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#### November 2018

Welcome to the November edition of Buckden Roundabout. Halfway through compiling this edition of the magazine, it felt like summer with a balmy 24 degrees day (albeit with a bit of a breeze!). As I complete the edition, it has certainly started to feel more like autumn! Wet and windy does not really do it justice.

There are several events in the village in November commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1, as well as several articles in this edition. Please do take the time to read them, and attend the events over Remembrance weekend; there are events at other times during the month as well. Details of the events can mostly be found in the 'For Your Diary' section, but in others places too.

Starting this month, we are giving the opportunity for groups, organisation and facilities in the village the chance to tell you what they do, when they meet, and what you can do to participate or help out! We hope to provide at least one per month, so if you are involved with something happening in the village please do get in touch and we can provide a space for you to promote what you do and what you need.

Finally, our oft-repeated call for interesting articles for inclusion in future editions!

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 - Ian Carter

#### **Front Cover**

This month's cover shows what is believed to be a detachment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Highland Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, which was billeted in St Neots, pulling their gun carriages along Church Street in Buckden, in autumn 1914 before they embarked for France, and was provided by Barry Jobling.

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...

# Buckden Parish

#### **Buckden Neighbourhood Plan**

You will see elsewhere in this edition an announcement concerning the proposed Buckden Neighbourhood Plan. This is an ambitious venture and the Council wants to ensure that as many residents as possible are involved and that the final plan reflects the views of the village as a whole. Please respond to the questionnaire as soon as possible.

Whilst the Plan will provide a powerful tool to help shape the future of the village The Neighbourhood Plan **CANNOT** prevent *all* new house building in Buckden. It cannot change what will be in the new HDC Local Plan. What it **CAN** do is influence new developments, by mitigating their adverse impacts and by enabling the Parish Council to oppose more effectively any application for more development than that proposed in the HDC Local Plan.

#### **Planning Matters**

The Chairman represented the Parish Council at the examination of the proposed draft HDC Local Plan. He emphasised that the proposed development in Silver Street was too large and that the local roads would be unable to cope with the extra traffic. Full details of his report can be seen in the Clerk's office attached to the minutes of the October Parish Council meeting.

#### Consecration of the Extension to the cemetery

Full details of this event can be read elsewhere in this edition.

#### **New Parish Councillors**

The Council has been grateful to the local residents who offered themselves for co-option onto the Council. The following new Councillors have been co-opted in the last two months: Cllrs Kathy Render, Pauline Steel, Martin Hassell and Mark Williams. Full details will appear on Parish notice boards.

#### **New Parish Clerk**

Ms Ramune Mimiene has been appointed as the new Parish Clerk. The Office opening hours will be: Mon, Wed and Thurs 10.30am-2.00pm, Tuesday 2-4 pm, Fri – closed.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The meeting includes a 15 minute open forum. Parishioners are asked to apply in writing in advance outlining what they wish to say to the Chairman by 8<sup>th</sup> November for a three minute slot.

If required the Council Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm. Agendas for these meetings are posted on 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 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

# Buckden Neighbourhood Watch CYCLE SAFETY Lights On! BE SAFE, BE SEEN

With the nights drawing in cyclists are urged to take care whilst out on the roads. There has been increase in young riders cycling along the road with no lights on and wearing dark clothing. Not only are there offences being committed, it is dangerous and such actions could cause an accident or result in injury. The police are working hard with the schools to identify these persons and deal with them accordingly. I would also urge parents to make sure their child is aware of the dangers of cycling in such a manner and make sure they have lights and are wearing appropriate clothing.

By taking the following precautions you can significantly reduce the chances of being involved in a collision:

- Wear bright clothing, preferably high visibility clothing, to ensure that you can be seen.
- Make sure you have lights on the front and back of your bike It is illegal to ride in the dark without them.
- Stay alert and aware of what is going on around you.
- Always wear a cycle helmet it could save your life.
- Obey the Highway Code.
- For further information there is a National Neighbourhood Watch website.

To contact the police: 999 in an emergency; 0800 555 111 Crime Stoppers; 0300 123 2040 Action Fraud

EMAIL <u>burglarycrackdown@cambs.pnn.police.uk</u> or <u>www.crimestoppers.uk.org</u>

If you are not online you can telephone 101

RICHARD WEST Village Coordinator 01480 811467 working with CLIVE WILLIAMS 01480 811828

#### FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Those of us who were watching reports of the recent Conservative Party Conference were no doubt relieved to hear Mrs May announce 'the end of austerity'. One of the effects of the austerity programme of the last few years has been to reduce the grants from central government to local government to enable it to provide services. This continues to be the case for the current year and, as far as we know, for next year for which we are now planning.

These monthly articles have to be submitted in good time for the magazine to be printed and distributed and so, by the time you read this, the Budget statement will have been made and we will know more clearly what is in store. We live in such a fast-moving situation that predictions, whether of gloom or joy, are almost bound to be wrong.

You will not be surprised to know that my preference is for the protection of services to those in greatest need, particularly the elderly and the very young, even if that means paying a bit more in tax, both local and national. We shall see.

Some better news, in my opinion, was the statement by Ofsted, the organisation for inspecting schools, that they intend to pay less attention to performance data and place greater emphasis on what pupils are taught and how they are taught. This is a development I warmly welcome. I have been saddened to see how, over recent years (specifically since Mr. Gove was Secretary of State for Education), teachers and Heads have got bogged down in recording and analysing data, sometimes in minute detail which was not statistically valid. This has greatly increased their workload with little benefit to pupils. Pupils learn best when they enjoy school and teachers can make the lessons interesting and varied. I very much hope this will be the trend over the coming years.

I know that housing developments are very much on the minds of Buckden residents. A recent Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review, produced for the Combined Authority Mayor, makes it quite clear that lots more houses are needed in this area. So we must reconcile ourselves to the fact that developments are going to happen. What we must be vigilant about is that they are well supported in terms of roads, cycle-paths, school places, medical facilities and local amenities. We should put pressure on our District Council to insist that new houses are built to the highest environmental standards so as to slow down the potentially disastrous acceleration of climate change.

Peter Downes, October 13th, 2018

#### FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

After the pause for the summer, the political calendar at HDC is now beginning, with meetings of the Corporate Governance Committee on 10 October and full Council on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a lot of pessimism coming from the Lib Dems about money, children in care, social housing, which are all pressing issues, but on the back of Northampton's financial collapse, there are also very serious attempts by Government to review and reform Local Government funding. HDC is well run by its Conservative Administration and excellent HDC Officers, so at a local level, we are better placed than many areas, and the reform process for funding is gaining momentum.

The Buckden Neighbourhood Plan is being formally launched with the questionnaire which should have come out in October. Please let me know if you did not see it or if you need a hard copy. I have been exploring some of the options that are open to the village for developing our sports and child play provision. I have been visiting villages in other areas with more developed or larger facilities, than Buckden's and hearing about how they have raised the funding. Burwell Parish Council managed to get over £650,000 from the Football Association, mainly because it had over 36 active teams in the area. Others in South Cambs have used some form of local crowd funding to set up small and focussed facilities for netball and mini-skateboard parks. A popular development is a Trim Track, an all weather 3 metre track around a football pitch which can be used for netball training, winter cycling, running and skateboarding. It is expensive, but it provides a lot of facilities for the 13-19 age groups. Simple things like clearing scrub can open up areas for all sorts of activities. Spin cycle sites with large screens are also being evaluated - we are lucky to have these at our One Leisure sites, but maybe local versions would be popular here?

All good reasons to make your voice heard and make your ideas known, and if there is secret group of white-water canoe enthusiasts in Buckden, please come forward and let us know, new lakes are being created around us as we speak, and it is relatively easy to divert levels!

Do have a think about what you and your family want and need, even if it is white water canoeing, and let's get it into the planning process!

Hamish Masson (Cllr) Buckden Ward, Huntingdonshire District Council

Mob 07876 035941, hamish.masson@huntingdonshire.gov.uk



#### The Wild World of Birds: Understanding Intelligence and Behaviour

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to a presentation on the behaviour of birds on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7.30pm. This will be held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Our speaker will be Dr. Gabrielle Davidson who is a comparative psychologist and behavioural ecologist. Dr. Davidson has studied birds, particularly corvids and great tits, to try to understand their level of intelligence and associated behaviours, demonstrated by the use of observation to aid foraging opportunities and nesting location, and also the use of tools.

This should be a fascinating talk and anyone who is interested is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The entrance charge is £2.50 (accompanied children free). For more information please contact Tim on 01480 457795.

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



# There are times in our lives when we could all do with a little extra support or companionship whatever our age or circumstances.

Twenty-five people attended the Friends in Deed AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> October and we had lots to report and talk about. The Committee had been busy discussing the future of Friends in Deed - how we could widen our scope in reaching out to help the people of Buckden, and continue with the same spirit and enthusiasm which has characterised Friends in Deed since it started back in 2009. After the AGM our guest speaker, Mark Ward, from the RSPB and a Buckden resident, gave us an excellent illustrated talk on our prolific local wildlife.

So, as well as our core activities of visiting people at home and providing transport to essential appointments.....

- We have a new logo (see above).
- Look out for our new posters around the village.
- Our Community Café (the new name for the Drop-in 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, ethnicity or beliefs. Come along for help and support (if you need it) or just for a cuppa, cake and a chat.
- 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.

To contact us: Just drop in to the Community Café which we run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month in the Living Stones Room at St Mary's Church Buckden. The next one is on <u>14<sup>th</sup> November</u> and you would be most welcome to join us.

If you do need help or if you would like to join us in providing help to others, please call our co-ordinator, Jane, on 07810 006598. For transport requests, please call Andy on 07914 669967.

Leave a message on either number and we will call you back.

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In the pastoral care of the Claretian Missionaries:

Fr. Antony Arockiam cmf 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 9.30 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.

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

#### **Buckden Methodist Church**

Minister: Rev. Paul Beard

(01480 473444)

Stewards: Angie Barnes (810102)

Bob Baxter (810092) Carol Swepstone (810053)

**Services in November** 

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

**10.30 a.m.** Morning Service: Rev. Dr Clifford Owen

Sunday 11th

10.15 a.m. Remembrance Service at St Mary's

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

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

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

10.30 a.m. Morning Service: Dr. Barbara Spencer

#### **Activities in November**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>: 10.00 a.m. Coffee Morning Friday 9<sup>th</sup>: 10.30 a.m. Coffee Morning Monday 12<sup>th</sup>: 12.30 p.m. Study Lunch

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>:** 9.30 a.m. Quiet Time (Wesley Room) **Friday 16<sup>th</sup>:** 12 noon Soup and Sweet Lunch **Monday 19<sup>th</sup>:** 12.30 p.m. Holidays at Home revisited

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>: 10.30 a.m. Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>:** 9.30 a.m. Bible Study (Wesley Room) **Friday 30<sup>th</sup>:** 10.00 a.m. Macmillan Coffee Morning

Everyone is welcome to any of these events.

#### **BUCKDEN BRANCH - ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

This year Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday fall on the same day. For the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice which ended the fighting in the First World War, that seems a very appropriate coincidence.

There will be the usual Remembrance Sunday service in St. Mary's Church, but this year it will start at 10.15 am to allow for the likely size of the congregation. With that in mind, Buckden Branch of the Royal British Legion will form up (as usual at the entrance to Lucks Lane) at 9.45 am. I do hope that as many members as possible (of both sexes) will join us. It would help to reserve seats if you could let me know before Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November if you are joining the parade. Also, if there are members of the Branch who do not feel able to parade but would like to sit with their fellow members, please contact me, also before Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, and I will try and get seats reserved for you as well, if there are not too many. My E-mail address is <a href="mailto:peter.mount@btconnect.com">peter.mount@btconnect.com</a> and my telephone number, on which you can leave a message, is 01480 810805.

Some of you may remember the performance, quite a number of years ago, of Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man (A Mass for Peace) by the Eagle Choir from Bedford in St. Mary's Church before Remembrance Sunday. I am very pleased to be able to tell you that they have agreed to a repeat performance at 7.30 pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets will be £10.00 and the Church has very generously agreed that all proceeds can go to the Royal British Legion. I am sure that it will be an excellent and moving occasion and I do hope that as many as possible will attend. Tickets can be obtained on (01480) 812777 or from The Flower Boutique (High Street) or Nisa (Hunts End) or you can contact me and I will sort some out for you.

Finally, on this unique anniversary, those of you who are not members of the National Trust or have not read your magazine yet may not know that shortly after the end of the First World War 14 peaks in the Lake District were given to the National Trust in three separate gifts as memorials to the fallen. They comprise Scafell Pike (the highest mountain in England), Lingmell, Broad Crag, Great End, Castle Crag, Seathwaite Fell, Allen Crags, Glaramara, Kirk Fell, Green Gable, Great Gable, Base Brown, Brandreth and Grey Knotts and are known, rightly, as "The Great Gift". I have climbed most of these, some very recently, without, rather to my shame, knowing anything about this. For those of us who love the Lake District, this could give an extra meaning walks there, or just to visits.

Peter Mount, Chairman.

## What's on at St Mary's Buckden: November 2018

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



Travelling Nativity Sets: Our knitted nativity figures begin their Christmas journey on Advent Sunday. Their journey around Buckden symbolises the journey that Mary and Joseph took from Nazareth to Bethlehem. If you would like to host a set for 1 or 2 nights, please sign the list at the back of church or contact:- Anne - 07779 651974

#### **SUNDAY Services**

Sun 4	11:00am	Family Communion
	4.00pm	All Souls Service
Sun 11	8.00am	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>
	10:15am	Remembrance Service
Sun 18	11.00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Sun 25	8:00am	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>
	11:00am	All-age Communion
	7:00pm	Night Praver

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

#### **Regular WEEKDAY Services**

Monday	2.15pm	Daily Prayers
Tuesday	1.30pm	Daily Prayers
Wednesday	9.30am	Communion
Thursday	11.15am	Daily Prayers
Friday	9.15am	<b>Daily Prayers</b>

**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.

bookings@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

#### **EVENTS IN NOVEMBER**

\*NEW\* YOUTH CLUB - youth@thetowers

. Every Thursday 7pm-8pm at Buckden Towers. £1 per session. For school years 7 to 9

> Cleaning Crew in St Mary's Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 10am

**ALL SOULS SERVICE** Sunday 4th November at 4pm



A Service of Prayers & Readings to remember loved ones who have died.

### **REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> November**

Illustrative Talk - Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

7.30pm at Buckden Methodist Church

"The Armed Man" concert – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

7.30pm in St Mary's

Village Remembrance Service – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 10.15am at St Mary's

#### Community Café - all welcome

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm at St Mary's Tea, cake & chat. Support from Friends in Deed

### M&Ms Ladies Group - Shoebox Packing

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm Vicarage

#### **Barn Dance**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 7pm at Buckden Village Hall. Tickets £10 (£5 for accompanied children under 12) from Patsy 810041 or Chris 812777 Ploughman's Supper included

#### Open meeting for the Benefice of **Buckden with the Offords**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm; ends with Night Prayer at 7pm. Join us to share your thoughts

#### **Monthly Bible Study Group**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm in LSR

#### REGULAR ACTIVITIES: all welcome to join in

Bell-Ringers: practice Mondays 8.15pm

Cuppa and chat: Wednesdays 10.00am Going Deeper bible study Wednesdays 10.30am

Jamworkx After-School Club: Thursdays 3.15pm at

Buckden School (term-time only)

youth@thetowers Thurs. 7pm at Buckden Towers

Angel Voices – informal all-age choir: practice at St

Mary's 6.45pm on Fridays 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Coffee & Cakes: Saturdays 10.30am - 12 noon

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

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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 organisations. Those to be remembered this month are:

4th November	Buckden Surgery: the doctors, nurses, receptionists, pharmacists, health visitors and midwives; those we know who are in hospital, the elderly, disabled and housebound
11th November	Farming communities, Taylor's Lane (West), Hardwick Lane, the residents and staff of Hardwick Dene, Great North Road, Brampton Road, Perry Road, Buckden Wood
18th November	High Street, Ivelbury Close, York Yard, Lion Yard, George Lane, King George Court, Taylor's Lane (East), Wolsey Gardens, Charles Court
25th November	Hunts End, Copes Close, Monks Cottages, Hunts End Court

#### Thought for the Month

#### "I AM AMONG YOU AS HE THAT SERVETH"

As I was reflecting what I could share with you for your thoughts for the month, I thought it would be appropriate to think about a great personality who lived among us and has gone ahead of us to be with the Lord. I often times reflect about one of her sayings, "that I have been called to be faithful, not to be successful". This particular saying of St. Teresa of Calcutta made a great impact on various people including me. It's true that we are called to be faithful to the creator. We most of the times look for success in all that we do, forgetting that the success follows the faithfulness to the call and service that we are called to do. St Teresa of Calcutta realized three things in her life such as; acceptance, greatness through service and success through faithfulness. It is undeniable reality that she learned these components from our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Lord Jesus Christ came to this world as the unwearied servant of person's necessity. He "took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses," that He might minister to every need of humanity. Matthew 8:17. The burden of disease and wretchedness and sin He came to remove. It was His mission to bring to people complete restoration; He came to give them health and peace and perfection of character. Varied were the circumstances and needs of those who besought His aid, and none who came to Him went away unhelped. From Him flowed a stream of healing power, and in body and mind and soul men were made whole. The Saviour's work was not restricted to any time or place. His compassion knew no limit. On so large a scale did He conduct His work of healing and teaching that there was no building in Palestine large enough to receive the multitudes that thronged to Him. The above-mentioned personality made it possible all that He did and intended to do. She followed Christ literally in word and deed. She felt always that the people were left without a shepherd. Therefore, she took the role of the Shepherd through charity, compassion and love. Let us also try our best to be a good shepherd of the people who are in need in our own ambiance through our thought, word and deed.

Rev. Antony Arockiam, CMF St. Hugh's Church Buckden

#### **STUDY LUNCHES**

12<sup>th</sup> November – lunch. This is the day after the big centenary armistice day – bring art or poetry of First World War to share. 10th December—an Advent theme

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

#### Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme Huntingdon Group November 2018

The number of Huntingdon Group health walks is almost 30! Trained leaders lead the way on Wednesdays from 2pm and Fridays from 10am, excluding public holidays. Leaders carry programme leaflets. November has 9 different walks, including 2 that are from the Village Library car park; these are on the 14th and the 28th.

A 50- to 85-minute health walk is right for you if you can sustain your exercise-walking pace that long. Please ensure that your footwear and clothes are good for all weathers, and carry a bottle of drinking water to avoid possible dehydration.

Healthwalking is healthy and fun. Our meeting points are usually close to an after-walk cuppa. The cost of running and developing the subsidised, insured scheme is helped by voluntary contributions, gratefully received.

Contacts: www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks and Danielle Sancaster, 01480 387047.

#### **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 awaits you.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November Club meeting. Chat to fellow

enthusiasts

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Bring and Buy. Dust the cobwebs off

surplus kit!

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December HARS Christmas Dinner Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December Mince Pie Night

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

http://hunts-hams.weebly.com



#### **Buckden Gardeners Association**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 8.00pm In Buckden Village Hall (refreshments served at 7.45pm)

#### Colour in your Garden all Year

Talk by Geoff Hodge

**Guest welcome £2.00, members free**For further information go to our website:

http://www.buckdengardeners.info/

tp.//www.buckdengardeners.iiiio

or call Pam on 01480 811680

#### LIFE DRAWING GROUP\*

Venue: Buckden Village Hall

Day: Wednesday

Time: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm Contact: Terry Sladden Tel: 01480 811031

Email: trrslddn8@gmail.com

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

\*Male & Female models

#### **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.

**12 November** Bring your wedding albums (or other

old photos if you don't have a wedding

album)

**26 November** A visit to Wyevale Garden Centre

Hunitingdon for a pre-Christmas shop

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



# Buckden Wine & Beermakers Society



We meet at the Scout Hut on the  $4^{th}$  Thursday of the month at 8.00pm.

22nd November Kit Night

24th November Annual Show and evening at the

**Bowls Club** 

#### **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

# Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal, 2018

This is now a Buckden Community event with different organisations taking part, Buckden Methodist Church being the centre of it, as it is now a registered drop off centre for shoeboxes and has been recognised as a Church Collection Centre. Buckden Methodist Church will be OPEN on the first 2 Mondays ond the first 3 Fridays in November, between 2pm and 4:30pm to drop off completed shoeboxes, empty shoeboxes, donations of items or donations of money. The shoeboxes will be collected and started on their journey after 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you very much to those who have already donated items and money and those who are busy knitting. It is very much appreciated.

Operation Christmas Child is a worthwhile charity making a difference at Christmas, by giving shoe boxes containing small gifts to children in poor countries.

If you would like more information, then please contact Carol Swepstone 810053 Thank you.



The Friends of Buckden Towers

# **QUIZ NIGHT**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 7.30 p.m. at The Towers (Quiz Master: Alec MacAndrew) Teams of up to 6.

## All Welcome

Refreshments and a glass of wine Raffle and Prizes Entry £5.00 per person at the Door.



## All Souls

A Service of
Prayers & Readings
to remember our loved ones
who have died either recently
or in years past.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm St Mary's Church, Buckden All are welcome

The list of those to be remembered by name already includes all those we know of who have died in the past 5 years. If you would like to add the name of a loved one who has died, at any time, please add their name to the list at the back of church or telephone 819377 or contact priestincharge@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Names can also be added on the day just before the service.

#### **Drowning in Plastic?**

If you enjoy the countryside and worry about plastic litter polluting our rivers and washing out to sea – where it kills sea life and enters the food chain – please join us.

#### Meet outside Waterside Leisure at Buckden Marina Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30 am

Feel great after an hour or two of fresh air and good company. Complimentary refreshments kindly provided by **Waterside Leisure.** 

Please contact Natasha Marsh on <a href="mailto:tasha.marsh2@gmail.com">tasha.marsh2@gmail.com</a> or leave me a message on 07913 657836 if you'd like to come along.

Hi-Vis jackets, litter-pickers and bags will be supplied courtesy of Hunts District Council. Please bring your own gloves and suitable footwear.

All ages welcome, including children if supervised at all times by a parent or carer, as we will be picking along roadsides at times.

#### **Buckden Community Litter Pick**

Music for Guitars
Church of St. Hugh, Buckden Towers,
High Street Buckden, Cambs

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December @ 5pm
Anglia Guitar Orchestra
programme includes works by
Purcell, Scarlatti, Vivaldi, Debussy, Ravel & Grieg

Tickets £5 available on the door, under 16s free Enquiries & further information please contact
Peter Rueffer 07719 757560
peter.rueffer@btinternet.com

# REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND •

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Methodist Church Armistice Illustrated Talk starting 7.30pm. Free entry. Light Refreshments

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November at St.Mary's Church
The Armed Man'(Karl Jenkins)

starting 7.30pm. £10 (incl. complimentary drink)

Profits to the Royal British Legion

# Sunday 11th November Remembrance Service

NB: starting 10.15am

# Everyone is welcome to join us for any/all of these events

Tickets for Saturday from the Box Office: 812777 and from: The Flower Boutique (High St) or Nisa (Hunts End) Further details from: www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk or St.Mary's FB Page



# Buckden Local History Society

"Victory and Fake News, November 1918"

An illustrated talk on the final events of WWI and the aftermath.

By Barry Jobling

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at The Claret Centre, Buckden Towers Visitors welcome

For further details contact buckdenhistory@gmail.com





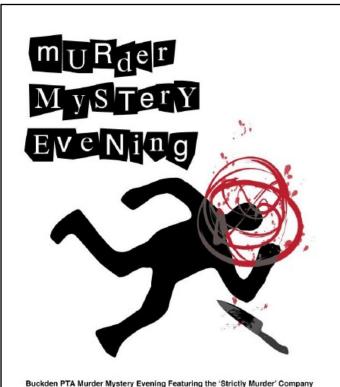
# Come to the **Community Cafe**

All welcome - whether in need of support or just fancy a cuppa, chat and 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

14th November; 12th December 2018 9th January 2019

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Buckden C of E Primary School, School Lane, Buckden, PE19 5TT Ticket prices: £12.50 or £65.00 for a table of 6. Ticket price includes a two course meal (main and dessert) and complimentary glass of wine ourse meal (main and dessert) and complimentary glas also on the night: Raffle, Music Quiz, Licensed Cash Bar

Booking esssential! To book tickets please email buckdenpta@gmail.com

### Third Scout Beer Festival – the best yet!

1st Southoe and Buckden Scouts held their third Beer Festival, over the weekend of 14-15<sup>th</sup> September, fundraising to support their activities and hopefully a future expansion of the Scout Hut. As in previous years, Steve Reynolds masterminded the event, with John Draycott, organising the local beer and cider. For the first time, a gin bar served those with more delicate tastes.

Entertainment on Friday evening was provided by Junkyard Preachers, with a lively set. The chips served throughout the evening proved another successful innovation, worthy of repeating next year.

Saturday afternoon started slowly, but built up quickly from 3.30pm, when the Two Old Gits started on the banjo and accordion – now a traditional part of the Saturday afternoon entertainment. This was followed by Ludo and his guitar, all the way from Ireland, valiantly attempting to encourage people in from the sunshine. No one is quite sure whether this was helped or hindered by Rick's comedy routine.

As the afternoon moved into early evening, the first indications of a successful event became apparent, as additional gin deliveries were arranged, and the popular beers started running low. Never fear - plenty more to go and back-up arrangements were in place. Pete's Mexican food was proving popular and the Alison Lane band arrived to take over the music mantle. Midway through their first set, the beer situation started to become critical, with several barrels running out. Time to call in the back-up supplies. Unfortunately, in the 200 yards between Draycott Breweries and Buckden Scout Hut, the fully laden beer wagon broke down! Perhaps the carthorse shed a shoe. For 30 desperate minutes we were faced with a bar full of customers, only able to offer cider and Fosters. Finally, Jacobs Choice beer was delivered and normal service resumed.

A big thanks to all the local companies, and individuals, who supported by sponsoring beers and supplies, it was a hugely successful event, raising almost double the amount from the last two years. "Cheers" to everyone who came along – see you again next year! Aidan Joy - Group Scout Leader

#### **Buckden Friends**

I still have a few rooms available for our Holiday to Llandudno next May. If interested do contact me ASAP.

We are taking the HACT bus to Bury St. Edmunds Christmas Market on Friday 23rd November. Leaving from St. Mary's Church Buckden at 9.30 am. Also pick up at Buckden Marina. Home by 6pm. £15 cheques to Pat King 32 Mayfield please. First come first served.

Please look out for information about Fun Quiz evenings on Buckden Residents Facebook Page or contact me for dates.

Best wishes, Pat & Brian King patking@writeme.com 01480811020, 07981727603





You'll have seen changes at Buckden Library over the past few months, shelving has been moved to allow for ease of access, allowing a central social seating area to be created, ideal for those who would like to browse books before they borrow, the self service machine has been relocated to the corner by the entrance door with a table next to it so that books can be stacked there while the last ones are checked out.

This has allowed space for a more dynamic display area which is being developed by one of the library volunteers. The library has celebrated Votes for women, 100 years of the RAF with a new display under construction about the history of Buckden village. When you drop in to the library do make time to have a look at the photographs and maybe borrow a book from the local history collection.

New books are arriving regularly, with additions to the range of Adult fiction, non-fiction and children's books. October additions include Jacqueline Wilson's My mum, Tracy Beaker, a new Michael Morpurgo book called Poppy Field in support of the British Legion, new adult fiction by Chris Carter, Alice Hoffman, Conn Iggudden, Alexander McCall Smith and JD Robb.

Activities at the library continue with the celebration of the Summer Reading Challenge for children when over 30 children received their medals and certificates. Well done to all. The next reading campaign is called Reading for Health. If you would like to discover more about how to manage a mental health condition come along and browse through the health and fitness section.

If you would like to know more about the regular activities in the library for children and adults then drop in to see us (we're next to the front door of Buckden Village Hall) or have a look at our regular panel in of The Roundabout.

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

Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden

Tel: 0345 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

### **Buckden Neighbourhood Plan**



# Are you worried about development? Help us plan the future of our village. We need your input!

Buckden Parish Council is producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

This is critical for the future of our village.

It will help us influence future planning applications.

Please go on line at <a href="www.buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk">www.buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk</a> and complete the questionnaire. Paper copies are available in the Village Hall, local shops and hotels. If necessary, call 07557 025241 and we will arrange to deliver one to you.

#### What a neighbourhood plan does:

- Sets out planning policies for the village and allows the local community to specify what they expect for the future.
- Written by the local community, NOT the Local Planning Authority
- Local planning authorities and planning inspectors must take account of the plan
- It has statutory recognition

#### It will include:

- Required improvements to infrastructure e.g. roads, rail, public transport
- Meeting village needs for affordable, sustainable housing for young and old
- Meeting village needs in education and medical care
- Improvements e.g. public spaces, amenities and cycle paths
- Protection of wild life, historic buildings, open spaces
- Preserving Buckden as a village community
- Long term sustainable development for current and future generations

#### **Buckden Bowls Club - September Draw**

No. 95 Jean Haynes £20 No. 40 Tim Casey £10 No. 34 Michelle Casey £5

#### **Contacts**

Brian Moore Club Sec. 812112 Lady Captain Pat Purssord 810622



Burberry Road, Buckden, Cambridgeshire, PE19 5UY Tel: 01480 811101

www.buckdenvillagehall.co.uk email:admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk

#### **Bookings**

Along with all our regular hirers this month we have a wedding reception, karate grading, a Dance Award ceremony, a Jivenites weekender, Church Barn Dance (24<sup>th</sup>) and a Border Terrier Dog Show.

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#### Car Park

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There are some cars which have started to be parked in the Village Hall car park overnight and for substantial periods of time. Please note it is a private car park, for the use of users of the Village Hall complex only. Unauthorised parking also leads to increased problems on a Saturday morning where our car park is already straining from the amount of cars using it.

#### Three fabulous meeting rooms on your doorstep

Who likes being stuck in traffic jams while travelling to a business meeting? Especially now we're approaching winter. Noone! So why do it? Your very own Village Hall has three meeting rooms which can accommodate a range of business
meetings from small to large. We provide refreshments and also organise any lunches if they are required. And we're right
on your doorstep! What more could you wish for?! Please contact me for more details. Some of the organisations which
have used our meeting rooms recently include Cambridgeshire County Council, Alzheimer's UK, Parkinson's UK, BeNCH, P3,
Parenta Training, Partylite and Waitrose.

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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Jo Harvey, 01480 811101, admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk, Office hours 9am to 2pm.

#### **BUCKDEN WI**

As we near the centenary of the signing of the Armistice it was very appropriate to spend a hugely informative and entertaining evening on 3<sup>rd</sup> October with five members of the 'History Revisited' organisation in full war-time uniforms which included, for the ladies, long, ankle-hiding khaki skirts. We learned the fascinating history of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry which began as early as 1907 and involved annual training camps for the ladies to practice, among other things, drill-riding, first aid and hoisting injured soldiers onto horse-back in the midst of the battle-field!



These hard-working women were involved with the Royal Army Medical Corps., parading with the male soldiers at Purbright, but when war broke out and they offered their services in support of the British army they were at first told to "Take your petticoats home"! The Belgians and French were glad of their service and they became known as the most courageous and daring ambulance drivers as well as running field kitchens and mobile bath units, applying first-aid and making deliveries. In 1916 the British government finally asked them to be their official war-time ambulance drivers. The F.A.N.Y. still exists today as a charity working along-side the army and police in major incidents and operating communications systems. We learned, too, about the work of the Tunnellers at the battle of The Somme and a little about 'Fighting Mac' of the Gordon Highlanders. We sang war-time songs and finally were treated to an amazing bag-pipe solo to complete a really splendid evening.

As I write, we are looking forward to our annual meal on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, a fitting start to our 100<sup>th</sup> year as an institute. At our next meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup> we shall be learning about the history of magic From Paul Vickers and the competition will be for an unusual pack of cards. As ever, visitors will be most welcome.

#### Volunteering with Girlguiding

Would you like to make a difference in your community while developing your own skills? Buckden Rainbows seek a new assistant leader to support the unit on a weekly basis ASAP.



Rainbows is the first step of Girlguiding, for 5-7 year old girls. Being a Rainbow is all about having the space to try new things. Through taking part in a range of different activities Rainbows develop self-confidence and make new friends.

We are seeking additional help to support the girls at a thriving unit with a long waiting list! We meet on Tuesdays, 4.30 to 5.30pm at the Village Hall.

You will need to be over 18 and will require an enhanced DBS check (free of charge via GGUK).

It's a rewarding role and a great way to give back to the community! Please get in touch with Sandra on 810404 if you would like to know more. Or register via www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer

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



#### October 2018

It doesn't seem possible that we are now approaching October half term. All our new Reception children, and the new children to our school, have settled into the school routines and look as if they've been here for much longer than they actually have!!

We are all making the most of the lovely weather. We are continuing to use the school field for our games and PE lessons. A few of our Year 6 children have been to our allotment to tidy it up before the winter months set in. After half term we will start preparing for the pre-Christmas programme, starting to practise for the Christmas plays and carol services.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November we are having open afternoons for the parents and children who will be starting school in September 2019. The school will be open from 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm. Please come along anytime in this period to meet us all. These visits are very informal. You will be given a tour of the school by our Year 6 house captains, and have the opportunity to talk to our Foundation Stage teacher. If your child is born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 and is due to start school in September 2019, the date for applications opens on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018. You can apply on line or the school has paper copies of the application form.



# Buckden Pre-School Playgroup A place for Children to grow, to learn and to flourish Tel. 07942 672999

As I write in the second week of October, autumn is being kind to us and the children have enjoyed plenty of sunny trips to the park. Hopefully the sun will still be shining on 19<sup>th</sup> October for our sponsored ramble to Diddington and back in aid of Children in Need. Find out how much we raised in December's issue!

Indoors, the children have enjoyed music and movement sessions with Pauline Coker and we are very grateful for her time. They've also completed their half-term theme of thinking about themselves, where they live, their families and pets and staying safe. Preschool is looking very autumnal, with lots of beautiful translucent leaves and Halloween decorations, but we're already looking forward to Christmas! The children have used their footprints to make Christmas cards and we are already planning a return visit to the popular Santa Train at Nene Valley Railway.

Our coffee afternoon and guess the number of sweets in the jar competition in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support raised £85. The winner was ex-Preschooler and maths genius Austin Pape with his guess of 207! Well done Austin, and thank you to everyone who donated cakes or supported the event.

#### Finally, an urgent request.

Many of you will be aware that we are a charity-run Preschool and this means that legally, our operations must be overseen by a committee with a minimum number of members. Our committee member numbers are now worryingly low, so we are again appealing for members to ensure Preschool can stay open. You don't need to commit a great deal of time to be a committee member, nor do you need to be related to a child who attends.

If you would like a no-obligation chat about what's involved, please contact Becky Milne, our Chairperson, at <a href="mailto:buckden-preschoolchairperson@gmail.com">buckden-preschoolchairperson@gmail.com</a>.

For any other enquiries or to book a visit, please contact our manager, Sam Sinclair, at <a href="mailto:buckdenpreschool@yahoo.co.uk">buckdenpreschool@yahoo.co.uk</a> or call her on 07941 671999. <a href="mailto:www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk">www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk</a>.

#### Foodbank Christmas Hampers.

I shall again be collecting donations this year for the Christmas Hampers which are distributed by Godmanchester Foodbank to families in the local area. As well as every day items such as tins & packets of food they ask for some nice Christmas treats such as chocolates, biscuits, etc especially ones for children.

You have all been so generous in the past it would be great if our village can contribute to these much needed hampers again.

I will need your donations by the 7th December. Please contact me on 07730478290 to arrange delivery. Many thanks Jo Redwood.

#### **BUCKDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**



#### **BJFC Needs Volunteers For Committee Roles**

We are searching for volunteers for the positions of Charter Standard Representative and Managers' Representative on the Club Committee. If you, your family, friends, grandparents or parents/carers/grandparents of players wish to learn more about these or indeed wish to step forward then please contact: Michael Lander (07912 346481 bjfcchairman@hotmail.com)

#### September/October Match Results

\*Hunts County Youth U13 Cup

HUNTS YTH LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
Mini-Soccer				
8 Sept 18	Bluntisham Blasters U8	6	Buckden Hawks U8 Black	5
8 Sept 18	Buckden Hawks U8 White	0	Hemingford Colts U8	7
8 Sept 18	Buckden Caracaras U7	1	St Ives Rangers U7 Red Sox	15
15 Sept 18	Buckden Hawks U8 Black	10	Buckden Hawks U8 White	2
15 Sept 18	Sawtry Colts U7 Blue Sox	4	Buckden Caracaras U7	2
22 Sept 18	Buckden Hawks U8 Black	13	Papworth Blasters U8	1
22 Sept 18	Buckden Hawks U8 White	3	Mid Beds Tigers U8	4
22 Sept 18	Papworth Blasters U7	8	Buckden Caracaras U7	2
29 Sept 18	Mid Beds Tigers U8	6	Buckden Hawks U8 Black	4
29 Sept 18	Buckden Hawks U8 White	6	Bluntisham Blasters U8	4
6 Oct 18	Buckden Hawks U8 Black	7	Hemingford Colts U8	2
6 Oct 18	Papworth Blasters U8	7	Buckden Hawks U8 White	6
6 Oct 18	Buckden Caracaras U7	0	Godmanchester U7 Sky	1
Hunts Youth (9v9)				
15 Sept 18	Whittlesey Athletic U11	0	Buckden Eagles U11	3
22 Sept 18	Brampton Spartans U12	0	Buckden Vultures U12	3
22 Sept 18	Buckden Eagles U11	10	Ramsey Colts FD U11 St.	0
29 Sept 18	Buckden Vultures U12	5	St Neots Town U12 Sky	0
6 Oct 18	Buckden Vultures U12	1	Huntingdon Rowdies U12 Green	1
6 Oct 18	Buckden Eagles U11	4	St Ives U11 Blue Sox	4
Hunts Youth (11v11)				
15 Sept 18	Buckden Harriers U14	4	Warboys Colts U14	0
22 Sept 18	Buckden Harriers U14	1	Fenstanton Yth U14	1
22 Sept 18	Eynesbury Rovers U13	3	Buckden Ospreys U13	0
29 Sept 18	Hemingford Colts U14	1	Buckden Harriers U14	8
29 Sept 18	Buckden Ospreys U13	2	Godmanchester U13 White	0
6 Oct 18*	Buckden Ospreys U13*	6	Parkside Athletic U13*	0

#### **Buckden Tennis Club**

Buckden Tennis club is located behind the village hall, next to the playing fields. 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!

Our 4 all-weather hard-courts are open 7 days a week, all year round, with floodlighting to county standard. There are still a few club tournaments to play before the end of the summer. The final tea tournament is on 7th October, the Peter Smith Cup Tournament (men's doubles) on 13th and The Rose Bowl Cup Tournament (ladies doubles) on 14th October. We also have mens, ladies and mixed teams competing in Cambs winter league following another successful season in the Hunts and Peterborough summer league. We're always looking for new team members so please let us know if you're interested in joining us.

Social Play is a great way to meet up with other members and 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.

For more information about the club contact our Chairman Clare Fraser on 07740456972, or visit our website at www.buckdentennis.org.uk, or our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/buckdentennisclub

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# Remembering the Fallen Pvt Albert Leaden - From Buckden to the Battlefields of Flanders

Every year, at Buckden Remembrance Service, names are read out, in honour of soldiers who have died in war. There is a strong Scouting tradition to support these services, and in November 2017, our Group explored some of the stories behind the names on the Buckden Memorial.



Pvt Albert Leaden is one of those names. He was killed on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 1917, in the last action of the Battle of Passchendaele, also know as the Third Battle of Ypres. The Scout meeting was on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017, one hundred years to the day after he was killed. Albert was born in Buckden, to parents who ran a Market Garden on what is now Leadens Lane. In 1912, aged 19, Albert emigrated to Canada, following his older brother and uncle. He worked as a farm labourer until joining the 90<sup>th</sup> (Winnipeg) Rifles coincidently on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 1916. On 8<sup>th</sup> November 1917, some days after the capture of Passchendaele village, Pvt Leaden took part in the action to secure a final objective before the cessation of major operations over winter. He was declared missing on 10<sup>th</sup> November, and then dead, one of the 10 million

soldiers killed in the four years of the conflict. For his parents on Leadens Lane, this was not their only loss. Below Albert's name on Buckden Memorial, is his brother, Ernest Leaden, killed in 1916.

And so to the second part of this memorial story. Inspired by the research above, on a Thursday evening in June this year, 4 classic MGBs, an Audi TT, an MR2 and 12 occupants set off, 'tops-down', to catch a ferry from Dover. Over a long weekend, the first destination was Arras, and the battlefields of the Somme, then Ypres, Passchendaele and finally, the moving Last Post ceremony under the Menin Gate. With good weather all weekend, our small convoy weaved its way through the countryside, tracing the resting places of relatives and those from Buckden Memorial. Pvts Albert and Ernest Leaden were amongst those we found, together with Capt John Leslie Green awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions on the first day of the 1916 Somme attacks. The magnitude of large cemeteries, with their symmetrical lines of head-



stones, the multitude of smaller cemeteries passed along the way, the dominance of monuments rising above the landscape, covered in panel after panel with names of the missing, all served to give some small impression of the scale of losses, each death generating grief and distress for parents, family and friends back home. Those on the Buckden memorial had probably shared a drink with family and friends in the local pubs and attended services in the church, which we still use today.

For the twelve of us, it was a fun weekend, but the moments of poignancy provided times for reflection. We came away better appreciating the sacrifices. This year, as I listen to the names at the Remembrance Service, I will feel a greater connection to the lives lived, and lost, behind each one. *Aidan Joy* 

## **Consecration of cemetery extension**



On Tuesday, 2nd October, an unusual event took place in Buckden. Bishop Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely, formally consecrated an extension to the cemetery in Lucks Lane. This new area is the land adjacent to the Doctors' Surgery. Attached, you will see some pictures of this interesting occasion. It's not often that this event takes place in a community.

In line with current advice regarding cemetery management, however, part of the new area has been left unconsecrated for those of other or no faith who would not want their remains buried in consecrated land.

The Parish Council anticipates that the extended cemetery will allow for burials and the interment cremated remains to continue for another 30 years at this site.

Some further work needs to be done with regards to fencing in this area before we begin to use it. We also intend, during the winter, to gravel the area of the cremated remains to improve the appearance and allow for easier upkeep.



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Caller/Presenter: Chris Bylett

# **Sat 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Commencing 7pm (prompt !!)

# Village Hall Ploughman's Supper included



Tickets (£10 Adults; £5 Accompanied Children under 12) from Church, or Patsy (810041) or Chris (812777)

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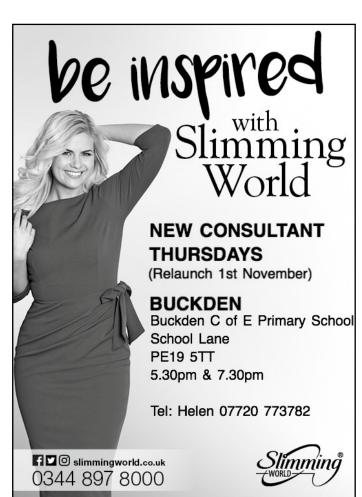
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