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### March 2020

I wish I could say that Spring is in the air, but, as I write, Storm Dennis is continuing where Storm Ciara left off, and is battering the UK. Hopefully, by the time you read this, there will have been a positive change in the weather. At least the daffodils are opening and will be everywhere in time for the Buckden Gardeners Spring Show. Let's hope the winds don't flatten them all. We are getting a fantastic show of snowdrops this year, and because they are so close to the ground, they seem to survive the strong winds well.

Talking about the Buckden Gardeners Spring Show, why not consider entering? You can find the Show schedule on pages 11 and 12 of this issue.

We also have the next in our regular series of articles about wildlife in Buckden by Mark Ward (page 13). This month's article reflects on the amazing season for fungi late last year,

when several rare species were spotted in Buckden. Mark also touches on the need to keep some areas in the village "wild" for the benefit of wildlife and remarks on rare winter visitors and early spring flowers.

We have an article about a local lad made good, Buckden's own England Rugby Union star, George Furbank (page 14). Imagine making your England debut in Paris against France and then following it up against Scotland at Murrayfield.

There is much more to read about in this edition, so it's time to get cracking.

Please remember to visit the Roundabout 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/>

*This month's editor - Alec MacAndrew*

#### Front Cover

The front cover this month shows snowdrops in Buckden and was provided by Alec MacAndrew. As ever we are very grateful.

We are looking for more paintings of any kind that we could use as a front cover. We can photograph them if you only have original artwork. We are also keen to get images (photos or paintings) of the village and surrounding areas in preparation for future issues. Please note that images should ideally be in portrait format and should be a *minimum* of 2400 x 1700 pixels. More is better!

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# Buckden Parish Council News...

## Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm in the Village Hall. Please join us.

The agenda will include updates about:

- The Lucks Lane, Mill Road and Silver Street sites,
- Proposals for the Roundabout
- The Neighbourhood Plan
- Plans for the Village Hall and Recreation Ground
- Policing.

There will also be presentations from our County and District Councillors.

## Mill Road

We met with representatives from Cambridgeshire County Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> February to present our case for traffic calming measures on this road. The petition organised in the village to reduce the speed limit was presented at the meeting. You may have seen an article about the meeting in the Hunts Post. Our bid is now being prioritised and we expect to hear the outcome in March.

## Climate Change Mitigation

We will be producing frequent updates going forward with ideas about what we can all do to help. The first of these is on this page below.

## Buckden Neighbourhood Plan

We have nearly completed the update of the plan to take account of the feedback received and will shortly be submitting the plan for inspection. We will keep you updated as this progresses.

## Silver Street and Mill Road developments

At the time of writing the hold on both developments was still in place to end of February. We are still awaiting an update from Highways England about proposals for the Roundabout. If we hear anything in the next couple of weeks, we will put an update on the Council web site and on Facebook.

## Speedwatch

We now have several trained volunteers ready to start Speedwatch again. The initial locations include Mill Road, Church Street and Lucks Lane. We are also looking into doing HGV watch to identify those lorries ignoring the warning signs. We would still like more volunteers and have some further training dates in March. If you are interested in being involved, please contact the Parish Clerk.

## Perry Road

Following a successful speedwatch campaign in Perry Road we are now awaiting the installation of a new mobile speed camera which shows the actual speed of passing motorists,

gates marking the entry to the village with much more prominent speed signs and the introduction of a 40mph section of road. The speed camera is mobile and can be placed in designated sites around the village at different times. We are finding out more about how this can work.



**Office opening hours** are: Mon, Wed and Thursday 10.30-2.00pm, Tuesday 2-4pm, Friday – closed.

## Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The meeting will include a 15-minute open forum. If you want to speak at the meeting, please let us know what you want to say, by contacting the Parish Clerk. You will get a three-minute slot.

If required, the Council Planning Committee will meet on 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March. Agendas for these meetings are posted on the Parish notice boards no later than the Saturday preceding the meeting.

**Buckden Parish Council's**  
**What on Earth can Buckden do?....** Follow up  
 We recognise that small actions and changes in our lives, homes and community can add up, to make a big difference for our health, wellbeing and our environment.

**Best suggestion from our event Suggestion Box**  
**Water fountain & bottle filler to Village Hall at the sports field end and to the High Street phone box - from Harry Emeleus age 11**

**What on Earth can I do?**  
 Do you know your own carbon footprint? if not follow the link below  
<https://www.carbonindependent.org>  
 > If you can send us your carbon footprint result so we can form an overall result for Buckden <  
 with the road you live in to; [clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk)

**How many Tick Box's can you tick from the lists below?**

**I will start to, or continue doing....**

- 1. Growing vegetables in the garden
- 2. Using LED lightbulbs in every room of the house
- 3. Planting a wildlife friendly garden area
- 4. Compost food & garden waste
- 5. Recycle everything that can be recycled
- 6. Planting more trees in gardens
- 7. Buying more local products
- 8. Use only eco friendly & biodegradable products
- 9. Learn more about the problems facing the environment
- 10. Conserve water by getting a rainwater butt

**I will stop ....**

- 1. Using plastic water bottles, bags & single use plastic
- 2. Leaving lights on when leaving a room
- 3. Food waste with better management
- 4. Driving short trips and walk and cycle more
- 5. Pretending that climate change is not my problem
- 6. Using the washing machine during peak hours
- 7. Throwing out what can be donated, repaired or reused, (clothes, toys, etc)
- 8. Using disposable cups, plates and cutlery
- 9. Using pesticides on my lawn and garden

**I will investigate what bigger things I can do like ....**

- 1. Switching to an Electric Vehicle
- 2. Not being silent about my environmental concerns
- 3. Reduce or eliminate flying, particularly internal flights
- 4. Eat less meat and more vegetables
- 5. Switching to 'heat pump' heating rather than gas
- 6. Investing in environmentally aware companies. Stop investing in fossil fuel supporting companies and Banks
- 7. Installing solar panels and a home battery
- 8. Using my voice to demand change from, government shops, businesses and suppliers

All of the papers and reports for Council meetings are available on the Thursday before the meetings on the Council website <http://buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk>. This provides the opportunity to see the agenda, reports of work carried out by the Council as well as reports from our County and District Councillors.

Any questions or comments on this report should be addressed to the Parish Clerk at: Buckden Parish Council, Buckden Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden, PE19 SUY Telephone 01480 819407 Email [clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk)



### From your District Councillor Transformation

I wrote about this a year ago, and since then this programme has been developing at National, County, and District Council level steadily. Transformation is the term for a large scale re-alignment of Government, Local Government and Voluntary sector bodies to provide better and more focussed Social Care and better delivery at a local level.

In Cambridgeshire one of several programs is called "Cambs 2020, Community Hubs and Spokes" Basically this means that that various functions currently centred in or near Cambridge City will be re-located to different population centres to the north or south. As many already know the County Council will relocate to Alconbury and will then be supported by at least one main community hub building in each of the of the five district council areas.

These administrative and delivery centres will be supported in turn by a network of satellite community hubs – Libraries, Parish and Village Halls, GP Surgeries, possibly Churches etc. Staff will be drawn from across the public sector to provide multi-skilled locality teams that are able to meet the needs of our communities. Improved data networks will help to identify the vulnerable and needy. Establishing links with existing voluntary sector organisations will be a priority for these teams. Funding is probable, and while plans have yet to be finalised and agreed, it is expected that the voluntary sector will benefit in some form.

So, what does this mean for Buckden? Firstly, the Library, a key part of our civic infrastructure, will have key swipe card access and longer opening hours to provide a place for people to connect, to learn new skills and be part of the community. This will be supported by organised events and activities, business briefings for local trades to support skills and employment, stop social isolation and promote the growth of new community enterprises. The Village Hall will play a large role in supporting this and may be able to become a base for the various specialist teams located in the area.

### A1/ Transport

I have had several useful discussions with our MP and urged him to review arguments for a Western bypass for Southoe and Buckden, from Ellington to the revised Black Cat. He has kindly responded by saying he will pick this issue up with the new Transport Minister, once the Cabinet Reshuffle is over. In the meantime he has had talks with Richard Fuller, the new MP for North East Bedfordshire, and a further meeting was held with Simon Amor, Regional Director of Highways England. At this time, the Road Assessment Scheme only allows for committed Development - Development within the Local Plan - to be considered when assessing road schemes and the Government has been clear that this is tied to delivery of new housing projects. That said, there is evidence in the last few days on bridges and hybrid cars, that Government policy can rapidly change.

Hamish Masson

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### From your County Councillor

In my article for last month's Roundabout, I provided the background against which the County Council has to make its decision on services and council tax levels.

The essence of the challenge is that:

- a. levels of demand are increasing, while central government support to local authorities has been declining over recent years and
- b. the amounts by which local councils may increase tax are capped by central government. Not an easy situation to deal with.

Another variable is Boris Johnson! Anything might happen! Even while the February County Council meeting was taking place, he was announcing extra money for local bus services and cycle ways and by the time *Roundabout* reaches you, he may well have announced something else.

The County Council met early in February to make a decision for the coming year April 2020 – March 2021. I won't bore you with an account of a tetchy meeting but if anybody is really interested in the detail of the arguments put forward by the different political groups, I can tell you about them.

Because the Conservatives have a majority on the County Council (in 2017 they won back all the seats stolen from them by UKIP in 2013), in the end all the huffing and puffing by the opposition parties makes no real difference.

So, the first decision was to raise the council tax by the permitted 2% towards the extra costs of adult social care, and all sides agreed that was both desirable and essential. The ill-tempered argument was over the other permitted increase of

1.99% towards other Council services. Both the opposition parties, Labour and Liberal Democrats, made the case for using the full 1.99% so that the services people want and expect can be protected from further reduction. The ruling group, understandably anxious to keep their low tax credentials, proposed 1.59% increase. The difference between the two, if you live in a Band D house, amounts to a saving of 11 pence a week. The 1.59% decision reduces the income to the county by about £1.5 million.

The ruling group insisted that they are finding new ways called 'Transformation', of delivering services more cost-effectively without harming those in greatest need. They also emphasised that the County Council is making strenuous efforts to increase income by commercial activities. It will shortly be moving its HQ out of Cambridge to Alconbury Weald where a new energy-efficient building will reduce running costs. The present Shire Hall will be leased to a hotel company and will therefore generate income.

Attending the Buckden Parish Council meeting on the same evening as the Council Tax decision day served as a salutary reminder that, at grassroots level, there is a sense of frustration about how slowly highways improvements are agreed and acted upon. I know that this view is widely shared across the county and is indicative of the pressures on CCC staff.

I will continue to do what I can to keep the Parish Council fully informed and will continue to remind fellow county councillors in Cambridge that, in spite of their claims that all is going really well and services are being 'transformed', that is not how it is always perceived at local level.

Peter Downes

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Bedfordshire  
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Huntingdonshire  
Local Group

### From Teesdale to Inis Mor

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to this illustrated talk, which will be given by Dr. Pat Doody on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.

Pat is a coastal ecologist and a long-standing member of our local group, and has delivered many beautifully illustrated talks in the past.

This evening Pat's talk will take us on a journey from Durham, where he did his PhD on Rare Plants of Teesdale, via the UK

coast, where he spent most of his career with Nature Conservancy and its successors, to the West coast of Ireland. Along the way he will talk about Ice Ages, nature conservation and geology, with passing references to climate change. This should be a fascinating talk that will be of interest to many.

Meetings are held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB starting at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome, booking not necessary.

For more information please contact Alistair Grant ([alistairgrant@hotmail.com](mailto:alistairgrant@hotmail.com) or 07775365507).

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### FRIENDS IN DEED

Friends in Deed is a voluntary group which was set up to support people in Buckden. The help we can provide includes:



- Companionship – visiting you at home for a friendly chat. This can be a regular arrangement or a one-off visit.
- Our Community Café runs every month (on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) and is open to all regardless of age, gender, faith (or no faith), sexual orientation, colour, beliefs. Come along for help and support (if you need it) or just a cuppa, cake and a chat.
- Practical support - we can signpost to professional agencies such as foodbank, debt agencies, citizens advice and have other information available to help point you in the right direction.
- Local Transport to appointments at the hospital, dentist or chiropodist for instance or to village events - when family, friends and public transport are not available

#### To contact us:

Just drop in to the Community Café which we run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 2.30 - 4pm in the Living

Stones Room at St Mary's Church Buckden. You will be very welcome.

If you need help or would like to join us as a volunteer, providing help for others, please contact our co-ordinator Angie tel: 07810 006598

**For transport requests**, please call our transport co-ordinator Peter Mount tel: 07914 669967. Leave a message, giving as much notice as possible and he will call you back.

If you feel you have time to spare we are always on the lookout for volunteer drivers, please get in touch. There is no fixed commitment, you only agree on a journey if the date and time suits you and most journeys are to Huntingdon or St Neots. You will also receive a mileage allowance.

#### FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** Winter Tea Party in the Methodist Hall from 2.30 – 4pm.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** Community Café in the Living Stones Room at St Mary's Church from 2.30 – 4pm

**Everyone welcome.**

### The Children's Society Help Needed

Someone is needed to take over as Honorary Local Secretary in Buckden for The Children's Society. The Society aims to help the most vulnerable children in our country. It involves, with a team of helpers, collecting; emptying boxes; counting money; banking it once a year; then returning the boxes and filling in the required forms for The Society. If this position would be of interest, please contact Jo McGregor on 810518.

### ST. MARY'S FUNDRAISERS

#### CHARITY AUCTION

**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**BUCKDEN VILLAGE HALL**

DONATIONS BETWEEN 9.00 – 9.45 ONLY

(Please, no clothes, books, out of date computer equipment or televisions.)

VIEWING BETWEEN 10.00 – 11.00

AUCTION BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 11am

REFRESHMENTS

DETAILS FROM PATSY GRAY ON 810041

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Fr. Jim Kennedy 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 9.15 am in the Lady Chapel.

**Morning and Evening Prayer** Monday to Saturday at 9 am and 5.45 pm in the Lady Chapel.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** every Saturday from 9.45 am to 10.15 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 from 9.45 am and ending with Benediction at 10.15 am.

**Would any newcomers to the village who are Catholics please let Fr. Antony know their contact details.**

**Buckden Methodist Church**

**Minister:** Rev. Pam Siddall (01480 819228)

**Stewards:** Angie Barnes (810102)

Bob Baxter (810092)

Carol Sweystone (810053)

**Services in March, the season of Lent**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** Holy Communion: Rev. Pam Siddall

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** Morning Service: Mrs. Leonore Charlton

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** Morning Service: Rev. Dawn Colley

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** Morning Service: Local arrangement

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** Morning Service: Miss Vivien Almond

**Activities in March**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>** 12.30p.m.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** 10 a.m.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** 3-5p.m.

BDCT Lent Study Lunch

**World Day of Prayer Service** followed by coffee

**"Marvellous March"** run by Buckden and District Churches Together. 5-11 year-olds, bring your family for craft activities, stories, songs and pizza in

the Methodist Church.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** 12.30p.m.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** 10a.m.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** 10a.m.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** 12.30p.m.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** 12 noon

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** 12.30p.m.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** 10a.m.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** 10a.m.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** 12.30p.m.

BDCT Lent Study Lunch

Bible and Prayer Group

Coffee Morning

BDCT Lent Study Lunch

Methodist Soup and Sweet Lunch

BDCT Lent Study Lunch

Bible and Prayer Group

Coffee Morning

BDCT Lent Study Lunch

**Everyone is very welcome to any of these events.**

**Buckden Neighbourhood Watch**

**Scams**

The police have received an alert to say that text messages are currently being sent across the UK apparently from the Royal Mail, informing the recipient that they have a parcel for collection. The text will provide a link requesting that the recipient should click on it in order to make the collection.

*Don't.* It is highly likely that there is no parcel to collect. Are you waiting for a parcel? If not, be suspicious and never provide personal information that could lead to the theft of your identity and money.

Criminals often use some form of malicious social engineering in their communications. They might rely on fear or anxiety such as purporting to be the Police, or Bailiffs. They might use a financial incentive such as a prize, a gift, a higher interest rate and in the above example they know people will be curious about receiving a parcel.

*Please don't click on a link within an email, a text, or any form of instant messaging service unless satisfied the sender is genuine. If in doubt, delete the message and try to verify the message through a trusted means. Do not reply to the original message.*

**Phone Calls**

You may receive a phone call which informs you that your personal details have been fraudulently used to subscribe to Amazon Prime. Put the telephone down - it is scam. Amazon will not phone you asking for personal details.

**Action Fraud Advice**

Never install software as a result of a cold call. Always question uninvited approaches in case it's a scam. If in doubt contact a company directly using a known email address or phone number. Feel confident to refuse unusual requests for personal or financial information.

To contact the police:

999 in an emergency; 0800 555 111 Crime Stoppers; 0300 123 2040 Action Fraud.

EMAIL [burglarycrackdown@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:burglarycrackdown@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

or visit [www.crimestoppers.uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers.uk.org) or you can telephone 101

## What's on at St Mary's Buckden: March 2020

St Mary's Parish Church,  
Church St, Buckden PE19 5TL



### SUNDAY Services

Sun 1	11:00am	Family Communion
	6:00pm	BCP Holy Communion
Sun 8	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Communion
Sun 15	11:00am	Family Communion
	6:00pm	Evensong
Sun 22	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	All-age Service
	7:00pm	Night Prayer
Sun 29	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Communion

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

### Regular WEEKDAY Services / Prayers

Monday	2.15pm	Daily Prayers
Tuesday	2.15pm	Daily Prayers
Wednesday	9.30am	Communion
Thursday	5.15pm	Daily Prayers
Friday	9.00am	Daily Prayers

### Weekly Groups / Activities

Mondays	8.15pm	Bell-ringing practice
Wednesdays	10.00am	Coffee after communion
	10.30am	Going Deeper bible study
Thursdays	7.00pm	youth@thetowers (Towers)
Fridays	6.45pm	Angel Voices (13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> )
Saturdays	10.30am	Coffee & Cakes

If you would like to join in with any of the groups/activities or for more information, please contact us via phone, email, facebook (details below) or just turn up.

**Need some peace and quiet?** You are welcome to use the Tower Room at the back of church or any other space in St Mary's whenever the church is open.

### EVENTS IN MARCH

**Mondays 2<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm**  
**LENT COURSE** at the Methodist Hall

(includes soup lunch)

Contact Rev Jes for more info or other options

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm-4pm**

**Friends In Deed WINTER TEA PARTY**

at Buckden Methodist Church

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 10am**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

at Buckden Methodist Church

Come and join us for a lovely service written by the women of Zimbabwe. All welcome

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**CLEANING CREW** in St Mary's from **10.00am**. Please come and lend a hand to clean the church

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 3pm – 5pm**

**MARVELLOUS MARCH** at Methodist Church.

Activities and pizza for children and young families.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ** in St Mary's – all welcome Tea, cake &

chat. Support from Friends in Deed

Second Wednesday each month 2.30pm-4pm

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. M&Ms**

**LADIES GROUP** Beautiful French Gardens

7.30pm at the Vicarage

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Buckden Village Hall**

**St Mary's Fundraisers Charity Auction**

Donations from 9am to 9.45am only. Viewing from 10am.

**Auction starts 11am**. No clothes, books, out of date computer equipment or televisions.

Details from Patsy Gray (810041).

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St Mary's**

**CONCERT - Hinchingsbrooke Rising Stars**

Tickets £10 (£8 concessions) from 01480 812777. Complimentary glass of wine/juice at the interval

**OPEN MEETING - Buckden & The Offords.**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6pm**

Everyone welcome to join us & share your thoughts; ends

with Night Prayer at 7pm.

### NEXT MONTH: ST MARY'S ANNUAL MEETINGS

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

12.15pm Meeting of Parishioners

12.25pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

**followed by BRING & SHARE LUNCH**

**Room to hire:** St Mary's Living Stones Room (with under-floor heating, kitchen and toilet facilities) is available to hire for meetings, groups & social gatherings [bookings@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:bookings@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)

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)





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 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 organisations. Those to be remembered this month are:

1st March	Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Playgroup and Day Nursery, Buckden out of Schools Scheme, Buckden Towers Youth Retreat Centre
8th March	Mayfield, Springfield Close, The Osiers, Stirtloe
15th March	Vineyard Way, Burberry Road, Swan End, Lark End, The Library and its librarians
22nd March	The churches of the village: St Hugh's, St Mary's, Buckden Methodist Church, also Perry Baptist Church, members of home groups from these and other local churches, ministers and all who make our churches welcoming and worshipful places
29th March	Church Street, Mill Road, The Barns, The Old Flour Mills

**Thought for the Month**

Greetings in the Holy name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus built his community after a long period of personal development and transformation. Previously he learned to be free and loving. He acquired the necessary communication skills and all other capabilities required to achieve his mission. Therefore, his own personal experience of the father and development are the cornerstone of the community that prolongs his liberating and salvific work on earth. Usually, action means life, power, transformation. Therefore, the level of behaviours and positive experience empowers people. Information has a high value in our days. Still, knowledge without action remains infertile. That's why Jesus declares: "It is not anyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord', who will enter the kingdom of heaven but the person who does the will of my father in heaven... therefore everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like the sensible man who built his house on rock" (Mt. 7: 21, 24-25).

Therefore, we are called to put into action what we have learned from Jesus. When we try to put into practice the knowledge and information that we have about Jesus, this will lead to the reality, i.e. Jesus Christ. Our internal dialogue – thoughts, mental strategies, plans – plays a central role in the process of getting the best side of reality. This level of our mind, the level of thinking, is sometimes related with our heart in the biblical language. At this level we display our capabilities, either to do good or to do evil.

Most of the time, on this level of capabilities, our thinking makes use of words. Therefore, words reveal our thoughts and mental strategies. If we think or utter positive words,

then we empower ourselves or others. "For words flow out of what fills the heart. Good people draw good things from the store of goodness; bad people draw bad things from the store of badness" (Mt. 12:34-35). From this perspective it is easier to understand the importance that Jesus gives to words. They may empower or disempower us; they may give life or death. "So, I tell you this, that for every unfounded word people utter they will answer on judgment day. Since it is by your words you will be justified, and by your words condemned" (Mt. 12:36-37).

My dear brothers and sisters, there are many reasons to consider Jesus as the greatest leader throughout history. One of them is his ability to empower people at the deepest level, i.e. at the level of identity. When he starts his preaching, according to the sermon on the mount, he shows the beauty, radiance and power of people's identity: "You are the light of the world" (Mt 5:14). Jesus empowers his followers by deepening their identity on the spiritual level. After he has said, "you are the light of the world," he adds, "Your light must shine in people's sight, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven" (Mt 5:16).

The role of Christians is to receive the light of Christ and radiate it to everyone as love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, humble service, respect for those with different ethnic backgrounds, different lifestyles, other faiths, or with no faith at all. With a little bit of Christ's Light, we become a veritable lighthouse, illuminating the way for many and removing the darkness caused by hatred, spite and jealousy. I wish you all a good preparation of Lent for the meaningful celebration of EASTER.

**Rev. Antony Arockiam, CMF St. Hugh's Catholic Church**



**World Day  
of Prayer  
Friday 6 March 2020**

Methodist Church, 10 am  
Come and join us for a lovely service this year  
written by the  
women of Zimbabwe  
**All welcome!**

**Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme  
February 2020**

Trained walk leaders will lead eight different health walks this month from the thirty-or-so assigned to the group. The walks are on Wednesdays at 2pm and Fridays at 10am. On Wednesday 18th March, we shall meet outside the Village Hall for the Diddington Doodle. There are toilet and refreshment facilities available at the Hall, as with most other health walk venues. For more information, please see below.

Health walks will suit anyone able to maintain an exercise-walking pace for an hour-or-so. There are also 20-30-minute walks from the Buckden GP Surgery on Thursdays from 10am.

Suitable clothing/footwear plus a small bottle of drinking water are key accessories.

For details, please access the website [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks), or contact the health walk coordinator on 01480 387047, email [activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

**MONDAY CLUB**

We are a social group of ladies who meet fortnightly at 2.30pm in the Millard Suite at Buckden Village Hall.

At each meeting we either have a guest speaker or participate in an activity of our own. We then enjoy a cup of tea and biscuits, and participate in a raffle.

- 02 March**                      **Ryan Chillingworth on 'Falls Prevention' and 20 Questions**
- 16 March**                     **John and Wendy Thelwall talk on Laos**
- 30 March**                     **Easter Quiz and simnel cake**

Why not come and join us? New members are always welcome! If you require a lift or any further information please contact Jane Scott on 811468 or Betty Millard on 810087.

**Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society.**

We meet at 7.30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month at Buckden Village Hall. Whether licensed amateur or just interested in radio and electronics you will find a warm welcome, and a cup of tea, awaits you.

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March            Annual General Meeting
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March           Natter night
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April              Natter night

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April              Airfields on the Air GB0WY  
(Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society)

We are planning an exciting series of talks and events for 2020. Watch this space for details!

Further details contact the club secretary David Howlett, [secretary@hunts-hams.co.uk](mailto:secretary@hunts-hams.co.uk) or visit our web site <http://hunts-hams.weebly.com>



**Buckden Wine & Beermakers Society**



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

**Thursday 26th March: Holiday beverages**

**NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME**

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

Visitors are welcome to join us.

For further information contact Ann Elliott 01480 810346

**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



**Buckden Local History Society  
March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**The History of Chivers Jam  
Factory at Histon, 1873-1960  
by Dr David Oates**

David will describe the development of Chivers Jam Factory from its earliest beginnings to a huge farming and factory enterprise employing a whole community of people in Cambridgeshire and further afield.

7.30 pm at The Claret Centre, Buckden Towers

Visitors always welcome.

For further information please contact the Secretary at [BuckdenHistory@gmail.com](mailto:BuckdenHistory@gmail.com) or 07890 862402



**Buckden Gardeners  
Association**

**SPRING SHOW**

**Saturday 28th March 2020  
Buckden Village Hall 2.00pm**

Adult admission 50p children under 16 free

Staging for exhibitors, 9.30-11.00am  
New look schedule in the Roundabout

For further information go to our website:

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

or call Pam on 01480 811680





# Spring Show 2020

**Buckden Village Hall**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

\*\*\* Exhibitor Staging 09:30 – 11:00 am \*\*\*

No entry fees or prizes in adult classes

A small prize is awarded to each entrant in the Children's Section  
Copies of RHS rules are available on the day & the Judges decision is final

**Doors open to public at 2:00 pm**  
**Adult Admission 50p, Children Free**

Further details 01480 811680 or 01480 812008  
or [www.buckdengardeners.info](http://www.buckdengardeners.info)



## Spring Show 2020 Schedule

### Members Christmas Bulbs

1. 3 stems Narcissus [daffodils]
2. 3 stems Narcissus, doubles
3. 3 stems Narcissus, multi-headed
4. 3 stems Narcissus, split corona type
5. 3 stems single small headed Narcissus, head to pass through 51mm [2"] ring
6. A single Narcissus
7. 3 stems Tulip
8. A single Tulip
9. 1 stem Hyacinth
10. 3 stems same of any other bulbous plant
11. 3 stems Polyanthus
12. 3 stems any Spring flowers (can be mixed)
13. 3 stems Flowering Shrubs,
14. 1 stem Flowering Shrub
15. 3 stems Ornamental Foliage
16. 1 stem Ornamental Foliage
17. Flowering pot plant
18. Pot of bulbs
19. Foliage pot plant
20. Cactus or succulent plant
21. Plate of mixed vegetables,
22. 3 sticks Rhubarb
23. Tray of Lettuce, pricked out
24. Tray of cuttings or seedlings, other than Lettuce

# Spring Show 2020 Entry Form

- Children’s Section:** (up to/incl. 10 years old)
- 25. A decorated egg
  - 26. Origami
  - 27. A handmade Easter card
  - 28. 3 decorated biscuits (to be edible)

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

- 29. 5 Easter biscuits (Spiced)
- 30. A decorated Chocolate cake
- 31. Gingerbread biscuits
- 32. A Quiche
- 33. A treacle tart
- 34. A jar of Jam / Jelly
- 35. 3 Muffins
- 36. A bottle of Fruit Liqueur
- 37. A bottle of dry Red Wine
- 38. A bottle of sweet White Wine
- 39. A knitted t item
- 40. A handmade Hat
- 41. A decorated egg
- 42. Origami

**Floral Arrangement classes**

- 43. A flower arrangement Springtime in Buckden - not exceeding 508mm [20”] wide
- 44. A floral arrangement “Nostalgia” - not exceeding 250mm [10”] wide
- 45. Button hole

**★ ★ Exhibitor Staging 09:30 – 11:00 am  
on Show Day ★ ★**

**★ ★ Note the earlier start time for Staging ★ ★  
Doors open to public at 2:00 pm**

**BGA** have obtained the services of qualified Judges & therefore their decision is **final**

**Please return entry form to: 1 Lark End Buckden by 9:00pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Mark X in the box for each entry by the class number–** maximum 2 entries per person per class. Families please initial or colour-code to indicate who is entering which classes.

**PLEASE NOTE: New entries and additional entries on the day of the show will not be accepted.**

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				

Entrant Name(s).....

Address .....

Telephone ..... E-mail Address .....

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

## Fungi and more

The very mild and wet autumn and winter produced an incredible show of fungi. It just went on and on with very few frosts to end the fungi fruiting season. There was a wonderful array and abundance of species around the village and many front lawns and green spaces had some spectacular displays.

I was very pleased to find the rather rare and beautiful Wrinkled Peach on piles of Elm logs that had been left for wildlife at Buckden Towers. I was also stopped in my tracks one morning as I drove to work by the sight of two large “peaches” growing on what was obviously an Elm log marking the boundary of a resident’s flowerbed (see photo). It was a fantastic autumn for this rare species that grows on Elm, and wonderful to know we have it in Buckden too.

This is just one of the scarce species associated with Elm, so it such a tragedy that the mature Elm hedge was taken out on Luck’s Lane. It doesn’t look as if the Elm has been replaced in the subsequent replanting which will take decades to start to resemble anything useful for wildlife.

Other rare wildlife is associated with the Poplars at Buckden Marina and I was pleased to find tiny Poplar Bells on fallen, wet branches in February. Hopefully these trees are left alone as several mature specimens were removed further to the north and we would lose a whole community of species if we lost all our Poplars.



*The rare ‘wrinkled peach’ fungus*

One of my favourite fungal finds was a colony of stunning Fly Agaric toadstools growing under its associate tree, Birch, on one of the greens in Greenway in October (see photos). Sadly, a few days later, the ominous early-morning roar of mowers had me rushing out of my house, but my fears were confirmed when I saw that they’d all been chopped up. I had a chat with those doing the work and thankfully they said they could be mowed around next year if I fence them off.

A lack of awareness of wildlife contributes to the destruction of things that fail to conform to many people’s view of “tidy” rather than it always being deliberate. It was great to see the amazing turnout of hundreds of people for the “What on Earth can Buckden do?” climate change event at the village hall and



*Fly Agaric toadstools on Greenway*

that The Wildlife Trust (where their Chief executive Brian Ever-sham gave a fantastic talk about the effects of climate change on our wildlife) and Woodland Trust were present. There’s now a big drive to plant trees in Britain to help combat climate change. Wouldn’t it be nice to see some of the land being sold, and lined up, for ultra-profitable housing schemes in the village given over to this cause instead?

It has been great to work with the Parish Council (who are doing an excellent job for our wildlife and wild places), at the church. While much Bramble has been cleared, there are plans to create large areas of wildflowers, which the many bees that nest in the walls nearby will benefit from. I also ensured piles of super-valuable logs and branches were left for wildlife. If you do one thing for wildlife this year, which will also save you money needed to dispose of it, leave a pile of old branches or logs in a quiet corner to make a mini nature reserve. We can’t expect to benefit from beautiful birdsong, butterflies, bees and more if we keep making everything so monochrome and “tidy”!

We have had a rarity spending winter with us again with a Siberian Chiffchaff frequenting the ivy, trees and scrub alongside the sewage works where many flies and other insects remain active all winter and there was a good dawn chorus going in the village as early as February. A Mistle Thrush was a particularly fine sound coming from Buckden Towers and several Song Thrushes were in full voice by then. Blackbirds were also going earlier than usual. The quality of our Buckden dawn chorus is another huge asset for those of us lucky to live here.

Another treat in later winter was something I’d never noticed before: a stunning display of Winter Aconites opposite Buckden Towers and within its grounds, a fine display of Winter Heliotrope. The Towers is a superb spot for wildlife and wonderful to see it managed for its great historical importance and wildlife. It is one of several “hotspots” identified in the Buckden Neighbourhood Plan.

*Mark Ward is a nature author and the RSPB’s Editor-in-Chief, producing its magazines and other communications for its 1.1 million members. His latest book, “Wildlife on Your Doorstep” is based on his experiences with the wildlife of the Buckden area. It is available from Amazon and all good booksellers.*



## George Furbank

### Professional rugby player and international.

2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2020 at 2.55p.m., UK time, George Furbank stands alongside his fellow players in the England Rugby Union team in the Stade de France, Paris, belting out the national anthem. This is surely the proudest moment in George's life as he is chosen to represent his country for the first time. And back in Buckden, many are supporting George as he takes his first step into the international arena.

In winning his first cap, George was building on a career that has taken him from local club, Huntingdon RUFC and their Mini and Junior sections, to full international in a short time. He is now a member of an international team that finished runners-up in the recent World Cup and playing alongside established stars and household names such as Owen Farrell and Maro Itoje.



*George in 2009*

George was born and raised in Buckden where his family name is well known. The Furbank family have been associated with Huntingdon RUFC for around 70 years (his dad was a Club Captain for six years in the 1990s) and it was natural that George would play his first rugby from the age of five or so with the "Stags" Mini and Junior sections.

played for the Bedford School rugby 1st XV before joining up with the Northampton Saints' Senior Academy in 2015. Progress for George was relatively fast after that and he helped his team win the Premiership Rugby U18s League trophy before becoming a fully-fledged Northampton "Saints" RUFC player (Saints number 1986) in November 2017.

George made his Northampton Saints debut in the Anglo Welsh Cup in November 2018 against the Exeter Chiefs and scored his first senior try. The 2018/19 season was his breakthrough year and in total he played in 18 matches and won the Club's Player of the Month award for February 2019.

George also played in Northampton's European Challenge Cup quarter-final game in Clermont Auvergne (France) and Saints' Premiership Rugby Cup final victory in 2019, helping Northampton claim a first piece of silverware in five seasons.

The latest, and most significant chapter to George's career is very recent. On 20 January 2020 George received his first call up to the senior England squad for the 2020 Six Nations Championship and within just a few days was then selected to make his England debut against France in Paris.

The test match against France proved to be a very difficult one for the England team, but George will surely make his mark internationally before too long. Indeed, George was awarded his second cap the following week against Scotland in a match that England won.

One question remains – will we see a new 'George' on the sign outside the George Hotel?

Do you know of any other **LOCAL SPORTING HEROES**? We would like this to be an occasional feature so please let our editor know of any other candidates.



*George in 2005*

George was also good at other sports, including cricket where he was a talented batsman and was on the books at Leicestershire until reaching the under-16 level. By that age rugby was becoming the most serious sporting option and, after transferring from Kimbolton to Bedford School for the sixth form, he



### Dave Scott-Morgan, ex ELO guitarist

Dave Scott-Morgan, songwriter, singer and guitarist from Birmingham is coming to Perry in April. Back in the day he was with The Uglys, Magnum and the Electric Light Orchestra.

Perry Baptist Church is delighted to be hosting an "Evening with Dave Scott-Morgan" on Friday 17th April at 7pm and is opening the event to the wider community. During the evening Dave will sing songs that will be known to many of the fans of ELO, but will also share stories and anecdotes from his life story. What led him to become part of ELO, and what has happened since including how he came to faith as a Christian?

Free tickets to the evening can be gained by telephoning the local Minister, Rev Jon Magee, telephone number **01480 700810**, or **07938664421**.

As space is limited it is hoped that folks will ask for tickets so we can be certain of ensuring that sufficient seating space will be available.

### 'Love to Move'



A free, fun, chair based exercise class, with music to stimulate the memory, improve balance, coordination, core strength and mobility and cognition.

Come along and see what it is all about

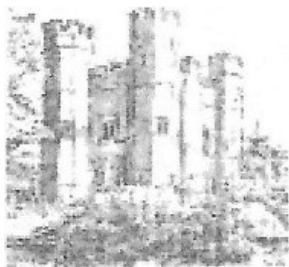


"Demonstrable benefits in the physical, emotional and cognitive aspects of older people especially people with dementia."

and have a cuppa.

10.30 am to 12 every Wednesday EXCEPT  
1st Wednesday of the month  
at Brampton Memorial Centre  
Thrapston Road Brampton PE28 4TB

**If you are coming or have any questions telephone Jane on 07731 097236**



## The Friends of Buckden Towers QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
7.30 p.m. at The Towers  
(Quiz Master: Alec MacAndrew)

Teams of up to 6.  
Refreshments

Entry £5.00 per person at the Door.

All Welcome  
Raffle and Prizes

## Events Programme

January-July 2020



### March

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March • 2:30pm

**The Insects of Paxton Pits**  
*an illustrated talk by Keith Porter*

Keith is an entomologist who has recently retired from Natural England. His interest in insects led to a doctorate, post-doctoral studies and then 32 years in nature conservation. He will talk about the last 25 years of recording insects on the Reserve, and explore which habitats are most important.

**£2.50 per person, pay at the door**

Third Thursday of each month

10:30am - 12:30pm

### Guided Nature Walks

Explore Paxton Pits Nature Reserve with local guides. The route taken will depend on the time of year and conditions underfoot, but will be designed to show you the best of what the Reserve has to offer.

Walks start at the Visitor Centre at 10:30am and will last approximately two hours.

**£2.50 per person per walk**

*No need to book, just pay on the day.*

**Don't forget your binoculars!**

#### **Please note:**

*These walks are gentle ambles and not route marches. They are designed for people with little or no experience of wildlife. These walks should also benefit those who are getting beyond that stage and wish to go a little further.*



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**FRIENDS IN DEED**

Come and join us for tea, cake and chat  
at  
**Buckden Methodist Church Hall**  
for the  
**Friends in Deed Winter Tea Party**  
on  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2.30pm - 4.00pm**

If you would like to join us, it would be helpful if you could let us know by calling **07810 006598**

**We look forward to meeting you!**

If you wish to come along and transport is an issue, then please do not hesitate to contact the Friends in Deed transport line on 07914 669967





## Come to the Community Cafe

**ALL WELCOME - whether in need of  
support or just fancy a cuppa, chat  
& homemade cake**

**on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month**

**2.30pm – 4pm**

**in the Living Stones Room at  
St Mary's Church Buckden**

**March 11<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Friends in Deed - here for the people of Buckden



**Enjoy a short walk with us!**

**EVERY THURSDAY**

**Leaving from the surgery, 10am.  
30 minutes around the village.**

Part of Huntingdon District Council health walk scheme

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

# HINCHINGBROOKE RISING STARS Sat.14<sup>th</sup> March

Commencing 7.30pm

**Featuring  
top-Grade Singers & Musicians  
from the School's Music Dept.  
plus their 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 Nisa (Hunts End)

**Buckden and District Churches Together**

present

## Marvellous March



An Activity Afternoon with Pizza for Children and Young  
Families

**Methodist Church**

**Saturday 7 March 2020**

**3.00 – 5.00 pm**

Please register in advance if possible:

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



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★ **Bookings**

★ Cinderella is running from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March. If there are  
★ still any tickets left come and enjoy the show! The St  
★ Mary's Charity Auction is in the Main Hall on 14<sup>th</sup>  
★ March and the Buckden Gardeners Association is hold-  
★ ing their Spring Show in the Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> March. We  
★ also have a lot of business meetings taking place dur-  
★ ing the weekdays.

★ **New caretaker**

★ We are delighted to welcome Tony Baker to the Hall as  
★ our new caretaker. He has settled in brilliantly!



★ **Daddo's Pizza**

★ Daddo's Pizza are planning to return to the Hall car  
★ park during March. So that's Wednesday night dinners  
★ sorted!

★ **Don't forget that as residents of Buckden you all re-  
★ ceive discounted rates on Hall hire. Please call or  
★ email me if you would like to find out more infor-  
★ mation.**

★ **Jo Harvey**

★ **01480 811101**

★ **admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk**

★ **Office hours 9am to 2pm.**

★ **WI**

★ At our February meeting we welcomed Kevin Duke from Cam-  
★ bridgeshire Fire Service. His talk was entitled "Safe and Well"  
★ and we all learned something new about safety in our homes.

★ He emphasised how important it was to check ID before letting  
★ anyone into your home – something we all know but it's so  
★ easy to see a uniform and believe it to be genuine.

★ The main area of risk in all our homes is the kitchen where  
★ there are the most electrical items, the cooker being the most  
★ likely to cause a fire. Extinguishers and fire blankets were NOT  
★ recommended as you can't always be sure that the fire is ei-  
★ ther out or contained – better to ring 999 and get out as quick-  
★ ly as possible, especially at night.

★ In the sitting room candles pose the biggest problem and  
★ should always be in a holder as the metal bits (especially those  
★ under tea lights) get very hot and can melt whatever is under-  
★ neath them.

★ He explained that anything that gets hot is using a lot of elec-  
★ tricity so be wary of extension cables. Gang extensions are fine  
★ but avoid daisy chains where multiple extension leads are  
★ joined together. Cube and drum ones were also discouraged.

★ Kevin went on to say that the risk of a fire can be reduced but  
★ never eliminated. Test alarms regularly, close internal doors  
★ especially at night (this will hold back any smoke) and have a  
★ clear escape route by keeping the stairs, landing etc. clear.  
★ Keep the door key near the door and leave off the security

chain at night in order to expedite leaving the house. If the site of the fire prevents you leaving a room then open a window to let fresh air in, shout very loudly in the hope that a neighbour will hear you, and phone the fire brigade who will continue talking to you, calming you down and gaining information until the fire service arrives.

He concluded his informative talk by telling us about the many gadgets and gizmos available for the hard of hearing and those with mobility problems.

Many of our members had questions and Kevin was more than happy to answer them whilst enjoying a cup of tea and home-made biscuits with us.

Our next meeting is on March 3rd at 7.30pm when we will be having a talk and demonstration by "Sugar Daddies" from St Neots. The competition is for a spring flower arrangement and contributions for the market stall will be most welcome. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

For more information please contact:  
Ruth Nicholas – 07957 334142  
Judith Armitage – 01480 811717







**March 2020**

**Storytime – Tuesdays at 2.15pm**

Our free Storytime sessions continue every Tuesday afternoon during term time. Pre-school children of all ages are welcome for stories, rhymes, songs and fun! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Children’s Board Games Club – Thursdays from 2.15 till 4.45**

Our new board games club for children continues in March. A selection of games for children aged 2-6. A great way to spend the winter afternoon with pre-schoolers, or pop in after school pick up – plenty of free parking available! 50p donation per child appreciated – all children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Age UK Community Hub – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10.00 – 12 noon**

With us on the first Tuesday of every month, Age UK offer free information, advice and support for the over 65s and their families. No appointment needed, just drop in for help and guidance on how to continue to live independently.

**Craft Club – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 – 12 noon**

A fun Miffy themed craft activity for crafty children aged 5+. Children must be accompanied by an adult - 50p per child.

**Knit Lit – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm**

Come and join the knits! If you enjoy knitting and a good book why not join our Knit Lit group? Meeting every other Friday evening – contact us for more information.

**Engage in the Afternoon – Wills and Powers of Attorney – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2pm**

10 Top Tips for Wills and Powers of Attorney.....and why your family will thank you if you have both. An informative but relaxed talk with solicitors Jenny Barker and Tim Addinell from Woodfines Solicitors in Cambridge, including an informal Q and A session to round off our afternoon. Everything you wanted to know but were too afraid to ask!

**Lego Club – 28<sup>th</sup> March 10 – 12.30**

Come and build! Lego club continues on the usual last Saturday of the month. Suitable for accompanied children aged 5-11. Duplo is also available for the under 5s. 50p per child

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**February 2020**

February is always one of our quieter months. The children have been working hard, many of them preparing for their tests in the summer term. Having said that we have had some interesting events during the month!

Our school Parliament arranged a Bring and Buy sale to raise money for the charities who have been helping the animal victims of the devastating bush fires in Australia. The children brought in unwanted books, toys and games and everything was sold for 50p. The total raised by the sale was £148.00, which has been sent to the World Wildlife Fund to be passed on to the Australian charities.

The children in Reception, Year 4 and Year 5, have been regular visitors to Hardwick Dene over the past few months. The visits have been enjoyed by both the children and the residents of Hardwick Dene. The school has also had visits from some of the residents who have been sitting in on the Year 4 French lessons. Again, everyone has had fun learning the French language together.

During this term whole school is taking turns to visit the library. Each Tuesday one year at a time is making the short walk to explore the library and choose a book. It is also an opportunity for children to join the library if they were not members. Thank you to the staff at the library for the help and hospitality.

The PTA held an end of term disco for the whole school. Two discos were held – one for each of the key stages. A good time was had by everyone.

**Buckden Academy Aspirations Day 2020**

Following our successful Aspirations Day of two years ago for the children in Key Stage 2, we are having another one on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020. During the day we hope to introduce the children to a wide range of career opportunities, the aim being to widen their horizons and inform them of the many different career paths that might interest them.

We are looking for volunteers to come into the school and share with the children what they do as a profession, maybe bring along aspects of their work, such as tools, vehicles, uniforms etc and photos. We would like this to be a thoroughly interactive day, with the children moving around the school talking to our visitors.

If you are interested could you please email Mrs Heather, Deputy Headteacher, at [mheather@buckdenacademy.org](mailto:mheather@buckdenacademy.org), or telephone the school office on 01480 810241 giving the following details:

- What your profession is

- Are you available for the whole day or half day (am or pm)
- How much space you would need.

We believe this could be a really exciting day for our children. The hope is that they will learn that by working hard it will open up a wide range of opportunities and choices for them in later life.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and enriching the lives of our children.



Throughout February, the children have been busy using the medical sets to look after each other and the dolls. This is a great example of how children can learn through play, as this kind of role-playing as doctors and patients helps them to develop language skills. It encourages them to talk about parts of the body, emotions and sensations (sad, crying, hurt, feeling sick!) and positional and size language (e.g. "I'm wrapping a bandage around his head," "She has a cut on her knee," "That will need a big plaster!"). This roleplay will also lead neatly on to our emergency services theme which we will be starting next term, when we also hope to do some planting with the children to help them learn about nature, growth and change.

The children have been enjoying visits to the library for Rhyme Time on a Tuesday too and spending time outside (when there aren't gale-force winds!).

In the last month, we have also welcomed another new staff member, Laura, who is level 3 qualified, and more new children to Preschool too. We hope they all enjoy their time with us! Miss Nicola is presently Acting Manager and can be contacted with any queries on the number below. Ofsted visited Preschool recently and delivered a very positive report on its progress under new management.

Committee enquiries:  
Contact Jo Chillmaid (Chairperson) at [buckdenpreschoolchairperson@gmail.com](mailto:buckdenpreschoolchairperson@gmail.com) or on 07393650084.

To enrol your child or arrange a visit, contact the Acting Manager, Nicola Henge, at the Preschool on **01480 810600**.

For more information, visit [www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk](http://www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk) or see our Facebook updates at <https://www.facebook.com/www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk/>.





### Buckden Junior Football Club

February has been a better month for our players and coaches, with many teams being able to get out and play, but with some having a short mid-winter break for half term, they will all be looking forward to getting going again in March.

We are delighted to announce that the club has again been granted its FA Charter Standard award for 2020. We are very proud of our status and will continue to be so for yet another year.

### BJFC Club Merchandise

Don't forget you can still purchase brand new BJFC merchandise.

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Travel Mugs	£5.99

A reduction of 50p per drink purchased from the tea bar will be made when using one of our travel mugs.

Merchandise is available to purchase from our tea bar every Saturday or by speaking to a member of our committee or team managers.

### Club Shop – now live!

As well as the merchandise mentioned above, we now have an online club shop as well. Scarves, gloves, jumpers and coats can all be purchased online – visit [www.chromasport.co.uk/shop/buckden-juniors-fc](http://www.chromasport.co.uk/shop/buckden-juniors-fc) to order.

### Dribblers and Development sessions

Our Dribblers sessions are now split into two - older dribblers (school year 1) on a Saturday 9am – 10am and our younger dribblers (age 3 and above) now on a Sunday at the same time.

Our Development Sessions run on a Sunday from 9am – 10am. The aim of these sessions is to give children aged U7-U10 (school years 2-5) a chance to learn the skills they need to assist them in the future with finding a team – please contact us for more details.

### Tea Bar

Don't forget our tea bar runs every Saturday – hot and cold drinks, bacon and sausage rolls from 9am each week.

For more information on the club, joining a team or the committee please contact our Chairman Michael Lander via [bjfc-chairman@hotmail.com](mailto:bjfc-chairman@hotmail.com).

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### Shopping and Packaging

This photo of rubbish found by one of our villagers in the A1 north underpass was shown to Dave Lewis the CEO of Tesco (owners of Buckden's One Stop) as an example of how their goods get strewn around the environment. The rubbish was returned to One Stop and Tesco's response included bringing this particular instance of discarded rubbish to the attention of the One Stop manager asking "that they ensure that any rubbish located around the store is removed and disposed of correctly".



This is something we can all play our part in. Our handymen do a great job and we already have the village volunteer litter-picking initiative but there is much more we can do. Have our dog walkers ever thought of taking a litter bag with them as well as poop bags and how often do we prompt youngsters to pick up their discarded litter?

When we go shopping it will be good if we look around to see how the retail industry is taking their environmental policies seriously. For instance, do they have litter-bins and recycling facilities outside their stores and in their car parks and do they have incentive and promotional schemes to encourage their customers to take responsibility for the environment?

There is a huge amount each and every one of us can do both practically ourselves and by raising concerns with those in a position to make a difference.

### International Women's Day

International Women's Day (8 March) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

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The International Women's Day 2020 campaign theme is #EachforEqual because an equal world is an enabled world.

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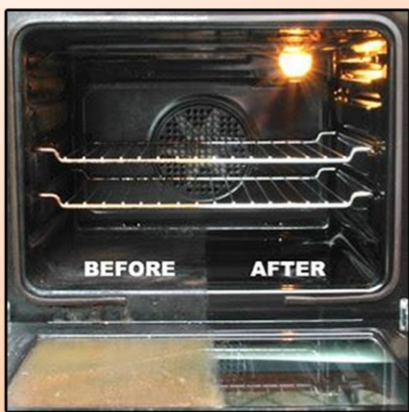
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