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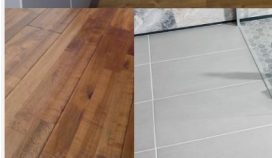


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It seems a bit odd to be writing about the festive season so early in November but such are the requirements of a monthly magazine!

This month sees the publication of the survey regarding a 20mph zone in the village. The survey can be found on page 5 and we would encourage you all to make your views known.

This edition is not the last you'll receive before Christmas as the January edition is prepared and delivered early. As a reminder all submissions for inclusion in the January edition need to be with the editor no later than **Thursday 3rd December!** We go to print only a few days later so it is a busy time for us and we won't be able to wait for late entries.

Like many of our contributors we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers, contributors, advertisers and distributors

### Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year

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. The address is:

<http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/>

#### Front Cover

The cover photo this month was provided by Peter Sharpe and shows a Hinchingsbrooke sunset; 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.

#### January Production Dates

Production dates for the **January Edition** of the Roundabout are as follows:

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The next meeting of the **Parish Council, including a 15 minute Public Forum will be held on Tuesday 8th December 2015 starting at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and raise any Buckden related issues.  
If required, the **Parish Council's Planning Committee** will meet on **Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 22nd December** starting 7pm. Agendas for the meetings are posted on the Parish Council notice boards not later than the Saturday preceding the meeting

## **FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

### **Keep Warm and have a Cuppa**

Cold weather can lead to serious health problems, such as heart attacks, strokes or pneumonia, and sometimes the cold weather can even kill, especially if you have a long term health condition or are 65 or over. There are several things that you can do to help yourself stay healthy in winter:

- Free flu vaccinations are available for those aged 65 or over, those that are pregnant or with serious medical conditions. Contact your GP if you think you may qualify for a free flu jab.
- Heating your home effectively and safely. Heating your home to 18 C is an ideal temperature.
- Keeping yourself fit and healthy can make even more of a difference when it comes to keeping well in winter.
- Have plenty of hot drinks and hot food.
- You may qualify for a winter fuel payment if you were born on or before 5<sup>th</sup> July 1952. To find out if you are eligible call 08459 15 15 15 or visit [www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment](http://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment)

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 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016** and I look forward to meeting any resident who would like to come and speak to me.

I would like to wish all residents a happy festive season and I, along with your district councillor, look forward to serving you in the New Year.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

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## **FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

### **A1 Update**

There have been some misunderstandings about what happens to the driver of a car exceeding the speed limit on the 60mph average speed section of the A1. Any driver exceeding the limit is either fined or offered the opportunity to attend a 'driver safety course' which costs on average about £100. During the three months to the end of September 743 speeding tickets were issued. This is a reduction on previous periods. The A1 Safety Advisory Group have talked to Highways England about the speeding on the 50mph sections of the road to the north and south of our infamous roundabout. Apparently the Government is currently not keen on static speed cameras but the Group will continue to press for some sort of solution. The blight of our ugly roundabout continues but Highways England have agreed to clear the accumulated debris in the centre. I have met Jonathan Djanogly to talk about the future development of the road. It is early days but I can assure residents that the Parish and District Councils will do their best to arrive at the best solution for Buckden and Diddington. Whilst talking about the roundabout I'm sure that villagers will share my delight at the news that there are plans to demolish the unsightly house next to the filling station.

### **SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE**

You will find a questionnaire in this Roundabout asking for your views on new speed limits for the village and I strongly urge all residents to have their say and to let the Council know their opinions. The road safety record in the village, apart from on the A1, is good. I have found no compelling evidence that there is a need for a village-wide change of speed limit nor any to suggest that such a new limit would improve road safety. That said, I can understand parental concerns in the area around the school and would support a 20 mph limit on the roads in the immediate vicinity of the school during school opening hours. I hope that you will not be overly influenced by a vociferous pressure group.

### **COUNCIL BUDGETS**

Both the County and District Councils are currently considering their respective budgets for 2016/17. Their decision will be reflected in the services that both are able to offer and the amount that we all pay in Council Tax. If you have strong views please let either Julie or me know.

This will, I believe, be the last edition of Roundabout before Christmas so may I take this opportunity to wish all residents a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

If you have any issues that you would like to discuss please contact me on 01480 810974 or [terry.hayward@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:terry.hayward@huntingdonshire.gov.uk).

# Buckden Parish Council

## 20mph speed limit for Buckden? Have your say

Responses to the 2014 Buckden Village Plan survey indicated that many Buckden residents felt that the speed of some traffic in the village was an issue. The Parish Council is now investigating the possibility of requesting a 20mph speed limit in most or part of Buckden. The change would involve installing large speed limit signs at the entry to the 20mph limit area and adding small repeater signs throughout the area. We don't expect that changes or additions to street furniture such as islands or speed humps will be required. The Police would be unlikely to enforce a 20mph limit any differently from the current policing of the 30mph limit. Costs are expected to be in the region of £10,000 for the whole of Buckden and Stirtloe east of the A1 (not including the current 50mph limit on Mill Road and the 30mph area by the Marina), and somewhat less for a smaller area. Costs would be borne by the Parish Council and it is possible, but not at all certain, that the Parish Council could get a grant from Cambridgeshire County Council of up to 90% of the cost. Should the Parish Council decide to request a 20mph limit, the final decision on whether it is implemented and its design and details will rest with the Highways Department of Cambridgeshire County Council.

### Benefits of reducing speed limit

- Potential reduction in road traffic accidents
- Reduced risk of injury or death in event of accident – every 1 mph less reduces casualties by 6%
- Giving young people and the elderly more confidence on the roads

### Concerns over reducing speed limit

- Is there actually a problem in Buckden?
- Will speed reduction be achieved in practice?
- Are costs justified?
- Could it give children a false sense of security in other villages or towns?

A major step in deciding the way forward is a consultation with residents. This would be a significant change to our village and it is important that the views of the whole village are heard.

We are asking everyone 18 or over who is resident or works in Buckden and Stirtloe to complete the simple survey below. You may copy the form. Additional paper copies are available from The Parish Clerk's office in the Village Hall, the Buckden Library and Days the Butchers. Alternatively, the survey can be completed on-line in a minute or less using the popular on-line survey service called [SurveyMonkey](http://SurveyMonkey) at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/buckden20mph](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/buckden20mph)



### Buckden 20mph survey

(to be completed by 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015)

**Should Buckden Parish Council request the introduction of a 20mph speed limit?** (Tick one box only)

- 1 No, the existing 30mph speed limit should not be changed
- 2 Yes, 20mph in all of Buckden and Stirtloe, east of the A1†
- 3 Yes, 20mph in an area around Buckden School that includes School Lane, and parts of Greenway, Silver Street, Mill Road and Church Street+

Which age group are you?

18-30

31-45

46-65

66 and over

Your name\*:

Your address in Buckden:

I am 18 or over, I live or work in Buckden and I am responding only once.

Please return the form to the Parish Clerk's office in the Village Hall, the Buckden Library or Days the Butchers in the High Street where collection boxes will be available; or by post to The Clerk, Buckden Parish Council, Burberry Road, Buckden PE19 5UY, by **27<sup>th</sup> December 2015** at the latest. Alternatively, you can complete the survey on-line.

† Cambridgeshire County Council advises that Perry Road, and Mill Road east of the main part of the village, should **not** be included in the scheme at this time.

+ The exact extent of the area would be decided in consultation with The Highways Department of the County Council at the time of the detailed design

\* We are asking for your name and address because we must be sure respondents live or work in Buckden or Stirtloe. The information will be used only for the purpose of this survey.



Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Northamptonshire

Huntingdonshire  
Local Group

### Wardens' Tales and Quiz

For our December meeting, The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will present a miscellany of two short Wardens' Tales plus a light-hearted wildlife quiz. This will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Two of the Wildlife Trusts' Voluntary Wardens will tell us about the work on their reserves over the year, including the fauna, flora, history and conservation of these wildlife habitats. Kevin Doidge is Warden of Upwood Meadows National Nature Reserve, which is well known for its fascinating flora. Martin Baker is Warden of Lady's Wood, which is a little gem of ancient woodland particularly renowned for its bluebells in spring.

Following the success of last year's fun wildlife quiz we will be holding another one this year, together with the usual raffle, wine and mince pies.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Entrance charge £2.50; accompanied children free. No need to book. Please contact Tim on 07941 261346 for further information.

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### 1st Southoe & Buckden Scouts Group

#### Scout Christmas Post – What is it?

It is a tradition for the 1<sup>st</sup> Southoe and Buckden Scouts to collect and deliver Christmas cards within the village in return for a donation for the service. Christmas Cards together with donations can be posted at clearly marked boxes in:

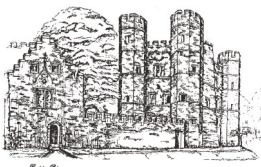
- One Stop, High Street
- Days the Butchers, High Street
- Costcutter, Hunts End

On the last Friday of the school term the cards are sorted and delivered by the Scouts on the following Saturday. We are sorry but we cannot deliver to addresses outside the village. Please write the full name and address on the envelope to help with delivery.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Southoe and Buckden Scouts are an energetic group catering for boys and girls from Beavers (6 years) through Cubs, Scouts and Explorers (18 years). The young adults then have the opportunity to become Young Leaders and help out at the various sections.

The Scouting group follows a varied programme all aimed at developing life skills and are an active part of the local community.

Money raised from the Scout Christmas Post and other fundraising activities goes towards providing equipment and facilities for the Scout Group.



### Buckden Local History Society

A Flying Bedstead, the Wingflap plane, catapults on aircraft carriers were all introduced to us by Barry Tomlinson from the Bedford Aeronautical Heritage Group. He led us through the evolution of Bedford RAE from USAAF air base to the research establishment that contributed developments in supersonic flight, tested experimental aircraft, developed automatic landing systems to be used in both military and civil airliners. We enjoyed the cockpit video footage taken at the time of the work showing landing in dense fog and demonstrating the impact of runway landing markings and lighting.

We barely touched on the subject of testing in the wind tunnels so we have invited Barry to come back to talk to us in September 2016 about these facilities once used to develop Concorde and now used by the Red Bull F1 team.

## CHURCH NEWS

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

Telephone: **01480 810344**

Website: [saintshughandjoseph.churchgoers.co.uk](http://saintshughandjoseph.churchgoers.co.uk)

In the pastoral care of the Claretian Missionaries:

Fr. Chris Newman cmf

Fr. Angel Ochagavia cmf

Fr. Peter Wareing cmf

Fr. Paul Peter Alphonse cmf

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Silent Adoration.** There is half an hour of silent  
adoration before the Blessed Sacrament every Thurs-  
day following the 9.30 am Mass and ending with Ben-  
ediction at 10.30 am.

**Would any newcomers to the Village who are**

### The Migrant Crisis Response

The recent proposal (see page 9), in respect of Buckden, whilst put forward with admirable intentions and sympathy' is not the answer as it might not be helpful. Why? What is a better alternative?

Why? Taking in one family diverts attention from tackling the real causes, and a long-term sustainable solution. It does not resolve the question of millions of others who could follow and the problems for the UK (the most crowded country in Europe, with a rapidly expanding population and a current density greater than China.) Problems range from lack of housing for present numbers to increased demands on social structure and services. Is it reasonable to provide for others when we already have housing provision problems for the indigenous population of Buckden?

There are a host of other problems to consider: viz: The Syrian problem is population growth related, 5 million in mid 1950's to some 27 million now, exhibiting recurring problems in the Arab world about political structure, aspiration, corruption and population growth and profile. Does the current failure to recognize and deal with this help anyone? A sustainable solution includes the return of those of people, to rebuild their own country, rather than using them to bolster the shortcomings of our own economic planning. Many refugees have been through traffickers, settling them here makes the traffickers market work. Do we really want that?

A practical solution is twofold.

1. Form a pressure group to write to MPs, MEPs, the PM, stating the need for much greater UN involvement in peacekeeping and safe havens in the area.
2. Form a group spending as much, if not more, on supporting UN work in the area to help keep people near their land, which will need them to rebuild it.

### Buckden Methodist Church

**Minister:** Rev. Paul Beard (473444)

**Stewards:** Bob Baxter (810092)  
Carol Sweystone (810053)

**Room Bookings:**  
Isabel Daniels (810084)

#### Services in December

##### Sunday 6

10.30 am Morning Service  
Mrs. Wendy Beard  
6.00pm SUS Berkley Street

##### Sunday 13

10.30 am Holy Communion  
Rev. David King  
6.00pm Evening Fellowship  
Favourite hymns & readings

##### Sunday 20

10.30 am Carol Service  
Rev. Paul Beard  
6.00pm No Evening Fellowship

##### Friday 25

10.30 am OA

##### Sunday 27

10.30 am Morning Service HC  
Mrs. Angie Barnes

#### Activities in December

<b>Wed 9</b>	<b>2.30 pm</b>	CAMEO Tea & carols Wesley Rm
<b>Fri 11</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Doctors Surgery Coffee Morning
<b>Mon 14</b>	<b>12.30 pm</b>	Study lunch

## CHURCH NEWS

**Please note that with effect from 5th December the main Sunday Service will move to 11AM**

The Benefice of Buckden & the Offords

### St Mary's Parish Church

Church St, Buckden PE19 5TL

[www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk)

Facebook: 'like' St Mary's Buckden

Twitter: follow @A1ChurchBuckden

email: [enquiries@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)

**Priest in Charge: Revd Jes Salt 819377**

The Vicarage, Church St, Buckden PE19 5TL

[priestincharge@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:priestincharge@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)

#### Churchwardens:

Anne Carter 812789

David Riley 810718

[churchwardens@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:churchwardens@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)

#### Pastoral Care Co-ordinator:

Marilyn Rolin 07719 087215 [pastoral-](mailto:pastoral-care@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)

[care@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:care@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)

**Friends in Deed (transport): 07914 669 967**

**Friends in Deed (general): 07810 006 598**

**Bookings for baptisms, weddings and funerals or room**

hire Contact [bookings@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:bookings@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)

### Services at St Mary's in December

Wed 2	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 6	11:00am	Family Eucharist
	6.00pm	Holy Communion
Wed 9	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sat 12	3.30pm	CHRISTINGLE
Sun 13	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Eucharist
Mon 14	9.30am	Buckden School Visit
Tues 15	7.30pm	VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE
Wed 16	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 20	11.00am	Family Eucharist
	6.00pm	Evensong
Wed 23	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thurs 24	2.30pm	CRIB SERVICE
	8.00pm	QUIET CHRISTMAS
	11.30pm	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
Fri 25	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	FAMILY EUCHARIST
Sun 27	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Communion
	7.00pm	Night Prayer
Wed 30	9.30am	Holy Communion

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

#### The Daily Office

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.

#### Keep in touch!

**If you've enjoyed the services and events at St Mary's over Christmas, we would love to see you again during**

### 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 - 11am (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.

#### Travelling Nativity Sets:

The knitted nativity figures began their Christmas journey on Advent Sunday. Their journey symbolises the journey that Mary and Joseph took from Nazareth to Bethlehem. If you would like to host a set for 1 or 2 nights, please contact Anne 812789 or Catherine 07746 599776

### Events in December

#### Christmas Coffee Morning

**Wed. 2nd December 10 - 11.30am**

Buckden Village Hall – Millard Suite

Entrance £3 includes Coffee & Mince Pies.

Raffle – Gifts – Cakes

Everybody Welcome

#### Friends in Deed: Living Stones Cafe

**Wednesday 9th December**

2.30pm – 4pm in the Living Stones Room

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

### Regular Groups and Events

**Newcomers are always welcome at all groups & events**

**Coffee & Cakes:** EVERY Saturday, 10.30-noon in the Living Stones Room. Contact Gina Bylett 01480 812777

**'Honeycomb':** A group for those who are on their own and find that time hangs heavy at the weekend. Meets at 7 Vineyard Way on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month 3 - 4.30pm for conversation, tea and cake, board games & fellowship. More information from Lorraine Toogood (01480 811352)

**The Churches Together Study Lunch** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month 12.30pm in the Methodist Hall for delicious soup & bread, and discussion.

**Ground Floor Group** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 8pm-10pm at 7 Vineyard Way to discuss anything and everything and ending with Compline. More information from Lorraine Toogood (01480 811352)

**Angel Voices informal all age gospel choir** rehearses Friday 18<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.45pm in the Living Stones Room. Contact Chris Bylett 01480 812777

**Open Ministry Meeting** No meeting in December

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



## CHURCH NEWS

	<p><b>Buckden &amp; District Churches Together</b>  <a href="http://www.buckdendistrictchurches.wordpress.com">www.buckdendistrictchurches.wordpress.com</a></p> <p>Anglicans                      Baptists                      Catholics                      Methodists</p>
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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 organizations. Those to be remembered this month are:

6th December	Village shops, and those who work in them; businesses based in the village, hotels, inns, and those who work at home; homemakers, carers, the unemployed and underemployed, and all visitors to the village
13th December	Clubs and societies, their leaders and members, volunteers, and the team that produces and distributes the Buckden Roundabout
20th December	Cranfield Way, Cranfield Close, Weir Close, Smith Drive, Lucks Lane, Morris Close
27th December	Buckden Surgery: the doctors, nurses, receptionists, pharmacists, health visitors and mid-wives; those we know who are in hospital, the elderly, disabled and housebound

### Thought for the month

Christmas is still three or four weeks away and we are already suffering from an overdose of Christmas food adverts and everything else associated with the commercialisation of the season. It's a relief to get to church on a Sunday for a bit of respite.

Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in the stable in Bethlehem. The Christian Calendar gives us a period of time to prepare for the solemnity of Christmas with the four Sundays of Advent. During Advent we are given the opportunity to reflect on the scripture readings, mainly from the Old Testament, which recall that the chosen people of God, the Israelites, were waiting, for several millennia, for the coming of the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ. Towards the end of Advent we move on to recall the visit of the Angel Gabriel to Mary to ask her if she would be the mother of the Saviour and how Mary and Joseph had to make the long journey to Bethlehem at the later stages of her pregnancy.

I remember when I was working in a rural area of Guatemala it was possible to prepare, during Advent, for the Feast of Christmas without the distraction of Christmas adverts etc. Though in the towns and cities it was rather different the commercialisation was catching up – even to spraying snow in shop windows. It does not snow in Guatemala! I appreciated being able to celebrate Christmas without all the razzamatazz. In the villages the people celebrated with the 'Posada', which re-enacted the search by Mary and Joseph to find room in the inn, by going to a different house each evening before ending up at the church on Christmas Eve. For Christians the Feast of Christmas is key to our faith as it marks God becoming man and dwelling with us.

May you all have a blest Advent Season before you enjoy the celebration of Christ-mas with your family and

### THE MIGRANT CRISIS

I love living here in Buckden where I feel supported and cared for. I would be heartbroken if I were forced to leave this village, family and friends.

Can we, as a very caring village community see our way to support a family who have, indeed, left everything and risked everything to find a life free from fear? It is just an idea but one that I hope will be supported by you all – if each household in Buckden gave 50p a week (more or less as we each can afford) we could rent a house for a family from Syria and have enough left over to help them settle down, find work and bring up their children in peace. There is a similar model being used in Canada, as well as a UK Government initiative looking for sponsors of families.

I do not have the skills or experience to drive this idea forward but I wonder if anyone reading this does? Some have responded since this was printed last month, but none with the required skills to take this forward. Please contact me (around 5 p.m. is a good time to catch me) if you feel you can help.

### STUDY LUNCH

The regular monthly study lunches continue on Monday 14th December 2015

*Come and celebrate Christmas  
❄️ in your local churches ❄️*

**St Mary's, Buckden**

**Christmas Eve**

2.30pm Crib service

*If you wish, come along dressed  
as a character from the nativity story*

11.30pm Midnight Communion

**Christmas Day**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Family Eucharist

**All Saints, Offord Cluny**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Family Toy Service

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Carol Joy

**Christmas Eve**

4.00pm Christingle

9.30pm "Midnight" mass

**Christmas Day**

9.00am Christmas Eucharist

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

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

4.00pm Carols by Candlelight



**Buckden Churches  
celebrating  
Christmas together  
(joint services taking  
place at St Mary's)**

*St Mary's will be open on  
29<sup>th</sup> November as a place  
for quiet, reflection and  
refreshment during the  
switching on of the lights*

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm  
Christingle Service**

*in aid of the  
Children's Society*

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm  
Village Carol Service**

*With a collection in aid  
of local charities*

**Christmas Eve at 8.00pm  
'Quiet Christmas' service**

*A service especially for  
those who find the festive  
spirit hard to come by*

**St Hugh's  
Catholic Church**

**Christmas Eve**

5.00pm Children's Mass

10.30pm Carols

11.00pm Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**

9.45am Mass of

Christmas Day

**Buckden Methodist  
Church**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am Carol Service

*Followed by tea/coffee  
& mince pies*

**Christmas Day**

10.30am Christmas

Celebration

**Perry Baptist Church**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am Carol Service

**Christmas Day**

10.00am Christmas

Morning Service

❄️ All the Churches wish you a ❄️  
happy & blessed Christmas & New Year

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme Huntingdon Group December 2015

On Friday, December 4th at 10am, the group will walk the "Diddington Doddle Health Walk" from the Village Hall: please join us on this easy-paced 60-minute walk; afterwards, refreshments will be available in the Millard Suite, for a small donation.

There will be five other Huntingdon health walks this month from other centres: details are on our website (see below) and in our brochures, obtainable from the Library, the Village Hall, Buckden Surgery, Buckden Marina, and from the walk leaders. The Huntingdon Group walks on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings.

The last 2015 walk will be on Friday the 18th, and walks will resume on Wednesday 6th January 2016.

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year!

[For more information, please contact:  
Danielle Sancaster (HDC Sports Development Officer)  
on 01480 387047,  
email [activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

### St. Mary's Christmas Coffee Morning. Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015.

Buckden Village Hall – Millard Suite  
10am to 11.30am.  
Entrance £3 to include coffee and mince pies.  
Christmas Stall – Cake Stall  
Bring & Buy – Raffle.

### Aragon Singers

The Aragon Singers have the following pre-Christmas concerts in December:

- Sat 5th Dec 7.30pm  
St Andrews Church Kimbolton
- Sun 13th Dec 7.30pm  
All Saints Church Ellington
- Sun 20th Dec 4.00pm  
Dolphin Hotel St Ives

Further details can be found on the website:

### APPEAL FOR WOOL

If anyone has any double-knit wool that they could donate, I would be extremely grateful to receive it. I am knitting blankets for Tanzania, for charity, as an -going project. Even odd balls are useful.

I would come and collect them, please phone 810464 or, alternatively, deliver them to 3 Lark End (2<sup>nd</sup> left off Vineyard Way), Buckden.  
Thank you, Yvonne

### MONDAY CLUB

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

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

Our last meeting for this year will be:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Mince pies, Christmas cake and a Christmas Raffle

**Reminder:** Our Post-Christmas Lunch will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at Frosts, Brampton.

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 Mil-

### Buckden Gardeners Association



**Tuesday 8th December  
8.00pm  
in the Village Hall (Lincoln Room)**

This is our Christmas Party evening. Come and join an evening of entertainment. Please bring a glass and a plate of festive food or drink to share.

For further information go to our website:  
<http://www.buckdengardeners.info/>  
or call Pam on 01480 811680



### Buckden Local History Society

### Tudor Christmas with Ancestral Voices

**Wednesday 2nd December 2015 at 7.30pm  
in the Conference Room at Buckden Towers**

### 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](mailto:trrslddn8@gmail.com)

Cost: **£10.00 per 3 hours** inc. 30 minute break

FOR YOUR DIARY



**Rhymes and Storytime**  
Every Tuesday at 2.15pm  
All under 5s welcome with their carers

**Knit-Lit**  
Friday 11th at 8.00 pm

**Christmas Activity Session**  
Come and make glitter stars

Tues- 22nd pm	Tuesday	10.00 am to 1.00 pm	day at 2.30
		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		

**Family Christmas Concert**  
Saturday 12th December 6:30pm  
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**Friday 11 December**  
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Church Street, Buckden  
10.30am to 12 noon

Come and enjoy mince pies, tea and coffee  
with your friends and get Christmas off to a  
good start

**ALL WELCOME**

## VILLAGE NEWS

Buckden Village Hall



Burberry Road, Buckden, Cambridgeshire, PE19 5UY

Tel: 01480 811101

[www.buckdenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.buckdenvillagehall.co.uk) email: [admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk)

### Bookings

Christmas is coming and Santa will be having breakfast at the Hall with Preschool on 12<sup>th</sup> December! There will be stalls and games for the kids too! We also have our lovely regular hirers as well as several corporate bookings.

The Hall had a total of 114 events which ran over the month of November! Thank you to everyone who not only book events here but also to those of you who come along to events which are held here. Without you, there is no Hall!

### Recent repairs and maintenance

- Annual fire extinguisher service
- The boilers have been serviced and fixed
- Annual PAT testing
- A new hand dryer has been fitted in the ladies toilets

### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

2015 has been a very busy year for us and a big thank you to all of you who have used the Hall in the past year. Everyone here wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and very best wishes for 2016!



## NEW STARS GET THE CHANCE TO SHINE

Wood Green will be rolling out the red carpet on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate the launch of Stageworks Foundation, a new charity created to support talented young people achieve their dreams.

Michael Bays is a director of local performing arts school Stageworks Studios and one of the founders of the charity. He has seen thousands of young people pass through the doors in the last twelve years and has seen the disappointment and frustration of talented performers having to give up on their passion for lack of funding. Michael says "We were determined to do something to help these youngsters remain in training. Young people who are lucky enough to have these talents, all deserve the same opportunity to develop and achieve and should not be restricted simply by lack of money."

Stageworks Foundation will start considering applications by the end of the year. It welcomes applications from students who are struggling to buy specialist training kit, shoes or leotards. It will also look at supporting gifted youngsters so that they can take part in the full range of classes and styles needed to be successful in the entertainment industry, in cases where parents' income or other funding sources are not sufficient.

The launch event will be a "Cabaret" featuring live music, songs and dancing from current Stageworks students with guest appearances from West End performers. Tickets priced at £15 are available from Stageworks Buckden Tel: 01480 812626 or from Stageworks St Neots Tel: 01480 223331

### NOTES

1. Stageworks Studios based in Buckden, Huntingdonshire was founded in 2003 and has provided training and classes in performing arts to thousands of youngsters since.
2. A second studio on Longsands campus in St Neots was opened in 2014.
3. Stageworks Foundation will help provide financial support to those students who struggle to afford fees and equipment so that they can go on to achieve their full potential.
4. Further information can be obtained from Michael Bays - [michael@stageworksstudio.co.uk](mailto:michael@stageworksstudio.co.uk) or Yvette Curtin - [yvette@stageworksstudio.co.uk](mailto:yvette@stageworksstudio.co.uk)

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Buckden Friends

After our lovely holiday at Warners Thoresby Hall it is now time to book your place on our holiday to Torquay next year. We are going for 7 days leaving Buckden by coach on Tuesday 17th May and returning on Monday 23rd May. The price of £445 includes hotel, breakfast and evening meals, and 3 days excursions in the Torquay area. Also coach and meal en route. We found a lovely place to eat when we went on our planning trip.

To secure your place please pop £100 deposit to me at 32 Mayfield with a note of your contact details and your room requirements.

Phone me if you want more details 01480811020, 07981727603 or email [patking@writeme.com](mailto:patking@writeme.com). New comers will be made most welcome. Single rooms available.

Happy Christmas to all our Buckden Friends  
Pat & Brian King



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### Thank You

Once again, a big "well done" to Buckden Friends, very ably run by Pat and Brian King. We have just returned from a five day break to Thoresby Hall, a magnificent hotel in Nottinghamshire in beautiful grounds. Could not be faulted - attractively priced, door to door travel, excellent food, facilities and entertainment. Pat and Brian seem to think of everything and they do it all so effortlessly and always with a big smile. Thank you both.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW) COLD CALLERS AND ROGUE TRADERS TARGET THE WORLD OF COUNCIL TAX

Huntingdonshire District Council has once again been contacted by a number of concerned and confused residents who received calls from national claims companies, more usually linked to Personal Payment Indemnity (PPI).

These calls are misleading in at least two respects. Firstly, the calls state that the Council has already agreed that the 'banding' of the taxpayers property is incorrect and secondly, the cold caller requests an upfront payment, most recently reported to be £69.99, to ensure that the householder gets their refund.

The statutory duty to value all domestic property for council tax purposes lies with the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) not the council, and they can be contacted by calling 03000 501501, emailing [cleast@voa.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:cleast@voa.gsi.gov.uk), or via the VOA pages of the Government website [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). All these details are provided with every council tax bill issued by the District Council.

The council has previously warned of similar cold calls to business ratepayers offering to get them 'small business rate relief' or 'retail rate relief'. These reliefs can be applied for, free of charge, direct from the council, and most conveniently with simple online applications on the 'business rates' pages of the Council's website.

For more free advice on these reliefs ratepayers are encouraged to call the Local Taxation helpline on 01480 388030.

To contact the police:

- Call 999 if the incident is recognised as an emergency
- Call 101 to report less urgent crime or disorder, or to contact the police with a general enquiry.

Your village NW Coordinators are:

**Richard West 811467**

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### FRIENDS IN DEED

Our AGM was held on 21 October and it was a well-attended and lively meeting. Christine Lawrence stood down after 6 years as Coordinator, and the Committee, and indeed all present, expressed their gratitude for the caring dedication and hard work that she had put in for the people of Buckden during her tenure. Jane and Andy Scott are the new Coordinators, with Jane taking the lead, and they will continue in their role as Transport Coordinators as well. There are no changes to the Committee. To finish with, we were given a very interesting and entertaining talk by the Revd Jes Salt about his pre-clergy life and about food banks.



There are two special events to look out for. The Quiet Christmas Service, a quiet, reflective event which Friends in Deed has always supported, will be held on Christmas Eve at St Mary's Church at 8pm. The Winter Tea Party will take place in the Methodist Hall on Wednesday 10 February at 2.30pm. As ever, transport will be available on request to collect and return those who would like a lift to either or both events.

For help or information contact:

Coordinator: Jane Scott 07810 006598

Requests for transport: Andy Scott 07914 669967.



## BUCKDEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL (Primary Academy Trust)

### 2015

Autumn Term Closes Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### 2016

Spring Term opens Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Spring Term closes Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Summer Term opens Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Half Term 30<sup>th</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Sumer Term closes Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

**Professional Day Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**Professional Day Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**Professional Day Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**Professional Day Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Autumn Term opens Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September

**Half Term 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Autumn Term closes Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### 2017

Spring Term opens Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Spring Term closes Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Summer Term opens Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**Half Term 29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Sumer Term closes Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

**Professional Day Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

**Professional Day Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**Professional Day Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**Professional Day Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**Professional Day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

### Distributors

Don't forget the Christmas Social.  
Thursday 17th December at 1030am  
Living Stones Room at St. Mary's

Copies for delivery can be collected at the event or will be delivered as usual later that afternoon.



Spectacular firework pictures! Colourful rangoli patterns to mark Divali! Colour of the week! November has been a very bright and artistic month in pre-school. The children also marked Remembrance Day by colouring in beautiful poppies and attending the ceremony at St Mary's.

On the fundraising front, our Halloween Party was again a huge success, raising just under £300. Thank you to everyone who organised or attended it! The money is already being put to use, firstly to buy us a lovely rainbow storage trolley to house the children's work and letters that are destined for home.

December ushers in our letter of the week theme, and of course all things Christmas! Hopefully, you came along to try your luck on the tombola at our Christmas Lights stall. Please do join us for our Santa's Breakfast and Christmas Fayre, too – details are below.

Finally, all the staff, children and committee members at preschool wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe and warm!  
*Miss Alison*

Please visit [www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk](http://www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk) for more information or ring 07941 671999 to book a visit or talk to our Manager, Michelle Nelson. Our Chairman, Alan Scott, can be contacted on 07745274921, and [www.facebook.com/www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk](http://www.facebook.com/www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk) has our latest up-

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## THE SPORTS PAGE

### BUCKDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



BJFC is a Charter Standard club comprising 7 teams:

#### October/November Match Results

LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
<b>Hunts Mini-Soccer</b>				
10/10/15 <sup>^</sup>	Cambourne U10 <sup>^</sup>	6	Buckden Buzzards U10 <sup>^</sup>	1
10/10/15	Buckden Eagles U8	2	Ramsey Colts U8	1
17/10/15	Buckden Buzzards U10	4	KC Cougars U10	0
17/10/15	Papworth Blasters U8	2	Buckden Eagles U8	7
24/10/15 <sup>^</sup>	Buckden Eagles U8 <sup>^</sup>	15	Godmanchester U8 Blue <sup>^</sup>	0
7/11/15	Little Paxton Colts U10	2	Buckden Buzzards U10	5
7/11/15	Buckden Vultures U9	7	Little Paxton Colts U9 Sky	2
7/11/15	Buckden Eagles U8	15	Somersham Town U8	1
<b>Hunts Youth (9v9)</b>				
10/10/15	Buckden Harriers U11	4	FC United Hammers U11	1
10/10/15	Buckden Condors U11	6	Brampton Spartans U11 Blue	0
17/10/15	Warboys Colts U11	4	Buckden Harriers U11	2
17/10/15	Buckden Condors U11	3	Godmanchester Town U11	6
31/10/15 <sup>^^</sup>	Needingworth Colts U11 <sup>^^</sup>	1	Buckden Harriers U11 <sup>^^</sup>	4
7/11/15	Buckden Harriers U11	4	Hemingford Juniors U11	1
7/11/15	Grandsen FC U11	2	Buckden Condors U11	9
<b>Hunts Youth (11v11)</b>				
10/10/15 <sup>^^^</sup>	Staploe & Duloe U14 <sup>^^^</sup>	5	Buckden Falcons U14 <sup>^^^</sup>	1
31/10/15	March Soccer School U14	16	Buckden Falcons U14	1
7/11/15 <sup>^^^</sup>	KC Cougars U14 <sup>^^^</sup>	11	Buckden Falcons U14 <sup>^^^</sup>	1

<sup>^</sup>Friendly    <sup>^^</sup>Hunts Yth League U11 Cup    <sup>^^^</sup>Hunts Yth League U14 Cup    <sup>^^^</sup>Hunts FA U14 County Cup

#### **Buckden Needs Referees for Mini-Soccer Matches**

Buckden JFC requires Refs on Saturday mornings at Buckden for U8, U9 and U10 home matches. You don't have to be formally qualified – you just need to be able to do the job! This would be ideal for someone doing his/her Duke of Edinburgh Award or an adult who wishes to give something back to the community. However, if you would like to gain a formal Referee qualification, BJFC is willing to finance a training course for you to achieve this. Either way, if you wish to find out more, please contact Buckden JFC Secretary Bob Crane (01480 434610).

#### **Buckden Dribblers Still Welcomes New Players and Needs Coaches**

The Dribblers now have a record 33 players in attendance but still wish to encourage more to join in. The age group has been expanded from U5/6s to U4/5/6s to enable children in Pre-school, Reception and Year 1 to attend (effectively 3 to 6 year-olds). The Dribblers would also like any parents, especially those whose offspring are in Pre-School and Year 1, to help as coaches. This would allow the present management to ready the prospective

### Buckden Bowls Club

#### Contact Numbers:

Club Sec.	Ladies Sec.	Monthly Draw Org.
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- Fri 11th Dec Christmas Meat Raffle  
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- Sat 12th Dec 'Sparkle & Dazzle' Xmas Party  
Starts at 8pm
- Sat 19th Dec KARAOKE!  
Starts at 8pm
- Tue 22nd Dec Pie and Pint Night  
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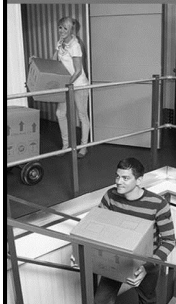
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