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December 2018

Well, another Christmas is just round the corner. It seems as though the time between one Christmas season and the next gets shorter and shorter as the years go by. And yet the months of hot dry weather we enjoyed in the summer seem an age ago.

We have a number of local clubs and societies introducing themselves in this edition—check out Monday Club on page 7, Buckden Gardeners Association on page 13, and Offord and Buckden Angling Society on page 15.

In this edition there is also a guide on page 10 to all the Christmas events and services in the Buckden churches. Don't forget the Christmas Market and the switch-on of the Christmas lights in the High Street on 2nd December.

The Buckden Roundabout is urgently looking for an assistant

to our advertising manager. Without the Roundabout Team, there would be no magazine, and I encourage anyone with just a little spare time to contact us via the advertisement e-mail address below.

I urge all contributors and advertisers to note that the copy deadline for the January edition is at close of business on Wednesday 5th December, which is earlier than normal. This is because the January edition is distributed just before Christmas, instead of at the end of the month.

Finally we wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

This month's cover photograph is of some of the wreaths in St Mary's Church which were on display last Christmas, and was provided by Alec MacAndrew. As ever, we are very grateful. This Christmas, there will again be a wreath festival in St Mary's Church.

We are always looking for photos, images, drawings and paintings to use on the front cover so please keep sending them in. Please note that photos should ideally be in portrait format and should be a *minimum* of 2000 x 1700 pixels. More is better!

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Buckden Parish Council News...



Vacancy for Councillor

Unfortunately the Council is losing the services of Peter Emeleus because of the pressure of work and family commitments. His resignation means that there is a vacancy on the Council. The Council can now co-opt a new member and would welcome applications from interested residents. Please contact the Clerk or Chairman if you would like to be considered.

School Zebra Crossing

The Council has been successful in its efforts to obtain a Zebra Crossing between the school and the green on Mill Road. The County Council has formally posted a Notice of Intent to install the crossing. We hope that this will greatly enhance the safety of parents and children at the busy times of the school day.

Allotments

The Parish Council Allotment Advisory Working Group has been working hard to improve the facilities at the allotments. There are now vacant plots. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk. If the vacant plots cannot be filled by residents from Buckden, Stirtloe and Diddington they will be offered to the residents of Southoe at a slightly higher rent than that paid by local residents.

Lucks Lane

The Council continues to work with the HDC and the developer's agents to achieve the best results for the proposed development of 180 houses. The views of residents have been taken into account in the Council's comments on the Design Code and we shall continue to make our views clear during the period leading to the Planning Application Detailed Proposals. By the time you read this, the Council will have had a meeting with the developer's agents, Pegasus, and we will report back on this in the January edition.

Budget

Details of the Council's debate on the budget are contained in the minutes of its meeting on 13th November. This is a worrying time for local Councils especially when the County Council is proposing to cut back on the services it provides. This may mean that Town and Parish Councils may need to take on extra responsibilities. In its budget proposal to the District Council, the Parish Council proposed that its contribution to the Council tax bill be increased by 30p a week for a Band D house.

Neighbourhood Plan

At the time of writing, 15th November over 300 responses have been received to the Questionnaire. Our target is to exceed 500. The responses received to date are largely from the over 45s in the village and we would welcome more input from the younger residents. **This is your opportunity to influence**

ence how the village will develop over the next two decades. Please let us know your views. You can

complete the questionnaire by www.buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk or by contacting the Clerk for a paper copy.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th December at 7.30p. The meeting includes a 15-minute open forum for residents to ask questions but please apply in writing for a 3- minute slot prior to the meeting. Planning meetings, if required, will be held on Tuesday 27th November and Tuesday 11th December at 7.00pm. Our new Clerk, Ramune Mimiene, can be reached at: clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk or on (01480) 819407.

Buckden Neighbourhood Plan
Are you worried about development?
Help us plan the future of our village.
We need your input!

Buckden Parish Council is producing a Neighbourhood Plan.
This is critical for the future of our village.
It will help us influence future planning applications.

Please go on line at www.buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk and complete the questionnaire. Paper copies are available in the Village Hall, local shops and hotels. If necessary, call 07557 025241 and we will arrange to deliver one to you.

What a neighbourhood plan does:

- Sets out planning policies for the village and allows the local community to specify what they expect for the future.
- Written by the local community, NOT the Local Planning Authority
- Local planning authorities and planning inspectors must take account of the plan
- It has statutory recognition

It will include:

- Required improvements to infrastructure e.g. roads, rail, public transport
- Meeting village needs for affordable, sustainable housing for young and old
- Meeting village needs in education and medical care
- Improvements e.g. public spaces, amenities and cycle paths
- Protection of wild life, historic buildings, open spaces
- Preserving Buckden as a village community
- Long term sustainable development for current and future generations

FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The first 'post-austerity' budget has happened. The Chancellor, by nature a fiscal conservative, reluctantly conceded that 'the era of austerity is finally coming to an end.' There were therefore some encouraging announcements of improvements in public expenditure. Substantial extra money for the NHS is welcomed and there were some small improvements for local services. The £420 million for pot-hole filling went down well in the Highways departments across the country, enabling them to respond to the torrent of demands placed on them. There was also extra money allocated to the hard-pressed social care service (for adults and children) but a national grant of some £400 million, though it sounds a lot to us as individuals, doesn't make a huge difference when spread across the whole country. At the time of writing, I don't know exactly how much of that will be allocated to Cambridgeshire, probably about £4 million. To put that in perspective, the Children's Social care budget for the current year is already £3.6 million over-spent.

Over the last few years, the budgets for public services have been drastically reduced. Local government funding, the aspect which directly affects what Cambridgeshire County Council can do, has been reduced by 49%. Nationally, £20 billion of welfare cuts have been imposed, nearly 1,000 Sure Start Children's Centres have been closed, as have nearly 500 libraries, so we now have a substantially enfeebled country, in which the most vulnerable are at greatest risk. Nevertheless, looking on the brighter side, Mr Hammond's budget appears to signal a move away from the traditional Thatcherite goal of shrinking the state, acknowledging that the public favours a more social democratic approach. He did

not however go as far as increasing taxation for the highest earners.

The other big uncertainty for the future is, of course, the outcome of the Brexit negotiations. The independent Office for Budget Responsibility predicts that the economy will be smaller by about 2.5% than it would have been if the referendum had not been called.

All these national macro-decisions have an impact for councillors at the bottom micro-end of the public expenditure chain because it is we who face the almost daily calls for more expenditure e.g. 'the High Street pavements need repairing', 'why aren't the verges being cut or the trees trimmed back' etc etc etc.

Parents with children in local state schools may have noticed that the Chancellor has allocated extra money to schools, amounting to £10,000 for a primary school and £50,000 for a secondary school to enable them to provide the 'little extras'. This phrase has provoked derision from Heads, teachers and governors who are struggling to provide enough teachers and teaching assistants, hardly little extras. The increase equates to about 0.8% of the total schools' budget, which needs to be set against the 8% real term cuts over the last 5 years.

Meanwhile, I continue to work with the Parish Council and other activists in the village to try to improve cycling facilities, to improve the Ouse Valley way path, to resolve the roundabout delays and railway crossing impasse. Progress at times seems slow or non-existent and I know how irritating that must be for those who think obvious solutions can be implemented quickly.

Peter Downes, October 13th, 2018

FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

By the time you read this, the village Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire will have closed. Formal results will be announced in January, but first impressions suggest we are a community with a keen interest in business and that there are a very large number of people concerned about the quality of life for those in retirement.

One good bit of good news, the planning and housing development problems we have been having, may be set to get better in the spring because the Huntingdon 2036 Plan has been well received by the planning Inspector and is likely to be approved giving our planners more scope to challenge opportunistic developers.

Lastly traffic on the A1. After a meeting with the road

group at Sandy we are planning to give the problems at Buckden a higher profile by making it a national issue. We are planning a joint Petition to Parliament for the spring. This is a formal procedure and if we get 100,000 signatures, the issue must be raised in Parliament! So if you know of someone with an interest in the A1 and a big Facebook profile, or following on Twitter please let me know!

Very best wishes for the holidays

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Christmas Miscellany

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to this year's Seasonal Miscellany. This will be held on Wednesday 12th December 2018 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

This regular Christmas event will include a celebration of more than 30 years of our Local Group, a fun quiz, plus wine and mince pies. Our guest will be Kevin Hennessy (Trust Director for Business Development and Engagement). Kevin has come to the Trust from a background of commerce, having managed a packaging company, so a complete change of direction for him!

We aim to have an enjoyable evening and anyone who is interested is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The entrance charge is £2.50 (accompanied children free). For more information please contact Tim on 01480 457795.

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

There are times in our lives when we could all do with a little extra support or companionship whatever our age or circumstances.



The next Community Café is on 12th December, in the Living Stones Room in St Mary's Church from 1430 to 1600. Homemade cakes, tea and coffee - all welcome! Transport can be arranged (see below) and we look forward to seeing you there.

The Winter Tea Party will be held on **Wednesday 13th February** in the Methodist Hall at 2.30pm so there will be no Community Café on that day. Please save the date!

If you would like a visitor to chat to, or if you need help or advice, or transport, then don't hesitate to get in touch with us (details below) and we will try and help. We can signpost to professional agencies such as Citizens Advice, debt agencies, food-banks and have other information available to help point you in the right direction. All personal information is treated in strict confidence.

To contact us: Just drop in to the Community Café which we run on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Living Stones Room at St Mary's Church. Alternatively, if you do need help, or if you would like to join us in providing help to others, please call our Co-ordinator, Jane, on 07810 006598. For transport requests, please call Andy on 07914 669967.

Leave a message on either number and include your contact details - we will call you back.

<http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/friends-in-deed>

We wish all our Friends a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

Buckden Neighbourhood Watch

Motorists' Responsibility for the Safety of Cyclists

Motorists can be the biggest danger to cyclists along with parked cars which can also be hazardous for cyclists. On a single carriageway the legal requirement in the Highway Code is 1.2m separation for a car overtaking a cyclist. For safety, treat the cyclist as you would a car and drive in the overtaking lane, if it is safe do so. If you are driving behind a cyclist, slow down and drive at a distance behind the cyclist, and if there are parked cars in the opposing lane give way to the cyclist. The speed limit is 20 in parts of the village - this is for the safety of all road users. It is important to be aware of cyclists in the roads with parked cars and poor visibility.

Security

Lighting - good lighting can deter a thief. You can fit exterior lights to the front and rear of the house. Exterior security lights are not expensive. Preferred exterior lighting is dawn to dusk lighting rather than lighting with infra red sensors.

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

RICHARD WEST Village Coordinator 01480 811467 working with CLIVE WILLIAMS 01480 811828

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

Telephone: **01480 810344**

Website: <http://stjosephsthugh.org/>

In the pastoral care of the Claretian Missionaries:

Fr. Antony Arockiam cmf
Fr. Jim Kennedy cmf
Fr. Paul Peter Alphonse cmf

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

Weekday Masses - Monday to Saturday at 9.30 am in the Lady Chapel.

Morning and Evening Prayer Monday to Saturday at 9.15 am and 5.45 pm in the Lady Chapel.

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

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

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

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

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

Buckden Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Paul Beard
(01480 473444)

Stewards: Angie Barnes (810102)
Bob Baxter (810092)
Carol Sweptstone (810053)

Services in December

Sunday 2nd
10.30 a.m. Morning Service: Mr. John Green

Sunday 9th
10.30 a.m. Morning Service: Mrs. Wendy Beard

Sunday 16th
10.30 a.m. **Carol Service**

Sunday 23rd
10.30 a.m. Morning Service: Mrs. Leonore Charlton

Tuesday 25th
10.30 a.m. **Christmas Morning Service:** Rev. Pam Siddall

Sunday 30th
10.30 a.m. Morning Service: Mrs. Pauline Zahner

Activities in December

Friday 7th: 10 a.m. Buckden Surgery Patients
Assoc. Coffee Morning

Monday 10th: 12.30 p.m. Study Lunch

Friday 14th: 10.30 a.m. Coffee Morning

Friday 21st: 12 noon Soup and
Sweet Christmas Lunch

Friday 28th: 10 a.m. Coffee Morning

**Everyone is very welcome to any of these events.
We wish you all peaceful and happy Christmas.**

Monday Club

Monday Club provides an opportunity to meet up with friendly village ladies who enjoy a regular afternoon event in the Millard Suite in the Village Hall. We meet once a fortnight in the term time from 2.30 to 4.00 and aim to provide a varied programme of events. We book speakers several times a term, and in between those meetings organise our own entertainment eg quizzes, bringing in items of interest to discuss etc. Each meeting finds room for the ubiquitous cup of tea and biscuits and general chat, and we also hold a small raffle. Each member pays a £1 and occasionally brings a small raffle prize. We even have the regular attendance of two dogs who speak most highly of the biscuits!

Twice a year we have an outing, once in November for a pre-Christmas shop usually at the Huntingdon Wyevale Garden centre (it is amusing how the whole of Monday Club descends on the shoe department!), and once in the summer to a place of interest not too far from Buckden. We use the HACT community bus service which is friendly, especially if we manage to secure Paul as driver, who looks after us superbly well. We do have the ability to manage wheelchairs and always visit somewhere that is wheelchair friendly. And of course, we find time for tea and cake or lunch depending on the time of day.

In June we hold a strawberry tea in Jane and Andy Scott's garden weather permitting, where we can enjoy the outdoors under gazebos if the weather is hot, or indoors if not.

We also have a Christmas lunch, usually shortly after Christmas, and the last few years it has been at The Lion where we have been very well looked after by Jill and her team.

Transport is provided to the meetings for anyone who needs it.

So, if you fancy giving it a go, either just turn up (the next month's meeting is always advertised in The Roundabout) or give Jane Scott a ring on 01480 811468 or Betty Millard on 1480 810087).

What's on at St Mary's Buckden: November 2018

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



SUNDAY & Christmas Services

Sun 2	11:00am	Family Communion
Sun 9	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11.00am	Morning Service
	3.00pm	Christingle
Sun 16	11.00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Tues 18	7.30pm	Village Carol Service
Weds 19	6.00pm	School Carol Concert
Sun 23	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	All-age Communion
Mon 24	2.30pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Tues 25	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Christmas Communion
Sun 30	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Communion

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	1.30pm	Daily Prayers
Wednesday	9.30am	Communion
Thursday	11.15am	Daily Prayers
Friday	9.15am	Daily Prayers

Regular Groups / Activities

Mondays	8.15pm	Bell-ringing practice
Wednesdays	10.00am	Coffee after communion
	10.30am	Going Deeper
Thursdays	3.15pm	Jamworkx (school)
	7.00pm	youth@thetowers
Fridays	6.45pm	Angel Voices (14 & 21 Dec)
Saturdays	10.30am	Coffee & Cakes

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Saturday 1st December from 10am
CLEANING CREW IN ST MARY'S

Sunday 2nd December 2pm – 5pm
BUCKDEN CHRISTMAS MARKET & ST MARY'S WREATH FESTIVAL

St Mary's will be open with the Christmas wreaths and an indoor stall. The school will be visiting to sing. Come in for refreshments.

Wednesday 5th December 10am – 11.30am
ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING at Buckden Village Hall

Raffle-stalls-gifts.
£3 entrance includes coffee & mince pies.

Sunday 9th December 3.00pm
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - one for all the family. Organised by Buckden's Churches and Scouts. Collection for The Children's Society

Wednesday 12th December 2.30pm at St Mary's
COMMUNITY CAFÉ – all welcome
Tea, cake & chat. Supported by Friends in Deed

Wednesday 12th December
M&MS LADIES GROUP – CHRISTMAS MEAL
(please book in advance with Jane Salt)

Tuesday 18th December 7.30pm
VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE
a truly lovely village occasion with candlelight, handbells, Aragon Singers & more. Organised by Buckden & District Churches Together. Mulled wine, hot chocolate & mince pies afterwards,
Collection to local charities

CHRISTMAS EVE – MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER
2.30pm CRIB SERVICE

for children and their adults. Come along dressed as a character from the nativity and join in as we hear the well-known story of Jesus' birth

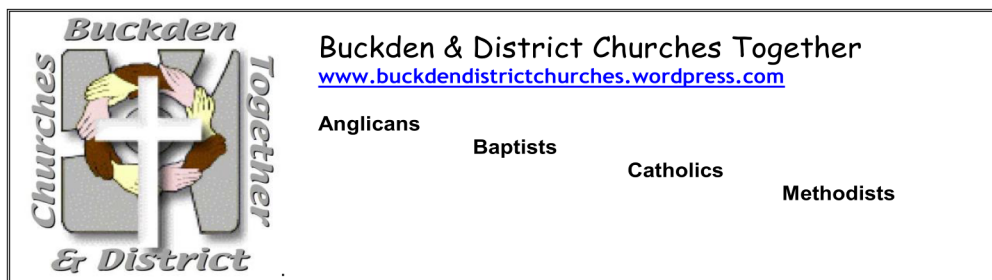
11.30pm MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
come and celebrate with us

CHRISTMAS DAY - TUESDAY 25TH DECEMBER
8am HOLY COMMUNION
10.15am CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

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

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



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:	
2nd December	Manor Gardens, Manor Close, Glebe Lane, The Grove
9th December	Park Road, Falcon Way, The Marinas, and those who live and work there
16th December	Field Close, Lincoln Close, Silver Street, Beaufort Drive, St Hugh's Road
23rd December	School Lane, Buckden Primary School (pupils, teachers and teaching assistants, governors, volunteers, midday supervisors, all support staff)
30th December	Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Playgroup and Day Nursery, Buckden out of Schools Scheme, Buckden Towers Youth Retreat Centre

Thought for the Month

Greetings!

Christmas is a-coming! If you listen hard, somewhere behind the roar of the school run traffic, the barking dogs and the hiss of leaking headphones you can just discern the faint jingle of sleigh bells. So we turn our thoughts, once more, to the wonderful events of the first Christmas.

Christmas is a time of great celebration in Church, and rightly so. For some, however, Christmas is an ordeal. For those whose lives resonate with Luke's story of Mary and Joseph — alone, unwelcome and suffering great anxiety — Christmas can be a time of almost unbearable stress and pain.

Christmas is also a time when we see people in our Churches who never normally attend. They come for many different reasons. Some just enjoy the celebration; some are seeking an experience of God, conscious-

ly or unconsciously; some are borne down by the weight of their distress and are hoping for comfort and relief.

Whatever their reasons, it is up to us to welcome and accept them. Christmas is a time, above all, to embrace the stranger and offer hospitality and care. Joseph and Mary found a cool reception: only the innkeeper showed them compassion, and then it was half-hearted.

I pray that those who pluck up their courage, those who respond to a whim and those who just come because it is part of their Christmas ritual will all find a warm welcome in our Churches this Christmas. But this is a prayer which we cannot just leave to God to sort out. This is one we have to help God make happen. As we celebrate the outcast God among us, let us also celebrate those among us who are on unfamiliar ground as they join our worship.

Enjoy Christmas and have a happy New Year. God Bless.

Rev. Paul Beard

STUDY LUNCHES
10th December – lunch; an Advent theme - Methodist Church Hall 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm
Contact: **Ann Brittain** on **812012**

Thank you and Goodbye from the Paynes
Arthur and I have now moved to Shrewsbury to be closer to Betina, Ian, Angus and Rosalie, but also to Cesar and his family.

Sadly there was no time to say goodbye to many of you, and we would like to thank our wonderful friends and neighbours for their kindness, love and friendship over our almost 40 years in The Osiers. Also a big thank you to the amazing Friends in Deed. It was my privilege to be one of your drivers and I will miss my lovely ladies, and the odd gent, I was allowed to drive and, of course, Jane and Andy and the other drivers and friends. I will still come to Buckden to attend my monthly bookclub, time permitting.

Lastly, may we wish all our friends, neighbours and acquaintances a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.
With Love and all good wishes - Liz and Arthur Payne

*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

10.15am Christmas
Communion



All Saints, Offord Cluny

Sunday 2nd

9.30am Foodbank Collection

Sunday 16th

9.30am Carol Joy

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Christingle

5.30pm Christingle

9.30pm "Midnight" mass

Christmas Day

9.00am Christmas Eucharist

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

Sunday 9th

4.00pm Carols by Candlelight

**Buckden Churches
celebrating**

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

Sunday 2nd

Christmas Market

*St Mary's will be open during the
afternoon with stalls, wreath fes-
tival, singing and refreshment*

Sunday 9th at 3.00pm

Christingle Service

*Organized by the Scouts in aid of
the Children's Society*

Tuesday 18th at 7.30pm

Village Carol Service

*Followed by mulled wine, hot
chocolate & mince pies
at Buckden Towers*

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 16th

10.30am Carol Service

*Followed by tea/coffee
& mince pies*

Christmas Day

10.30am Christmas
Morning Service

Perry Baptist Church

Sunday 16th

10.30am Carol Service

Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas
Morning Service

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

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adverts@buckdenroundabout.info

Music for Guitars Church of St. Hugh, Buckden Towers, High Street Buckden, Cambs

Sunday 2nd December @ 5pm
Anglia Guitar Orchestra
programme includes works by
Purcell, Scarlatti, Vivaldi, Debussy, Ravel & Grieg

Tickets £5 available on the door, under 16s free
Enquiries & further information please contact
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Scout Christmas Post



Let the Scouts deliver your local Christmas cards for a donation!

Scout post boxes available in Days, Nisa and One Stop from beginning of December

Delivery 15th December

Cards for Buckden only please.

Buckden Roundabout January Edition

Early Deadline

The January edition of the Buckden Roundabout is distributed before Christmas, instead of on the last Thursday of the month. This means that we have an earlier deadline for copy.

Will all contributors please note that the deadline for copy for the January edition is no later than close of business on

Wednesday 5th December

St. Mary's Fundraisers Christmas Coffee Morning

Wednesday 5th December.
10am – 11.30 am.
Buckden Village Hall.

Entrance £4 to include Coffee & Mincepies.
Raffle – Bring & Buy – Gifts
Everybody Welcome!

Buckden Community Litter Pick

Every bottle, bag and bit of plastic we collect is one less washed out to sea and swallowed by a dolphin.
Join us and make a difference.

Meet outside **The Lion Hotel, Buckden.**
Sunday 16th December, 9.30 am

Feel great after an hour or two of fresh air and good company. Complimentary refreshments kindly provided by **The Lion Hotel.**

Please contact Natasha Marsh via email
tasha.marsh2@gmail.com or leave me a message on
07913 657836 if you'd like to come along.

Hi-Vis jackets, litter-pickers and bags will be supplied courtesy of Hunts District Council. Please bring your own gloves and suitable footwear.

All ages welcome, including children if supervised at all times by a parent or carer, as we will be picking along roadsides at times.

Plastic Action Needed



Buckden Local History Society

"Norman Cross – Napoleonic Prisoner of War Camp"

By Paul Chamberlain,
an author and Napoleonic era historian
who was heavily involved in the restoration of the
Eagle Memorial at Norman Cross.

**Wednesday 5th December, 7.30pm at
The Claret Centre, Buckden Towers**

Visitors welcome

For further details contact **buckdenhistory@gmail.com**

**Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme
Huntingdon Group December 2018**

With almost 30 different walks available, the Huntingdon group marches on! On Wednesdays at 2pm and on Fridays at 10am, excluding public holidays, we follow trained leaders for about an hour. However, this December, there will be five healthwalks only, including one on Friday the 7th from the Buckden Village Hall. For details, please see below.

A healthwalk will be right for anyone who can maintain his/her exercise-walking pace for between 45 and 85 minutes. All-weather clothing and footwear are key, and we recommend carrying a bottle of drinking water. The scheme includes insurance cover; as it is also subsidised, voluntary contributions are welcome. Meeting points are usually near refreshment areas.

The first 2019 healthwalk will be on Friday January 4th.

Contacts: www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks and Danielle Sancaster, 01480 387047.

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 6th December - HARS Christmas dinner
- Thursday 13th December - Mince Pie night
- Thursday 10th January - Club meeting
- Thursday 24th January - Club meeting

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



Buckden Gardeners Association

TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2018

8.00pm in the Village Hall (Lincoln room)

This is our Christmas Party evening - join in the festive spirit by bringing along a hat depicting a theme or person for others to guess, be as creative as you like.

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

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

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.

10th December - Christmas Quiz and Cake

The first meeting in January will be on **Monday 7th January 2019** and there will be a talk by Ann Scott entitled 'Our Polish Christmas'.

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



Buckden Wine & Beermakers Society



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

20th December - Christmas Party

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



**Christmas
Coffee Morning**

**Friday 7th December
10:15am – 12 noon**

**Methodist Church Hall
Church Street, Buckden**

Free Admission - All Welcome





Come to the Community Cafe

All welcome – whether in need of support or just fancy a cuppa, chat and homemade cake

on the 2nd Wednesday each month
2.30pm – 4pm

in the Living Stones Room at
St Mary's Church Buckden

14th November; 12th December 2018

9th January 2019

Friends in Deed - here for the people of Buckden



Please send us your photos of the event.

Our favourite photo will win a small prize and will be on next years poster!

buckdenchristascom@gmail.com

Buckden Gardeners Association

Date and meeting venue: 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 7.45pm in the Millard Suite, Buckden Village Hall in the winter months, and out and about in the summer.

The group is for anyone interested in visiting gardens, gardening, wildlife and for allotment holders .

What happens at meetings?

During winter months in the Village Hall, there are talks by professional speakers on a wide range of horticultural and wildlife topics.

There are two garden shows a year which are opportunities

BUCKDEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL (Primary Academy Trust)



Term Dates

2018

Autumn Term Closes Thursday 20 December

2019

Spring Term Opens Monday 7 January

Half Term 18 – 22 February

Spring Term Closes Friday 5 April

Summer Term Opens Tuesday 23 April

May Day Monday 6 May

Half Term 27 May – 31 May

Summer Term Closes Thursday 18 July

Professional Day Friday 19 July

Professional Day Monday 22 July

Professional Day Tuesday 23 July

Professional Day Wednesday 24 July

Professional Day Monday 2 September

Professional Day Tuesday 3 September

Autumn Term Opens Wednesday 4 September

Half term 21 – 25 October

Autumn Term Closes Friday 20 December

2020

Spring Term Opens Monday 6 January

Half Term 17 – 21 February

Spring Term Closes Friday 3 April

Summer Term Opens Monday 20 April

May Day Monday 4 May

Half Term 25 – 29 May

Summer Term Closes Wednesday 15 July

Professional Day Thursday 16 July

Professional Day Friday 17 July

Professional Day Monday 18 July

for club members to exhibit flowers and vegetables that they have grown, homemade wine, cooking, crafts and flower arrangements. Doors open in the afternoon for all to view and admire. There are outings in the summer to gardens and places of interest. There is a club shed for members to purchase good quality gardening essentials at excellent prices. We have a summer Garden Party and winter Christmas Party

The club is ideal for anyone living in Buckden and the surrounding villages. There is a small annual membership fee, and visitors are welcome to most events.

Contact details: Pam 01480 811680 and website at www.buckdengardeners.info



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Falls Prevention Assessments

Everyone Health (part of ChangePoint Lifestyle Services) is still offering 1-1 appointments for individuals aged 50+ who may have a fear of falling, have previously had a fall or just would like to increase their physical activity level. Their mission is to provide an accessible service that helps reduce the risk of falls, trips and slips in the community. The team aims to help each individual to identify and address any risks before they become a problem by conducting assessments, as well as prescribing home-based strength and balance exercise programmes. They are running these assessments here at the Village Hall so if you would like any further information please contact Change Point on 0333 005 0093.

2018 has been another really busy year for us at Buckden Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who has used us in the past year and to all of you who will use us in the future.



Have a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2019!



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.**

Paul commented "Do not allow the eye to fool the mind".

The members enjoyed the evening and commented "he is excellent, can he come again, I haven't laughed like this for a long time". The atmosphere in the room was happy and relaxed and Paul was able to engage the members in an informal way with his personality.

At the next Meeting Tuesday 4th December 7:30pm in the Millard Suite at the Village Hall it is our fish and chip evening and also the election of our committee for the coming year. The competition is An Advent Calendar.

For more information please contact:
Ruth Nicholas – 07957 334142
Judith Armitage – 01480 811717
Patricia Ford – 01480 819144

Bookings

Along with all our regular hirers this month we have two kid's parties, a Craft Fayre (8th), Tora Seishin's Christmas Party, Buckden Day Nursery Christmas play, Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society's Christmas Dinner and St Mary's Christmas coffee morning (5th).

Christmas Fayre

The Trust is organising a raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas Fayre on 2nd December. Thank you to all the local businesses who have generously donated fantastic gifts and also to everyone who has bought tickets so far. First prize is £300 cash! 15% of the proceeds will be donated to the Christmas Lights Committee and the rest will be used to improve the facilities that the Trust provides. We will be selling tickets door to door and at the Christmas Fayre, so please do support the Hall by buying raffle tickets. Tickets are also for sale at the Village Hall office if you would like to pop over.

BUCKDEN WI

At our November meeting Paul Vickers, a Magician was our speaker on the "History of Magic". Paul demonstrated some magic tricks as he took us through the history. Paul combined his magical skills and wit for his entertaining performance, with lots of fun and audience participation.



Paul had us in fits of laughter with his hand cuff tricks, along with his mastery of cards and the "Cut & Restore" rope trick. Paul was very good at involving the members and this caused much laughter and enjoyment, especially his trick with a toy goose and a pack of cards. Paul passed a poster round with "I love Paris in the the Springtime" for us all to look at and very few members noticed that the word the was repeated. As

Buckden Junior Football Club wins FA Charter Standard Club of the Year Award for 2017-18

As you may already know, BJFC won the Charter Standard Club of the Year Award for the 2017-18 season ('Charter Standard' is the FA official seal of approval for a correctly-run club). Also, Stuart Duncan, our U8 Hawks White manager was runner-up in the Coach of the Year Award. Michael Lander (Chairman), Bob Crane (Secretary) and Alan Lewey (Child Welfare Officer) attended the awards ceremony on Saturday 13th October where we received our framed certificate which we hope to display in Buckden Club (Kevin Stableford, our Chairman until the end of last season, was unable to attend).

However, as well as the certificate, detailed below are the items we have also received for winning the award: £100 kit-

locker voucher (used to purchase pegs and new corner posts), 2 new banners (displayed at the field on the playground fence), new RESPECT 'A' board (for display on match days), 3 RESPECT hoodies, 10 size 3 footballs, 12 size 4 footballs, 2 size 5 footballs, new set of cones, 8 orange bibs, 8 green bibs. We will be using the bibs, cones and some of the balls for our U7-U9 open weekly training session for players who do not belong to teams.

Finally, a big 'thank you' to those who nominated us for the awards and to all parents, carers, players, managers, coaches and Club Committee members for their continued support of the Club.





Children's activities

Storytime

Come along to our Tuesday storytime for pre-school children. This fun session runs every Tuesday from 2.15pm during term time. The dates for December are Tuesday 4th, 14th and 18th.

Saturday craft club

Join us on Saturday 8th December for a festive themed craft. 50p per child.

Lego club

There will be no Lego club in December. We will start again in January, look out for dates in the library.

Christmas trail

We'll also be running our popular Christmas trail in the library from Saturday 1st December. Find all the pictures to get a sweet treat!

Winter Mini-Reading Challenge

If your children enjoyed Mischief Makers, they may like to take part in the Winter Mini Reading Challenge, based on the book 'There's a yeti in the playground'. Starting on Saturday 1st December and finishing on Friday 11th January, the challenge will be run through the Winter Mini Challenge website (ready on the 1st December). To take part, children simply read three books of their choice, then add each book to their Winter Reading Challenge website profile and leave a short book review. The Reading Agency will also have a whole host of fun activities, quizzes and reading recommendations, plus an exciting new competition. Copies of 'There's a yeti in the playground', as well as many other titles by award winning author Pamela Butchart, are available to borrow from Cambridgeshire Libraries. Find out more in the library.

Regular activities

Engage in the Afternoon - Cromwell and Christmas

On Wednesday 19th December, 2pm – 3.30pm, local historian John Davies talks about Christmas during Cromwell's regime. A festive talk with a difference! Pick up your free ticket from the library.

Knit Lit

Do you enjoy knitting and a good book? Our friendly group meets on alternate Fridays. In December Knit Lit meetings are on Friday 7th and 21st from 8pm. Knitters of all ages and abilities welcome!

Researching your family history? Come along to the library where you can access Ancestry for free and if you need some help, we can book you an appointment with one of our volunteers.

Concessionary bus pass

Applying for or renewing your bus pass? We can help you at the library, no appointment necessary.

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
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2018 - 2019



OCTOBER 19TH
2018

Frédéric Aguessy, *piano*

NOVEMBER 30TH
2018

Joy Farrall, *clarinet*;
Caroline Dearnley, *cello*;
John Lenehan, *piano*.

JANUARY 25TH
2019

Katya Apekisheva and
Charles Owen, *piano duo*.

MARCH 1ST
2019

Emma Halnan, *flute*;
Robert Burton, *saxophone*;
Manon Fischer-Dieskau, *piano*;
Christine Zerafa, *piano*.

MARCH 29TH
2019

Masayuki Tayama, *piano*.

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(ALL 5 CONCERTS: £60)
GROUPS OF 20+: £10 EACH
STUDENTS UNDER 21: £5

Offord and Buckden Angling Society (OBAS)

The Offord and Buckden Angling Society was formed in the early 1800's, and until 1959 benefitted from the Great Northern Railway Station at Offord which, being only 100 yards from the club's water on the River Great Ouse, provided easy access to anglers from the north and south of the country. Some of our members remember travelling on the train with their grandparents and fishing for Chub alongside the great Dick Walker.

Today, the club has access to approximately seven kilometres of top class fishing on the River Great Ouse, located between the Grafham Pumping Station at Offord Cluny and continuing along the river downstream, almost to Brampton. Whether you're looking for a still water, a fast-flowing stream, a small intimate river or one that's wide, languid and deep, OBAS have it. The river is well populated with all types of fresh water fish notably Barbel, Bleak, Bream, Carp, Chub, Dace, Gudgeon, Perch, Pike, Roach, Tench and even Zander. Incredibly Catfish and more unusually Sea Trout are two species that have also been reportedly caught in the past.

OBAS Membership

Adults £25.00, OAP 65+ £10.00, Disabled £7.50, Junior -17 Free
Members are entitled to fish all sections and now night fishing is allowed on all sections as well. Our annual membership runs for 12 months from 16th June but note that the 'Close Season' applies to present OBAS waters as of June 2018.

Membership books are available from the following;

Gt Paxton Community Shop; Offord Village Stores; Ouse Valley Angling, St Neots; Stanjay Sports, Godmanchester; St Ives Tackle, Wyton; bailiffs on the bankside at the river. Day tickets also available.

For more information please contact the Secretary, Val Jolly (Tel: 01480 811125) or Howard Fieldhouse (Tel: 07824569111)

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



Buckden Pre-School Playgroup
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Tel. 07941 671999

Another busy month here at Buckden School. Our Year 1 children visited The Higgins Museum in Bedford to learn about toys from the past. Everyone had a lovely day and learnt so much about how our grandparents played with their toys.

Pudsey Bear visited the school. Everyone was amazed when he came into assembly one morning. What a lovely surprise for us all. On Children In Need Day we all dressed up in our pyjamas to raise money for the charity.

Some members of the school are learning to play instruments in our own band. We are learning the guitar, keyboard and drums, and we also have some singers to create our own rock band. It's all a lot of fun while we learn.

Our PTA has been busy arranging events for our parents to enjoy. They have arranged a murder mystery evening, which was very well attended, a Christmas shopping evening, and a Nearly New Uniform shop. They are also busy organising some Christmas events for the children. Thank you to all members of the PTA who all work so hard to help our school.

The school has received complaints about the parking in the roads around the school. To help make the parking easier we are asking parents and those who bring and collect children to school to use the following guidelines:

- The car park in front of the school is for teachers and official visitors to the school only.
- Please do not park on the staff car park for dropping off or collecting your children.
- Please do not park on the yellow lines around the school, in the bus bay, or use these areas to drop or pick up your child/children. These areas are reserved for disabled parking and the school bus.
- Please do not park across the driveways of the local residents in School Lane, Greenway or Mill Road.
- Please do not park on, or near to, corners of roads. This can block visibility for road traffic and pedestrians.
- Please do not 'double-park' blocking the free flow of traffic on the roads.
- Please do not park in the car park by the shops.

If you have difficulty parking around the school, please use the car park at The Village Hall off Burberry Road, which is a short 5 minute walk to the school. Thank you for your help with this issue.

We have set the school dates for the school year 2019/2020. Please see the updated Term dates on page 13.

The autumn term always feels like one event after the other! The children loved decorating Preschool for Halloween and seeing the home corner transformed into the Witch's Kitchen from one of their favourite books, *What's in the Witch's Kitchen?* Firework crafts and work on our beautiful Remembrance Day display came next and we hope you all got a chance to see our cascade of poppies on our balcony and in our windows (photos can be found on both the Pre-school and Buckden residents' Facebook pages). Hanukkah and Christmas activities will take us to the end of term. The children will be making paper plate menorahs and a range of Christmas crafts.

The Preschool community has also been busy on the fund-raising front too. Orders for the Christmas cards designed by the children have raised £40 for Preschool, while our Halloween Party raised £279 and our Quiz Night, £200 – we hope you had a great time if you came along. Thank you to everyone who supported, organised and ran these events! Our sponsored ramble in aid of Children in Need went well, although the distance to Diddington proved a little ambitious for some children, ones who were younger or not so used to stretching their legs! We are still awaiting some sponsorship money, so we don't have a final total as yet.

Coming up, we will have a stall at the Christmas Lights Festival on 2nd Dec and an open morning in the Lincoln Room and Preschool on 7th Dec 9-11.30, with Christmas crafts and a sensory circuits session. Our term ends with a Christmas concert and party—we're told a very special visitor might be popping in with presents!

Finally, a reminder that we still have funded places available for three-year olds—and still need more committee members! If you are interested in securing a place for your child or arranging a visit, please contact our Manager, Samantha Sinclair, on 07941 671999. To discover what's involved in becoming a committee member, contact our Chairperson, Becky Milne, at buckdenpreschoolchairperson@gmail.com

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

Last but not least, from everyone at Preschool:

***A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!***

Miss Alison



BUCKDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

October/November Match Results

	HUNTS YTH LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
	Mini-Soccer				
	13 Oct 18*	Buckden Hawks U8 White*	7	Somersham Town U8*	1
	13 Oct 18**	Whittlesey U7 White**	7	Buckden Caracaras U7**	3
Hunts Mini-Soccer U8 League Cup	20 Oct 18	Buckden Hawks U8 Black*	13	Priory Parkside U8 Yellow*	1
	20 Oct 18**	Buckden Caracaras U7**	3	Bluntisham Blasters U7**	2
	27 Oct 18**	Buckden Caracaras U7**	1	Needingworth Colts U7 Blue**	5
**Hunts Mini-Soccer U7 League Cup	3 Nov 18*	Warboys Colts U8 Red*	3	Buckden Hawks U8 Black*	5
	3 Nov 18*	Huntingdon Rowdies U10 White*	2	Buckden Hawks U8 White*	7
	10 Nov 18	Buckden Hawks U8 Black	8	Huntingdon Rowdies U8	1
^Hunts County Yth U12 Cup	10 Nov 18	Buckden Hawks U8 White	7	Papworth Blasters U8	4
	10 Nov 18	Buckden Caracaras U7	0	Godmanchester U7 Sky	3
	Hunts Youth (9v9)				
^^Hunts County Yth U13 Cup	13 Oct 18	Little Paxton Colts U12 Sky	0	Buckden Vultures U12	3
	13 Oct 18	Huntingdon Rowdies U11 Green	2	Buckden Eagles U11	2
^^^Hunts County Yth U14 Cup	20 Oct 18	Buckden Vultures U12	3	Priory Parkside U12 Black	0
	27 Oct 18^	Buckden Vultures U12^	8	Alconbury Colts U12 Blue^	1
	3 Nov 18	St Ives U12 Black Sox	0	Buckden Vultures U12	1
	3 Nov 18	Buckden Eagles U11	8	Huntingdon Rowdies U11 White	2
	10 Nov 18	Bluntisham Blasters U12	0	Buckden Vultures U12	4
	10 Nov 18	Buckden Eagles U11	5	Fenstanton Yth U11	0
	Hunts Youth (11v11)				
	13 Oct 18	Needingworth Colts U14	2	Buckden Harriers U14	2
	13 Oct 18	Buckden Ospreys U13	0	Huntingdon Rowdies U13 White	7
	20 Oct 18	Stukeley Meadows Yth U14	0	Buckden Harriers U14	9
	27 Oct 18	Buckden Harriers U14	8	Stukeley Meadows Yth U14	2
	27 Oct 18	Buckden Ospreys U13	6	Papworth Blasters U13	1
	3 Nov 18^^	Buckden Ospreys U13^^	1	Huntingdon Rowdies U13 White^^	8
	4 Nov 18^^^	Buckden Harriers U14^^^	5	Brampton Spartans U14 Red^^^	2
	10 Nov 18	Warboys Colts U14	4	Buckden Harriers U14	3
	10 Nov 18	Buckden Ospreys U13	3	St Ives Rangers U13 Black Sox	1

Buckden Tennis Club

Buckden Tennis club is located behind the village hall, next to the playing fields. We welcome people of all ages and abilities, whether you are an experienced player, want to get back into tennis or just fancy taking up the game!

Our 4 all-weather hard-courts are open 7 days a week, all year round, with floodlighting to county standard. Social Play is a great way to meet up with other members and takes place on Saturdays and Sundays mornings and Wednesday evenings. All members are welcome – no one is left out. The courts are free to members to use at other times if they wish to arrange their own games.

We also have mens, ladies and mixed teams competing in the Cambridgeshire winter league following another successful season in the Hunts and Peterborough summer league. We're always looking for new team members so please let us know if you're interested in joining us.

For those looking to brush up their skills or learn new techniques, LTA licensed coaching is available for adults and juniors through Over and In. Please contact our coach Matt Sanders (matt@overandin.com). Coaching is available on 1:1 basis and group sessions can also be arranged.

For more information about the club contact our Chairman Clare Fraser on 07740456972, or visit our website at www.buckdentennis.org.uk, or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/buckdentennisclub>

Foodbank Christmas Hampers.

I shall again be collecting donations this year for the Christmas Hampers which are distributed by Godmanchester Foodbank to families in the local area. As well as every day items such as tins & packets of food they ask for some nice Christmas treats such as chocolates, biscuits, etc especially ones for children.

You have all been so generous in the past it would be great if our village can contribute to these much needed hampers again.

I will need your donations by the **7th December**. Please contact me on 07730478290 to arrange delivery.

Many thanks Jo Redwood.



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