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Welcome to the March edition of the Buckden Roundabout. Time really seems to be flying this year—Spring will be here before we know it

You may recall that we have been requesting information from organisation, clubs and societies that are either based in the village or include it in their membership. This was both to include them on the page on the website (follow the 'Village Organisations link on the Roundabout website) and for them to have a few words in the printed magazine.

We have had a few responses so far and some can be seen on page 13. More will follow in future editions.

Please continue to send the information and we will include them in future editions, as well as on the website

If at any time you do not receive a copy of the Roundabout as normal, please do let us know using the editor email address, shown opposite.

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 Pat King for this month's cover photo - snowdrops in the spring; as ever, we are very grateful. We are still looking for photos to use on the front cover so please keep sending them in.

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Buckden Parish Council News



Do you want a by-pass for Buckden? It's not too late to sign the petition.

The petition set up by Jonathan Djanogly, our local MP, to lobby for improvements to the A1, is still open. It is extremely important that we get as many signatures as possible. This is the best opportunity that we have had for over 20 years to get a by-pass for Buckden so it is vital for your voice to be heard.

If you haven't done so already, please sign the petition at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/A1upgrade

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

Power cut? Information from UK Power Networks

The Parish Council has received information relating to action that can be taken in the event of a power cut. The concern is particularly for elderly and vulnerable customers should there be a power cut and UK Power networks is particularly keen for vulnerable residents to sign up to their **Priority Service Register**. To sign up to the Priority Service Register, please telephone Andy Jenner on **0787 51 17 136** or e-mail him at: andy.jenner@ukpowernetworks.co.uk

UK Power Networks have given us the following contact details to use in the event of a power cut:

Via computer: contact:	ukpowernetworks.co.uk or Tweet or send a Facebook message
Via telephone: call	0800 31 63 105 or from a mobile call 0333 32 32 105 or text POWER and your postcode to 80876

Want to know what's going on in Buckden? Why not come to the Annual Parish Meeting?

Buckden's Annual Parish Meeting will be held earlier this year, on **24th March 2015 at 7.30pm** in the Millard Suite of the Village Hall.

At that meeting, there will be summary of the year's actions, together with plans for the future, from both our County Councillor, Julie Wisson, and our District Councillor, Terry Hayward. The Parish Council, the Village Hall Trust, Buckden Parochial Charities, our PCSO, Alan Newman, and Neighbourhood Watch will all bring you up-to-date and answer questions about their organisation's activities.

Dog mess.....

The Parish Council is once more receiving complaints about dog mess, both in the village and the roads and paths outside the village that are popular with walkers. Also, some dog walkers (and we know that it is only a very few) seem to pick up their dog mess then decide to decorate trees or bushes with the little parcels. **There are plenty of bins around so please pick up your dog mess and put it in the bin, if there is not a nearby dog bin use the litter bins.**

.....and litter

Again, the source of complaints. Please pick up your litter and bin it. We hope to organise a 'Litter Pick' when the weather improves and will need volunteers so watch this space for details.

The monthly meeting of the **Parish Council, including a 15 minute Public Forum will be held on Tuesday 10th March 2015 starting at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and raise any Buckden related issues.

If required, the **Parish Council's Planning Committee** will meet on **Tuesday 10th and Tuesday 24th March** 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, Burreby 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

Proposed A14 scheme accepted by the Secretary of State for Transport:

The application for the proposed A14 scheme, incorporating the 20km/12.5 miles of new Huntingdon southern bypass has been accepted by the Secretary of State for Transport. The application seeks consent for works to undertake the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme including:

- 1 Widening the A1 between Brampton and Alconbury over a length of 5.6km/3.5 miles from the existing 2 lane dual carriageway. Between Brampton and Brampton Hut a new road will be constructed to the west of the existing A1 which would become the new A1. This would enable the existing carriageway over this length to form part of the new A14 Huntingdon southern bypass.
- 2 A new Huntingdon southern bypass of approx 20km/12.5 miles of new road providing 2 lane dual carriageway between Ellington and the A1 at Brampton and a 3 lane dual carriageway between Brampton and Swavesey. The new bypass will cross over the river Great Ouse and the East Coast mainline railway. It will include junctions with the A1 at Brampton and with the A1198 at Godmanchester.
- 3 Downgrading the existing A14 trunk road over approx 21km/13 miles between Brampton Hut and Swavesey, as well as between Alconbury and Spittals interchange.
- 4 Huntingdon Town centre improvements to include the closure and demolition of the A14 viaduct over the East Coast mainline railway and Brampton road in Huntingdon. A new link road will be constructed to improve accessibility into Huntingdon from the south and east by connecting the old A14 directly with Huntingdon ring road near the bus station and by constructing a new link road from Brampton road to connect with the A14 to the west. This will be commenced once the new Huntingdon Southern bypass has been opened.
- 5 Widening the existing A14 over approx 7.9km/5 miles to provide 3 lanes in each direction between Swavesey and Bar Hill and 4 lanes in each direction between Bar Hill and Girton.
- 6 Widening of a 2.5km/1.5 mile section of the Cambridge Northern bypass between Histon and Milton
- 7 Improvement of existing A14 junctions at Swavesey, Bar Hill and Girton, to improve the capacity of the road and ensure compatibility with adjacent proposed developments such as Northstowe and provide improved connections for non-motorised users.
- 8 Provide a new local access road following the route of the A14 over a distance of approx 8km/5 miles including construction of a dual carriageway link between the existing A14 near Fen Drayton and Swavesey junction and a single carriageway between Swavesey and Girton. The road would provide a route for local traffic between Cambridge and Huntingdon as well as providing access to properties and businesses along the corridor.

A copy of the application form and accompanying documents, plans and maps (including the draft Determination Consent Order and Environmental Statement) are available for inspection free of charge until Thursday 12th March 2015 at Cambridge Central library, Huntingdon library, St Ives library, Bar Hill library, Buckden Village Hall, Histon library, Papworth library, Swavesey Memorial Hall, Hilton Village Hall and Brampton Memorial Hall. Different opening hours for each venue so please confirm. Any representations must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form which can be accessed and completed online using the following link: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a14>. Representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11.59pm on Thursday 12th March 2015. If you would like any further information on this or any other subject please contact me.

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 10th March 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

FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

This report is deliberately short to allow our County Councillor's report to be printed in full. It is still not too late to make your voice heard if you have doubts about the current proposals. I shall certainly continue to raise doubts about the adverse environmental consequences if the Viaduct over the Brampton Road is removed. Make sure that you register your interest as suggested by Julie. Please contact me if you would like discuss the matter.

A1 and Possible Bypass for Buckden

It is not too late to put your name to the petition calling for improvements to the A1. If our MP is to write to the Secretary of State we need at least 1000 names in support. At the moment we are short of this! If you want to improve the environment of Buckden then support this petition.

Terry Hayward (Cllr) Buckden Ward, Huntingdonshire District Council

01480 810974 terry.hayward@huntingdonshiredc.org.uk



**Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire**

**Huntingdonshire
Local Group**

Silent Spring Revisited – Our Debt to Rachel Carson

For our March meeting, the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will present an illustrated talk entitled 'Silent Spring Revisited – Our Debt to Rachel Carson'. This will be held on Wednesday 11th March starting at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Author and conservationist, Conor Mark Jameson, will talk about the rise of environmentalism since Silent Spring was written in 1962 by Rachel Carson. Conor will give an entertaining tour of the highs and lows of 50 years of campaigning to keep the birds singing and the planet secure. Was Carson right, and did we listen?

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

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

Huntingdon Health Walk Group

If you see a walking group happily walking around the village, chances are that they are part of the Huntingdonshire "Health Walkers". They are walking for about an hour, on various routes, for pleasure, sociability and to help maintain a basic level of fitness. Some are recuperating, some need to have more exercise and others just want to keep their weight in check! It's free, fun, and good for the heart!

A new Health Walks brochure appears every 4 months detailing walks in this (Huntingdon) area and 5 other adjoining areas, which go out to leisure centres, libraries, hospitals, GP surgeries and other outlets; shorter walks are available too. Walks in the Huntingdon area take place on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings.

Please contact Danielle Sancaster, the Health Walk Coordinator at HDC, tel. 01480 387047, or through www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks. Please give it a try, you may like it!

Breakfast A Sizzling Success

A massive thank you to everyone who helped or supported the Scouts at the Cooked Breakfast in January. A team of 20 Scouts worked extremely hard and managed to prepare over 130 full breakfasts over the course of 3 hours, raising the amazing amount of £663. The washing up took a bit longer! Particular thanks to Days of Buckden for their continued support.

Shelter Box

Our Shelter Box that many Buckden people contributed to is ready for use and can be tracked via the Internet. Simply visit www.shelterbox.org/trackbox and follow the on-screen instructions. Our ShelterBox number is UK0073472

So pleased we have achieved this from our village.

Thank you. Pat King

The Children's Society

Christingle

Thank you to all who gave so generously at the Christingle Service in St. Mary's last December. You raised £171.00 for the work of the Children's Society.

If you took a Box Holder Form please do fill it in and pop it in the wall safe near the main door of St. Mary's Church and we will deliver a house box to you. If you would like a house box then please contact Jo McGregor 810518 or Ann Brittain 812012.

Ann Brittain on behalf of the Children's Society.

Box Holders

A big thank you for all your generous contributions to the Society. This opening you collected £1,468.19 and in November we sent in £200 from box holders who have moved from the village, so our yearly total is another record total of £1,668.19. Well done everyone and thanks
Jo McGregor

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 March

Sunday 1

10.30 am Morning Service with
Rev. Janet Roe

6.00 pm Section Service at Great Barford

Sunday 8

10.30 am Holy Communion
Rev. Tricia Williams

6.00pm Evening Fellowship

Sunday 15

10.30 am Morning Service with
Mr. John Bridge

6.00pm Evening Fellowship

Sunday 22

10.30 am Morning Service with
Mr. David Bushby

6.00 pm Evening Fellowship

Sunday 29

10.30 am Morning Service with
Deacon Sue Roberts

6.00 pm Circuit Service - St Ives

Activities in March

Mon 2 12.30 pm Lent Study Lunch

Fri 6 10.00 am Coffee Morning

Mon 9 12.30 pm Lent Study Lunch

Tues 10 9.30 am Quiet Time, Wesley Rm

Wed 11 2.30 pm CAMEO Wesley Rm

Fri 13 10.00 am Coffee Morning

Mon 16 12.30 pm Lent Study Lunch

Fri 20 12.00 Soup & sweet + service

Mon 23 12.30 pm Lent Study Lunch

Tues 24 9.30 am Quiet Time, Wesley Rm

Fri 27 10.00 am Coffee Morning



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL



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

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

CHURCH NEWS

The Benefice of Buckden & the Offords

St Mary's Parish Church

Church St, Buckden PE19 5TL

www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Facebook: 'like' St Mary's Buckden

Twitter: follow @A1ChurchBuckden

email: enquiries@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Churchwardens:

Anne Carter 812789

David Riley 810718

churchwardens@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Pastoral Care Co-ordinator:

Marilyn Rolin 07719 087215 [pastoral-](mailto:pastoral-care@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)

care@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Friends in Deed (transport): 07914 669 967

Friends in Deed (general): 07810 006 598

Services at St Mary's in March

Sun 1	10:30am	Family Eucharist
	6.00pm	Holy Communion
Wed 4	9.30am	Holy Communion
Fri 6	10.30am	Women's World Day of Prayer
Sun 8	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Family Eucharist
	1.30pm	Baptism
Wed 11	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 15		MOTHERING SUNDAY
	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	6.00pm	Evensong
Wed 18	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 22	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Family Communion
	7.00pm	Night Prayer
Wed 25	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 29		PALM SUNDAY
	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Family Eucharist

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

Interregnum / Vacancy at St Mary's

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

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

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

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.

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.

Lent Activities

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

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

Google: sacristy press writing on wall

Forthcoming Events

Women's World Day of Prayer 10.30am Friday 6th March. All are welcome to this annual, international & interdenominational service which, this year, has been written by Christian women in the Bahamas

Friends in Deed: Living Stones Café

Wednesday 11th March 2.30 – 4pm.

All are welcome to drop in for tea/coffee/cakes.

Wine Tasting For All - Sat. 14th March 7.30pm.

Tickets £12.50 from 01480 431037. Price includes: tasting of 6 wines, and complimentary glass of wine afterwards with cheese

Buckden & District Churches Together AGM.

Monday 23rd March 7.30 pm at Buckden Towers.

Guest speaker from Operation Christmas Child. All welcome

Saturday 28th March 7.30pm. Concert by the Cambridge Guitar Orchestra

Regular Groups and Events

New members always welcome to come and join in

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.

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 13th & 20th March at 6.45pm in the Living Stones Room.

Open Ministry Meeting – 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

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:

1st March	Clubs and societies, their leaders and members, volunteers, and the team that produces and distributes the Buckden Roundabout
8th March	Cranfield Way, Cranfield Close, Weir Close, Smith Drive, Lucks Lane, Morris Close
15th March	Buckden Surgery: the doctors, nurses, receptionists, pharmacists, health visitors and mid-wives; those we know who are in hospital, the elderly, disabled and housebound
22nd March	Farming communities, Taylor's Lane (West), Hardwick Lane, the residents and staff of Hardwick Dene, Great North Road, Brampton Road, Perry Road, Buckden Wood
29th March	High Street, Ivelbury Close, York Yard, Lion Yard, George Lane, King George Court, Taylor's Lane (East), Wolsey Gardens, Charles Court

Thought for the month

The Christian churches are now celebrating the liturgical season of Lent and at the end of the month we will begin the celebration of Holy Week.

During the Lenten season there are various activities run by the churches in Buckden to help us enter into the spirit of this season. For example, on the Mondays of Lent, (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March) from 12:30 till 2:00 pm in the Methodist Hall there will be a study lunch, organised by the Buckden & District Churches Together. This is a simple lunch of bread and soup followed by a presentation and discussion on different aspects of Celtic spirituality. All will be most welcome and more details can be found elsewhere in The Roundabout.

The culmination of the Lenten Season is what we call Holy Week; Holy Week because during it Christians recall the momentous events in the history of salvation namely the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This year Holy Week begins at the end of this month with what we call Palm Sunday when we remember the event in Jesus' life as he is welcomed into Jerusalem by adoring crowds. Jesus and his disciples were making their way to Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover. Jesus' reputation had gone before him as a great story-teller, teacher and miracle-worker. The crowds welcomed him as they would a king by waving palm branches (hence the name) and laid branches and their cloaks on the road for him to pass over.

By Thursday of Holy Week, when we remember the Last Supper and the arrest of Jesus, the authorities had turned the people against Jesus and they were calling for him to be crucified.

Let us pray that as we celebrate the season of Lent we may learn the significance and deepen our understanding of what Jesus has done for us through his life, death and resurrection, as the Saviour of the world.

Fr. Chris Newman

LENT STUDY LUNCHES

Methodist Church Hall: 12.30 pm Soup and bread lunch followed at 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm by
Our Celtic Heritage

Following the first Lent Study Lunch at the end of February these will continue each week during March. These are being led by Revd. Patricia Williams (Methodist) and Revd. Ron Ingamells (Anglican).

March 2nd The special place of **Lindisfarne** and the Celtic emphasis on the everyday prayers of ordinary people.

March 9th The Celtic understanding of, and respect for, **creation**. God in nature and the whole of life.

March 16th The special place of **Iona** and the Celtic awareness of the Trinity in worship and prayer.

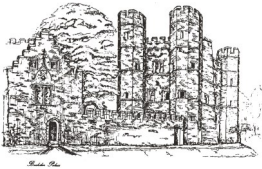
March 23rd St. Patrick's life and '**St. Patrick's Breastplate**' - one of the best known Celtic prayers.

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 Local History Society

Houghton Mill

**Wednesday 4th March
2015
at
7.30pm
in the
Conference Room at
Buckden Towers
Visitors Welcome**



WEA BUCKDEN Six Historic Rebels

Examining the careers of six rebels of various kinds, including Socrates, Galileo, William Morris and Ayatollah Khomeini. This course will explore motivation and other aspects of rebelling down the ages.

Tutor: Victoria Cummins
Tuesdays: 21st April to 16th June 2015
Half-Term 26th May

8 sessions; first and last 2 hours, others 90 minutes
10.00 to 11.45 with coffee

FEE £41.60

Venue: The Claret Centre, Buckden Towers
T-Loop for hearing aid users
Contacts: Bridget Hale 216391
Bill Templeton 456788

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.

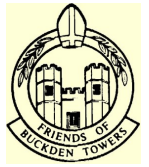
All are welcome to this free weekly session, just bring along your own sewing project and join like-minded people for an evening's social sewing.

FRIENDS OF BUCKDEN TOWERS DIARY DATES

Quiz Night

Our ever popular Quiz Night is on
6TH MARCH

At The Towers at 8.00 p.m.



All Welcome (including non members)

Teams of up to 6, but you can make up a team on the night.

Tickets £4.00 per person including refreshments and a glass of wine or soft drink and prizes for the winning team.

As always our crack team of caterers will give Bake Off a real challenge (not a soggy bottom will be seen).

Its not (too) serious, so come along
for a fun evening!

- AGM: 8th May at The Towers
- Plant Sale: 16th May at The Towers
- Mid Summer at The Towers: 20th June
- Coffee Morning: 3rd July at the Methodist Hall
- Heritage Day: 13th September

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 **March 2015** will be:

Monday 9th March: Bingo

Monday 23rd March: Tea and chat (and Simnel cake)

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

'WINE TASTING FOR ALL'

Saturday March 14th at 7-30pm

An informal, fun evening of wine tasting with Cambridgeshire expert John Beer at St Mary's Church, Buckden all over 18's welcome

Tickets £12-50 from 01480-431037

Ticket price includes:
tasting of 6 wines, and complimentary glass of wine afterwards with cheese

DIARY NOTE – event not to be missed!

**BUCKDEN OPEN GARDENS
7TH JUNE 2015**

FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Appeal for donations:

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

Buckden Gardeners Association



SPRING SHOW

Saturday 28th March 2015 at 3pm
Buckden Village Hall



Doors open to public at 3pm
 Entrance: 50p, under 16s free
 Tea & Hot Cross Buns served

Please see page 15 for the
 "Spring Show Schedule"

For more details, visit our website
www.buckdengardeners.info
 or call Pam 811680 or Lesley 351547

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



Events in the Library



Your Library Needs You!
– Wednesday 18th 10am
- 11.30am

Come along to our coffee morning to chat to staff and volunteers about volunteering opportunities.

Knit-Lit

Friday 6th and 20th
 at 8.00 pm

Join us for knitting, book discussions and friendly chat at our fortnightly social gatherings. Knitters of all abilities welcome



Tuesday	10.00 am to 1.00 pm
	2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
Thursday	2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
Friday	5.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Saturday	10.00 am to 1.00 pm
Closed Monday and Wednesday	

Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden
Tel: 0345 045 5225
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Charity Fundraisers

Buckden Lions vs Buckden Vets FC

Sunday March 1st,
 11am @ Buckden Playing Fields
 Families welcome.
 Food & refreshments available.

Buckden Lions Quiz Night

Sunday March 22nd @ The Lion Hotel, Buckden
 Doors open 6pm, food served 6.30pm, Quiz start 7pm.
 £10 per ticket, includes food

See www.facebook.com/buckden.lions
 for updates and further information

Save the date ...

Saturday 16th May 2015, Buckden May Ball
 See www.facebook.com/buckdenmayball
 for updates and further information

FOR YOUR DIARY

EAST ANGLIAN
MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

NEW VENUE

SATURDAY 14th & SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2015
The Britten Arena, Wood Green Animal Charity Centre, Huntingdon PE29 2NH

- Layouts in all popular scales
- Specialist Trade Stands
- Modelling Demonstrations
- Live Steam Models & Rides Outside
- Free Vintage Bus Transfers from Huntingdon Station

Saturday 10am - 5pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm
Adults £7 Children £4
Family (2+2) £20

Advance tickets via
www.stneotsmrc.com

SUPERB FACILITIES AND
AMPLE FREE PARKING
GOOD DISABLED ACCESS

ST NEOTS MODEL RAILWAY CLUB



Saturday 28th March 7.30pm

Ludwig van
Beethoven
 Symphony No. 6 'Pastoral'

Joseph
Haydn
 Harmoniemesse

Conductor
Adrian Brown

Nicola Ihnatowicz, soprano
 Harriet Webb, mezzo-soprano
 Nick Allen, tenor
 Dominic Sedgwick, bass

Hinchingbrooke Performing Arts
 Centre Huntingdon
 Tickets: huntsphiltickets@btinternet.com
 £14/£12 (students £7/£6)
 01832 274834 or on the door

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www.huntsphil.org.uk
 in association with
 the marcus

Friends of Buckden Towers present

Midsummer at The Towers

Saturday 20th June : 7.00 pm. – 11.30 pm.

In The Great Tower

Dancing with the Capriol Society of Early Dance

Welcome drink in The Knot Garden. Buffet meal featuring Tudor style main course
Licensed Bar Available

Tudor or modern dress (smart casual)

Tickets £35.00 each. Available at The Towers office. Tel: 01480 810344 Weekdays 9am-5pm.



Reply to letter by John Davies re the A1 By Pass (see Feb Roundabout or forum on website - <http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/forum/letters-to-the-editor>).

It is not a matter of people being inconvenienced by getting held up getting onto the A1 at busy time. It is an issue with safety. Not only getting out of the village but getting into it especially when coming from St. Neots. The A1 traffic comes to the roundabout at speed and I am told weekly, by more than one person, of near misses. I am fearful that they will turn into hits.

A Bypass will enhance our village making it safer. People matter.

Watch Buckden Roundabout Song on YouTube.
 Pat King

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

There are many organisations, clubs and societies in the village. All need your support - either attending and participating, or by helping them with administration. We are giving them the chance to tell you what they do in the magazine; most of them also have details on the Buckden Roundabout website at:
<http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/village-organisations>

The Knot Garden at Buckden Towers

The Knot Garden is maintained by a group of volunteers who meet at 10.30am on Tuesday and Saturday mornings.

This walled garden is a peaceful haven for wildlife especially birds and bees. It is visited by foreign and local tourists throughout the year and is accessible to disabled visitors.

Seasonal gardening tasks are carried out by the volunteers.

Winter tasks have included spreading fresh gravel on the paths and replacing the weathered arbour. Spring jobs include rose bush pruning and tying in the new growth on the climbing plants.

Summer and Autumn are the busiest seasons with Summer seeing the box edging being cut and the beds weeded, followed by Autumn pruning and the garden being prepared for winter.

New volunteers are always welcome on any Tuesday or Saturday morning.

BUCKDEN WHIST CLUB

meets at Buckden Towers,
Monday evenings, 7 – 10 pm

In the 1940's a local businessman founded the Buckden Whist Club. At that time a **joker** was goose-stepping all over Europe and appeared to hold all the **trumps**. Food being in short supply, we Britons got out our **spades**, dug up our flower beds and grew our vegetables.

In the 1950's a young Elizabeth touched our **hearts**, when making her vows at her coronation. She has steadfastly carried out her Royal role throughout the decades.

Buckden Whist Club, like the Queen, has achieved its **diamond** anniversary. We have also had our ups and downs, at one stage being on the brink of folding.

Recently membership has improved. We would, however, welcome anyone interested (either novice or experienced) to come along and join our **Ace of Clubs** for a chat, a laugh and, of course, a game of whist.

For information contact: Sheila Swaford **01480 810834**

Buckden Local History Society

Buckden Local History Society was inaugurated in 1979 to promote the study and knowledge of local history. The Society meets on the first Wednesday of the month from September to June at the Claret Centre at Buckden Towers at 7.30pm. A visit to a place of relevant interest is arranged for July.

The meetings usually consist of an illustrated talk by a local historian on a topic with local connections at least. Most speakers are amateurs who enjoy sharing their enthusiastic interest in their area of research.

Guests are welcome at meetings which are advertised in The Roundabout. The programme for the year can be accessed through The Roundabout web page and paper copies are available from the Buckden Library. Further information can be obtained via e-mail, buckdenhistory@gmail.com or the present chairman on 01480 811558.

THE FRIENDS OF BUCKDEN TOWERS



FOBT is a registered charity formed in 1977. Its main object is:

“to preserve, or assist in the preservation of Buckden Towers”

I have paraphrased this as the full list of objectives is very long, but we raise money to help the owners (the Claret Community) to maintain and preserve all the buildings and furnishings at the Towers, including the walls, the Gatehouse, the main house and, of course the Palace.

In the last 12 months we have paid for the refurbishment of the Friends Refectory. We are about to start on redecorating the toilet facilities, we will be replacing the curtains and repairing the floor in the King's Room in the Palace.

We also run the annual plant sale, which is very popular in the village and draws many people from the local area and beyond as well. Volunteer guides run tours of the site for individuals, societies and tour companies.

For further information and details of our events, please see our website **www.fobt.org.uk**.

SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL



BUCKDEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

(Primary Academy Trust)

OVER 60'S COMMUNITY LUNCH
 FRIDAY 27th MARCH - £4.00 PER PERSON

BATTERED COD FILLET
 WITH
CHIPS AND MUSHY PEAS

OR

STEAK AND GRAVY PIE
 WITH
MASH POTATO AND VEGETABLES

OR

CHEESE AND ONION QUICHE
 WITH SALAD

DESSERTS
JAM ROLY POLY AND CUSTARD
 OR
STRAWBERRY CREAM SCONES,

Please call the school office 01480 810241 to book your meal.

2015

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

Professional Day Wednesday 2nd September

Autumn Term Opens Thursday 3rd September

Half Term 26th – 30th October

Autumn Term Closes Friday 18th December



Spring Term is always full of festivals and events to focus our activities on. At the end of January we marked Australia Day, and the children produced some great Australian flags and their own version of Lamingtons. In February we had a fun week of sponsored pancake flipping that ended with a raucous Pancake Race on the Friday. Parents and carers were invited along and good fun was had by all! We also marked Chinese New Year and the children enjoyed making Chinese dragons, having their faces painted like sheep (since this is the Year of the Sheep), and perhaps best of all having delicious Chinese food tasting sessions. A big thank you to the Sunflower House for donating the wonderful food, and to Sonia Wall for her face-painting skills. Our older children have started more 'grown-up' writing and drawing in their workbooks in preparation for big school. In March we will be thinking about spring and Easter, and doing something Funny for Money for Comic Relief.

Please think of us if you collect any Sainsbury's vouchers; last year we used them to buy a new trampoline, so we hope to buy something equally exciting this year! Vouchers can be dropped off at Preschool or into the collection box at Costcutter (thanks to them for 'hosting' our collection box – we're very grateful for their continued support). You can also support us with your green tokens at Waitrose. Finally, our staff, children and committee wish everyone a happy Easter. Roll on Summer Term and sunshine!

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.

Miss Alison

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

£25	No. 42	Mr D Cannings
£25	No. 171	Mr B Facer
£12	No. 25	Mrs K Dean
£12	No. 80	Mrs C Petty

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

There are several numbers not allocated. If you would like to join the BSPA 200 Club, please contact Mrs Sheena Wilkinson for details, Tel 810086.



Buckden Gardeners Association

Spring Show 2015 Schedule

Saturday 28th March 2015 at Buckden Village Hall

EXHIBITOR STAGING: between 09:30 and 11:00 am on day of Show



ASSOCIATION CUP

BILL ROWLANDS SHIELD

MAURICE TROPHY

PRESIDENTS TROPHY

awarded for the most points in the growing classes

awarded for winner of plate of any vegetable: class 24

awarded for the best exhibit in the Narcissus classes

awarded for the best exhibit in the growing classes, other than Narcissus

1. 5 stems Narcissus [daffodils], trumpets equal to or longer than petals
2. 5 stems Narcissus, trumpet more than a third but less than petal length
3. 5 stems Narcissus, short cup, trumpet less than a third of petal length
4. 5 stems Narcissus, doubles
5. 5 stems Narcissus, multi-headed, such as *Cheerfulness* and *Geranium*
6. 5 stems Narcissus, split corona type
7. 5 stems single headed small type Narcissus, head to pass through 51mm [2"] ring
8. 3 stems Bi-colour Narcissus, such as *Avalon* and *Intrigue*
9. 3 stems Tulips
10. 1 stem Hyacinth
11. 3 stems any other bulbous type plant
12. 3 stems Polyanthus
13. 5 stems Spring flowers, at least 3 varieties [no shrubs] in a single vase
14. 3 stems Flowering Shrubs, all different varieties, in a single vase
15. 1 stem Flowering Shrub [specimen] in vase
16. 3 stems Ornamental Foliage in a single vase
17. 3 stems as class 1, but for **Novices only** [see extra rules]
18. 3 stems as class 2, but for **Novices only** [see extra rules]
19. 3 stems as class 3, but for **Novices only** [see extra rules]
20. Flowering plant[s] in pot or container
21. Pot or container of bulbs
22. Foliage plants in pot or container
23. Cactus or succulent plant [or plants] in pot or container
24. Plate of any vegetables, fresh or from storage, excluding Rhubarb [see extra rules]
25. 3 sticks Rhubarb
26. Tray of Lettuce, pricked out
27. Tray of cuttings or seedlings, other than Lettuce

MORE CLASSES OVERLEAF >>

FISH & CHIP SUPPER & GAMES EVENING

Join us for our Spring Show social event in the evening -

7:45 pm for 8:00 pm in the Village Hall after the Show

Tickets **£7.00** from Treasurer, James Quick (tel: 810843)

Plan ahead for Autumn Show classes: 5th September 2015 at the Buckden Village Hall

PETER PULLEN TROPHY

Heaviest yield from 1 potato grown in a container of a size capable of being carried by one person.
Foliage intact (dry or green) - to be emptied and weighed at the Autumn Show.

26th ANNUAL PUMPKIN COMPETITION FOR THE WALLY BROWN TROPHY

Both to be judged at the Autumn Show

Children's Section: (up to/incl. 12 years old) - **Children's Cup** awarded for most points in section

28. 4 Chocolate Crispy Easter Nests
29. A Decorated Hard-Boiled Egg
30. A Small Vase of Spring Flowers
31. Photograph – title "My Favourite Toy" – max. A4 unmounted *[photograph to be taken by entrant]*

Homecrafts, Handicrafts & Photography – Hambleton Cup awarded for most points in section

32. 5 Cup Cakes, decorated
33. A homemade White Loaf
34. A Spiced Banana Loaf
35. 5 Cheese Scones
36. A Jar of Marmalade
37. A Jar of Chutney or Relish
38. A Bakewell Tart
39. A Bottle of Hedgerow Liqueur
40. A Bottle of dry Red Wine
41. A Bottle of sweet White/Rosé Wine
42. A Hand-Knitted Item
43. A Handcrafted Picture
44. Photograph – title "Shoes" – max. A4 unmounted *[photograph to be taken by entrant]*
45. Photograph – title "Winter" – max. A4 unmounted *[photograph to be taken by entrant]*

Floral Arrangement classes – Stirtloe Trophy awarded for most points in section

46. A Flower Arrangement "The Garden Awakes" – not exceeding 508mm [20"] wide
47. A Round Centrepiece for a Dinner Party – not exceeding 460mm [18"] wide
48. A Bag of Flowers – not exceeding 460mm [18"] wide

EXHIBITOR STAGING: between 09:30 and 11:00 am on day of Show

No entry fees or prizes, except in the Children's Section where a small prize is awarded

The Show will be held in the Buckden Village Hall. Doors open to the public at 3:00 pm
Adult admission 50p. Children under 16 free.

EXTRA RULES: Full rules on application or see website : www.buckdengardeners.info

Classes 16 to 18: a Novice is an exhibitor who has not previously won a 1st prize in BGA shows in an individual class or group of classes

Class 24 – a maximum of **two** entries of each kind is permitted and all such entries must contain at least **two** examples of the chosen vegetable.

NEW TO SHOWING?

See our website for Hints & Tips - <http://www.buckdengardeners.info/shows/hints-tips>

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ENTRY FORM: to be returned to Oak Lawn, 32 Mill Road by 9:00 pm on Wednesday 25th March

Mark an X in box for each entry by class number – maximum 2 per person per class. Families please colour code to indicate who is entering which classes.

PLEASE NOTE - late additional entries will not be accepted on the day of the show.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48		

Entrant Name(s):

Address:

Telephone: **Email Address:**

NB Please write ages of child entrants in brackets after their names

For more details, visit the BGA website at: www.buckdengardeners.info
or call Pam on 811680 or Lesley on 351547.

www.buckdenvillagehall.co.uk

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

Any queries can be made to me Pat Wright on 811054.

VILLAGE NEWS

Buckden Friends

Two outings for you...

Wed March 4th Peterborough Dogs. £27.50

Included:- Coach from Buckden, Buffet meal in Corporate Suite, Entry and race Card, private bar and toilet facilities, Tote bet runner service. Chance to be the presenter of the prize to the winning dog of our race. Drivers tip.
Coach 6.30pm

Sat April 18th Saffron Walden Experience £27.50

Included: Coach from Buckden, Time for Saffron Walden Market and Bridge End Garden or the Museum (75p entry charge). Lunch and then visit to House on the Hill Toy Museum and /or Mountfitchet Castle. Drivers tip.
Coach 9am return by 6pm.

Coach pick up points. Buckden Scout Hut, (on time) Buckden Methodist Church, (2 mins later) or Buckden Marina. (10 mins later).

Please let me have cheque ASAP to secure your place. On the reverse of the cheque put your names, which trip, and coach pick up point. Also a contact phone number and email if you want to go on my email list. Cheques payable to Pat King, 32 Mayfield Buckden. Sorry no refunds. All trips subsequent to filling the coach.

Phone 07905225911.

Email:- patking@write.me.com

BUCKDEN WI

Members braved the snow and cold for our February meeting in the school. Our tea ladies made a valiant effort with a series of ket-tles when it was not possible to heat the urn. Thank you ladies, it was not the night for a refreshing glass of cold water!



We remembered Betty Fryatt, a past President of Buckden and an ex-Federation Chairman with a singing of Jerusalem and a silence. Thank you, Betty, for your commitment to and love of the WI. Our speaker was Bob Harding-Jones who gave us an entertaining view of 'characters' he had come across as a dairy farmer and latterly an ambulance paramedic. He also offered a remedy for a 'still at home' adult child. When reaching the age of 65 point out that they could be changing their status from 'lodger' to 'carer' anytime soon. Worked like a charm apparently! The next meeting will be held on 3rd March at 7.30 at the school. The speaker will be Frank Burns who has cycled from Kimbolton to Istanbul along a pilgrim route.

Enquiries Judith Armitage 01480 811717.

Solution to last month's crossword

Across: 1. OCTOPUSSY, 6. LITHE, 9. TERRIER, 10. ELIZABETH, 11. YANKEES, 12. OYSTERS, 13. BALEARIC ISLANDS, 17. NEITHER, 19. PARAPET, 22. ULTIMATUM, 23. PUBLISH, 24. NADIA, 25. TIM HENMAN
Down: 1. OUTCRY, 2. TERMINAL, 3. PRINCE, 4. STRESS, 5. YAKITORI, 6. LIMASSOL, 7. THIEVE, 8. EMPHASIS, 13. POMPOM, 20. ROUBLE, 21. TYPHON

Buckden Village Festival 2015

Under 18? Youth Committee Members Needed Now

1st Meeting - Saturday, 28th February 2015 4.30pm - 6pm Buckden Village Hall

All 8 – 18 year olds of Buckden, this is your chance to get involved with and shape Buckden Village Festival. As the Festival begins on American Independence Day, there will be an American and British theme to this year's parade.

We want **your** ideas and help on the following ~

- The design of our 2015 festival logo:

1st prize of £25 voucher from a High Street store of choice for the logo design used - all entries from under18's welcome. Please hand your design in at the meeting, to the Village Hall office or email it to BuckdenVillageFestivalYouth@gmail.com by 3rd March 2015. Winner will be notified by email so please include a contact email with your entry, together with your name and current age.

- We also want your ideas on the best things we could have and do at our 2015 festival – including:

The Parade, The Arena, The Fairground Rides, The Entertainment, The Stalls and the Food and Drink

Free to join. If you can, please email to confirm attendance in advance on BuckdenVillageFestivalYouth@gmail.com. Please bring a soft drink with you. Please note, under 13's must be accompanied by a parent / responsible adult to this event.

VILLAGE NEWS



LAWN CARE IN MARCH

Mowing

Mow at least once a week now; make sure mower has been serviced and blade replaced or sharpened.

Moss

Moss poses a real threat to lawns this year, and may be affecting your lawn. ProLawnCare can spray their special Moss Control Treatment. Moss dies in front of your eyes, and it is best to do it now before the Spring starts, otherwise it will crowd out the grass and lead to a thin and sparse lawn.

Fertiliser—Organic

This is the time to feed the lawn after most nutrients will have been washed through during the wet winter months. The fertiliser we use is organic based, so we are feeding the soil to give you the best lawn possible.

Weed Control

Once the weeds and grass are actively growing a selective herbicide to kill broad leaved weeds such as dandelions, daisies and clover within the grass can be applied.

Patio/Drive Weed Treatment

We can spray our industrial strength weed killer which will kill weeds and keep them weed free for several months.

Actions Required in March

- Apply Moss Control Treatment
- Mow lawn at least once a week
- Apply organic spring fertiliser to produce vibrant green lawn
- Spray weeds in lawn with selective herbicide
- Spray patio and drive with our long lasting treatment before the weeds get hold

This year we are running a "Prize Lawn Competition" for all lawns in Buckden. If you would like to be considered please call **01480 812393**, or e-mail deborah@prolawncares.co.uk

Judging will take place initially in April and the best lawns will go on a short list to be judged by an Independent Adjudicator in May

- First Prize: One Year's Free Lawn Care,
- Second Prize: 1 x Free Soil Analysis (P:K:Mg and soil pH levels tested for)
- Third Prize: One Free Lawn Treatment

Happy 16th Anniversary Reader Offer

"Book up for a Weed Control Treatment and we'll apply the Spring Fertiliser FREE OF CHARGE."
(existing Customers will receive a "free seaweed application" with the weed treatment)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW)

Local Crime.

Items were stolen from the doorstep of a house in Manor Gardens on 28th January.

A burglary was reported in the Greenway area on 1st February - no details are available at the time of writing.

Seasonal Crime trends.

As this is being written, it is bitterly cold and snow is lying on the ground which helps to keep crime at a low ebb. However, Spring will (hopefully) soon be with us and the thoughts of thieves will turn to those seasonal items which can be readily sold at car boot sales and in pubs.

The valuable equipment usually stored in garden sheds is a top priority for them.

Ideally, put an identifying mark on it; avoid storing power tools, fishing tackle and golf clubs in sheds and secure door hasps and hinges with screws which cannot be removed.

Attractive garden ornaments can be wired through the base to a concrete slab or buried stake.

Even attractive shrubs and hanging baskets are not safe although the latter can usually be chained to a wall.

Outdoor pursuits again become popular and bicycles, scooters and sports equipment are often left outside for the passing thief.

Eventually, the warmer weather tempts us to leave doors and windows open and insecure. It is surprising how, every summer, we receive reports of houses being entered by thieves whilst the owners are in the rear garden.

Action Fraud.

Action Fraud is the national reporting centre for fraud and internet crime. A useful brief recently circulated by it has highlighted the wide range of every day activities which can attract criminal fraud, particularly on-line.

These include, for example:

- sales of vehicles, theatre tickets, investments and loans
- calls claiming that your computer is faulty with offers to send cleaning programmes which then infect your computer..
- interference with sales or purchases on eBay or Amazon.

A large amount of information including news of the latest scams can be found on its website:

www.actionfraud.police.uk This is also the site to contact if you suspect you have been the victim of fraudulent activity.

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

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.

January/February Match Results

LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
Hunts Mini-Soccer				
17/1/15*	Buckden Harriers U10*	16	Bluntisham Blasters U10 Red*	2
17/1/15**	Buckden Buzzards U9**	5	St Ives Rangers U9 Blue Sox**	0
17/1/15***	Buckden Vultures U8***	5	Alconbury Colts U8 Red***	2
17/1/15****	St Ives Rangers U7 Blue Sox****	3	Buckden Eagles U7****	7
24/1/15	Buckden Condors U10	0	Needingworth Colts U10	6
24/1/15	Buckden Buzzards U9	6	Godmanchester U9 White	2
24/1/15	Little Paxton Colts U8	2	Buckden Vultures U8	9
24/1/15	Somersham Town U7	1	Buckden Eagles U7	10
31/1/15	Buckden Harriers U10	3	St Ives Rangers U10 Blue Sox	0
31/1/15	St Ives Rangers U9 Orange Sox	0	Buckden Buzzards U9	3
7/2/15*	Somersham Town U10*	4	Buckden Harriers U10*	3
7/2/15**	St Ives Rangers U9 Black Sox**	1	Buckden Buzzards U9**	4
7/2/15***	Buckden Vultures U8***	12	Gransden FC U8 White***	2
7/2/15	Buckden Eagles U7	2	Huntingdon Rowdies U7	2
Hunts Youth (9v9)				
24/1/15	Buckden Falcons U13	1	Alconbury Colts U13 Blue	2
31/1/15	Benwick Athletic U13	4	Buckden Falcons U13	1

*Hunts Mini-Soccer U10 Champions League Cup

**Hunts Mini-Soccer U9 Champions League Cup

***Hunts Mini-Soccer U8 Champions League Cup

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

Hunts Mini-Soccer Champions League Cups

Three Buckden JFC teams have reached their respective League Cup Finals – U9 Buzzards, U8 Vultures and U7 Eagles (a fourth team – Buckden Harriers – were narrowly beaten in the U10 semi-final). The finals are due to be played on either 18 or 25 April.

New Buckden U12 Team Next Season (Sept 2015)

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

Buckden Bowls Club

Contact Numbers:

Club Sec.
Brian Moore
01480 812112

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