

ROUNDABOUT

A black squirrel is the central focus of the image, standing upright on its hind legs in a lush green grassy field. The squirrel is facing left, with its head turned slightly towards the viewer. It has dark brown fur with lighter brown patches on its chest and belly. Its eyes are dark and alert, and its ears are perked up. It is holding a small, light-colored nut in its front paws. The background is a soft-focus green field with some dry grass and a thin vertical stick or branch on the right side.

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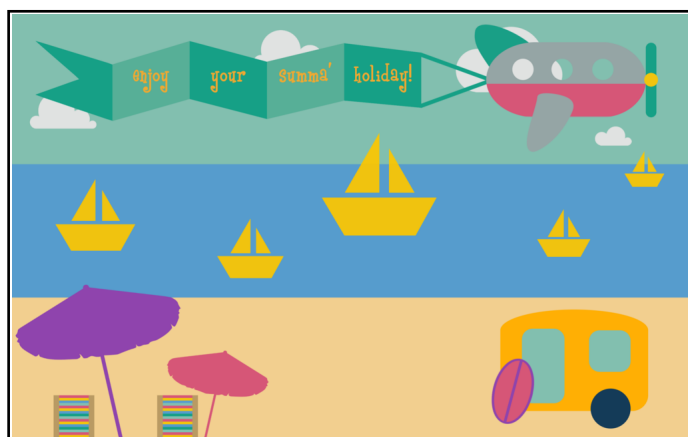
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August 2019

As I write this, the Buckden Village Festival is over, and we are looking forward to Buckfest. By the time you read this, the 10th Buckfest will also have happened. July is party time for the village, and we should remember that these events would not happen without the enthusiasm and energy of many volunteers whom we salute.

Speaking of events, Buckden Gardeners are holding their Autumn Show on Saturday 7th September, and the success of the show depends on getting a good number of entries. Why not have a go at one or more of the many flower and craft classes on offer. The schedule of classes and an entry form can be found on pages 15 and 16 of this issue.

Residents in the village are concerned about the effect on traffic which would be caused by the various proposed housing developments. The Church Commissioners, the owners of

the Silver Street site have proposed traffic lights on the roundabout in an attempt to reduce the impact of the extra cars. More details of the proposal and a request for your input can be found on page 7.

Our wildlife article this month focuses on black squirrels, a less common variety of the grey squirrel species, which can be found more and more commonly in and around Buckden. You can find the article on page 14.

Finally, if you bought a Buckden Village Festival raffle ticket, you can find the winning ticket numbers on page 13.

Please remember to visit the Roundabout 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/>

This month's editor - Alec MacAndrew

Front Cover

The front cover this month is of a black squirrel in a garden in Buckden and was taken by Alec MacAndrew. As ever, we are very grateful.

We are looking for more paintings of any kind that could use as a front cover. We can photograph them if you only have original artwork. We are also keen to get images (photos or paintings) of the village and surrounding areas in preparation for future issues. Please note that images should ideally be in portrait format and should be a *minimum* of 2400 x 1700 pixels. More is better!

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Buckden Parish Council News...

Speeding Traffic and Speedwatch

We are in the process of submitting a bid for funding to introduce further speed calming measures in Mill Road. In support of this we are looking for volunteers to undertake Speedwatch in the village. We are also looking for someone to help co ordinate this exercise. Speedwatch results were very important in our successful bid for traffic calming measures in Perry Road. If you are interested, please contact the clerk.

Climate Change Initiative

We are setting up a Climate Change Advisory Group. This will develop a local strategy for the village and will build upon existing 'green' initiatives e.g. Litter pick and the introduction of cycleways and footpaths. If you would like to be involved in this, please contact us.

Posters in the Village

We have received several complaints about the number of posters still in place on lamp posts and notice boards long after the event. Can you please make sure that organisers remove these?

Lucks Lane Development

We have received revised plans for the closure of Lucks Lane. The earliest start date for the scheme is now Monday 19 August. Lucks Lane will be closed from a point just south of Cranfield Way to its junction with Stirtloe Lane. This will allow residents, service and emergency vehicles access to Cranfield Way, Springfield Close and Weir Close from the north of the village. The closure will last for about 12-14 weeks to allow construction of the new site access, sewer works and the realignment of service connections.

We have had further conversations with Highways England (HE) about the Stirtloe Lane/A1 Junction. They remain convinced that this junction is safe! There was an accident here on 27th June.

By the time you read this the Parish Council, the Protect Buckdens Future Group and our District Councillor will have all made representations to Huntingdonshire Planning Department to introduce acceleration/deceleration lanes at this junction.

The A1 and The Roundabout

It has been confirmed that there are no current plans for a by-pass for Buckden. The earliest a plan might be produced is 2025. Therefore, an interim solution to the problems at the roundabout is required. This is now even more important as plans have been produced to build an A1 underpass at the Black Cat Roundabout.

We have had further discussions with HE about the proposals for traffic lights on the roundabout. The current proposal put forward by the Church Commissioners to enable the Silver Street development to go ahead is not considered to be safe due to the small size of the roundabout. Further investigation is ongoing.

This is a very important decision for the village. (A similar proposal at Sandy made matters far worse and had to be withdrawn). There are further details and a diagram of the current suggestion on page 7 of this issue of the Roundabout and on the Parish Council website. We would very much welcome your thoughts on this.

Councillor Vacancy: Mark Williams has resigned as a councillor. We therefore have a vacancy. If you are interested, please contact the clerk

Office opening hours are: Mon, Wed and Thursday 10.30-2.00pm, Tuesday 2-4pm, Friday – closed.

Council Meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th September. The meeting will include a 15-minute open form. If you want to speak at the meeting, please let us know what you want to say, by writing to the Parish Clerk, by 3rd September. You will get a three-minute slot.

If required, the Council Planning Committee will meet on 13th and 27th August. Agendas for these meetings are posted on the Parish notice boards not later than the Saturday preceding the meeting.



FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Once again our Village Fete provided a super focus for the summer and many thanks to all those who worked so hard, especially Philip and his family, on getting this organised. Also to Compere Chris, who kept events moving all day!

And once again we are at the same point in the year when funding for County, District and Local Councils and organisations is a serious issue. County Councillors are openly talking of how long they can survive, given increasing responsibilities and flat funding. Huntingdon District Council is in better shape than most, thanks to the Conservative Majority's long-term plans to successfully increase revenue generating activities. The County Council is considering doing the same thing, with proposals to convert Shire Hall into a large hotel for the Cambridge tourist trade.

Here in Buckden, the Roundabout remains our key concern. A

western by-pass remains the correct strategic way forward and recent new legislation has infrastructure funding included. To get this by-pass back onto the Parliamentary agenda, the A1 Safety Groups in Buckden and Sandy are joining forces to launch a Petition to Parliament to request that the A1 between Alconbury and Baldock is brought up to national standards.

Jonathan Djanogly, our MP will be supporting this with additional support in Parliament and mobilising all the A1 MP's. I have been working hard on developing an inclusive Public Relations campaign to get all major transport organisations and fleet operators using the A1 involved and hopefully get their individual members to support us. Launch is planned for end of August, so more news soon.

Hamish Masson

Councillor HDC Buckden Ward

(Hamish.Masson@Huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County councils were created at the end of the 19th century. Their main purpose was to coordinate many of the public services on which people rely for their day-to-day lives, for example: education, social services, highways, fire and rescue, waste disposal, libraries, consumer services, town and country planning.

They were funded on a mixture of direct taxation (the local council tax), business rates and central government grant (essentially the national government paying local authorities to carry out tasks they thought important but which they could not administer directly from London).

Obviously the detailed structures have changed over time and some readers will remember the reforms of 1974 which created larger county council areas. More recently, in some areas county and district councils have been reorganised to form 'unitary authorities'.

Some functions have been removed from county councils: they used to run colleges of further education and the careers service but no longer; in 2010 schools were given the freedom to opt out of what was called 'local authority control' and become free-standing academies. Many did so, mainly secondary schools, since when they have re-grouped themselves into Academy Trusts, mini-councils but without any democratic oversight.

Why this history lesson? Because we are now on the brink of another significant change in the role of the county council. There has been a great deal in the national media recently about county councils going bankrupt, or soon to be unable to meet the rising demand and cost of providing the basic services people have come to expect.

Many of you have been asking me what the future holds. We may well be at another turning point. In the last decade of austerity since the financial crash of 2008, the money available to county councils has not simply kept pace with the demands on the services.

The Local Government Association (LGA), which brings together councillors from all political parties, has been outspoken in its challenge to government:

'The quality of the places we live in depends on our councils. They are the central cog in a machine that brings together all the elements we need to feel secure, safe and fulfilled. In turn, our councils must have the support from government to enable them to get on with the job.'

This is no longer about councils having to prove they can do more for less – it is now the Government's turn to show it has listened, understood and cares enough about the millions of people that rely on council services to take action.

Although collapse and bankruptcy are not imminent in Cambridgeshire, the reduction in services is huge and likely to get worse over the next couple of years. Some of cutbacks seem to me to be very short-sighted. For example, reducing Children's Centres which provide vital early care to families in difficulty may save money now but is likely to exacerbate social and human problems later on, with increased costs to society. Removing financial support from voluntary bodies is a particularly bad idea because, if we lose the goodwill and generous contribution of volunteers, the elderly, vulnerable, and disabled will suffer.

Cambridgeshire, short of money from the traditional sources, is merging its services with other local councils, becoming a property developer, setting up a lottery and its Leader has even been on a visit to China to try to persuade Chinese businesses to invest in Cambridgeshire!

All this is a far cry from the original intention and purpose of the county council system. It may be that new structures will emerge but my fear is that it is the most deprived members of society, the infirm elderly, the vulnerable young children who will suffer most. That is a challenge to us all!

Peter Downes, July 2019



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Local Group

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to their first indoor meeting of the autumn on **Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 7.30pm.**

This illustrated talk about Goshawks will be given by Conor Jameson, who has worked for the RSPB and BirdLife over 25 years. Conor has written for The Guardian and BBC Wildlife and is a columnist for the RSPB magazine 'Natures Home'.

The talk will tell the story behind Conor's well known book 'Looking for the Goshawk', which took him to some unexpected places at home and abroad in search of this mystery-shrouded bird of prey. Originally found in the UK, the gos-

hawk was persecuted to extinction in the late 19th century but re-introduced in the late 1960s. Conor will expand upon the turbulent history of the Goshawk, including how it lives, where it lives and why it might be missing from our lives.

Anyone who is interested is most welcome to attend. Meetings are held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB starting at 7.30pm. Booking not necessary.

For more information please contact Alistair Grant (alistairgrant@hotmail.com or 07775365507).

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FRIENDS IN DEED

Once again, we are indebted to all those who so generously donated bottles to the Friends in Deed Bottle Stall at the Village Fete. In spite of the inclement weather we raised the grand sum of £226, more than we have done in each of the previous 2 years! It will go to the Village Hall Trust. And, of course, very many thanks to all of you who bought tickets! In particular, our thanks go out to Friends in Deed members Angie and Pam, who organised it our stall, and also to Therisa and Bridget who provided much appreciated assistance on the day.



The next Community Café will be on **Wednesday 14th August in the Living Stones Room at St Mary's, 2.30 to 4pm**, and we look forward to welcoming you there. If you require transport

then just call us on the Transport Coordinator's phone listed below, but do give us a couple of days' notice.

Our Friends in Deed dedicated drivers, all registered with Cambridge County Council, are available to give lifts to hospital, medical, opticians and dental appointments, and for some social events, when family or friends are not available and public transport is unsuitable for the individual. There is a small charge. Buckden Surgery has its own transport scheme so we do not give lifts to the village surgery. Contact details for transport are 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 Neighbourhood Watch

Criminals posing as council staff are targeting people across the country in a new wave of council tax scams, offering bogus refunds or threatening fines. Fraudsters are telling people via text, email and telephone that either they have paid too much council tax and are due a refund, which they offer to claim on your behalf for a fee, or that you are in arrears and demand immediate payment.

Another scam aims to convince people their property is in the wrong council tax band and offers to secure a refund, again in return for a payment. Council tax band reassessments are available for free, but fees of £150 have been quoted in the scams that falsely claim to be from local councils or the Valuation Office Agency.

Some also use the Government's GOV/UK branding in text messages and often include a link to a fake website to claim the refund.

I urge if you receive an email, text message or phone call offering a Council tax refund not to give out any personal information particularly bank account details or debit or credit card details. Councils will never phone, text or email residents to ask for a payment to release a council tax refund or ask for personal bank details.

These council tax scams can damage people's lives, both financially and emotionally. Anyone can be fooled by them especially if they appear to look official.

To contact the police: 999 in an emergency; 0800 555 111 Crime Stoppers; 0300 123 2040 Action Fraud.

EMAIL burglarycrackdown@cambs.pnn.police.uk or visit www.crimestoppers.uk.org If you are not online you can telephone 101

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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 from 9.45 am and ending with Benediction at 10.15 am.

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

Buckden Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Paul Beard (01480 473444)

Stewards: Angie Barnes (810102)

Bob Baxter (810092)

Carol Sweystone (810053)

Services in August

Sunday 4th

10.30 a.m.

Morning Service: Mrs. Pauline Zahner

Sunday 11th

10.30a.m.

Morning Service: Miss Vivien Almond

Sunday 18th

10.30a.m.

Morning Service: Local Arrangement

Sunday 25th

10.30a.m.

Morning Service: Mr. Colin Webber

Activities in August

Please note, coffee mornings and soup lunch will be taking a break in August but do join us for **Holidays at Home: Monday - Wednesday afternoons, 5th-7th August.**

Diary Dates

Looking ahead to **September** please make a note of our two annual fund-raisers:

Friday 6th 10a.m. Shoebox Coffee Morning

Friday 27th 10a.m. Macmillan Coffee Morning

Everyone is very welcome to any of these events.

Traffic lights on the roundabout?

The Church Commissioners who are the owners of the Silver Street development site have proposed putting traffic lights on the roundabout.

This is their solution to enable the development of 340 houses to go ahead. They currently predict a queue of 300+ cars, over

a mile, in the High Street in the morning rush hour once the developments are complete. The development is currently on hold pending a solution to this issue.

This specific proposal is problematic. The roundabout is too small for right turning traffic to queue at a red light without blocking the A1. This is shown on the diagram. A similar proposal at the Sandy roundabout made the situation worse and had to be removed.



The Parish Council is very aware that the roundabout is a major cause for concern for everyone in the village. With no strategic bypass in sight, we need an alternative solution. We are continuing to talk to Highways England to try to identify a solution that will work. However we feel very strongly that any solution must be implemented for a trial period of, say 6 months, during which time the development must be on hold. The worst of all worlds is a traffic solution that doesn't work for Buckden, the houses are built, the developers walk away, and we are left with an unacceptable level of queueing.

We would really welcome your views on this. Buckden Parish Clerk
clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk

What's on at St Mary's Buckden: July 2019

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

**SUNDAY Services**

Sun 4	11:00am	Family Communion
	6:00pm	BCP Holy Communion
Sun 11	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11.00am	Family Communion
Sun 18	11.00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Sun 25	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	All-age service

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

Regular WEEKDAY Services / Prayers

Monday	2.15pm	Daily Prayers
Tuesday	2.15pm	Daily Prayers
Wednesday	9.30am	Communion
Thursday	2.15pm	Daily Prayers
Friday	2.15pm	Daily Prayers

Regular Groups / Activities

Mondays	8.15pm	Bell-ringing practice
Wednesdays	10.00am	Coffee after communion
	10.30am	Going Deeper
Thursdays	7.00pm	Getting Active walks
Fridays	6.45pm	Angel Voices (16 th & 23 rd)
Saturdays	10.30am	Coffee & Cakes

No JAMworkx, youth@thetowers, M&Ms, Junior Church or Open Meeting during August.

If you would like to join in with any of the groups/activities, please contact us via phone, email, facebook (details below) or just turn up.

For more information on our events / activities / services all year, see www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk or follow us on facebook: St Mary's Buckden or twitter: @A1churchbuckden

Priest in Charge: Rev Jes Salt 01480 819377 priestincharge@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

EVENTS IN AUGUST**Getting Active Walks: Thursday Evenings 7pm**

Why not join us for a walk? We walk for an hour. Venues vary so check the roadside noticeboard / St Mary's Buckden facebook page for locations.

Cleaning Crew in St Mary's:

Saturday 3rd August from 10.00am
please come and lend a hand to clean the church

Holidays at Home: club for those

mature in years but still young at heart!

Monday 5th; Tuesday 6th; Wednesday 7th August
2pm – 5pm at Buckden Methodist Hall
£3 per day. Activities, puzzles, entertainment, guest speakers, thought for the day and refreshments
Booking forms from St Mary's Church

Wednesday 14th August

COMMUNITY CAFÉ in St Mary's – all welcome

whether in need of support or just fancy a cuppa,
friendly chat and homemade cake
Second Wednesday each month 2.30pm-4pm


Jungle Jamboree! FREE Club for 5–11 year olds

Tuesday 20th; Wednesday 21st; Thursday 22nd August
9.30am – 12 noon at Buckden School

An action-packed programme of sport, games, crafts, music and competitions. Booking forms from St Mary's church or Buckden school

Need some peace and quiet? You are welcome to use any space in St Mary's – the church is open every day.

Room to hire: St Mary's Living Stones Room (with under-floor heating, kitchen and toilet facilities) and the smaller Tower Room are available to hire for meetings, groups & social gatherings:
bookings@stmarysbuckden.org.uk



Buckden & District Churches Together
www.buckdendistrictchurches.wordpress.com

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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 organisations. Those to be remembered this month are:

4th August	Cranfield Way, Cranfield Close, Weir Close, Smith Drive, Lucks Lane, Morris Close
11th August	Buckden Surgery: the doctors, nurses, receptionists, pharmacists, health visitors and midwives; those we know who are in hospital, the elderly, disabled and housebound
18th August	Farming communities, Taylor's Lane (West), Hardwick Lane, the residents and staff of Hardwick Dene, Great North Road, Brampton Road, Perry Road, Buckden Wood
25th August	High Street, Ivelbury Close, York Yard, Lion Yard, George Lane, King George Court, Taylor's Lane (East), Wolsey Gardens, Charles Court

Farewell from Paul Beard

Dear Friends,

Sadly, my time as the Methodist Minister for Buckden is drawing to a close and I will have left the area by the time this is published. All good things come to an end (as, mercifully, do all bad things.)

Buckden is an extraordinary village for a number of reasons. The deep devotion to Catherine of Aragon, the mix of shops, the fact that there are no more roundabouts on the A1 North until the area known only as "The Frozen North" is reached many leagues away, where there be dragons.

But there are two other ways in which the village of Buckden is outstanding. The first is that it *feels* like a community. That is not as common as many suppose and is something to be treasured.

The other is the depth and cheerfulness of the relationships between the three churches of the village. It exceeds anything I have seen in my 23 years as a minister around the country

and I will miss it a great deal.

Here we see the unity that is urged - but seldom practised - elsewhere and it enriches the whole life of the village. The generous and graceful spirit of co-operation gives us a deeper and more wholesome spiritual life than many communities. So my thanks to Father Anthony and Father Jim (and Father Chris before them) and to (Uncle?) Jes. Thanks, too, to all the people from each church who give their time and energy to the telling and living of Jesus's message of love, forgiveness and reconciliation. Treasure them for me and treasure the spirit of community you have here.

As Catherine of Aragon represents the splitting of the Church of God in this country, so this village on which she left her mark testifies to the possibility of healing those divisions. Given the intelligence, grace and piety of Henry VIII's first wife, it seems fitting it should be so.

God Bless
Paul Beard (Methodist minister)

Royal British Legion

The recent media coverage of the D-Day landings was so very moving and a stark reminder of the reality of war. The veterans this time approached the beaches by cruise liner provided by the RBL.



You may recall a few years ago there were hefty fines imposed on the banks for forming a cartel relating to certain banking services. Charities, including the RBL, were awarded money from those funds and the RBL chose to organise free trips for veterans to visit war graves. At the time I did place an "advert"

in the Roundabout with this offer.

Sadly I have to give notice now that I can no longer carry on with the annual Poppy Appeal as I am not able any more to do what is required. However I am delighted that Celia and Tim Walker have agreed to take over from this year. I can only now thank you for your support and willingness to part with your money for this vital good cause. I wish Celia and Tim the very best and hope they will receive your support too. I am sure the appeal will be in very safe hands.

Thank you so very much.
Veronica Hunstone

Peacock Hill pilates & nordic walking FREE Adult Taster Sessions in August

Come along and try Nordic Walking for FREE in August. All equipment provided.

Sat 3 Aug	11am	Plummer Park, Grafham Water
Tue 6 Aug	11am	Priory Park, St Neots
Fri 9 Aug	10am	Plummer Park, Grafham Water
Wed 14 Aug	10am	Riverside Park, St Neots
Fri 23 Aug	10am	Plummer Park, Grafham Water

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Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal 2019

Shoe boxes will be collected in November. Operation Christmas Child is a charity making a difference at Christmas, by giving shoe boxes containing small gifts to children in poor countries.

PLEASE NOTE SWEETS AND TOOTHPASTE CANNOT BE PUT INTO SHOEBOXES THIS YEAR DUE TO INCREASING CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

Gift suggestions

Toiletries

No Bottles or liquid items please, thank you.

Educational Supplies

Toys

Other items: Hat, scarf, gloves, sunglasses, hair accessories, wind up torch, jewellery set.

Are you able to knit a puppet, hat, scarf, gloves for a Christmas shoebox please? Thank you. Patterns are available. Or perhaps make a bag, pencil case or puppet using your sewing skills.

Of course, you may like to do your own shoebox, and this would be very welcome, as well.

Donations of money always welcome for transportation as it costs £5 to transport each box. Thank you.

If you would like more information, contact Carol Swepstone 810053 Thank you.

Events Programme



ANN MILES

September

Wednesday 25th September • 2:30pm
**Nature's Year – From a pictorial
photographer's angle**
an illustrated talk by Ann Miles

Ann is an experienced and accomplished photographer. She will include close up and sharp images of wildlife and plants together with atmospheric and abstract shots inspired by the natural world.

£2.50 each, pay at the door

All events are held or begin at the Visitor Centre

Working towards a dementia-friendly community



Reconnect Social Group

Welcomes ALL people living with dementia and memory loss together with their carers

Brampton Memorial Centre—1st Wednesday of every month

- Information on support & benefits
- Come along, see what it's all about
- and have a cuppa and a cake

Wednesday 7th August 2019 - 10am until 12

Victorian Ballads



On Wednesday 4th September 2019 - 10am until 12
Caring Together (formerly Carers Trust)
Awareness Talk.



Any questions? Telephone Janet on 07702 010594

'Summer Stay 'n' Play'

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 £3 per family! Older siblings are welcome too

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

2nd, 8th, 14th & 21st of August, 10 am till 12 noon

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Buckden Pre-School Playgroup
A place for Children to grow, to learn and to flourish

Buckden Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden, St Neots, PE19 5UY
Tel: 01980 820600, Email: buckdenpreschool@yahoo.co.uk,
Web: buckdenpreschool.co.uk

SUNDAY 28TH JULY
BUCKDEN PLAYING FIELDS
BURBERRY ROAD, BUCKDEN, ST NEOTS
11AM - 3PM

Buckden Preschool Playgroup invites you to....

The Big Play Party

A mini festival perfect for Bumps, Preschoolers & Preteens

- Face Painting
- Free Workshops
- Rides and Bouncy Castles
- Kids Entertainers
- Music
- Free Preschool Dance Classes
- Free Workout Sessions
- Free Arts and Crafts
- Food & Drink
- Stalls and Sellers
- Free Forest School Activities

Fun for all!

Join us to celebrate 50 years of helping children to grow, to learn and to flourish

Contact Buckdenpreschoolfundraising@gmail.com if you'd like to sell or perform at the event

★LIVE MUSIC★

IN AID OF...

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES. FIND A CURE. JOIN US.

Saturday 31st August 2019
Buckden Village Club
3 PM - 12 AM

STARRING...

★ 'LUCY LOCK' ★
'COVER SCHEME'
'SIXTY SOMETHINGS'
'DREAMS IN RED'
'CLARKSDALE CONTRACT'
'STAR LIZZY'

Food from **THE GIGGLY PIG COMPANY**

TICKETS £ 5, Children FREE
FAMILY FUN, ICE CREAM, DANCING, GLITTER, MUSIC

Further information coming soon!
Limited tickets will be available soon.. (200 max)

contact: lucie.clough@hotmail.co.uk

PostcardMyWall.com

COMMUNITY CAFE

Come to the Community Cafe

ALL WELCOME - whether in need of support or just fancy a cuppa, chat & homemade cake

on the 2nd Wednesday each month
2.30pm – 4pm
in the Living Stones Room at
St Mary's Church Buckden

12th June; 10th July;
14th August; 11th September 2019

Friends in Deed - here for the people of Buckden

Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme August 2019

This month, the group will be walking out on its four Wednesday at 2pm and five Fridays at 10am, 9 out of the 29 safe, average-60-minute, trained-leader-led walks. The walk on the 30th is from the Village Hall car park, and the one on the 21st is from the Black Horse pub at Godmanchester, not Brampton.

Anyone able to maintain an exercise-walking pace for up to 75 minutes should enjoy these walks. Suitable clothing and footwear plus a small bottle of drinking water are key accessories. The walks are free but voluntary contributions are welcome, as there is a generous council subsidy and accident insurance cover is provided. Refreshment and toilet facilities are normally provided at the chosen rendezvous.

Please note that there are also 20-30-minute walks from the Buckden GP Surgery every Thursday from 10am.

The website:- www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks, or telephone Danielle Sancaster on 01480 387047, email active-lifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society.

We meet at 7.30 on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at Buckden Village Hall. Whether licensed amateur or just interested in radio and electronics you will find a warm welcome awaits you.

Thursday 8 th August	Club natter night
Thursday 22 nd August	Club natter night
Sunday 25 th August	Huntingdonshire ARS Rally. Ernulf Academy, St Neots PE19 2SH. Free parking, Bring & Buy, Trade stalls. Talk-in 145.550 GX0HSR
Saturday 7 th September	Churches on the Air, St.Mary's Buckden
Thursday 12 th September	Club natter night
Thursday 26 th September	Club talk, Digital TV
Friday 27 th and	RSGB Hamfest 2019 Newark &
Saturday 28 th September	Nottingham showground, Lincoln Road, Newark, NG24 2NY

Further details contact the club secretary David Howlett, secretary@hunts-hams.co.uk or visit our web site <http://hunts-hams.weebly.com>

**Huntingdonshire Diabetes UK group**

Meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Buckden

30 July Mike Brooks: The Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme
August NO MEETING
24 Sept Nigel Sutton: Economic and Cyber Security Advisor.

We welcome all diabetics, family, friends and carers.
 Contact: hunts.diabetesuk@gmail.com

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. At each meeting we either have a guest speaker or participate in an activity of our own.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST

The next meeting will be:

9th September – 'John Flynn and the Royal Flying Doctor Service' – a talk by Alan Peasgood

Why not come and join us? New members are always welcome!

If you require a lift or any further information please contact Jane Scott on 811468 or Betty Millard on 810087.

**Buckden Wine & Beermakers Society**

We usually meet at the Scout Hut on the 4th Thursday of the month at 8.00pm.

1st August. Trivia quiz night with Sawtry Wine and Beermakers. Trivia Wine competition.

18th August BBQ at Tempsford

22nd August Members only Games Night and supper

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

to join a lively sociable group where help and advice on wine and beer making are freely given.

Visitors are welcome to join us.

For further information contact Ann Elliott 01480 810346

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

**Buckden Gardeners Association**

Buckden Gardeners Autumn Show

Saturday 7th September 2019

2.00pm Buckden Village Hall

Adult admission 50p, children free.

Schedule also on pages 15 and 16 of the Roundabout

Exhibit your home grown vegetables and flowers, or turn your hand to baking, craft or wine making. These are just some classes on offer for adults and children, novices to old hands. Or just come along and view the exhibits. **Stalls, raffle, tea coffee and scones.** Full details including the schedule are on our website: www.buckdengardeners.info
 Tel: Pam 01480 811680 or John 01480 812008 for further information.

Buckden Village Festival

Well at least the rain seemed to have read the timetable for the fete as it arrived at the beginning and stayed until the end. It was good to see so many people out in the rain enjoying the stalls and attractions. Thank you to everyone who was involved in preparing, setting up, running a stall, performing or clearing up. It is only through so much help that an event like this is possible.

Special mention must be made of StageWorks who continued dancing regardless of the weather in costumes that provided

very little protection. Thanks to Chris, Cedrick and Des who ran the arena, Debbie and Rosey who organised the stalls, Karen and Priscilla who ran the raffle, Corrine who kept the Facebook page up to date and Pat who organised the Quiz on Friday night – you missed a treat if you did not come. Well done to those that won prizes in the photo competition, on the Youth Stall or in the raffle, these will be distributed shortly. Raffle winners are listed in the table.

If you would like to help next year or have any good suggestions please let us know on
BuckdenVillageFestival@gmail.com

Buckden Village Festival Raffle Winners

	Prize	Ticket		Prize	Ticket
Buckden Village Hall Trust	£125	1778	One Leisure St Neots	Heat Experience Suite	1861
Buckden Village Hall Trust	£75	1784	One Leisure St Neots	Family Swim	1389
Over and In tennis	Voucher	1840	One Leisure St Neots	Free Fitness Class	1421
Anne Furbank	Goodies bag	0192	One Leisure St Neots	2 Leo's Funzone Pass	3827
Anonymous	M&S Beauty Box	1430	One Stop	Bottle of Champagne	0310
Beauty By Becky	Beauty Treatment	0342	ProlawnCare	Voucher	1457
Brampton Park Golf Club	Round of golf - 2 people	2670	Buckden Pharmacy	His and Hers Sets	1813
Beauty By Natalie	Beauty Treatment	0528	Salon on the green	Voucher	1895
Buckfest tickets	2 adult 2 children	1802	Susan Peters	Handbag	1741
Days of Buckden	Voucher	1345	The Lion Hotel	2 people Thursday Theme	2759
Draycott Brewery	Beer	3003	The Vine	Bottle Rose wine	2569
A1 Autocare	Free MOT	1280	Zumba Fitness	Voucher	3934
The Beauty Room	Voucher	1844	Waterside	2 One day memberships	0196
Elouise	Goodie Bag	2617	Waterside	2 One day memberships	1890
Dunmore Physiotherapy & Healthcare	Massage by Laurra Lillian	3842	Nails at the Forge	Night time pack	3834
JSK Fitness/Julie Keating	Pilates voucher	1724	Anonymous	Red Wine	1744
Nisa	Prosecco	0660			

A Buckden garden this month

Wasps!



Wasps can be a nuisance, as any summer picnicker can testify! Wasps are more likely to bother you in late summer. This is when the queen wasp has finished raising her brood. She stops rewarding the wasps with sugary treats so they set out to forage for other sources. Wasps can even get a little drunk on fermented fruit if they find windfalls!

Wasps aren't really mean stinging machines, as we sometimes think. They are brilliant predators of garden pests and help fertilize plants.

If wasps are bothering your picnic you can try a wasp trap to encourage them to keep their distance. You can find easy ones online to make at home.

Huntingdon Dining Club

Huntingdon Dining Club is a friendly fundraising group which raises vital funds for the national children's charity the NSPCC in Cambridgeshire through a programme of luxury luncheons, fashion shows and talks. Money raised by the club's events and membership fee will help NSPCC projects such as Speak Out Stay Safe.

2019 Events

7th October at 11am – Anne Furbank Autumn Fashion Show with Luncheon at 1pm

For more information contact Kate at
cfm.armstrong@gmail.com or telephone 01954 719745

Black Squirrels in Buckden

There has been a lot of interest in black squirrels around Buckden recently, with posts on the Buckden Residents Facebook page. They have been seen for years in the village, especially around the Valley and near the doctors' surgery, but there seem to be more this year. Have they increased or moved further afield? Certainly, in recent years in our garden in Mill Road, we have had the occasional black one visiting, just passing through, but this year we have at least three black individuals who have set up home in our trees. An adult took up residence in the spring and in May two beautiful black babies emerged from a hole in our dead horse chestnut tree. We see them all daily and the twins still hang out together.

So, who are they and where do they come from? I am no wildlife expert, so I turned to Google. Apparently the first sighting of a black squirrel in the UK was in 1912 in either Hertfordshire or Bedfordshire, depending on which article you read. It is thought that the current population is probably descended from escapees from a menagerie of exotic animals. They then spread north and east. In 2010, they were believed to make up 50% of the squirrel population in areas around Cambridge and have now spread further.



Twin black squirrel babies

According to an article in the Telegraph in 2014, researchers from Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge report that there is one difference genetically between our familiar grey squirrels and the black ones:

"The mutation in pure black squirrels, which are no threat to greys and can mate with them, is inherited from both parents and has a piece missing which is involved in producing pigment. This makes their fur remain black rather than develop white and orange stripes which gives grey squirrels their coat.

In grey squirrels the pigment gene works by producing two hormones - one which turns a switch on to produce black fur and another which turns this off, so that white and orange can be produced - creating the stripes.

In black squirrels the missing piece of the gene means this 'switching off' process never happens and their fur remains jet black."

When they first appeared, it was gleefully declared that black squirrels would take over, "giving Britain's grey population a taste of their own medicine", supposedly punishing them for previously wiping out the red squirrel population. That seems to me a bit unfair on the greys, as they were not to know that they carried the parapox virus which was fatal to red squirrels. Loss of woodland over the last century, road traffic and predators are all thought to have been threats to the red squirrel too, which are surely not the fault of the grey squirrels!

However, although research is continuing, it seems that now there's doubt about early theories that the black variety were spreading fast, and were fitter, faster, more competitive and aggressive. The greys and blacks live amicably alongside each other and interbreed.

We are happy to have them around – our garden is a happier and more interesting place with them here, black and grey. We love to watch them filling their spare time (having already filled their little bellies with our apples, hazelnuts and bird food), bouncing off trees, zigzagging at full speed over the grass, wrestling sticks, seeing off innocent blackbirds just for the fun of it, and generally having a ball of a time. All squirrels are destructive little creatures, but they give us far more pleasure than pain.

Lesley MacAndrew



Black squirrel in Mill Road garden

(Photos by Alec MacAndrew)



Autumn Show 2019

Buckden Village Hall
Saturday 7th 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



BGA Autumn Show 2019 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.
Tim Walker won in 2015, Sarah Winter-Goodwin 2016 and Albert Jackson 2017 so they are not eligible this year.

Section A – Novice Vegetables Classes [see rules]

1. 5 Onions dressed
2. 5 Shallots dressed
3. 5 Potatoes – any type, same variety
4. 5 Carrots – any type, same variety – foliage trimmed approx 3" [76mm]
5. Runner Beans
6. Beetroot – foliage trimmed approx 3" [76mm]
7. 5 Tomatoes, complete with calyx
8. 1 truss Tomatoes – any type – may be part green
9. At least 2 of any other variety of vegetable not classified above

Section B – Open Vegetables Classes

10. Specimen Onion dressed
11. 5 Onions dressed
12. 5 Onions dressed – all 5 not to exceed 2 lb in total [910g]
13. 8 Shallots Pickling – to pass through 1" [25mm] ring
14. 8 Shallots – exhibition
15. 1 Cabbage – any type
16. 2 Lettuce – any type
17. 5 Potatoes – white, same variety
18. 5 Potatoes – coloured, same variety
19. 5 Carrots – stump rooted – foliage trimmed approx 3" [76mm]
20. 5 Carrots – tapered – foliage trimmed approx 3" [76mm]
21. 3 Beetroots – foliage trimmed approx 3" [76mm]
22. 3 Parsnips – foliage trimmed approx 3" [76mm]
23. 2 Marrows
24. 2 Cucumbers
25. 6 French Beans
26. 1 Specimen Runner Bean
27. 6 Runner Beans
28. 1 Truss of Tomatoes – any type – may be part green
29. 5 Tomatoes
30. 10 Cherry Tomatoes
31. 1 Sweet Corn cob
32. 3 Leeks – washed and trimmed
33. At least 2 any other variety of vegetable not classed above
34. Heaviest yield from one potato [see Rule]
35. 3 Sweet Peppers
36. Display of at least 5 different kinds of vegetables – on a tray or board not exceeding 24" [610mm] in any direction – staging aids permitted
37. Vase of Mixed Herbs
38. Chilli plant[s] in a pot or container

Section C – Fruit Classes

39. 5 Dessert Apples
40. 5 Cooking Apples
41. 5 Pears
42. 1 plate/dish Blackberries
43. 1 plate/dish any other variety of fruit
44. 1 plate/dish mixed fruit

Section D – Mixed Flowers Classes

45. 1 vase 3 stems any flower which does not have its own class
46. 1 vase 3 stems decorative foliage – same or different [not in flower]
47. 1 vase 3 stems shrubs in flower – same or different
48. 1 vase specimen flower which does not have its own class
49. 1 vase mixed flowers containing at least 3 different kinds

Section E – Rose Classes

50. 1 Specimen Rose—single bloom— any variety
51. 1 Rose Specimen spray
52. 3 stems Hybrid Tea Rose – same variety
53. 3 stems Spray type Rose – same or different variety
54. 3 stems Hybrid Tea Rose – same or different variety

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

55. 1 Specimen Dahlia – any variety
56. 1 vase 3 stems Dahlia – same variety
57. 3 stems Pompon Dahlia – same variety
58. 3 stems Cactus or Semi-Cactus Dahlia – same variety
59. 3 stems Ball Dahlia – same variety

Section G – Pot Plant Classes

60. Fuchsia Plant[s] in pot or container
61. Flowering Plant[s] in pot or container
62. Foliage Plant[s] in pot or container
63. Any Cactus/Cacti or succulent[s] in pot or container

Section H – Floral Arrangements Classes

64. A flower Arrangement - a Cottage Garden not to exceed 610mm [24"] in any direction
65. A flower arrangement - Harvest Colours— not exceeding 610mm [24"] in any direction
66. A flower arrangement in a Teacup

Section I – Home crafts / Handicrafts

67. 1 Jar of Jam or Jelly sweet or savoury
68. 5 Flapjack fingers
69. A Tea loaf - 1lb tin
70. An Apple pie
71. A handmade Cottage loaf
72. Jar of Chutney or Relish (Named)
73. 5 Cheese Straws
74. 1 bottle of White/Sweet wine
75. 1 bottle of Rose/Medium wine
76. 1 bottle of Red/Dry wine
77. 1 bottle of Fruit Liqueur
78. 3 painted stones
79. A decorated flower pot
80. A Handmade cushion
81. An item made from recycled materials

Section J – Children's Classes

82. A Painted stone
83. A flower arrangement in an Egg cup
84. A Face mask
85. 3 decorated edible Rich Tea biscuits

Section K – Fun Items

86. Longest Runner Bean
87. Heaviest Potato
88. An animal made of vegetables
89. 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

Autumn Show 2019 Entry Form

Please return entry form to: 1 Lark End Buckden by 9:00pm on Wednesday 4th Sept

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

PLEASE NOTE: New entries and additional entries on the day of the show will not be accepted.

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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 E-mail Address

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

Buckden Local History Society Programme for 2019/2020

4 Sep	Mark Bunting	Myths of the Battle of Britain
2 Oct	John Shere	The Royal Observer Corps above and Below Ground
6 Nov	David Stubbings	The Cambridge Horse Tram
4 Dec	Terry Hayward	100th Anniversary of the R34 Airship's Transatlantic Flight
8 Jan	Karen Aspinall	Night Watchmen of Huntingdon
5 Feb	Bridget Flanagan	Cootes, Constables and Chickens, the history of Houghton Grange
4 Mar	Dr David Oates	The History of Chivers Jam Factory at Histon. 1873-1960
1 Apr	Becky Proctor	The History of Papworth Hospital 1918 – 2018
6 May	Diana Boston	The History of the Manor at Hemingford Grey
3 Jun	AGM	A Talk (TBA)
Jul	Summer Outing	TBA

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month, (except July & August), in the Claret Centre, Buckden Towers, (unless otherwise stated).

Membership: Annual £16.00, Visitors £4.00 per talk. Children free. We welcome new members and visitors.



Beer Festival

Join us for a great time on
Friday 13th & Saturday 14th September
Many Beers and Ciders, plus Gin Bar and other drinks for non-beer drinkers
Bands on both nights
Chips and Snacks
Friday night 18.00 to 23.30
Saturday 12.00 to 23.30
including Family Afternoon, Australian food in the evening
Location – Scout Hut, Lucks Lane, Buckden
All proceeds to Buckden Scouts

Hollywood or Bust

Hollywood or Bust is the Breast Cancer Support Group for breast cancer patients attending Hinchingbrooke Hospital.

Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month in the Education Centre at the hospital, at 7 p.m. **It is free to attend.**

More details from:

Lorraine Walker – Breast Care Nurse consultant
Tel: 01480363516/Email: lorraine.walker5@nhs.net
Mel Robinson – Specialist breast care nurse
Email: mel.robinson@nhs.net

Two Performances of PLAYBACK THEATRE
At the CLARET CENTRE, BUCKDEN TOWERS
4pm - 5.30pm
Saturday 6 July & Thursday 8 August
FREE – All welcome

Come and be surprised, entertained, enlightened! These are performances by students on the foundation course of the School of Playback Theatre UK as part of their training experience.

Playback Theatre is an improvisational participatory theatre form which first started in upstate New York with the original Playback Theatre Company in 1975 and has since then become a worldwide movement with groups and practitioners across the globe.



This event is hosted by the School of Playback Theatre UK.
www.playbackschooluk.org

Songs for a Late Summer Evening

**St Peter's Church
Offord D'Arcy**

**Saturday 7th September
7:30pm**

Performed by
Tapestry Singers
an unaccompanied chamber choir

Tickets £9

Including complimentary glass of wine or soft drink

**Information: 01480 811126/
07776 426103**
ticketoffice.stpeters@gmail.com





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Cambridgeshire, PE19 5UY
Tel: 01480 811101



www.buckdenvillagehall.co.uk
email: admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk

Bookings

On Thursday 29th July HC Jewellers of Royston will be in the Aragon Room for a gold buying day (10am to 4pm). If you have any unwanted jewellery pop on over as you may be able to convert it to cash.

Due to it being the summer holidays, many of our regular hirers may not be running each week. Please check our online calendar for updated bookings.

Village Festival

A massive thank you to everyone who came along to the Village Festival Weekend! Despite the rain shower, Saturday was a great day. Thank you also to the Village Festival Committee for organising the fantastic event – especially Philip Miles who has once again done a tremendous job. Thank you also to everyone who bought raffle tickets. This year we are raising money to replace the blinds and some chairs for the Hall.

From 2012 to 2018 the raffles have raised a massive £15,000! This money has been used to refurbish the pavilion, put up new fencing around the children's playground,

install free Wi-Fi in the Village Hall complex, 5-a-side area cleaned up and new fencing erected and a new mower.

The raffle provides financial security to the Buckden Village Festival which, as well as raising funds for the Village Hall Trust, allows village groups to raise their own funds and provide lots of enjoyment for all the village.

Thank you Buckden!

CCTV

The Village Hall building and surrounding area are covered by CCTV cameras.

Have a great summer everyone!

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 information

Jo Harvey, 01480 811101,
admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk
Office hours 9am to 2pm.

BUCKDEN WI

Our July meeting was party night. The committee provided scones, jam, cream and strawberries and also served the tea. Some members provided their own drink to make it more of a social evening. We all enjoyed eating and socialising with each other. It was a relaxing evening before our Summer break. We were entertained by "The Merrymakers" a local choir who provided an informal concert for us with songs, sketches and facts from 100 years ago, as we are celebrating our Centenary this year in October. This was



much enjoyed by all and we are looking forward to their next visit.

At the next Meeting, Tuesday 3rd September 7:30pm in the Millard Suite at the village hall our talk will be Aware, Alert, Alive: Self - defence for gentle people led by Jeanette Moser.

Everyone is warmly welcomed.
The competition is a handy hint for keeping safe.

For more information please contact:
Ruth Nicholas – 07957 334142
Judith Armitage – 01480 811717

New distributors for the Roundabout

The Roundabout magazine is delivered round the village by a dedicated team of volunteer distributors. We now need new distributors to supplement the existing team. Distributors typically deliver to between ten and 60 houses. If you'd like to contribute to the success of the Roundabout, and you have an hour or so to spare once a month, please get in touch. We are a friendly team who also meets socially a couple of times a year. Please contact the distribution co-ordinators at **distribution@buckdenroundabout.info**

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal Coffee Morning and Stalls

Friday 6th September 10am – 11:30am
at Buckden Methodist Church

Leaflets, knitting patterns and examples of knitted and sew items. 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. There will be a bring and buy stall, cake stall and card stall.

Please come along and find out if you are able to help in any way, thank you.
Carol Swepstone 810053



August 2019

Knit Lit Do you enjoy knitting and a good book? Our friendly group meets on alternate Fridays. In August Knit Lit meetings are on Friday 2nd, 16th and 30th from 8pm. Knitters of all ages and abilities welcome!

Summer Reading Challenge - Space Chase

Buckden Library challenges you to read 6 library books during the long summer holiday! For each book read you can collect a sticker. Collect all 6 stickers and you will receive a Certificate & Medal at our award ceremony in September. The Reading Challenge is suitable for children aged 3 - 11. Sign up for this free event in the Library from 13th July.

Summer Reading Challenge - Space Trail - from Saturday 13th July to Saturday 7th Sept

Can you spot the Rockets and Aliens? They're hiding all over the library! Hunt them out if you can. Suitable for children aged 5+, 20p per child.

The Animal Experience - Thursday 8th August - 10am - 12.00 noon

With over 24 years of experience The Animal Experience are bringing their interactive and fun animal handling day to Buckden Library. Learn all about rare and unusual animals with an opportunity to handle them. Suitable for children aged 3 and over, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are £3 per child and are available at Buckden Library. Event kindly supported by Buckden Parish Council.

Summer Reading Challenge - Craft Club - Saturday 10th August -- 10.30am - 12noon

Space and Alien themed craft activity. Suitable for children aged 5+. 50p per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Summer Reading Challenge - Scalextric Space Race - Saturday 17th August. 10am - 12noon.

Have a go on our Scalextric tracks and see how fast you can drive - without crashing! Suitable for children aged 5-11 and their parents/carers. 50p per child for 15 minute slot.

Lego Club Saturday 31st August - 10.30 - 12noon

See what you can build at our Lego Club. 50p per child. Suitable for children aged 5-11

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

"SHAKESPEARE" AT BUCKDEN TOWERS

Friday 2 August 2019

The Festival Players Theatre Company return, using an all-male cast, to bring you this beguiling comedy in a clear and fast-paced 2-hour production.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

in the

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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.

At the time of writing we are busy preparing for Sports Day. Sports Day is split into two halves – Reception and Key Stage 1 have their races in the morning and their field events in the afternoon, and Key Stage 2 have their field events in the morning and their races in the afternoon. We also plan for the traditional mums and dads races as well as the staff race. We hope that parents join the children to have a picnic on the school field. We are expecting our visitors to come along and enjoy the days events.

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.

Two year groups have had their school trips during the month. Our Year 2 children visited the grounds at Burghley House to learn about trees! They spent the first half of the day walking through the grounds and the second half of the day visiting the Gardens of Surprises, which is a water garden. Great fun was had by all and in the water garden every one enjoyed the surprise of water fountains. The children in Reception visited Shepreth Wildlife Park where they were able to see a large variety of animals and learn about how they live and their natural habitats.

During the last week of term we had many activities taking place in school. The PTA arranged the end of term discos – lots of dancing by everyone! The Year 5/6 children presented their play 'Plastic Pirates' to their parents and friends. Well done to the children, staff, parents and helpers who became directors, script prompters, scenery designers and helped with costumes. What acting superstars we have at Buckden School! The Year 6 children had their Year 6 Leavers Prom. Everyone dressed – the girls looked lovely in their dresses, and the boys all looked very 'dapper'! The leavers' celebration assembly was a very fitting finale and an emotional time for 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.



The summer term is nearly over here at Preschool, with the older children showing off their amazing show dance skills and their successful runner beans! By the time you read this, the hurly-burly of the last few weeks will be done: the leavers will have had their graduation photos taken (and their parents, and maybe even staff, will have shed a tear or two), the Teddy Bears' picnics will have been eaten, Sports Day and Aqua Afternoon will have given the children plenty of fun and exercise, and you will (hopefully) have flocked to our stall at Buckfest and our Big Play Party to celebrate our 50th anniversary. If you did, thank you for your support! We hope you had a great time.

However, all is not quiet at Preschool, as throughout the holidays we have our Stay 'n Play sessions running—do come along! Full details of dates and times can be found in our advert. It's a great way for new September starters to get used to their environment while having fun with their parents and carers.

Finally, the thanks. A big thank you to everyone who organised and supported our Pamper Evening, and those who came along to offer treatments and sell products. Everyone had a wonderful time and we raised a fantastic £448. Also, a massive thank you to Austin, Remy and Aiden, and their lovely mums, who have been fun-running to raise money for Preschool too. The final totals are yet to come in, but they've raised hundreds of pounds for Preschool so far.

In the meantime, we wish everyone a wonderful summer. See you back at Preschool or our fundraising events in September!

Autumn terms begins on Wednesday 4th September. For committee enquiries, please contact our Chairperson, Becky Milne, at buckdenpreschoolchairperson@gmail.com.

There are still some Preschool places available; to enrol your child or arrange a visit, contact our Manager, Samantha Sinclair, on **01480 810600 (term-time only)**.

For more information, visit www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk or see Facebook updates at <https://www.facebook.com/www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk/>.

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