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Hello all and welcome to 2015! Obviously that is not strictly accurate at the time of publication (you should receive this before Xmas!) but it is our January edition and so I think the sentiment is valid!

I hope you all had (or will have) an entertaining, fulfilling and enjoyable festive break. We have now completed our first full calendar year as an editorial team, and we have thoroughly enjoyed the experience so far.

There have been some substantial changes to the magazine in the past 12 months, and they have all been well-received. We are planning some more, less radical, changes as we continue to develop the style and content of the magazine—all the while maintaining its community focus.

Could those involved in village organisations please read the article on page 6 and take action! Please do contact us with queries

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/>

Editorial Team

Front Cover

Thanks to Alec MacAndrew for providing this month's cover picture, Diddington Church in winter; as ever, we are very grateful. We are still looking for photos to use on the front cover so please keep sending them in.

February Production Dates

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

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Buckden Parish Council News



Do you want a by-pass for Buckden? Then let your voice be heard!

For several years Buckden Parish Council, and our District Councillor, Terry Hayward, have viewed a by-pass for Buckden as being the only long-term solution to the traffic problems, pollution and vibration damage that affect residents in Buckden.

Those who read last month's Roundabout will know that Terry had arranged a meeting with our MP, Jonathan Djanogly, with a representative from Sandy and with the MP for north east Bedfordshire, Alistair Burt, in whose constituency the area from Wyboston to Sandy falls.

This meeting took place on 28th November, we made our representations for a by-pass and requested our MP's support in pursuing this. As a consequence, Jonathan Djanogly decided that he wanted a clear mandate from residents in Buckden, Diddington and Southoe before he could pursue the matter formally. He will be writing to the Hunts Post (by the time you read this, he might have already done so) to set up a petition to lobby for a by-pass.

It is extremely important for residents to respond to this petition, if a by-pass is what you want. If we are to have any chance in securing political backing, we must show that the over-whelming majority support this idea. So please, have your say....

Railway crossing at Offord

The Parish Council recently received a briefing on developments with regards to the railway crossing at Offord.

The consultation during the summer showed that the idea of a vehicle bridge and separate pedestrian/cycle crossing was broadly welcomed by residents in Buckden and The Offords. The project management team reported that they hoped to be able to apply for government funding shortly, apply for a transport order next autumn and begin construction in 2017. They also reported that the precise route of the new road and bridge has not been finalised and that the project presents particular engineering problems to be over-come, largely to cope with the risk of flooding.

There will be a further consultation early this year and another exhibition at the Offord Cluny Village Hall on 8th January 2015, 4 - 8 p.m. and 10th January 2015, 11a.m. – 3 p.m.

Parish Council Photo Competition

Hot off the press! Photographers, start preparing for the Parish Council Photo Competition which will again be a part of the Festival Weekend celebrations in the summer. Age groups will be the same as last year (age up to 10 years, 11 – 16 years and adult) and the subjects will be:

1. Selfie
2. Clouds
3. Insects and Spiders

HACT – Huntingdon Association for Community Transport

Several residents of Buckden already take advantage of the door-to-door service, including outings, that HACT offer for a very reasonable fee. Please remember that you can access the services of HACT if you have a bus pass. You will find more information about HACT in the library or at www.hact-cambs.co.uk

The monthly meeting of the **Parish Council, including a 15 minute Public Forum will be held on Tuesday 13th January 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 13th and Tuesday 27th January** 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 A1 AND OFFORD RAILWAY CROSSING

You will have already read details of activities concerning these two schemes. I am very happy to see that the concerns raised by the Parish Council and me have been answered in the plans for the level crossing. In spite of the promise from Government that schemes will be considered to make the length of the A1 from the M25 to Alconbury motorway standard there is still a very long way to go. We had the same promise in 1989 and plans were actually finalised only to be cancelled by the Labour government in 1996. The A1 Safety Advisory Group will continue to press for short and long term solutions to our problems. In the mean time I urge all residents to sign the petition that our MP Jonathan Djanogly has promised to instigate.

A14

I have recently attended presentations on the plans to mitigate the environmental impacts of the proposed scheme and on the future traffic movements on the new road and its impact on local roads. Full details of the proposals will be made available to the public in the New Year. I continue to be concerned about the impact that the removal of the Brampton Road viaduct will have on traffic travelling on that road. I have asked for further information because the presently available figures do not appear to answer the doubts and concerns that the Parish Council and I have raised.

PROPOSED BUCKDEN TO GRAFHAM WATER CYCLE/FOOTPATH

I am very grateful for the wide variety of skills possessed by the members of our little project team. I hope that you saw the article in the Hunts Post about the path. We are in the process of gaining the support of local village Parish Councils and CCC and HDC Councillors. We have yet to solve the problems of how to raise the necessary funding and I would welcome any ideas that villagers may have.

I wish all Buckden, Diddington, Stirtloe and Southoe residents the very best for the New Year.

Terry Hayward (Cllr)
Buckden Ward, Huntingdonshire District Council
01480 810974
terry.hayward@huntingdonshiredc.org.uk

FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW

Cambridgeshire County Council have submitted their proposals to the Local Government Boundary Commission.

These proposals include reducing the number of County Councillors in Cambridgeshire from 69 to 63 in a bid to equalise the number of electorate in each division across the county and to make all divisions single councillor as some divisions are currently served by 2 councillors.

The proposal for the division that Buckden currently occupies is that Buckden and Diddington, Southoe and the Offords would be included in the Brampton and Kimbolton division and should the Local Government Boundary Commission agree with this proposal then it would come into affect at the 2017 election.

If you wish to make a comment on this proposal please visit www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/eastern/cambridgeshire/cambridge-county-council and make your comments before January 19th 2015.

Please be advised that residents can come along to the Buckden village hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm for an hour to speak to me. I will be in the Aragon room and no appointment is necessary. My next surgery will be held on **Tuesday 13th January 2015** and I look forward to serving you all in 2015.

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

	<h3>Royal British Legion</h3>
	Heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported this year's Poppy Day Appeal. To date we have sent over £4,600 to the appeal and there are still further contributions to be collected and added. As usual I will write to each and every collector and collection point individually.
Thank you Veronica Hunstone, Hon. Sec. RBL Buckden	

Launch of 20's Plenty for Buckden Campaign

20's Plenty



Where People Live

A group of Buckden residents have launched a campaign for 20 mph speed limits for residential roads throughout Buckden. Limits have 20 mph signs not road humps. Slower speeds bring fewer casualties and major quality of life improvements for all. We are going to the Parish Council in December to hear their views and there will be a more detailed article in the next edition of the Roundabout. Lots of people have already signed our petition, and there will opportunities to sign petitions which will be dotted throughout the village over the next few weeks, so please sign them and if you would like to find out about our progress, please email buckden@20splentyforus.org.uk Thank you.



Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire

Huntingdonshire
Local Group

HEDGEHOGS

To welcome in the New Year, The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will present an illustrated talk on one of Britain's favourite animals, the Hedgehog. This will be held on Wednesday 14th January starting at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Natasha Ennew, who has many years' experience in caring for hedgehogs, is the Manager of Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital, which is a leading centre for the rescue, rehabilitation and release of hedgehogs. Natasha will tell us about the curious habits and lifestyle of these shy animals, and advise on what can be done to halt the alarming decline in their numbers over recent years.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Entrance charge £2.50; accompanied children free. Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for further information.

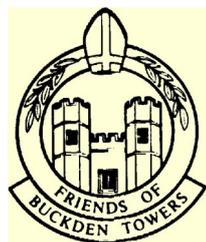
Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire. Registered Charity No: 1000412

!!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 and have identified the February and March editions of the magazine as 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



THE FRIENDS OF BUCKDEN TOWERS MIDSUMMER AT THE TOWERS 20th JUNE 2015

This year The Friends of Buckden towers are holding a special Tudor themed event in the King's Room at the Palace. Following a welcome drink in the Knot Garden, there will be a buffet meal in the King's Room in the Palace featuring a Tudor style main course followed by strawberries and cream. There will be a bar available for wine, beer and soft drinks.

After dinner we are delighted to host a demonstration of Tudor dancing by the **Capriol Society for Early Dance** whose members will then invite us to try the dances for ourselves.

You are invited to wear Tudor dress if you wish, but it is not compulsory and modern dress (smart casual but no jeans) is just as acceptable.

Tickets will go on sale at The Towers office shortly at £35.00 per head. Numbers will be limited so early booking is advisable.

QUIZ NIGHT

A note for your diaries: our ever popular annual quiz night will be on 6th March 2015.

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 Cretian 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 Satur-
day from 10.00 to 10.30 am.

The Rosary is prayed each Monday morning af-
ter 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 January

Sunday 4

10.30 am Morning Service

6.00 pm Evening Fellowship

Sunday 11

10.30 am Morning Service

6.00pm Evening Fellowship

Sunday 18

10.30 am Morning Service

6.00pm Evening Fellowship

Sunday 25

10.30 am Morning Service

6.00 pm Evening Fellowship

Activities in January

Fri 9 10.00 am Coffee Morning

Mon 12 12.30 pm Study Lunch

Tues 13 9.30 am Quiet Time, Wesley Rm

Wed 14 2.30 pm CAMEO Holiday
memories

Fri 16 12.00 Soup & sweet + service

Fri 23 10.00 am Coffee Morning

Tues 25 9.30 am Quiet Time, Wesley Rm

Fri 30 10.00 am Coffee Morning

Operation Christmas Child. Shoe Box Appeal.

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who contributed to the shoebox appeal. Buckden Methodist Church was able to send 103 shoeboxes and also some donations of money.

This means that some children in poor countries will have a happier Christmas as they will receive a shoe box. That in effect is a smile on a child's face. So thank you all again for making this possible. It is a wonderful achievement by everyone.

Carol Swepstone.

WILLIAM GALE (BILL)

Bill's family wish to thank all those who donated so generously at his funeral in St Mary's.

The following amounts were donated in memory of Bill:

Dementia UK £492.90

Addenbrookes Kidney Patients Association £362.90

Kidney Research £40

CHURCH NEWS

The Benefice of Buckden & the Offords

St Mary's Parish Church

Church St, Buckden PE19 5TL

www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk

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David Riley 810718

churchwardens@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Pastoral Care Co-ordinator:

Marilyn Rolin 07719 087215

pastoralcare@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 January

Sun 4 10:30am Family Eucharist (Epiphany)

6.00pm Holy Communion

Wed 7 9.30am Holy Communion

Sun 11 8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10:30am Family Eucharist

Wed 14 9.30am Holy Communion

Sat 17 1.00pm Baptism

Sun 18 10.30am Family Eucharist

6.00pm Evensong

Wed 21 9.30am Holy Communion

Sun 25 8:00am BCP Holy Communion

10:30am Family Communion & Baptism

7.00pm Night Prayer

Wed 28 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

This means that we do not currently have a vicar or priest in charge. The selection process for a new priest will take some months to complete. 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 be in Church on Wednesdays 10-11am if you want to drop in for a chat.

Forthcoming Events

'Winter Warmer Lunch at Spicelands - Thursday January 29th' Another sociable lunch for us to enjoy with friends.

Living Stones Café - Wednesday 14th January 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 2015. Buckden Village Hall.

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 week-end. 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 16th & 23rd January at 6.45pm in the Living Stones Room.

Bible study group meets on the last Monday each month 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

Thank you

St Mary's Fundraising and Events Teams would like to thank everyone who supported and helped to run their activities in 2014.

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

	<p>Buckden & District Churches Together</p> <p>www.bctc.fsnet.co.uk www.churchesbuckden.churchgoers.co.uk</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:	
4th January	Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Playgroup and Day Nursery, Buccaneers after school club, Buckden Towers Youth Retreat Centre
11th January	Mayfield, Springfield Way, The Osiers, Stirtloe
18th January	Vineyard Way, Burberry Road, Swan End, Lark End, The Library and its librarians
25th January	The churches of the village: St Hugh's, St Mary's, Buckden Methodist Church, also Offord and Perry Baptist Churches, members of home groups from these and other local churches, ministers and all who make our churches welcoming and worshipful places

Thought for the month

Dear all,

For me, one of the highlights of January each year is the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity". It is actually an eight day period that runs from 18th to 25th January. It began in 1908 and since its foundation has grown and changed. Even within my lifetime I have seen it transform from what was an aspiration (a longing for something that was not happening at the time) to a celebration (rejoicing in what we share, and praying for it to continue and to grow!)

On the night before He died, Jesus gave His disciples a "new commandment". He said "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another." And He prayed that they – and those who would believe in Him through future years might be united. He said: "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me." Later on in one of his letters, the Apostle Paul was able to affirm that "we are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

This is not uniformity, there is rich variety in the Christian Church – and styles of worship range from the very formal set liturgy for those who want a regular pattern to the wildly exuberant freedom of what are sometimes disparagingly described as "happy-clappy" churches, and there is everything in between. In my 38 years of ministry, I have attended, and had the privilege of participating in the full range of such Christian worship, and have encountered the living God in them all.

But Christian Unity, for me, has to do with acceptance of one another, and the joy that comes from working together and sharing together! It doesn't mean that we will always agree about everything – what family does? Someone put it like this: "You can walk hand in hand without always seeing eye to eye!" And today Christian Unity is not just about those 8 days in January, but about a whole range of ways in which the Churches within an area can work together throughout the year. And for that "oneness" I thank God. This will be my last contribution to the Buckden Roundabout as I will be retiring in March, and moving away from the area, and I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks to my many friends in the Churches of Buckden for all we have shared through these past years.

God bless you all,
Paul (Paul Williams, Perry and Offord Baptists)

STUDY LUNCHES

The first Study Lunch of the year will be on Monday 12th January, 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.
The focus of the Lent lunches will be confirmed in due course.

Contact: **Ann Britain** 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 **January 2015** will be:

Monday 12th January: post-Christmas dinner at Frosts

Monday 26th January: 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 **1st 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**)

UNITY SUPPER

24th January 2015

7.15pm Buckden Towers

The churches together in Buckden warmly invite you to join them for a bring and share supper to mark the week of prayer for Christian unity.

This will be held in the meeting room at Buckden towers. We will share prayer, worship and supper together.

At a time of discord and uncertainty in so many parts of the world it is more vital than ever that Christians work and pray together.

There is no need to let us know if you hope to join us but if you have any questions please contact **Pam Siddall (819228)** or **Ann Brittain (812012)**

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 like-minded people for an evening's social sewing.

Buckden Gardeners Association



Talk by Fred Daniels "How to Grow Prize Dahlias"

Tuesday 20th January 2015

8.00pm in the Village Hall

See p13 for more info

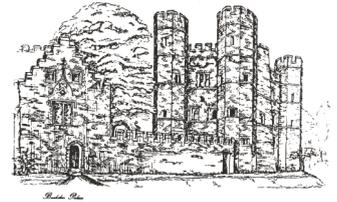
For further information go to our website:

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

or call **Pam** on **01480 811680**

or **Lesley** on **01480 351547**

Buckden Local History Society



St. Neots Community Archive
By Sue Jarrett

Wednesday 7th January 2015

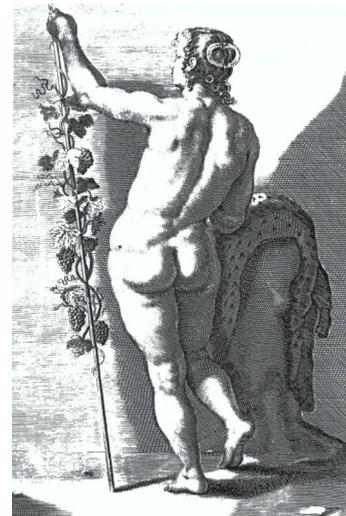
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7.30pm

in the

Conference Room at Buckden Towers

STARTING SOON—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: trrsldn8@gmail.com

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

*Male & Female models

FOR YOUR DIARY



Huntingdon Writers Group EVERYONE WANTS TO WRITE A BOOK

Huntingdon Writers Group is a group of like minded authors - novice to multi-published - from the Huntingdon area (including Buckden) who meet on the first Tuesday of every month to enhance their abilities. We encourage each other whatever our individual interests or standards, and have a great deal of fun in the process.

Whilst we do not teach creative writing, you will be made very welcome and encouraged to join in a full calendar of events including in-house competitions (with cash prizes), on-the-spot writing exercises, workshops and the very popular 'read and comment' sessions. You will pick up valuable hints and tips from fellow members and guest speakers – *and* learn from your own experience

For more information please contact:

Hazel Newton, Group Secretary

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www.huntingdonwritersgroup.co.uk



WEA BUCKDEN SPRING COURSE

The Post-War World 1945-1973

Origins/development of the Cold War, the Arab Israeli conflict and Britain's loss of Empire.

Tutor: Stephen Corley

Tuesdays: 13th January to 24th March 2015
Half-Term 17th February

10 x 90 minute sessions; 10.00 to 11.45 with coffee
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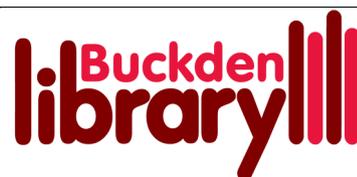
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buckden4businesswould like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Christmas Lights Celebration a success. Particular thanks must go to Paul Reynolds, who, with his team is responsible for closing the road safely for us. With his other (Christmas) hat on, he was a fantastic MC for the day.

Our thanks also to Crusader's for providing the staging; The Vine, The George and The Lion for letting us use their premises for the event; the Parish Council for their continued support and also the contributors, such as Offord Village Hall and the Scouts for the loan of their tables The event couldn't run without the willing volunteers - our thanks to all the Marshalls and lastly - our patient families.

The 'Lights' Team - Ruth, Ellen and Jeanette.



Events in the Library



Christmas Story Time:

Tuesday 23rd Dec at 2.30 pm
Christmas stories followed by
decorating a Christmas biscuit

Tales by Torchlight

Tuesday 13th Jan

4.15 pm - 5.00 pm

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Happy New Year!!!

Firstly I wanted to say an enormous thank you to the following local businesses who very kindly donated prizes for the Christmas Raffle back on 30th November: Landmark IFA, The Lion, FitHaven, The Barber's, Elouise Lingerie, Susan Peters, Nails at the Forge, Syrupp, Days of Buckden, The George, Draycott Brewery, Que Sera, Mrs Middleton's Rapeseed Oil, Ian's Tyres and Exhaust Centre, ProLawnCare, The Beauty Room, Anne Furbank, Saves Nine..., Big Village, InStep and Partylite.

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At the December meeting Pat King handed over to Ruth Nicholas who takes over as President in the New Year, and Peggy Hill stepped down as Treasurer to be replaced by Sheila

Flavell. We thank them both, but both remain as active in our service as before just differently!

On the 6th January we will start the year with Ann Scott telling us about 'A Polish Spring', and will meet at the Scout Hut on the 13th to discuss and vote for the Resolutions proposed for 2015.

Visitors are always welcome at our monthly meetings held at the school at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

VILLAGE NEWS

BUCKDEN LIBRARY



Here at Buckden Library we've just been given a regular slot in the Buckden Roundabout to share our news with you. Each month I'm hoping to tell you a bit about what we've been up to and what we've got planned.

Remember that without regular usage there is a serious risk of the library having to close so please pop in and show your support. We have facilities and activities for all ages – from Storytime for toddlers on Tuesday afternoons to computer lessons for older village residents. I mustn't forget to mention our popular fortnightly Knit Lit group either or I wouldn't be in Ann's good books!

During the winter lots of people like to curl up with a good book. Did you know that if Buckden Library doesn't have a particular title in stock we can order it in for you, free of charge, from another Cambridgeshire library? If you have Internet access at home you can even order the book yourself.

For those of you who like to socialise at the library, we're hoping to get some comfortable chairs just inside the entrance, so watch this space. If you know anyone who likes to read but isn't able to get to the library, we can deliver library books to their door.

As you may be aware, volunteers now assist in the day-to-day running of the library. We've got a strong core team at the moment but are always looking for enthusiastic people to join us. If you're interested in finding out more we'll be holding a coffee morning in March (details will be announced nearer the time) where we'd love to see you.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW)

Local Crime.

There has been a significant upsurge in burglaries in the local area during the last month. In Buckden, houses in St.Hugh's Rd, Perry Rd and Silver St were broken into and valuables stolen.

Surrounding villages including Little Paxton, Godmanchester and Southoe have also been targeted: isolated and vacant houses seem particularly vulnerable.

On the positive side, five men have been arrested in connection with burglaries in Huntingdonshire.

In the light of these events and the imminence of Christmas, it is obvious that, during the next few weeks, we should be especially vigilant, at home as well as out shopping. The following aspects, in particular, should be borne in mind.

- Report any unusual or suspicious cars or individuals to the police on 101 (now improved).
- Ensure that your house, outbuildings and vehicles are secure at all times but especially at night and when you are not at home.
- Store presents out of sight in the house and in the car.
- Ensure that house and car keys cannot be accessed from outside.
- Maintain and test security lights and alarms.
- If returning to your car alone on completing shopping, have your key ready, store valuables in the boot or on the floor, lock it and leave quickly - do not hang around eg. to use your 'phone.

In addition to conventional crimes, there has been a sharp rise in scams. As has been noted before regularly in this column, these now take on a wide variety of guises but almost all are aimed at extracting personal financial data from you. Fake official sites posing as banks or government departments or callers representing them are increasingly active.

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

**We wish you a happy and safe
Christmas and New Year.**

SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL



BUCKDEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

(Primary Academy Trust)

December 2014

The school community was busy in the run up to Christmas. Before our Christmas celebrations, the whole school took part in a sponsored pro-kick challenge. The children kicked a football at a target and the speed of the ball was recorded. It was an exciting day and all the children, and staff, enjoyed the challenge. The school raised over £1500.00 which will be divided between supporting the Ely Diocese 'Build a School' project, while the remainder will go to the Sports Connections Foundation.

Our Reception children performed their Christmas nativity play 'The Sleepy Shepherd' to the school, family and friends. Their first performance at Buckden School was beautifully acted and sung. The children in Years 1 and 2 also performed their Christmas play 'The Stars Journey' to the school community, family and friends. They also gave a very accomplished performance. Well done to all our budding actor and actresses and to the staff who turned their hand to directing, producing, costume making and prompters.

Our annual Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert was held at St Marys Church and was attended by many parents and friends of the school. This is always a festive occasion and this was no exception. The school has also had a group of visitors from the Buckden Churches Together group who presented all the children in Year 2 with a Marcus DVD each. The DVD recounts stories from the Gospel of Mark and also includes an adventure game and stickers.

As we near the end of term we are starting to prepare for the Spring term. The school would like to thank all parent helpers and friends who regularly come into school to work with the children. Your help is very much welcomed and appreciated. **The school re-opens for the Spring Term on Monday 5th January.** This is a change to the previously published date.

May we take to opportunity to wish the residents of Buckden a very happy and prosperous new year.

2015

Spring Term Opens Monday 5th January (CHANGED)

Half Term 16th – 20th February

Spring Term Closes Friday 27th March

Summer Term Opens Monday 13th April

May Day Monday 4th May

Half Term 25th – 29th May

Summer Term Closes Friday 17th July

Professional Day Monday 20th July

Professional Day Tuesday 21st July

Professional Day Wednesday 22nd July



First, the big news! News that we have been itching to tell everyone but couldn't until it was official. The result of our Ofsted Inspection in November was a resounding GOOD.

Since Ofsted's inspection changes, a Good can be harder to achieve, so we were delighted and proud - a delight only slightly marred by the knowledge that we were so close to an Outstanding. The inspector praised the quality of teaching, safeguarding, behaviour management and our support of parents and carers. She was also impressed by our active learning opportunities, community involvement and special needs provision. If you would like to read our report, you can find it online here: <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/index.php?q=filedownloading/&id=2436674&type=1&refer=0>

December was an exciting and colourful time at preschool as we made Christmas decorations, held our Christmas Fayre, presented our Christmas production of Whoops-A-Daisy Angel and enjoyed a great Christmas party at the end of term. At the time of writing we don't have a total for the Christmas Fayre, but we're pleased to say that we raised £245.80 at our tombola stall at the Christmas Lights Festival. Many thanks to everyone who ran and supported the stall. Due to the early deadline for this issue, news about our Christmas Fayre will be in next month's Roundabout.

In 2015, we plan to build on our success and look forward to welcoming more new starters, even as we prepare another group of preschool leavers for that important move to big school. We wish everyone a Happy New Year and remind parents or carers of prospective pre-schoolers that they are very welcome to visit preschool and see us in action! Just phone Michelle Nelson, our manager, on the number below to book an appointment.

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Miss Alison

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

£200	No. 189	Mrs G Haverson
£25	No. 23	Mrs A Pope
£25	No. 170	Mrs P Blane
£12	No. 72	Mr J Coker
£12	No. 161	Mrs I Jackson

The committee has decided to change the frequency of draws and prize money from April 2015. We will have further details in the February Roundabout.

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.

November Match Results

LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
Hunts Mini-Soccer				
15/11/14*	Buckden Condors U10*	2	Fenstanton Youth U10*	3
15/11/14*	Buckden Harriers U10*	7	Brampton Spartans U10 Blue*	0
15/11/14	Buckden Buzzards U9	6	Somersham Town U9	4
15/11/14**	Buckden Vultures U8**	3	St Ives Rangers U8 White Sox**	0
15/11/14	Priory Parkside U7 Yellow	1	Buckden Eagles U7	11
22/11/14	Buckden Condors U10	3	Stukeley Meadows U10	3
22/11/14	Buckden Vultures U8	7	Hemingford Colts U8	2
22/11/14	Buckden Eagles U7	2	St Ives Rangers U7 Blue Sox	4
26/11/14	Godmanchester U9 Blue	0	Buckden Buzzards U9	6
29/11/14*	Buckden Harriers U10*	4	Fenstanton Youth U10*	1
29/11/14***	Buckden Buzzards U9***	6	Warboys Colts U9***	0
29/11/14**	Buckden Vultures U8**	10	Needingworth Colts U8**	2
29/11/14****	Cambourne FC U7****	4	Buckden Eagles U7****	12
Hunts Youth (9v9)				
22/11/14	Buckden Falcons U13	1	Needingworth Colts U13	8

*Hunts Mini-Soccer U10 Champions League Cup

**Hunts Mini-Soccer U8 Champions League Cup

***Hunts Mini-Soccer U9 Champions League Cup

****Hunts Mini-Soccer U7 Champions League Cup

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).

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 / kevinwager@btinternet.com

or Buckden JFC Secretary Bob Crane 01480 434610 / robertcrane46@yahoo.co.uk

Buckden Bowls Club Draw Results

October

55 Jenny Casey £20

100 Suzanne Moore £10

51 Ann Coleman £5

November

69 Albert Jackson £20

17 Peggy Short £10

53 Les Sharpe £5

December

24 John Mace £20

55 Jenny Casey £10

70 Roy Collins £5

End of Season winner - 51 Ann Coleman £200

Contact Numbers:

Club Sec.

Brian Moore

01480 812112

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This New Year thousands of people will embark on a bid to lose weight and get fit. And a local weight-loss Consultant is urging dieters in the area to ditch the fad diets and choose a weight-loss plan they can sustain.

Rachel Watson, who runs a Slimming World group in Buckden and has lost 5st herself, says faddy diets aren't the answer: "Lots of people start January with the best of intentions but by the end of the month so many of them have given up, defeated by hunger, boredom or feelings of deprivation. Rachel says "I want people to know that losing weight doesn't have to be that way, that not all slimming attempts are doomed and not all 'diets' are the same. It's easy to be wooed by the plans that promise the fastest loss, but it's really important this new year that slimmers think sensibly about which plan they choose and look at which offer the most chance of long-term success" and Rachel believes getting support is as important as changing eating habits: "There's no denying that changing the habits of a lifetime can be challenging and there will be times, perhaps when your weight loss slows down or a 'bad week' leads to a temporary gain, when it can be tempting to give up.

That's where getting support week in, week out to make changes and keep them up comes in. At Slimming World members develop the skills and tools to overcome the psychological and emotional challenges that every slimmer faces at some point, including learning to be kind to yourself and get 'back on track' when you do have a blip. Anyone who wants to lose weight this New Year the easiest most healthiest way will find a world of support waiting for them at the Buckden Slimming World group".

To join the Buckden Slimming World group, which is held every Thursday night 5.30pm and 7.30pm at Buckden Primary School, just go along to one of the times shown or call Rachel on 07940 441 918 for more information.



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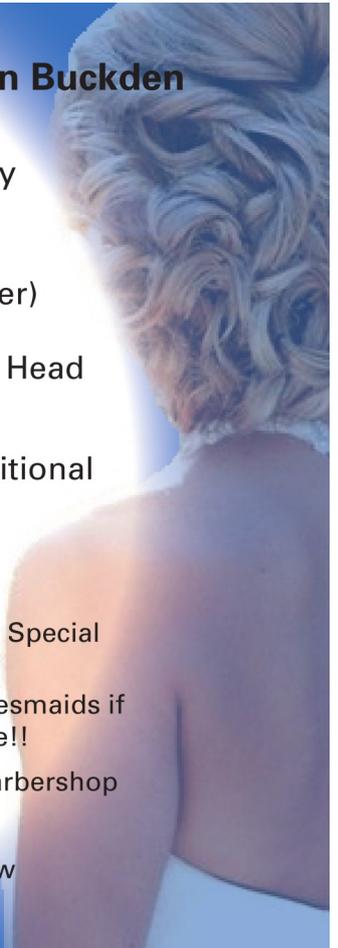
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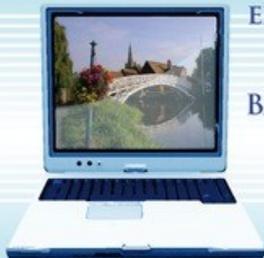


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