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May 2018

When we received the photo of the refurbished telephone box complete with defibrillator that makes the front cover this month, we knew fairly quickly that we wanted to use it as it is a great picture, and is something that those involved in its creation should be proud of, and will be a potential life-saving asset for the village. Sadly, as many of you will know, the defibrillator had barely been installed before it was stolen! Despite this, we decided to run with the cover anyway as it seems quite 'iconic'.

We are apparently well into Spring now, but it is very difficult to believe that as I look at the rain pouring down, or at least where I can see it through the fog. Hopefully, by the time you receive this copy, the weather will be significantly better, and drier!

Can I remind you all that the Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Thursday 22nd May, where James Palmer, mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, will be our guest speaker!

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/

Editorial Team

Front Cover

The front cover this month shows the phonebox not long after it was completed, and was kindly provided by the staff at Anne Furbank who took the picture during a recent photoshoot to promote a new collection. We are grateful for such a lovely picture!

We are always looking for photos, images, drawings and paintings to use on the front cover so please keep sending them in. Please note that photos 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...



Further vandalism in Buckden - Phone Box in the High St

Prior to last week, I intended to write a piece bringing all residents' attention to our refurbished phone box, complete with defibrillator, on the corner of the High St and George St.

Four people have worked incredibly hard to restore our phone box to its original glory. Councillor Betty Millard and our Clerk, Georgina West, spent many hours planning and sourcing the correct materials. During the course of the winter, our two handyman, Martin Craddock and Robert Mann, carried out the practical restoration, again over many hours. I'm sure that you will all agree that the phone box looks magnificent, thanks to the efforts of these four people.

The Parish Council were delighted when we were able to use the phone box to install a defibrillator on 13th March. Imagine, then, how disappointed we were to find that the defibrillator had been stolen, probably on Easter Monday evening. Additionally, the light was broken. **The defibrillator had been in place for only 2 and a half weeks.** If you have any information regarding this theft, please contact the police.

Clearly, the Parish Council will have to think very carefully about whether the defibrillator will be replaced. If you have a view on this, please let us know via the Open Forum session at any Parish Council meeting.

Potential pedestrian crossing at Hunts End

The Parish Council recently applied for funding for a pedestrian crossing at Hunts End via the County Council Local Highways Initiative scheme. Unfortunately, we were just pipped at the post for funding but we now know that the County Council would support us if the monies could be found elsewhere. We are now applying to the A14 Legacy Fund and will keep residents informed of any progress.

Dog poo

Footpath walkers have recently complained to the council about bags of dog poo left attached to trees and bushes. If you have a dog, please pick up all dog mess and deposit the bag in the red dog poo bins that can be found in many locations around the village and adjacent footpaths.

St Neots Museum

Can I please remind residents that entry is free at the museum in St Neots for all Buckden, Diddington and Stirtloe residents. It's very well worth a visit.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd May starting at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, including a 15 minutes long Public Forum will be held Tuesday 15th May 2018 starting at 7.30 pm 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 8th 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, Georgina West, Clerk to Buckden Parish Council, Buckden Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden PE19 5UY.

Telephone (01480) 819407; Email clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk

Do not forget our website at www.buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk

FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

This a very abridged version of my annual report 2017-2018. The full report is on the Roundabout web-site at https://buckdenroundabout.info/community/county-councillor-annual-report-2018. Details of the Council structure, committees and meetings with reports can be seen on-line at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The key issue for the County Council: reduced funding and increased demand

This year has seen an intensification of the debate on how to provide the services residents have come to expect but in a context of severe financial pressures. Central government has reduced its revenue grant to local authorities; locally that is from £86 million in 2013-14 to nil by 2019-20. Councils have little flexibility to increase tax levels and Cambridgeshire turned down that option in previous years.

Over 60% of County Council expenditure goes on services to older people and to young children. The demand for services is increasing as the elderly population and the under-fives increase and services are costing more. More people are living longer and, in the main, healthier lives. When they do become dependent, the cost to the Council is very considerable. The Council's aim is to enable more people to live longer at home and be supported there rather than going into sheltered accommodation.

Child protection is a major responsibility, including taking children at serious risk into care. There are currently over 700 in this situation. This an important and expensive activity – failure to identify and support families in need at an early stage results in greater suffering later and increased costs for the public purse.

The Local Government Association Chairman, Lord Porter (Conservative) said recently: 'The reality is that many councils are now beyond the point where council tax increases can be expected to plug the growing funding gaps they face. Council will have to cut back services or stop some altogether to plug funding gaps.'

The expectation appears to be that services will somehow be 'transformed' and local groups - parish councils, voluntary groups - will come to the rescue of those people in the greatest need.

Peter Downes, County Councillor for the Brampton and Buckden division

FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

A Date For Your Diary. On Tuesday 22nd May the Principal Speaker at the Parish Assembly will be James Palmer, the Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. The Mayor has a large budget and increasing power to influence the future of Cambridgeshire. I urge you to take this opportunity to hear what he plans and to question him on how his plans will effect this area of Cambridgeshire. His plans include a new University for Peterborough, an increase in the number of affordable housing, a new transport system for Cambridge, (including tunnels), better bus services and improvements to the County's road infrastructure. I believe that we will be the first Parish or District Council that he has addressed and I hope that we shall have a large audience that will indicate how strongly we in Buckden feel about the future of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire in particular.

3rd May - Election Day. I hope that all residents will take the opportunity to vote for a new District Councillor. Unfortunately there will be no requirement for an election for the Parish Council because there have been insufficient applicants. The Council will consist of ten of its present members plus one new member. Buckden is a large and busy village and faces increasing pressures over the coming years. It needs and deserves a full and strong Council to meet the challenges and I hope that some of you reading this will offer your talents as 'co-opted' members of the new Council.

Thank You. Thank you for electing me as your District Councillor four years ago. This is my last contribution to The Roundabout in this role. I hope that I fulfilled your expectations. It has been an honour and privilege to represent the village and I have been grateful for the support that I have received from residents.

With all best wishes, Terry Hayward, District Councillor for Buckden, Stirtloe, Diddington, Southoe and Midloe



Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire Northamptonshire

Huntingdonshire Local Group

The Beautiful Bluebells of Brampton Wood

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come and experience the delights of a carpet of bluebells in this ancient woodland, which lies on our doorstep. You are welcome to share this enchanting scene by participating in a guided walk through Brampton Wood on Sunday 6th May.

George Cottam, who is Warden of Brampton Wood, will lead us through this woodland where a rich variety of flora can be seen. His aim will be to highlight the beautiful scent, colour and freshness of the bluebells that encapsulate the essence of a traditional English spring. We also expect to see other woodland flora such as wood anemone, primrose and dogs mercury; early butterflies such as speckled wood, brimstone and orange tip; and we will also listen for the singing of the woodland birds.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please meet at Brampton Wood Car Park, Grafham Road, Brampton at 10.30 am. GR TL 184698. Park in the Trust car park. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact George on 01480 450809.

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BUCKDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

'Fake' council news alert

The best way to tackle misinformation is for residents to be constantly vigilant and ask the key questions of any information they see online:

- Who is supplying this information?
- How are they doing it?
- What are they saying?

If those questions trigger any doubts or concerns or set off alarm bells in your head, it's worth cross-referencing information with other council communication channels, such as the council website, social media, or calling your local councillor or council directly on 01480 388388.

Scammers are imitating council emails, logos and letterheads to try to defraud residents.

Councils are concerned about how misinformation is affecting their day to day work and have warned residents to be on their guard for unexpected communications purporting to be from local authorities that are in fact from scammers.

Some recent examples of this are:

- Fake emails being sent from addresses using the council's domain name were part of a phishing scam.
- Fake parking notices being put up featuring the council's logo and letterhead.

To learn more about dealing with phishing and scams visit www.gov.uk/report-suspicious-emails-websites-phishing

The ability to supply accurate information to residents is crucial to councils. Fake news and misinformation can have serious consequences.

CONTACT THE POLICE

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

EMAIL burglarycrackdown@cambs.pnn.police.uk or **www.crimestoppers-uk.org**. If you are not online you can telephone 101 to give the police information.

Your village NW Coordinators are RICHARD WEST 811467 CLIVE WILLIAMS 811828

Catholic Church of St Hugh of Lincoln,

High Street, Buckden

Telephone: 01480 810344

Website: saintshughandjoseph.churchgoers.co.uk

In the pastoral care of the Claretian Missionaries:

Fr. Antony Arockiam cmf Fr. Jim Kennedy cmf

Fr. Peter Wareing cmf

Fr. Paul Peter Alphonse cmf

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

Weekday Masses - Monday to Saturday at 9.30 am in the Lady Chapel.

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

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

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

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

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

Buckden Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Paul Beard

(01480 473444)

Stewards: Angie Barnes (810102)

Bob Baxter (810092)

Carol Swepstone (810053)

Services in May

Sunday 6th

10.30 am Morning Service: Ms. Sue Kinder

Sunday 13th

10.30 am Morning Service: Mr. Simon Cooper

Sunday 20th (Pentecost)

10.30 am Holy Communion: Rev. Paul Beard

Sunday 27th

10.30 am Morning Service/Baptism: Rev. Pam Siddall

Activities in May

Friday 4th **Coffee Morning** 10 am

Tuesday 8th 9.30 am Quiet Time (Wesley Room) Friday 11th 10 am **BDCT Christian Aid Coffee**

Morning

Monday 14th 12.30 pm BDCT Study Lunch Friday 18th 12 noon Soup and Sweet Lunch

Tuesday 22nd 9.30 am Bible Study (Wesley Room) Friday 25th 10 am Coffee Morning

Everyone is welcome to any of these events.

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

May

Saturday 5th May

10:30am to 3:30pm at the Visitor Centre

Plant Sale

The Friends and Little Paxton **Gardening Club**

All types of plants will be on sale. Second-hand books and refreshments will also be available. Donations of plants are welcome, please contact Ann Thomas at friends@paxton-pits.org.uk

Wednesday 9th May

8:30pm from the Visitor Centre

A Dusk Walk

Guided walk led by Volunteers. Hopefully a chance to see wildlife active as evening draws in. Don't forget to bring a torch

Restricted to 25 persons

£2.50 each

Tickets available, at the Visitor Centre, from 1st April

Third Thursday of each month

10:30am to 12:30pm

Guided Nature Walks

Explore Paxton Pits Nature Reserve with experienced local experts. 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!

DATES.

DAILS.			
Jan		May	17 th
Feb	15 th	Jun	21st
Mar	15 th	Jul	19 th
Anr	10 th	Ana	16th

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.

Events Programme Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve

Wednesday 13th June

2:00pm from the Visitor Centre

A Nectar Walk

With Jocelyn Gale

Jocelyn will concentrate on the basic identification of some of our most familiar wild flowers at this wonderful time of year.

£2.50 each, pay at the door

What's On at St Mary's Buckden: May 2018

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



Regular SUNDAY Services

8am	Communion	2 nd 4 th 5 th Sundays
11am	Family service	Every Sunday
6pm	Communion	1 st Sundays only
6pm	Evensong	3 rd Sundays only
7pm	Night prayer	4 th Sundays only

Regular WEEKDAY Services

Monday	2.15pm	Daily Prayers
Tuesday	1.30pm	Daily Prayers
Wednesday	9.30am	Communion
Thursday	1.00pm	Daily Prayers
Friday	9.15am	Daily Prayers

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

St Mary's Living Stones Room (with under-floor heating, kitchen and toilet facilities) is available to hire for meetings, groups and social gatherings

May we contact you?

There is new data protection legislation (GDPR) from May 2018. We will need to have your written consent to store your details and to contact you. Pick up a form in church or download one from www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk to remain on, or to join, any of our mailing lists or to have details stored by Rev Jes and/or St Mary's PCC.

EVENTS IN MAY Wednesday 9th May

Friends In Deed - Drop-In Cafe

2.30pm – 4pm refreshments & chat

Wednesday 9th May
M&Ms ladies' group – Hanging Baskets
7.30pm at the vicarage

Thursday 10th May 7.30pm
Ascension Day Communion Service

Friday 11th May
Buckden & District Churches Together
Christian Aid Coffee Morning
10am at the Methodist Church

Sunday 27th May 6pm

Open meeting for the Benefice of Buckden with the

Offords - come and share your thoughts.

Closing with Night Prayer at 7pm

Monday 28th May Bible Study Group 1.30pm in LSR

REGULAR ACTIVITIES MONDAYS

8.15pm Bell-Ringers: practice at St Mary's

WEDNESDAYS

10.00am Cuppa and chat after communion 10.30am Going Deeper: informal bible study

THURSDAYS

3.15pm Jamworkx After-School Club at Buckden School (term-time only) 7pm Getting Active Walks - see notices/Facebook

FRIDAYS

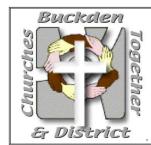
Angel Voices – informal all-age choir practice 6.45pm 18th & 25th May

SATURDAYS

Coffee & Cakes 10.30am - 12 noon in St Mary's

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

Priest in Charge: Rev Jes Salt 01480 819377 priestincharge@stmarysbuckden.org.uk



Buckden & District Churches Together www.buckdendistrictchurches.wordpress.com

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:

6th May	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	
13th May	Church Street, Mill Road, The Barns, The Old Flour Mills	
20th May	The Parish Council, The Village Hall and Playing Field Trust; those who help to run the Village Hall, and the activities there	
27th May	Greenway, Aragon Close, Hoo Close, Bishops Way	

Thought for the Month

Some people suggest that all religions are essentially the same, differing only in minor details, such as the name by which they call their Supreme Being(s). Even the most casual study, however, reveals that there are huge differences between religions. But it is in these very differences that we find the opportunity to learn from each other, the stimulus to question and expand our understanding of our own faith, and the promise of personal growth through the stretching of our horizons.

Have you ever had that experience where someone introduces you with the wrong name? Or someone you meet in the street addresses you by a handle you do not own? I used to pass a man as I walked to work who hailed me with a "Morning, Dave" more-or-less every morning. It was the only contact we ever had. I called him "Trigger" in honour of the character from "Only Fools and Horses".

It is really irritating, isn't it, when your name is forgotten, or is applied to someone else, or a person who should know better gets it wrong. It makes you feel unimportant, unwanted, unloved.

The God of the Old Testament is very insistent on being identified correctly. Set formulae appear frequently: the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob; the God of Israel; the LORD (that is Yahweh). The same God said "I have called you by your name, you are mine." (Isa 43.1)

It would seem that God is sensitive about names, just as we are.

Rev Paul Beard Methodist

Re the late Sylvia Pipe

I would just like to say a big Thank You to all for the messages of sympathy that were sent to me, and the wonderful people (about 100, I think) that came to Mum's funeral on 14th February. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces after being away from the village for over 20 years. She would have been both amazed and very happy with such an attendance! Buckden people still remain a very friendly and caring group of people. The floral tributes were beautiful and some £300 was raised for the local hospital charity COHOC in her memory, which I think will be used for facilities for relatives of those suffering from all types of cancer.

Colin R Pipe

STUDY LUNCHES

Study lunches, including soup, continue on the 2nd Monday of every month:

May 14th ;June 11th ;July 9th

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

Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme Huntingdon Group May 2018

Our group's varied walks, led by trained walk leaders, take place every Wednesday at 2pm and Friday at 10am. So, May has nine walks to choose from, including one from the Buckden Marina car park on the 25th. If you can comfortably walk for between 45 and 90 minutes at your exercise-walking pace, you can enjoy a health walk.

Details of the planned walks are available from the contacts below. Sturdy footwear and warm/waterproof clothing are important, and carrying a small bottle of drinking water will help avoid dehydration.

Health walking is healthy and fun, and a tea or coffee is usually available afterwards, if required. The walks are free, but voluntary donations to the predominantly Council-funded scheme are welcomed.

You can visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks for details, or telephone Danielle Sancaster on 01480 387047.



Buckden Local History Society

RAF Tempsford by Roger Leivers

RAF Tempsford, situated to the east of the A1 outside Sandy, was used during the Second World War as the base for two Special Duties squadrons operating between 1942 and 1945 ferrying secret agents, arms and supplies to resistance fighters in Europe. Roger has made this his latest research project, come and find out some more.

Wednesday 2nd May 7.30pm at The Claret Centre, Buckden Towers

Visitors Welcome
Further details contact buckdenhistory@gmail.com



Buckden Gardeners Association Tuesday 15th May 2018 Meet at Methodist Church at 1.30pm Trip to Tandee's Nursery At Barnwell

The garden shed in Silver Street will be open on the 13th & 27th May from 10.00am - 11.00am
For further information go to our website:

http://www.buckdengardeners.info/
or call Pam on 01480 811680

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 2018 will be:

14th May: "Life as a local policeman" Dave Dodman reminisces

28th May: Charades & 20 questions

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.

Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society.

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

Thurs 10th May Club meeting & chat night Sun 13th May "Mills on the Air" at Duloe Mill

Thurs 24th May "Royal Observer Corps" by John Shere M0JWS Sun 3rd June Spalding Radio Rally at Holbeach Community Sports Academy, Pennyhill Lane, Holbeach,

PE12 7PR

Back Rd, Kirton, Ipswich, IP10 0PW

Thurs 14th June Club meeting & chat night

Sun 24th June "Museums on the Air" at Ramsey Rural Museum

Thurs 28th June "Kenwood" by Mark Haynes MOXDR

Further details contact the club secretary David Howlett, secretary@hunts-hams.co.uk or visit our web site

http://hunts-hams.weebly.com



Buckden Wine & Beermakers Society Next meeting.

Thursday 24th May. Mexican Night.



We meet at the Scout Hut on the 4th Thursday of the month at 8.00pm.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

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

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

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

*Male & Female models



MUSICALS in the AISLES

Tickets: £10 (£8 concessions. Accompanied under-12's Free) includes a complimentary glass of winefjuice during the interval Tickets and further details from Stageworks and Box Office: 01480 812777 or 07979 030144

Also from Nisa (Hunts End) and Que Sera (High Street)



Friday May 11th 3.30 – 5.30pm Village Hall

Please bring donations to the Preschool by April 23rd

Or to hire a table for £10 please contact:

buckdenpreschoolfundraising@gmail.com



BABY & CHILDREN'S NEARLY NEW SALE

Sunday 13th May, 2-4pm Brampton Memorial Centre

Buy & sell quality pre-loved items

Stalls also available for craft & local business

Details and bookings at www.cheekimonkeys.co.uk



Please come along to the Methodist Schoolroom from 10a.m. on Friday 11th May to the annual Buckden and District Churches Together Christian Aid Coffee Morning. Now that we can no longer make a house-to-house collection, this is our main fund-raising effort of the year and it is important that it is well supported when the needs in the world are so great. We hope to have some stalls as well as refreshments and good company. Unable to be there? Spare envelopes will be available in each of the churches for your kind donations.

UNUSUAL PLANTS

In Prime Condition From Independent Nurseries At Very Reasonable Prices Available At

THE PLANT SALE At **BUCKDEN TOWERS** 19th MAY

11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (No entry before 11.00.a.m.)

Excellent Refreshments

By Kind Permission of the Owners And Sponsored by Ann Furbank The Friends of Buckden Towers

THE FRIENDS OF **BUCKDEN TOWERS**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Friends of Buckden Towers Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 9 May 2018 At 7.30 p.m.

In

The Towers, Buckden

There will be a review of the activities of the past year and an update on future events.

Anyone interested in joining this charity dedicated to preserving the Architectural heritage of The Towers is welcome as are all our members.







SUNDAY 8th JULY AT KIMBOLTON CASTLE

All Profits go to charities and good causes supported by Rotary

On Sunday 8th July the annual Kimbolton Country Fayre is being be held in the attractive 60-acre grounds of Kimbolton Castle.

New this year: The Savage Free Style Mountain Bike Stunt Team – Haka display and Mobile Cave. Beagles and Heavy horses return. Also back this year is Millers Ark Mobile Farm.

1000 classic cars accompanied by their owners, over 80 stall holders, secondary ring events, big band music, dancing, bungee trampoline, Dreamrides and radio controlled cars, to mention but a few.

We still have our favourites such Lord John Robartes Regiment of Foote and Horse, Galaxy Big Band, Lindy Hop and Morris Dancers. Also new this year Gavin James Burke - Classical and Musical Theatre Vocalist.

As you would expect at such an event, the catering is important too. There will be both Beer and Tea Marquees available, serving hot and cold drinks, homemade cakes and sandwiches in separate covered seated areas. Also, a wide selection of other food stalls including a hog roast, burger bar, fish and chips and superior quality ice cream available throughout the day.

Also new this year a display by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

For more details, visit our web site www.kimboltoncountryfayre.com





Engage in the Afternoon Dementia Friends

As part of Dementia Awareness week, $15^{th} - 21^{st}$ May, we are holding a Dementia Friends session on Thursday 17^{th} May, 10.30 - 11.30am. Come along to this informal session to find out more about dementia and what everyone can do to help create dementia friendly communities.

Please call into the library to book your place.

Nursing in the First World War

In June our Engage talk will be on Wednesday 20th June, 2 – 3.30pm. Join Barry Jobling, chair of Buckden Local History Society and military historian, for an interesting talk on Nursing in the First World War. Follow a wounded soldier's journey from No Man's Land to hospital in Blighty. The talk will be illustrated with many original photographs and some original World War I artefacts will be on display.

We are always looking for ideas for talks or speakers for our monthly Engage events, please do let us know at the library if you have any suggestions for topics or speakers.

Regular events Storytime

Storytime for pre-school children takes place on Tuesdays in term-time and starts at 2.15pm. Join us on Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd May. Come along to listen to stories and sing some rhymes.

Knit Lit

Knit Lit meetings will be on Friday 11th and 25th May at 8pm. Knitters of all ages and abilities welcome!

Games afternoon

Do you enjoy playing scrabble? Come along to our weekly games afternoon to play a selection of board games. Every Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm.

May half-term

On Tuesday 29th May, Amey Waste Recycling will be at the library. Join us to make a bird feeder and plant pot out of recycled materials. Look out in the library for more details.

Tuesday	10.00 am to 1.00 pm
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Cambridgeshire Police

Two incidents to report this past month, the first is the theft of the defibrillator from its location in the High Street, Buckden. This piece of equipment is there to save lives and although no witnesses saw the defib taken, I urge that if taken as a prank then it be returned to the Buckden village hall immediately.

However, there have been reports of these items being stolen across the country and we may not see it again.

The second incident is vandalism caused at the bus shelter by the A1 pedestrian underpass, again totally senseless damage.

If anyone has seen a group or an individual in the area of the underpass over the past few weeks please let me know.

Suspicious activity reports have dried up this past month which could be good news but please don't forget to report any suspicious activity in on 101.

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

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Bookings

This month we have a karate grading, a Preschool Jumble Sale (11th), a Craft Fayre (12th) and three christenings as well as all our regular hirers.

New Pilates Class starting on Wednesday mornings

Zara has started a new Pilates class on Wednesday mornings in the main Hall from 9:30am - 10:20am. For more information on her class please call her on 07917 755512.

CCTV upgrade

All the CCTV cameras around the Village Hall building have been upgraded and a new camera has been fitted in the foyer area.

Chairman vacancy at Buckden Village Trust

The current chair of the Trust, John Thelwall, has notified the Trustees that it is his intention to retire as chairman in July 2018. The Trustees are therefore looking for a community minded person to take over the position next year.

It is an interesting and rewarding position. The Village Hall and the recreation ground have a central position in village life. The Trustees, and particularly the chair, contribute a great deal to the village in managing this well used facility we are lucky enough to have. The job of chair is not particularly demanding nor does it take a great deal of time. It does not require any special skills. If you would like to make a major contribution to the village community please contact me (details below).

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 information.

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FRIENDS IN DEED

The next Drop-in Café will be held on Wednesday 9th May, in the Living Stones Room in St Mary's Church from 2.30pm to 4pm. All are welcome so do come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, homemade cakes and a good chat. If you require transport then just call us on the Transport Coordinator's phone, listed below.



The Village Fair will be held on Saturday 7th July and once again Friends in Deed will be running their Bottle Stall. This has been well-supported in the past and we would be most grateful for donations of bottles of all shapes and sizes (but in date for 7th July, please!). So please start putting your bottles to one side and full collection/delivery details will be given in the June Roundabout

Save the Date! The Summer Tea Party will be held on Wednesday 8th August at Field House, Silver Street, so put the date in your diaries now. Full details will follow nearer the time and transport will be available.

For help or information contact:

Coordinator: Jane Scott 07810 006598

Leave a message and include your contact details

Requests for transport: Andy Scott 07914 669967. http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/friends-in-deed

BUCKDEN WI

In a change to our advertised programme, our April meeting featured our old friend Barry Jobling whose talk and power-point pictures on the theme 'When We Were Young' evoked memories, laughter and conversation. We smiled at how the children and their teachers were dressed, (especially the sports gear) and it was thought-provoking to remember how things were before 'Health and Safety' became an issue as we saw children playing in the streets, swinging wildly from lamp-posts and even swimming naked in the Thames around Limehouse where Barry grew up.



On 1st May at 7. 30 in the Millard Suite, Dr Maureen James will tell us about Cambridge folk lore. The competition is for a country remedy. As ever, visitors will be most welcome.

For more information please contact:

Ruth Nicholas - 07957 334142 Judith Armitage - 01480 811717 Patricia Ford - 01480 819144

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Term dates for 2018 and 2019

	2018
May Day	Monday 7th May
Half Term	28th May - 1st June
Summer Term Closes	Tuesday 17th July
Professional Day	Wednesday 18th July
Professional Day	Thursday 19th July
Professional Day	Friday 20th July
Professional Day	Monday 23rd July
Professional Day	Tuesday 24th July
Autumn Term Opens	Monday 3rd September
Half Term	22nd - 26th October
Autumn Term Closes	Thursday 20th December
	2019
Spring Term Opens	Monday 7th January
Half Term	18th - 22nd February
Spring Term Closes	Friday 5th April
Summer Term Opens	Tuesday 23rd April
May Day	Monday 67th May
Half Term	27th - 31st May
Summer Term Closes	Tuesday 16th July
Professional Day	Wednesday 17th July
Professional Day	Thursday 18th July
Professional Day	Friday 19th July
Professional Day	Monday 22nd July
Professional Day	Tuesday 23rd July



As I write this, we are in the middle of our two-week Easter break. You may think Preschool has been a quiet, peaceful place for those two weeks, but quite the reverse! A lot of reorganising and decluttering has gone on in preparation for both the new term and our Jumble and Table Top Sale – please see our advert in this month's Roundabout for full details.

The children finished off the spring term by taking part in Easter and Passover activities, producing some beautiful works of art and playing Easter egg bingo, which helped them hone their observational skills and colour recognition. They also enjoyed wearing odd socks, brightly coloured socks, any funky socks in aid of World Down Syndrome Day's #lotsofsocks, raising over £77 for Big Journeys Begin with Small Steps.

As the new term starts, hopefully so will the better weather. This will mean we can go for more walks in the local countryside without, as Miss Sam says, being like Peppa Pig and jumping in muddy puddles! The children will also be learning about growth and change by watching plants grow, including growing their own beans and learning about roots and shoots.

Summer term starts with lots of changes. Not only will our rooms look a little different when the children come back, so will the staff. Our lovely Miss Denise has decided to step down from the Manager post and take on a new 1:1 role, as well as returning to her Deputy Manager role.

We welcome Samantha Sinclair as our new manager. She has over 14 years' experience in managing nurseries and preschools. For the last 18 months, she has been managing Wheathampstead Playgroup in Hertfordshire, which was recently awarded an Outstanding grade by Ofsted. This means we now have three Sams on the team, so please specify a surname when contacting us!

We also (belatedly) welcome (back) Cori Stanford-Lees to the team, who is providing a much-appreciated extra pair of hands! Finally, our Chairperson, Tizzy Pape, is now on maternity leave and Danika Stevenson is now Acting Chair.

For information about Preschool, please contact our Manager, Samantha Sinclair, on 07941 671999 or visit www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk. You can also contact our Acting Chairperson, Danika Stevenson, at buckdenpreschoolchairperson@gmail.com

Miss Alison

BUCKDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

March/April Match Results

Very few matches were played this month because poor pitch conditions resulted in many postponements

* Hunts Mini-Soccer U7 League Cup

**Hunts County Yth U12 Cup

^Hunts Yth League U16 Cup (Buckden had 10 players)

^^ This season, Buckden U13s have topped the Hunts Yth U13 League (11v11) on points and have reached both the Hunts Yth League U13 Cup and Hunts County Yth U13 Cup finals.

LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
Hunts Mini-Soccer				
17 Mar 18*	Buckden Hawks U7 White*	7	St Neots Town U7 Navy*	2
17 Mar 18	Mid Beds Tigers U7	4	Buckden Hawks U7 Black	8
24 Mar 18	Buckden Eagles U10	3	Ramsey Colts FD U10 St	1
24 Mar 18*	Buckden Hawks U7 Black*	11	Buckden Hawks U7 White*	0
7 Apr 18	Buckden Hawks U7 Black	9	Mid Beds Tigers U7	2
Hunts Youth (9v9)				
25 Mar 18**	Buckden Buzzards U12**	0	Hemingford Colts U12 Black**	1
7 Apr 18	Sawtry Colts U12 Blue Sox	3	Buckden Buzzards U12	2
7 Apr 18	Buckden Vultures U11	7	Brampton Spartans U11	1
Hunts Youth (11v11)				
24 Mar 18^	Warboys Colts U16^	8	Buckden Falcons U16^	0
24 Mar 18^^	Warboys Colts U13^^	1	Buckden Harriers U13^^	4

Buckden Needs Referees for Mini-Soccer Matches

Buckden JFC requires Refs on Saturday mornings at Buckden for U7, U9 and U10 home matches. You don't have to be formally qualified – you just need to be able to do the job! If you wish to find out more, please contact Buckden JFC Secretary Bob Crane (01480 434610 / robertcrane46@yahoo.co.uk).

Buckden JFC Requires Players Next Season (2018-19) For Its U17 'Falcons' Team (11v11)

Buckden JFC will run an U17 team to play 11v11 for the 2018-19 season. If your offspring is interested in playing for the team or knows of anybody else that does (players need to be aged 15 or 16 by 31 Aug 2018) please contact the Falcons' manager Kevin Wager (01487 824875 / 07771 665090 kevinwager@btinternet.com)

Buckden Tennis Club

If you would like to join the tennis club now is the perfect time. We welcome people of all ages and abilities, whether you are an experienced player, want to get back into tennis or just fancy taking up the game!

We have 4 all-weather hard-courts, open 7 days a week, all year round, each with floodlighting to county standard. We have a packed schedule of club tournaments throughout the summer, warming up gently with a Tea Tournament on 20th May. We also have mens, ladies and mixed teams competing in Hunts & Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Summer Leagues. We had a very successful season last year with promotions for Mixed 1, Mens 1 & 2 and Ladies 1 & 2 Teams. We are always looking for new team members so please let us know if you're interested in joining us.

Social Play, which is a great way to meet up with other members, takes place on Saturdays and Sundays mornings and Wednesday evenings. All members are welcome – no one is left out. The courts are free to members to use at other times if they wish to arrange their own games.

For those looking to brush up their skills or learn new techniques, LTA licensed coaching is available for adults and juniors through Over and In. Please contact our coach Matt Sanders (matt@overandin.com). Coaching is available on 1:1 basis and group sessions can also be arranged.

If you would like any more information or want to join the club, please contact our Chairman Clare Fraser on 07740456972, or visit our website at www.buckdentennis.org.uk, or our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/buckdentennis.club

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A poem about WW1 by Louise Read

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Red curtains open up It's now what we thought Now time for our deadly act

The applause rewards me
For covering myself up
Night after night I perform
Being pushed further and further
Applauded as a hero but I'm not
Heroes don't have secrets but I have

The spotlight shines
Do I deserve this standing ovation?
After all I am a killer, a murderer
Now that I take my uniform off.

You may recall that earlier this year we invited readers to enter our first Poetry Competition. Although we did not get as many entries as we hoped (and so left the competition open beyond the published date), we are delighted to publish the winning entries below.

Louise Read wins in the 11 years and under age group, and Peter wins in the 19+ age group. Please join us in congratulating the winners! We plan to run another creative competition in the near future!

Spring by Peter Keable

Winter and spring collide in perpetual strife
Heralding hope for change and things to arrive.
New life, seeds and love grow swiftly in natures thrive.
Yet spring slaps the face of our tenuous life.
As always we shrug winter away to start an iconic transformation

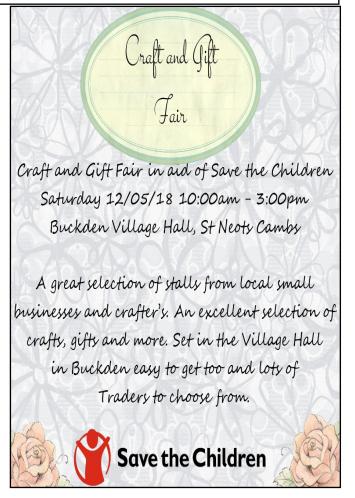
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Actions required in May

- Mow lawn at least once per week
- **Apply Spring Feed**
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