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April 2015

Whilst writing this I have experienced two contrasting feelings. Some lovely sunny weather, with sunlight on my desk, making me smile and think of summer days to come; and to counter that genuine concern (and possibly a bit of fear) regarding the vibrations rattling my house while Church Street was being resurfaced!

The evenings have started getting lighter and I am enjoying the feeling of finishing work whilst it is still light outside. As this edition of the Roundabout should reach you during the final weekend in March I would like remind you to put the clocks forward, making those light evenings that little bit longer!

We are still generating ideas to make the magazine even better and will always welcome suggestions that help us do that. Please send any ideas to the editor email address on the right.

We are also keen to receive correspondence from our readers on any subject that affects you or Buckden—but please be aware that such letters may be published!

As ever, we are always happy to receive any feedback to the email address on the right, and please remember to visit the website:

http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/ Editorial Team

Front Cover

Thanks to Anne Spreckley for this month's cover photo - a beautiful bluebell wood; as ever, we are very grateful. We are still looking for photos to use on the front cover so please keep sending them in.

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A14 and A1

Parish councillors have spent many hours poring over the latest information regarding the A14, prior to making our recommendations. One of our concerns is the siting of the 'borrow pits' where gravel is extracted for use in construction. We will ask for these to be sited in a location that will allow for a future A1 by-pass for Buckden. We will also continue to argue for the retention of the viaduct in Huntingdon.

We hope that, by now, the petition for the A1 will have reached the magic 1000 sign-ups. We suspect that little will happen between now and the General Election but be assured that we will press whoever is elected as M.P. for Huntingdonshire to take forward action on the A1.

Congratulations to Terry Hayward, our District and Parish Councillor, for gaining the backing of the Huntingdonshire District Council for a comprehensive scheme for the A1 to be developed.

Residents should also be aware that, with both these projects, your Parish Council will look closely at environmental factors as more information becomes available.



Buckden, Diddingtion and Stirtloe join St Neots Timebank

Timebanking is a mutual self-support system for volunteers who exchange skills for TIME. For every hour each volunteer gives, doing something they enjoy, they receive

one hour of help from another Timebanker. Examples include gardening exchanged for IT work, sewing for shopping, giving a lift for doing some ironing, companionship for cutting a hedge – the list is endless.

Timebankers gain a sense of achievement from helping others and can ensure that jobs that they don't like, or are unable to do, get done. Timebankers report that everyone is able to contribute something and, if you join, one of the first steps will be to see what you do and what you would like to help with. If you feel that there is absolutely nothing you can do, you're wrong - just giving someone a phone call can change their lives. For students or those seeking work, voluntary work is also widely accepted on a CV.

St Neots Timebank has members in Eynesbury, St Neots, The Eatons, The Paxtons, the Priory, The Offords, Croxton, Southoe Perry, Loves Farm, and Papermill lock, and now can include Buckden, Stirtloe and Diddington.

If you are interested, call the co-ordinator, **Georgina**, on **07590909057 or** e-mail: <u>time.volunteers@outlook.com</u> register online at <u>www.stneotstimebank.org.uk</u> Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/timebankstneots</u> or tweet <u>https://twitter.com/StNeotsTimeBank</u>

You will also find information in the Buckden Library.

Footpaths B9 and B12

The Parish Council is working closely with the Rights of Way Officer at Cambridgeshire County Council to ensure that the two footpaths to the south of Mill Rd, behind the Old Flour Mill, are passable for walkers at all times, now the land has been fenced by the owner.

We are looking into the notion of installing two boardwalks over the two areas that are prone to getting very muddy. However, such installations are quite expensive and this will depend on funds being available. The Parish Council has agreed with Cambridgeshire County Council that we will share the cost of installing the boardwalks.

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council, including a 15 minute Public Forum will be held on Tuesday 14th April 2015 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and raise any Buckden related issues.

If required, the **Parish Council's Planning Committee** will meet on **Tuesday 14th and Tuesday 28th April** starting 7pm. Agendas for the meetings are posted on the Parish Council notice boards not later than the Saturday preceding the meeting

Any questions or comments on this report can be addressed to the Parish Clerk John Chase, Clerk to Buckden Parish Council, Buckden Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden PE19 5UY, Telephone (01480) 819407, Email <u>clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk</u>

Do not forget our website at www.buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk

FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Today I became a **Dementia Friend.** I attended an hour long information session taken by a dementia Champion which raises the awareness of dementia. Once you have learnt a little bit more about what it is like to live with dementia then Dementia Friends turn that understanding into action.

My action is to spread awareness of the **Dementia Friends** awareness session and encourage more people to become dementia friends. If you would like to attend a session, please log onto the website <u>www.dementiafriends.org.uk</u> where you can discover the date, time and place of local sessions. Or if you would like to arrange a Dementia Friends session in your village then either contact a local Dementia Champion or contact me.

Five things you should know about dementia:

- It is not a natural part of ageing.
- It is caused by diseases of the brain. The most common of these is Alzheimer's.
- Its not just about losing your memory- it can affect thinking, communicating and doing everyday tasks.
- It's possible to live well with dementia.
- There's more to a person than the dementia.

If you would like to come along to my drop in surgery I will be available on the second Tuesday of the month at Buckden Village Hall in the Aragon room from 6.30pm for one hour. My next surgery will be on May 12th 2015. Please come and see me in Buckden if you require information or help and advise on any topic.

If you would like any further information please contact me.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Julie Wisson County Councillor Buckden and the Offords 07725 791459, 01767 677837 julie.wisson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

HDC PORTION OF COUNCIL TAX

The District Council has agreed that there will be no increase in its Council Tax for the year 2015/16. This means that the Band D charge will be £133.15. It has also agreed that there will be no increase in Fees and Charges during the year.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE A1

The full Council agreed unanimously to support my motion that the Council would work to seek a firm commitment from Government and the Highways Agency to make the A1 motorway standard south of the Brampton Roundabout and to develop an A1 alliance with key partners, including neighbouring authorities the HA and local MPs to lobby Government. This was reported in the Hunts Post and I can provide the full wording of the motion if any resident would like to read it.

POST OFFICE

I continue to meet the manager of One Stop to discuss the service provided by the Post Office. Please let me know if you have any ongoing concerns.

LOCAL PLAN TO 2036

The Council is undertaking additional targeted consultation on this important document. The Parish Council has fought for many years to protect the village boundary. I am very happy that the only currently envisaged development is in a small site on the north side of Silver Street. The Parish Clerk has the full plan and any resident can make their views heard through the Parish Council.

COUNCIL REACTION TO LOCAL NEEDS

At a recent Scrutiny Away the need to work with local volunteer groups in order to identify local needs was identified. If you believe that there are areas where the Council can help or should be involved please let me know.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on 01480 810974 or terry.hayward@huntingdon.gov.uk

Terry Hayward (Cllr) Buckden Ward, Huntingdonshire District Council 01480 810974 terry.hayward@huntingdonshiredc.org.uk



The Beautiful Bluebells of Brampton Wood

Huntingdonshire

Local Group

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come and experience the delights of a carpet of bluebells in this ancient woodland, which lies on our doorstep. You are welcome to share this enchanting scene by participating in a guided walk through Brampton Wood on Sunday 26th April.

George Cottam, who is Warden of Brampton Wood, will lead us through this woodland where a rich variety of flora can be seen. His aim will be to highlight the beautiful scent, colour and freshness of the bluebells that encapsulate the essence of a traditional English spring. We also expect to see other woodland flora such as wood anemone, primrose and dogs mercury; early butterflies such as speckled wood, brimstone and orange tip; and we will also listen for the singing of the woodland birds.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please meet at Brampton Wood Car Park, Grafham Road, Brampton at 10.30 am. GR TL 184698. Park in the Trust car park. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact George on 01480 450809.

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire. Registered Charity No: 1000412

VACANCY NOTICE for PARISH CLERK SOUTHOE & MIDLOE PARISH COUNCIL

Job Title Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer; the number of electors 324

A summary of the job and functions:

- Attendance at 11 monthly evening Parish Council meetings per year and additional meetings as required.
- To prepare agendas and minutes.
- To receive and deal with correspondence and documents.
- To receive and report on invoices for services to be paid for by the Parish Council and to issue invoices on behalf of the Parish Council.
- To monitor and balance the Council's accounts and prepare records for audit purposes and VAT.
- To advise the Council on procedure and to monitor the policies of the Council.

• To act as the representative of the Council as required & attend training courses as required.

Requirements in terms of experience and education

• To be computer-literate & have own computer & printer, administration experience, sound financial knowledge, good communication skills and ability to edit web site

Hours of work 20 hours per month, days and times mostly flexible. Grade Rate per Hour LC1 (£9.20 - £10.50) Start date 1st April 2015

How to apply – letter & CV To Parish Clerk, Mrs. E. Barnicoat, 30 King William Close, Kempston, Bedford, MK42 7BA Southoe_pc@yahoo.co.uk

Who to contact for more information

Chairman, Mr. Alan Marnes 23 High Street, Southoe,PE19 5YE southoeam@yahoo.co.uk - 01480 476489 Vice Chair, Mrs. Sheila Penton 32 High Street, Southoe,PE19 5YE keithpenton@btinternet.com - 01480 473134 Southoe & Midloe Parish Council meets on the first Wednesday of every month except August, in Southoe Village Hall at 7.00pm or 7.30 pm. The post holder would be expected to attend all meetings and to work mainly from home.

BUCKDEN PAROCHIAL CHARITIES ALMSHOUSE CHARITIES OF JAMES SOUTH AND WILLIAM BURBERRY VACANCY FOR A NEW TRUSTEE

A Board of **voluntary** trustees manages the Almshouses in Church Street, Buckden. We now have a vacancy for a new trustee to be appointed from April/May 2015, to contribute to the running of this valuable village asset.

The Board meets routinely four times a year, and occasionally more frequently to decide on immediate matters.

If you would like to take the opportunity to join us please contact the Clerk, Joe Greenway at joe.greenway@btinternet.com or on 07745889759 for more information. Registered Charity Number 810227

Catholic Church of St Hugh of Lincoln, High Street, Buckden

Telephone: 01480 810344

Website: saintshughandjoseph.churchgoers.co.uk In the pastoral care of the Claretian Missionaries:

- Fr. Chris Newman cmf
- Fr. Angel Ochagavia cmf
- Fr. Peter Wareing cmf
- Fr. Paul Peter Alphonse cmf

Sunday Masses - Saturday evening at 6.30 pm and Sundays at 9.45 am

Weekday Masses - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9.30 am and on Wednesday and Friday at 7.00 pm.

Morning Prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 9.15 am in the Lady Chapel.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday from 10.00 to 10.30 am.

The Rosary is prayed each Monday morning after the 9.30 am Mass.

Catechism Classes for school age children each Sunday from 9.00 am in term time. Formal classes for primary age children.

Silent Adoration. There is half an hour of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday following the 9.30 am Mass and ending with Benediction at 10.30 am.

Would any newcomers to the Village who are Catholics please let Fr. Chris Newman know their contact details.

A Big Thank You to all who attended and contributed to my Charity Boden Event.

It was a great success and we raised £1000 for The Alex Hulme Foundation, also Aspen - Re have agreed to donate a further £1000 so in total the charity will receive over £2000 from us. A very worthy cause as they continue to fund research into Non Hodgkins Lymphoma in children! Hope to see you all again next year!

"SHAKESPEARE" AT THE TOWERS

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Owners are pleased to announce that the Festival Players will be returning to the Towers this year to perform <u>"AS YOU LIKE IT"</u> in the Knot Garden on FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER at 7.30pm.

Further details will follow nearer the time.

Buckden Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Tricia Williams (01480 473444) Stewards: Bob Baxter (810092)

Carol Swepstone (810053) Room Bookings:

Isabel Daniels (810084)

Services in April

Sunday 5

10.30 am Easter Morning Service 6.00 pm No Fellowship

Sunday 12

10.30 am Morning Service6.00pm Section Service at Eaton Ford

Sunday 19

10.30 am Morning Service 6.00pm Evening Fellowship

Sunday 26

10.30 am Morning Service6.00 pm Evening Fellowship

Activities in April

Wed 8	2.30 pm	CAMEO Wesley Rm
Fri 10	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Mon 13	12.30 pm	Study Lunch
Tues 14	9.30 am	Quiet Time, Wesley Rm
Fri 17	12.00	Soup & sweet + service
Fri 24	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Tues 28	9.30 am	Quiet Time, Wesley Rm

Friends of Buckden Towers

What's the capital of New Hampshire? What's the main ingredient of baba ganoush? These were just two of the questions that set grey matter ticking over at the Friends of Buckden Towers Quiz



Night on 6th March at the Towers. Our Quiz Meister, Roundabout editor Ian Carter, set us challenging questions and the ladies of the Friends provided an excellent buffet. All in all, a very enjoyable evening.

Watch out for other Friends of Buckden Towers events over the next few months. They are:

- Plant Sale Saturday 16 May 11 am 3 pm; browse the unusual plants for sale and visit the Knot Garden, refreshments available, £2.50.
- Midsummer at The Towers Saturday 20 June 7 - 11.30 pm; wine, dine,and even learn to dance like a Tudor in the newly refurbished King's Room, licensed bar available. Tickets available from the office at the Towers for £35.
- Coffee Morning at the Methodist Hall Friday 3
 July 10 11.30

The Benefice of Buckden & the Offords

St Mary's Parish Church Church St, Buckden PE19 5TL

www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk

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Services at St Mary's in April

Wed 1	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thurs 2		MAUNDY THURSDAY
	8.00pm	Holy Communion
Fri 3		GOOD FRIDAY
	11.00am	Service starts at St Hugh's
	2.00pm	Last Hour
Sun 5	10:30am	EASTER EUCHARIST
	6.00pm	Holy Communion
Wed 8	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 12	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Family Eucharist
Wed 15	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 19	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	6.00pm	Evensong
Wed 22	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 26	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Family Communion
	7.00pm	Night Prayer
Wed 29	9.30am	Holy Communion

Our sister church, All Saints' Offord Cluny, has a service at 9.30am each Sunday

Interregnum / Vacancy at St Mary's

We do not currently have a vicar or priest in charge. The selection process for a new priest will take some months to complete. We are very grateful that Sunday Services and Wednesday Communion continue with the help of our team of retired clergy and licensed lay ministers.

Bookings for baptisms, weddings and funerals are still being taken – please contact the churchwardens in the first instance.

St Mary's Living Stones Room (with under-floor heating, kitchen and toilet facilities) is available for hire for meetings, groups and social gatherings. Contact <u>en-</u> <u>quiries@stmarysbuckden.org.uk</u>

Cup of tea and a chat? A member of the ministry team will normally be in Church on Wednesdays 10-11am if you want to drop in for a chat.

St Mary's is open

St Mary's is open during the day for private prayer.

Need some peace and quiet? You are welcome to use the Quiet Room at the back of St Mary's whenever the church is open.

Annual Meetings

Sunday 19th April 2015 at 11.45am. Annual Parochial Church Meeting & Election of Churchwardens

All are welcome to attend. Those on the church or civic electoral roll may vote in the election of churchwardens. Those on the church electoral roll may vote in the PCC elections. If you wish to get more involved, there are lists for the various volunteer roles and forms for electoral roll, PCC and churchwarden nominations at the back of church.

Forthcoming Events

Buckden & District Churches Together GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE & CHILDREN'S EVENT Friday 3rd April 2015

The children's event starts at 10.45am in the Methodist Church. This year's service starts at St Hugh's Church at 11 am and will process to St Mary's, then on to the Methodist Church, finishing with refreshments in the Methodist Church Hall.

Regular Groups and Events

New members always welcome to come and join in

Coffee & Cakes: Every Saturday, 10.30-noon in St Mary's Living Stones Room.

'Honeycomb': A group for those who are on their own and find that time hangs heavy at the weekend. Meets at 7 Vineyard Way on the 1st Sunday each month 3 - 4.30pm for conversation, tea and cake, board games, and fellowship,

The Churches Together Study Lunch meets on the 2^{nd} Monday each month 12.30pm in the Methodist Hall for delicious soup & bread, and discussion.

Ground Floor Group: This small house group meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays 8pm at 7 Vineyard Way for fellow-ship and growing in faith.

Angel Voices informal all age gospel choir rehearses Fridays 17th & 24th April at 6.45pm in the Living Stones Room.

Open Ministry Meeting – 6pm on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Living Stones Room

Bible study group meets on the last Monday each month 1.30pm in the Living Stones Room

CHURCH NEWS



Weekly Prayer Roster

Each week during the year the Churches, in their prayers, remember the residents of particular streets in the village, those who work in the parish and village organizations. Those to be remembered this month are:

5th April	Hunts End, Copes Close, Monks Cottages, Hunts End Court		
12th April	Manor Gardens, Manor Close, Glebe Lane, The Grove		
19th April	Park Road, Falcon Way; The Marinas, and those who live and work there		
26th April	Field Close, Lincoln Close, Silver Street, Beaufort Drive, St Hugh's Road		

Thought for the month

The bleakness of winter is over: this is a time for flowers to spring up from sun-warmed earth, and for new born lambs to appear once again in the fields. Every winter feels as if it will never end, and yet every spring we are given this time of new life, warmth and colour.

As this month begins, the Church's year is in the midst of Holy Week, remembering the death of Jesus on a cross, when the gospels tell us that 'the sun went dark' and day was turned to night. If this was a solar eclipse, it must have been terrifying; many people must have feared that the world was ending. But on Easter Sunday (5th April) everything changes: as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, it is like night turning to day, winter giving way to spring, and for Jesus' friends and disciples, despair turning to hope.

The changing of the seasons, especially at this time of year, makes visible and tangible the reality of God's gift of life to his world. If the death of Jesus on the cross is a sign of how much God loves us, then his resurrection is a sign of what that love can do.

As we enjoy the transformation of the world around us from winter, to spring, and to summer, may we also find that God is at work in our lives, and in the life of this community, transforming us, renewing us, strengthening us, and filling us with new life.

St Mary's



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STUDY LUNCH

The regular monthly study lunches will resume on Monday 13th April 2015 Methodist Church Hall 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm

Contact: Ann Brittain on 812012

Honeycomb Group

Anyone living alone, who finds time hanging heavy at the weekend, is invited to come along to **7 Vine**yard Way on the 1st Sunday in the month from **3.00-4.30pm** to enjoy board and paper games (bring your own if you like!), jigsaw puzzles, etc and share tea, biscuits and conversation. Everyone is welcome and, given notice, transport can be arranged. For more information, contact Lorraine Toogood (tel 811352) or Heather Tough (tel 811415)



Buckden Local History Society

From Huntingdon Grammar School to Hinchingbrooke School

by Peter Downes (Please note change from the programmed talk and speaker) Wednesday 1st April 2015 At 7.30pm in the Conference Room at Buckden Towers

WEA

WEA BUCKDEN Six Historic Rebels

Examining the careers of six rebels of various kinds, including Socrates, Galileo, William Morris and Ayatollah Khomeini. This course will explore motivation and other aspects of rebelling down the ages.

Tutor: Victoria Cummins

Tuesdays: 21st April to 16th June 2015 Half-Term 26th May

8 sessions; first and last 2 hours, others 90 minutes 10.00 to 11.45 with coffee FEE £41.60

Venue: The Claret Centre, Buckden Towers T-Loop for hearing aid users Contacts: Bridget Hale 216391 Bill Templeton 456788

The Great Buckden Sewing Bee Mondays 7.30-10pm Old Chapel, High Street 01480 810406

bee; noun

A meeting for communal work or amusement: a sewing bee.

All are welcome to this free weekly session, just bring along your own sewing project and join likeminded people for an evening's social sewing.





"Colour for Summer" By David White Hort(RHS) Dip Hort (Kew)

Tuesday 21st April 2015 8.00pm in the Village Hall Visitors £2, members free Refreshments will be served after. For further information go to our website: <u>http://www.buckdengardeners.info/</u> or call **Pam** on **01480 811680** or **Lesley** on **01480 351547**

MONDAY CLUB

We are a social group of retired ladies who meet fortnightly at 2.30pm in the Millard Room at Buckden Village Hall.

We enjoy a cup of tea as we chat and participate in a raffle. Once a month we aim to organise a speaker or activity.

Our Meetings for **April 2015** will be:

Monday 13th April: Flower arranging with Ann Moore

Monday 27th April: Tea and chat

Why not come and join us? You'd be most welcome! If you require a lift or any further information please contact Jane Scott on 811468 or Betty Millard on 810087

"The Huntingdonshire Health Walk Group -- see March issue -- will be walking through parts of Buckden Village on Wednesday 8th April; one of its April walks, which are all free! The walk will start outside the Village Hall at 1.45pm for 2pm and will be back there by 3pm. All who feel comfortable walking about two-and-a-half miles at moderate pace and have good walking shoes will be most welcome. Good to walk, good to talk, good to join us! For further information, please 'phone Danielle Sancaster on 01480 387047 and/or email her at<u>activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk</u> "

LIFE DRAWING GROUP*

Venue:	
Day:	
Time:	
Contact:	
Tel:	
Email:	

Buckden Village Hall Wednesday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm Terry Sladden 01480 811031 trrslddn8@gmail.com

Cost: **£10.00 per 3 hours** inc. 30 minute break *Male & Female models

FOR YOUR DIARY





HINCHINGBROOKE SCHOOL, FORMERLY HUNTINGDON GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 450TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2015

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND SATURDAY 2ND AND SUNDAY 3RD MAY, 11am – 5pm HINCHINGBROOKE HOUSE, BRAMPTON ROAD, HUNTNGDON, PE29 3BN, 01480 375700

- Exhibition of items from Huntingdon Archive about the history of Hinchingbrooke School/ Huntingdon Grammar School
- Flower Festival "Education through the ages" by Brampton Flower Club
- Exhibition of artwork by Hinchingbrooke School Students
- 2-5pm Tours and Teas with guided tours of the House £5/£4
- Performances by Hinchingbrooke School student music groups 2-5pm

Buckden Surgery Patients' Association 200 Club Prize Winners March 2014 Draw

£25	No. 136	Mrs Millie Small
£25	No. 2	Mr & Mrs J Cartwright
£12	No. 63	Mr & Mrs K Fuller
£12	No. 97	Mr G McCann

From the start of the new membership year, the draw will take place quarterly in **June**, **September**, **December and March**.

Each quarter there will be a £100 prize and x4 £25 prizes. The bonus prizes of £100 in June and £200 in December will remain.

Please contact Mrs Sheena Wilkinson Tel 810086 if you would like to become a member for a year at \pounds 12.

FOR YOUR DIARY



An invitation to an OPEN DAY to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve at Paxton Pits Nature Reserve Visitors Centre

Come and meet us and enjoy FREE tea and cake 11 am - 4 pm, Sunday 12th April 2015

Find out more about the reserve. There will be displays and opportunities to meet our Volunteers and Rangers. Also guided walks at 11.15 am, 1.30 and 3.30 pm

Paxton Pits Nature Reserve Visitors' Centre is at the end of the High Street in Little Paxton PE19 6ET

For more information please contact:

Paxton Pits Nature Reserve Visitors' Centre on: 01480 406795 or visit us at www.paxton-pits.org.uk



The BIG Family History Fair 2nd May 2015

The Burgess Hall St Ives, Cambs. PE27 6WU 10am to 4pm

FREE Admission (children must be accompanied) Light refreshments available to purchase Free Parking

* Displays and sales by family history societies from around the country & local history groups/museums/ archives.

* Help and advice with your research.

* Bring your old photos for assistance with dating. *WW1 – Western Front Assoc. & Hunts. Cyclists experts available to discuss your photos, medals, documents etc.

* Commercial stalls – books, maps, archival storage, software.

* Programme of local/family history lectures throughout the day. Book on the day. £2 per lecture

HOSTED BY HUNTINGDONSHIRE FAMILY HIS-TORY SOCIETY See website for full details of stall holders and talks

www.huntsfhs.org.uk

Tel: 01480 390476 Email: secretary@huntsfhs.org.uk



Buckden Pre-school Playgroup

A place for children to grow, to learn and to flourish

- Buckden Pre-school Playgroup is a village pre-school in purpose built accommodation
- Been in existence for over 40 years
- Recently upgrade by Ofsted to Good status
- Accept children from their second birthday until they start school
- We are registered for the Free Two's Funding Scheme and the Early Years Funding scheme

 offering families 15 hours of free child care per week.
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If anyone would like to run their own fitness class here, then we where a fitness class used to run. Please call or email me for	
During March we had a Thermomix cookery demonstration he Donor session, several children's parties, a Jivenites Weeken Spring Show!	
By the time this goes to print, some progress should have been football area. The funding for this has been split between the Christmas Lights Raffle.	
We are also continuing to look at the proposals given to us fro Foyer toilets.	m local plumbers on updating and improving our $\overset{\star}{\overset{\star}{\overset{\star}{\overset{\star}{\overset{\star}}{\overset{\star}{\overset{\star}}{\overset{\star}{\overset{\star}}{\overset{\star}{\overset{\star}}{\overset{\star}}}}}$
Don't forget that as residents of Buckden you all receive disco if you would like to find out more. Jo Harvey (811101/admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk)	bunted rates on Hall hire. Please call or email me
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FRIENDS IN DEED Our popular Winter Tea Party was held on 11 February in the M spite of some being unable to make it on the day, 36 people attr volunteers who organised the party, provided a lovely selection helped out with a 'taxi service' for our guests. A good time was Party will be held in August – watch this space.	ended. Many thanks to all those of home-made cakes and who
A <u>reminder</u> that Monday April 20th 2015 is our Training Day an 'Transporting Clients'. Everyone is welcome at this event, part tive or friend - and you do not have to be a member of Friends i at <u>angiembruce@talktalk.net</u> or call her on 810056 to book a pla lard Suite, Buckden Millennium Centre, from 2.00 - 5.00pm with The Drop-in Café is held on the second Wednesday of each mo 1430 to 1600 - all welcome!	icularly valuable if you give lifts to an elderly rela- n Deed to participate. Please contact Angie Bruce ace. It is a free session and will be held in the Mil- n refreshments provided.
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Buckden Village Festival 4th & 5th July

BVF We had our first Youth Committee meeting in February. This was a session full of ideas and fun. Anyone BVF else aged 8 - 18 is welcome to come and join us. Send your contact details to BuckdenVillageFesti- BVF valYouth@gmail.com and we will let you know dates and times. BVF BVF

BVF The parade this year has an American theme due to the date it is on. If anyone has an American vehicle BVF that they would like to take part in the parade with (must be able to drive at walking pace) please contact BVF us on BuckdenVillageFestival@gmail.com BVF

Buckden Friends

Sat April 18th Saffron Walden Experience £27.50 Included: Coach from Buckden, Time for Saffron Walden Market and Bridge End Garden or the Museum (75p entry charge). Lunch and then visit to House on the Hill Toy Museum and /or Mountfitchet Castle. Drivers tip.

Coach 9am return by 6pm.

Wednesday 10^{th} June BBC Birmingham (Home of the Archers) £29

Join us for a 90min tour of the BBC Birmingham. Includes how Radio Drama is made including The Archers, and a chance to have a go at making your own play with sound effects and music. (NB. The tour involves quite a bit of walking and standing). Guided walk in Birmingham.

Coach 8am. Return by 6pm depending on traffic.

October 19th-23rd Holiday at Warners Thoresby Hall. £50 deposits by April 7th please. If interested contact us for details. Twin rooms available.

Coach pick up points. Buckden Scout Hut, (on time) Buckden Methodist Church,(2 mins later) or Buckden Marina. (10 mins later).

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW)

Local Crime.

Silver Street and the High Street experienced an unusually large number of crimes in February including:

- further damage and loss of equipment in the allotment area involving break-ins and theft of farm material.
- damage to street furniture.
- Spray damage to cars and theft of heavy duty batteries from new heavy goods vehicles.

These incidents were part of a significant rise in vehicle crime throughout the local area. Owners of all types of vehicles are advised to review their security arrangements especially the location of valuable accessories and safety of movable contents.

Police and Crime Commissioner's Report.

The second of Sir Graham Bright's News bulletins can be seen on the NW site <u>www.ourwatch</u> member.co.uk. It provides an interesting update on police priorities and funding issues including the news that there will be no increase in the police element of the Council Tax in the coming year.

Personal Note.

After almost 20 years involvement with NW and approaching the age of 85, Clive Williams has decided to reduce his commitments to NW. He will continue to be a coordinator and to forward alert messages to those members who are not registered with either eCops or the national NW system. In the short term he will also deputise for Richard West who will take over as lead coordinator for Buckden.

Contact details.

Report an incident or suspicious behaviour to the new single non-emergency number 101. Call 999 if a crime is in progress or threatened.

Your village NW Coordinators are: Clive Williams 811828 Richard West 811467

BUCKDEN WI

The March meeting was packed with exciting tasters of events coming up through the year including a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and a picnic at Abbots Ripton Hall, both to celebrate the W.I's 100th year.



Our speaker was Frank Burns who has cycled from Kimbolton to Istanbul (only the dry parts!) As always Frank had met many other cyclists on the way, all nationalities and in each country he visited, and had enjoyed their company for a while. His next trip starts in a few weeks time when he will cross Japan. Our next meeting is on April 7th.

The speaker will be our own Pat King who has become a Dementia Friend and will explain this to us. The Competition is 'an early memory' and the stall will be resplendent in yellow items. 7.30pm at the School.

Enquiries Judith Armitage 01480 811717.



BUCKDEN CHURCH OF ENG-LAND SCHOOL

(Primary Academy Trust)

March 2015

Its so lovely as we approach Spring and the children are able to spend more time outside enjoying the spring sunshine. Many of our children are now enjoying after school sports clubs which, due to the improved weather, are now held outside.

We have had another busy month at school with a wide variety of activities and events. The school celebrated Buckden Book Day by dressing up as their favourite book character to raise money for our newly refurbished libraries. We also had our Mothers Day lunch which is always a very well attended occasion. Mrs Bigg and her team in the kitchen prepared a lovely meal for a number of mums and some grandmas. After lunch the children were able to visit a shop organised by the FOBS where they bought a mothers day gift to be presented on Mothering Sunday. Our visitors left the school feeling very well fed and satisfied!!

The children have been having their class assemblies – all the classes in Key Stage 2 have had their assembly. Their parents attended and enjoyed their childrens work. The younger children in Key Stage 1 will have their assemblies after the Easter holidays. The school entered into the spirit of Comic Relief with pupils coming to school with their funny faces. Mrs Bigg and her team made special Comic Relief biscuits which were enjoyed by all the children at playtime.

As we end the term the Year 3/4 children performed their play 'Pirates v Mermaids'. Our budding actors and actresses gave a very accomplished performance which was enjoyed by their familes. Well done to everyone including the staff who turned their hands to directing, producing, costume makers and scenery painters.

The school is collecting the 'Active Kids' vouchers being given out when you shop in Sainsburys. We are aiming to have a record collection this year which will enable us to buy sports equipment for the school. If you do shop in Sainsburys, please collect the vouchers and bring them into the school office. All donations will be gratefully received. A place for Children to grow, to learn and to flourish Tel. 07942 671999

Firstly, many thanks to everyone who sponsored our pancake flippers (we raised £244, which must be a record!), and to all who supported Preschool with their green Waitrose tokens, raising £233. Our next fundraiser is our Old School Club Classics Disco on Saturday 18th April at the village hall from 7.30pm until midnight (see our advert). Tickets are £5 in advance from Preschool or Costcutter (many thanks once again to Costcutter!), or £7 on the door.

Our other big thank you goes to the staff at Silver Street Dental Practice, who made the children's visit so enjoyable and informative. The children talked about it for days afterwards – they loved the chance to practise with the tools and sit in the chair. It was even more popular than Frozen week, which has resulted in the staff having 'Let it Go' permanently stuck in their heads!

As I write we are gearing up for Comic Relief (there are cakes involved) and a visit to St. Mary's to learn about Easter. We also have an Easter Raffle with a lovely chocolate hamper to win. The children will be learning about Passover and St. Patrick's Day too – look out for Passover crafts, pots of gold and clover leaf prints coming to a fridge door near you!

By the time you read this, we will be enjoying our break so from all the staff and committee members, Happy Easter!

For news, visit <u>www.facebook.com/</u> www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk</u>. For information visit <u>www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk</u> or telephone Michelle Nelson(Manager) on 07941 671999 or Alan Scott (Chairman) on 07745274921. *Miss Alison*

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February/March Match Results

LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		ΑΨΑΥ ΤΕΑΜ	
Hunts Mini-Soccer				
14/2/15^	Brampton Spartans U10 Red [^]	0	Buckden Harriers U10 [^]	10
14/2/15	St Ives Rangers U10 Blue Sox	3	Buckden Buzzards U9	2
14/2/15	Huntingdon Rowdies U8 Green	3	Buckden Vultures U8	3
21/2/15	Buckden Harriers U10	2	FC United Hammers U10	2
28/2/15	Huntingdon Rowdies U9 White	3	Buckden Buzzards U9	1
7/3/15	Buckden Condors U10	1	FC United Hammers U10	5
7/3/15	Buckden Buzzards U9	0	St Ives Rangers U9 Blue Sox	2
7/3/15	St Ives Rangers U8 White Sox	2	Buckden Vultures U8	6
7/3/15	Ramsey Colts U7	3	Buckden Eagles U7	5
Hunts Youth (9v9)				
14/2/15	Buckden Falcons U13^^	0^^	Gransden Youth U10	10
28/2/15	Buckden Falcons U13^^^	2^^ ^	Benwick Athletic U13	7
7/3/15	Little Paxton Colts U13	6	Buckden Falcons U13	0

^Friendly

^^U13 Falcons had only 6 players available for a 9v9 match

^^^U13 Falcons had only 8 players available for a 9v9 match

Hunts Mini-Soccer Champions League Cups

Buckden JFC has 3 teams which have reached their respective League cup finals – U9 Buzzards, U8 Vultures and U7 Eagles. The finals will all be played at Millfields, Needingworth on 25 April.

New Buckden U12 Team Next Season (Sept 2015)

TENNIS CLUB

BJFC hopes to form a new U12 mixed (boys and girls) team next season (commencing Sept 2015). At the mo, 5 players for this potential team are training with our current U13 Falcons. The new U12s will play 9v9 in the 2015-16 Hunts Youth League season and require 6 or so additional players. If your offspring is interested in playing for the new U12s (**players need to be aged 10 or 11 by 31 Aug 15**) and/or any parents are interested in assisting in running the team please contact Kevin Wager (01480 496679/07771 665090 <u>kevinwager@btinternet.com</u>). Costs of appropriate courses/qualifications for managers/assistants would be covered by BJFC.



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