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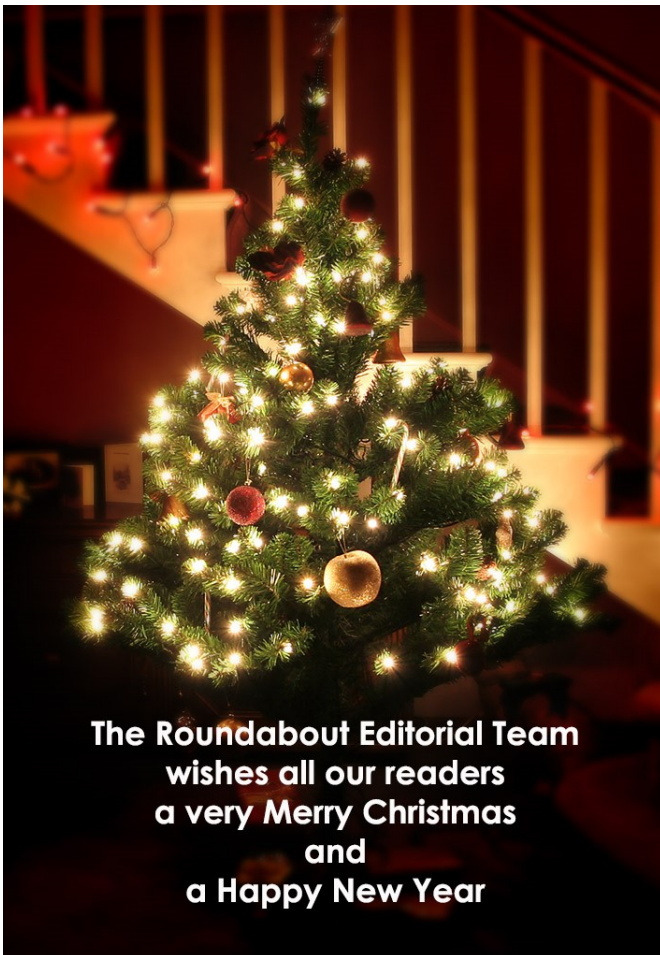
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## January 2017

### January 2017

Producing the January edition of Buckden Roundabout is always a somewhat strange experience! We are trying to act as if Xmas is all over and the New Year is here - but this edition should be with you before Christmas!

Congratulations to all those involved in the organising of the Christmas market and the lights switch on - despite the slight hitch when Reverend Jes Salt depressed the plunger! It was great to see so many people out and about - the lovely weather undoubtedly helped with that! The variety of stalls was a pleasure to see, as was the involvement of so many village organisations.

Given that this is the last issue that will be delivered before Xmas (hopefully!) the Buckden Roundabout team would like to wish all our readers, distributors, contributors and advertisers and **Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

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

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

*Editorial Team*

#### Front Cover

The cover photo this month is not of Buckden, but is taken by a Buckden resident - Peter Sharpe. Many thanks to Peter for letting us use this image.

We are always looking for photos, images, drawings and paintings to use on the front cover so please keep sending them in. In particular we are looking for photos of winter. Please note that photos should ideally be portrait and be 2400x1700 pixels for use on the cover

#### January Production Dates

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# Buckden Parish Council News



## **New Year Greetings**

Councillors and staff of Buckden Parish Council would like to wish all residents of Buckden, Stirtloe and Diddington a very happy and healthy New Year.

## **New Year, new activity.....**

### ***How about being a Parish Councillor?***

Have you made any new year's resolutions yet? Would you like to get more involved in decisions about your community during 2017? We have one vacancy on Buckden Parish Council and would be delighted to welcome a new member. We would be particularly pleased to have a resident of Diddington on the council. If you would like to know a little more about the role, contact the Chairman, Fiona Shirley on 01480 811703 or the Clerk at the address below.

### ***.....or growing you own food?***

Have you ever fancied growing your own fruit and vegetables? is your garden too small for all the produce that you want to grow? Do you want to keep fit and get plenty of fresh air? How about taking on an allotment? We currently have a few vacancies and would welcome applications. Again, if you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

### ***.....or using Buckden library?***

There are, of course, great financial pressures on Cambridgeshire County Council and libraries, in particular, may be subject to cuts during the next few years. The best way for us to keep our wonderful community library is for as many people to use it at possible. So, please, visit the library which is in the Village Hall and help to safeguard its future.

## **Bus Passes**

Bus passes can now be renewed on line up to six weeks before they are due to expire. If you don't have access to a computer at home, the libraries in Huntingdon, St Neots or Buckden will be able to help you with your application. Details of what you need to bring with you to make an application can also be found in Buckden library.

## **Bus Service No 65, Buckden - The Offords - St Neots**

We are drawing your attention to this underused bus service that is NOT a Dial-A-Ride Service. It runs from Buckden Surgery via The Offords and Great Paxton to St Neots. Some people in the village find it very convenient as it leaves at 9.45 a.m. and returns at 10.25 or 12.14 p.m. Unfortunately, not many people are using it and we have been asked to publicise it in the hope that more people will use it. Further details of the service can be obtained either from the Parish Clerk or the information board at the bus stops in the village.

## **Defibrillator**

Many thanks to Buckden Junior Football Club and the Village Club for raising money towards the cost of the defibrillator which is to be sited at the front of the Village Hall.

The monthly meeting of the **Parish Council, including a 15 minute Public Forum will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 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 24th 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](mailto:clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk)  
Do not forget our website at [www.buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk)



## FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

As I write this article in December, the lack of gritting through Yelling and Toseland is causing a problem with treacherous icy rural roads causing accidents and I am hoping that common sense will prevail and the road will be gritted routinely on a nightly basis should it be required.

The council has a seven-year contract with ECON who supply the council with new gritters every year from November through to April each year. This year the routes the gritters will travel along have been revised to reflect the challenging financial pressures that face the council. The gritting routes have been designed to make sure all strategic routes have been gritted as well as all major roads such as to hospitals and schools. (Roads such as A14, M11, A47, A1 and A428 are gritted by Highways England).

The new routes cover over 1,000 miles of the county's roads and can be viewed at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/wintergritting](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/wintergritting). Plan your route to work in winter conditions based on the routes that are gritted; in this area the B1040 and B1046 will be gritted. Cambridgeshire sees differing temperatures and weather conditions across the county which is why this year the county has been divided into 3 sections, North/East, South/West and City.

Gritting will then be tailored to meet the local needs and based on the conditions in these 3 areas rather than on the county as a whole. There is also an army of more than 70 local volunteers who help treat their local area when temperatures drop to freezing and below. If you would like to volunteer in your local community to help treat local areas, please contact me.

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## FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

### **Hinchingbrooke Hospital**

Residents will already know that the respective boards of the hospitals concerned agreed the plans for the merger/takeover of Peterborough, Stamford and Hinchingbrooke hospitals. We must be vigilant in our efforts to ensure that the promises that there would no loss of services are kept.

### **Devolution**

All of the Cambridgeshire Councils have accepted the plans for Devolution. This means that there will be an election for our first Mayor in May. This will take place at the same time as our County Council elections. Boundary changes mean that Buckden, Brampton, Stirtloe, Diddington, Southoe and Midloe will now form a new County Council Ward.

### **Buckden/Offords Level Crossing**

We continue our efforts to have the level crossing replaced by a bridge. As I have already reported the District Council accepted my motion about the need for a speedy resolution to the problem. I am very glad that our County Councillor, Julie Wisson, is proposing a similar motion at the next full County Council meeting. I understand that during the recent traffic survey during a period of 120 minutes in the morning the gates were closed for 69 minutes!

### **Tree Warden Co-ordinator**

Buckden Parish Council has always appointed a Tree Warden who is not necessarily a member of the Council. This person has received support and training from the HDC Tree Warden Co-ordinator. The evidence of the success of their combined efforts can be seen around the village. Unfortunately HDC are planning to disestablish the post in order to save money. Richard West, the ward councillor for Gransden and the Offords, and I are pressing the Cabinet to reverse this decision.

### **An Apology**

I have just returned from a very busy High Street where the Christmas lights have just been turned on. Obviously I should have added this event to my list last month of times that the village 'gets together'. My congratulations to the organisers.

May I reiterate my good wishes to all residents for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Please do not hesitate to contact me about any local issues on 01480 810974 or [terry.hayward@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:terry.hayward@huntingdonshire.gov.uk)  
Terry Hayward, District Councillor for Buckden Ward

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Huntingdonshire  
Local Group

### **Born to Travel**

For the first of our New Year's meetings, the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust are pleased to welcome Peter Holden who will present an illustrated talk entitled 'Born to Travel'. This will be held on Wednesday 11th January at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Peter, who is an author and broadcaster, has always had a passion for birds. He will talk about bird migration, delving into the amazing journeys of many of our most loved birds. Peter will include a short film to illustrate his talk.

Peter was a Senior Manager with the RSPB for 40 years and was responsible for devising the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. He has also written many books, including the RSPB Handbook of British Birds and the RSPB Handbook of Garden Wildlife and Birds: A Hidden World.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for more information

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### **Cambridgeshire Police**

My name is Richard Braddick, and I am the new rural PCSO based at St Neots Police Station. I have 7 years' experience working in the rural areas, having recently been employed as a PCSO for North Yorkshire Police, before transferring to Cambridgeshire last month (less sheep, so I am told).

I will be patrolling the Buckden area, so if you see a strange person in a high visibility uniform that you might not have seen for a while, don't worry it will be me. My aims are to provide re-assurance and a visible Police presence to the rural villages and communities. I am also keen to work with farmers, rural businesses and Neighbourhood Watch to help prevent rural crime. Unfortunately, time and resources are limited to provide continuous Police presence, but my aim is to be a point of contact for residents and the community.

I am fully aware of the parking issues effecting the area around Buckden Primary School, and I will urge parents to avoid parking or dropping children off in the marked areas outside the school, and the single yellow lines in School Lane. I will be patrolling the area during dropping off and picking up times, and we will ticket offending vehicles. The current cost of a ticket is £30.00.

With Christmas upon us, I urge everyone to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to Cambridgeshire Police, by dialling the 101 non-emergency number, or if a crime is happening, or you feel threatened then 999 emergency number.

We have had reports of bogus callers in the Buckden area, preying on older vulnerable victims, arranging for work to be carried out on properties that probably don't need it, and charging a large amount of money for the privilege. If you are approached, please do not let them into your home, do not agree for any work to be carried out, unless you are happy that they are genuine builders or you know them. Call 101 or a neighbour, friend or relative for advice first before proceeding. If you have elderly neighbours, please check and make sure they are OK, especially with winter upon us and the freezing temperatures we have experienced recently.

I am sure you are aware that The One Stop shop had a robbery late November, these shops are being targeted across Huntingdonshire, and I strongly recommend that if an incident occurs whilst you are shopping, not to attempt to stop them, but to get as much detail and description as you can of the persons and vehicles involved and report it to Cambridgeshire Police.

Lastly, if you have any issues or problems that you would like to discuss, my contact details are at the foot of the page and if you see me in the village please wave. That just leaves me to wish you all a very Happy and safe New Year

Richard

**PCSO 7101 Richard Braddick**

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St Neots Safer Neighbourhood Team

St Neots Police Station, Dovehouse Close, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 1DS

**Mobile:** 07921-094801 **Call:** 101



## CHURCH NEWS

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

Telephone: **01480 810344**

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

In the pastoral care of the Claretian Missionaries:

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

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

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

**Morning and Evening Prayer** Monday to Saturday at 9.15 am and 5.45pm 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)  
Angie Barnes (810102)

#### Services in January

##### Sunday 1

10.30 am Morning Service  
Local Arrangement

##### Sunday 8

10.30 am Morning Service  
Mr Ted Garwood  
at Gt. Barford

##### Sunday 15

10.30 am Covenant Service  
Rev. Paul Beard

##### Sunday 22

10.30 am Morning Service  
Rev. Miles Falla  
6.00pm Sharing Supper for Unity week  
Buckden Towers

##### Sunday 29

10.30 am Morning Service  
Mrs. Angie Barnes

#### Activities in January:

<b>Fri 6</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Coffee Morning
<b>Mon 9</b>	<b>12.30 pm</b>	Study Lunch
<b>Tue 10</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Quiet Time, Wesley Room
<b>Fri 13</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Coffee Morning
<b>Fri 20</b>	<b>12.00pm</b>	Soup & Sweet lunch
<b>Tue 24</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Quiet Time, Wesley Room
<b>Fri 27</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	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 as 288 shoeboxes were collected.

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.



Please note this date in your diary and join us:

#### OPEN GARDENS IN BUCKDEN

**Sunday 11th June 2017**

There is something of interest for everyone.

If you would like to take part and open your garden for us please contact **Ann Scott 811848.**



#### Buckden Surgery Patients' Association 200 Club Prize Winners September 2016 Draw

£100	No. 197	Ms Carol Swepstone
£25	No. 55	Mrs Fiona Irons
£25	No. 166	Mrs L Toogood
£25	No. 175	Mr G Cook
£25	No. 192	Mrs Hilary Moorbey

**December Bonus Prize:  
£200 No 137 Mrs Marjorie Rowlands**



## CHURCH NEWS

# What's On at St Mary's Buckden : January 2017

### **THIS IS YOUR PARISH CHURCH PLEASE SUPPORT IT**

This beautiful building is in need of urgent repairs to parts of the roof, to the stonework and to the outer walls of the vestry to keep it both watertight and safe for visitors. To do this, we need to raise around £100,000 in total and so we are reaching out to the whole community as well as making applications for grants. So please give in whatever way you can and look out for our fund-raising events.

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

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/St-Marys-Church-Restoration-Appeal>

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysbuckden>

**Happy New Year – we are taking the opportunity to let you know more about the regular services and events which we have going on EVERY month**

### **SUNDAY Services**

8am Communion on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
11am Main service every week (all-age service on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)  
6pm Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> and evensong on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

### **MONDAYS**

**St Mary's Bell-Ringers practice 8.15pm**  
visitors and beginners welcome

### **TUESDAYS**

**Jamworkx After-School Club**  
3.15pm at Buckden School (bookings through school)

### **WEDNESDAYS**

9.30am Holy Communion  
10.00am Cuppa and a chat  
10.30 Going Deeper – looking at Sunday bible readings

**2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAYS: Friends in Deed DROP-IN CAFE**

**Wednesday 11th January 2.30pm – 4pm**

**in St Mary's Living Stones Room.** Drop-in for tea/coffee/cakes and chat

### **FRIDAYS - Angel Voices informal all-age choir**

Sings at our 4th Sunday all-age service and rehearses on the previous two Fridays 6.45pm in the Living Stones Room.

### **SATURDAY COFFEE & CAKES**


**Saturdays 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**10.30am – 12 noon in St Mary's Living Stones Room**

For more information on our events / activities / services all year, see [www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk) or follow us on facebook: St Mary's Buckden or twitter: @A1churchbuckden

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## CHURCH NEWS

	<p><b>Buckden &amp; District Churches Together</b>  <a href="http://www.buckdendistrictchurches.wordpress.com">www.buckdendistrictchurches.wordpress.com</a></p> <p>Anglicans                      Baptists                      Catholics                      Methodists</p>
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### Weekly Prayer Roster

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

1st January	The Parish Council, The Village Hall and Playing Field Trust; those who help to run the Village Hall, and the activities there
8th January	Greenway, Aragon Close, Hoo Close, Bishops Way
15th January	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
22nd January	Clubs and societies, their leaders and members, volunteers, and the team that produces and distributes the Buckden Roundabout
29th January	Cranfield Way, Cranfield Close, Weir Close, Smith Drive, Lucks Lane, Morris Close

### Thought for the month

Last December, Pope Francis in his Christmas message proclaimed 'Christmas is an event which is renewed in every family, parish and community which received the love of God made incarnate in Jesus Christ. Like Mary, the Church shows to everyone the "sign" of God: the Child whom she bore in her womb and to whom she gave birth, yet who is the Son of the Most High, since "he is of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 1: 20).

In the Christian Churches we have just finished the season of Advent, a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Whereas the shops and the media have now turned their attention elsewhere, we continue to celebrate the season during the twelve days of Christmas leading up to the feast of the Epiphany. According to the Gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus, the humble shepherds were the first visitors to the new born Son of God in the stable at Bethlehem and the Epiphany celebrates the magi who had travelled from afar under the guidance of a star, bearing gifts, representing the gentile world of the time. Jesus came to earth for the salvation of the whole world and each individual.

An epiphany prayer:

*The story is out! Jesus Christ, Light of the World has been born to dispel the darkness that covers its people. God's glory appears in human form. Life on earth will never be the same again!*

*Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen*

Fr. Chris Newman

Thanks to all who attended the Christingle service in St. Mary's on Saturday December 10th. I am delighted to say that a total of £124.91 was raised during this collection; this amount will be donated to The Children's Society.

### STUDY LUNCHESES

The study lunches continue on Monday January 9th and Monday February 13th  
 The Lent study lunches will take place on the following Mondays:  
 March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, and April 3rd  
 Study topic to be confirmed

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





# HUNTINGDON together

## The Charity Shop of Huntingdonshire Volunteer Centre

### 'Supporting volunteering across Huntingdonshire'

#### Help Huntingdonshire Together to 'Get Swishing'

*Swishing is the easy way to update your wardrobe! It's guilt free shopping and great for the environment. Swishing works like a giant clothes swap: you bring items you no longer wear and exchange them for something new-to-you!*

#### Date and time

Saturday 28 January 2017

Drop off from 10 am  
Opening of Swish 11 am

#### Location

St Mary's Parish Hall  
1A The Walks East  
Huntingdon PE29 3AP



**£5 entrance fee which includes  
one free hot drink & snack**

#### Description

Bored of what's hanging in your closet? Then it's time to GET SWISHING with your local Huntingdonshire Volunteer Centre and our Charity Shop Huntingdon Together.

Dig out those clothes lurking at the back of your wardrobe and use them as currency to get yourself a new (ish) frock. Bring up to 10 items of clothing, shoes or accessories that you would be **'proud to pass on'**, that are clean and in good condition to swap.

Drop them off from 10 am – 11am in exchange for tokens (1 High Street item = 1 token, 1 Higher Quality High Street item = 2 tokens, 1 Designer item = 3 tokens).

The Swish opens at 11am and then it's time to shop until 3pm! Browse the rails and use your tokens to take away a fabulous new outfit!

Entrance charge of £5 which includes one hot drink and snack and lots of fun! Girls and boys, men and woman all ages are welcome.

Remaining clothing will be donated to our Huntingdon Together Charity Shop



## The Rules

1. Each person must bring at least one good quality item of clothing, shoes or accessories to take part – maximum 10 please
2. As you arrive exchange your items for Swishing tokens (1 High Street item = 1 token, 1 Higher Quality High Street item = 2 tokens, 1 Designer item = 3 tokens)
3. Nightwear, swimwear and underwear including socks will not be accepted
4. Items must be in a good condition – something that has shrunk, is stained or needs repairing (e.g. missing buttons, broken zips, loose sequins or beading, rips, tears, fabric pulls or holes, bobbly bits, disintegrating seams or hems, lint or fluff) will not be accepted
5. Guests are asked NOT to browse the rails whilst items are being prepared for Swishing
6. When the Swish is declared open clothes can then be taken on a first come first served basis. But please no biting, scratching or hair pulling!
7. Tokens are then returned in payment as clothes are taken from the event

If you would like any more information go to: [www.huntsvc.org.uk](http://www.huntsvc.org.uk) or phone Huntingdon Together on: 01480 700290

**Why Swish?** *The secret is out – we love clothes! The average household owns £4,000 worth of clothing, 30% of which have not been worn in the past year. Estimates put the value of this unused clothing at around £30 billion. Don't you think it's time to start getting some of that value back?*

*You are also helping the environment – according to Futura - 0.4kg of CO2 is saved for every item of clothing that is re-used, rather than bought new!*

**Interested?** *We'd love your help with preparation, promoting, attending and helping at the event.*

To find out more please get in touch with Ann, Emma or Tripti....

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## FOR YOUR DIARY

### Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme Huntingdon Group January 2017

Farewell 2016, and welcome January 2017, which has 8 Wednesday-afternoon/ Friday-morning health walks. The Village Hall Car Park is the starting point for the 'Buckden Village' walk on the 13th, at 10am.

Health walks, of 45 to 80 minutes duration, are safe and easy-paced. New walkers, always welcome, are offered, at each walk's registration, a brochure, ID and Incentive Cards, plus an outline of the route.

Please ensure that footwear and clothing are suitable for the day's conditions --- in autumn and winter, weather/ground conditions may be less than ideal. Carrying a bottle of water is also strongly advised.

So please come along and enjoy health walking, and even opt for a hot 'cuppa' afterwards to round off what health walkers believe to be a worthwhile experience!

For more information, please check out the website\*\*, or 'phone Doug Finlayson on 01480 387047.  
\*\* [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks)

### 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 2017** will be:

- **Monday 9th:** Christmas Lunch at The Lion
- **Monday 23rd:** Illustrated presentation on the Scott's tour of US National Parks  
**NB** - In the Lincoln Room

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

### Buckden Local History Society



### Suspected of Witchcraft

An Illustrated Talk By Annie James  
**Wednesday 4th January 2017 7.30pm**  
at Buckden Towers

For more information please contact  
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### BUCKDEN WEA

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10.00 to 11.45 with coffee

The Claret Centre, Buckden Towers

Contacts: Bridget Hale 01480 216391

Bill Templeton 01480 456788

### Buckden Gardeners Association

**Tuesday 17th January 2017**

8.00pm in the Village Hall



#### Looking after your lawn

By Richard Salmon from ProLawn Care

For further details see our website:

[www.buckdengardeners.info](http://www.buckdengardeners.info)

Or contact Pam (01480 811680)

### Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society

Just beginning or experienced, a warm welcome awaits you at Buckden Village Hall, Millard Suite at 7:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month

12th Jan Operation Black Buck by David M0VTG.  
The logistics of the Falklands raid by Vulcan Bomber

26th Jan Emergency Services Comms by Adria M6fpz

9th Feb Hints & Tips for portable operation  
By Mervyn G4KLE

23rd Feb Club Meeting

9th Mar **Annual General Meeting**

For further information contact the secretary

**Phil Haylock** on **01487 832937**

E mail [phinorm@talktalk.net](mailto:phinorm@talktalk.net)

or visit our website at [hunts-hams.weebly.com](http://hunts-hams.weebly.com)

### LIFE DRAWING GROUP\*

Venue: Buckden Village Hall

Day: Wednesday

Time: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Contact: Terry Sladden

Tel: 01480 811031

Email: [trrslddn8@gmail.com](mailto:trrslddn8@gmail.com)

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

\*Male & Female models



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**The Hinchingsbrooke Bösendorfer Concerts**  
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**Buckden Local History Society  
Programme 2017**

- Jan 4th Suspected of Witchcraft  
Annie James
- Feb 1st The Story of Edith Cavell  
Don Chiswell
- March 1st Folk Medicine & Magic  
Liz Davies
- April 5th Richard the Third  
Mathew Morris
- May 3rd Godmanchester during WW2  
Roger Leivers
- June 7th AGM  
Meetings held on the  
first Wednesday of the month  
Buckden Towers  
7.30 pm

For more information please contact  
**Buckdenhistory@gmail.com**



## VILLAGE NEWS

### FRIENDS IN DEED

The Winter Tea Party will take place in the Living Stones Room at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 8th February from 2.30-4.00pm. As ever, lifts can easily be arranged on request for those invited to come along by calling our Transport Coordinator, number below. If you are not on our invitation list but would like to join us for this social event then please call Brenda Steadman on 810382 as soon as possible.



Bad weather is upon us and, particularly in cold and icy weather conditions, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you, or anyone you know of, needs support with shopping or errands. Also if anyone is housebound during coming months and would like a visit from one of our friendly volunteers then do give us a call on the Coordinator's number below.

Our popular 'Drop-in' Café is held on the second Wednesday of each month in St Mary's Church from 2.30-4.00pm, so do come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and homemade cakes in a friendly atmosphere. Transport can be provided – just give us a call on the Transport Coordinator's number below.

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 WI

Our Annual General Meeting took place this month whereby the Committee and President for 2017 were elected. This was followed by a tasty fish and chip supper.



Our next meeting in the New Year is on January 3rd when we will be discussing and voting on Resolutions put forward by W.I. Headquarters. This will be followed by a "cheese and wine" supper and members are asked to bring their own knife and glass, please. The competition is entitled "my smallest bottle" and the Market Stall will be selling those "spare" Christmas items such as food, gifts and those boxes of chocolates that we really shouldn't eat!!

### **The Lucks Lane proposed housing development has not gone away, neither is it a foregone conclusion.**

#### **Village Hall meeting Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.**

Many of you would have seen our volunteers conducting a traffic and queue count in late November. Over ninety people gathered vital information regarding how busy Buckden is at present, and the results showed that another 200+ vehicles being added by the proposed Lucks Lane development would create intolerable congestion on our streets. The High Street and Offord crossing would be grid-locked on most days and the Stirtloe Lane/A1 junction would become lethal.

Do not be misled by false rumours and nay-sayers, Gladman are experienced and wily developers and will use every means to persuade the public, and the Planning Inspector at this summer's public inquiry, that they are doing Buckden a favour by building 180 (or fewer or more) houses off a small lane between Buckden and Stirtloe.

Gladman will not provide truly 'affordable' housing, they will not improve or enlarge our school, they will not improve the surgery. They will cover our streets in mud and our houses in dust for up to six years, they will destroy the natural countryside belt around our village and its character forever, they will block our narrow streets.

The Protect Buckden's Future Group has retained expert witnesses to oppose this development at the inquiry and we hope you will support us by email at [protect.buckden@btinternet.com](mailto:protect.buckden@btinternet.com) and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ProtectBuckdensFuture/?fref=ts>.

Please attend our Public Meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, for the latest news and discussion.

Thank you, Protect Buckden's Future.



### **'12 Days of Christmas Giving'**

To everyone who donated and supported the '12 Days of Christmas Giving' for Godmanchester Foodbank please accept my heartfelt thanks.

Your support was overwhelming and all your kind donations went towards making up 150 hampers which were distributed to people and families in the Huntingdon area.



## VILLAGE NEWS

	Burberry Road, Buckden, Cambridgeshire, PE19 5UY <b>Tel:</b> 01480 811101  <a href="http://www.buckdenvillagehall.co.uk">www.buckdenvillagehall.co.uk</a> <b>email:</b> admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk
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★ Happy New Year to you all!

★ If your New Year's resolution is to increase your fitness or to find your inner strength, then look no further than your own village hall! Please see below the classes and dances that are currently running here:

Mondays	10:00am	Yoga
	1:30pm	RightStart Class - chair based exercises to build stamina and strength
	6:30pm	Pilates with Dawn
	7:30pm	Yippee Yoga
Tuesdays	9:30am	Yippee Yoga
	9:45am	Pilates for All - FitHaven
	6:00pm	Karate
	7:00pm	Pilates with Trudy (from mid February 2017)
Wednesdays	1:00pm	Tai Chi
	7:30pm	Yippee Yoga
Thursdays	10:30am	Over 60's Exercise Class
	6:30pm	The 10/10 Body Workout
Fridays	9:30am	Yippee Yoga
One Friday per month	7:30pm	Rugcutters Groove Lounge Social Dance
Most Sunday evenings plus some Saturdays	7:30pm	Jivenites Blues Nights

★ Please call or email me if you would like any further information on any of these classes/dances.

★ We also have two life drawing art classes running here, one on a Wednesday morning and one on a Thursday evening if any of you would like to work on your creative side in 2017 :o)

★ Jo Harvey, 01480 811101, [admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk)

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW)  
NO COLD CALLING ZONES ( NCCZ )**

The County Council established, in April 2016, a team to work in parallel with Trading Standards. The 144 existing NCCZ schemes were set up by Trading Standards against specific criteria but once set up they receive little or no support. To improve the support given and encourage the existing schemes they are appointing a co-ordinator / champion who will support the schemes. Is the local village scheme receiving support?.

- We would welcome any feedback from the existing schemes:
- Do you require additional support?
  - Are leaflets required or stickers, posters or signage?
  - Are the schemes effective in keeping away unwanted sales persons.?

In areas where there are NHW schemes, NHW coordinators are being invited to include them in their coverage; or should volunteers who live close by the named streets be the co-ordinator/ champion?

**PHONE NUMBERS**

101 Anyone with information for the police; 0800 555 111 Crime stoppers anonymously; 999 in an emergency

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Your village NW Coordinators are **RICHARD WEST 811467 CLIVE WILLIAMS 811828**

## VILLAGE NEWS



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

#### December 2016

The school community was busy on the run up to Christmas. Our Reception children performed their nativity play 'Christmas with the Aliens' 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 'Lights, Camel Action' to the school community, family and friends. Another very accomplished performance was given by the children. Well done to all our budding actors and actresses and to the staff who turned their hand to directing, producing, costume making and prompters.

We had a maths morning when parents and grandparents were invited into school to join in their children's maths lessons. It was lovely to see so many parents and friends come along. We hope our visitors found it an interesting and informative morning - although some of our visitors did leave the building with somewhat glazed expressions!

The children in Years 5/6 have been busy singing their Christmas carols and songs at the Buckden Christmas Lights Switch-On, as well as visiting the residents of Hardwick Dene. 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 year was no exception.

Our PTA were also busy at the Christmas Lights Switch-On. They manned Santa's Grotto, and organised a very successful raffle. They also organised the end of term Christmas discos for the children at school. Thank you to their hard work fundraising this term – they have more fundraising events planned for us during 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. May we take the opportunity to wish the residents of Buckden a very happy and prosperous new year.

**The school re-opens for the Spring Term on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.**



As I write this, we are still gearing up for Christmas, unwrapping a Christmas story to read every day and making sparkly Christmas decorations and cards. But by the time you read this, the festive period will be winding down – so as we forgot to wish everyone a merry Christmas and New Year last month, we will take this opportunity to hope that you're all enjoying the festive period and wish you a very happy New Year.

As always, it was wonderful to be part of Buckden's Christmas Lights event and our tombola stall raised over £230. Many thanks to all those who donated items, ran our stall or supported us by buying tickets, too. We're also grateful to everyone kind enough to pop their change into our collection box at Nisa – and to Nisa for their continuing support.

Thanks must also go to key committee members who announced their resignation at November's AGM. Our chairperson, Alan Scott, who has a long history of bringing grandchildren to the preschool, has stepped down after two years and we wish him all the best for the future. We're very grateful to him for stepping in when we desperately needed a chairperson. Our treasurer Catherine, who kindly stayed on to help us long after her son departed preschool, has also resigned. Her support and enthusiasm will be greatly missed and we wish her well.

The people stepping into their shoes deserve a thank you too. Lindsey Page brings a wealth of early years experience to her new role as Chairperson, as does our new Treasurer Hazel Hunter, whom some of you may remember as our Deputy Supervisor not so many years ago! We look forward to working together to maintain the preschool's success as we go into 2017 and to welcoming our new starters in January, too.

*Miss Alison*

To arrange a visit or book a place for your child please contact our Manager, Michelle Nelson on 07941 671999.

For more information, please visit [www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk](http://www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk).

#### Christmas & New Year waste and recycling collections

Normal collection date	Revised collection date	Important points to remember when putting your waste out for collection:
Thursday 29 Dec	Saturday 31 Dec	•Do not overfill your bins or bags and ensure the bin lid is closed
Friday 30 Dec	Monday 2 Jan	•Your waste must be out for collection by 6.30am on the day of collections
Thursday 5 Jan	Friday 6 Jan	•Your waste must not be placed out before 6pm on the day before the collection
Friday 6 Jan	Saturday 7 Jan	•Collections take place from your 'edge of premise' unless other arrangements have been made. The council will only collect waste set out for collection in the containers provided by the council

During February 2017, changes are being made to the refuse and recycling collection rounds. This will mean that your collection day may be changing. Look out for more information which will be delivered to you early 2017. Find out more at: [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins) or call 01480 388640



## THE SPORTS PAGE

# BUCKDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



### Buckden Needs Referees for Mini-Soccer Matches

Buckden JFC requires Refs on Saturday mornings at Buckden for U7, U9 and U10 home matches. You don't have to be formally qualified – you just need to be able to do the job! If you wish to find out more, please contact Buckden JFC Secretary Bob Crane (01480 434610 / [robert-crane46@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:robert-crane46@yahoo.co.uk)).

### November/December Match Results

LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
<b>Hunts Mini-Soccer</b>				
12/11/16	Buckden Vultures U10	1	Mid Bed Tigers U10	2
12/11/16	Huntingdon Rowdies U9 Green	1	Buckden Eagles U9	3
12/11/16	Buckden Raptors U7	7	Staploe & Duloe U7 Foxes	7
19/11/16*	Alconbury Colts U10 Blue*	1	Buckden Vultures U10*	6
19/11/16**	Buckden Eagles U9**	9	Priory Parkside U9 White**	0
19/11/16***	St Neots U7 Sky***	6	Buckden Raptors U7***	2
26/11/16	Buckden Vultures U10	0	Huntingdon Rowdies U10 Green	4
26/11/16	Priory Parkside U9 Yellow	0	Buckden Eagles U9	3
26/11/16	Buckden Raptors U7	5	Ramsey Colts Development U7 Jet	10
3/12/16	Buckden Vultures U10	1	St Ives U10 White Sox	2
3/12/16	Buckden Eagles U9	3	St Ives U9 Black Sox	0
3/12/16	Somersham Twn Yth U7	8	Buckden Raptors U7	0
<b>Hunts Youth (9v9)</b>				
12/11/16	Buckden Harriers U12	3	Warboys Colts U12	3
12/11/16	Huntingdon Rowdies U11 White	2	Buckden Buzzards U11	1
19/11/16^	Papworth Blasters U12^	3	Buckden Harriers U12^	10
19/11/16	Buckden Buzzards U11	5	Hemingford U11 Black	3
26/11/16	Buckden Buzzards U11	2	St Ives U11 Blue Sox	2
27/11/16^^	Buckden Harriers U12^^	2	Riverside Rovers U12^^	1
3/12/16	Buckden Harriers U12	5	Fenstanton Yth U12	1
3/12/16	Buckden Buzzards U11	8	Sawtry Colts U11 Blue Sox	0
<b>Hunts Youth (11v11)</b>				
12/11/16	Staploe & Duloe U15	1	Buckden Falcons U15	8
19/11/16	Buckden Falcons U15	10	Staploe & Duloe U15	2
26/11/16	Alconbury Colts U15 Blue	2	Buckden Falcons U15	0
3/12/16"	Buckden Falcons U15"	2	St Ives U15 Blue Sox"	6

\*Hunts Mini-Soccer U10 League Cup \*\* Hunts Mini-Soccer U9 League Cup \*\*\* Hunts Mini-Soccer U7 League Cup  
 ^Hunts Youth League U12 Cup ^^Hunts County Youth U12 Cup "Hunts Youth League U15 Cup

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### Buckden Bowls Club Monthly Draw Results

	November	December
<b>£20</b>	No. 63 Jacqueline Moore	No. 47 Sylvia Wood
<b>£10</b>	No. 35 Marjorie Rowlands	No. 72 Alf Wilson
<b>£5</b>	No. 93 Ted Woods	No. 40 Tim Casey
<b>£200 End of Season Draw No. 67 Suzanne</b>		

### Contact Numbers:

Club Sec.	Ladies Sec.	Monthly Draw Org.
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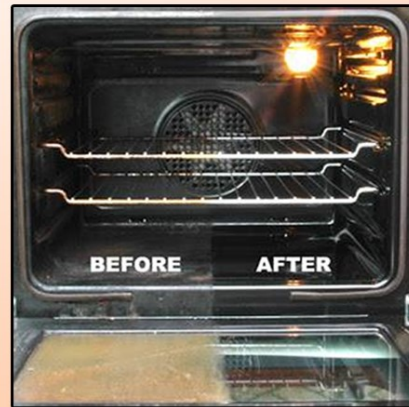
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