		

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

Textile Collections on 3rd March

A new contractor who assures that collected textiles do go to the Third World, and has a contract with Breckland Council, now offers a service. It is planned to carry out a trial collection on 3rd March, hopefully with your support.

Items can be brought to Old Buckenham Village Hall Car Park between 8.30 and 9am on 3rd March, with collections at New Buckenham Church at 2 pm, Banham Church 2.30pm, and Eccles Church at 3pm. on the same day. Each Church has confirmed it will be open for this purpose on 3rd March.

If you have scarves, hats, gloves or socks, please keep them separate and mark them for St. Martins as they are in need of these items for homeless persons they are unable to accommodate as the Night Shelter is full every night.

Banham Good Neighbours

Following the closure of the club in December 2016 members voted to donate any residue funds amongst their chosen charities. I can now confirm that donations have been sent to Nelsons Journey, Norfolk Diabetes Trust, Feline Care Cat Rescue and the Friends of Banham Church. *Annette Legg*

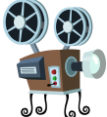
“How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world.” William Shakespeare



With the next Banham Heritage Day on candle-making in mind, I am reminded of the classic 1976 “Four candles” comedy sketch by the Two Ronnies. Its simple play on the English language to highlight miscommunication (“Fork handles!”) with just those few words, never fails to light up my face with a beaming smile.

Unlike fork handles, candles are one of mankind’s earliest inventions, with beeswax candles dating back to Ancient Egyptian times (3000 BC).

If you are interested in learning more about our candle-making heritage, please join us in St. Mary’s Church, Banham, on Saturday 4th March at 11am (alongside Saturday Café), when Master Bee-keeper, Mr John Everett, will give a demonstration and share his story about bringing candle-light to a remote African village. All welcome! *Anita Bounds*



FOBC - Movies at St Mary's, Banham

(A much improved experience with a new full size drop down screen)

Films coming up

Tickets £4.50 (£4.00 concs) in advance from Banham Post Office

Tickets £5.00 (£4.50 concs) on the door – film starts 7.45pm

Join us at 7.00pm for pre-film meal (£4.00). Other refreshments & wine

Further details available from David or Jane Hicks on 01953 887575

Saturday 1st April

(with a talk from Basil Cook, the historian from Diss Museum)

A United Kingdom *Director: Amma*

Rosamund Pike, Tom Felton, Laura

Carmichael, David Oyelowo

In 1947, Seretse Khama, the King of Botswana, met and fell in love with Ruth Williams, a London office worker. Their proposed marriage was challenged not only by their families but by the British and South African governments..

South Africa threatened the British: either thwart the couple or be denied access to South African uranium and gold and face the risk of South Africa invading Botswana.



Attleborough and District Gardening Club

The first meeting of the year was held on Wednesday 18th January. Chairman Peter Firman welcomed us to our AGM. The usual business of the annual meeting was discussed, there was an amendment to the terms of the constitution and change of name was voted on. We are now a Gardening Club.

The officers and committee for 2017 are: Chairman - Jenny North; Vice Chair - Peter Firman - Treasurer: - John Pheonix; Secretary - Pauline Garrad; Show Secretary - Betty Stacey; Committee: Richard Fincham, Rosemarie Davis, Ruth Roberts.

The Cup and Shield were given out for maximum points for the previous year. 1st John Frost and Ron Brewer (Shield); 2nd Rosemarie Davis (Cup). Peter gave thanks to all for their support and hard work. Special thanks to Joan and Olive for their work regarding the raffles etc.

We had an excellent Speaker in Ian Limmar, who gave an brilliant demonstration on pruning different types of roses with slides showing before and after. He donated a number of the roses for our raffle.

The meeting ended with a handover to our new Chairman: Jenny North.

Next month's meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th March at 7.30pm in Attleborough Junior School. The speaker will be David Boulton on Fungi. Visitors are very welcome.

What's going on at our community venues?

Banham Community Centre

60's Dances 8pm (£7) 4 Mar–High-Definition; 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 Annual Parish Meeting 2017

Main Hall, Old Buckenham Village Hall, Friday 17th March, 7.30pm

The main topic of discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting will be the future management of Old Buckenham Green. The Parish Council has been approached by the Green Rights' Proprietors to take on the management of the Green for an initial 5 year term; discussions on the content of the management agreement are in progress and by the date of this meeting the Parish Council will be able to present to the residents of Old Buckenham the content of the proposed agreement.

There is also a plan, should an agreement be entered into, to formulate a Management Scheme for the Green; it is likely that some areas would be left less regularly cut for conservation purposes and some areas set aside as amenity areas for residents to enjoy or hold village events. It is also proposed that there should be a Conservation Group to give advice on conservation management.

The Parish Council is fully aware that taking on the management of the Green will involve a cost to the Parish through the Parish Precept which forms part of your annual Council Tax; it is in the process of establishing what that cost might be and what grants might be available to defray the cost to the residents of the village.

The Parish Council would be very happy to see as many residents as possible come to the meeting to listen to and give their views. A poll will be taken at the meeting to establish whether or not the residents of the village are supportive of the course of action proposed. This is too important an issue to the whole village for the Parish Council to act without the residents backing.

Old Buckenham Parish Council

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)



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Thanks

Banham Villagers wish to express their thanks for the lovely new bench provided by Judith Becket at the graveyard extension. PCC add their thanks for a generous donation, providing bereaved people with a lovely place to rest.

Banham Community Centre

is looking for help on their Clean Up Day
Weeding Paths, Cutting Hedges, Filling the Skip etc
Saturday 18th March Starts 9 am
Please Contact Roger Stephens 888109

Diary of regular events March 2017

Fri	3	6.15-7.15	Friday Club	Rowancroft, K. Rd. Banham
Fri	3	7.30-9.30	Youth Cafe	Banham Church
Sat	4	10-12	Banham Café	Banham Church
Sat	4	10.30-12	Coffee Morning	Reading Room Quid.
Sat	4	8.00pm	60s Dance	Banham C.C.
Sun	5	2-6	War Games	O.B. Village Hall
Tue	7	10-12	Coffee & Chat	O.B. Church Rooms
Tue	7	11-12	Coffee Morning	Walnut Tree, K Rd, Banham
Tue	7	8pm	Bunwell Camera Club	Tibenham Com. Hall
Wed	8	10-1pm	Luncheon Club	O.B. Village Hall
Thu	9	2pm	Breckland Flower Club	O.B. Village Hall
Thu	9	7.45pm	O.B. Wine & Social Club	O.B. Church Rooms
Fri	10	6.15-7.15	Friday Club	Rowancroft, K. Rd. Banham
Fri	10	7.30-9.30	Youth Cafe	Banham Church
Wed	15	7.30pm	Att & Dist Gardening Club	Att Junior School
Thu	16	2.30pm	Good Companions	N.B. Village Hall
Thu	16	7.15pm	Eccles Women's Institute	Art Centre, Eccles Hall Sch.
Tue	21	3-4.30pm	Open Door - Coffee and Chat	Banham Church
Tue	21	8pm	Bunwell Camera Club	Tibenham Com. Hall
Wed	22	10-1pm	Luncheon Club	O.B. Village Hall
Thu	23	7.30pm	O.B. Women's Institute	O.B. Village Hall
Fri	24	6.15-7.15	Friday Club	Rowancroft, K. Rd. Banham
Fri	24	7.30-9.30	Youth Cafe	Banham Church
Sat	25	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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