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### March 2017

As I am sitting here writing this, I am seeing the first snow I remember this winter - falling ahead of what is forecast to be a very cold weekend! Assuming this continues, and some of it settles, I hope some of our photographic readers braved the elements to get us some great winter pictures for use in future editions! If you did, please send them to us!

As you should now be aware, HDC are proposing to change the days on which some of the bins in the village are collected - effective from Wednesday March 1st. I know that the collection day for both my black, general refuse bin and my recycling bin is moving from Friday to Wednesday, and I am assuming the whole village is similarly affected. This means that I need to put my recycling bin out on Tuesday 28th February rather than Thursday 2nd March.

We have extra pages this month to accommodate the schedule and entry forms for the Buckden Gardeners Spring Show. This is always an interesting event, and I always try and visit for a look. Sadly I am not proficient enough to enter anything!

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

*Editorial Team*

<p><b>Front Cover</b></p> <p>The cover photo this month is by Barry Priest and shows the recently refurbished roof at St Mary's church. As ever, we are very grateful.</p> <p>We are always looking for photos, images, drawings and paintings to use on the front cover so please keep sending them in. In particular we are looking for photos with a winter theme. Please note that photos should ideally be in portrait format and should be a <i>minimum</i> of 2400 x 1700 pixels. More is better!</p>
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# Buckden Parish Council News...



## John Chase – Clerk to Buckden Parish Council

The Parish Council is very sorry to announce the retirement of John Chase, which will take place during the summer. John has been our clerk for 11 years and, during that time, has served both Councillors and our community with great dedication, skill and efficiency. We will miss him greatly.

If you are interested in following in John's footsteps, please see our advertisement below.

### **BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL PARISH CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER.**

Buckden Parish Council is seeking to appoint a self-motivated, forward thinking and enthusiastic person to fill the post of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. The Clerk is responsible for managing the day to day business of the Council and is required to provide professional support and guidance in respect of all aspects of the Council's work. They will frequently act as the public face of the council.

Applicants will need an administrative and financial background, excellent communication skills, and a good knowledge of IT office applications, in particular Excel. Preferably they will have a working knowledge of local government law and procedures or show they have the potential and willingness to learn with training. They should also be able to demonstrate that they have supervisory experience.

The successful applicant will be expected to have, or be prepared to obtain within a reasonable period, a relevant local council qualification.

*“Vacancy for  
Parish Clerk*

This post is office based in Buckden Village Hall. The hours of employment are 30 hours per week. There is some flexibility in determining the specific hours of work. Attendance will be required at evening or other meetings for which time off in lieu can be taken.

The salary scale is local government spinal column points 28–37 (currently £24964 to £32486 per annum) with a bar to progression beyond SCP 34 being dependent upon having obtained a relevant local council qualification. The salary will be pro-rata to reflect the 30-hour working week.

**The closing date for receipt of applications is 10th March 2017.**

For more information about the post and an application pack, contact the Clerk, John Chase, by email on: [clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk), telephone on 01480 819407, or by post to: Clerk to Buckden Parish Council, Buckden Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden PE19 5UY.

If you would like to discuss the post informally, please contact Fiona Shirley, Council Chairman on 01480 811703. No agencies.

The monthly meeting of the **Parish Council, including a 15 minute Public Forum will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 starting at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and raise any Buckden related issues.

If required, the **Parish Council's Planning Committee** will meet on **Tuesday 14th and Tuesday 28th 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, Burberry Road, Buckden PE19 5UY, Telephone (01480) 819407, Email: [clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk)

#### FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

February brings the budget setting process by both District and County councils. The Cambridgeshire County Council budget meeting is to be held on February 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 so as you read this article the County Council will have made their decision regarding the level of council tax for 2017-2018 and residents will be receiving their council tax notices through the post from Huntingdonshire District Council. Cambridgeshire County Council is again faced with the decision whether to include a 2% Adult social care precept increase on the council tax alongside a possible additional 2% council tax increase giving a possible 4% council tax increase by County Council alone. This is before our district colleagues have made a decision about whether to increase their portion of the council tax and the Fire Authority and Police and Crime Commissioner and the individual parish councils.

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 and final surgery will be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017** .

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

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#### FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

##### A1 AND RAILWAY CROSSING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

I continue to receive comments, almost daily, about the traffic on the A1 and the problems which result when the Buckden/Offord Main Line level crossing is closed. The situation has not improved in recent months and is forecast to get worse when the new A14 and improvements to the A428 are completed. The problems on the A1 are not just experienced by residents of Buckden, Stirtloe and Diddington but also by those living in Southoe. The village's only ingress and egress is via the A1 and any attempt to leave the village and travel south is perilous to say the least. I have arranged a meeting between the A1 Safety Advisory Group, Highways England and our local MP, Jonathan Djanogly. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the possibility of local improvements in the event of the major M25 to Brampton Hut rerouting being delayed.

##### 20 MPH LIMIT

The new 20 mph speed limit is now in place. Let us hope that it improves road safety in the village, particularly in the area around the school. I hope that parents delivering and collecting their children will help road safety by parking sensibly and in the appropriate places.

##### PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT

If the developer's appeal is successful the resultant extra traffic will increase the number of vehicles in the village, on the A1 and at the level crossing. This is just one of the reasons that I, the Parish Council, the Protect Buckden's Future Group and so many of you are opposing the plan. Let us hope that we are successful. The Public Inquiry is programmed to start on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May and proceedings will be open to the public.

Please do not hesitate to contact me about any local issues on 01480 810974 or at [terry.hayward@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:terry.hayward@huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

With best wishes

Terry Hayward, District Councillor for Buckden Ward (Buckden, Stirtloe, Diddington, Southoe and Midloe)



##### A14 Bulletin

*(These are highlights—for the full bulletin go to the Roundabout website: <http://tinyurl.com/j3yywgf>)*



- A14 scheme now officially underway; Transport Secretary visited the project to mark the start of construction
- Traffic management will be implemented shortly including night-time closures on the A1 between Brampton Interchange and Alconbury, and the A14 between Godmanchester and Dry Drayton

For more info visit the project website at [www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H](http://www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H)



Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Northamptonshire

Huntingdonshire  
Local Group

### What Nature Does For Britain

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust are pleased to welcome Tony Juniper who will present an illustrated talk entitled What Nature Does For Britain. This will be held on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Tony Juniper is a well known Environmentalist and has been President of the Wildlife Trusts since December 2015. For more than 25 years Tony has worked for change towards a more sustainable environment at local, national and international levels. Tony has written books such as 'What Nature Does for Britain' and 'What is Really Happening to Our Planet'.

Tonight Tony will tell us how Britain's nature enriches our environment, from peat bogs and woodlands that help our water supply to the soils that produce the food we eat. 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.

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

### Cambridgeshire Police

Over the past month, we have had further reports of ASB in and around Buckden, they include throwing a full rubbish bin onto the balcony of the playgroup at the village hall, setting fire to rubbish in a bin, and causing alarm and distress to residents at Buckden Towers. I know the names of some of the youths, and will be speaking to them in due course.

We have had a couple of suspicious circumstances over the past month, including a drone flying across the village, but hopefully the new American President is not looking too closely at Buckden.

I am starting a drop in surgery in Buckden, which will be held once a month for an hour in the library. If you have something to say, or would like advice on anything (within reason) I will be openly available for you to pop along, I am told that the library or the hall will make available an office if the question requires privacy. So please pop along and say hello, or just come along and join the library if you have nothing to say. Dates are:

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 between 2 – 3
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 between 6 – 7
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 between 11 -12
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 between 2 – 3

*“Drop-in surgery  
starting in Buckden*

If you wish to discuss anything with me, and can't attend the above, please feel free to email or call me on the details below.

Please feel free to contact me, if you have any information, or require any advice.

Richard

**PCSO 7101 Richard Braddick**

Richard.braddick@cambs.pnn.police.uk

St Neots Safer Neighbourhood Team

St. Neots Police Station | Dovehouse Close | St. Neots | Cambridgeshire | PE19 1DS

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

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**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 to Saturday at 9.30 am in the Lady Chapel.

**Morning and Evening Prayer** Monday to Saturday at 9.15 am and 5.45pm in the Lady Chapel.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** every Saturday from 10.00 to 10.30 am.

**The Rosary** is prayed each Monday morning after the 9.30 am Mass.

**Catechism Classes** for school age children each Sunday from 9.00 am in term time. Formal classes for primary age children.

**Silent Adoration.** There is half an hour of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday following the 9.30 am Mass and ending with Benediction at 10.30 am.

**Would any newcomers to the Village who are Catholics please let Fr. Chris Newman know their contact details.**

**STUDY LUNCHES**

The Lent study lunches will take place on the following Mondays:

March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, and April 3rd  
Study topic to be confirmed

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

**Women's World Day of Prayer**

Come and join us for a moving service of readings, music and reflection written by ladies in the Philippines.



**Friday 3 March 2017**

10.30 am Buckden Methodist Church

2.00 pm St Andrew's Church, Great Staughton

All very welcome.

**Buckden Methodist Church**

**Minister:** Rev. Paul Beard  
(01480 473444)

**Stewards:** Angie Barnes (810102)  
Bob Baxter (8100920)  
Carol Swepstone (810053)

**Services in March**

**Sunday 5th**

10.30 am Morning Service: Mr Don Moorman  
6.00pm Section Service at Eaton Ford

**Sunday 12th**

10.30 am Holy Communion: Rev. Miles Falla  
6.00pm Evening Fellowship

**Sunday 19th**

10.30 am Morning Service & GCM: Rev. Paul Beard  
6.00 pm Evening Fellowship

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am Morning Service: Mr Colin webber  
6.00pm Evening Fellowship

**Activities in March:**

<b>Wed 1</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	CAMEO in the Wesley Room
<b>Wed 1</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Ash Wednesday Circuit Service
<b>Fri 3</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Women's World Day of Prayer Service followed by coffee
<b>Mon 6</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	Lent Study lunch
<b>Fri 10</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Coffee Morning
<b>Mon 13</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	Lent Study lunch
<b>Tues 14</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Quiet time in the Wesley Room
<b>Fri 17</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	Soup and sweet lunch
<b>Mon 20</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	Lent Study lunch
<b>Fri 24</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Coffee Morning
<b>Mon 27</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	Lent Study lunch
<b>Tue 28</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Bible Study in the Wesley Room
<b>Fri 31</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Coffee Morning

**ST MARY'S CHURCH AUCTION**

SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017  
BUCKDEN VILLAGE HALL

DONATIONS – 8.45 AM – 9.45AM ONLY.  
(Please, no shoes, clothes, books  
or out of date computer equipment.)  
VIEWING – 10am – 11am.

AUCTION BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 11AM.

TERMS: CASH OR CHEQUES (TO BANKER'S CARD MAXIMUM)  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE - EVERYBODY WELCOME.

All proceeds will go to the Church Restoration Appeal.

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

### RAISING THE ROOF!

You may have seen the scaffolding and activity at St Mary's towards the end of 2016. You can see from this month's cover picture that the roof-work is now complete. Our thanks go to everyone who was involved in this project in any way.

Sadly, the roof-work was just the tip of the iceberg. There is even more work still to be done to repair the stonework on and around the tower, to make good the exterior of the vestry and the to renovate the historic organ. Most of the money that we had, has been spent on the roof; so 2017 has to be a year of fund-raising through grant applications, fundraising initiatives and direct donations. Please help in any way that you can:-

- Take part in the **\*800 and counting\*** event – details elsewhere in this issue
- Support our fund-raising events throughout the year
- Support us with your prayers
- Make a direct donation or a regular donation to our restoration appeal – contact [treasurer@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stmarysbuckden.org.uk) or 819454

For more information on the renovation work and the restoration appeal see our website [www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk) or the boards in church

### SUNDAY Services

8am Communion - 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

11am Family service - every week

6pm Communion - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

6pm Evensong - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

7pm Night prayer - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

### WEEKDAY Services

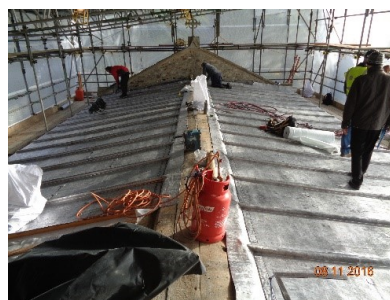
Monday 2.15pm Daily Prayers

Tuesday 1.30pm Daily Prayers

Wednesday 9.30am Communion

Thursday 1.00pm Daily Prayers

Friday 9.15am Daily Prayers



**Thursday 2nd March 7.30pm**  
**M&Ms – ladies' fellowship group**  
Quiz night & buffet at the Vicarage

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 11am**  
**AUCTION at Buckden Village Hall**  
Donations between 8.45 & 9.45am  
Viewing from 10am. Auction at 11am

**Wednesday 8th March**  
**Friends in Deed - Living Stones Cafe**  
2.30pm – 4pm refreshments & chat.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 4pm**  
**JAM Club at Offord Village Hall**  
fun for the under 7s and their parents

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**  
**Hinchingbrooke Rising Stars**  
concert in St Mary's; tickets £10 (£8 concessions) from 812777; complimentary glass of wine or juice at the interval

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
**6pm Open Ministry Meeting**

### LENT COURSE - All Loves Excelling (Studies in the Letter to the Philippians)

Monday lunches 12.30pm Methodist Hall  
or Thursdays 8.15pm at 7 Vineyard Way  
throughout March – contact Rev Jes for info

### MONDAYS 8.15pm Bell-Ringers

**TUESDAYS Jamworkx After-School Club**  
3.15pm at Buckden School

### WEDNESDAYS

10.00am Cuppa and a chat  
10.30am Going Deeper – informal bible study

### FRIDAYS 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Mar

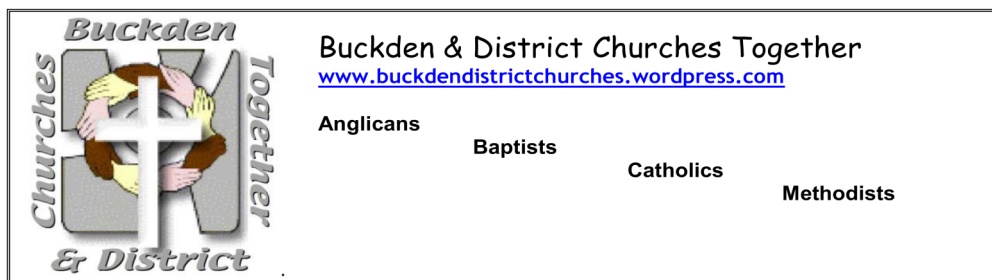
**Angel Voices** – informal all-age choir (Friday practices ready for the all-age service 11am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

**SATURDAY COFFEE & CAKES**  
10.30am – 12 noon in St Mary's

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

**Priest in Charge:** Rev Jes Salt 01480 819377 [priestincharge@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:priestincharge@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)





<b>Weekly Prayer Roster</b>	
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:	
5th March	Manor Gardens, Manor Close, Glebe Lane, The Grove
12th March	Park Road, Falcon Way, The Marinas, and those who live and work there
19th March	Field Close, Lincoln Close, Silver Street, Beaufort Drive, St Hugh's Road
26th March	School Lane, Buckden Primary School (pupils, teachers and teaching assistants, governors, volunteers, midday supervisors, lollipop lady, all support staff)

### Thought for the month

Dear Friends

I was recently reading of someone who visited an ice-rink and watched a teenage girl trying to perfect an extremely difficult jump. She had a coach with her seeking to give help and advice. Time and again she fell down on the ice and each time the coach motioned with his hand to get up and try again.

With one fall she did not get up and the look on her face apparently showed total discouragement. Her coach again helped her up and told her to try again. Another fall followed but this time she got up immediately and skated around the rink several times with increasing speed, then came the jump and she succeeded with a twist and a turn included and a perfect landing. She stayed motionless for a few moments enjoying the sense of achievement and her coach applauded.

Life is like that for all of us at times. We attempt things and set out to achieve things only to be often knocked over by the pressures and demands of life. We can easily fail and fall but usually we move on and try again. Following the Christian life is never easy either. There are many joys and blessings in store along the way, many encouragements which God sends, but we often fail and fall in the hopes and aims we seek to fulfill.

The Christian life is not ultimately dependent upon our ability or failure however, but rather upon the life of Jesus Christ that we possess and the God in Whom we trust. Yes, God calls us to persevere and at times to face many challenges but He also provides the strength and faith to win through as we live in trust in Him. Life can be a challenge but God's blessings are many and His daily presence can be real to those who place their faith fully in Him.

Roger Watkins, Interim Minister of Perry Baptist Church



**Buckden & District Churches Together**  
Celebrating together throughout the year

**Tuesday 21st March at 7.30pm, Buckden Towers**  
**Buckden & District Churches Together AGM**  
**Guest Speaker to be announced**

January	22 <sup>nd</sup> Unity Supper (during the week of Christian Unity)	June	4 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost Picnic
February	13 <sup>th</sup> Monthly study lunch (2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month)	July	1 <sup>st</sup> Stall at Village Festival 2 <sup>nd</sup> Festival Service
March	3 <sup>rd</sup> Women's World Day of Prayer Service Lent Study lunches (every Monday) 21 <sup>st</sup> AGM with guest speaker	August	Children's Holiday Club
April	14 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday Children's Workshop 14 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service and Procession between the churches	September	Celebration of 800 years of recorded priests in Buckden
May	12 <sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Week – coffee morning	October	31 <sup>st</sup> Children's Light Party
		November	Remembrance Sunday Service
		December	Churches involved in Christmas Lights Event Village Carol Service

Q: What popular, sociable and fun event is happening on  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017?

A: The Friends of Buckden Towers Quiz Night

8.00 p.m. at The Towers  
(Quiz Master: Ian Carter)  
Teams of up to 6.  
All Welcome  
Refreshments  
Raffle and Prizes  
Entry £5.00 per person at the Door.

Come and enjoy a great evening of friendly competition

**BUCKDEN AND LITTLE PAXTON SURGERY**  
**PATIENTS ASSOCIATION**

Invite you to a FREE event on **HEALTHY LIVING**

**BUCKDEN C.E. PRIMARY ACADEMY**

TUESDAY 14 March 2017 7:00-8.30 P.M.

Come and find out about a wide range of what is available locally to improve the health of all the family. There will be a chance to speak to the providers and to try some of the activities

**EVERYONE WELCOME REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**

BVF BVF BVF BVF BVF BVF BVF BVF BVF BVF BVF BVF BVF  
BVF **Buckden Village Festival** BVF  
BVF **Youth Committee** BVF  
BVF This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Youth Committee for BVF  
BVF 8 – 18 year olds. Come and get involved in running BVF  
BVF a stall and helping to organise the event. BVF  
BVF Initial meeting in the Village Hall (Millard Suite) BVF  
BVF **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 4.00pm** BVF  
BVF For more information email BVF  
BVF [BuckdenVillageFestivalYouth@gmail.com](mailto:BuckdenVillageFestivalYouth@gmail.com) BVF  
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Can you spare a little bit of time to make a huge difference to a family who need support?



Home-Start  
Cambridgeshire

Home-Start provides a unique service for families recruiting and training volunteers to support parents with young children at home.

- ❖ We are currently seeking volunteers to offer support to families in the Huntingdonshire area
- ❖ Do you have parenting experience and 2-3 hours a week available?
- ❖ Full training and support will be given and you will gain valuable experience and skills in a rewarding volunteer role
- ❖ We support families in a variety of circumstances e.g. mental health issues, disability, multiple births, poverty, isolation, new to region, relationship breakdown, to help them gain confidence and move forwards
- ❖ Next course starting on 28th February 2017

To talk about volunteering, please contact our friendly team:

01480 700242  
office.stneots@homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk

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**Buckden Community Litter Pick**

Following the highly successful Clean for the Queen campaign celebrating the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2016 in which 4056 bags of rubbish were collected by volunteers

Please come and join us for the first monthly Buckden litter pick, all welcome!

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH @ 9.30 am**  
**outside the George Hotel**

For an hour or so of fresh air, good company and light exercise, not to mention keeping our village as we would like it, followed by a complimentary tea, coffee or squash, sponsored by our local businesses commencing at the George Hotel.

Please contact myself, Peter Emeleus, on Tel 07751289191 or Email [ging30@hotmail.com](mailto:ging30@hotmail.com) if you wish to come along.

Hi Viz jacket, litter pickers and bags will be supplied compliments of Charlie Wilkins at HDC

Please provide your own gloves and suitable foot wear. Children most welcome, if supervised at all times by a parent or carer as we will be picking along roadsides at times.

**“Remember you’re a Womble”**

### Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme Huntingdon Group March 2017

There are 10 Wednesday-afternoon/ Friday-morning health walks this month, which include the 'Buckden Village' walk on the 22nd starting at the Village Hall Car Park at 2pm, and a new 'Buckden Marina' walk on the 31st at 10am, starting from the car park there.

Health walks are of 45 to 80 minutes' duration, easy-paced and risk-assessed.

Good weatherproof footwear and clothing are recommended to match March's unpredictable weather/ground conditions, and it's also a good idea to carry a bottle of drinking water.

We look forward to you sharing the healthy benefits of walking with us, usually followed by a hot 'cuppa', if required. Walking'n'talking together is a very therapeutic and 'fun' activity, whatever the weather.

For more information, please check out the website\*\*, or 'phone Doug Finlayson on 01480 387047.

\*\* [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks)

### The Hinchbrooke Bösendorfer Concerts March 31st 2017 7.30 pm

Masayuki Tayama; piano

Hinchbrooke Performing Arts Centre, Huntingdon  
Box Office 01480 375678

Tickets: Adults £12,

Pupils and students under 21 £5,

Groups (20+) £9 each

### Hunts Phil - 40th Anniversary Season Russian Romantics & Revolutionaries

Saturday 25th March at 7.30PM

Rachmaninov - Symphony No. 2

Arutiunian - Festive Overture

Gretchaninov - Missa Festiva

Guest conductor Lee Dunleavy

Tiered seats £14, Untiered seats £12

50% student discount

Hinchbrooke Performing Arts Centre, Huntingdon

Box Office 01480 375678, [www.huntsphil.org.uk](http://www.huntsphil.org.uk)

### Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society

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

9th Mar **Annual General Meeting**

For further information contact the secretary

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

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

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

### 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 2017** will be:

- **Monday 6th:** Bingo in the Millard Suite
- **Monday 20th:** Pam Falla talking about Indian Weddings (Millard Suite)

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

### Buckden Local History Society



### Folk Medicine & Magic

An Illustrated Talk By Liz Davies  
**Wednesday 1st March 2017 7.30pm**  
at Buckden Towers

For more information please contact  
[Buckdenhistory@gmail.com](mailto:Buckdenhistory@gmail.com)

### Buckden Gardeners Association

Saturday 25th March 2017

### SPRING SHOW

Including PLANT SALE & GARDEN JUMBLE



The Village Hall doors will be open to the public at 2.00pm. Teas and hot cross buns will be served. Adult admission 50p, children under 16 free. Please see the centre pages for the Spring Show Schedule.

Don't forget the Garden Shed in Silver St will soon be open for members to buy essential gardening supplies

For further details see our website:  
[www.buckdengardeners.info](http://www.buckdengardeners.info)  
Or contact Pam (01480 811680)

### LIFE DRAWING GROUP\*

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

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

\*Male & Female models



**Story/Rhyme Time**

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

**Craft activities for children**

NEW! Once a month we are having a craft activity for children.  
On Saturday March 11th at 10.30am we will be making a sweet shop collage inspired by Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

**Engage**

Cromwell and Parliament. Local historian John Davies will talk about Cromwell's rocky relationship with his parliaments and how this contributed to the failure of the English Revolution.  
Wednesday 15th March at 2.00pm.

**Games**

We are starting a games afternoon (cards, scrabble etc). Come along any Thursday afternoon from 2.00pm to meet like minded people. Refreshments provided.

**Knit-Lit**

Friday 3rd and 17th Feb at 8.00 pm

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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

**Buckden Wine & Beermakers Society**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**  
8.00pm in the Scout Hut  
**Holiday Beverages**

We meet at the Scout Hut on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 8.00pm.

New members are welcome to join a lively sociable group where help and advice on wine and beer making are freely given.

For further information contact Ann Elliott 01480 810346

**Future meetings.**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. AGM

**EAST ANGLIAN  
MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION**

**SATURDAY 11th & SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2017**



**The Britten Arena, Wood Green Animal  
Charity Centre, Huntingdon PE29 2NH**

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

**SUPERB FACILITIES AND  
AMPLE FREE PARKING WITH  
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Advance tickets via [www.stneotsmrc.com](http://www.stneotsmrc.com)

St.Mary's, The Parish Church of Buckden  
proudly present

**HINCHINGBROOKE  
RISING STARS**

**Sat.25<sup>th</sup> March**

Commencing 7.30pm

**Featuring  
top-Grade Singers & Musicians  
from the School's Music Dept.  
plus the Community Choir**

Tickets: £10 (£8 concessions)  
(including a complimentary glass of wine/juice during the interval)  
Tickets and further details from  
Box Office: 01480 812777 or 07979 030144  
Also Costcutter (Hunts End) and Que Sera (High Street)

**\*800 and counting!!!\***

If we gave you £10, could you use your talents to grow that money? **Yes**, then read on...



This year is the 800th anniversary of the first recorded priest at St Mary's Buckden; Rev William de Bugden in 1217. To celebrate 800 years, to have some fun, raise some funds, create competition and to highlight the many and varied talents of people in Buckden, we propose to give out £10 each to 80 individuals / families / groups in the village and challenge them to use their talents to grow that £10 into something bigger to add to St Mary's Restoration Appeal.

How you grow the money is entirely up to you. It could be a sponsored event, a coffee morning, a car boot sale, a concert, busking, a stall at the village festival in July! If you're creative, make something to sell or auction. We just ask that you use your imagination and your talents to the full. Even if you were to take £10 and give back £20, you would have grown the money but if you could convert £10 to £800 (or more) even better. So get thinking....

The £10s will be given out in St Mary's on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** 10.30am – 12noon. It's "first come, first served"! so come along with your contact details and your ideas. Coffee and cakes will also be available during the morning. If you can't make it on the day, then please contact [giftaid@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:giftaid@stmarysbuckden.org.uk) and your name(s) will be added to the list of recipients if there are any £10s left at the end of the morning.

You will have 5 months in which to "grow the money". All proceeds are to be returned to St Mary's during the \*800 celebration weekend\* on **16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> September**. More details of that celebration event to follow later.

The money raised will go towards St Mary's Restoration Appeal. We have a beautiful building here at the centre of our village. It has been used for many years by the whole community for weddings, baptisms, funerals, school/pre-school activities, concerts, exhibitions, major festivals, celebrations and Remembrance. Now it is in urgent need of repairs to the stonework up and around the tower and to the outer walls of the vestry. We also have an historic organ which is over 100 years old and is in need of refurbishment. So please help us to raise funds – enjoy the challenge, have fun and celebrate!

Any questions, please contact [enquiries@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stmarysbuckden.org.uk) or Pat King on 01480 811020

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

I am writing to say thank you for your support of the 2016 Poppy Appeal.

Special thanks to the house to house collectors of Buckden, the joint Churches Remembrance Sunday service, and the businesses of Buckden and Perry and HMP Littlehey. Added to these we received separately, personal gifts all for which we are very, very grateful and, altogether, we banked around an amazing £5,000.



Our RBL membership numbers fall year on year and it would really help if we could recruit new members. Anybody can be a member and nothing beyond a modest annual renewal fee, paid preferably by direct debit, is needed. You do not need to have any connection with the armed services. You do, however, need to be a close relative of a deceased, serving or retired service man or woman who drew at least one week's pay, to ask for all manner of help. Membership gives you a periodic magazine and access to a variety of mostly county based social events and activities including concerts, dances, some National events particularly around Remembrancetide and Christmas and also specially organised trips to War Graves or the National Arboretum. For this information I need your e-mail address.

If you have any query please contact me, Veronica Hunstone on 810070 (e-mail [rbl.buckden@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rbl.buckden@yahoo.co.uk)), or our Membership secretary John Cartwright on 811402 for membership queries.



Buckfest Music Festival will take place on Saturday 15 July 2017 at Buckden Village Club and nominations are now being sought from local charities/good causes who would like to be considered as this year's charity partner. Charities should be local (within Cambridgeshire, or close to the Cambs. border) and the organisers are particularly keen to hear from organisations where the donation would have a strong impact on their day-to-day work.

As well as receiving a financial donation, the charity will attend the festival to raise awareness of its work – with around 2000 people attending Buckfest each year it's a great opportunity to get your organisation noticed.

Over the past 7 years Buckfest has donated over £13000 to local good causes. In 2016 the festival had two charity partners (Elouise Keeling Asthma Trust and Little Miracles) who each received a donation of £1000 each. The festival will have one charity partner in 2017.

If you would like to nominate a local charity/good cause please get in touch by emailing [info@buckfest.org](mailto:info@buckfest.org)

### **PROTECT BUCKDEN'S FUTURE GROUP TO OPPOSE LUCKS LANE DEVELOPMENT AT PUBLIC INQUIRY – BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017, the Protect Buckden's Future Group held a Public Meeting and we thank the 132 residents who attended and contributed both advice and funds. We outlined what we have done so far and what we intend to do to stop the developer Gladman's proposal to build 180 houses off Lucks Lane.

The PBF are a constituted group with elected officers who, for ten months, have coordinated with local and national authorities, conducted thorough research, informed the public via the Roundabout and other media, and encouraged 221 residents to contact the Hunts District Council to oppose this scheme.

HDC with support from PBF, the Buckden Parish Council and the public, refused planning permission based on the following grounds: 1). Erosion of rural character gap between Buckden and Stirtloe. 2). The proposal illustrated cramped, poor quality housing. 3). Possible destruction of archaeology. 4). The anticipated increase in traffic from the site would make it 'extremely likely' that collisions of 'serious harm' would result at the Stirtloe Lane/A1 junction. 5). The developers were unable to show that the effect on local traffic would not be severe. 6). Possible flooding risk from Grafham Water. 7). HDC can rely upon their 5-year housing plan to adequately cover local development without the need for this proposal.

The PBF further stated that: a). No development should be considered until the effects of the re-routings of the A14, A428 and possibly A1, and the Alconbury and Brampton developments were known. b). The safety of pedestrians, dog walkers etc. would be jeopardised by the extra traffic on Lucks Lane/Stirtloe Lane. c). Under new government guidelines, Gladman would only be required to build 'affordable' houses at 80% of local house values and rents, not truly social housing.

Our best means of opposing this development was to use local knowledge and focus on traffic congestion and safety, and in November over 90 locals helped us conduct a traffic survey, which has proved most useful.

We have retained planning and traffic consultants who will be our main witnesses at the upcoming **Public Inquiry starting on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in Buckden Village Hall**. PLEASE ATTEND IF YOU CAN, TO SHOW THE INSPECTOR THE EXTENT OF LOCAL OPPOSITION.

To date, we nine people have covered the cost of all these expenses, but **NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP AND FUNDING!** The more money we can raise to pay for consultants' time, research and related expenses, the better chance we have of stopping this development at the Public Inquiry; e.g. an official traffic count and speed survey on one lane costs £360; surveying the A1 roundabout would cost £960, the official record of Buckden road traffic incidents costs £100.

Please donate what you can: by cheque (payable to Protect Buckden's Future Group) or cash to James Quick, PBF Treasurer, 16 Lucks Lane (tel: 810843) or by bank transfer to the **PBF account no. 30681960, sort code: 30 97 81**.

Please contact us by email at [protect.buckden@btinternet.com](mailto:protect.buckden@btinternet.com).

We thank you for your past and future support.

Protect Buckden's Future Group



## Buckden Gardeners Association Spring Show 2017 Schedule



Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Buckden Village Hall

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

<b>ASSOCIATION CUP</b>	awarded for the most points in the growing classes
<b>BILL ROWLANDS SHIELD</b>	awarded for winner of plate of any vegetable: class 24
<b>MAURICE TROPHY</b>	awarded for the best exhibit in the Narcissus classes
<b>PRESIDENTS TROPHY</b>	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. Members Christmas potted Narcissus Bulb competition
9. 3 stems Tulips
10. 1 stem Hyacinth
11. 3 stems same variety of any 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 >>**

### Plan ahead for Autumn Show classes: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 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.

#### **28<sup>th</sup> 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. A decorated egg
- 29. Origami - a model made from folded paper
- 30. A handmade Easter card
- 31. 3 decorated biscuits (to be edible)

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

- 32. 5 Easter biscuits
- 33. A jam-filled Victoria Sandwich cake (no decoration)
- 34. Gingerbread baked in a 1lb loaf tin or metric equivalent
- 35. 5 Cheese scones
- 36. A treacle tart
- 37. A Jar of Chutney or Relish (named)
- 38. A hand made loaf of bread (any type)
- 39. A Bottle of Fruit Liqueur
- 40. A Bottle of dry Red Wine
- 41. A Bottle of sweet White Wine
- 42. A Crochet item
- 43. A Handmade Hat
- 44. A handmade cushion cover
- 45. Origami - a model made from folded paper

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

- 46. A Flower Arrangement “Springtime in Buckden” – not exceeding 508mm [20”] wide
- 47. A Flower Arrangement “Nostalgia” – not exceeding 250mm [10”] wide
- 48. Floating Flower Heads – not exceeding 300mm [12”] 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 2:00 pm  
Adult admission 50p. Children under 16 free.**

**EXTRA RULES: Full rules on application or see website : [www.buckdengardeners.info](http://www.buckdengardeners.info)**

*Classes 16 to 18: a Novice is an exhibitor who has not previously won a 1<sup>st</sup> 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>**



**ENTRY FORM: to be returned to 1 Lark End by 9:00 pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Mark an X in box for each entry by class number** – maximum 2 per person per class. Families please colour our 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](http://www.buckdengardeners.info)  
or call Pam on 811680.**



## FRIENDS IN DEED

A very successful Winter Tea Party was held in February and some 45 people came along. It was much enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Brenda Steadman, who organised the event, and to all those Friends who helped out on the day, providing homemade cakes, transport and assisting in a very busy kitchen!



The Drop-in Café in St Mary's Church is on the second Wednesday of every month, and runs from 1430 to 1600 in the Living Stones Room, so do come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, homemade cakes and a good chat. Transport is available on request – see below.

For those who live in Buckden, Friends in Deed can offer practical help, emotional support or just someone to visit your home for a bit of company. This can be on a short or long term basis, depending on the needs of the individual. It is not easy asking for help but why struggle when there are people happy to help or listen. Everything is in the strictest confidence. If you need transport to medical/hospital appointments (NB Buckden Surgery has its own transport scheme) or other village social events, and have no other means of getting there, we have volunteer drivers, registered with Cambridgeshire County Council, who may be able to take you. Call the Coordinator, number below, for more details.

On the other hand, if you feel that you have a little spare time, and would like to enable Friends in Deed to provide more assistance, then do consider joining us. You could help out with the Drop-in Cafes, visiting people in the village or volunteer as a driver. No-one is expected to do more than they want, and the amount of time you are able to give is entirely under your control. Do contact our Coordinator if you would like to know more.

For help or information contact:

Coordinator: Jane Scott 07810 006598 Requests for transport: Andy Scott 07914 669967.

**Leave a message and include your contact details**

<http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/friends-in-deed>

## BUCKDEN WI

At the February meeting we welcomed Jacqui Speed from "Purlwise" in Kimbolton. Jacqui arrived complete with spinning wheel and proceeded to give us a demonstration using wool from sheep sourced locally. She also gave a very informative and interesting talk about the various threads she uses ranging from silk from the cocoons of mulberry caterpillars to threads from the stems of roses and bamboo stalks!

Our next meeting will be held on March 7th when we will hear all about the Cheapside Hoard – jewellery discovered in 1912 by workmen using pickaxes to excavate a cellar in London.

The competition is for a piece of antique jewellery.



### BUCKDEN PAROCHIAL CHARITIES

#### ALMSHOUSE CHARITIES OF JAMES SOUTH AND WILLIAM BURBERRY

#### VACANCY FOR A NEW TRUSTEE

A Board of **voluntary** trustees manages the Almshouses in Church Street, Buckden.

We now have a **vacancy** for a new trustee to contribute to the running of this valuable village asset. The Board meets routinely four times a year, and occasionally more frequently to decide on immediate matters.

If you would like to take the opportunity to join us, please contact the Clerk, Joe Greenway at [joe.greenway@btinternet.com](mailto:joe.greenway@btinternet.com) or on 07745889759 for more information.

Registered Charity Number 810227

## Writing Competition 2017



Can you write up to 500 words with the title 'Journey'?

A cash prize of £15.00 will be awarded to the winner in each of these categories

Up to 10 years

11-17 years

18+ years

Entries are welcomed from all ages. Winning entries will be published in future issues of the Roundabout.

Email your entry to Roundabout editor by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May or hand your paper entry in at Buckden Library.





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

**March 2017**

February is always one of our quieter months at school. The children have been working hard, many of them preparing for their tests in the summer term.

This month Safety Internet Awareness has been highlighted to the children in school. This is a global initiative with the theme 'Be the change : unite for a better internet'. The children have been learning how to stay safe on the internet – and our parents came into school so they could see what the children had been learning about how to stay safe. Many of you may have seen our Facebook post – it reached over 160,000 people worldwide in less than 24 hours. This was an exercise to demonstrate to the children how easy it is to access information using social networking.

*The children in our Gardening Club are planning to build a greenhouse using plastic bottles. We are collecting 2-litre plastic bottles, preferably clear although green bottles will be acceptable. We need about 1500 bottles for this project. Although our collection is growing – we now have nearly 300 bottles - we still need another 1200 bottles. If residents of the village have any plastic pop bottles we could use for this project we would be grateful for all donations. Please bring your empty, washed bottles to the school office. Thank you.*



*Examples of greenhouses built with plastic bottles*

The school is also collecting the Sainsbury's 'Active Kids' vouchers. We are aiming to have a record collection this year which will enable us to buy sports equipment for the school. If you do shop in Sainsburys, please collect the vouchers and bring them into the school office. All donations will be gratefully received. Thank you.

**Scout Breakfast and more...**

Thank you to all those who supported our recent Scout Breakfast, we raised a magnificent £693. We would also like to thank those who volunteered to help and those who donated food. A special thank you to Days of Buckden.

Below you will find a list of upcoming events, which we would like to invite you to.

18/03/2017	Breakfast at the Scout Hut 8-12
01/04/2017	Jumble Sale
22/04/2017	Horse Racing – Details to follow
06/05/2017	Breakfast at the Scout Hut 8-12

We hope you can join us for these events!



**Buckden Pre-School Playgroup**  
A place for Children to grow, to learn and to flourish  
Tel. 07941 671999

In the last month, we've been fighting off the winter blues at preschool with brightly coloured crafts. Learning about Chinese New Year gave the children an opportunity to make red money envelopes and beautiful red and gold Chinese lanterns. The red theme continued as we moved on to making Valentine's Day decorations and talking about who we love – and what makes them so lovable!

Talking of love, the preschool staff and committee certainly feel it for all those who support preschool in any way, so thank you for your donations of Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers, which we will be collecting for some time. Many thanks to Nisa for once again hosting a voucher collection box for us, making it easier for those of you who don't come into Preschool to donate your vouchers.

On a less happy note, we've had some issues with vandalism recently and will be installing a CCTV system shortly to combat this problem and help identify the culprits. It's sad that this has proved necessary – as a charity run preschool, I'm sure everyone can appreciate we have better things to do with our time and money. In the meantime, can we ask that if you see anyone on our balcony interfering with or causing damage to our building or property, you report it either to us or to Jo Harvey, the Millennium Centre manager. Thank you!

Looking forward, we will soon be thinking about Mother's Day and Easter, with a new sponsored Bunny Bounce (with the help of a trampoline!) and new Easter Craft Morning planned on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Hopefully, this will prove as popular as our Christmas Craft Mornings.

*Miss Alison*

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

For more information, please contact our Chairperson, Lindsey Page, at [Buckdenpreschoolchair@aol.com](mailto:Buckdenpreschoolchair@aol.com) or visit [www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk](http://www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk)

**Great Glasshouses and Fantastic Follies  
Andrew Sankey**

Step into a great glass cathedral designed to conserve the wonderful exotics from across the globe; or be amazed by an underground shelled grotto or unusually shaped tower where the view is simply stunning.

Tuesdays 10am 1.5 hour sessions (first and last classes which are 2 hours); 8 sessions total 13 hours.

25th April - 20th June, with half term on 30th May  
Cost £45.50

Venue: Claret Centre, Buckden Towers  
Contacts Bridget Hale 216391,  
Bill Templeton 456788



**BUCKDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB****January/February Match Results**

LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
<b>Hunts Mini-Soccer</b>				
14/1/17	Godmanchester Town U10	1	Buckden Vultures U10	6
14/1/17	Eynesbury Rovers U9	1	Buckden Eagles U9	5
28/1/17*	Little Paxton U10 Sky*	0	Buckden Vultures U10*	7
28/1/17**	Buckden Eagles U9**	1/0	St Ives U9 Blue Sox**	1/3
4/2/17	Buckden Vultures U10	7	Bluntisham Blasters U10	2
<b>Hunts Youth (9v9)</b>				
14/1/17	Buckden Harriers U12	2	St Ives U12 Blue Sox	3
14/1/17	Whittlesey U11 Blue	1	Buckden Buzzards U11	3
28/1/17	Hemingford U11 Black	7	Buckden Buzzards U11	0
4/2/17^	Buckden Harriers U12^	4	St Neots Town U12^	3
4/2/17	Whittlesey U11 Blue	4	Buckden Buzzards U11	5
<b>Hunts Youth (11v11)</b>				
14/1/17	March Soccer School U15 White	6	Buckden Falcons U15	5
28/1/17	Potton Colts U15	6	Buckden Falcons U15	4
4/2/17	Longstanton Colts U15	3	Buckden Falcons U15	2

\*Mini-Soccer U10 League Cup      \*\* Mini-Soccer U9 League Cup (Eagles drew 1-1 then lost 0-3 on penalties)

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Sometimes everything stops, the sounds are all there  
But the mind is bare  
Of original thought.  
Caught!  
In a trap of uncertainty, not feeling right.  
Though the short future beckons bright,  
The past holds like rock.  
Shock!  
At that time of life where success has drifted away  
And every outing races a day  
Toward that graven night.  
Tight!  
The hold that life grips as the grandchildren fun-run  
Around me, jostling with pain old joints shun,  
Laughing with life's new rhymes.  
Sometimes.

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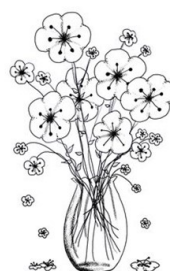


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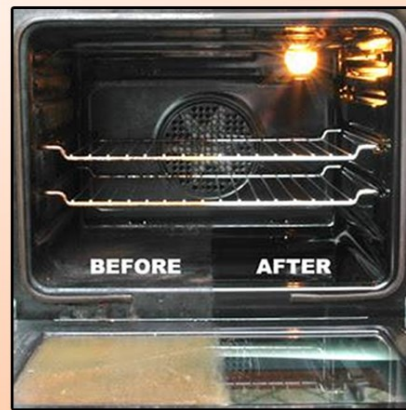
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