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Hello and welcome to the second edition of the Roundabout 2015.

There are a variety of transport initiatives affecting Buckden and the surrounding area that have been local news for a few weeks.

The replacement of the level crossing at Offord is one of these. Having personally experienced 20 minute waits at the crossing I am happy to see any improvement! I attended the public display of the current proposed solution and I think it is eminently suitable. My only gripe is that it may be 4-5 years before we see any development work commence!

Three road schemes are also generating interest. The A14 upgrade scheme has submitted a development consent order and so is moving onto the next stage. The A428 and A1 upgrades are the subject of petitions involving Jonathan Djanogly MP. Further details re the A1 can be found on page 4, as well as letter to the editor on page 13.

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

http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/

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Front Cover

Thanks to Richard Salmon for providing this month's cover picture, Buckden High St in the snow; as ever, we are very grateful. We are still looking for photos to use on the front cover so please keep sending them in.

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Buckden Parish Council News



Do you want a By-pass for Buckden?

Then sign up to the on-line petition.

Jonathan Djanogly, our local MP, has set up a petition for a bypass for our stretch of the A1.

In order for Mr Djanogly to lobby for a by-pass, it is essential for him to show that he has local support. Please sign his petition at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/A1upgrade

If you want to sign up to the petition but don't have computer access, please phone the Chair of Buckden Parish Council, Fiona Shirley, on 01480 811703, who will arrange for your name to be added to the petition.

Buckden Parish Council, the A1 Safety Advisory group and Terry Hayward, District Councillor, all support a by-pass for Buckden.

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council, including a 15 minute Public Forum will be held on Tuesday 10th February 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 10th and Tuesday 24th February starting 7pm. Agendas for the meetings are posted on the Parish Council notice boards not later than the Saturday preceding the meeting

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

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

FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FUTURE OF A1

I urge all residents to sign the petition calling for improvements to the A1, in particular the provision of the much needed bypass for Buckden. I can assure residents that there will be no long term improvements without the provision of a bypass.

DISTRICT COUNCIL'S DETERMINATION TO PRO-VIDE VALUE FOR MONEY

Recent major projects have indicated that the Council's approach to project management has not be as good as it might be. A Select Committee, of which I am a member, has been set up to review past projects, to draw lessons from them and to make recommendations on how the Council's procurement and project management procedures can be improved.

BUCKDEN POST OFFICE

Although the service in the post office has improved, in spite of a spate of complaints just before Christmas, I am still in contact with the management and hope that any current problems can be rectified.

PROPOSED CYCLE/FOOT PATH FROM BUCK-DEN TO GRAFHAM WATER

There is small very dedicated project trying to find ways of making this project, which was top of the 'wants list' in last year's Buckden Village Plan, come true. Not surprisingly the main obstacle is the lack of funds. The project is likely to cost more than half a million pounds. We would welcome any ideas on how we can raise this money.

If you have any points that you would like clarifying about local government and problems concerning the services provided by the District Council please do not hesitate to contact me.

Terry Hayward (Cllr)
Buckden Ward, Huntingdonshire District Council
01480 810974

terry.hayward@huntingdonshiredc.org.uk

MIDSUMMER AT THE TOWERS

20[™] JUNE 2015

- Welcome drink in the Knot Garden
- Buffet meal in the King's Room
 featuring a Tudor style main
 course followed by strawberries and cream
- Bar available for wine, beer and soft drinks.
- Demonstration of Tudor dancing by the Capriol Society for Early Dance

Tudor dress not compulsory!
Smart casual (no jeans) is just as acceptable.

Tickets will go on sale at The Towers office shortly at £35.00 per head. Numbers limited book early!.

FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The introduction of charges for parking at the two Park and Ride sites associated with the Busway at Longstanton and St.Ives was agreed at Economy and Environment Committee on 11 November 2014. The charges will be introduced from 1 April 2015. When making this decision County Councillors made it clear they would prefer to keep the sites free. However, given the financial challenges facing the Council they felt this is a necessary step to take. Raising revenue through this charge will help to maintain other services within the Council. Use of the Busway to Park and Ride still compares favourably with the cost of all day parking in Cambridge itself.

All vehicles parking at either of the 2 Busway Park & Ride sites will have a 1 hour free period. This will enable people to drop-off and pick-up for free. Any vehicles staying for more than 1 hour will be liable for a £1 charge. This will be purchased from new ticket machines outside the main building at Longstanton or from the car park/edge of the concourse at St.Ives. These are separate from the existing ticket machines used to purchase the bus ticket on the platforms. The receipt does not need to be displayed in the vehicle.

The £1 ticket will allow for the parking of one vehicle for up to 18 hours. Should the customer wish to park for longer there is a set tariff of charging as follows:

Between 18 and 24 hours £10
Between 24 and 48 hours £20
Between 48 and 72 hours £30

72 hours is the maximum permitted stay. Discounts are available for those wishing to purchase parking in advance on-line or via a mobile phone. The prices for between 1 and 18 hours parking are as follows:

Weekly £5 (up to 7 days)

4 Weekly £18 Annual £230

A Bill Per Usage option is also available online which bills automatically, a month in arrears for the number of times a customer has used the car park. This website is currently used for the Cambridge Park & Ride sites and will be modified to include both additional car parks.

www.cambridgeparkandride.com

Please contact me if you would like any further information regarding this article or if I can be of help with any other matter. My next surgery will be at The Millennium Hall The Aragon Room 6.30pm to 7.30pm Tuesday 10th March 2015. All are welcome, no appointment is required.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. **Julie Wisson**County Councillor Buckden and the Offords **07725 791459**, **01767 677837**julie.wisson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Huntingdonshire Local Group

Ouse Fen – Making Britain's Biggest Reedbed

For our February meeting the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will present an illustrated talk on the Ouse Fen RSPB Reserve. This will be held on Wednesday 11th February starting at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Chris Hudson, who has been the Project Manager for the past seven years, will describe how the RSPB are working with Hanson on an ambitious scheme to transform a working sand and gravel quarry near Needingworth into a vast nature reserve with open water, grassland and, when complete, the biggest reedbed in the UK. He will also tell us how the reserve is already attracting Bitterns, Bearded Tits and other exciting wildlife. This talk will be followed by an evening Guided Walk to the less visited parts of the Reserve on 26th June (places on the walk must be booked – this can be done at the meeting).

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Booking for the talk is not necessary.

Entrance charge £2.50; accompanied children free. Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for further information.

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

!!FOR THE ATTENTION OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS!!

As you may be aware we have established a dedicated page on the Buckden Roundabout website for village organisations. We have invited the leaders and coordinators of all village organisations to contact us and tell us what we should include there - whether it be a link to your own website or whether you would like us to host a page of information on your behalf. Some organisations have already come forward; I request that those ones that have not yet done so please do. As a reminder the village organisations page can be found at http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/village-organisations

As well as this, in a future edition of the Buckden Roundabout itself we would like to give a voice to the many organisations, clubs and societies that operate in the village. We are proposing that every organisation provide us with a short article of approx. 150 words. We are expecting that the article will provide details of what you do and where you do it, and a call for either members to participate or volunteers to help with the running of the society and its activities. However, the article can be about any aspect of your organisation, and can be for any purpose. We anticipate that, if all organisations come forward, this will be spread over 2 months. We would like to complete this early in the year - early 2015 editions of the magazine are the ideal time to have these articles present.

Please forward your completed articles, or ask questions, by sending an email to the editorial team at editor@buckdenroundabout.info

A NOTE OF THANKS

Tom Elliot, of Cranfield Way, would like to thank Michelle for coming to his and 3 others rescue. Waiting for the bus in the pouring rain Tom and his 3 travelling companions were soaked to the skin!

Michelle very kindly went and got her car and drove them to their individual destinations in St Neots

PETER TEWSON

Christine, Nicola and Jonathan would like to thank everyone for their love and support during Peter's illness.

They were touched by the fact that so many people attended the funeral in early December and donated generously to St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger.

CHURCH NEWS

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

Telephone: 01480 810344

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Buckden Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Tricia Williams

(01480 473444)

Stewards: Bob Baxter (810092)

Carol Swepstone (810053)

Room Bookings:

Isabel Daniels (810084)

Services in February

Sunday 1

10.30 am Holy Communion

Rev. Tricia Williams

6.00 pm Evening Fellowship

Sunday 8

10.30 am Morning Service with

Mr. Simon Cooper

6.00pm Section United Service at Tempsford

Sunday 15

10.30 am Morning Service with

Mr. Ted Garwood

6.00pm Evening Fellowship

Sunday 22

10.30 am Morning Service with

Mrs. Pauline Zahner

6.00 pm Evening Fellowship

Activities in February

Fri 6	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Mon 9	12.30 pm	Study Lunch
Tues 10	9.30 am	Quiet Time, Wesley Rm
Wed 11	2.30 pm	CAMEO Wesley Rm
Fri 20	12.00	Soup & sweet + service
Mon 23	12.30 pm	Lent Study Lunch
Tues 24	9.30 am	Quiet Time, Wesley Rm
Fri 27	10 00 am	Coffee Morning



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL



On Friday 6th March an estimated 3 million people, in over 170 countries, will gather to observer the day of prayer, using an order of service written by Christian women from The Bahamas and translated into over 1000 different languages and dialects. In the British Isles alone over 5000 services will be held. The day will begin when the sun rises over the islands of Samoa, and continue until it sets off the coast of American Samoa some 35 hours later.

The service in Buckden is at 10.30am on Friday 6th March at St Mary's Church. All are welcome to attend - men, women, and people of all ages. Please do join us For more information contact Beryl Atkin on 01480 810893 or see the WWDP website www.wwdp.org.uk

CHURCH NEWS

The Benefice of Buckden & the Offords

St Mary's Parish Church

Church St. Buckden PE19 5TL

www.stmarvsbuckden.org.uk

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Pastoral Care Co-ordinator:

Marilyn Rolin 07719 087215 pastoral-

care@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Room bookings

Karen Miles 810027

karen.miles@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Friends in Deed (transport): 07914 669 967 Friends in Deed (general): 07810 006 598

Services at St Mary's in February

Sun 1 10:30am Family Eucharist (Candlemas)

6.00pm Holy Communion Wed 4 9.30am Holy Communion 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Sun 8 10:30am Family Eucharist Wed 11 9.30am Holy Communion Sun 15 10.30am Family Eucharist 6.00pm Evensong **ASH WEDNESDAY** Wed 18

9.30am Holy Communion & Ashes

Sun 22 8:00am BCP Holy Communion 10:30am Family Communion

7.00pm Night Prayer

Wed 25 9.30am Holy Communion

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

Interregnum / Vacancy at St Mary's

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

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

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

Forthcoming Events

Living Stones Café - Wednesday 11th February 2.30 – 4pm in the Living Stones Room. Run by Friends in Deed. All are welcome to drop in for tea/ coffee/cakes. The café is now running every month on the second Wednesday.

St. Mary's Church Auction - Sat. 21st February. Buckden Village Hall. Time to think about clearing out the attic or garage? For more details please phone Patsy (810041)

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 23rd February, so there will be a Fairtrade stall in church after the 10.30am service on 22nd February & 1st March.

Regular Groups and Events

New members are always welcome, just come along and join in

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

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

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

Angel Voices informal all age gospel choir rehearses Fridays 13th & 20rd February at 6.45pm in the Living Stones Room.

Bible study group meets on Monday 2nd February 1.30pm in the Living Stones Room

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

Lent Activities

The Churches Together Lent Study Lunches start on Monday 23rd February and run for 5 weeks 12.30pm in the Methodist Hall. This year's topic is Celtic Christianity.

Lent Bible study: Why not dig out your old copy of "by the skin of its teeth" or get its published replacement The Writing on the Wall and use it as a daily guide through the Old Testament?

Google: sacristy press writing on wall

St Mary's is open

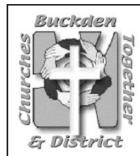
St Mary's is open during the day for private prayer. Prayer requests may be left in church

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

Need a place to meet? The St Mary's Living Stones Room (with kitchen and toilet facilities) is available for hire for meetings and social gatherings. For more information, contact Karen on 810027

karen.miles@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

CHURCH NEWS



Buckden & District Churches Together

www.bctc.fsnet.co.uk www.churchesbuckden.churchgoers.co.uk

Anglicans

Baptists

Catholics

Methodists

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:

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1st February	Church Street, Mill Road, The Barns, The Old Four Mills
8th February	The Parish Council, The Village Hall and Playing Field Trust; those who help to run the Village Hall, and the activities there
15th February	Greenway, Aragon Close, Hoo Close, Bishops Way
22nd February	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

Thought for the month

Love is

As we enter the month of February it seems as though romance is in the air and, in the words of a popular song, 'love is all around'. Songwriters and poets tell us that it is love that makes the world go round. It is love that sets the world on fire and motivates us. The world would be a very sad place without love for love lifts us up and brings us joy and happiness. Many of us will be thinking about how we can find simple but meaningful ways of expressing our love for someone special on St Valentine's Day.

One of the most well-known passages in the bible is all about love. The apostle Paul writes:

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." (1 Corinthians 13 verses 4-8)

In these words St Paul paints a picture of what love is and consciously or unconsciously he draws us a portrait of a person – Jesus himself. He is the living embodiment of this outgoing, long-suffering, self-giving love which reflects God's nature.

The love that we see in God is unselfish, it is a love that seeks to give rather than to get and involves wholehearted self-giving of one for another. The self-giving love of God is the pattern for all our relationships and especially marriage and family life. Relationships that have God's love as their source and foundation will be able to grow strong and stand firm in times of difficulty.

Jesus calls all those who love him and seek to follow him to love one another: "My command is this, love each other as I have loved you" (John 15:12). To live this out in our daily lives is not easy. It takes commitment, hard work and dedication and we need the constant strength and inspiration from God who loves and cares for each one of us every day of our lives.

So let us offer each day to God and seek his help in loving one another not just on one special day in February but all through the year.

God bless you all

Revd Tricia Williams (Minister: Buckden Methodist Church)

STUDY LUNCHES

The next Study Lunch will be on Monday 9th February, 12.30 to 2.00 pm in the Methodist School Room. Everyone welcome.

Lent Study lunches will be on Mondays - Feb 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd. See page 13 for further details.

Contact: Ann Brittain on 812012

FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY CLUB

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

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

Our Meetings for **February 2015** will be: **Monday 9th February**: Beryl Atkin—monologue **Monday 23rd February**: Tea and chat

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

Honeycomb Group

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

Buckden Local History Society



Battle of St. Neots By Alan Huckle

Wednesday 4th February 2015 at 7.30pm in the

In the Conference Room at Buckden Towers

ST MARY'S CHURCH CHARITY AUCTION.

Sat, 21st February in Buckden Village Hall.

Please bring donations between 8:45 – 9:45 only . (Please note we cannot accept donations of books, clothes, shoes, televisions or out of date computer equipment)

Viewing between 10:00 – 10:45am.

AUCTION STARTS PROMPTLY AT 11AM.

Refreshments available. Further details please ring Patsy on 01480 810041

Buckden Gardeners Association

AGM followed by Cheese and Wine



Come to our AGM, meet the committee, pay your membership, and enjoy some good company. This will be followed by cheese and wine evening.

The shed in Silver Street open from 10.00am-11.00am 1st & 15th March for members to purchase essential gardening supplies.

> Tuesday 17th February 2015 8.00pm in the Village Hall For further information go to our website: http://www.buckdengardeners.info/ or call Pam on 01480 811680 or Lesley on 01480 351547

The Great Buckden Sewing Bee

Mondays 7.30-10pm Old Chapel, High Street 01480 810406

bee; noun

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

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

LIFE DRAWING GROUP*



Venue: Buckden Village Hall

Day: Wednesday, starting January 7th

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

FOR YOUR DIARY

Buckden and District Churches Together - Lent 2015.

Methodist Church Hall 12.30pm Soup and bread lunch/coffee or tea followed at 1pm – 2pm (latest) by :-

OUR CELTIC HERITAGE

Looking at our own faith in the light of Celtic Christianity. Learning, sharing, listening, praying and reflection.

Mon 23 Feb Introduction and 'The Caim and

the High Cross' Celtic aware-

ness of God

Mon 2 March 'God the Creator' - The Celtic

recognition of God in nature and

all around us.

Mon 9 March 'Never too busy to pray' – Celtic

prayers are often the everyday prayers of ordinary people.

Mon 16 March The Trinity – the Celtic tradition

as a deep awareness of the

threefold nature of God

Mon 23 March 'St. Patrick's Breastplate' - ex-

ploring one of the best known

Celtic prayers

All Welcome. Please ring Ann Brittain on 812012

for further details

BODEN SHOPPING PARTY

I'm throwing a Boden Shopping Party and would love it if you could come along. **Wed 4 Feb 8pm - 10pm and Thur 5 Feb 10am - 5pm**, Cartbarn Cottage, 119 A Mill Road, Buckden.

All proceeds will go to the "Alex Hulme Foundation", a charity set up in honour of a wonderful boy who lost his battle with cancer in Sept 2011. The money raised by this charity is to help develop research into Non - Hodgkins Lymphoma in Children.

I'll have five stacked rails from the new Spring range of Womenswear, Johnnie b, Mini and Accessories for you to see and try on (and a few bits of Menswear). I'll also have jeans in every size to help find your perfect fit. Phoenix Cards will also be available. Come and have a browse and help support us by purchasing coffee and cakes, or a glass of wine!!

If anything takes your fancy, you can place an order with an exclusive offer of 20% off all Boden categories plus free postage and free returns.



Events in the Library



Half term Storytime

Tuesday 17th at 2.30pm Followed by children's activities

Knit-Lit



Friday 6th and 20th at 8.00 pm Join us for knitting, book discussions and friendly chat at our fortnightly social gatherings. Knitters of all abilities welcome

Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden **Tel: 0345 045 5225**

Tuesday 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Thursday 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Friday 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Saturday 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Closed Monday and Wednesday

1st Southoe & Buckden Scouts
Annual Jumble Sale
Saturday 21st March 2 - 4pm
The Scout Hut, Lucks Lane
Entry 30p, children free

Appeal for donations:

We would be very grateful if you could start collecting clothes, books, bric-a-brac, toys, bags, shoes etc for us to sell at the Jumble Sale. The only items we are unable to take are furniture, large electrical items like TV's or computers, cycle helmets and car seats. We can take some donations in advance so if you can't store it until then please contact Wendy on 01480 812019 after 6pm who will arrange to collect it for you. Alternatively you can bring jumble to the Scout Hut from 7-9pm on Friday 20th or from 9-12am on the Saturday. Last year we raised over £1200, all of which is put towards activities for all youngsters involved in Scouting in Buckden, and for upkeep of the Scout Hut.

All donations are gratefully received - thank you.

BUCKDEN VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Burberry Road, Buckden, PE19 5UY

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Email: admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk

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Buckden Village Hall –

www.buckdenvillagehall.co.uk

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Thank you again to all of you who bought raffle tickets for our Christmas Draw. You helped to raise over £1,100 which will go towards essential repairs and maintenance at the Hall.

We held an Open Morning for plumbers/builders on 20th December in order to obtain ideas and costings to improve our main foyer toilets. Thank you to those of you who came – and also those of you who have been since – and we are looking forward to receiving your information.

I would like to thank Chris Lawrence, Corrine Emeleus and Shelley Surtees for all their input and help during their time here as Trustees. A big welcome to Angie Bruce, Alan Scott, Keith Lawrence and Graham Pearce who have just joined the Trust.

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.

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

FRIENDS IN DEED

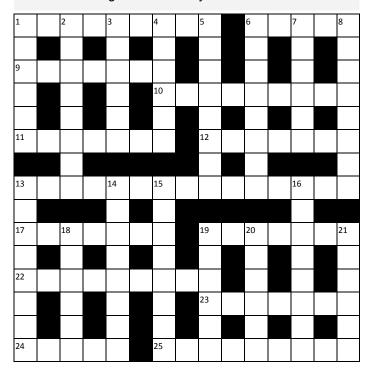
Please note that Wednesday <u>11</u> February (not the 16th as previously stated) is the date of our Winter Tea Party, which will take place as usual in the Methodist Hall at 2.30pm. Transport will be available on request to collect and return those who would like a lift to the event. The popular 'Drop-in' for a cup of tea and cake in St Mary's Church is now on the second Wednesday of every month – but not on the 11 February when it will be the Tea Party instead!

We can help out with transport to hospital or surgery appointments (but not Buckden Surgery, which has its own transport scheme, contact Reception), and village events - if family, friends or public transport can't oblige.

If anyone needs support with shopping or errands during bad weather, or is housebound and would like a visit from one of our volunteers then do give us a call.

For help or information contact:

Coordinator: Christine Lawrence 07810 006598. Requests for transport: Andy Scott 07914 669967. Leave a message and include your contact details



ACROSS

- 1. Bond film (9)
- 6. Agile (5)
- 9. Typically small dog (7)
- 10. Name of 2 English queens (9)
- 11. New York baseball team
- 12. Shellfish delicacy (7)
- 13. Majorca & Menorca? (8,7)
- 17. Not the one nor the other (7)
- 19. Low protective barrier at the edge of a roof (7)
- 22. Final offer or demand (9)
- 23. Prepare and issue a book or magazine (7)
- 24. Girls name(5)
- 25. British tennis player (3,6)

DOWN

- 1. Strong protest (6)
- 2. Causing death (8)
- 3. Son of a monarch (6)
- 4. Worry; fret (6)
- 5. Japanese skewered chicken dish (8)
- 6. Port in Cyprus (8)
- 7. Steal something (6)
- 8. Synonym of answer to 4 down (8)
- 13. Gather knowledge about (4,2,2)
- 14. Palace in Granada (8)
- 15. Something that annoys (8)
- 16. Favouritism shown to relatives (8)
- 18. Mean (6)
- 19. Cheerleading accessory (6)
- 20. Russian currency (6)
- 21. Deadliest monster in Greek mythology, last son of Gaia (6)

VILLAGE NEWS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A1 BY-PASS

Fact: It is difficult to get out of Buckden due to A1 traffic. This seems to apply to going to work time. Solution: By-pass supported by our MP.

Question1: How many people are inconvenienced by the hold up? 100 / 200?

Question 2: The proposed by pass will cost millions. Are we seriously suggesting that millions of pounds are going to be spent for the convenience of a few Buckden residents?

Question 3: Could this be part of the plans for regional expansion? Why not make this clear? There are questions as to how regional planning fits in with national targets for Green House Gas reduction and wider sustainability. There is evidence the plans and targets are incompatible. This means questions about future quality of life in the area.

I have asked Mr Dianogly to discuss growth, population numbers and sustainability but he "does not require a meeting" (e-mail). I thought MPs looked at constituents issues. I invite him again. I suggest care and questions over the by pass.

John Davies **Population Matters**

(Patrons include Sir David Attenborough, James Lovelock and others)

www.populationmatters.org, Huntspm@gmail.com

New Features on the Roundabout website

We are continuing to develop the Roundabout website with the aim of making it a valuable asset to the village. As you know, you can read the current edition of the magazine on-line or download it for reading on tablets or PCs. We also have an on-line archive of past editions.

However, we want the Roundabout website to provide more than just an on-line edition of the magazine, and we have recently added two features. First, we have added a Letters section to the website forum where we plan to post Letters to the Editor, which are also published in the magazine itself. You can add your voice to the debate by replying in the forum, and you don't need to register on the forum to do so. To read and reply to Letters to the Editor go here: http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/ forum/letters-to-the-editor

We have also recently added a directory of clubs and societies in Buckden with contact details and links to their own websites. Go here: http:// www.buckdenroundabout.info/village-organisations. If you run a village organisation and you'd like to add your details, or if you don't have a website and you'd like us to host a web-page for your organisation, please contact us.

BUCKDEN WI

Ruth Nicholas welcomed members to the first meeting of her Presidency and introduced Sheila Flavell as our new Treasurer.



Our speaker was Ann

Scott, her subject 'A Polish Spring'. With excellent slides she showed us a part of wild Poland where her friends still live the life of the last century whilst caring for the wildlife around them.

The next meeting is on the 3rd of February when our speaker will be Bob Harding-Jones who will tell us of 'Laughter in the Village'. The competition will be for a favourite joke and our sales table will be offering Blue items.

Enquiries Judith Armitage 01480 811717.

LOCAL CHOIR SEEKS NEW CONDUCTOR

Founded more than 25 years ago, The Aragon Singers are a 40 strong mixed choir based in Buckden.

We practice on Monday evenings at the Methodist Church, and usually perform 4 or 5 major concerts in the local area each year.

Our Musical Director/Conductor Gren Gutteridge retires in the summer and we are looking for a successor to take over the choir in September.

Expressions of interest please to **Rick Wilcox** 01480 890902 or rjvwilcox@aol.com

BVF Save the Date - Buckden Vil-**BVF BVF** lage Festival BVF Buckden Village Festival will be back in BVF 2015 - please mark 4th July in your calen-BVF dars. There will again be a parade and we BVF hope to build on the success of last year with even more people joining in with an RI/F American theme. This will be followed by a RI/F

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fete in the afternoon - whilst we cannot guarantee hot sunshine I think we can safe- BVF ly guarantee less rain! **BVF**

If you would like to be involved please con-BuckdenVillageFestitact us on val@gmail.com or contact

Philip Miles on 810027.

VILLAGE NEWS



LAWN CARE IN FEBRUARY

Mowing

If conditions allow get out the mower and lightly cut the lawn; long grass harbours dampness which encourages disease. Make sure mower has been serviced and blade replaced or sharpened. Call ProLawnCare if you would like us to do this for you.

Moss

Moss has been a real threat to lawns this winter, and may be affecting your lawn. Apply a specific moss treatment now, or get ProLawnCare to spray with their special industrial strength Moss Control Treatment; moss dies in front of your eyes. It is best to do it now before the Spring.

Don't Slip On Your Patio/Path (Moss/Algae)

Patios too, can become slippery during the damp winter days. We now have a new product to remove the slime which causes that slipperiness. To really spruce up your patio why not have it pressure washed once it has been treated? It will be like having a new patio. Ask for details.

Actions Required in Early Spring

- Mow lawn lightly when dry enough
- Treat Moss
- Service Mower
- Treat slippery, slimy and dirty patios
- Later in the month an early spring feed may be required as the soil temperature increases

Some of the above tasks can be carried out by the lawn owner; others may need professional intervention.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW) Local Crime.

Police reports over the Christmas and New Year show that Buckden enjoyed a festive period free of serious crime. Let us hope that it is a good portent for 2015.

Bringing the Neighbour back into Neighbourhood Watch.

During the past year we have seen fundamental changes in the way crime information is disseminated by the police and other organisations. The introduction of a national alert system together with the existing eCops run by the St Neots police has resulted in a more rapid and comprehensive flow of local crime information and advice.

Many of our residents have now registered with one of these sites and have undoubtedly benefited from the more up-to-date information. Those who have not registered are urged to do so - further advice is available from one of us below.

However, one consequence of these new 'alert' systems is that those who do register can become virtually independent of the local NW organisation with no need of local support or interaction.

This has made it more difficult for us to maintain some essential features of the original NW culture which were to foster neighbourliness, mutual support and the exchange of information.

This is particularly important in a rural village such as ours with a significant number of vulnerable people.

We would therefore suggest, as a New Year resolution for 2015, to improve the security of all residents by:

- getting to know those around you who might be vulnerable to criminals by virtue of age, poor health or the lack of access to the internet.
- advising them of any relevant local crime and appropriate crime prevention measures.
- being vigilant for suspicious persons or vehicles and sharing your information with neighbours.
- encouraging neighbours to let you know when they are going to be away from home for a significant period.

Contact details.

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

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

SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL



BUCKDEN CHURCH OF ENG-LAND SCHOOL

(Primary Academy Trust)

January 2015

We have returned to school after the Christmas holiday ready for the Spring term. January is a quiet month at school, but we have had two events for parents. A talk was given to the parents about Mathletics which is an online maths programme used in schools in the UK and across the world. The school has been trialling the programme for a few months and the children became more engaged in maths lessons and motivated to learn. Now that our parents know about the programme we are hoping for some clever and well informed mathematicians in the village. The other event was a meeting to outline and explain the guidelines and expectations of the new curriculum to parents. Both events were very well attended by parents.

Stop-press On Friday 27th March we will be having a lunch followed by afternoon entertainment for the Over 60 residents of the village. The lunch will be at 12.30 pm and the cost will be £3.50. Details of the menu will be in next month's issue of the Buckden Roundabout. If you would like to attend the lunch please telephone the school office on 01480 810241.

	2015
Half Term	16 th – 20 th February
Spring Term Closes	Friday 27 th March
Summer Term Opens	Monday 13 th April
May Day	Monday 4 th May
Half Term	25 th – 29 th May
Summer Term Closes	Friday 17 th July
Professional Day	Monday 20 th July
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30th May - 3rd June

Friday 15th July

Half Term

Summer Term Closes



It was lovely to welcome several new starters and their families this term, and they couldn't have come at a better time. Firstly, our preschoolers are looking forward to one of their favourite theme weeks as we learn all about Chinese New Year. The children always enjoy trying Chinese themed crafts and sampling Chinese food. Secondly, thanks to the Huntingdon and District Roundtable we are now the proud owners of three Hudl tablets. These will allow parents and carers to record their child's learning and development in an online journal that they can access and update along with the staff. So many thanks to the Huntingdon and District Roundtable for their very generous donation, which will help us to keep up with the times!

Our other big thank you this month is once again to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair. Despite the event being a little less busy than in recent years, we raised an amazing £754.

There are still a few places available at Preschool but they usually disappear quickly at this time of year, so if you're considering placing your child with us, do get in touch and book a visit. You can register your child with us in advance and we will happily sit down and help you complete the paperwork, which we keep as simple as we can!

For more details, visit www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk and see our updates on www.facebook.com/www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk. Our Manager, Michelle Nelson, can be contacted at Preschool on 07941 671999, or contact our Chairperson, Alan Scott on 07745274921.

Miss Alison

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

£25 No. 50 Mrs B Steadman £25 No. 117 Mr R West £12 No. 29 Ms P Wright £12 No. 82 Revd P J Taylor

From the start of the new membership year, the draw will take place quarterly in **June**, **September**, **December and March**. The annual subscription remains at £12.

Each quarter there will be 1 prize of £100 and 4 prizes of £25. In June there will also be a bonus prize of £100 and in December a £200 bonus prize

Funds raised through the club are used to help improve the facilities and equipment for patient care,

There are several numbers not allocated. If you would like to join the BSPA, please contact Mrs Sheena Wilkinson for details, Tel 810086.

THE SPORTS PAGE

BUCKDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

BJFC is a Charter Standard club, comprising 7 teams from Under 5/6 to Under 13. The U5/6 'Dribblers' conduct training only; the U7 Eagles, U8 Vultures, U9 Buzzards, U10 Harriers and U10 Condors participate in the Hunts Mini-Soccer League; the U13 Falcons participate in the Hunts Youth League. The U7s to U13s also take part in various Cup matches as well as friendlies.

December/January Match Results

LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
Hunts Mini-Soccer				
6/12/14	Stilton United U10	0	Buckden Condors U10	1
6/12/14	Needingworth Colts U8	2	Buckden Vultures U8	6
6/12/14	Cambourne FC U7	3	Buckden Eagles U7	9
13/12/14	Huntingdon Rowdies U10	1	Buckden Harriers U10	9
13/12/14	Priory Parkside U10 Yellow	0	Buckden Condors U10	4
13/12/14	Ramsey Colts U9	0	Buckden Buzzards U9	3
13/12/14	Buckden Vultures U8	11	Huntingdon Rowdies U8 White	1
10/1/15^	St Ives U9 Blue Sox^	2	Buckden Buzzards U9 [^]	6
Hunts Youth (9v9)				
6/12/14	Sawtry Colts U13 Yellow Sox	6	Buckden Falcons U13	3
13/12/14*	Buckden Falcons U13*	0	Fenstanton Youth U13*	15

^{*}Hunts Youth League U13 Cup / ^Friendly

Buckden U5/6 Dribblers

Buckden U5/6 Dribblers train on Saturdays. Sessions commence at 8:45AM at Buckden sports field and cost £1.50 per week per child. If your offspring is interested in joining Buckden Dribblers contact Nick Speroni (07921 725293 nick.speroni@hotmail.co.uk) or Matt Gill (01480 811581 / 07803 000690 matt.gill@hgextra.co.uk).

New Buckden U12 Team Next Season (Sept 2015)

BJFC also hopes to form a new U12 mixed (boys and girls) team next season. At the mo, 5 players for this potential team are training with our current U13 Falcons. The new U12s will play 9v9 in the 2015-16 Hunts Youth League season and require 6 or so additional players. If your offspring is interested in playing for the new U12s (players need to be aged 10 or 11 by 31 Aug 15) and/or any parents are interested in assisting with the running of the team please contact Kevin Wager (01480 496679 / 07771 665090 kevinwager@btinternet.com). As we are now into our winter training schedule, there will be a charge of £2 per player per week towards the cost of astroturf pitch hire. Costs of appropriate courses/qualifications for managers/assistants would be covered by BJFC.

Buckden U13 Falcons Need Players!

Buckden Falcons would like to recruit players (boys or girls) for its U13 team for the continuing 2014-15 season (players need to be aged 11 or 12 by 31 Aug 14). The team plays 9v9 in the Hunts Youth League on Saturdays and trains on Monday and Wednesday evenings (on astro turf during the winter). If you are interested in joining the team or know of any other players who would wish to do so please contact:

Buckden Falcons Manager - Kevin Wager 01480 496679 / 07771 665090 / <u>kevinwager@btinternet.com</u> or Buckden JFC Secretary Bob Crane 01480 434610 / <u>robertcrane46@yahoo.co.uk</u>

Buckden Ladies Football Club

Buckden is well known to have a thriving association with Football centred from the great facilities at the Millenium Field; from U5 Dribblers all the way to over (well over) 35 year old Vets, **but we don't have a Ladies Team!** If you are over 18, and interested in getting involved with this start-up initiative please contact Simon Johnson at simonjohnson53@yahoo.co.uk (or text 07887 628528) who is keen to help set this up ready for the September 2015/16 season; **but we have to start NOW.** We only need a nucleus of 7 or 8 players to start training and get this going, so dig in, spread the word and get in contact.

Buckden Bowls Club Contact Numbers:

Club Sec. Brian Moore 01480 812112 Ladies Sec.
Daphne Meats
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Monthly Draw Org. Jennie Casey 01480 476493

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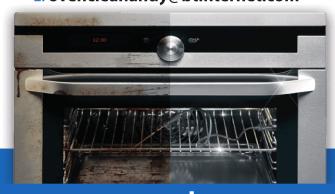
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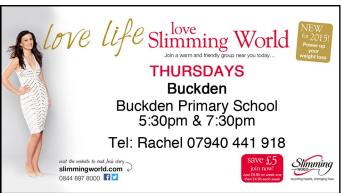


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