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Welcome to the December, Christmas edition of Buckden Roundabout, the end of another year for the editorial team. With the start of a new year, we are looking at how we can update the magazine to keep it developing and to maintain the current high production standards.

As has been mentioned before, we are always looking for ideas, articles and suggestions as this is YOUR magazine. If you have any thoughts, please do contact us via the email address given; or call Ian who would be happy to receive your call!

Although this is the December edition of the magazine, and is the one we consider to be the Christmas issue, the January issue is also delivered before Christmas. Therefore copy for the January edition is required earlier than usual.

Could I ask that all copy for January is sent as soon as possible and absolutely no later than December 6th!

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

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

Editorial Team

Front Cover

The cover photo this month shows the nativity display in St Mary's Church and was provided by Alec MacAndrew

We are always looking for photos, images, drawings and paintings to use on the front cover so please keep sending them in. In particular we are looking for photos of winter. Please note that photos should ideally be portrait and be 2400x1700 pixels for use on the cover

December Production Dates

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Buckden Parish Council News



Seasonal Greetings

All councillors and staff at Buckden Parish Council would like to wish you all a very, merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2017.

We would also like to thank members of Buckden4Business and the churches who have worked so hard to make the Christmas Lights Switching On such a memorable occasion – thank you to all.

Proposed Lucks Lane Development

As most of our residents will know, there has been an outline planning application made to build 180 houses in the field behind The Osiers and Springfield Close, with access from Lucks Lane. This application has been refused by Huntingdonshire District Council, with a recommendation for refusal being made by Buckden Parish Council.

We have recently learnt that this decision will be challenged at an appeal conducted by the Planning Inspectorate. Your Parish Council is now considering what steps that we can take and we will keep you informed of progress on this matter.

Defibrillators

The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Doctors' Surgery, is now in the process of purchasing two defibrillators. We are very pleased that the Village Hall Trust are happy to have one of the defibrillators installed on the outer wall of the village hall, next to the main entrance. We feel that this is a central position, where it can be easily accessed by all the sporting clubs and will be clearly visible at night-time, if required.

We hope that the other defibrillator can be located in the old telephone box on the High St, near the Church St corner. However, there is a little red tape that we need to go through before this plan is finalised.

A14

At the November Parish Council meeting, we received an update from the A14 Integrated Delivery Team. We were told that, currently, county archaeologists are examining the site, prior to it being released for construction. Additionally, environmental work is being carried out to protect various species of wild life. We will see the compound on the way to Brampton growing significantly over the next few weeks but no road construction will begin until the spring.

The whole project is in 6 phases. The upgrade of the A1 north of the Brampton Hut will be the first part of the work to be completed, with the last being the work to remove the Huntingdon viaduct and re-route the roads in the area of Huntingdon station. Please remember that all details can be found on the Highways England website: www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H

The monthly meeting of the **Parish Council, including a 15 minute Public Forum will be held on Tuesday 13th December 2016 starting at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and raise any Buckden related issues.

If required, the **Parish Council's Planning Committee** will meet on **Tuesday 13th December** starting 7pm. Agendas for the meetings are posted on the Parish Council notice boards not later than the Saturday preceding the meeting

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

FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

As winter approaches the county council is getting ready for gritting icy roads. 26 new gritters are set to arrive at the county council's 4 highway depots on October 26th. The council has a seven year contract with ECON who supply the council with new gritters every year from November through to April each year. This year the routes the gritters will travel along have been revised to reflect the challenging financial pressures that face the council. The gritting routes have been designed to make sure all strategic routes have been gritted as well as all major roads such as to hospitals and schools. (Roads such as A14, M11, A47, A1 and A428 are gritted by Highways England) The new routes cover over 1,000 miles of the county's roads and can be viewed at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/wintergritting. Plan your route to work in winter conditions based on the routes that are gritted, In this area the B1040 and B1046 will be gritted. Cambridgeshire sees differing temperatures and weather conditions across the county which is why this year the county has been divided into 3 sections, North/East, South/West and City. Gritting will then be tailored to meet the local needs and based on the conditions in these 3 areas rather than on the county as a whole. There is also an army of more than 70 local volunteers who help treat their local area when temperatures drop to freezing and below. If you would like to volunteer in your local community to help treat local areas please contact me.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents a restful and joyous Christmas holiday season and I look forward to serving you in 2017.

Please be advised that residents can come along to the Buckden village hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm for an hour to speak to me. I will be in the Aragon room and no appointment is necessary. My next surgery will be held on **Tuesday 10th January 2017** .

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. Julie Wisson, County Councillor Buckden and the Offords
07725 791459 01767 677837 Julie.Wisson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Take-over of Hinchingsbrooke Health Care by Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals.

I am a member of the HDC Scrutiny Panel which has examined the plans for the proposed 'merger' at meetings that have been open to the public. The Scrutiny Panel has expressed concerns about the balance of the proposed governance of the new Trust- it fears that decisions taken by the new Trust could favour areas of Peterborough City Council, Stamford and the southern area of South Kesteven District Council at the expense of Huntingdonshire. It was also worried by the apparent lack of a Plan B and the failure to explain what other options had been considered, the increase in the number of redundancies and their likely effect on Huntingdon residents and the future of the proposed Health Campus to be built behind the existing hospital.

Devolution

The full District Council will debate the proposed Devolution on Wednesday 16th November. By the time you read this you may have read or heard the decision through the local media. I will provide a short summary in next month's Roundabout.

Memories are made of this

We were told at the Village Remembrance Service that memory can be fickle and that sometimes it play tricks on us. The memory of this year's service in St Mary's Church when we remembered those who have sacrificed their lives so that we may enjoy the benefits of living in our lovely village will live with me for a long time. The church was packed and the congregation ranged from a babe in arms to several over ninety years. There are perhaps three major times of the year when the village coalesces as one; Remembrance Sunday, Christmas and Easter – well perhaps the Summer Festival should be included. Long may we retain our identity and our pleasant environment.

This is the last edition of the Roundabout before Christmas so may I wish all Buckden residents a happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year. Please do not hesitate to contact me about any local issues on 01480 810974 or at terry.hayward@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

With best wishes, Terry Hayward, District Councillor for Buckden Ward

Christmas & New Year waste and recycling collections

Normal collection date

Revised collection date

Thursday 29 Dec

Saturday 31 Dec

Friday 30 Dec

Monday 2 Jan

Thursday 5 Jan

Friday 6 Jan

Friday 6 Jan

Saturday 7 Jan

Important points to remember when putting your waste out for collection:

- Do not overfill your bins or bags and ensure the bin lid is closed
- Your waste must be out for collection by 6.30am on the day of collections
- Your waste must not be placed out before 6pm on the day before the collection
- Collections take place from your 'edge of premise' unless other arrangements have been made. The council will only collect waste set out for collection in the containers provided by the council

During February 2017, changes are being made to the refuse and recycling collection rounds. This will mean that your collection day may be changing. Look out for more information which will be delivered to you early 2017. Find out more at: www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins or call 01480 388640



Bedfordshire
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Huntingdonshire
Local Group

Christmas Miscellany

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust is pleased to present a Christmas Miscellany on Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

We will begin with our speaker, Brian Eversham, who has been the Chief Executive of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire since 2009. Previous to that, Brian has been the Conservation Director for the Trust and, among other things, he developed the Ecology Groups for monitoring nature reserves. Brian was also head of Zoology and Research Co-ordinator at the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Monks Wood from 1983-1997.

Brian has a comprehensive knowledge and interest in wildlife including birds, botany, lichens, insects and molluscs and is the author of the Atlas of the Dragonflies of Britain and Ireland and editor of the Ordnance Survey Nature Atlas. Tonight Brian will give us an update on the work of the Wildlife Trust, including new discoveries in our area.

This will be followed by our Christmas Quiz, plus wine and mince pies.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for more information

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire.
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Presents

Christmas Lights Celebration
Sunday 4th December 2016
2-5pm High Street

Get
in the Festive
Spirit at our Open-air
Christmas Market where you will
find a variety of stalls selling gifts,
games and delicious food and drink from local
suppliers, businesses & organisations. Enjoy a
Winter Wonderland with children's Fairground Rides and
don't forget to visit Santa in his Grotto before warming up
with a mulled wine available from our Pubs and Hotels!

www.buckden-village.co.uk

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

- 12.00PM HIGH STREET ROAD CLOSURE**
- 2.00PM MARKET OPENS**
- 2.15PM FATHER CHRISTMAS ARRIVES AT THE VINE**
- 2.30PM CHILDREN TO PERFORM ON STAGE**
- 3.00PM ART COMPETITION PRIZE-GIVING IN ST MARY'S CHURCH**
- 4.15PM EVERYONE INVITED TO JOIN IN CAROL SINGING IN HIGH STREET**
- 4.30PM LIGHTS SWITCH ON!!**
- 5.00PM MARKET CLOSES**

CHURCH NEWS

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

Telephone: **01480 810344**

Website: saintshughandjoseph.churchgoers.co.uk

In the pastoral care of the Claretian Missionaries:

Fr. Chris Newman cmf

Fr. Angel Ochagavia cmf

Fr. Peter Wareing cmf

Fr. Paul Peter Alphonse cmf

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

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

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

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

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

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

Silent Adoration. There is half an hour of silent
adoration before the Blessed Sacrament every Thurs-
day following the 9.30 am Mass and ending with Ben-
ediction at 10.30 am.

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

'12 Days of Christmas Giving'

Most of us look forward to Christmas but for some it can be a very difficult time. I thought that our village could support some of those people in our own local community who may be struggling.

Godmanchester Foodbank operate throughout the year supporting people in Huntingdon, with food and other assistance, that are referred to them.

Christmas can be a particularly demanding time, which is where we come in! I am asking that you fill a small box or large bag with at least 12 items of non perishable foods, such as tins, packets, rice, pasta, etc. As your donated items will help towards making up Christmas Hampers for people you could also include some kind of Christmas chocolate or biscuits, such as a Chocolate Orange or children's selection box, as this will make all the difference to some people who just can't afford those luxuries.

I will need your donations by the 14th December, at the latest, so that I can then get them to Godmanchester Foodbank for them to make up the hampers and distribute them in time for Christmas.

If you just put one extra item in your shopping trolley between now and then you'll soon have your box made up.

Please contact me if you require further details:

Jo Redwood - 07730478290, 53 Greenway, Buckden

Buckden Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Paul Beard (473444)

Stewards: Bob Baxter (810092)

Carol Swebstone (810053)

Angie Barnes (810102)

Room Bookings:

Isabel Daniels (810084)

Services in December

Sunday 4

10.30 am Morning Service
Local Arrangement
At Berkley Street

6.00pm

Sunday 11

10.30 am Morning Service & Holy Communion
Rev. James Bamber

6.00pm

Evening Fellowship

Sunday 18

10.30 am Carol Service
Rev. Paul Beard

Sunday 25

10.30 am Christmas Morning Service
Rev. Paul Beard

Activities in December:

Fri 2 10.00 am Coffee Morning

Wed 7 2.30 pm CAMEO
Carols & mince pies

Fri 9 10.00 am Coffee Morning

Mon 12 12.30 pm Study Lunch

Fri 16 12.00pm Soup & Sweet lunch

Sat 24 4.00 pm Christmas Communion

ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH, DIDDINGTON

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Saturday 17th December 2016 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. with seasonal refreshments and stalls.

CHRISTMAS EVE

24th December at 7.00 p.m. Christingle and Carols.

CHURCH NEWS

What's On at St Mary's Buckden : December 2016



THIS IS YOUR PARISH CHURCH PLEASE SUPPORT IT

This beautiful building is in need of urgent repairs to parts of the roof, to the stonework and to the outer walls of the vestry to keep it both watertight and safe for visitors. We need to raise around £100,000 in total and are reaching out to the whole community. So please give what you can www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/St-Marys-Church-Restoration-Appeal>

BUCKDEN CHRISTMAS LIGHT CELEBRATION Sunday 4th December

St Mary's will be open and entries to the art competition will be on display. Visit the Buckden & District Churches Together stall "Why Christmas?" at the Christmas Market on the High St.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 7th December 10am – 11.30am at Buckden Village Hall

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Saturday 10th December 3.30pm at St Mary's

One for all the family. Organised by the churches and the scouts.
Collection for The Children's Society

VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE.

Tuesday 13th December 7.30pm at St Mary's

A truly lovely village occasion with candlelight, handbells, Aragon Singers & more. Organised by Buckden & District Churches Together. Collection to local charities

Friends in Deed DROP-IN CAFE

Wednesday 14th December 2.30pm – 4pm in St Mary's Living Stones Room. Drop-in for tea/coffee/cakes and chat

CHRISTMAS EVE – Saturday 24th December

CRIB SERVICE 2.30pm at St Mary's

For children and their adults. Come along dressed as a character from the nativity and join in as we hear the well-known story of Jesus' birth

QUIET CHRISTMAS 8pm at St Mary's

A service especially for those who find the festive spirit hard to come by

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION 11.30pm at St Mary's

come and celebrate with us the first Eucharist of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY – Sunday 25th December

8am Holy Communion

10.15am Christmas Communion

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

CHURCH NEWS

	<p>Buckden & District Churches Together www.buckdendistrictchurches.wordpress.com</p> <p>Anglicans Baptists Catholics Methodists</p>
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Weekly Prayer Roster

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

4th December	Mayfield, Springfield Way, The Osiers, Stirtloe
11th December	Vineyard Way, Burberry Road, Swan End, Lark End, The Library and its librarians
18th December	The churches of the village: St Hugh's, St Mary's, Buckden Methodist Church, also Offord and Perry Baptist Churches, members of home groups from these and other local churches, ministers and all who make our churches welcoming and worshipful places
25th December	Church Street, Mill Road, The Barns, The Old Flour Mills

Thought for the month

Don't talk to me about your "famous fares". Wouldn't believe who you've had in the back? Well, I'll tell you, mate, I can top 'em all. You really wouldn't believe who I've had! No, not Jamie Oliver! And not that horrible one off Big Brother, neither. No! Stop guessing. You'll never get it. I've had God. No, I swear! I have had God for a fare. If you shut up for a minute I'll explain all about it.

I was just chewing the cud, you know, minding my own business. I was off the meter really, but the missus had her mother round, so I wasn't all that anxious to get home, if you know what I mean. Well, that old nag could talk the hind legs ... I am getting on with it. Yeah, well, as I was saying, I was mooching when this lad and his girl pops up out of nowhere. "Can you get us to Bethlehem by the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Ceasar?" "S'tight" I says, "I'll have to hoof it. I don't usually go south of the Sea of Galilee after September, so it'll cost you a bit extra." So she hopped on and off we went. Needless to say, I made it with a week to spare. Consummate professional, me. And I didn't even get a ticket. I got stopped, mind. Some eager young centurion reckoned I was doing VIII through Jericho. I mean, VIII! I wish!

What? Yes, there is a point to all this. Yes, God does come into it. Just pin back those big ears of yours for a tick. So, we gets to Bethlehem and she's ready to give birth. Oh, did I not mention she was in the family way. Well, she was. I delivered them ... no, to their destination - some run-down inn. Looked full to me, but the customer is always right. Then I turned round and came home. Her indoors had something to say, I can tell you.

No, that's not all there is to it. I haven't told you about the camel. I met this camel, see, on the way back. He was grumbling about "you wait all your adult life for someone to hop in and say follow that whatever and then three come along at once. Star. Follow that star. And they called themselves wise!" That's the trouble with camels. They've always got the hump about something or other. Then there were the shepherds. And the angels and whatnot. Quite a trip, let me tell you.

Yes, I have nearly finished! I never thought too much about it until I saw the reviews for that new book — "Luke — the Unbridled Truth about Jesus" Then it all fell into place, didn't it! I met God and I didn't even know it! Yes, I know he wasn't even born yet. What do you mean "it doesn't count if he's inside someone else when you meet him?"

If you see Jesus in someone else this Christmas, let it count (as the donkey says!). And I pray also, this Christmas, that someone will see Jesus in you and in me.
 Merry Christmas. Paul Beard, Methodist

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

Looking for a different Christmas present? The Writing on the Wall, by one of Buckden's own author's, Richard Noble, is an interesting guide to the Bible and its everyday phrases.

Available on line, and from Que Sera in the High Street at £7.00. <http://www.thewritingonthewall.org.uk/>
 Proceeds are donated to the Restoration Appeal of St Mary's, Buckden: The A1 Church.

STUDY LUNCHES

The last lunch before Christmas is Monday December 12th
 Methodist Church Hall 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm Contact: **Ann Brittain** on **812012**

*Come and celebrate Christmas
 ❄️ in your local churches ❄️*

St Mary's, Buckden

Christmas Eve
 2.30pm Crib service
*If you wish, come along dressed
 as a character from the nativity story*
 11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day
 8.00am Holy Communion
 10.15am Christmas
 Communion

All Saints, Offord Cluny

Sunday 4th
 9.30am Family Toy Service

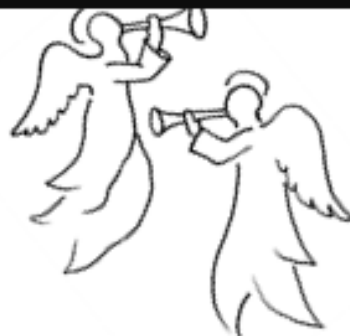
Sunday 18th
 9.30am Carol Joy

Christmas Eve
 4.00pm Christingle
 5.30pm Christingle
 9.30pm "Midnight" mass

Christmas Day
 9.00am Christmas Eucharist

**St Peter's,
 Offord D'Arcy**

Sunday 11th
 4.00pm Carols by Candlelight



**Buckden Churches
 celebrating
 Christmas together**
*(joint services taking
 place at St Mary's)*

*St Mary's will be open on
 4th December as a place for
 quiet, reflection and
 refreshment during the
 switching on of the lights*

Saturday 10th at 3.30pm
Christingle Service
*in aid of the
 Children's Society*

Tuesday 13th at 7.30pm
Village Carol Service
*With a collection in aid
 of local charities*

Christmas Eve at 8.00pm
'Quiet Christmas' service
*a service especially for those
 who find the festive spirit
 hard to come by*

**St Hugh's
 Catholic Church**

Christmas Eve
 5.00pm Children's Mass
 10.30pm Carols
 11.00pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
 9.45am Mass of
 Christmas Day

**Buckden Methodist
 Church**

Sunday 18th
 10.30am Carol Service
*Followed by tea/coffee
 & mince pies*

Christmas Eve
 4.00pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day
 11.00am Christmas Worship

Perry Baptist Church

Sunday 18th
 10.30am Carol Service

Christmas Day
 10.00am Christmas
 Morning Service

❄️ *All the Churches wish you a* ❄️
happy & blessed Christmas & New Year

FOR YOUR DIARY

Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme Huntingdon Group December 2016

Seven Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning walks are planned this month. The one on the 16th, the Diddington Doodle, starts at the Village Hall Car Park at 10am. All walkers are asked to register their attendance, and new walkers are offered a brochure, if needed, plus ID and Incentive Cards. However, there will be no health walks on the 28th and 30th.

Please always carry a small bottle of water, and ensure that your footwear and clothing are suitable for variable ground and weather conditions to match the day, especially in autumn and winter.

Enjoy a 45-90-minute easy-paced, risk-assessed, sociable health walk, and opt for a hot 'cuppa' afterwards.

Our members all agree that regular health walking is a worthwhile, friendly exercise, whatever the weather!

For further detailed info., please browse the website**, or 'phone Doug Finlayson (acting Sports Development Officer [Health]) on 01480 387047. **
www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks

Christmas Coffee Morning

7th December 10 – 11.30 am.
Buckden Village Hall

St Mary's Fundraisers Christmas Coffee Morning
Entrance £3 to include coffee and mince pies.
Raffle – Cake Stall – Gifts.
Everyone Welcome.

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

The Aragon Singers of Buckden

*Musical Director: Ian Harvey
Accompanist: Peter Kirby*

present a
Christmas Concert
at
Buckden Towers
on
Friday 9th December 2016 at 7.30pm

Ticket price: **£8.00** to include a glass of wine/juice at the interval.
Tickets available at the Towers office, Tel: 810344 or at the door.
Proceeds to Tower Restoration Funds.



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 **December 2016** will be:

- **Monday 5th:** Talk 'Keeping it in the Family', giving advice on wills, Lasting Power of Attorney and protecting your home from care home fees
- **Monday 19th:** Christmas cake, Christmas raffle and Christmas quiz

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

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

1st Dec Christmas dinner - pre-book only

8th Dec Club meeting

22nd Dec Mince Pie Night - bring some, eat some!

For further information contact the secretary

Phil Haylock on **01487 832937**

E mail phinorm@talktalk.net

or visit our website at www.radioclubs.net/huntsars

Buckden Gardeners Association

Tuesday 20th December 2016

(please note change of date)

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VILLAGE NEWS

FRIENDS IN DEED

The AGM was held on 12 October and was a well attended and lively event. Our guest speaker was Pauline Meakins from the Alzheimer's Society. She gave a very interesting talk about the role of the Society and the support it can provide, and the various forms the illness can take.



Don't forget that if you would like a visitor to chat to, you need help or advice, or transport, then don't hesitate to get in touch (details below) and we will try and help.

The Quiet Christmas Service is a peaceful, reflective event which is supported by Friends in Deed and will be held on Christmas Eve at St Mary's Church at 8pm.

The Drop-in Café is held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Living Stones Room in St Mary's Church from 1430 to 1600. Homemade cakes, tea and coffee - all welcome! Transport can be arranged (see below) and we look forward to seeing you there.

The Winter Tea Party will be held on Wednesday 8th February at 2.30pm so there will be no Drop-in Café that day.

We wish all our Friends a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

For help or information contact:

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

Leave a message and include your contact details <http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/friends-in-deed>

BUCKDEN WI

November was a busy month for Buckden WI. Our meeting on the 1st was about Operation Christmas Child, the annual drive to collect shoeboxes full of gifts for needy children around the world who would otherwise receive no presents. Carol Swepstone demonstrated how to prepare a box and fill it with suitable items, before Brenda Horden showed pictures and spoke movingly about her previous visit to Belaruse to help distribute boxes. Members were encouraged in their support of this very worthwhile cause.



Our annual meal took place a week later at Buckden Towers where we enjoyed a delicious 3 course dinner and plenty of good conversation. The meeting on December 6th will be our AGM helped on its way by pre-ordered fish and chips! The market stall in support of the Denman College Appeal will be for anything to do with Christmas and the competition will be 'a winter scene'.

Scout Christmas Post – What is it?

It is a tradition for the 1st Southoe and Buckden Scouts to collect and deliver Christmas cards within the village in return for a donation for the service. Christmas Cards together with donations can be posted at clearly marked boxes in Days, One Stop and Buckden Village Store. On the last Friday of the school term the cards are sorted and delivered by the Scouts on the following Saturday.

The 1st Southoe and Buckden Scouts are an energetic group catering for boys and girls from Beavers (6 years) through Cubs, Scouts and Explorers (18 years). The young adults then have the opportunity to become Young Leaders and help out at the various sections.

The Scouting group follows a varied programme all aimed at developing life skills and are an active part of the local community. Money raised from the Scout Christmas Post and other fundraising activities goes towards providing equipment and facilities for the Scout Group. We are always looking for adults to get involved, if you are interested and can spare some time please contact Aidan Joy on 01480 810347.

Buckden Bowls Club

Contact Numbers:

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Bookings

This month we have a wedding reception, the St Mary's Christmas Coffee Morning, two kid's birthday parties, several private Christmas parties, a Jivenites Boxing Day Blues night, a Rugcutters New Year's Eve Dance and as well as our regular hirers.

How you can help Buckden Village Hall when buying Christmas presents online

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2016 has been a very busy year for us at Buckden Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who has used us in the past year and to all of you who will use us in the future.



Have a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2017!



Jo Harvey, 01480 811101, admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW) LOCAL CRIME

The past month has seen more vehicle damage - particularly breaking off wing mirrors. Cambridgeshire Police are warning motorists to be vigilant when it comes to protecting their vehicles this winter as the longer nights draw in. There have also been burglaries in the village with jewellery stolen.

DON'T LEAVE DEFROSTING CARS UNATTENDED

The latest figures from the stolen vehicle recovery provider show that instances of vehicle theft increase by up to 25 per cent in the colder months. While it can be inconvenient to sit in our cars and wait for the windows to clear on these frosty mornings, please don't be tempted to leave your cars unlocked and with the engine running as this is a huge temptation for opportunist thieves.

At the same time for safety reasons it is important to fully de-ice windscreens and not just clear small patch for you to see out of, you need to be able to see fully what is around you in order to stay safe on the roads ,

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VILLAGE NEWS



BUCKDEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL (Primary Academy Trust)



November 2016

Following the half term break we returned to school ready for the busy pre-Christmas term.

This half term started when our Year 3 children had a Stone Age Day. Their day began with a presentation about the Stone Age using a timeline. They also learnt about clothing, tools and hunting, what life was like at home and compared life today with prehistoric life. They designed and built a prehistoric home. A great day was had by all the children and staff.

We had an unexpected visitor when Pudsey Bear came into school. There were many surprised faces as he joined the children in assembly. We followed this with our Children in Need fundraising day. Everyone came to school dressed in spots in exchange for a donation towards the Children in Need appeal.

A reminder - the application process for admission to primary school in September 2017 has now opened. If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 you will need to apply for their primary school place. This can be done either on line at admissions@cambridge.gov.uk, or by submitting a Primary School Application Form. These forms are available from Buckden School office.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas programme of nativity plays, Christmas performances, Carol Concerts to which our parents are invited. More news about these events next month!!

We have published our new term dates up to July 2018. They have been listed below for reference.

The autumn term is always hectic, with harvest festivals, bonfire night craft, Halloween activities and of course our very popular Halloween disco – where we get to catch up with many of our ex-preschoolers and discover how amazingly tall they have grown! This year's Halloween disco was another great success. The children and their families had great fun and we raised a fantastic £198. Thank you to everyone who came, and an especially big thank you to Pat King, who so kindly provided our music and led the audience participation!

Of course, our thoughts have now turned for Christmas, and as usual we will have our tombola stall at the Christmas Lights event – please do come and try your luck. Although we are not holding our own Christmas event this year, we do have a Christmas Raffle taking place on the 16th December with, as usual, some fabulous prizes from local businesses. Tickets are available from preschool.

Meanwhile Emmy, our committee member in charge of our non-compulsory uniform, has organised some samples of our new preschool sweatshirts. They are the same great quality as our t-shirts and embroidered with the Preschool logo. The sweatshirts will soon be available to keep your little ones toasty during the winter!

Many sessions are now full and just a few have very limited spaces, so to arrange a visit or book a place for your child, please contact our Manager, Michelle Nelson, on 07941 671999. You can also contact our Chairman, Alan Scott, on 07745274921. For more information, please visit www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk

2016

Autumn Term Closes Tuesday 20 December

2017

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Half Term 13 - 17 February

Spring Term Closes Friday 31 March

2018

Spring Term Opens Wednesday 3 January

Half Term 12 - 16 February

Spring Term Closes Thursday 29 March

Summer Term Opens Tuesday 18 April

May Day Monday 1 May

Half Term 29 May - 2 June

Summer Term Closes Friday 14 July

Professional Days Monday 17 July - Friday 21 July

Summer Term Opens Monday 16 April

May Day Monday 7 May

Half Term 28 May - 1 June

Summer Term Closes Tuesday 17 July

Professional Days Wednesday 18 July - Tuesday 24 July

Autumn Term Opens Monday 4 September

Half Term 23 - 27 October

Autumn Term Closes Tuesday 19 December

THE SPORTS PAGE

BUCKDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



October/November Match Results

There were fewer results this month because Section 1 fixtures for Mini-Soccer and Hunts Youth League U11 teams finished on 8th and 15th October respectively. This was followed by a break for both until 5th November. Mini- Soccer and HYL U11 fixtures are divided into 3 or more sections for the season, normally with a gap of 2 to 3 weeks between each. At the end of each section, teams are re-assessed on their results and, if necessary, will be moved to another, more suitable Division to try and ensure that they play against other teams of similar ability.

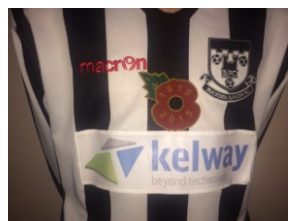
LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
Hunts Mini-Soccer				
29/10/16*	Buckden Vultures U10*	4*	Hemingford Juniors U10*	0*
5/11/16	St Ives Rangers U10 Red Sox	2	Buckden Vultures U10	2
5/11/16	Bluntisham Blasters U7 White	5	Buckden Raptors U7	2
Hunts Youth (9v9)				
15/10/16	Buckden Harriers U12	2	St Ives Rangers U12 Black Sox	5
15/10/16	Buckden Buzzards U11	5	St Ives Rangers U11 Blue Sox	2
22/10/16	St Ives Rangers U12 Blue Sox	3	Buckden Harriers U12	6
29/10/16**	Godmanchester Town U12**	0**	Buckden Harriers U12**	7**
5/11/16	Warboys Colts U12	3	Buckden Harriers U12	5
5/11/16	Buckden Buzzards U11	4	Huntingdon Rowdies U11 White	3
Hunts Youth (11v11)			Fenstanton Yth U12	
15/10/16^	Peterborough RTC U15^	26^	Buckden Falcons U15^	1^
29/10/16	Needingworth Colts U15	2	Buckden Falcons U15	10
5/11/16	Buckden Falcons U15	7	Potton Colts U15	2

*Friendly

**Hunts U12 County Cup

^Hunts U15 County Cup - Buckden had only 10 Players

Remembrance Day Observed by Buckden JFC



BJFC teams each held a minute of silence before their respective games on 12th November (all matches are played on Saturdays) as a mark of respect for Remembrance Sunday on the 13th. Also, players wore self-adhesive poppies on their team strips. The poppies cost £1 each, which, together with additional money raised, will go to the Royal British Legion.



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