

THE SIX VILLAGES NEWSLETTER



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Printed on a morning when the first snowflakes
of the winter were falling.

I hope you find this a cheering piece of fun.

The Snowman

I keep my snowman in the freezer just behind the pies,
He likes it there, he told me so, I can see it in his eyes.

I made him on a cold, cold morning, the snow was fresh and deep.

Now he sits down in the freezer near the fish that I bought cheap.

I keep my snowman in the freezer and look at him each day.

If I left him in the garden he would simply melt away.

But now he's like my Grandma living somewhere safe and nice.

He's in a frosty, snowy place on a throne of coldest ice.

I keep my snowman in the freezer, his head on a lump of beef.

I've got a treat for him in August, I'm taking him to Tenerife !

Anon.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and peaceful 2016.

Sally Mc Ginn



Local Club / Society News

Breckland Flower & Garden Club

Our Charity fundraising was boosted with a flower demonstration - Seasonal Splendour by Joy & Christine raising £423 many thanks for all the raffle prizes and donations

December Meeting - Members enjoyed a Christmas Lunch served by the committee followed by a superb flower demonstration by Mr Lee Berill from Northampton. Title 'Deck the Halls' A selection of exotic flowers inc; Orchids Roses Lilies. baubles and home made containers, his designs getting us all in the Christmas Spirit. Christmas mince pies and tea followed,

The Christmas hamper draw took place which has raised £180 towards the Dementia charity which has helped the total grow.

Next meeting is Feb 11th 2pm Flower Demonstration by Crystal Dyball 'Floral Passion' Competition; Modern design using Tulips.

All welcome visitors £4 Old Buckenham Village Hall.

Further details; Christine 01953 454528 Sally 01953 788712

Attleborough & District Horticultural Society

The last meeting of the year was held on Wednesday 18th November. Society member Joy Tunmore gave a demonstration of flower arranging, her three arrangements depicting a Christmas pudding, cake and door wreath, which could also be a table centre.

The society chairman John Frost did particularly well in the monthly table show winning the classes for three flowers, brussel sprouts, any other vegetable and Christmas table arrangement. Other winners included Ron Brewer with his photo of an insect and Jenny North for three mince pies.

The evening rounded off with refreshments and an opportunity for members to chat. The raffle was held with the addition of the flower arrangements.

The Society's AGM was held on Wednesday 20th January 2016 in Attleborough Junior School at 7.30pm, with a Gardeners Question Time afterwards. For more information contact Betty Stacey 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/>

Buckenham Pre-School Group Jumble Sale

Saturday 6th February 2016 From 10am to 12 noon

With cake stall, tombola and refreshments. in the Church Rooms on Old Buckenham Green.

.Old Buckenham Village Hall Fete

Will be held on Saturday 9 July this year. Put the date in your diary now!

News from Norfolk County Council

NHS Health Checks

If you are aged 40 – 74 and live in Norfolk you could be eligible for a free NHS Health Check. As we get older our risk of developing heart disease, type 2 diabetes, kidney disease, stroke and certain types of dementia increases. The good news is they can often be prevented. Free NHS Health Checks are available to Norfolk residents aged 40 – 74 who have not already been diagnosed with one of the above conditions. An NHS Health Check takes about 20 to 30 minutes and you can have a free check once every five years. NHS Health Checks are available in most GP surgeries and at over 60 pharmacies across Norfolk. For more information visit

http://www.norfolklivingwell.org.uk/uploads/1418806527_NHSHealthCheckFAQsDec14.pdf

Candidates sought for next Youth Parliament elections

Norfolk County Council has started its search for the county's next youth parliamentarians. The council is looking for passionate 11 to 18-year-olds who are keen to represent other young people on a local and national stage. Those winning in the county-wide elections will serve for two years, working alongside other young people locally and nationally, as well as liaising with county and district councillors and their MP. A wide range of opportunities are open to MYP's including debating within the House of Commons Chamber chaired by the speaker, John Bercow MP, talking on radio stations and TV about the most important issues for young people; meeting as a group once a month to discuss local campaigns and raising issues on behalf of other young people with MPs.

Youth parliament elections will take place from Monday, 14 March to Sunday, 20 March. To stand for election, candidates need to fill in an application form, available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/youthparliament. The deadline is Monday, 15 February at 5pm. For further information contact Ben Dunne, Consultation and Involvement Officer, on 01603 495102 or email ben.dunne@norfolk.gov.uk

Stephen Askew

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

News from Breckland

Local Plan Consultation. The Breckland Local Plan: Preferred Directions and Site Specific Documents are now available for Consultation until 22nd February 2016. The document is on the Breckland Website: breckland.gov.uk or in Hard Copy via your Parish Council Clerk or your District Councillor. Comments should be forwarded to: planningpolicyteam@breckland.gov.uk

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

Garden Jottings from Ken

For many, February would be classed as the most romantic month of the year, mainly due to the celebration of St Valentine's on the 14th day, and why shouldn't you show the one you love you care by giving a gift such as a hardy pot-grown plant which will remind the recipient of you every time it flowers or needs tending. If you want flowers now, hellebores, heathers, sarcococca and primulas are all looking great, but plants for the garden make fantastic gifts for all sorts of occasions at any time of year.

Whether it's a birthday, anniversary, memorial, or just to say hello or thank you, there's a plant choice to suit at any budget. For the keen gardener we have some unusual varieties that will flourish with a little extra care, such as Loropetalum 'Fire Dance', Lobelia tupa, or Rehmannia elata, and for the less experienced a more robust selection.

Civil tree planting ceremonies have been part of our heritage for many years, always accompanied by officials with remarkably mud-free shiny spades! The planting of a tree shows a sense of permanence, a faith in the future and a symbol of long term intention, and therefore is an ideal choice to mark a birth or marriage. We have a range of trees in stock, plus hundreds more available to order, including fruit and those suitable for smaller spaces.

Many shrubs are long-lasting and look fantastic if presented as a gift planted in a glazed pot, and although they may outgrow this within a couple of years, they can then be transferred into the garden, and a new selection planted into the container, making two pressies in one, brilliant for birthdays.

Similarly, with Mother's Day not that far off, an arrangement of miniature bulbs or alpines in a shallow bowl will make a stylish gift that lasts well.

For our wild birds love is also in the air, it's still a little early for breeding but adult birds are beginning to pair up and start to search for suitable sites in which to build their nests, so now is the perfect time to put up nest boxes. The annual BTO National Nest Box Week runs from the 14th to 21st of February, and as different species of bird have different preferences when it comes to real estate, it's worth investing in a few different types of box. If you're a bit nose-y as to what's going on inside the box you can keep your ears and eyes on them with a camera nest box (£50.00), they won't mind and if you do get to see them build their nest and raise a family it's all rather romantic.

Cheers, Ken

The Garden Enclosure, Banham - visit soon if you love your garden !

The Garden Enclosure

Independent Plant Centre and Garden Shop
01953 888043 www.gardenclosure.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 – February visits

Route CEN5412			Friday 19 February		
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 3rd February		
Banham	14.30 Mill Road				
	15.00 Pound Close		15.20 Apple Close		
	16.00 The Green				
Route CEN128			Monday 8 February		
Eccles	09.55 Station Road				
Route CEN5415			Friday 12 February		
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					

Hunny Bell Cross Country – 2016
Sunday 28 February 2016
On the Stody Estate, near Holt, Norfolk (NR24 2AA)

Break charity are delighted to confirm that for the tenth year in a row, they will be hosting another Hunny Bell Cross Country Run – one of the best, and toughest, events of its kind in Norfolk.



There are four categories for runners:

Under 13s, Under 17s, Seniors and Veterans(over 50s).

And also a Dog Walk.



'Team' runners will register as an individual and then chose the team category as well.

The Hunny Bell Cup will be presented to the adult with the best time.

There are also prizes for winners in every category and a medal for every runner.

The race is supported by the North Norfolk Beach Runners and Total Race Timing will be used for race times and photos.

www.break-charity.org/support-us/events

stodycrosscountry@break-charity.org

01603 670109

A view from the Rectory

pest + √(unfixed – riots) = ?

Over Christmas and January we have been enjoying solving various clues from the GCHQ Christmas Card. The above sum (from the third level of questions) took us a week or so but we couldn't have done it without our son at home and the second level of questions we couldn't have solved without our wider family visiting us before New Year. (*Spoiler alert – our answer below*)

Difficult questions of life are sometimes good to address with others and all the churches in our six villages (Anglican, Methodist, New Life) have teamed up to give you an opportunity to find solutions to some of them in our Alpha Course – Who is Jesus? Why did he die? How can we have faith? Who is the Holy Spirit and What does he do? are all questions we'll be discussing each Wednesday of February. After your main meal at home, we'll give you cake and coffee with an introduction and course booklet (all free of charge) followed by open discussion on the topics each Wednesday at 7.30pm in Old Buckenham Church Rooms. All are welcome.

We cannot submit our answers for marking to GCHQ until we complete all the questions on each level. The answer to the meaning of Jesus life cannot be clear until after the events of Holy Week. For those of you who want a more meaningful Holy Week, I invite you to our Ash Wednesday service at 6.30pm on the 10th February at 7.30pm at All Saint's Old Buckenham. Come and be ashed! For those of you who want to help me finish the GCHQ level three questions I'm stuck on the following: Samuel says: if agony is the opposite of denial, and witty is the opposite of tepid, then what is the opposite of smart? Come to Alpha on Wednesdays at 7.30pm, OB Church Rooms, and let me know.

(btw – the answer to the sum above is 'zone' we are almost sure)

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

Jill Moses is the new Benefice Administrator and can be contacted on 01953 887413 or email: jillannm1@gmail.com



Youth Café
Fridays 8-10pm
 (term time only)

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



Saturday Café
In St Mary's Banham
Sat. 6 February. 10-12

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

Friday Club

Fridays 6.15–7.15pm
 (term time)

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

Open Door

St Mary's Church, Banham 3 - 4.30pm
Tues 16th February 2016



Messy Church
Banham Church 4-6pm

Sun 21 February

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 £5 per year. To join please pick up a form from one of our events or in the Church.



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

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 is available for community groups, organisations and individuals to book for events and activities. The church was renovated in 2001 and has a kitchen, toilets and ample parking. The building is available for £7.50 an hour. For information or to book: phone 01953 861207 or email oldbuckenham.methodist@inbox.com.

The first **Women's Fellowship** of 2016 – Wed. 2nd March at 2.50pm
 The first **Songs of Praise** of 2016 – Wed. 16th March at 7.30pm.

Important Notice



The PCC of St. Mary the Virgin, Banham has been advised that the planned HLF restoration work is unlikely to start before August 2016. Therefore we can take bookings for weddings up to the end of July 2016. Weddings after this time may have to be held in another church within the benefice. We apologise for any upset and inconvenience this may cause.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday this year is on 10th February and a Eucharist service with the Imposition of Ashes will be held at Old Buckenham at 7.30pm. If you have palm crosses from previous years which you do not wish to keep could you please give them to Rev Alistair by 6th February for recycling to ashes which will be used during the service.

Helping people cope with grief

Bereavement support groups will start again in Attleborough and Diss to help people cope with the loss of a loved one. Tuesday 19th January sees the launch of an initial run of eight weekly sessions, led by qualified bereavement group facilitator Liz Chapman. These sessions are free and have been organised by award-winning, family-run Rosedale Funeral Home.

“Grief affects us in many different ways and it can be especially difficult to cope if you’ve no-one close to talk to,” explained Liz. “There are many myths surrounding grief – that time heals all wounds and that you must bury your feelings and be strong for others – and people say that you have to let go and move on in your life, but they don’t tell you what you need to accomplish that.”

“Grief is the price we pay for loving. Everyone’s experience of grief is unique and there is no right or wrong way to grieve. In this group you will find people who care and understand what you are going through. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one – no matter how long ago or in what circumstances, and regardless of which funeral director was used. The sessions are free and everyone is welcome – there’s no pressure to take part, if someone just wants to listen that’s fine.”

“Grief isn’t something that’s often discussed and it can be a huge relief for people to talk to others about their experiences. The feedback we’ve had so far has been very positive.”

The eight weekly sessions will start on Tuesday 19th January at Yard House, High Street, Attleborough from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon OR Tuesday 19th January at Rosedale House 63 Victoria Road, Diss from 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Further information – and help with transport – is available by contacting Rosedale Funeral Home either Kerry on Diss 640810, Mark on Attleborough 452538 or www.rosedalefuneralhome.co.uk

Services for February 2016		
Sunday 7th		
Banham	09.30	Family Communion
New Buckenham	11.00	Parish Eucharist
Old Buckenham	08.00 09.30	Parish Eucharist BCP Parish Eucharist
Eccles	09.30	Morning Prayer
<i>Readings: : Exodus 34: 29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12- 4:2 Luke 9:28-36, [37-43]</i>		
Sunday 14th		
Banham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
New Buckenham	18.30	Evensong
Old Buckenham	09.30	Morning Prayer
Wilby	09.30	Parish Eucharist
<i>Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13</i>		
Sunday 21st		
Banham	09.30	Morning Prayer
New Buckenham	11.00	Parish Eucharist
Old Buckenham	09.30	Family Eucharist
Quidenham	11.00	Parish Eucharist
<i>Readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17- 4:1 Luke 13:31-35 or 9:28-36</i>		
Sunday 28th		
Banham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
New Buckenham	11.00	Family Service
Old Buckenham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
Eccles	11.00	Parish Eucharist
<i>Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 Luke 13:1-9</i>		

Holy Communion: All Saints, Old Buckenham – 1st Tuesday of the month followed by coffee in the church

Please note: Closing date for church material for the March 2016 middle pages will be **Mon 15th February**. Send to Phil bailcott@gmail.com

Speeding in Banham

As many Banham residents will be aware, drivers breaking the 20mph and 30mph speed limits in the village are a common problem. The Parish Council is looking at the various ways it can help, eg speed awareness signs, road markings and hand held cameras. The latter would need at least 6 volunteers to be acceptable to County Highways. If you'd be willing to volunteer for this, please let Geraldine, the Parish Clerk, know on 887327 or at banhamclerk1@btinternet.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 13th March 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 any additional monies received will go towards a lasting memorial. Last year donations given went towards the completion of the restoration of the 15th Century glass windows.

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*



Food for thought?

I recently came across the words below and thought they offer a very positive way of looking at life. I would like to share them with you as we go into 2016 Wendy

Life is amazing. And then it's awful.
And then it's amazing again. And
in between the amazing and the awful
its ordinary and mundane and routine.
Breathe in the amazing, hold on through
the awful, and relax and exhale during
the ordinary. That's just living
heartbreaking, soul-healing, amazing,
awful, ordinary life. And it's
breathtakingly beautiful."

- LR Knost

A plea to dog owners

There is concern about the recent increase in dog fouling on the pavements and pathways in Banham. This is not only unpleasant for people walking in the village but is also a very real health hazard, in particular for children. Dog owners please clear up after your dogs. We do want to be able to enjoy our village without having to put up with this totally unnecessary problem.

What's going on at our community venues?

Banham Community Centre

60's Dances 8pm (£7) Sat 6 Feb The Deal, Sat 5 March Hi-Definition
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. For more information 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 it is only £1 per week. For more details contact Mark Nash on 01953 888308 or mark.nashy@tiscali.co.uk

Banham Good Neighbours - A friendly Club that exists for the over 60s of Banham and the surrounding district. Most meetings are held on Thursday afternoons at 2.00 pm (see P. 24 for dates). Activities include speakers, entertainers and social afternoons. Coach outings take place during the year at a cost of £10.00. New members are always welcome. Annual subscription is £8.00 per person. Contact *Sandy or Fred Collinson, Secretaries, 01953 887448*

Banham Belles is a monthly social group for ladies. Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Subscription is £15 per year, or £2 per meeting. Activities consist of talks, quizzes, meals out, dvd evenings. New members are welcome. Contact Annette on 01953 888283
(Please note change to 2016 Programme: DVD – March, Fish & Chips – April.)

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

The hall is available for private hire and for groups and meetings. There is a Social club with Bar, open Friday (from 7pm).

All welcome – Free membership If you would like to join the social club or help with events or bar come along. Children's games and table tennis, pool, play area.

Contact: 01953 454528/887720 for further details www.garnierhall.co.uk

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

Cubs Mon evenings **Scouts** Wed **Beavers** Thur

kenninghallscoutgroup.@gmail.com

Flower arranging classes Start Wed 3 Feb from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Beginners welcome. Contact Christine on 01953 454528 or email;

hewsonchristine103@gmail.com

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, Mardle afternoon, Karate, Wine and Social Club, Green Rights and other occasions such as Funerals, Weddings, Sunday School. Contact Jean Norton 01953 860025 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, sewing and historical war games use the hall together with the Good Companions, annual art and photography exhibitions, the Village Show and various theatrical productions. Meetings and conferences also use our facilities. We have a brand new kitchen so we can cater for parties and weddings. For further details and booking phone 07469 715517 or visit www.newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk

Fitness & Martial Arts Classes take place in the Village Hall and on N.B Cricket Green (children and adults). 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, afternoon tea. There is also a summer outing and Christmas Lunch. Membership is open to all from any of the villages, and everyone welcome. Annual subscription is £8 per person. Further details from Dianna on 01953 860636. See P. 24 for meetings & outing dates

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 888086.

Better Broadband for Norfolk - Satellite Installation Voucher Scheme

Our home is one of those in Old Buckenham that has been identified as unable to receive the statutory minimum 2mbps Broadband Speed through the Better Broadband for Norfolk Scheme. As a result we have been issued with a unique code which now enables us to contact one of the approved satellite providers and have a satellite connection installed at our home either free or with a subsidy, depending on the installation we choose. Anyone interested in the Better Broadband for Norfolk Voucher Scheme can determine their eligibility by going to the Better Broadband for Norfolk website: www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.co.uk and clicking on the link for the Satellite Voucher Scheme.

We hope this information will be of assistance to others in Old Buckenham and possibly other villages. Roy Dickinson

Quidenham Parish Council – Clerk Vacancy

Quidenham Parish Council is looking for someone to fill this exciting and challenging position on the Council. It seeks an enthusiastic person to help the Council manage its varied work load within an ever changing environment. In addition to overseeing the day to day running of the Council there will be ample opportunity to get involved in a variety of issues relating to planning, auditing and local government. The person will need to be IT literate but in all other matters full training will be provided where required. Knowledge of the local area would also be an advantage.

Average of 4/5 hours per week to include attendance at evening meetings. Salary is negotiable and dependant on experience. Full list of duties available.

Contact: Peter Lotarius: 0195387213 or peterlotarius@hotmail.com

The Six Villages Newsletter is now online – find the Newsletter on line on

our local website at www.banhamandthebucks.co.uk/sixvillages.

www.banhamandthebucks.co.uk is a not-for-profit site run for the community and all listings are free. Just call or email your details to Paul Girling on 07584 000442

Do you have difficulty reading the small print in the Newsletter?

We can provide a copy of the content in larger print. Please contact Wendy on 01953 888165 or email sixvillagesnews@yahoo.com to receive a large print copy.

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 February 2016

Tue	2	10-12	Coffee & Chat	O.B. Church Rooms
Tue	2	8pm	Bunwell Camera Club	Tibeham Com. Hall
Tue	2	11-12	Coffee Morning	Walnut Tree, K Rd, Banham
Wed	3	10--1pm	Luncheon Club	O.B. Village Hall
Sat	6	10-12	Banham Café	Banham Church
Sat	6	10.30-12	Coffee Morning	Reading Rooms Quid.
Sat	6	8.00pm	60s Dance	Banham C.C.
Sun	7	2-6	War Games	O.B. Village Hall
Mon	8	2-4pm	Afternoon Whist	O.B. Church Rooms
Wed	10	7.30pm	Banham Belles	Banham C.C.
Thu	11	2pm	Breckland Flower Club	O.B. Village Hall
Thu	11	7.45pm	O.B. Wine & Social Club	O.B. Church Rooms
Tue	16	3-4.30	Open Door - Coffee and Chat	Banham Church
Tue	16	8pm	Bunwell Camera Club	Tibeham Com. Hall
Wed	17	10--1pm	Luncheon Club	O.B. Village Hall
Wed	17	7.30pm	Att & Dist Hort Soc	Att Junior School
Thu	18	2.30pm	Good Companions	N.B. Village Hall
Thu	25	7.30pm	O.B. Women's Institute	O.B. Village Hall

Key C.C. – Community Centre
N.B. – New Buckenham

O.B. – Old Buckenham
Att. – Attleborough

Quid – Quidenham
K – Kenninghall

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