

# *THE SIX VILLAGES*



**May 2015**

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

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May is approaching fast, every year I wonder how the months pass so quickly once Christmas is over. There are certainly many joys to be experienced in winter ranging from crisp winter walks to sitting in front of a fire with a cup of tea or perhaps something stronger. But for me nothing surpasses late spring. This is when the daffodils begin to fade and the rest of the plants, both in our gardens and countryside start to push up out of the ground and unfurl fresh green leaves and flower buds hinting at glories to come.

For those like me who have gardens to maintain spring also brings forth all of the weeds. As usual I was late off the starting blocks in my garden so have been working hard over the last few days pulling out weeds to ensure that my treasured plants have the space and nutrients to grow. Lawns are another constant chore at this time of year as they burst into growth with a vigour unsurpassed at any other time. It seems to need cutting twice a week at the moment and is easily my least favourite gardening pursuit.

And it's not just plants that react to the changing seasons, hares can be seen pairing up in the fields which surround our villages while birds can be seen getting ready for breeding; overwintering visitors are returning to their summer breeding ground and our summer birds who left for warmer countries are now returning. I noticed a swallow at Minsmere a few days ago, the first of many as they return from their winter holiday in Africa.

Another bird which may be moving on is the common blackbird, although most blackbirds do not stray too far from home, some blackbirds migrate, so the blackbird that you see in your garden in the winter might return to Scandinavia with the onset of warmer weather whilst some of the summer blackbirds you see in your garden might fly south to keep warm during the winter months. One thing is certain though, the blackbird has a varied and clear song that is among the most beautiful of our birds. You can hear the male singing most mornings and evenings as it seeks to entice a mate and defend its territory. Once a female chooses a male you can see them pair bonding over our lawn whilst the male keeps other males away from his territory. Looking at the birds in our garden I can't help but notice, sigh, that our lawn needs cutting again!

James Lowe

## **Do you struggle to get your children to clean their teeth?**

Then this could be the perfect session for your children! We will be learning all about good dental hygiene through 'The story of the tooth fairy', the story includes a flying fairy, a trip to tooth fairy land, an experiment to show children what sugar does to their teeth and a fun song to show them how to brush their teeth!

We will also be sending a message to the tooth fairy, decorating a toothbrush and a box for teeth and making our own apple teeth as a snack! I hope you can join us for this exciting and fun session on Sunday 17th May 10 - 11am or 2 - 3pm at New Buckenham village hall. Tickets at £7.50 (suitable for 3 - 10 years) contact me on [TLSTC@outlook.com](mailto:TLSTC@outlook.com) or 07776396963 to book your ticket.

## **Attleborough and District Horticultural Society**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, our replacement speaker was Hilary Reid, who gave an amusing talk on "Wildlife in my garden A-Z." She went from ants to bats, to hedgehogs, to wasps to worms, it was very enjoyable.

The beginning of the exhibition and competition year started with the Annual Spring Show and was held in the Connaught Hall on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Staging of exhibits took place between 8.30 to 11am. There was a wide variety of exhibits from Daffodils, spring flowers and pot plants, to photography, art and cookery. The judging took place between 11am and 1.30pm. The doors opened at 2pm for exhibitors and the public to see how everyone had done and enjoy the refreshments on sale.

Presentation of Trophies took place at 4pm. The winners were as follows: The Society Shield: 1<sup>st</sup> John Don, 2<sup>nd</sup> Olive Shickle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Firman. The Society Shield: Olive Shickle, The Cyril Hewitt Cup: Peter Firman. The Arthur Downes Cup: Peter Firman. The Leeder Cup: Rosemary Davis. The Cookery Trophy: Allan Vare. The Cooper Shield: Dilys Flower. The Art Trophy: Rosemary Price. Best Wine Certificate: David True. Best Photo Certificate: Elizabeth Cannon. And finally division champions were Division 1 Alan Watson, Divisions 2, 3 and 4 Peter Firman. It was a very successful show and thanks to everyone who made it possible and in particular to the Show secretary Betty Stacey.

## **Afternoon Whist.**

There will be Afternoon Whist in the Church Rooms, Old Buckenham on Monday 11th May 2pm -4pm. Then every second Monday in the month. Transport can be arranged. Just 2 hours of fun.

£1 including score card, tea and biscuits.

Everyone most welcome.

## **News from Breckland District & Norfolk County Council**

### **2015 Election**

As well as the general election taking place on May 7<sup>th</sup> there are also elections for Parish Councils and Breckland District Council. If you haven't already registered to vote with Breckland Council it may be too late to get on the voting register by the time you read this. The Boundary Commission's changes include a reduction of councillors and a re-drawing of the Wards across the district, the current Ward known as "East Guiltcross" (comprising the villages of Banham, Quidenham, Eccles, Wilby, Hargham and Snetterton) which I have represented for the last 12 years has been split into two new Wards. Banham moves into a Ward with Old and New Buckenham and Quidenham. Snetterton moves into the new "Wayland" Ward alongside villages including Shropham, Gt & Lt Ellingham and Gt Hockham. Having not been selected as a candidate to contest either of these new Wards this will be my last newsletter to contain news from Breckland District Council. I will still submit monthly offerings from Norfolk County Council however as I still have two years left of the current term before elections in 2017.

### **Digital transformation programme**

£25,000 of government funding has been won by Breckland Council and its partner South Holland District Council, to provide more online services for residents. Breckland will develop an online 'Book and Pay' system which will allow residents and businesses to carry out more transactions online using their laptops, tablets and smart phones, as well as at council offices with assisted support.

**Adult Social Care** None of us are getting any younger and sometime in our lives Adult Social Care touches us in some form or other, whether through loved ones, neighbours or personally. There are many aspects to care and a raft of information is available on the Norfolk County Council website. If you require information about adult care visit

[http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Adult\\_care/index.htm](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Adult_care/index.htm) or if you would rather speak to someone **Telephone 0344 800 8020**.

### **Tour of Britain Returns to Norfolk for 2015**

The Tour of Britain is set to return to Norfolk and Suffolk on Saturday 12 September, after Breckland District and Norfolk County Council joined forces with Active Norfolk and Adnams and a host of council partners across the two counties to fund a return of the UK's most popular free to watch live sporting event. The race, this year sponsored nationally by Friends Life, will race through Norfolk and Suffolk on its penultimate stage (before finishing in London the following day). The full route through those respective districts is still being finalised and will be released at a later date, but the Norfolk stage will start around mid-morning at Fakenham Racecourse, before the riders head through Fakenham, Reepham, Aylsham, into Norwich and through the city centre, out of Norwich, through Wymondham, Attleborough and will leave the county through Thetford. The race stage will finish in Ipswich.

**Stephen Askew – Ward Member East Guiltcross**

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## Garden Jottings from Ken



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

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

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

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

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

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

Alternatively, if you love your blooms there's a wonderful selection of fresh perennial plants available which offer great value in terms of flowering potential and price (starting at just £1.99, or 3 plants for £5.00).

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

Cheers, Ken

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

**The Garden  
Enclosure**

**Independent Plant Centre and Garden Shop**  
01953 888043 [www.gardenenclosure.co.uk](http://www.gardenenclosure.co.uk)

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

**Find us at Banham Zoo, NR16 2HE by the entry kiosks**  
Open Thursday to Monday, 9.30 am to 5 pm (10am to 4pm Nov to Feb)

## Mobile Library Service – May visits

Route CEN5412			Friday 15th May		
Old Buckenham	10.00 The Sun (ex. pub)		10.25 St Andrew's Close		
	10.50 Hargham Road		11.15 Fen Street		
New Buckenham	11.40 Banham Dam Brigg (Haugh Rd bungalows)		13.20 Chapel Street (leaving 15.15)		
Route CEN348			Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May		
Banham	14.30 Mill Road				
	15.00 Pound Close		15.20 Apple Close		
	16.00 The Green				
Route CEN128			Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May		
Eccles	09.55 Station Road				
Route CEN5415			Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May		
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							



**Plant Sale**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May,**  
**10am - 12md**  
**Café and Cake Stall**  
**Banham, St Mary's**

Donation envelopes may be returned to  
Banham church or Post Office

### **Age UK Norfolk's Newsletter**

Age UK Norfolk have published the first issue of their newsletter **engage**.

It contains articles and information on the work of Age UK Norfolk and is available online at [www.ageuknorfolk.org.uk](http://www.ageuknorfolk.org.uk). If you would like a paper copy contact Maddie Copley, Publicity & Communications Officer, Age UK Norfolk Tel 01603 787111.

### **Pre-School Open Event**

You are invited to Buckenham Pre-School Groups OPEN EVENT on Monday 1st June from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m.

The Pre-School, which is situated in the grounds of Old Buckenham Primary School, takes children from 2 years of age until Primary School entry. Funding is available for eligible children.

Please contact 07799778806 [school hours], or Claire Hancy [Supervisor], 01953 860244.

Come along to find out more about our friendly Pre-School.

### **Banham Community Centre Association**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 29th May at 8pm in the small hall. The Centre is seeking new Committee members for ideas and input.

All welcome

### **'Bizet to Broadway' at Old Buckenham Church**

Why not pop along to Old Buckenham Parish Church on June 27th at 7.30pm and enjoy some amazing choral music. Norfolk's most popular and talented vocal ensemble "The Upper Octave" return for their 4th visit to Old Buckenham. Their Musical/Opera Fusion production "Bizet to Broadway" combines the best of classic musical theatre with everyone's favourite operatic arias to create an eclectic musical mix which leaves audiences wanting more. Tickets are priced at £10 which will include refreshments and a glass of wine. For tickets, please phone 860845 or 860841.

With affection, I remembered a children's story called "The Hick-Boo" about a tailless Hob-Goblin invisible to adults: who worked wonderful pranks for the Romney Marsh children who found him! My memory was stirred by an Article about modern particulate 'invisibles' in an issue of the New Scientist. A recent 'theory' recognises that very small particles have what we-in-the-street might call 'a law unto themselves'. So much so that Chaos Theorists are beginning to wonder whether some of the unusual properties of some of 'our' world's particles are the result of actions by other 'invisible' particles. Not so much looking for other worlds out there but 'maybe there are other worlds in here?' which we haven't seen yet. I have been led to muse: is the God who dares to say (twice, Is.65:17, Rev.21:1) that He will make 'new heavens and a new earth' so scientifically off the wall after all?

*Maybe* a deliberate tweak at an in fact already extant particulate level, is something Someone who claims to be 'The Almighty' can manage? *Maybe* heaven and some of the Bible's miracles become routine when (as God) you are operating a multi-dimensional system where you have filled our 'solids' (that at a molecular level are really rather porous) with other co-existing, yet to us mere mortals 'invisible', real matter. Wouldn't it be a turn up for the Book if the dark-matter we're currently looking for with the 'Collider' is really God's Heaven, a world of unadulterated light!

In my '*maybes*' this 'theory' beyond a theory lends hard worldly credibility (of sorts) to The Event Christians commemorate on Ascension Day. Captain Kirk may have given us a glimpse of the technology involved! But Jesus, God's Son, having years ago managed a Resurrection (after three days in a Middle Eastern tomb, circa 33AD/CE) then forty days later stages another Spectacular. In the middle of giving His Apostles their up-coming job specification (to tell the ends of the earth about His serious personal offer of reconciliation with God and eternal life) Jesus was "lifted up while they were watching, and a cloud took Him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9). This is not a fiction. Here is Jesus moving gracefully in full physical form between our 'seen' world and, *maybe*, my parallel 'invisible' interfacing molecular world of heaven! Amazingly, early Christian writings are sure that having a personal relationship with Jesus as 'my Saviour and my Lord' actually gives believers a firm foothold in heaven in the now with a future assured place in God's "new heavens and new earth" the Bible forecasts. On both sides of the argument you might say, "Some people will believe anything!" But a good rational principle is that it is worth running a check. Ascension Day is a really heavy divine hint that there is much more to life than just meets the casual adult eye.





**at St. Mary's Church, Banham.**

For young people over 11.

Contact Steph or Jonathan on  
01953 887396



**Banham Café  
St Mary's Church  
Saturday 9th May  
10-12 noon**

Usual goodies such as bacon rolls,  
cakes, fresh coffee, chocolate, tea

**All welcome**

**Friday Club**

**Fridays 6.15–7.15pm** (term time)

**For children up to 9 years.**

Bible stories, quizzes, songs,  
games & craft activities.

Meets at Rowancroft,  
Kenninghall Road, Banham.

Contact Steve and Gill  
Eggleton. 01953 887579

**Open Door**

**St Mary's Church, Banham  
Tues 19th<sup>th</sup> May 3 - 4.30pm**

Tea, cakes and a friendly chat



**Messy Church  
Banham Church 4-6pm**

**Next session Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May**

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](mailto: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](http://www.nlcbanham.org.uk) or ring Jonathan Richardson on 01953 887396

**Coffee at the Church**

Please accept our open invitation, to one and all, to our next Coffee Morning at St. Martin's Church, New Buckenham, on Saturday, 16th May between 10.30 and 12 noon. It will be in aid of the Quidenham Hospice.

We will have a bookstall, cakes, raffle, good company and piping hot tea or coffee. Please come and join us.

## Evening Prayers in St Martin's

There will be Evening Prayers at 6.30 on Tuesdays in St Martin's, New Buckenham from the beginning of May, which should go on till the end of September.

## St Martin's Festival Weekend

To celebrate the completion of the recent building project, the church of St Martin welcomes you to a Festival Weekend, from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. We begin on Friday evening with our annual Garden Party, where wine and cheese are enjoyed amid the roses in the church garden. Then on Saturday there will be an Open Day in church, where you can come and see all the new information panels and amenities for both villagers and visitors. There will be organ recitals, and other diversions, all amid the scent of summer flowers. This is free of charge, but it is hoped that those who cherish St Martin's will make a donation. Finally on Sunday, there will be a special service – details to follow.

For many people, the familiar 'rabbit ears' of St Martin's rising above the fields means you're nearly home. Keeping them standing is much more difficult than it may appear, despite the very welcome help of the Heritage Lottery Fund. Church finance relies considerably on individual parish efforts, so we are immensely grateful for the support given by the village, and especially the Fête and Art Exhibition. This weekend is to say thank you, to show you what goes on, and to hope that your support continues and grows.

Susan Jowett - For the Parochial Church Council

## Thank you from St Mary's

The PCC of St. Mary the Virgin, Banham would very much like to thank the person(s) for their generous gift, given anonymously, to help towards the cost of staging the Christmas Nativity Play.



## Saturday Café in St Mary's, Banham.

10-12md 6<sup>th</sup> June

Full English Breakfast

Contact details		
For Banham	Rev Michael Richardson	01953 888958
For Old Buckenham	Rev Alistair Monkhouse	01953 860845
For New Buckenham	Rev Alan Smith Rev Alan Wright	01953 860550 01953 860300
For Eccles, Quid. & Wilby	Mrs Helen Pearson (Reader)	01953 860251
Benefice Administrator	Jan Burrow-Wilkes	01953 887520 <a href="mailto:wolbw@supanet.com">wolbw@supanet.com</a>

## Services for May 2015

### Sunday 3<sup>th</sup>

Banham	09.30	Family Service
New Buckenham	11.00	Parish Eucharist
Old Buckenham	08.00 09.30	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist
Quidenham	09.30	Morning Worship

**Readings:** Acts 8: 26-40      Psalm 22: 24-30      1John 4: 7-21      John 15: 1-8

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>      Rogation Sunday Group Service

Wilby	10.00	Group Eucharist
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**Readings:** Acts 10: 44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5: 1-6 John 15: 9-17

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

Banham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
New Buckenham	18.30	Evensong
Old Buckenham	09.30	Service of the Word
Eccles	09.30	Holy Communion by Ext

**Readings:** Acts 1:15-17. 21-26      Psalm 1      1 John 5: 9-13      John 17: 6-19

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>      Pentecost

Banham	09.30	Ministry of the Word
New Buckenham	11.00	Family Service
Old Buckenham	09.30	Come to Worship

**Readings:** Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Acts 2: 1-21      Psalm 104: 25-35. 37      Romans 8: 22-27 or Acts 2: 1-21      John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>      Trinity Sunday

Banham	09.30	Parish Eucharist
New Buckenham	11.00	Parish Eucharist
Old Buckenham	09.30	Parish Eucharist

**Readings:** Isaiah 6:1-8      Psalm 29      Romans 8: 12-17      John 3: 1-17

**Holy Communion:** All Saints, Old Buckenham – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month followed by coffee in the church.

**Please note:** Closing date for church material for the June 2015 middle pages will be **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May**. Send to Phil [bailcott@gmail.com](mailto:bailcott@gmail.com)

## **Breckland Flower and Garden Club**

The first month of our 33rd year as a club began with a presentation of cheque for £625 to [scottyslittlesoldiers.co.uk](http://scottyslittlesoldiers.co.uk) a charity based in Kings Lynn for children of the fallen from the British forces.

Steve representing Scottys came along to collect dressed in his kilt, the club has fund raised over the past year inc: tombolas, crafts, and a seasonal sale last November.

The new president for coming year, Mrs Jan Orbell, was presented with her badge of office by outgoing president Mrs Marjorie Greenwood.

The meeting continued with members entertained by Lois Gill with her presentation 'Spring has arrived' lovely spring planted containers, flowers. Lois described the work being prepared for a church festival on July 10th -13<sup>th</sup>:

5 churches Caston, Breckles, Griston, Stowbedon, Gt Hockham and Thompson. 'Knitting and flowers' Knitters required: Can you knit a Dove? contact 01953 488111.

April Competition: 'Blossom included' was won by new hand Mrs Heather Doig.

Table show: 3 stems of spring flowers won by Mrs Sue Morter.

Next month: Thursday, 14th May, Graham Watt: The Making of a Garden.

2pm Old Buckenham Village Hall. Visitors £4 all welcome.

For further details call 01952 454528 or Facebook page: Breckland Flower & Garden Club.

## **The Bucks Photoshow 2015**

New Buckenham Village Hall, Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th May

Promoted by New Buckenham Village Hall Trust. Admission free.

Calling all photographers in New Buckenham and the surrounding villages! This is your chance to put your work on public show.

The BUCKS PHOTOSHOW will be widely advertised and hopefully you will get a lot of visitors seeing your work.

It's all very simple: for just £15 you rent an 8x4 ft display board and on it you arrange however many of your pictures you wish - it's your space. If you can't fill a board, why not arrange to share with another photographer? You put up your pictures yourself before the show opens on the Friday evening and take them down after the show closes on the Sunday lunchtime. It's up to you whether you offer your work for sale. Your £15 fee includes the exhibitors-only Sunday morning refreshments and workshop, also a demonstration of displaying techniques to be held on the evening of 6th May that will help the less experienced exhibitor.

Applications to me please, with a cheque payable to New Buckenham Village Hall Trust, not later than Tuesday 12th May. We will acknowledge your application and send full guidance notes. If we are oversubscribed we will allocate display boards on a 'first come first served' basis, giving priority to exhibitors who live nearest to New and Old Buckenham. If you have any queries before you apply, please phone me or (preferably) send an email.

Charles Oxley

[charlesoxley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charlesoxley@yahoo.co.uk)

tel: 01953 860708

## **Spring Fayre in Church Rooms, Old Buckenham**

**Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2pm - 4.30pm.** Gifts and Bottle Tombola, 50p Parcels, Raffle, Mixed stall, Refreshments. All welcome. You may have a stall for £5 Contact Mrs J Moore on 01953 452847.

## **A Tale of Sex, Boat-building, and Bi-Valve Molluscs**

Well hopefully that has got you all gripped.

New Barts present Eastern Angles Spring 2015 production of **OYSTERS** at the Village Hall. The play is written and directed by Eastern Angles' Artistic Director - Ivan Cutting.

Combining local fact and contemporary storytelling, this new play captures the soul of an ancient East Anglian industry, celebrating and preserving the past by putting in on stage. Focusing on the restoration of an Essex Oyster Smack, the show incorporates oral history accounts of boatbuilding and Oyster cultivation with the fictional story of an Essex boat builder and his intriguing family back-story.

The main character, Mo, has just turned fifty and is busy restoring an oyster dredger recovered from an Essex riverbed. Helping him bring the boat back to life is Angie, a young apprentice with chip on her shoulder. Also in the frame are Kasey an intern from the local university, Pamela the formidable fundraiser in charge of the restoration project and the mystical Pearl, an 'Earth Mother' with a potent story to tell. When a piece of Mo's beloved dredger goes missing their lives are up-ended and the past floats to the surface.

New Buckenham Village Hall, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, doors open 6.45 for 7.30 start. Tickets (£8 + £7 for concessions) from Carolyn Hupton (01953 860216 or [carolyn.hupton@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.hupton@gmail.com)), Kings Stores, and [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)

## **Good Companions, Fundraising Sale**

Please come to support The Good Companions Over 50s Club's fundraising Sale on Saturday, 9 May 2015 in New Buckenham Village Hall starting at 2.30 pm. There will be many stalls/bargains not least home-made cakes, tombola, books/magazines, bric-a-brac, food hamper raffle and a general raffle. Teas and coffees will also be on sale and we look forward to seeing there.

## **Bunwell Camera Club**

We meet at the **Tibenham Community Hall** on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/>

## **The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Norfolk Awards 2015**

The CPRE are inviting applications for awards relating to protection of the countryside and include photography for schoolchildren and engaging young people. Information and application forms are available at [www.cprenorfolk.org.uk](http://www.cprenorfolk.org.uk) or by calling 01603 761660.

## What's going on at our community venues?

### Banham Community Centre

**60's Dances 8pm (£7)** Sat 2 May – Sounds Imperial, Sat 6 June – Bus Stop  
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](mailto: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

### 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 Thurs and Friday evening. Social events include themed food evenings, Bingo, Quiz nights. **All welcome.**  
Contact: 01953 454528/887720 for further details [www.garnierhall.co.uk](http://www.garnierhall.co.uk)

**Keep fit classes** starting from 18th April every Tuesday 9.30 - 10.30am, Friday 6 - 7pm & Sat 9 - 10am. Contact Carrie Harvey fitness Instructor: 07885757846

**Flower arranging classes** every Wed from 9.30am to 12.30pm.  
Contact Christine (NVQ City Guilds Qualified Tutor) on. 01953 454528 or email; [hewsonchristine103@gmail.com](mailto: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 888086.

## 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](http://www.oldbuckenham.org.uk) for more details

**Old Buckenham Village Hall Fete** will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July – with an American theme, of course! Put the date in your diary now.

**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** – next meeting on Thursday 14 May with a presentation by Graham Watt: The Making of a Garden. All welcome. £4 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, drumming, Fitsteps, 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 01953 860463 or visit [www.newbuckenhamvillagehall.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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 Brenda on 01953 860547 or Dianna on 01953 860636. See P. 24 for meetings & outing dates



## *Six Villages Notice Board*



Unfortunately, we have no items for the Notice Board this month. This is your space to sell unwanted items, send a letter about something troubling you in your community or let everyone know about something good.

Send items to [sixvllagesnews@yahoo.com](mailto:sixvllagesnews@yahoo.com)

Betty Harvey has kindly agreed to coordinate our Notice Board so if you are not on email contact her on 01953 887093 to discuss.

**The Six Villages Newsletter is now online** – find the Newsletter on line on our local website at [www.banhamandthebucks.co.uk/sixvillages](http://www.banhamandthebucks.co.uk/sixvillages). You can now view and download the current issue and an increasing number of back copies. [www.banhamandthebucks.co.uk](http://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

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### **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](mailto:sixvillagesnews@yahoo.com) or contacting Sally McGinn (01953 888183)



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## Diary of regular events May 2015

Sat	2	10.30-12	Coffee Morning	Quid. Reading Rooms
Sat	2	8pm	60s Dance	Banham C.C.
Sun	3	2-6	War Games	O.B. Village Hall
Tue	5	10-12	Coffee & Chat	O.B. Church Rooms
Tue	5	11-12	Coffee Morning	Walnut Tree, K Rd, Banham
Tue	5	8pm	Bunwell Camera Club	Tibenham Com. Hall
Fri	8	6.15-7.15	Friday Club	Rowencroft, Banham
Fri	8	8-10pm	Youth Cafe	Banham Church
Sat	9	10-12	Banham Café	Banham Church
Sat	9	2.30pm	Good Companions (Sale)	N.B. Village Hall
Sun	10	2-5pm	O.B. Windmill open	Old Buckenham
Mon	11	2-4pm	Afternoon Whist	O.B. Church Rooms
Wed	13	10--1pm	Luncheon Club	O.B. Village Hall
Wed	13	7.30pm	Banham Belles	Banham C.C.
Thu	13	7.45pm	O.B. Wine & Social Club	O.B. Church Rooms
Thu	14	2pm	Good Neighbours	Banham C.C.
Thu	14	2pm	Breckland Flower Club	O.B. Village Hall
Fri	15	6.15-7.15	Friday Club	Rowencroft, Banham
Fri	15	8-10pm	Youth Cafe	Banham Church
Tue	19	3-4.30pm	Open Door (coffee & chat)	Banham Church
Tue	19	8pm	Bunwell Camera Club	Tibenham Com. Hall
Wed	20	7.30pm	Att. & District Hort. Soc.	Att. Junior School
Thu	21	2.30pm	Good Companions	N.B. Village Hall
Wed	27	10--1pm	Luncheon Club	O.B. Village Hall
Thu	28	9am	Good Neighbours	Outing
Thu	28	7.30pm	O.B. Women's Institute	O.B. Village Hall

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

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