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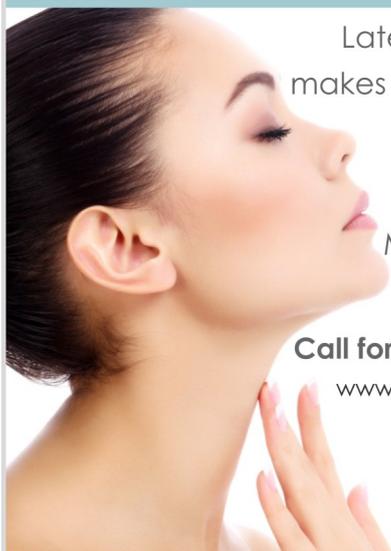


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Unlike the last couple of editorials, I am writing this one wondering where the sun has gone! A lovely couple of days have given way to rain.

As you may have guessed from the cover, we have an article on the Avro Vulcan this month. We are grateful to Terry for this, and I hope you will enjoy reading it as much as I did.

WISER Recycling will again be conducting a collection of Household Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment of behalf of the Parish Council on Wednesday 17th June. Please see the notice on page 11 for more information; as well as the flyers and posters around the village.

Please look at the article at the bottom of page 5 regarding future content for the Roundabout. Any feedback is always welcome, both positive and negative!

A reminder to distributors and contributors - the next Roundabout social is on Weds 29th July at 6PM in the Knot Garden at the Towers.

Please remember to visit the website:

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

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Front Cover

Thanks to Alec MacAndrew for this month's cover photo, and for the photo that accompanies the Vulcan article - As ever, we are very grateful. We are still looking for photos to use on the front cover so please keep sending them in.

July Production Dates

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

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Buckden Parish Council News



Buckden Photographic Competition

The Parish Council is again sponsoring a photographic competition for the Buckden Festival Weekend and there will be opportunities for photographers of all ages to enter and display their best photographs. There will be three age categories, 10 years old and under, 11 to 16, and adult (17 and older).

Buckden Festival Photographic Competition Entry Form

Name:

Address:

Phone number: e-mail address

Age (if 16 or under) on June 28th 2014:

Theme: **Clouds**

Number of entries (max 3):

Theme: **Selfie**;

Number of entries (max 3):

Theme: **Insects and spiders**

Number of entries: (max 3):

All photographs must have been taken by the entrant. Entrants must live or work in Buckden, Diddington or Stirtloe. The maximum size will be A3 including any mount. The judges will consider both creative and technical merit in making their choice. Points will be awarded for first, second and third in each theme within each age category: the overall winner of each age category will be awarded the trophy for that age, and there will also be modest cash prizes for winners of each theme. The judge's decision is final.

The closing date for entries is midnight on **30th June**. To submit entries you may:

- Take your entries to the foyer at the Buckden Village Hall between 6pm – 8pm on Tuesday 30th June
- Take your entries to the Clerk's Office in the Village Hall or post through the door of 48 Vineyard Way on or before 30th June

Please make sure that you include an entry form or write out the details clearly as per the form if submitting several entries.

**Are you interested in what happens in our community?
Would you like to be involved with decisions that affect our everyday life?
If so, why not consider becoming a parish councillor?**

We currently have vacancies for councillors and would welcome applications for this role. Council meetings take place once a month and committees and working groups also meet on the same basis. We deal with a considerable range of issues including major road developments, planning applications, upkeep of the public areas of the village, the Christmas lights – the list is endless.

So, if you enjoy living in Buckden, Diddington or Stirtloe, and you would like to give something back, please come and join us. You can contact the Clerk at the address below for further details

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

On March 12th this year I attended a conference in Cambridge on the **20 is Plenty campaign**. Cities such as Cambridge, Manchester, Edinburgh and London are all implementing 20mph limits and zones and the government has made it easier for communities to reduce their speed limit to 20mph through legislation. Cambridge intends to include 132 miles of roads with 20 mph speed limits in total. Transport for London are considering implementing 20mph speed limits on not just residential roads but also on main trunk roads through the city. 20mph speed limits allow a community to become more cohesive, giving those children and adults who are less physically able a chance to cross the road. Only this week I was asked by a visually impaired lady if I could help her cross the road. Her comment was 'I find it difficult to get across the road.' Whilst technology allows breaking speeds in cars to be reduced that technology is still reliant on the driver to put their foot on the brake and slower speeds give drivers more time to react. Reducing the amount of technology in cars that distracts drivers from concentrating on the road ahead is now being backed by campaigners. Slower driving speeds create a safer community and also create an environment that encourages public activities such as cycling, running and walking, making active travelling the norm and promoting health and wellbeing. The speed limit on any road is only advisory and as drivers we all have the ability to bring about culture change. By driving at 20 mph through our towns and villages and residential areas we can bring about a positive change for all our communities.

My next surgery will be in the village hall in Buckden on Tuesday 14th July 6.30pm-7.30pm. Please come along if you wish to speak to me. No appointment is necessary. If you would like any further information please contact me.

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

A14

Consultation continues on the exact details of the final construction plans for the proposed A14. I shall continue to try to ensure that there is minimum noise and extra traffic for the village during construction. I shall also support the Parish Council in its efforts to ensure that every effort is made to reduce noise, air and light pollution after construction is completed. It appears that our efforts to retain the viaduct over the Brampton Road and thus the continued use of the current A14 are likely to fail but both I and the Parish Council will continue to argue the case for its retention. We will also argue that the proposed 'borrow pits' to the west of the current A1 should be moved so that an A1 bypass can eventually be constructed,

A1

As I have reported before plans for an A1 upgrade will now be considered during the next five years. Our MP, Jonathan Djanogli, has promised that the issue of this vital improvement and thus a bypass for Buckden is high on his agenda. I am meeting local Council officers and local MPs with the view of forming an A1 Pressure Group.

Proposed Buckden to Grafham Cycle/Footpath

I regret that this has been rather on the back-burner. There seems little likelihood of finding the necessary funding without it being linked to a larger project. I am discussing the possibility of a route when the new A14 is constructed but I understand that this may not be possible. It seems more likely that any proposals for the future of the A1 might be more productive. I shall arrange a meeting of the Project Team sometime next month.

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

What do you want included in the Buckden Roundabout?

We are always looking for new content and ideas for the Buckden Roundabout, but we need your help to tell us what you want to see in future editions.

- Do you want to see an announcements column births, deaths and marriages within the village?
- Do you want more puzzles and crosswords? If so, what sort of puzzles?
- We would like to see more articles similar to the Vulcan one on the next page. Do you have an idea for an article? Would you be willing to write one?
- What about short stories? Again we would need authors!
- Do you know a cartoonist that may be able to provide us with something occasionally?

Please remember that this is YOUR magazine! Please send ideas and comments to the editor at:
editor@buckdenroundabout.info

The Avro Vulcan

Some personal memories - Terry Hayward

I hate the overuse of the word 'iconic' but this year will be the last opportunity that you will have to see that iconic symbol of the cold war airborne nuclear deterrent, the Vulcan, actually flying. There are several museums where you can view one on the ground and two where they start the engines and taxi the aircraft but only one remains airworthy - but, unfortunately, not for long, as airframe and engine life run out for good. So, an era ends and I have been asked to pen a few personal reminiscences about my time flying in the mighty beast. Although I first flew in one in 1966, it wasn't until 1972 that my 6 year old daughter, Philippa, could say 'My daddy flies in a beautiful, big, noisy airplane'. I had just joined 617 Squadron, 'The Dam Busters', as a flight commander. Big she was, and very beautiful to look at, especially in the air but, oh dear the accommodation left much to be desired. For the two pilots there was a narrow cramped cockpit with a view like peering out of a letter box. For the rear crew, two navigators and an air electronics officer, there was a smelly and cramped black hole with two occasional seats to allow us to carry ground crew if necessary. There were two oval windows, above our heads but these were usually covered with blinds so that the radar screen could be seen clearly.

When the aircraft, and the other V-bombers, the Victor and Valiant, were introduced in the mid-fifties their role was to fly as high as possible, around 50,000ft and at high speed, around Mach 0.90. By the mid-60s when the primary nuclear deterrent was provided by nuclear submarines the Vulcan's operational role was changed to low level in order to avoid detection by enemy radar. This was our role in 1972. We could still carry a nuclear weapon and had the capacity to carry 21 1000lb bombs and other specialised conventional weapons. The aircraft was



'old' technology, no fly-by-wire for the pilots but rods and cables. No GPS or indeed any digital equipment for the navigators. All of our equipment was analogue which meant all cogs, pulleys and tapes. We had radar, some radio navigation aids, a terrain-following radar and we still used the classic aid of obtaining position lines, when flying at high level, from the sun, moon, planets and stars. The navigator radar used his radar to obtain fixes and then release our weapons on the correct target. The navigator plotter's task was to ensure that the aircraft followed the correct track to our destination, be it another airfield or a target within certain tracking and timing criteria. The AEO was responsible for communications and the operation of our electronic counter-measures.

The navigators' station: "a smelly and cramped black hole".

Day to day routine flying was interspersed with exercises of various sorts often involving four aircraft and their crews sitting at 15 minutes standby at the end of the runway in preparation for a spectacular, almost simultaneous take-off with smoke belching from the aircraft's four Olympus 301 engines each with 20,000lb of thrust. Normally, in preparation for this, we were scattered to dispersal airfields around the country. I can remember some very cold nights in Machrinhanish! We also had regular detachments to Goose Bay in Canada where we had the opportunity to fly at low level over terrain similar to that we might experience in our operational role. There were warmer breaks too with regular detachments to Malta to fly low level NATO exercises over Italy and Greece.

All this seems so long ago. Well it is forty years and the memory dims. Unfortunately the public will soon no longer have the chance to revive those memories, so do take the opportunity of going to one of the 2015 air shows where Vulcan XH 558 'The Spirit of Great Britain' can be seen and heard in one of its last eye-catching and ear-shattering demonstrations. It's an impressive sight.

The Vulcan 2015 display schedule is still being finalised and new dates are being added. Visit this website regularly to see the latest plan as confirmed displays are added: <http://www.vulcantothesky.org/appearances.html>

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 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 June

Sunday 7

10.30 am Morning Service
Mrs. Angie Barnes

6.00 pm Section Service at Buckden

Sunday 14

10.30 am Morning Service
Mrs. Margaret Harris

6.00pm Favourite Hymns and readings

Sunday 21

10.30 am Morning Service
Mr. John Green

6.00pm Evening Fellowship

Sunday 28

10.30 am Holy Communion
Rev. Tricia Williams

6.00 pm Evening Fellowship

Activities in June

Fri 5 10.00 am Coffee Morning

Mon 8 12.30 pm Study Lunch

Tues 9 9.30 am Quiet Time, Wesley Rm

Wed 10 2.30 pm CAMEO Favourite hymns
Wesley Rm

Fri 12 10.00 am Coffee Morning

Fri 19 12.00 Soup & sweet + service

Fri 22 10.00 am Coffee Morning

Tues 23 9.30 am Quiet Time, Wesley Rm

Fri 26 10.00 am Coffee Morning

BUCKDEN Open Gardens

Sunday 7th June 2015

1-00pm -5-30pm

Admission to all the gardens £4 with Garden Passport
(Children under 12 free)

Garden Passports available in advance from:

Que Sera and Costcutter Buckden (Buy Early: £3-50 until 31st May)

All profits go to: St Mary's Church Buckden and Huntingdonshire Community Nursery, Godmanchester.

Admission on the day by Garden Passport available from:

St Mary's Church, Buckden and all Open Gardens

****'Nature Detectives' Children's Trail throughout the Gardens ****

At St Mary's all afternoon:

Buckden Primary School Art Exhibition: Plant Stalls: Tombola: Tea and Cakes

Plus—See Bees at Work!

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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care@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Friends in Deed (transport): 07914 669 967

Friends in Deed (general): 07810 006 598

Services at St Mary's in June

Wed 3	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 7	10:30am	Open Gardens Special Service
	6.00pm	Holy Communion
Wed 10	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 14	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Family Eucharist
Wed 17	9.30am	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Wedding
Sat 20	3.30pm	Wedding
Sun 21	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	6.00pm	Evensong
Wed 24	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 28	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Family Communion
	7.00pm	Night Prayer

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

NEW: The Daily Office

The Daily Office has been re-introduced in St Mary's on the following days & times.

Monday 2.15pm

Tuesday 4.30pm

Thursday 9.15am

Friday 4.30pm

All are welcome to take part

Bookings for baptisms, weddings and funerals - please contact the churchwardens in the first instance.

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

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 of St Mary's whenever the church is open.

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

Appointment of New Priest in Charge

We are very pleased to announce that Revd Jeremy (Jes) Salt has been appointed as the new Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Buckden with the Offords. Jes and his wife Jane will arrive in Buckden over the summer, ready to start his ministry with us in September.

In the meantime, we are very grateful that Sunday Services and Wednesday Communion continue with the help of our team of retired clergy and licensed lay ministers.

Forthcoming Events

BUCKDEN OPEN GARDENS

Sunday June 7th 2015 1pm to 5.30pm

Garden passports available from St Mary's Church and any of the gardens. Adults £4.00, accompanied under 12's free

Home-made tea and cakes and Plant Stall at St Mary's Church..

ARAGON SINGERS CONCERT

Saturday June 13th at 7.30pm

in St Mary's. Tickets £10 (£8 concessions) from 01480 812777/431037 include a complimentary glass of wine at the interval

Regular Groups and Events

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

'Honeycomb': A group for those who are on their own and 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, and fellowship,

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

Friends in Deed: Living Stones Cafe 2.30pm – 4pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Living Stones Room. All are welcome to drop in for tea/ coffee/cakes and chat.

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

Angel Voices informal all age gospel choir rehearses Fridays 19th & 26th June at 6.45pm in the Living Stones Room.

Open Ministry Meeting – 6pm Sunday 28th June

All are welcome to this open forum - 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.

Newcomers are always welcome at any of the groups & events

CHURCH NEWS

	Buckden & District Churches Together
	www.bctc.fsnet.co.uk www.churchesbuckden.churchgoers.co.uk
	Anglicans Baptists Catholics Methodists

Weekly Prayer Roster

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

7th June	Church Street, Mill Road, The Barns, The Old Four Mills
14th June	The Parish Council, The Village Hall and Playing Field Trust; those who help to run the Village Hall, and the activities there
21st June	Greenway, Aragon Close, Hoo Close, Bishops Way
28th June	Village shops, and those who work in them; businesses based in the village, hotels, inns, and those who work at home; homemakers, carers, the unemployed and underemployed, and all visitors to the village

Thought for the month

Holidays

As the weather warms up many of us will be taking or looking forward to taking a summer holiday. Holidays, short breaks and days off that give us a break from our usual routine play a vital part in all our lives. They often open up new horizons and can prove a much needed time of genuine refreshment and re-creation. W H Davies the Welsh tramp-poet, put the point memorably in his well-known lines on Leisure:

What is life if, full of care,

We have no time to stand and stare ...

... No time to turn at Beauty's glance,

And watch her feet, how they can dance

... A poor life this if, full of care,

We have no time to stand and stare.

Time off for relaxation, in the midst of a busy life, is not a self-indulgent luxury but a genuine necessity. We all need time for rest and renewal, both physically and spiritually. Taking a break is not escapist for we return to our daily life with clearer vision and renewed energy. When the holiday ends we still need to face up to the continuing challenges of home and family, daily work and church duties. But taking a break means that we return refreshed and strengthened and better equipped for the life of discipleship to which we are called.

Whatever the summer months mean to you, I pray that they may be a time of great blessing.

Revd Tricia Williams
Methodist Church

STUDY LUNCH

The regular monthly study lunches continue on Monday 8th June 2015
Methodist Church Hall 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm

Contact: **Ann Brittain** on **812012**

FOR YOUR DIARY

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)

Buckden Gardeners Association



Visit to Moggerberry, plant for sale and BBQ

Tuesday 16th June 2015

Meet outside the Methodist church at 6.00pm this is be self-drive/car-share. Booking is essential, names to Pam or Lesley by the 6th June.

Garden shed open at Silver Street to members From 10.00am-11.00am on Sunday 7th & 21st June 2015

For further information go to our website:

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

call **Pam** on **01480 811680**
or **Lesley** on **01480 351547**

Huntingdonshire Health Walk Group

The 'Hunts' Group's regular walks are on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings throughout the year, only stopping for 2 weeks over the Christmas period. Health Walk booklets can be found in the Library, Buckden Surgery or the Marina. You will see that other Huntingdonshire walks start at different venues, although we may only highlight walks starting from the Village Hall.

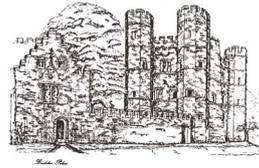
This coming month, starting at the Village Hall Car Park at 9.50am for 10am on Friday 5th, we shall walk the Buckden Ramble, normally a 45-50 minute walk. Tea/coffee in the Hall afterwards.

On Friday 26th, there is the Grafham/Perry Walk, which starts at the Wheatsheaf Pub Car Park at Perry at 9.50am for 10am; usually a 55-60min. walk, with a refreshment break in the pub afterwards.

Even in the warmer weather, firm footwear is still a very good idea wherever you walk, as is carrying a bottle of water to avoid dehydration.

For further information, please contact the HDC Sports Development Officer, Danielle Sancaster, on 01480 387047, or email her at activelife-styles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks for details of the walks, plus maps and route guides.



Buckden Local History Society

AGM

Followed by Bygones and Anecdotes

Wednesday 3rd June 2015 at 7.30pm
in the Conference Room
at Buckden Towers

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 **June 2015** will be:

Monday 1 June: Tea and Chat, and collecting memories of the end of World War 2 for the Home Front Project

Monday 15 June: Strawberry Tea in garden at 9 Bishops Way

Monday 29 June: Tea, chat and Bingo

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

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.

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

FOR YOUR DIARY






Familiar places?



Familiar faces?



IWM has launched a website to tell the story of the US Army Air Forces in Britain during the Second World War and the British people they met. Visit americanairmuseum.com to explore thousands of photographs. Add your memories or information directly onto our website.

www.americanairmuseum.com



Friends of Buckden Towers Midsummer at The Towers

**Saturday 20th June,
7.00 – 11.30 pm**

In the Great Tower

Welcome drink in The Knot Garden
Buffet meal featuring Tudor-style main course
Licenced bar available

**Dancing with the Capriol Society of
Early Dance**

Tudor or modern dress (smart casual)

Tickets £35.00 each. Available at The Towers office
Tel: 01480 812227 weekdays 9.00 am- 5.00 pm

Non-members welcome

All proceeds to the preservation of The Towers buildings

PARISH COUNCIL FREE KERBSIDE COLLECTION OF ALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES



Please recycle your waste electrical items (WEEE) and help this community.
Date of next collection: Wednesday 17th June 2015 - FROM 08:00

Details: Please place all your electrical waste kerbside by 10am. ON THE DAY. It will be collected and recycled. The parish council will receive revenue for all WEEE collected for use on community projects.

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Bookings

June is a very busy month for the Hall. Every Saturday and Sunday is booked, and during the week we will be host to nine business meetings as well as our usual events.

Great news – new exercise class for older adults!

We are very happy to welcome a new exercise class for older adults and those requiring additional support to exercise, starting in the Millard Suite on 8th June 1:30pm – 2:30pm. These friendly 'RightStart' classes will be run by Huntingdonshire District Council, initially for a trial period of 8 weeks, and are a great way to meet other people with similar health and fitness concerns. Friends In Deed will be offering lifts to anyone who needs transportation.

Vandalism

As many of you may be aware, our children's climbing frame has unfortunately been mindlessly vandalised. This will cost the Trust the best part of £1,000 to mend and has meant that many of our youngest residents haven't been able to play on it. By the time this goes to print, the damage should have been mended.

The Valley

Some villagers have expressed concern that there are brown rats running around by the Valley. In order to make the area less 'rat friendly', please can anyone who feeds the ducks try to ensure that most of the food goes into the water rather than being left on the banks as it is the rats that eat it!

Lost property

There was a girls/ladies Raleigh bike left outside the library for several weeks. This has now been taken by the police and put into the police property system. If it does belong to anyone, please contact the local police. We also have a pair of girl's prescription glasses that were handed in to the office. If these are yours, please call me!

How you can help our charity

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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)



Buckden Football Club would like to thank the following for their sponsorship and support during the 2014/15 season:

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VILLAGE NEWS

20's Plenty



20s Plenty for Buckden and Stirtloe Update on the 20mph limit campaign

Where People Live

Thank you all for your support to date. We are pleased to announce that Stirtloe have joined the campaign and that the 20's Plenty Campaign petition has now gained over 500 signatures. This represents a considerable section of the Buckden and Stirtloe adult population. We have also had fantastic support from local businesses, the School, Pre-School and Nurseries together with the Doctors and Dentists in the Villages.

20 mph speed limit - why do we want to do this?

Quite simply, some people drive too quickly around and through the villages, and this poses a risk to pedestrians (young and old) and other road users such as cyclists. According to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoPSA), a pedestrian struck at 20mph has a 97% chance of survival; this falls to 80% at 30mph (and 47% for over 65s) and 50% at 35mph.

Why put a 20mph across the whole village? The issue is not confined to the School area; many residents are concerned about several roads through Buckden and Stirtloe, especially the through traffic from the A1. Also, evidence from the implementation of other schemes across the country suggests that it is less confusing for drivers and cheaper to implement if there is just one change to the speed limit as you enter the village.

Will it work? Evidence from 20mph implementation elsewhere shows that average speeds reduce by up to 7mph once implemented. Any reduction counts as even a drop of just 1mph reduces road casualties by 6%. In Lancashire, where they have 20mph in all their Villages, casualties are down by almost 30%.

Is anybody else doing it? Yes, it is becoming the National default speed for urban areas, cities such as Cambridge and Manchester have successfully reduced to 20mph and more local areas such as Sandy and Potton village now have 20mph zones.

Do you have view on this? Come and have your say on Saturday 4th July at the Buckden Village Festival. We will have a stall to hold a public consultation and will be seeking your views about the safety on our roads.

You can find out more from our website: www.buckden.20splentyforus.org.uk and sign the petition online there too.

Thanks again for your continued support
20's Plenty Campaign Team

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW) Cambridgeshire Constabulary 101 NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER

Over a year ago it was agreed that all non-emergencies should be reported by calling 101. On occasion you could be on the phone for ten to fifteen minutes; the call will cost 15 pence on landlines and your mobile network.

The 15 pence cost of the call goes to the telephone provider; the police call handler prefers a direct call from the resident who is concerned; or anyone is suspicious of any activity; communication through a third person could mean a vital piece of information is lost.

The number came into being part of Government's national scheme to make 101 the single non-emergency number for the police in England and Wales. 101 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The system will identify where you are calling from and connect you with the local police for that area.

In an emergency always call 999 – for example, when an immediate response is needed because a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby or someone is injured, being threatened or in danger.

Callers should use 101 to report less urgent crime or disorder, to contact the police with a general enquiry or to speak to a local officer.

If the incident is recognised as an emergency, the operator or police call handler will put the caller through to 999.

Your village NW Coordinators are:

Clive Williams 811828 Richard West 811467



Do you know where and what this is?

Answer next month!



BUCKDEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

(Primary Academy Trust)

May 2015

This has been a very busy, but short half term. The children in Years 6 and 2 have been sitting their SATS tests. They have been very busy in class preparing for the tests and have now completed them.

During this half term we have continued with our class assemblies – the Huskies and Tigers classes have had their assemblies. Our Year 4 children went on their residential visit to the Kingswood Centre at West Runton in Norfolk. The children took part in a wide variety of activities throughout each day. These varied from climbing up and down ropes, caving to archery and taking part in field games and team challenges. Everyone came home very tired including the accompanying staff, Mrs Jaynes, Mrs Bond and Mrs Lawson.

Our Year 5 children visited the Safety Zone which is based at St Neots Fire Station. During the visit the children were given advice by local police officers and PCSO's, representatives from the Fire Service, Environmental Health, Road Safety Offices and St John's Ambulance officers on personal safety. It was an informative afternoon for both the children and the teachers who accompanied them. The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 visited Shepreth Wildlife Park. This visit was the culmination of their topic work. While at the park they were able to see the animals and also take part in a workshop about animal habitats and how they adapt to living in them.

Buckden is a beacon school for music and in this role our Year 3, 4 and 5 children attended a Musical Extravaganza at Wood Green Animal Shelter with other beacon schools for music. They spent the day playing their musical instruments and singing, in preparation for a musical concert attended by their parents.

Our sports teams have been very busy over the past few weeks. The Year 5/6 football team played in the final of the Medium Schools Spring Tournament against Bury School and won 4: 1 after a hard fought game. A team of cross country runners took part in the Huntingdon District Cross Country Annual event for schools at Priory Park in St Neots. Both teams did very well. The girls team were placed 16th out of 101 teams and the boys team, 35th out of 128 teams. Our Year 5/6 Netball team played in the Inter Schools Tournament at Hinchingbrooke School. Although they did not progress through to the final stages of the tournament they played very well in the three matches in their pool. Well done to all team members.

Over the past few weeks we have been improving the area around the school. We have painted fences and outdoor furniture, tidied the school field, planted the raised beds in front of the school and restocked our hanging baskets. Thank you to all parents who have helped in this endeavour and donated materials. This is an ongoing project – keep an eye out for further improvements.

We have plenty to look forward to after the half term with our Sports Day, Fathers Day lunch, Year 5/6 play and the end of term assemblies. We are hoping that the summer brings some good weather for us all to enjoy these events.



Hopefully by the time you read this, the weather will be less changeable, and all of Miss Estelle's PE sessions with the school leavers will be outside in the sun. These sessions help them get used to more organised physical activities and the tricky business of getting themselves dressed! The children have also been enjoying focussed (but fun!) French lessons, circuits, and literacy, numeracy and pencil control sessions, and have also had plenty of free time to enjoy all the activities Preschool has to offer – such as dancing around the wonderful Maypole created by Miss Denise, making beautiful May wreaths and hunting for the Shape of the Week.

On to fun and fundraising. First, a huge thank you to Becky, Heather and Lyndsey, and everyone else who made their final fundraising event such a success. Their Old School Jams Disco raised an amazing £502.15! Our next event is our Teddy Bears' Picnic, beginning at 11a.m. in the 26th June. Everyone is welcome, so bring your children and a picnic along and join us on the field for fun and face painting! We will also be having stalls at the village festival and Buckfest, and would be grateful for any donations of nail varnish, white tiles and items for our tombola. Miss Sam has also put out a last call for any Sainsbury's vouchers; we have until mid June to collect them, so please check for any still lurking in the bottom of your purses and wallets.

Miss Alison

For news, visit www.facebook.com/www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk.

For information visit www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk or telephone Michelle Nelson (Manager) on 07941 671999 or Alan Scott (Chairman) on 07745274921.

Buckden Bowls Club

Draw Results

May

No. 77 Val Corn £20

No. 6 David Clark £10

No. 72 Alf Wilson £5

Contact Numbers:

Club Sec.	Ladies Sec.
Brian Moore	Daphne Meats
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THE SPORTS PAGE

BUCKDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

BJFC is a Charter Standard club, comprising 7 teams from Under 5/6 to Under 13.

April/May Match Results

LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
Hunts Mini-Soccer			Hemingford Juniors U10	
11/4/15 (Friendly)	Buckden Buzzards U9	10	St Neots Town Youth U9	0
18/4/15	Brampton Spartans U10 Blue	0	Buckden Harriers U10	10
18/4/15	St Ives Rangers U9 Blue Sox	0	Buckden Buzzards U9	5
18/4/15	Buckden Vultures U8	1	Priory Parkside U8 Yellow	2
18/4/15	Buckden Eagles U7	3	Huntingdon Rowdies U7	3
25/4/15	Hemingford Juniors U10	2	Buckden Harriers U10	5
25/4/15*	KC Cougars U9*	2	Buckden Buzzards U9*	0
25/4/15**	St Ives Rangers U8 Red Sox**	1	Buckden Vultures U8**	3
25/4/15***	Ramsey Colts U7***	2	Buckden Eagles U7***	4
9/5/15	Buckden Vultures U8	3	Huntingdon Rowdies U8 Green	4
Hunts Youth (9v9)				
18/4/15	Little Paxton Colts U13	6	Buckden Falcons U13	0
25/4/15	St Ives Rangers U13 Blue Sox	4	Buckden Falcons U13	1

Hunts Mini-Soccer Champions League Cup Finals: *U9, **U8, *** U7

Two Buckden Teams Win Mini-Soccer Cup Finals!

Three Buckden JFC teams played their respective Hunts Mini-Soccer League cup final matches at Millfields, Needingworth on 25 April – U9 Buzzards, U8 Vultures and U7 Eagles. The Buzzards were narrowly beaten (see all results above) but the Eagles and Vultures won their games, the Vultures for the second year in a row and therefore champions for both the years they have played in the League. Also, it shouldn't be forgotten that the U10 Harriers reached their League semi final, only succumbing to the opposition at that stage.

Buckden Teams Require Players And Management Next Season (Sept 2015)

BJFC would like to recruit players for several of its teams next season, which commences in September:

- New U7s** - players need to be aged 6 by 31 Aug 15.
- U11 Harriers and Condors** - players need to be aged 9 or 10 by 31 Aug 15.
- New U12s** (mixed boys/girls) - players need to be aged 10 or 11 by 31 Aug 15.
- U14s** - players need to be aged 12 or 13 by 31 Aug 15.

We also require **managers/assistants** for the **new U7 and U12 teams**. Costs of appropriate courses and qualifications would be covered by Buckden JFC.

If you wish to manage or assist in running teams or your offspring are interested in joining any of the above teams please contact: Buckden JFC Secretary Bob Crane 01480 434610 / robertcrane46@yahoo.co.uk



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Coaching is available for adults and juniors through out LTA QUALIFIED Coach Alex Button 07850031172.

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- Sat 30th May** Quiz Night at BVC
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- Sat 13th June** Buckfest: Battle of the Bands
Free entry to all
- Sat 20th June** Quiz Night at BVC
Teams be seated by 7.45 please
- Sat 27th June** Synthetix
Free to BVC Members, or £2 on the door
- Sat 4th July** **Village Festival** on Millennium Field, followed in club by Rhythm 'N' Shoes at 8PM
- Sat 18th July** **BUCKFEST 2015**. Tickets currently available from the bar - £3 each

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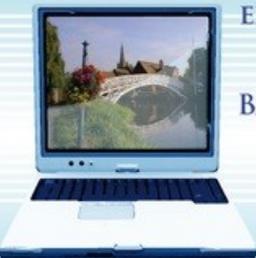
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