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AUGUST 2016

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August 2016

July was a very busy and rewarding month for the village. We held the unveiling of the commemoration stone for Capt John Green VC, we enjoyed the Village Festival, and Buckfest was a sell-out. Consequently, we have a bumper edition for you this month as we dedicate the four centre pages to photos from the commemoration ceremony and the festival. Also, you can find an article on page 14 about the first day of the Battle of the Somme and the role that Captain Green and his battalion played in it.

Looking forward, Buckden Gardeners are holding their Autumn Show on 3rd September and you'll find their show schedule on pages 19 and 20. Why not have a go at entering this year? There are many other special summer events for adults and kids across a wide range of activities to be found throughout this edition.

The Roundabout is urgently looking for a new Commercial Manager. Without a commercial manager it would be impossible for your magazine to be produced, so if you have a few hours a week and you want to make a valuable contribution to the village, please consider volunteering. Details are on page 22 of this edition. If you would like to find out more about the role, please e-mail us at: editor@buckdenroundabout.info

Please remember to visit the website. There are often articles there that we could not fit into the print edition, as well as information that arrives during the month:

<http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/>
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This month's cover photo was provided by Mark Bunting and is of the VC commemoration stone, with the war memorial and St Mary's tower in the background. As ever, we are very grateful. We are still looking for photos, images, drawings and paintings to use on the front cover so please keep sending them in.

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Buckden Parish Council News



VC Commemoration for Captain John Green, VC, 1st July 2016

by Fiona Shirley, Chairman of Buckden Parish Council

I usually write this column in a rather impartial voice. However, this month, I would like to give a much more personal view.

I felt very proud and privileged to be a part of the Ceremony of Commemoration on 1st July, when the commemorative paving stone for Captain John Green was unveiled. Captain Green, a son of Buckden, was awarded the VC, sadly posthumously, for his valour during the first day of The Battle of the Somme. The day was particularly poignant as people throughout the country remembered that dreadful day, 100 years ago. At our ceremony, we also remembered all the sons of Buckden and Stirtloe who died during the First World War and we were so fortunate to have relatives of 5 of the men listed on our War Memorial at the ceremony.

People have been kind enough to say that they thought the ceremony was very fitting and moving and we had many special guests who took their part, who I have already thanked. However, these occasions require a great deal of work and I would like to thank the following for all the efforts that they put in prior to, and on, the day.

Thank you to:

Our Village Handyman, Martin Craddock for all the work he carried out restoring areas of the Green and War Memorials and Chris Richardson for assisting with installing the commemorative stone;
John Chase, our Clerk, for making all sorts of things happen, and Alan Newman, our PSCO, for his assistance;
Our 'Tea Ladies', ably led by Chris Lawrence;
Judith Alban, for the beautiful flowers at both locations;
Buckden School, The Towers and St Mary's Church for their input and assistance;
The councillors and wives/husbands who helped on the day and, especially, my fellow members of the working group who laboured hard for many months to organise this event, Terry Hayward, Jes Salt, Rick Screaton and Tim Walker.

If you haven't yet seen the Commemorative Paving Stone, please go along and take a look. It is located in the short path leading to the War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard. I think that, like me, you will find that it looks very much at home already and it represents another aspect of our community, where we are so fortunate to live, of which we can be very proud.

Allotments

There are still vacant allotment plots to rent at a rent of £15.00 per annum, if you are interested please contact the Clerk.

Photo Competition

Unfortunately, we had to abandon the Photo Competition, due to lack of entries. We're not quite sure what happened this year as previously we had 150 entries! We're blaming it on the referendum. However, not to be put off, we're going to try again next year. Watch out for the categories in the January 2017 edition of the Roundabout.

The Parish Council, does not meet in August the next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th September.

If required, the **Parish Council's Planning Committee** will meet on **Tuesday 9th and Tuesday 23rd August** 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 clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk

FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

I was honoured to have been invited to the VC Commemoration for Captain John Green on Friday 1st July and to be able to join with the residents of Buckden in remembering Captain Green and the sacrifice he made for his country and all those who served and died in World War I on the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. It was a wonderful ceremony and I would like to pass on my thanks to all those involved in the organisation of this event.

Following further discussions regarding a **devolution deal** for our area it has now been agreed to consult with the general public. The proposed devolution deal is for Peterborough and Cambridgeshire encompassing 7 local authorities. This new devolution deal brings £20 million a year for the next 30 years to the area for improvements to infrastructure and transport and an additional £170 million for housing. The combined authority would be made up of councillors from existing authorities and a newly elected major. The deal is now open for public consultation which can be found at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/devolution. The **survey is open until August 23rd 2016** please make your views known. If you do not have access to the internet or would like help in filling in this online survey please contact me and I will be more than happy to help.

Please be advised that residents can come along to the Buckden Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm for an hour to speak to me. I will be in the Aragon room and no appointment is necessary. My next surgery will be held on **Tuesday 13th September 2016** .

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

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

FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Potential Electoral Boundary Changes

The Boundary Commission has recommended some changes to local District Council Wards however they have agreed with the Parish Council's and District Council's recommendation that the Buckden Ward should continue to encompass Buckden, Stirtloe, Diddington, Southoe and Midloe. The next election will be in 2018.

Level Crossing

I am very concerned about the possible road safety dangers created by the long tailbacks both sides of the level crossing between Buckden and The Offords. These problems are likely to worsen both during and after the construction of the new A14 when extra traffic is forecast. With the support of both Parish Councils and other local Councillors I intend to press for our level crossing to be considered as a 'special case'. My first step will be to put a motion to a full District Council meeting to gain its support.

Ouse Valley Way and other Rights of Way

The weather conditions this year have been perfect for the growth of not only grass but just about every other plant. This has meant that not only our gardens but also our ROW have seen unprecedented growth. The problem has been exacerbated by the wet weather which has made it difficult to cut grass etc. This month we shall hold the first meeting of a new Ouse Valley Way management board which will consider the future maintenance of the path and I intend to press, in other forums, for better maintenance of all other local ROW.

Buckden Village Festival

My congratulations to all of those involved in the organisation for the Festival Weekend. What a wonderful opportunity for all village residents, including the children, to get together. As one who helped organise similar events in the past I sometimes feel a little nostalgic for the days when all of the village clubs and organisations ran their own old fashioned fairground type stalls- I must be getting old!

Victoria Cross Commemoration

I was proud to join so many fellow villagers, young and old, in the commemoration of Captain John Green and other village young men who sacrificed their lives in that awful conflict. Even the weather helped us to enjoy a well organised event. Our thanks must go to Fiona, the PC Chairman for her leadership during the build-up to the day.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 01480 810974 or terry.hayward@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

With all best wishes

Terry Hayward (Cllr) Buckden Ward, Huntingdon District Council



Domestic Wildlife – Nature on Your Doorstep

For the first of our autumn meetings, the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will present an illustrated talk entitled ‘Domestic Wildlife – Nature On Your Doorstep’. This will be held on Wednesday 14th September at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

The talk will be given by Robert Burton, who is a local naturalist and author. Robert has previously written the ‘Nature Notes’ for the Daily Telegraph and currently contributes to the British Wildlife magazine with his articles ‘Through a Naturalist’s Eye’.

Robert tells us that ‘Nature on Your Doorstep’ includes everything from your back garden to a dog walk, where you might encounter wildlife such as butterflies on buddleia, seals on a river and everyday animals such as bees, butterflies, ants and birds. Robert will give us insights into the fascinating and easily observed details of their everyday lives.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Booking for the talk is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for further information.

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

The Friends of Buckden Towers



Dates for your diary:

Heritage Day this year is on **Sunday 11th September**. All are welcome at this very enjoyable event. More details will be given in next month’s issue.

Coffee Morning 2016:

On Friday 8th July we had our annual Coffee Morning in the Methodist School room. There was a good attendance with coffee, tea and home made biscuits being enjoyed by all. An enticing selection of cakes was sold out and Ann Brittain’s cards were popular as always, particularly those with views of The Tower. £130.00 was raised for our funds, which is higher than last year and our thanks are due to all the helpers and those who attended.

URGENT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - HELP NEEDED

For many years the village has a Christmas Market in the High Street to coincide with the ‘switch-on’ of the Buckden Christmas Lights. The event has been an extremely successful social event, has raised money for local charities and, for many, it’s the start of Christmas in the village.

Over the past 4 years the primary organiser has been Ruth Rees supported by a number of volunteers. Unfortunately, Ruth has now left Buckden and can no longer lead the coordination of the event. In addition, last year’s event was a challenge due to dwindling numbers on the Committee. In summary, we need volunteers and a chairperson if the Christmas Market and light switch-on is to continue in its present form.

If you would like to take part in something that is fun and also to give something back to your village community, please meet Jeanette and Martin at **8:00pm in the Lion Hotel on Monday 15th August**.

‘Summer Stay ‘n’ Play’

5th, 11th, 17th + 23rd of August, 10 am til 12 noon

Enjoy the use of the pre-school facilities, toys and equipment – come rain or shine	Meet up with other families, have fun and socialise whilst raising funds for your local pre-school
A member of Staff/Committee will be present to greet and welcome you – no need to book, just come along	Free refreshments and snack provided Only £2 per family! Older siblings are welcome too

Everyone is welcome – we’d love to see you!

CHURCH NEWS

Buckden Village Festival



A big 'Thank You' to everyone who helped at the Village Festival; whether it was performing, running a stall, helping to set up or part of the organising committee. These events take lots of energy, effort and people so thank you all.

Despite the wind hopefully everyone enjoyed the weekend of events. Several last minute changes, including the parade pipe band cancelling the day before kept us on our toes.

The weekend has raised nearly £2,500 which the Village Hall Trust will use to improve the playing fields and village hall facilities. Hopefully many of you will have been able to make use of the free wi-fi around the hall and surrounding area that was installed after last years' Festival.

As ever we would be pleased to hear any feedback (or offers of help for next year) on BuckdeVillageFestival@gmail.com.

Raffle winners were as follows:

Business	Raffle Prize	Ticket
Cash Prize	£125	2873
Cash Prize	£75	2042
Cash Prize	£50	3016
Salon on the green	Cut and Blow dry	2879
The Lion Hotel	Lunch for 2	898
The George Hotel	£50 voucher	3473
Eden Beauty Room	Treatment	1357
Anne Furbank	Goodie Bag	xxxx
Brampton Golf Club	Round golf for 2	2022
ProlawnCare	£50 voucher	184
Costcutter	2 wine	2853
FitHeaven	Voucher	2234
Draycott Brewery	Beer	330
The Beauty Room	Zen Spa Pedicure	3325
Susan Peters	Scarf	922
Elouise	Goodie Bag	2891
PartyLite	Candle	3462
Days of Buckden	£10 voucher	400
One Leisure St Neots	1 month premium	3110
Que Sera	Table Art	2057
Brampton Mill	£30 voucher	2820
Alex Button	Free hour tennis	4530

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 to Saturday at 9.30 am in the Lady Chapel

Morning and Evening Prayer Monday to Saturday at 9.15 am and 5.45pm 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.

Buckden Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Paul Beard (473444)

Stewards: Bob Baxter (810092)
Carol Sweptstone (810053)

Room Bookings:
Isabel Daniels (810084)

Services in August

Sunday 7

10.30 am Morning Service
Mr. John Brodge

6.00pm No Fellowship

Sunday 14

10.30 am Morning Service
Mr. Colin Webber

6.00pm No Fellowship

Sunday 21

10.30 am Morning Service Holy Communion
Rev. Paul Beard

6.00 pm No Fellowship

Sunday 28

10.30am Local arrangement

6.00pm No Fellowship

CHURCH NEWS

The Benefice of Buckden & the Offords
St Mary's Parish Church
Church St, Buckden PE19 5TL

www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Facebook: 'like' St Mary's Buckden

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care@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

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Friends in Deed (general): 07810 006 598

Bookings for baptisms, weddings and funerals or room hire Contact bookings@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Services at St Mary's in August

Wed 3	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 7	11:00am	Family Communion
	3:00pm	Baptism
	6:00pm	BCP Holy Communion
Wed 10	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sat 13	3:00pm	Wedding
Sun 14	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Communion
	4:00pm	Stepping Stones
Wed 17	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 21	11.00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Wed 24	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 28	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	All-age Family Communion
	7:00pm	Night Prayer
Wed 31	9.30am	Holy Communion

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

The Daily Office (daily prayers) is said in St Mary's on
Monday 2.15pm Tuesday 4.30pm
Thursday 9.15am Friday 9.15am
All are welcome. Prayer requests may be left in church.

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 or any other place in St Mary's whenever the church is open.

Cup of tea and a chat? Jes will be in Church each Wednesday 10 – 10.30am (after communion) if you want to drop in for a chat.

St Mary's Living Stones Room

(with under-floor heating, kitchen and toilet facilities) is available for hire for meetings, groups and social gatherings.

bookings@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Events in August

Friends in Deed: LIVING STONES CAFE
Wednesday 10th August

2.30pm – 4pm in the Living Stones Room

All are welcome to drop in for tea/coffee/cakes and chat

SEASIDE ROCK HOLIDAY CLUB

Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th August 2016

9.30am til mid-day at Buckden Towers

Games, stories, drama, craft and music for 5-11 year olds

Admission Free

Forthcoming Events

Concert 'Harp Virtuosi'

Saturday September 3rd 7.30pm

Tickets £10 (£8 concessions), which includes a complimentary glass of wine. Tickets from 01480 812777

Church Garden Party

Sunday 4th September

3pm at 3 Bishops Way

Heritage Weekend & "Ride & Stride" Event
10th-11th September

"Huntingdon Big Band" Concert

Saturday September 24th 7.30pm

Tickets £10 (£8 concessions), which includes a complimentary glass of wine. Tickets from 01480 812777

Regular Groups and Events

Newcomers are always welcome at all groups & events

Going Deeper (please note NEW time): 10.30am

Wednesdays in the Living Stones Room. A chance to look again at Sunday's bible readings.

Jamworkx (Jesus & Me Works) Kids' After School Club

Fridays 3.20 – 4.20pm during term-time at Buckden School. Booking via school.

Coffee & Cakes: Saturdays 10.30am - noon in the Living Stones Room. Contact Gina Bylett 01480 812777

St Mary's Bell-Ringers practice on Mondays at 8.15pm. Visitors and beginners are always welcome

Ground Floor Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays 8pm - 10pm Contact Lorraine Toogood 01480 811352

Angel Voices informal all age choir Fridays 19th & 26th August 6.45pm Living Stones Room. 01480 812777

M & M's - an informal ladies group meeting on the first Thursday evening of every month. Not meeting in August.

There is No Open Ministry Meeting in August. This open forum returns at 6pm on the 4th Sunday of Sept.

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

FOR YOUR DIARY

Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme Huntingdon Group August 2016

There are nine different Wednesday morning/Friday afternoon walks to choose from in August, two of which are *new ones*---the *Hemingford Meadow* walk on the 17th, starting at Houghton Mill Car Park, and the *Hinchingbrooke Ramble* on the 19th, starting at the Cafe, Hinchingbrooke Country Park.

New health-walkers will be offered our pocket-size brochure, an ID and an Incentive card, plus info re outdoor clothes at a discount. Healthwalks are easy-paced and last about an hour, and we know, through experience, that our walkers feel the benefits of the regular exercise, some cheery company, and (normally) refreshment facilities afterwards. It's advisable to carry a bottle of water if it's a hot day, and to wear fairly sturdy footwear! Newcomers are welcome!

For further info, please check with our website, or contact Doug Finlayson (HDC Sports Development Officer [Health]), phone no. 01480 387047). Website: www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks



Second Sunday Stepping Stones



Monthly children's church group for all pre-school and KS1 children with their parents

Music, crafts, stories and light refreshments

4.00pm

@The Vicarage of

St Mary's Church, Buckden



Buckden Gardeners Association

Saturday 3rd September 2016

Buckden Gardeners Autumn
Show & Plant Sale

2.00pm Buckden Village Hall
Adult admission 50p, children free.

Exhibit your home grown vegetables and flowers, or turn your hand to baking, craft, wine making or photography. These are just some classes on offer for adults and children, novices to old hands. Or just come along and view the exhibits. **Plant sale, Garden Jumble, raffle, tea, coffee and scones.**

Full details including schedules are on our web site
www.buckdengardeners.info
Tel: Pam 01480 811680 or John 01480 812008 for further information.

Autumn Show Schedule on pages 19 and 20



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.

There is no Monday Club in August so the next meeting will be:

12 September: Dave Dodman from Diddington talking on a topic of local interest

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.



Seaside Rock



Holiday Club for 5 - 11 year olds

Buckden Towers August 24 - 26th

9.30 - 12.00 am

Fun, drama, crafts, songs, games

Further info: www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk



LIFE DRAWING GROUP*

Venue: Buckden Village Hall
Day: Wednesday
Time: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Contact: Terry Sladden
Tel: 01480 811031
Email: trrslddn8@gmail.com

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

Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society

Just beginning or experienced, a warm welcome awaits you at Buckden Village Hall, Millard Suite at 7:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month

28th July Club meeting. All welcome

11th Aug Club meeting. All welcome

For further information contact the secretary

Phil Haylock on 01487 832937

E mail phinorm@talktalk.net

or visit our website at

www.radioclubs.net/huntsars

FOR YOUR DIARY



Story/Rhyme Time

Every Tuesday at 2.15pm

Followed by an activity during the school holidays
All under 12s welcome

There will be a special Lego activity on Tue 23rd August and an interesting and hands on visit for children by the Norris museum team on Tue 30th August, both at 2.15pm.

Knit-Lit

Friday, August 5th and 19th at 8.00 pm

Engage

Keeping it in the Family

Practical advice on what can be achieved through planning your estate and highlighting the benefits of writing a will. This is a free event but booking is required. Tickets available from the library.

2pm Wednesday 17th August.

Under 12's

It is not too late to join our Summer Reading Challenge. Come and see what is on offer at the library!

Tuesday	10.00 am to 1.00 pm
	2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
Thursday	2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
Friday	5.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Saturday	10.00 am to 1.00 pm
Closed Monday and Wednesday	

Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden
Tel: **0345 045 5225**
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

It is that time of year again when preparations are already underway for the shoebox appeal but I wanted everyone to know that Buckden will be taking part in the above appeal. Shoe boxes will be collected in November and Buckden Methodist Church will be a drop off centre for these. Dates will be confirmed at a later date.

Operation Christmas Child is a worthwhile charity making a difference at Christmas, by giving shoe boxes containing small gifts to children in poor countries. Leaflets are available and patterns for knitting puppets. This year I have 2 new puppet patterns Hello Kitty and a Lion and they are delightful to knit. Thank you to those who have already knitted items and given them to me, it is much appreciated.

If you would like more information then please contact

Carol Swepstone 810053

Grafham and Ellington Art Group

Annual Art Exhibition 2016

Saturday 6th August from 10am to 5pm
and

Sunday 7th August from 10am to 5pm

At Grafham Village Hall

Van Diemens Way, Grafham, PE28 0BG



Refreshments available

Cards, framed and unframed original paintings will be on sale

BUCKDEN WEA AUTUMN TERM

READING 19th CENTURY BRITAIN

A wide-ranging course interpreting 19th Century Britain through its narrative art and writing: extracts from novelists, journalists, poets, scientists and cultural commentators.

Tutor: Fiona Lucraft

Tuesdays 29th September to 29th November 2016
Half term on 25th October

9 sessions of 90 minutes: fee £47.25
10.00 to 11.45 with coffee

The Claret Centre, Buckden Towers
Contacts: Bridget Hale 01480 216391
Bill Templeton 01480 456788

Shoebox Coffee Morning

Friday 2nd September at 10 o'clock in the Methodist schoolroom

Leaflets, knitting patterns and examples of completed shoeboxes, ways to help with the shoebox appeal will all be there. Donations made will help towards the shoebox appeal either with transportation of the boxes or to buy items for the boxes. Please come and find out if you are able to help in any way, thank you.

Carol Swepstone 810053



FOR YOUR DIARY

The Offord Players

The Offord Players (TOPS) have been performing plays for over twenty years, with many of its founding members still building sets, treading the boards, making props and in some cases doing all of those things! We are very fortunate to attract talent from all around with new young/er members coming from within the local villages and much further afield.

Our small amateur group can boast many unique theatrical adventures and challenges, having performed in St Peter's church in the past, roving theatre through the village, mummers theatrical antics in various local pubs. We have now adopted The Bell at Great Paxton as a second venue for our desire to perform live 'radio' productions and coming up this Summer original new works written by local script writers. All of this alongside our main-stay of Spring and Autumn productions in Offord Village Hall.

We are a group that likes to fill the hall with laughter...both for our audiences and our members. Ticket sales for our shows would suggest that people enjoy what we have on offer and come back for more. We know that there are many new families in the locality and want you to know that we are here, to invite you to our productions but also to consider joining this friendly, vibrant band of players. We are not just looking for acting talent...we want and need your skills in every department, lighting, sound, set building, website organisation / publicity and oh to have musicians and folk to slap some paint on a set would be our idea of heaven.

If you would like to know more about becoming a member, then please make contact, we would love to hear from you.

Contact: Sarah Hogben
The Offord Players

hogben173@btinternet.com www.theoffordplayers.org.uk

Gervase Phinn - comedian, author, poet, broadcaster, lecturer, educational guru, after-dinner speaker and 'born raconteur' (*The Guardian*) is perhaps best known for his best-selling series of five Dales books for Penguin.



Gervase has been affectionately dubbed 'the James Herriot of Schools'. Gervase has written a wide range of academic books, children's poetry and fiction.

This event is organised by the Rotary Club of Huntingdon (International Committee). The proceeds will contribute to the Rotary Club's plan to support a large primary school (Loldia Primary School) in Kenya where they have 2,000 pupils but very poor facilities and just one drinking-water tap. We are aiming to finance their project to provide an adequate supply of essential drinking water for the pupils, and other improvements to the buildings and learning materials.

There will be a raffle with a range of generous prizes. Copies of Gervase's books will also be available for purchase. Tickets for this event are now on sale. Book early to avoid missing this exceptional opportunity to listen to one of the country's most entertaining and humorous speakers who is giving his time without a fee to help Rotary and the school in Kenya.



The Rotary Club of Huntingdon
presents

AN EVENING WITH the Renowned Author and Raconteur GERVASE PHINN



Saturday
September 17th, 2016
at 7.30 p.m.
Hinchingsbrooke
Performing Arts Centre
Huntingdon



Tickets: Adults £10

Students (under 25) £5

Tickets available from Rotary Club members
or from peterdownes42@aol.co.uk

Also by telephone 01480 375678 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
or at www.ticketsource.co.uk/hinchingsbrookepac
and at the door on the night (if not sold out)

This event will raise funds to enable Huntingdon Rotary Club to support a large primary school in Kenya



FRIENDS IN DEED

Our Bottle Stall at the Village Fete was highly successful again this year and we ran out of bottles before the end! Very many thanks are due to all of you who donated so generously and to those who manned the stall – much appreciated.

The Friends in Deed Summer Tea Party will be held from 2.30pm to 4pm on 10th August at The Bowlings, Silver Street, courtesy of Pam and Miles Falla. Invitations have gone out. Transport will be available so please contact the transport coordinator (as below) to arrange your lift or ask your 'Friend' to do it for you. Do come along - we'd love to see you there!

Please note that because of the Summer Tea Party there will be no Drop-in Café in August. The next one will be held on 14 Sep and on the second Wednesday of each month in the Living Stones Room in St Mary's Church, 2.30pm to 4pm. If you like homemade cakes, tea and coffee, and a friendly atmosphere, why not come along and join us. All are welcome and transport is available within the village on request (see below).

For help or information contact:

Coordinator: Jane Scott 07810 006598

Requests for transport: Andy Scott 07914 669967.

Please leave a message and include your contact details

Buckden Friends

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the Buckden Village Festival, especially to Phillip Miles who is chief organiser. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

A big thank you has to go to my long suffering husband, Brian King, who saved the parade by producing a sound system for a car to lead the parade when the Pipe Band let us down at the last moment. The police also complimented him on the excellent marshalling of the parade. Where would we be without family and friends to help us out and this fantastic community we are so lucky to live in.

Hope you are looking forward to next years Festival. Any ideas for a theme will be most appreciated.

Contact Pat King 01480811020, patking@writeme.com

Look out for events to raise funds for 'Shelter Box'.



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A Charity Shop with a difference Opening soon!

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All that you would expect from a Charity Shop but with two special features:

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We are seeking:

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- Good quality clothing/jewellery for our 50/50 scheme
- Any clothing you no longer need
- Bric a Brac and household items
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- Fresh fruit and vegetables for our Surplus Share Scheme

Volunteers to help in the Shop

- Sort, categorise and prepare items for sale
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- Collect items from donors

A Shop Manager(16.5 hours @ £7.85 living wage) to work in partnership with our current Manager as one part of a job share

Can you help? Find out more from our website: www.huntsvc.org.uk
Ann Bunting Huntingdonshire Volunteer Centre Manager October 2015



Members of the Monday Club enjoying a strawberry tea

Buckden Local History Society News

The BLHS held its Annual General Meeting in June, followed by Barry Jobling's excellent, well-researched and thought provoking talk on the Battle of the Somme, based on a soldier's diary, and referring to Capt. Green VC.

In July, society members enjoyed the British Schools Museum, Hitchin. Sitting in the hall where 150 boys were taught the three Rs, we learned of the start of schooling for the poor by Joseph Lancaster there in the early 1800s. Then, the First and Second World War classrooms were found familiar by some members, recalling the old desks, chairs, ink wells etc. Later, we did well with our writing and £.s.d. additions under our Victorian teacher, before being dismissed for a sumptuous afternoon tea.

Next talks: Sep 7th Bedford RAE Wind Tunnels.
Oct 5th Kimbolton Castle.

Xmas Special, Sounds of the Sixties. I
n the New Year, The King under the car park, Richard III.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.



The Buckden Local History Society visit to the British Schools Museum, Hitchin. See above.

Captain John Leslie Green VC of Buckden, 1st July 1916

By Tim Walker



The media coverage of the events to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme brought home to us as a nation the nature of the courage and self-sacrifice displayed by a generation only just beyond the memory of even the oldest of us still alive today. Our ceremony in Buckden to commemorate the courage of our own V.C., Captain John Green, and the men of Buckden who gave their lives in that "war to end all wars" made that connection with the past vivid and moving. It was a truly significant occasion in Buckden's history.

The courage required to climb out of the relative safety of a trench into the maelstrom of machine gun fire and exploding shells on that first day of the Battle of the

Somme on July 1st 1916, knowing that death or terrible injury were likely, is something few of us are able to comprehend one hundred years on. Perhaps that bravery was supported by a tot of rum or the indomitable camaraderie engendered by the regimental system of the British Army, or perhaps the men had faith in their generals' assertion that the defences of the waiting German army were destroyed and the barbed wire in front of them cut by the more than a million shells fired before the infantry assault that resulted in 60 000 British and Empire casualties on that first day alone.

Captain John Leslie Green was attached as medical officer to the 1/5th battalion Sherwood Foresters which together with three other Sherwood Forester "Kitchener" battalions formed the 46th North Midland Division, which, in turn was part of the VII Corp of the 3rd Army situated on the far northern flank of the allied assault on the Somme. This assault was designed to punch a hole in the deadlock of two years static trench warfare but the 46th's role was to mount a diversionary attack on the heavily defended salient around Gommecourt. The preliminary bombardment was largely unsuccessful as noted by a private in Green's regiment. " When we got to the German wire I was absolutely amazed to see it intact after what we had been told."



It was in that unbreached tangle of wire and in front of continuous gunfire and explosions that Captain Green of the Royal Army medical Corp, himself wounded, came across a wounded fellow officer whom he untangled and took to a nearby shell hole where he tended the man's wounds, despite constant grenade explosions around them, before dragging him back towards the British Line during which, both men were again hit, Green dying instantly. He is buried in the Foncquevilliers Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery.

The army that attacked on July 1st was Kitchener's army, recruited from men of all walks of life and often whole battalions would be formed by the recruits from single communities, most famously from the mill towns of Lancashire and Yorkshire. These "Pals" battalions suffered tremendous levels of casualty which tore the heart out of so many communities after the war.

Our own small community of Buckden also suffered, not on the same scale, for the village's population was less than a thousand in 1916, yet we can be proud of and saddened by the sacrifice made by the men named on the village war memorial, and by those who returned. perhaps scarred for life either physically, mentally or both.

Captain John Green VC Commemoration
A Day to Remember - Photos by Mark Bunting and Alec MacAndrew



Captain John Green VC Commemoration



Photos by Alec Macandrew and Mark Bunting. Mark has more photos to view at www.markbuntingphotography.co.uk

Buckden Festival and Parade
Rio in Buckden - Photos by Alec MacAndrew



Buckden Festival and Parade



BGA Autumn Show 2016 Schedule

The RHS Banksian Medal will be awarded for most points gained in Horticultural Classes
The Banksian Medal cannot be won more than once in three years by an individual.
Albert Jackson in 2014 and Tim Walker in 2015 so they are not eligible this year.

Section A – Novice Vegetables Classes [see rules]

- 5 Onions dressed
- 5 Shallots dressed
- 5 Potatoes – any type, same variety
- 5 Carrots – any type, same variety – foliage trimmed approx 3" [76mm]
- 5 Runner Beans
- 3 Beetroot – foliage trimmed approx 3" [76mm]
- 5 Tomatoes, complete with calyx
- 1 Truss Tomatoes – any type – may be part green
- At least 2 of any other variety of vegetable not classified above

Section B – Open Vegetables Classes

- Specimen Onion dressed
- 5 Onions dressed
- 5 Onions dressed – all 5 not to exceed 2 lb [910g]
- 8 Shallots Pickling – to pass through 1" [25mm] ring
- 8 Shallots – exhibition
- 1 Cabbage – any type
- 2 Lettuces – any type
- 5 Potatoes – white, same variety
- 5 Potatoes – coloured, same variety
- 5 Carrots – stump rooted – foliage trimmed approx 3" [76mm]
- 5 Carrots – tapered – foliage trimmed approx 3" [76mm]
- 3 Beetroots – foliage trimmed approx 3" [76mm]
- 3 Parsnips – foliage trimmed approx 3" [76mm]
- 2 Marrows
- 2 Cucumbers
- 6 French Beans
- 1 Specimen Runner Bean
- 6 Runner Beans
- 1 Truss Tomatoes – any type – may be part green
- 5 Tomatoes
- 10 Cherry Tomatoes
- 1 Cauliflower
- 3 Leeks – washed and trimmed
- At least 2 any other variety of vegetable not classed above
- Heaviest Yield from one potato [see Rule]
- 3 Sweet Peppers
- Display of at least 5 different kinds of vegetables – on a tray or board not exceeding 24" [610mm] in any direction – staging aids permitted
- Vase of Mixed Herbs
- Chilli plant[s] in a pot or container

Section C – Fruit Classes

- 5 Dessert Apples
- 5 Cooking Apples
- 5 Pears
- 1 plate/dish Blackberries
- 1 plate/dish any other variety of fruit
- 1 plate/dish mixed fruit

Section D – Mixed Flowers Classes

- 1 vase 3 stems any flower which does not have its own class
- 1 vase 3 stems decorative foliage – same or different [not in flower]
- 1 vase 3 stems shrubs in flower – same or different
- 1 vase specimen flower which does not have its own class
- 1 vase mixed flowers containing at least 3 different kinds

MORE CLASSES OVERLEAF



Autumn Show 2016

Including Plant sale

Buckden Village Hall

Saturday 3rd September

*** Exhibitor Staging 09:30 – 11:00 am ***

No entry fees or prizes in adult classes
A small prize is awarded to each entrant in the Children's Section
Doors open to public at 2:00 pm
Adult Admission 50p, children free

Further details 01480 811680 or 01480 812008
or www.buckdengardeners.info

Autumn Show 2016 Entry Form

Please return entry form to: 1 Lark End Buckden by 9:00pm on Wednesday 31st Aug

Mark X in box for each entry by the class number – maximum 2 per person per class.
Families please initial or colour-code to indicate who is entering which classes.

PLEASE NOTE: entries for additional classes will not be accepted on the day of the show.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35
36	37	38	39	40	41	42
43	44	45	46	47	48	49
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57	58	59	60	61	62	63
64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77
78	79	80	81	82	83	84
85	86	87	88	89		

RULES EXTRACT: Full rules on application or see website: www.buckdengardeners.info
Classes 1 to 9: A Novice is an exhibitor who has not previously won a 1st prize in BGA shows
In an individual class or group of classes
Class 34: In container with foliage intact [dry or green], capable of being carried by one person

Entrant Name(s).....

Address

Telephone Email Address

NB Please write the ages of child entrants in brackets after their names

Section E – Rose Classes

- 1 Specimen Rose— single bloom— any variety
- 1 Rose Specimen Spray
- 3 stems Hybrid Tea Rose – same variety
- 3 stems Spray type Rose – same or different variety
- 3 stems Hybrid Tea Rose – same or different variety

Section F – Dahlia Classes ** see website for definitions of Dahlia types **

- 1 Specimen Dahlia – any variety
- 1 vase 3 stems Dahlia – same variety
- 3 stems Pompon Dahlia – same variety
- 3 stems Cactus or Semi-Cactus Dahlia – same variety
- 3 stems Ball Dahlia – same variety

Section G – Pot Plant Classes

- Fuchsia Plant[s] in pot or container
- Flowering Plant[s] in pot or container
- Foliage Plant[s] in pot or container
- Any Cactus/Cacti or succulent[s] in pot or container

Section H – Floral Arrangements Classes

- A Flower Arrangement "Hints and Tints of Autumn" – not to exceed 610mm [24"] in any direction
- A Flower Arrangement "Colour my world" – not exceeding 610mm [24"] in any direction
- Corsage

Section I – Homecrafts/Handicrafts/Photography Classes

- 1 pot Jam sweet or savoury
- 4 Mince Pies
- A chocolate cake
- A red Velvet cake
- Handmade Loaf or Bread
- Tea Loaf
- A plate of Cheese Straws
- 1 bottle of White/Sweet wine
- 1 bottle of Rose/Medium wine
- 1 bottle of Red/Dry wine
- 1 bottle of Fruit Liqueur
- An article from recycled materials
- A handmade craft item (not exceeding 18 inches)
- Photograph – title "Chimneys" – max A4, no mount [photo to be taken by the entrant]
- Photograph – title "My Best Friend" – max A4, no mount [photo to be taken by the entrant]

Section J – Children's Classes

- 3 decorated Biscuits [to be edible]
- An item made from Sea Shells
- A Paper Plate Face Mask
- A photograph – title "Creepy Crawlies" – max A4 [photo to be taken by the entrant]

Section K – Fun Items

- Longest Runner Bean
- Heaviest Potato
- An animal made of vegetables
- The most bizarre looking vegetable

**** Exhibitor Staging 09:30 – 11:00 am on Show Day ****

**** Note the earlier start time for Staging ****
Doors open to public at 2:00 pm

VILLAGE NEWS



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Bookings

July has been a fantastically busy month here at the Hall and August is set to be busy too with two weddings, a product launch, a kid's party and a private party as well as our regular bookings.

Buckden Festival

Thank you to the festival committee for all their hard work in making the Festival Day the great day it was and also thank you to everyone who came along to join in the fun! Thank you also to everyone who bought a raffle ticket. Your support is hugely appreciated.

AGM

The AGM of the Trust was held on 5th July. For the second year running no members of the public attended. This is YOUR Village Hall and Recreation Ground. The AGM is your chance to show your support for the work that the Trustees do and to ask the Trustees any questions you have about the Trust and its finances. It would encourage all the Trustees if the residents of the village show interest in their efforts on your behalf.

Therapy Room vacancy

The Therapy Room is now booked! Watch this space for some exciting news!!

Your Village Hall needs you!

If anyone living in the village would like to become a trustee and help to run this wonderful building please call or email me (details at the end of this article). In particular, we still need a Treasurer. It is not an onerous job, taking perhaps less than 2 hours a week on average. If are interested, please contact John Thelwall on 07831 580625.

How you can help our charity

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising money for Buckden Village Hall Trust? There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Aviva and Tesco who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to Buckden Village Hall Trust to say thank you for shopping with them. It's really simple and doesn't cost you anything. All you have to do is:

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/buckdenvillagehall

2. Sign up for free

3. Get shopping! Your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to us!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Buckden Village Hall Trust will be extremely grateful for your donations!

Don't forget that as residents of Buckden you all receive discounted rates on Hall hire. Please call or email me if you would like to find out more.

Jo Harvey (811101/admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk)

BUCKDEN WI

Members were in party mood on 5th July for our final meeting before the Summer break. In a belated celebration of Her Majesty's 90th birthday the ladies dressed up in their best, many in red, white and blue shades and wearing hats. Live music greeted our arrival as Beverley Budd entertained us royally on the piano whilst during the meal a compilation of tunes from each decade of the Queen's life was played on our new sound system. One clever table-group managed to list nearly every tune! A splendid buffet was provided by the committee (the president's pavlovas were to die for!) and a memorable evening was enjoyed by all. There will be no meeting in August so we look forward to being together on 6th September when Bernice Hardwick will speak on 'Hypnosis and Hypnotherapy.' The competition theme will be 'A Pendant'. As always, visitors will be most welcome.

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VILLAGE NEWS

BUCKDEN VILLAGE HALL TRUST



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE AGM July 2016

It has been a year of good progress for the Trust. We have completed the installation of the solar power units and they are now contributing to our income. The path round the side of the hall, which had become a trip hazard has been repaired. Work is about to start on refurbishing the foyer toilets with the installation of hot water for the basins, new w.c. pans and redecorating. Wi-Fi has been installed throughout the building, which brings it into line with modern business expectations. Work is continuing on drafting a new constitution and, importantly, work has started on planning for the long term financial position of the Trust.

The Trust is most grateful to the Parish Council for lending it the necessary funds to enable the solar energy project to go ahead. It is expected that it will make a very positive contribution to the Trust's finances in the coming years.

However, the business model for the Trust remains fragile and challenges include how to grow revenue and also to build funds for future expenses which are inevitable given the age of the building. The pension Auto-Enrolment rules come into effect for the Trust this year, so there will be an additional cost from November.

On the positive side, income has grown on the back of increased use of the Hall. Jo Harvey has worked very hard and done an excellent job of "selling" the hall to potential bookers. She does a very good job and the Trustees would like to acknowledge her contribution.

The Trust would like to acknowledge the fact that the Parish Council has yet again provided £5,000 for the upkeep of the playing fields.

John Thelwall
Chairman

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW)

Vehicle Thefts

There has been an increase in the number of thefts from motor vehicles since the latter part of June. These offences range from high value theft of tools from commercial vehicles to theft from private cars. Please consider security arrangements in light of these offences.

Telephone Scam

You might receive a phone call which is a recorded message claiming that the caller has been trying to get in touch with you. The message goes on to say that the Inland Revenue are about to bring a lawsuit against you –and to hear more details "press button 1"
DO NOT PRESS BUTTON 1. INLAND REVENUE WILL ALWAYS WRITE TO YOU IF THERE IS TAX PROBLEM.

When answering a telephone call, make sure that you know who is calling and don't give any personal details. If not sure, check the company first or contact them directly if you having any doubts.

Doorstep Callers

Be extremely cautious when approached by any doorstep callers offering to sell goods. They often fail to provide a legally required cancellation notice which enables you to cancel the work within a statutory fourteen day cooling off period and charge far more than was quoted for poor quality work or poor quality goods. They can use persuasive or aggressive tactics to get you to carry out more unnecessary work.

PHONE NUMBERS

101 Anyone with information for the police.
0800 555 111 Crime stoppers anonymously
999 Incident is recognised as an emergency .

EMAIL

Burglary crackdown@cambs.pnn.police.uk
Or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Your village NW Coordinators are
Richard West 811467 Clive Williams 811828

Buckden Roundabout Team New Commercial Manager needed

Do you have a few hours to spare each month?
Would you like to join the friendly Roundabout team?

The Roundabout team urgently needs a new commercial manager. This involves communicating with existing and new advertisers, booking advertising space and raising invoices. It is an essential role as, without the income from the advertisements, the Roundabout could not function. A knowledge of spread sheets would be an advantage.

If you are interested, please e-mail the Editor at:
editor@buckdenroundabout.info

Buckden and Little Paxton Surgery Patients' Association 200 Club Prize Winners June 2016 Draw

£100	No. 172	Ms F McGregor
£25	No. 6	Mrs J Salmon
£25	No. 72	Mr & Mrs B Priest
£25	No. 22	Mrs S Harper
£25	No. 32	Mrs J Haynes

Bonus Prize

£100	No. 194	Mr and Mrs M Linnell
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BUCKDEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL (Primary Academy Trust)

July 2016

We have now reached the end of another school year – how quickly they pass. These last few weeks have been very busy with exciting activities. We were very lucky that the weather for Sports Day held, apart from a shower at the end of proceedings. The day was divided into three sessions, Reception and Key Stage 1 races in the morning while Key Stage 2 took part in their field events, a picnic lunch on the field followed by Key Stage 2 races, and Reception and Key Stage 1 field events in the afternoon. All events were keenly contested by the children. We had the traditional mums and dads races as well as the staff race. Well done to everyone who took part. Lincoln house won the Sports Day Cup. Thank you to all our visitors who came along, we hope you enjoyed the day.

Our Year 6 children joined in the World War Memorial service to commemorate 100 years since the Battle of the Somme. After the service members of the congregation were able to look at the work the children had done about World War 1. This included paintings, stories and poetry.

During transition week the children met, and spent 4 days with their teachers for next year, and we also welcomed our new Reception children who experienced life in school including having a school dinner. Their week ended with a teddy bears picnic on the school field. The rest of the school had a good week preparing for next year. During transition week our Year 6 children visited their new secondary schools to familiarise themselves with their new routines.

Transition week was followed by a busy final week. We had a visit from Jeff Rich who was the drummer with Status Quo before he left the group to concentrate full time on presenting his masterclasses. The session was divided into four parts, consisting of a brief outline of his career, the history of the drum, the drum kit and a finale. The children were invited to join in and this was followed by a question and answer session. This was a unique opportunity for the children to have 'hands on' experience with a professional musician. We had our own 'Race for Life', when the children walked around the sports field for a distance of 3 kilometres. We will confirm the total raised in a future issue of the Roundabout. The Year 5/6 presented their performance 'The Mystery at Magpie Manor. This was a mystery play full of twists – with a surprise ending. The Year 6 children had their leavers Prom - thank you to the parents who organised it, we are very grateful to you for giving the children an evening to remember.

We celebrated the children's achievements this school year in the school end of year celebration assemblies. The leavers' celebration assembly was a very fitting finale and an emotional time everyone who is leaving Buckden School. There were tears from both the children and the parents. We would like to wish the Year 6 children, and all our leavers, good luck in their new schools.

The Buckden School community would like to thank parents and members of the community who have supported the school during the past year. We wish you all a good summer and look forward to seeing you in September at the start of the next school year.

Buckden Church of England Primary Academy



**Buckden CE Primary Academy has vacancies for
midday supervisors. The positions are for perma-
nent and relief staff.**

**If you would like more information please tele-
phone the school office 01480 810241.**



Hello from the Buckden Preschool staff and committee, who are now enjoying a well-earned rest! This is just a quick message from our sun-loungers to thank everyone who supported our stall at the Village Fete, where we raised £174.33, and for all our lovely gifts and cards. We hope to see lots of children (whether preschoolers or not) at our Summer Stay 'n Play sessions (please see our advert on page 6), and are looking forward to welcoming our preschoolers and new starters back to Preschool on 1st September. Happy Holidays!

THE SPORTS PAGE

BUCKDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



Buckden U8 Eagles and U9 Vultures Win Priory Parkside Tournament Trophies

Still fresh from their victory in the Hunts Mini-Soccer League U8 cup final in May, our U8 Eagles also came top in their age category in the Priory Parkside Tournament held on 11th June. This was the second year in a row that the Eagles have won in that tournament, the team triumphant after a tough final against St Neots. Our U9 Vultures were also victorious within their age group at the tournament, after an exciting finish which saw them winning the semi-final on penalties and beating Deeping Rangers 1-0 after extra time in the final.



Buckden U8 Eagles



Buckden U9 Vultures

Buckden U15 Falcons Require Players Next Season

BJFC needs players for its U15 team next season. Players need to be aged 13 or 14 by 31st August 2016. Please contact the Buckden U15 Manager: Kevin Wager 01480 496679 / 07771 / kevinwager@btinternet.com

Buckden Bowls Club

Contact Numbers:

Club Sec.
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01480 812112

Ladies Sec.
Daphne Meats
01480 383448

Monthly Draw Org.
Jennie Casey
01480 476493



BUCKDEN TENNIS CLUB

Anyone for tennis?

The Summer Season is well underway and Buckden Tennis Club opened the season with four brand new colourful courts, great to play on!

If you were glued to the television during Wimbledon why not become a member of the club and use the courts as often as you like. Our friendly club has 4 floodlight courts and welcomes people of all standards and ages. We have a full range of club knock-out tournaments during the summer as well as mens, ladies and mixed teams competing in Huntingdon, Peterborough and Cambridgeshire leagues throughout the year. For the social player we meet on Saturdays and Sundays mornings at 10.30 and Wednesday evenings from 18.30. All members are welcome – no one is left out. The courts are free to members to use at other times if they wish to arrange their own games.

For those looking to brush up their skills, or learn new techniques, we have coaching available for adults and juniors through our LTA Qualified Coach Alex Button (Tel 07850031172). Coaching is available on 1:1 basis and group sessions can also be arranged.

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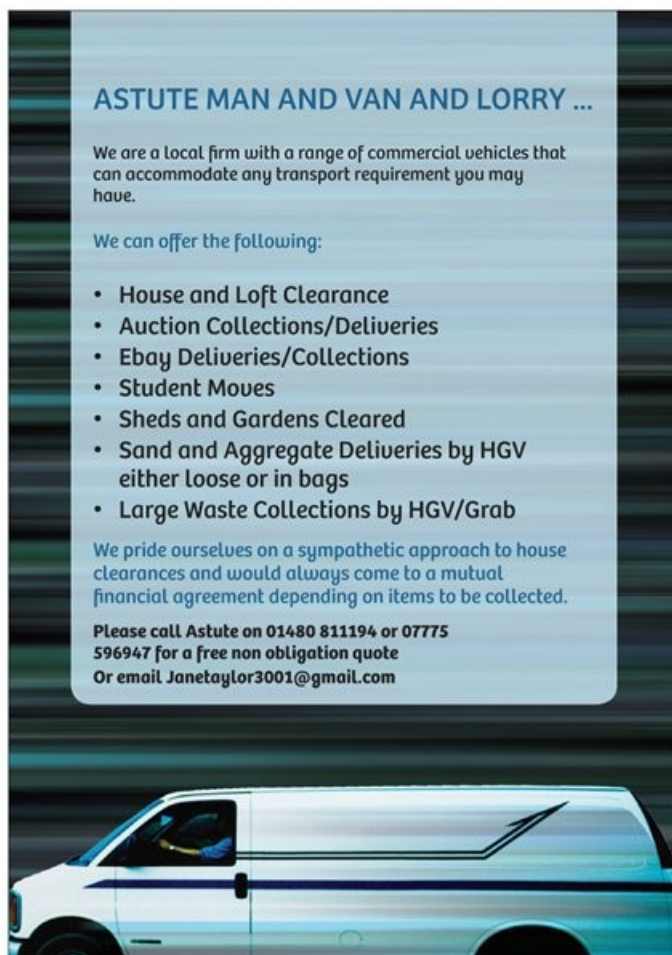
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