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**May 2015**

It finally feels like Spring has sprung; the weather is beautiful outside as I sit and type this introduction. (Not that I can check the temperature as Buckden has disappeared from my BBC Weather app!)

Included with this edition, as a pull-out in the centre pages, is the Annual report from Buckden Parish Council. Please take the opportunity to read this and see what has been achieved in the last financial year.

Buckden has at least 2 charity balls to attend this summer; please see further details opposite (Buckden Lions) and on page 11 (FOBT). Please show your support and have a fun evening at the same time!

One final note; the collection times from post boxes have been changed in the village. Lucks Lane is now collected at 9AM with the latest collection being the Post Office at 4PM. Thanks to Carol Alexander for pointing this out.

As ever, we are always happy to receive any feedback to the email address on the right, and please remember to visit the website:

<http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/>  
*Editorial Team*

**Front Cover**  
Thanks to **Martin Shirley** for this month's cover photo - pictures from the 2014 FOBT plant sale. Don't forget the plant sale this year takes place on **Saturday 16th May!** As ever, we are very grateful. We are still looking for photos to use on the front cover so please keep sending them in.

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# Buckden Parish Council News



## Annual Report

Please see the middle pages for the 'pull out and keep' Parish Council Annual Report 2014-15. This is a summary of your Parish Council's activities and spending over the last year.

### Buckden Photographic Competition

Dig those cameras out! After the success of the Parish Council Photo Competition in 2014, we are planning to run the competition again this year and there will be opportunities for photographers of all ages to enter and display their best photographs at the Buckden Festival Fete on 4<sup>th</sup> July. There will be three age categories, 10 years old and under, 11 to 16, and adult (17 and up). Within each age category there will be three themes:

Selfie;  
Clouds;  
Insects and spiders.

All photographs must have been taken by the entrant who must live or work in Buckden, Diddington or Stirtloe. However the photographs need not be taken in the village – they can be taken anywhere. The maximum size will be A3 including any mount, and there is a maximum number of entries of three photographs per theme. All the photographs will be displayed at the Festival.

The judges will consider both creative and technical merit in making their choice. Points will be awarded for first, second and third in each theme within each age category: the overall winner of each age category will be awarded the trophy for that age, and there will also be modest cash prizes for winners of each theme.

**An entry form will be printed in the next (June) edition of the Roundabout.**

### Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The evening had a distinct 'Policing' theme with a report from our local PCSO, Alan Newman, together with a presentation of her work by Rebecca Avery, a member of the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner's team. The Parish Council would like to thank all the Buckden societies that also gave reports at that meeting.

### Footpath from Cranfield Close to Stirtloe

The Parish Council have become aware that this footpath, one of our most popular, is rather uneven. We would ask that all walkers take particular care when walking this section of footpath 1.

The annual meeting of the **Parish Council, including a 15 minute Public Forum will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 starting at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and raise any Buckden related issues.  
If required, the **Parish Council's Planning Committee** will meet on **Tuesday 12th and Tuesday 26th May** starting 7pm. Agendas for the meetings are posted on the Parish Council notice boards not later than the Saturday preceding the meeting

Any questions or comments on this report can be addressed to the Parish Clerk John Chase, Clerk to Buckden Parish Council, Buckden Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden PE19 5UY, Telephone (01480) 819407, Email [clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk)  
Do not forget our website at [www.buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk)

## FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The past 12 months have seen some commitments from the Highways Agency and the government to investment into the roads in Cambridgeshire. From April 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 the Highways Agency will become Highways England. In the Autumn Statement the government announced a commitment to upgrade the A1 to motorway status from Baldock to Alconbury. The proposed A14 scheme has been submitted to the government for their approval and will be considered by the Planning Inspectorate later this year with a decision made before the end of 2015 as to whether or not the scheme will go ahead. The government have also announced that funding will be made available to upgrade the A428 and proposed plans will shortly be forthcoming. A change of government this May cannot change these commitments as Highways England will become a separate company at arms length from the government. This is huge investment to Cambridgeshire's infrastructure and needed to support the amount of residential development proposed at St Neots, Wyton and Alconbury over the coming 5 and more years.

Set against this background are pressures on budgets from decreasing government grants to Local Authorities and increasing demographic pressures, making it more difficult to provide services in the same way that they have been delivered in the past. Efficiencies are required and also new ways of working. Local Authorities are having to look at other ways to increase their income, making their assets work better for them and looking at more efficient ways of delivering services.

On a more local level, The Cromwell Museum is moving forward through a transition period over the next year when it will move to charity status. The museum will need support from local residents if this important local asset is to continue to flourish once County Council funding ceases in 2017.

Please contact me by email, telephone or post and I am also available at my surgery Buckden Village Hall 6.30 to 7.30pm every other month from May 12<sup>th</sup> 2015. This is a drop in surgery so no appointment is necessary.

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](mailto:julie.wisson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)**

## FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

There is no District Council election for Buckden this year. I was elected last year and have another three years to serve. I feel very honoured to have the opportunity to try to represent the views of the residents of the village and am grateful to those who voted for me. During the year I have been involved in a whole raft of issues some arising from questions raised by the public and others due to the normal business of the District Council. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or problems that you feel I may be able to help you with.

The current lovely Spring weather is the ideal opportunity to explore the excellent footpaths that encompass the village. The six mile circular walk from the village down to and along the River Ouse is a delight but the similar six miles to the West of the village rival it with its panoramic views across Grafham Water. I urge you to explore. I do a lot of walking in the local area and know of no other village that can boast a similar number of excellent Rights of Way.

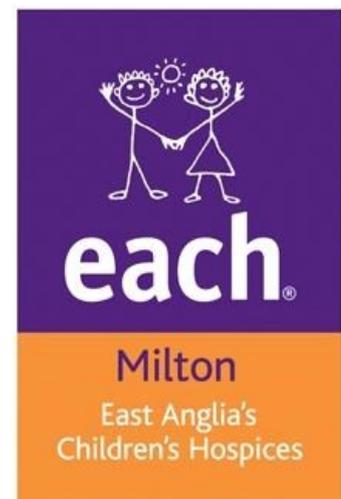
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**01480 810974 [terry.hayward@huntingdonshiredc.org.uk](mailto:terry.hayward@huntingdonshiredc.org.uk)**

## East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH)- Can you help?

EACH is a local charity giving care and support to life-threatened Children, Young People and their Families. This can take place in the local community or at their nearest Hospice, which for Buckden, Stirtloe and Diddington is Milton Hospice. We regularly put on fun events in the community to raise money to provide the valuable care required. These range from popular big events such as the Peterborough Abseil in April, St Ives Community Choir Event in May, to collections at your local supermarkets. You can get involved by coming along to our events or volunteering your time to help the charity.

The EACH Huntingdon and St Ives Volunteer Friends Group committee have regular meetings at which you would not need to attend, but if you are interested in helping out we can send you details of upcoming volunteer opportunities on a regular basis. You would be very welcome to come along to a meeting to meet me and the committee members and to find out more about EACH.

To find out more about the events in your area or to volunteer your time to help out and make some new friends please contact me- Beccy Gillings on 01223 205198. Thanks for your support.



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### **The Flora of Huntingdon Racecourse**

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come and visit this little-known Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) at Huntingdon Racecourse, Brampton, on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May starting at 10.30am.

The walk will be led by Pat Doody, who is the Chairman of our local group and has a particular interest in wildflower meadows. Unimproved grasslands of this type are rare, particularly in Cambridgeshire, and we are lucky to have this opportunity to visit this site. The racecourse is renowned for the Green-Winged Orchid, and we hope to see many other meadow flowers as well.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please follow Trust signs from the entrance to the Racecourse off the A14/B1514 junction. GR TL 208719. There is no need to book and no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact Tim Fryer on 01480 457795.

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### **Red Cross Week 2014 May 3rd to May 9th**

This is the week when local people knock on your door and ask you to help the Red Cross continue its work locally and internationally responding to Crisis.

Locally the Red Cross helps people leaving hospital, people needing an urgent wheelchair or walking frame, people who need help to get to hospital or in an ambulance to get to a grandchild's wedding. To the Red Cross every crisis is personal, however large or small. There are volunteers in your community always available to help others with first aid or to teach child care, or to respond late at night with essentials for people whose home is on fire.

In major emergencies the Red Cross is there with boats in floods, distributing food and clean water, manning rescue centres for foreigners imported as slaves, or British people stranded abroad, separated from family or waiting for news of an air crash. In the ongoing and terrible war zones of Syria, burying the Ebola dead in West Africa, manning refugee camps for Somalis in Kenya, providing clean water and sanitation for African villages, and celebrating the life saving success of concrete hurricane shelters in Bangladesh, Red Cross volunteers are always available around the world. Very recently 5 volunteers have been killed in the Yemen.

Every Crisis is personal and the Red Cross needs your help to help anyone who asks for our help, Locally or Internationally. Please give as generously as you can!

THANK YOU..... Hilary Gillam, 01480 810314, 07876 443062, [hilarygillam@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilarygillam@hotmail.co.uk)

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### **THE FRIENDS OF BUCKDEN TOWERS**



A big thank you to Ian Carter for preparing the questions and taking on the question master role at the Quiz Night on 6<sup>th</sup> March. The event was enjoyed by all and raised £196.00.

People sometimes ask what FOBT does. We are a registered charity whose purpose is to raise funds to help maintain the fabric and furnishings of the buildings on the site. We contribute a regular monthly sum to the owners for this purpose and get involved in specific projects such as the refurbishing of the Friends Refectory and the outside toilet. Currently we have committed to paying for new curtains in the Kings Room in the Great Tower, which will have been hung by the time you read this and are looking at the possibility of having the floor in that room repaired or even replaced.

We are also considering paying for the replacement of the viewing platform arbour in the Knot Garden as it is coming to the end of its life. Costs for this have yet to be established. We are completely independent of the owners but of course liaise closely with them about maintenance issues.

Dates for your diaries:

AGM: **8<sup>th</sup> May** at 8.00 p.m. at The Towers. There will be a talk by Father Angel. Anyone interested in joining FOBT is welcome to attend.

PLANT SALE: **16<sup>th</sup> May** 11.00 to 3.00 at the Towers. This is always a great event with lots of interesting plants for sale.

MIDSUMMER AT THE TOWERS: **20<sup>TH</sup> June** 7.00 to 11.30 p.m. This promises to be a really wonderful evening's entertainment. Tickets are still available. Please contact Mike Allwright at The Towers off on 01480 812227 for tickets.

Coffee Morning at the Methodist Chapel on **3<sup>rd</sup> July**.

## CHURCH NEWS

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

Telephone: **01480 810344**

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

In the pastoral care of the Claretian Missionaries:

Fr. Chris Newman cmf

Fr. Angel Ochagavia cmf

Fr. Peter Wareing cmf

Fr. Paul Peter Alphonse cmf

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

**Weekday Masses** - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
and Saturday at 9.30 am and on Wednesday and  
Friday at 7.00 pm.

**Morning Prayer** on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
& Saturday at 9.15 am in the Lady Chapel.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** every Satur-  
day from 10.00 to 10.30 am.

**The Rosary** is prayed each Monday morning af-  
ter the 9.30 am Mass.

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

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

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

### Buckden Methodist Church

**Minister:** Rev. Tricia Williams  
(01480 473444)

**Stewards:** Bob Baxter (810092)  
Carol Swepstone (810053)

**Room Bookings:**  
Isabel Daniels (810084)

#### Services in May

##### Sunday 3

10.30 am Morning Service  
Mrs. Rosemary Marchant  
6.00 pm Section Service at Berkley Street

##### Sunday 10

10.30 am Holy Communion  
Rev. Pam Siddall  
6.00pm Evening Fellowship

##### Sunday 17

10.30 am Morning Service  
Mr. Colin Webber  
6.00pm Circuit Service, Alconbury

##### Sunday 24

10.30 am Morning Service  
Rev. Tricia Williams  
6.00 pm Evening Fellowship

##### Sunday 31

10.30 am Morning Service  
Mrs. Vivian Almond  
6.00 pm Evening Fellowship

#### Activities in May

<b>Fri 1</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Coffee Morning
<b>Fri 8</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Coffee Morning
<b>Mon 11</b>	<b>12.30 pm</b>	Study Lunch
<b>Tues 12</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Quiet Time, Wesley Rm
<b>Wed 13</b>	<b>2.30 pm</b>	CAMEO "I'd like to thank" Wesley Rm
<b>Fri 15</b>	<b>12.00</b>	Soup & sweet + service
<b>Fri 22</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Coffee Morning
<b>Tues 26</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Quiet Time, Wesley Rm
<b>Fri 29</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Coffee Morning

### BUCKDEN Open Gardens

**Sunday 7th June 2015**

**1-00pm -5-30pm**

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

Garden Passports available in advance from 11th May 2015 at:  
Que Sera and Costcutter Buckden (Buy Early: £3-50 until 31st May)

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

Admission on the day by Garden Passport available from:  
**St Mary's Church, Buckden and all Open Gardens**  
\*\*\*'Nature Detectives' Children's Trail throughout the Gardens \*\*

**At St Mary's all afternoon:**

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

## CHURCH NEWS

The Benefice of Buckden & the Offords

### St Mary's Parish Church

Church St, Buckden PE19 5TL

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

Facebook: 'like' St Mary's Buckden

Twitter: follow @A1ChurchBuckden

email: [enquiries@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)

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David Riley 810718

[churchwardens@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:churchwardens@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)

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[care@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:care@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)

Friends in Deed (transport): 07914 669 967

Friends in Deed (general): 07810 006 598

### Services at St Mary's in May

Sun 3	10:30am	Family Eucharist
	6.00pm	Holy Communion
Wed 6	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 10	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Family Eucharist
Wed 13	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thurs 14	7.30pm	ASCENSION DAY Communion
Sun 17	10.30am	Morning Service
	6.00pm	Evensong
Wed 20	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 24		PENTECOST
	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Family Communion
	4.00pm	Church's Birthday Picnic (Buckden Towers)
Wed 27	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sat 30	12.30pm	Wedding
Sun 31	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Family Eucharist

Note: there will be no Open Ministry Meeting & Night Prayer in May. Our sister church, All Saints' Offord Cluny, has a service at 9.30am each Sunday

#### Interregnum / Vacancy at St Mary's

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

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

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

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

### St Mary's is open

St Mary's is open during the day for private prayer.

**Need some peace and quiet?** You are welcome to use the Quiet Room at the back of St Mary's whenever the church is open.

### Forthcoming Events

**Buckden & District Churches Together  
CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 10am**

in the Methodist Church Hall.

**STAGEWORKS CONCERT**

**Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

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

**Buckden & District Churches Together  
THE CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY PICNIC**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 4pm**

at Buckden Towers

**BUCKDEN OPEN GARDENS**

**Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> 2015**

### Regular Groups and Events

*New members always welcome to come and join in*

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

**'Honeycomb':** A group for those who are on their own and find that time hangs heavy at the weekend. Meets at 7 Vineyard Way on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month 3 - 4.30pm for conversation, tea and cake, board games, and fellowship,

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

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

**Angel Voices informal all age gospel choir** rehearses Fridays 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6.45pm in the Living Stones Room.

**Open Ministry Meeting – None in May** (normally 6pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month in the Living Stones Room)

**Bible study group** meets on the last Monday each month 1.30pm in the Living Stones Room

## CHURCH NEWS

	<p><b>Buckden &amp; District Churches Together</b></p> <p>www.bctc.fsnet.co.uk    www.churchesbuckden.churchgoers.co.uk</p> <p>Anglicans                      Baptists                      Catholics                      Methodists</p>
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### Weekly Prayer Roster

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

3rd May	School Lane, Buckden Primary School (pupils, teachers and teaching assistants, governors, volunteers, midday supervisors, lollipop lady, all support staff)
10th May	Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Playgroup and Day Nursery, Buccaneers after school club, Buckden Towers Youth Retreat Centre
17th May	Mayfield, Springfield Way, The Osiers, Stirtloe
24th May	Vineyard Way, Burberry Road, Swan End, Lark End, The Library and its librarians
31st May	The churches of the village: St Hugh's, St Mary's, Buckden Methodist Church, also Offord and Perry Baptist Churches, members of home groups from these and other local churches, ministers and all who make our churches welcoming and worshipful places

### Thought for the month

Just as the Church has been described as an organisation that exists for the benefit of non-members, so Christian Aid is a charity run to help people of all faiths and of none, and its primary objectives are the elimination of poverty and of injustice wherever they may be found in the world.

Among the many vital needs that CA addresses daily are such diverse issues as tax-dodging, malaria, gender inequality, climate change, HIV, human rights, and, of course, emergency relief. High on the current agenda are fighting Ebola in Sierra Leone, providing relief from the floods in South Asia, and trying to bring help and hope to those suffering the appalling humanitarian crises in Syria, Gaza and Iraq.

Naturally, relief cannot be provided, nor change effected, without the provision of goods and services. Some of these are offered as charitable acts of giving in their own right, but there remains a vast balance for which money must be provided.

During this month, between the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> of May, you may notice people wearing red T-shirts and carrying red buckets, collecting money wherever crowds gather; you may be invited to attend a coffee and cake morning or you may be moved to sponsor some act of endurance or bravado; and all in the great cause of helping to make a difference to the plight of the poor and the oppressed.

This, then, is Christian Aid Week. Not 'Aid for Christians', but aid for all of the weak, helpless and suffering millions who have touched the hearts of Christians with an echo of the pain with which their Saviour's heart has ached and bled for two millennia.

Baptist Church.



### CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING Friday 8<sup>TH</sup> May 2015 10.00am in the Methodist Church Hall.

By supporting this event you are helping some of the world's poorest people. There will be no house-to-house collection for Christian Aid week but envelopes for individual donations will be available from each of the churches and at the coffee morning.



### STUDY LUNCH

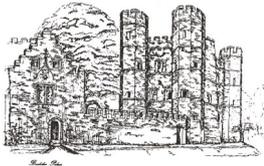
The regular monthly study lunches continue on Monday 11th May 2015  
Methodist Church Hall 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm

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

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### Honeycomb Group

Anyone living alone, who finds time hanging heavy at the weekend, is invited to come along to **7 Vineyard Way** on the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month** from **3.00-4.30pm** to enjoy board and paper games (bring your own if you like!), jigsaw puzzles, etc and share tea, biscuits and conversation. Everyone is welcome and, given notice, transport can be arranged. For more information, contact **Lorraine Toogood** (tel **811352**) or **Heather Tough** (tel **811415**)



### Buckden Local History Society

#### Wimpole Hall

##### Excavated and documented

Cambridge Archaeology Field Group have produced evidence of activity at Wimpole from the Mesolithic period to the 19th Century.

Michael Coles will explain new evidence of how people have used the land, who they were and where they lived

Wednesday 6th May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Conference Room at Buckden Towers

### Huntingdonshire Health Walk Group

Starting from the Village Hall at 1.50pm for 2pm on **WEDNESDAY 6th MAY**, the group is walking its **DIDDINGTON DODDLE**, in other words, a 'circular' walk to and from Diddington, which will take about 70 minutes at non-racing pace. Tea and biscuits will be available in the hall afterwards, if fancied. Whatever the weather, this walk is on the 'dry' side. Why not give it a try?

Also, to pep up enjoyment of Summer evenings outdoors, the group will be walking for 45-55 minutes on different routes from the Cafe at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park, every Thursday from 6.05pm between 7th May through 27th August -- a great way of shaking off the strains and stresses of the day! (After 6pm, parking there will be free; the Cafe will not be open, but the Toilets will be!).

You should be able to pick up a full Health Walk brochure for the four months (May to August) at the start of each walk, and also from the Library, the Surgeries and the Marina.

For more details, please contact Danielle Sancaster, the Sports Development Officer, on 01480 387047, or email [activelife-styles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:activelife-styles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

### Buckden Gardeners Association



### Guided Tour of Buckden Towers and Knot Garden

Tuesday 19th May 2015

Meet **1.50PM** at **Buckden Towers Gate Lodge**

Entry £4 per member, £6.50 visitors

Inc. tea and cake

**Booking required before event**

call **Pam** on **01480 811680**

or **Lesley** on **01480 351547**

For further information go to our website:

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

### 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 **May 2015** will be:

**Monday 11 May:** Visit to Little Paxton Pits Nature Reserve, talk by Ann Scott, tea and biscuits. Transport available.

**Monday 25 May:** Bank Holiday - no meeting

**Monday 1 June:** Tea and chat

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

### The Great Buckden Sewing Bee

Mondays 7.30-10pm

Old Chapel, High Street

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**bee; noun**

A meeting for communal work or amusement: a sewing bee.

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

### LIFE DRAWING GROUP\*

Venue: Buckden Village Hall

Day: Wednesday

Time: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Contact: Terry Sladden

Tel: 01480 811031

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

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

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Tickets £3 Adults and £1.50 Children 12 and under – includes a traditional cricket tea. Available to purchase from Kerry Simpson 01480 813810, Annette Reed 01480 211048, Pam Dodman 01480 812880, Polly O'Driscoll 01480 811629 or email Kerry@thornhillestates.co.uk. Please bring along picnics and dogs to be left at home this year please.

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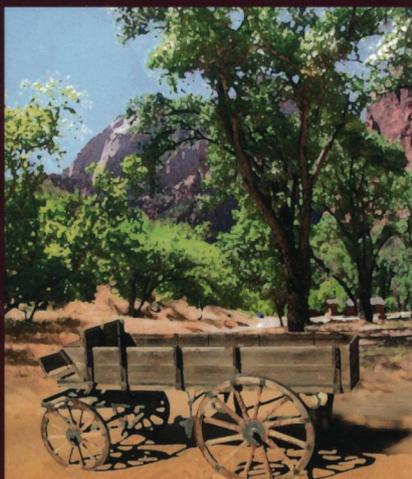
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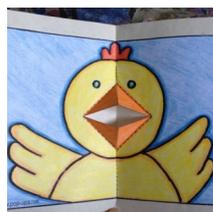


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## VILLAGE NEWS

### BUCKDEN VILLAGE HALL TRUST

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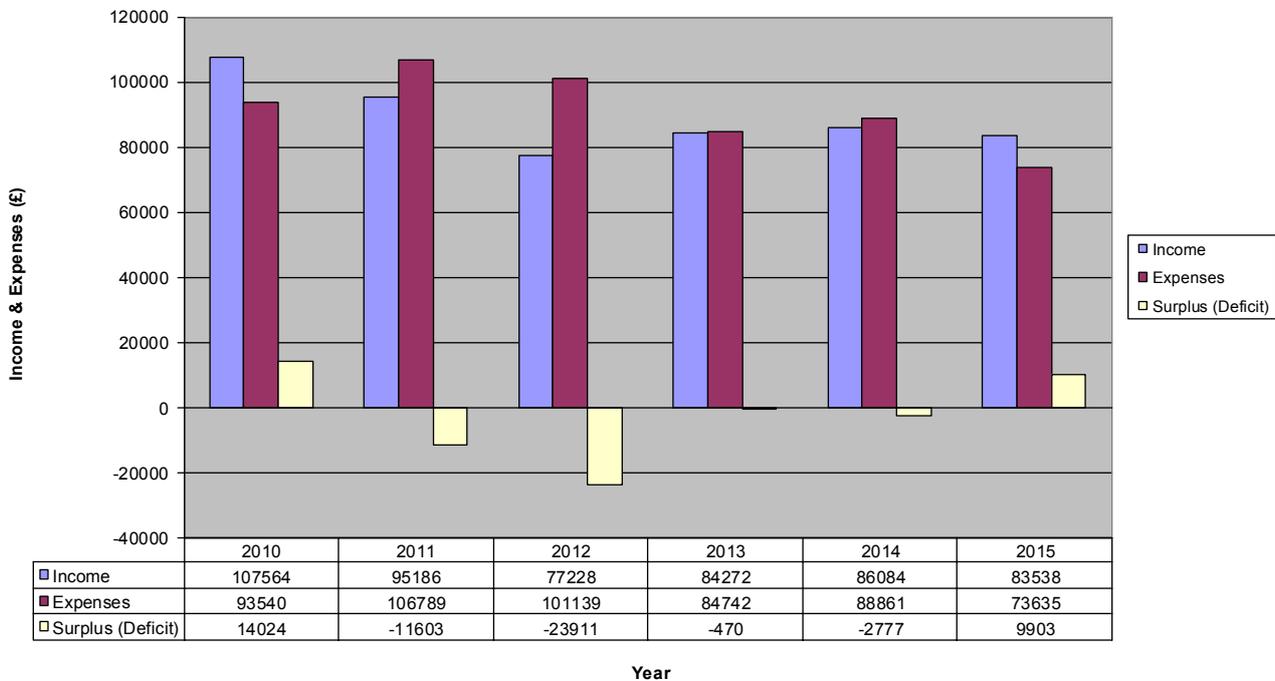
In May we have a Buckden Junior Football Club presentation, Wedding Reception and the Buckden Wine Show taking place among our regular activities.

By the time this goes to print we should have new security lights at the main entrance of the Hall.

The 5-a-side area has been fenced using Trust funds, the proceeds of the Buckden4Business Christmas Lights Raffle and a generous donation from the Parish Council. It is now available for use and we look forward to seeing people making good use of it!

**The Village Hall Trust is looking for a new Chairperson to take the reins once our current Chair stands down in July. If anyone is interested in taking this position then please call me on 811101 or email me at [admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk).**

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The business model for the Trust remains fragile and challenges include how to grow revenue and how to build funds for future expenses which are inevitable given the age of the building.

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*There are no catches or hidden charges and Buckden Village Hall Trust will be extremely grateful for your donations!*

Don't forget that as residents of Buckden you all receive discounted rates on Hall hire. Please call or email me if you would like to find out more.

Jo Harvey (811101/[admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk))

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Royal British Legion

From Friday to Sunday 8-10 May 2015 events will take place to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

Events include a wreath laying at the cenotaph, a national service of thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey, a parade through Whitehall, and a reception for veterans on Horseguards Parade.

It will provide opportunities for people to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives in the course of WW2. It will also give the RBL the opportunity to inform the public of the Legion's crucial welfare support of all those in the Armed Forces community.

Plans are also underway to mark the final cessation of hostilities and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ day on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May the Huntingdon Womens` Section are holding a VE celebration tea party at the Parish Centre, Warboys (PE28 2TA) between 2.30 pm and 5.30 pm. It will be a 40`s style afternoon with tea, music and reminiscences. 40`s dress encouraged. Tickets are £10 each from 01487 813498 or 01487 812143.

Sawtry RBL is running a coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June (Armed Services Day). Departure at 9.00 am from Sawtry Ex Servicemen's Club returning at 16.00 pm. The cost is £15 which includes a small donation to the RBL Poppy Appeal. Entry to the Arboretum is free and there are full café facilities. There will be a full programme of events to commemorate and celebrate Armed Forces Day.

Mobility scooters and wheelchairs are available on loan from the Visitor Centre and should be booked in advance. Details of the National Arboretum can be found on [www.thenma.org.uk](http://www.thenma.org.uk).

To book or for further information call one of the following:-  
Stewart 01487 831458 : Allan 01487 430806: Tony 01487 831316  
Veronica Hunstone  
Secretary, Buckden Branch RBL (01480 810070)

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW)

#### LOCAL CRIME

In the St Neots Sector two burglaries were reported between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March. In Buckden, close to the A1, one occurred on the evening of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March. A rear ground-floor window was found open and cash was stolen. The second crime also occurred on the evening of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March. On this occasion a rear ground-floor window was smashed to gain entry and an iPad was stolen. In the week 30<sup>th</sup> March – 7<sup>th</sup> April no dwelling burglaries were reported in Buckden.

#### TRUNK ROAD CRIME

Whilst driving you are flagged down by a man (or men) next to a broken down vehicle. The man states that he needs money to get petrol. As payment the man offers one to three "gold" rings or offers a business card. However the rings are worthless and definitely not precious. The business card is a fake. The amount of cash taken is between £20 and £300. The offence is occurring on A roads and slip roads.

#### TELEPHONE CALLS

You may receive a telephone call from someone purporting to be calling from your internet provider advising that, because you have down-loaded some stuff from the internet, you had introduced some viruses into your system .It would take half an hour to get rid of the viruses.

Under no circumstances would your provider call you about this. This is a scam call; if you log onto your computer the scammers would have had access to all of your information – financial and otherwise.

Another telephone scam; if you receive a telephone call allegedly from your bank do not under any circumstances pass on bank details over the telephone. No bank or provider will request your account number or password. If you change an existing agreement they will use the details on the present direct debit or standing order.

#### Contacts

Report an incident or suspicious behaviour to the new single non-emergency number 101. Call 999 if a crime is in progress or threatened.

Your village NW Coordinators are:

**Clive Williams 811828 Richard West 811467**

### Paranormal Buckden?

**From: Mark Egerton ([markegerton10@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:markegerton10@hotmail.co.uk))**

I am currently writing a book about the old county of Huntingdonshire, with particular regard to its history, hauntings and legends. I would very much like to include the village of Buckden within the book and I would be very interested to hear from any Buckden residents who have had a paranormal experience anywhere within the village. I am particularly interested in Buckden Towers and the Lucks Lane vicinity.

I can be contacted via the e-mail address above and I will happily drive to Buckden in order to speak to you and take details.

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We had many new starters in the spring term and it was lovely to see them come back after Easter raring to go, along with our 'old-timers'! Usually in the summer term we have fewer festivals and events to celebrate, but we will be busy ensuring our children who are bound for 'big school' in September have the independence and skills they will need – as well as ensuring they have plenty of fun and a great final term with us at Preschool.

Thank you to everyone who donated for Comic Relief last term, and also to those who bought tickets for our Easter Chocolate Hamper Raffle, which raised an amazing £46. We would also like to thank St. Mary's for hosting the children for a morning visit, when they learned all about how Christians celebrate Easter. They enjoyed listening to a story about the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem and waving their scarf 'palm leaves'! They also had an exciting visit from a 'real soldier' (!), who put them through their paces during a Circuit Session. Thank you Mr. Soldier – you know who you are!

Our St. Patrick's Day crafts have been proudly displayed at Preschool and on fridges throughout the village, and the children enjoyed making eggs with a chick hiding inside too. But soon there will be new art works to display as we move on to our summer themes. We wish everyone a sunny and enjoyable May Day and half-term holiday!

Miss Alison

For news, visit [www.facebook.com/www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk](http://www.facebook.com/www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk).

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

## THE SPORTS PAGE

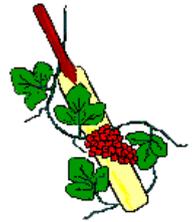
### "Walking Football"

This is 5-aside football with the one restriction that you cannot run. It was devised to get the 50+ year old players back on pitches to relive some of their past glories but in more manageable environment. The age limit is not strict but it gives an idea. It also suits younger players coming back from injury who would benefit from a lower contact game. There is an existing local group that plays at Hinchingsbrooke School Gym in the winter and Brampton Memorial Field in the summer. With the clocks changing we are just moving to the Field.

Time is 18.30-19.30 with a small weekly cost of £3 per session. Timing is variable so check before coming. There is an active group but with holidays, injuries, work, etc we could do with a few more players to ensure we get the ideal ten each game. The existing squad covers a range of shapes fitness and ability which is part of the fun. It really works for a huge range of people. So far they are all male (well, they look like it) but the door is open to all. It beats jogging hands down!

Payment is game by game so no commitment to a season. At worst you are risking £3 so why not come along and give it a go? Contact Kevin Miles on 07740 452768 or Paul Marks on 07785 724754 for more information."

## BUCKDEN CRICKET CLUB



Would you like a game of cricket?

If so Buckden Cricket Club would welcome new players. All abilities and ages are welcome.

We have 1st and 2nd adult teams and this year will have training sessions and matches for U9's, U11's and U13's.

If you are interested and would like more details please contact Trevor Mews

Mobile: 07761 454506

Email: [fos.cricket@btinternet.com](mailto:fos.cricket@btinternet.com)

### Buckden Bowls Club

#### Draw Results

January	February	March	April
No. 34 Michelle Casey £20	No. 8 Darrell May £20	No. 14 Roger Pursford £20	No. 89 Pam White £20
No. 55 Jenny Casey £10	No. 4 Janet Hignett £10	No. 6 David Clark £10	No. 36 Marion Lomas £10
No. 67 Suzanne Moore £5	No. 1 Brian Moore £5	No. 79 Albert Jackson £5	No. 81 Jacqueline Moore £5

#### Contact Numbers:

Club Sec.

Brian Moore

**01480 812112**

Ladies Sec.

Daphne Meats

**01480 383448**

Monthly Draw Org.

Jennie Casey

**01480 476493**

## THE SPORTS PAGE

### BUCKDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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

#### March Match Results

LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
<b>Hunts Mini-Soccer</b>				
14/3/15	Buckden Harriers U10	7	Stilton United U10	1
14/3/15	KC Cougars U9	7	Buckden Buzzards U9	2
14/3/15	Buckden Vultures U8	5	Needingworth Colts U8	1
14/3/15	Priory Parkside U7 Black	1	Buckden Eagles U7	7
21/3/15	Ramsey Colts U10	9	Buckden Condors U10	1
21/3/15	Buckden Harriers U10	5	Stukeley Meadows U10	0
21/3/15	Buckden Buzzards U9	0	Huntingdon Rowdies U9 White	4
14/2/15	Little Paxton Colts U8	3	Buckden Vultures U8	5
28/3/15^	Buckden Buzzards U9^	3	Sawtry Colts U9 Blue Sox^	0
28/3/15	Buckden Eagles U7	1	St Ives Rangers U7 Blue Sox	2
<b>Hunts Youth (9v9)</b>				
14/3/15	Buckden Falcons U13	3	Staploe & Duloe U13	3
21/3/15	Somersham Town U13	6	Buckden Falcons U13	1

^Friendly

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

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

- |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>New U7s</b>                     | - players need to be aged 6 by 31 Aug 15.        |
| <b>U11s (2 teams)</b>              | - players need to be aged 9 or 10 by 31 Aug 15.  |
| <b>New U12s (mixed boys/girls)</b> | - players need to be aged 10 or 11 by 31 Aug 15. |
| <b>U14s</b>                        | - players need to be aged 12 or 13 by 31 Aug 15. |

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

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

#### **Hunts Mini-Soccer Champions League Cups**

Buckden JFC has 3 teams which have reached their respective League cup finals – U9 Buzzards, U8 Vultures and U7 Eagles. The finals will all be played at Millfields, Needingworth on 25 April.



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- Sat 16<sup>th</sup>** Let there be DC – AC/DC Tribute Band.  
Free to BVC Members, or £2 on the door
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup>** Disco and Karaoke
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup>** Spring Bank Holiday  
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- Sat 30<sup>th</sup>** Quiz Night at BVC  
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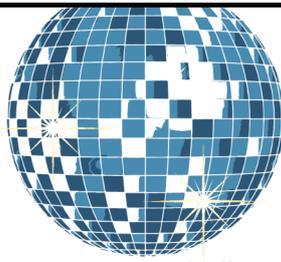
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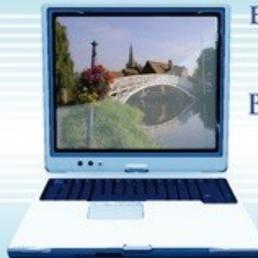
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