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We take great pleasure in putting together this magazine every month, and we are extremely grateful for all the kind comments we receive for our efforts. We even welcome the occasional criticism as that only helps us improve! This edition feels like the 'true' first edition of 2016 as it the first one put together in this calendar year.

We had our Christmas thank you for our distributors just before Xmas - and I think a good time was had by all. We are fortunate indeed to have such a willing, hard-working set of folks to ensure that the magazine reaches every household in Buckden.

January is an odd month. Many people (me included!) are trying to recover after the excesses of Christmas and New Year and so there is a quiet feeling around the village. Perhaps that's why the editorial team choose this month to have their annual dinner!

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

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

Front Cover

The cover photo this month shows the Knot garden at Buckden Towers in the snow and was provided by John Thelwall; as ever we are very grateful.

We are still looking for photos, images, drawings and paintings to use on the front cover so please keep sending them in.

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Buckden Parish Council News



Speed limits in Buckden and Stirtloe

Residents will know that, for several years, Parish Councillors have been concerned about the speed of traffic through the village. Councillors and volunteers have conducted *Speedwatch* assessments of the traffic in our community on regular occasions.

Over the past year, there has been a vigorous campaign by the 20's Plenty Group who have lobbied for a reduction in the speed limit in our community.

The Parish Council have debated this issue on several occasions during 2015 and have received representations from the public. We recently conducted a survey to assess the views of those who live and/or work in our community. This survey showed 51.55% of respondents would like a reduction to 20 mph, but this result was split evenly between those who want a reduction around the area of the school and those who want a reduction across Buckden and Stirtloe.

The Parish Council debated this issue again at our January meeting, taking the results as well as representations from residents into account, and agreed that we will request Cambridgeshire County Council to create a 20 mph zone around the area of the school, including Buckden Day Nursery. The exact extent of the 20 mph area will be decided in consultation with the county council.

Commemoration paving stone for Capt. John Green VC, to be laid on 1st July 2016.

As part of our preparations for this commemorative event, we would like to make contact with residents of Buckden, Stirtloe or Diddington who are descendants of any of the men listed on the First World War Memorial in St Mary's churchyard. Please contact the Chairman of the Parish Council, Fiona Shirley, on 811703 or at: fc.shirley@btinternet.com.

St Neots Museum

We would like to remind all residents that you have free entry to the St Neots Museum. This is a lively and informative venue and we recommend a visit. You will find the museum in the centre of town at: The Old Court, 8 New Street, St Neots PE19 1AE

Parish Precept

Your Parish Council have agreed to keep the precept (i.e. the ratepayers' contribution to Parish Council expenditure) at the same level for 2016-7. This will be the 3rd year that we have maintained the same level of payment.

Unwanted electrical items

The next kerbside collection of unwanted electrical items will take place on Wednesday 10th February. Please remember that items are either refurbished and sold, or disposed of appropriately. Please see www.wiserrecycling.co.uk/community for more information

Trees in the Conservation Area

Could we please remind all home owners who have properties in the Conservation Area that you need to give Huntingdonshire District Council 6 weeks' notice of any work on trees on your property

The next meeting of the **Parish Council, including a 15 minute Public Forum will be held on Tuesday 9th February 2016 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 9th and Tuesday 23rd 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 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Parents are encouraged to get Sugar Smart

New figures have revealed that 4-10 year olds are estimated to consume over 5,500 sugar cubes a year, the same average weight of a 5 year old. The new data is part of the Change4Life Sugar Smart campaign urging parents to reduce the amount of sugar their children eat. Local health experts are backing the Sugar Smart campaign to highlight the role sugar plays in children's health and the importance of lowering the amount they eat to avoid obesity and other health problems. Obese children are more likely to become obese adults with an increased risk of type-2 diabetes, heart disease and some cancers. Tooth decay is another serious problem associated with high sugar intakes, with approximately 28% of children in England suffering from tooth decay by the age of 5. In Cambridgeshire, over 7% of children aged four to five are overweight or obese. By the time children reach the ages of 10-11 this figure has doubled to 15%. Although there are differences around the county all areas have substantial numbers of children who are either overweight or obese.

Children are having 3 times the maximum recommended amount of sugar. Sugary drinks are the greatest source of sugar in a 4 to 10 year old's diet. Sugar from biscuits, cakes and breakfast cereals contributes almost as much. Surprising amounts of sugar are found in everyday food and drinks. A new Sugar Smart app quickly shows how much sugar products contain by simply scanning the barcode. New government recommendations for daily maximum amounts of sugar are covered by the campaign, such as a total of 24g or 6 cubes of sugar for a 7-10 year old daily.

Cambridgeshire County Council Public Health team are supporting the Change4Life Sugar Swaps campaign. Families can also join in online by searching Change4Life and downloading the new free app. People can also follow the campaign locally via Cambridgeshire County Councils Facebook page and Twitter feed.

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 Buckden The Aragon Room 6.30pm to 7.30pm Tuesday 8th March 2016. 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

FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Both the District and County Councils are now wrestling with the problem of how to provide the services that residents expect with an ever decreasing budget. There are certain services which each Council has a statutory obligation to provide and others which have been provided but now may have to face cuts. I am concerned about the future upkeep of the Ouse Valley Way and our local footpath network and will be chairing a meeting of all local Parish Councils involved. In the past there has been an expectation that the HDC should not increase its precept and I wonder whether residents would rather see a small increase rather than lose the loss of services. I will provide an update in the next edition of Roundabout.

We shall soon know the final decision on the A14 and if approved work will soon start on this important improvement to our local road system. I fear that the Village's long battle to keep the A14 bridge over the Brampton Road has been lost. We must now ensure that the works, which will take over four years, will have the minimum adverse effect on the village. The Parish Council has already expressed its concerns about the frequent traffic jams on the Brampton Road leading into Huntingdon. There is an important meeting about the future of the A1 at the end of the month and the Parish Council will receive an update at its February meeting.

Christmas is the season of goodwill and the switching on of the lights, the Christmas Carol service and other local celebrations and festivities all provided the opportunity for local residents to meet and get to know their neighbours a little better. All this good will was marred by the person who stole the jar containing the Lion Hotel staff tips: I cannot wish them a happy new year but hope they feel some contrition and shame.

If you would like to discuss any local issues with me please contact me on 01480 810974 or terry.hayward@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

With best wishes to all for the New Year

Terry Hayward (Cllr)

Buckden Ward, Huntingdonshire District Council



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Biodiversity: Anglian Water's Natural Partner

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust is pleased to present an illustrated talk entitled 'Biodiversity: Anglian Water's Natural Partner' on Wednesday 10th February at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

The talk will be given by Chris Gerrard who is Anglian Water's Climate Change and Biodiversity Manager. Chris will explain how the company is working to conserve and enhance wildlife on its land and how this work impacts the whole region through the provision of water and water recycling services to its six million customers. Chris will go on to discuss the range of projects and initiatives that the company are involved with, including their enduring partnership with the Wildlife Trust.

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

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



QUIZ



NIGHT

Friday 4th March

8.00 p.m. at The Towers

Teams of up to 6.

All Welcome

Refreshments
Raffle and Prizes
Entry £4.00 per person at the Door.

I'm throwing a Boden Shopping Party and would love it if you could come along. **Fri 5th Feb 8pm - 10pm** and **Sat 6th 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. 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."

I will also have a French clothing range "Captain Tortue" available, plus jewellery and other gifts.

Look forward to seeing you



Buckden Local History Society

After the jollity of the December meeting, January saw Liz Davies, Curator of St Neots Museum, giving us an insight into Crime and Punishment in St. Neots. Liz introduced her subject with a general overview of punishment from the earliest days. She then gave a heart-breaking sight of the Habitual Criminals Register for the 1870s. Photos of the poor and disadvantaged accompanied details of their generally minor crimes and the sentence given were hard to hear. Girls of 13 and 14 served periods of hard labour and then were sent for up to 5 years in Reform Schools where they toiled in laundries for the profit of the school. The past really is another country!

The next meeting will be held on February 3rd, when the speaker will be Gordon Ryall, a coroner in Peterborough for 40 years, 7.30pm in the Conference Room at Buckden Towers, visitors are always welcome.

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. Paul Beard (473444)

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

Room Bookings:
Isabel Daniels (810084)

Services in February

Sunday 7

10.30 am Morning Service, Rev. Katy Dunn
6.00pm Section service at Great Barford

Sunday 14

10.30 am Morning Service, Mrs. Angie Barnes
6.00pm Favourite hymns & readings

Sunday 21

10.30 am Morning Service, Mr. Tony Sainsbury
6.00pm Evening Fellowship, Rev. Paul Beard

Sunday 28

10.30 am Morning Service, Holy Communion
Rev. Pam Siddall
6.00pm Evening Fellowship, Mrs. Angie Barnes

Activities in February

Fri 5	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Mon 8	12.30 pm	Study lunch
Tue 9	9.30 am	Quiet Time, Wesley Room
Wed 10	2.30 pm	CAMEO, Wesley Rm Guess what this is!
Fri 12	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Fri 19	12.00	Soup & sweet lunch
Fri 22	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Tue 23	9.30 am	Quiet Time, Wesley Room
Fri 26	10.00 am	Coffee Morning

The Migrant Crisis

I did find it ironic that the irrelevance of recognising the acute needs of a single homeless family from the Middle East was referred to when our attention was focussed then on just such a human dilemma. May I quote from the recent letter, sent by the Churches in St. Neots and published in the Hunts Post of the 23rd of December, in which they collectively argued that "as Christians we are compelled by the teachings of our faith to care for the stranger and it is not acceptable to be passive in the face of this crisis."

I note Mr Davies does not mention the fact that there has been a brutal civil war raging in Syria for 5 years now, with no sign of it abating. Millions of human beings have as a result been displaced, hundreds of thousands have been killed or maimed. Millions of refugees have already been absorbed by Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, with millions more internally displaced in Syria itself. So we will return "those people" to exactly what. To tents, prefabricated huts and shipping containers in the middle of a harsh winter. To camps where food rations are inadequate and subject to cuts, to a situation where you are not allowed to work or seek employment, where you have little or no access to money, where your children receive little or no education and where it is entirely possible that you will have to tolerate such a purgatorial limbo indefinitely. I wonder, in such dreadful circumstances, what I would do? If I could muster the courage and resolve I might well choose to attempt the almost Biblical odyssey that we daily witness on our screens and in our newspapers. I might aspire to a better life for my family. For there are no "safe havens", no "UN peacekeeping", with the war grinding remorselessly on. I might recall the UK was so compassionate as to admit 216 Syrians to their country in the preceding 4 years, and follow the rules and be a well behaved and deserving refugee, thus appealing to politicians.

Mindful of the limited space available may I close with a general observation. Some of the discourse in our media and political parties reminds me of the proposition suggested by Harry Lime in The Third Man, you know the lines on the Ferris Wheel, where he invited the audience to imagine those people viewed from a distance as ants or dots on the ground. But the refugees have been so unkind and discourteous as to confront us with the immediacy and depth of their needs. How will we respond?

Yours respectfully Rob Gardiner

CHURCH NEWS

The Benefice of Buckden & the Offords

St Mary's Parish Church

Church St, Buckden PE19 5TL

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Bookings for baptisms, weddings and funerals or room

hire Contact bookings@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Services at St Mary's in February

Wed 3	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 7	11:00am	Family Eucharist
	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
Wed 10		ASH WEDNESDAY
	9.30am	Holy Communion & Ashes
Sun 14	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Eucharist
Wed 17	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 21	11.00am	Family Eucharist
	6.00pm	Evensong
Wed 24	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 28	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Communion
	1:30 pm	Baptism
	6.00pm	Open ministry meeting
	7.00pm	Night Prayer

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

The Daily Office

The Daily Office (daily prayers) is said in St Mary's on

Monday 2.15pm Tuesday 4.30pm

Thursday 9.15am Friday 9.15am

All are welcome. Prayer requests may be left in church.

St Mary's is open

St Mary's is open during the day for private prayer.

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

Cup of tea and a chat? Jes will be in Church each

Wednesday 10 – 10.45am (after communion) if you want to drop in for a chat.

St Mary's Living Stones Room (with under-floor heating, kitchen and toilet facilities) is available for hire for meetings, groups and social gatherings.

NEW

Going Deeper

A chance to look again at Sunday's bible readings. Meeting in the Vicarage on Mondays at 7.45pm or in the Living Stones Room at 10.45am on Wednesdays.

Jamworkx (Jesus & Me Works) After School Club

Fridays 3.20 – 4.20pm at Buckden School.

Contact Buckden School

Second Sunday Stepping Stones – 14th Feb

4pm to 5.15pm in St Mary's on the second Sunday of the month. A monthly club for pre-school and KS1 children will feature stories, music, games and crafts. All welcome.

Events in February

ASH WEDNESDAY – Wednesday 10th February

9.30am communion and imposition of the ashes

Friends in Deed: Living Stones Cafe

Wednesday 10th February

2.30pm – 4pm in the Living Stones Room

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

Lent Study Lunches (Churches Together)

Mondays during Lent 12.30pm in the Methodist Hall for delicious soup & bread, and discussion.

Saturday 20th February 11am

Auction (Buckden Village Hall)

Donations 8.45 - 9.45am only please.

Viewing 10.00 - 10.45am; Auction starts promptly at 11am.

Details from Patsy Gray 01480 810041

Regular Groups and Events

Newcomers are always welcome at all groups & events

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

St Mary's Bell-Ringers practice on Mondays at 8pm. Visitors and beginners are always welcome

Ground Floor Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays 8pm - 10pm to discuss anything and everything, ending with Compline. Contact Lorraine Toogood 01480 811352

Angel Voices informal all age choir rehearses Fridays 19th & 26th February at 6.45pm in the Living Stones Room. Contact Chris Bylett 01480 812777

'Honeycomb': A group for those on their own who find that time hangs heavy at the weekend. Meets at 7 Vineyard Way on the 1st Sunday each month 3 - 4.30pm for conversation, tea and cake, board games & fellowship. Contact Lorraine Toogood 01480 811352

Open Ministry Meeting All are welcome to this open forum at 6pm on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Living Stones Room

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

We are sorry to have to inform you that Rev Richard Bending who was Vicar of St Mary's church in 1990's has recently died. He is fondly remembered by many in the village, and it may be that some may wish to attend his funeral. This is being held on Friday 5th February at 11.30 at St Margarets Church, Cley-next-the-Sea, Norfolk. A coach will leave St. Mary's at 8.00am on the day for Cley; anyone wishing to join the coach please contact **Barry Jobling 01480 81055**

CHURCH NEWS

	<p>Buckden & District Churches Together www.buckdendistrictchurches.wordpress.com</p> <p>Anglicans Baptists Catholics Methodists</p>
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Weekly Prayer Roster

Each week during the year the Churches, in their prayers, remember the residents of particular streets in the village, those who work in the parish and village organizations. Those to be remembered this month are:

7th February	Field Close, Lincoln Close, Silver Street, Beaufort Drive, St Hugh's Road
14th February	School Lane, Buckden Primary School (pupils, teachers and teaching assistants, governors, volunteers, midday supervisors, lollipop lady, all support staff)
21st February	Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Playgroup and Day Nursery, Buccaneers after school club, Buckden Towers Youth Retreat Centre
28th February	Mayfield, Springfield Way, The Osiers, Stirtloe

Thought for the month

We are privileged to live in a delightful part of England in the Ouse Valley, with Grafham Water close by and the Nene Valley also relatively close. I am sure our hearts continue to reach out to those who over recent weeks, including Christmas and New Year, experienced flooding in their homes and communities. They are now struggling to repair and rebuild their homes and trying to come to terms with what happened.

A number of disasters have recently been taking place in various parts of the world also some atrocities, and the desperate plight of refugees seeking peace and freedom continues. There have been some people who have expressed their views that there cannot be a God in Heaven who would allow such things to happen; it is unreasonable and irrational to place one's faith in a God like that. The Christian message however portrays a God of justice and mercy who would not act in a destructive way like that – it would be contrary to His nature.

I believe three important lessons come to us when such tragedies occur. Surely here is the One Person we can turn to in such situations. Through personal faith we can know God's love, power and protection at all times and most certainly in adverse circumstances. Here is our hope, our confidence and our salvation.

Secondly, it is a timely reminder to all of us that mankind is small and insignificant in the face of the mighty forces at work within this universe. The vastness of space, together with the yet undiscovered galaxies beyond, serve as reminders that despite our vast knowledge we still know relatively little. Perhaps this serves in a sobering way to remind us that there are limits and boundaries to man's strength and capabilities.

The third and most obvious truth that comes home to us is a reminder how fragile life really is. We never know what one day will bring forth or even the next hour, and eternity is never far away.

It seems only a day or two ago when we were wishing each other New Year greetings. Already the year is underway and we have entered February. Take heart, and although world needs and personal challenges continue to arise the Bible assures us that God is eternal and always remains the same. His love is constant and is ours to know and prove through faith in Jesus Christ His Son.

Rev Roger Watkins, Interim Minister, Perry Baptist Church

LENT STUDY LUNCHES

The regular monthly study lunch will take place on Monday 8th February 2016 and will be an introduction to the Lent course of lunches titled 'Considering Challenging Issues'

The Lent lunches are on the following Mondays:
 22nd February, 29th February, 7th March, 14th March and 21st March

Methodist Church Hall 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm Contact: **Ann Brittain** on **812012**

PHOTOS OF OLD BUCKDEN



Buckden class 2 in 1898



Buckden class 1 in 1899



Young cyclist, Diddington, 1908



Taken at Luck's Cottage, 1912



Mrs Carstairs, Buckden, 1904

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"The Garage with Two Pumps,"
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DATE	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
1st	4-28	5-15	6-8	7-4
8th	4-36	5-27	6-20	7-11
15th	4-46	5-41	6-32	7-24
22nd	4-57	5-54	6-44	7-36
29th	5-10		6-58	7-46
	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
1st	7-50	8-35	8-49	8-17
8th	8-1	8-45	8-45	8-4
15th	8-12	8-46	8-40	7-52
22nd	8-22	8-49	8-31	7-38
29th	8-31	8-49	8-22	7-23
	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
1st	7-15	6-8	5-3	4-23
8th	7-0	5-30	4-50	4-20
15th	6-44	5-36	4-40	4-20
22nd	6-27	5-22	4-31	4-21
29th	6-12	5-8	4-23	4-27

For "Summer Time" add one hour to figures.
All places West of Greenwich Add to figures according to distance and month.
All places East of Greenwich Deduct from figures according to distance and month.

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Robinson's of Buckden sponsored road map from c1914. "The garage with two pumps".

Thanks to Eric Kierley for providing these photos and the map

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme Huntingdon Group February 2016

A belated Happy New Year to you!

On Wednesday the 3rd at 2pm, our group will walk, from the Village Hall, the "Buckden Ramble", an easy-paced 60-minute walk; afterwards, we hope that refreshments will be available in the hall, in return for a small donation.

There are seven other Huntingdon-area health walks in February from other centres, details of which are on our website and in our brochures, obtainable from the Library, the Village Hall, Buckden Surgery, Buckden Marina, and also from the walk leaders. One of February's walks is new --- it starts at Frosts Garden Centre at 10am on Friday the 19th.

The Huntingdon Group walks are on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings, and we hope you will join us for healthy walking in 2016.

For more information, please contact Danielle Sancaster (HDC Sports Development Officer) on 01480 387047
Email activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk
Web: www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks

Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society Interested in radio communications?

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Meetings held in the Millard Suite
on the 2nd and 4th Thursday
of each month from 7:30 p.m.

For further information contact the secretary
Phil Haylock, Phone 01487 832937

E mail phinorm@talktalk.net

or visit our website at www.radioclubs.net

Buckden Gardeners Association

Tuesday 16th February 2016
8.00pm in the Village Hall

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.

For further information go to our website:
<http://www.buckdengardeners.info/>
or call Pam on 01480 811680
or Lesley on 01480 351547



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 2016 will be:

Monday 8th February: visit to Anglesey Abbey to see the snowdrops

Monday 22nd February: Memories in the community visit from a resident artist creating visual memories

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.

MISTLETOE?

A friend is updating a survey of Mistletoe in Huntingdonshire carried out in 2000 and there is a previous record of it in Buckden. If anyone knows of the location of any Mistletoe in the village I would be grateful if they would let me know at amoscott1@icloud.com or on 811468. Many thanks. Andy Scott

LIFE DRAWING GROUP*

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

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

Buckden Local History Society

40 Years a Coroner
By Gordon Ryall



Wednesday
3rd February 2016 at 7.30pm
in the Conference Room
at Buckden Towers

For more information email
Buckdenhistory@gmail.com

FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Knit-Lit
Friday 8th and 22nd at 8.00 pm

Once again libraries find themselves under threat of closure due to financial restraints. Please call in to show your support.

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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Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden

Tel: **0345 045 5225**

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

New to Buckden Library!

Engage in the Afternoon is a programme of talks and workshops organised by libraries throughout the county. Following a successful taster event in October, we will be running monthly events at Buckden library from January 2016. We aim to bring you a range of interesting speakers with wide knowledge of their specialist subjects. Regular events will be held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Our Next talk is on Wednesday 17th February between 2pm and 3.30pm and is entitled Tea Tasting. Join Sarah Ormiston to hear all about how tea was discovered, how it travelled the world, and became Britain's best loved afternoon drink! There will be chance to sample 10 different varieties of tea.

This is a free event and tickets are available at Buckden library or by contacting our call centre on 0345 045 5225. Places are limited so please remember to book. Refreshments will be available and we ask for a small donation to cover costs. A full list of talks taking place across the district is available from the library on a quarterly basis.

Dates for your Diary - Village Treasure Hunt

On Sunday June 5th there will be a Treasure Hunt throughout the village.

Starting and finishing at the Parish Church, refreshments will be available, and everyone will be welcome.

Clues will be a mix of some easier ones for children, and some difficult ones for those of you who love a challenge.

Please make a note of the date in your diary.

Storytime
at
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Tuesday 16th February
2.30pm

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Story and activity session

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The Hinchingsbrooke Bösendorfer Concerts February 26th 2016 7.30 pm

Frédéric Aguessy, piano

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Tickets: Adults £12,
Pupils and students under 21 £5,
Groups (20+) £9 each

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**SATURDAY, 20th FEBRUARY 2016
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MAXIMUM)

Have a look at the goods between 10 and 11 and the auction begins promptly at 11am with Barry Jobling as auctioneer.

FOR DETAILS – RING PATSY GRAY ON 810041.

VILLAGE NEWS

Buckden Village Hall



Burberry Road, Buckden, Cambridgeshire, PE19 5UY

Tel: 01480 811101

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

Bookings

Amongst our usual bookings in February we are also playing host to the East Anglian Bull Terrier Dog Show and on Saturday 20th February is the St Mary's Charity Auction. Come along and see what you can buy – all in a good cause!

Lost property

We have a push chair and a child's scooter looking to find their owners. If either of these belong to you please call me on 811101.

5-a-side pitch

Please remember that although the 5-a-side area on the playing field is fenced in – it is there to be used by anyone! If the gate is closed, don't worry – just open it and play!

Footpath widening

The Trust is planning to widen the footpath on the field which runs parallel to the valley. If anyone would like to volunteer their time to help dig away the grass that has encroached onto the path it would be much appreciated! Please call me on 811101 if anyone would like to help.

Your Village Hall needs you!

If anyone living in the village would like to become a Trustee and help to run this wonderful building please call or email me (details below).

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

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

Electrical Waste Kerbside Collection on behalf of Buckden Parish Council

Do you have electrical items that you no longer use or want? WISER Recycling can help You, and You can help your Parish Council. WISER Recycling are a local recycling company based in St Ives and will be conducting a collection of household Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) on **Wednesday 10th February 2016!**



FREE KERBSIDE COLLECTION OF UNWANTED ELECTRICAL ITEMS



Wiser Recycling, in partnership with your local council, is carrying out a free kerbside collection of unwanted electrical and electronic equipment in this area.

Environmentally, this is one of the best Recycling Methods for your Electrical Equipment!

We take the following equipment, ensuring that as much as possible is reused and recycled:



Please place all your unwanted electrical items kerbside by 10am on:

Wednesday 10th Feb 2016

We are happy to assist in moving larger appliances from outside your house but our drivers are instructed not to enter properties unless pre-arranged. Please call for details.



Make sure it's a Wiser van. If not, report it to the Police immediately.

T | 0845 884 9979 W | www.wiserrecycling.co.uk/community
E | info@wisergroup.co.uk FB | wiserrecyclingreuse

Electrical items will be collected in the morning by WISER vehicles. We will collect any electrical item (including non-working) from hairdryers, videos, microwaves, to televisions and fridge/freezers - basically, anything with a plug on. WISER Recycling will collect from right outside your house! All items will be taken to our fully licensed treatment facility in St Ives for Reuse, Refurbishment or Recycling.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ITEMS 'KERBSIDE' BY 10:00 – IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE AVOID PLACING OUTSIDE THE EVENING BEFORE.

Wiser Recycling vehicles are clearly identifiable - If you see unauthorised vehicles stealing the material, please call 999 and report 'theft in progress' and supply the vehicle registration details.

WISER has partnerships with many local and regional charities including Emmaus, Lighthouse, i-Trust and Eco-Computer Systems through which it sells working items back to social groups and low income families. We are fully permitted and authorised by the Environment Agency and operate to international standards; ISO 9001 (Quality), ISO 14001 (Environmental) and OHSAS 18001 (Health & Safety), ensuring a professional recycling and recovery service, second to none.

VILLAGE NEWS

BUCKDEN WI

Members met for the first meeting of 2016 very relieved that a new Treasurer in the form of Mary Perkins had been found! Subscriptions of £37.50 are now due and payable to Mary.



We were enthralled by Wally Thrace who spoke on bee-keeping, a subject relevant to the W.I. national campaign to save the honey bee. Wally was entertaining and informative, the owner of countless hives. 'Countless' as he never knows how many he has as he deploys them to sites which need plant fertilisation, the prime job of the bee - the honey is a bonus!

The next meeting is on February 2nd when we will be making jewellery with Cyndy. The competition is for a favourite brooch and our Bring and Buy Stall will have items from Paddy Oliver's flower arranging kit.

Judith Armitage

Buckden and Little Paxton Surgery 200 Club

The annual renewal letters will be sent out in early March for April 2016-March 2017.

Membership remains at £12 with quarterly draws-

June: 4 X £25, 1x £100 plus bonus £100

September: 4 X £25, 1x £100

December: 4x £25, 1x £100 plus bonus £200

March: 4x £25, 1x £100

There are some numbers not allocated.

If you would like to join the 200 Club and support the surgeries, please contact **Sheena Wilkinson** Tel **810086**

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW)

THE WAY AHEAD FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

On the 3rd December 2015, Neighbourhood Watch National held an event called 'The Way Ahead for Neighbourhood Watch'. The purpose of the event was to bring together key Neighbourhood Watch contacts with police colleagues and Police & Crime Commissioners to discuss the direction for Neighbourhood Watch. To summarize, the need to use technology to pass on information to warn of criminal activity, to ensure the Police & Crime Commissioner office working with the police, to ensure intelligence gained is used to reduce crime to protect residents. At the moment this is at the beginning in order to implement in line with new strategic plan 2015-2020.

There are examples of national and local organisations helping to fight crime examples being:

- National Pubwatch has made important contribution to reduction in alcohol-related violence. The scheme enables licensees to take collective action to ban trouble makers
- Cambs Countryside Watch, working in close partnership with the Cambridgeshire Constabulary, taking part in reducing crime and making Cambridgeshire a safe place to live in.

There is a need to bring together all partners who wish to help residents to live in safe and crime free Cambridgeshire.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101 or Crime stoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Call 999 if the incident is recognised as an emergency. To pass information regarding rural burglaries email burglarycrackdown@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Your village NW Coordinators are:

Richard West 811467 **Clive Williams 811828**

FRIENDS IN DEED

Our Winter Tea Party will be held on Wednesday 10 February and will take place as usual in the Methodist Hall at 2.30pm. All are welcome and transport will be available on request to collect and return those who would like a lift to the event – call the transport number below.



The popular 'Drop-in' Café in St Mary's Church is on the second Wednesday of every month – but not on the 10 February when it will be the Tea Party instead! It runs from 1430 to 1600 in the Living Stones Room so do come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, homemade cakes and a good chat.

We can help out with transport to a variety of locations including dental visits, 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: Jane Scott 07810 006598

Requests for transport: Andy Scott 07914 669967.

Leave a message and include your contact details <http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/friends-in-deed>



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

January 2016

We returned after the Christmas holidays ready for the new term. It is a much quieter time at school following the hectic build up to Christmas.

In January we welcomed a new teacher to our staff. Mrs Liz Masters is teaching in a Year 6 class. She takes over from Mrs Andrea Loakes who sadly left the school in December to relocate to the Norfolk coast with her family. Welcome to Mrs Masters.

The school had a non-uniform day to raise money for the Calderdale schools affected by the floods over Christmas. All our children came to school wearing non uniform for a donation. Thanks to the generosity of our parents we raised £218.40, which has been sent to the appeal organisers.

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils attended the Young Voices concert at The 02 in London. This is a national event with schools from all over the country attending. On the day of our concert there were over 5,000 children singing, accompanied by a wide range of musicians and artists, to create an amazing performance. All the music was specially selected and gave our children a wide variety of songs to perform. We ended the day with a concert - many of our parents were able to come along to enjoy the concert. We arrived back at school at midnight. What an exciting, eventful and tiring day, but we all had a wonderful time.

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Firstly, thank you to everyone who supported our Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Fayre event, whether you donated, organised, ran a stall, ran the music and movement session (Pauline Coker – thank you!) or came along on the day. The turnout wasn't as big as we'd hoped for, and there were many children in Buckden who missed having a delicious breakfast with Santa and a dance with Pauline - where were they?! However, the event, together with the sale of our remaining chocolate and reindeer food stock in the following week, raised £508 – far from a record, but excellent considering the turnout.

Last month we had several new starters, who are all now settling into the hustle and bustle of pre-school life. We started the month with two number weeks when we focused on recognising written numbers and counting, and then started focussing on letters. We also marked Australia Day on the 26th, making Australian flags, aboriginal collages and lovely lamingtons.

This month, we're looking forward to learning about Chinese New Year – always a favourite with both staff and children, as it always involves colourful craft activities and delicious Chinese food – and getting competitive with our annual Sponsored Pancake Flip. Frying pans at the ready!

Finally, a huge thank you to our lovely Buckden librarian Ann, who goes to great lengths to reinforce our theme of the week on our library visits, and all the volunteers too. We always get a warm welcome and they can't do enough to help. If your child isn't a member of the library yet, we heartily recommend taking them along. It's a great way to give your child a wide choice of story and fact books, there are competitions to enter and Storytime sessions to attend, and some super DVDs to borrow too. You might even find something for yourself!

Miss Alison

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

Sheila Murdoch

The family would like to say a big Thank You to all those who sent flowers, cards and made telephone calls following the death of Sheila at the end of November. Also the many friends who attended the 'Celebration of her life' service at St Mary's Church, Buckden, with very special thanks to Rev Jes Salt & Rev Pete Taylor for their part in conducting such a heart-warming & happy service

Mark, Kelly & Margaret

THE SPORTS PAGE

BUCKDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



BJFC is a Charter Standard club comprising 7 teams: U4/5/6s Dribblers (training only), U8 Eagles (5v5), U9 Vultures, U10 Buzzards (both 7v7), U11 Condors, U11 Harriers (both 9v9), U14 Falcons (11v11).

December Match Results

Results are a bit on the thin side this month because the Mini-Soccer and Hunts Youth League fixtures finished on 12th December for the Christmas/New Year break and recommenced on 9th January. Mini-Soccer and HYL U11 fixtures are divided into 3 sections for the season, normally with a gap of 2 weeks between each. At the end of Sections 1 (mid-December) and 2 (mid-February), teams are re-assessed on their results and, if necessary, will be moved to another, more suitable Division to try and ensure that they play against other teams of similar ability.

LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
Hunts Mini-Soccer				
5/12/15 [^]	Huntingdon Rowdies U10 [^]	1	Buckden Buzzards U10 [^]	0
5/12/15 [^]	Buckden Vultures U9 [^]	4	St Ives Rangers U9 Red Sox [^]	2
12/12/15	Buckden Buzzards U10	3	Arsenal Soccer School	0
9/1/16	St Ives Rangers U10 Blue Sox	3	Buckden Buzzards U10	5
9/1/16	Warboys Colts U8	3	Buckden Eagles U8	17
Hunts Youth (9v9)				
12/12/15	Buckden Harriers U11	4	Ramsey Colts U11	1
12/12/15	Bluntisham Blasters U11	6	Buckden Condors U11	1
9/1/16 ^{^^}	Fenstanton Youth U11 ^{^^}	2	Buckden Harriers U11 ^{^^}	3
Hunts Youth (11v11)				
5/12/15	Buckden Falcons U14	0	St Neots Town U14 Navy	8
12/12/15	Staploe & Duloe U14	2	Buckden Falcons U14	2

[^]Friendlies ^{^^}Hunts Yth League U11 Cup

Buckden Needs Referees for Mini-Soccer Matches

Buckden JFC requires Refs on Saturday mornings at Buckden for U8, U9 and U10 home matches. You don't have to be formally qualified – you just need to be able to do the job! Also, if you would like to gain a formal Referee qualification, BJFC is willing to finance a training course for you to achieve this. Either way, if you wish to find out more, please contact Buckden JFC Secretary Bob Crane (01480 434610 / robertcrane46@yahoo.co.uk).

Buckden Dribblers Still Welcomes New Players and Needs Coaches

The Dribblers now have a record 33 players in attendance but still wish to encourage more to join in. The age group has been expanded from U5/6s to U4/5/6s to enable children in Pre-school, Reception and Year 1 to attend (effectively 3 to 6 year-olds). The Dribblers would also like any parents, especially those whose offspring are in Pre-School and Year 1, to help as coaches. This would allow the present management to ready the prospective U7 team for next season. Please contact Dribblers managers Nick Speroni (07921 725293 / nick.speroni@hotmail.co.uk) or Matt Gill (01480 811581 / 07803 000690 / matt.gill@hgextra.co.uk).

Buckden Bowls Club

Contact Numbers:

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01480 812112

Ladies Sec.
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- Sat 13th Feb **Junkyard Preachers**
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- Sat Feb 20th **Cocktail Night**
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