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It has been a month of extremes, weather wise, since our last issue. A reasonable amount of snow early on, and then some very warm, sunny days just recently! I expect many of you took advantage of the good weather to get back into the garden and start all the work required after winter - that's exactly what the volunteers did recently at St Mary's.

We'd like to thank everyone who responded to our plea for additional distributors in the last edition - we had our best response to such a plea for some time! Anyone who contacted us and offered their services should, by now, have received a response.

Finally a quick word of warning. There was an attempted distraction burglary in Silver Street recently - the suspects claimed to be from the Water Board. Please reduce your risk of becoming a victim by using a chain if you have one, and by asking and checking for ID. A genuine visitor will not object to a thorough check of their credentials.

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. The address is:

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

Editorial Team

Front Cover

The cover photo this month shows a nightingale in Paxton Pits to accompany the article on page 12 and was provided by Alec MacAndrew; as ever we are very grateful.

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

April Production Dates

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Buckden Parish Council News



There's still time to tell us your thoughts on the proposed development of 180 new homes in Buckden. As reported last month, Buckden Parish Council has received notice of a speculative outline planning application to build approximately 180 new homes adjacent to Buckden. It is proposed that the estate would be built in the fields behind The Osiers and Springfield Close, with the access in Lucks Lane just after the Springfield Close junction.

At the point of writing, over 60 households in Buckden and Stirtloe have taken the trouble to contact us with their views. The Parish Council is still very keen to hear residents' views on this proposed application. Please tell us what you think by writing to the Parish Clerk at the address below (no phone calls, please) or e-mailing: fc.shirley@btinternet.com

Please note that a public meeting may be called once the planning application has been received. This may be at short notice. Please keep an eye out for details.

Some households, but not all, have received information from the proposed developer. We consider that such an application would affect all of our community. If you wish to see the proposed developer's publicity, details can be found at: www.your-views.co.uk/buckden

Unveiling of the commemorative paving stone for Captain John Green VC on 1st July 2016.

We can feel very proud that Buckden was the birthplace of Captain Green, a member of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who was awarded a VC posthumously following his outstanding bravery on the first day of the Battle of the Somme in 1916. A commemorative paving stone for Captain Green will be unveiled on 1st July 2016, exactly one hundred years after it was awarded.

The Parish Council would like to invite all residents to attend the commemorative event. Medals may be worn. This will begin at 11 a.m. at the Green Memorial on the High St, opposite the pedestrian entrance to The Towers. We will then proceed to the war memorial in St Mary's churchyard, where the stone will be unveiled.

Parish Council Photographic Competition

A reminder about our photo competition, which is part of the Festival Weekend - the categories are:

1. **Black and White**
2. **Heritage**
3. **Speed**

The age groups are: 1-Up to 10 years, 2-11-16 years, 3-Over 16 years. **Remember that there is a small financial prize for the winner of each category.**

Pollution Watch

Anglian Water are looking have launched a new campaign called "**Pollution Watch**". It is about ensuring we all **Spot, Report** and **Stop** sewage pollution incidents as quickly as possible and minimise the impact to the environment. Anglian Water is seeking our help to look after rivers and waterways. If you see any problems, contact the Pollution Hotline on **03457 145 145**

The next meeting of the **Parish Council, including a 15 minute Public Forum will be held on Tuesday 12th April 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 12th and Tuesday 26th April starting at 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

Local Government Boundary Commission review of Cambridgeshire County Council boundaries: Having spent time last year consulting on the county council division boundaries the Local Government Boundary Commission have given their final decision regarding the county division boundaries. There will be a reduction in councillors for the county council from 69 currently to 61. Buckden, Diddington, Southoe and Medloe, Offord Darcy and Offord Cluny will go into a division with Brampton forming the Brampton and Buckden division. These changes will come into effect at the council elections in May 2017.

20 is Plenty for Buckden: I was very pleased that the application for a 20mph speed limit surrounding the school was supported by Cambridgeshire County Council in the recent Local Highways Initiative grants meaning that the majority of the scheme will be financially delivered by the county council Highways department and the remainder of the funding will be raised by Buckden Parish Council. County council Highways officers will consult with the parish council and residents regarding the scheme.

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 May 2016**.

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

A14

We shall soon hear the final decision of the Secretary of State and I anticipate that work will start on the new A14 by the middle of the year. Probably the first effect on the village will be the large storage area and domestic site which will be sited between Buckden and Brampton. There will inevitably be fears about dust, noise and heavy traffic as construction work proceeds and I can assure residents that the Parish Council and I will do our best to ensure that any disruption is kept to a minimum.

OUSE VALLEY WAY AND OTHER RIGHTS OF WAY

We can be rightly proud of the Ouse Valley Way which runs through 14 parishes in Huntingdonshire and is part of one of the longest footpaths in England. There have been doubts about its upkeep but I can assure residents that the District Council has confirmed that it will maintain it until at least the end of the 16-17 financial year. In the meantime I am involved in compiling and agreeing a long term plan for its continued maintenance. Our footpaths and bridleways are an important asset for the village and I know that the Chairman of the Parish Council is writing elsewhere in this edition asking for a volunteer or volunteers to be the Village Footpath Co-ordinator. You don't have to be a member of the Parish Council, although it's an advantage. I urge any person who is a keen walker and wants to see our ROW maintained to consider volunteering for this role. From personal experience I know that it can be combined with the role of Tree Warden and become a very rewarding recreational activity, perhaps for a recently retired person.

COUNCIL TAX

We have now all received our Council Tax Bills and will have noted that the Parish, District and County Councils' amounts have not been increased. Personally I welcome the additional charge for Adult Social Care in the hope that the money raised will be used sensibly to improve the lot of some of our most vulnerable residents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, problems or would just like to have a chat about our villages.

With best wishes, Terry Hayward (Cllr) Buckden Ward, HDC
01480 810974 or terry.hayward@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Letters & comments received regarding the Gladman Lucks Lane residential development

Should the application succeed, then it must not be the current Buckden villagers, Huntingdon DC & Cambs CC to accept any of the additional capital costs that will arise from the development relating to the GP surgery, sewerage farm and primary school. Gladman, current landowner & future builder will all require to make a profit on the deal; but before this profit is made the above costs associated with the above must be borne by the above 3 parties. I request that before planning permission is granted an undertaking from the above must be sought and agreed. **Peter Martin**

It is very important people do voice their concerns - there absolutely will be a campaign to attempt to reject the proposed development. It will be formulated with professional help. **Toby Angel**



Buckden Local History Society

Alan Butler who has worked at the Cromwell Museum for 15 years gave an illuminating and entertaining overview of the history of the museum and life as a staff member. Clearly not one just to sit behind a desk, he has spent hours researching the records and documents held by the museum.

Originally part of a much larger building used as travellers' accommodation, it was reduced to its present size by the time Cromwell was at school there. He probably would not recognise it as by the mid-19th century it was subsiding badly. It was rescued thanks to the generosity of Dion Boucicault (himself a fascinating character) whose son died in the Abbots Ripton rail crash of 1876. The building was taken apart but rebuilt very differently.

The museum passed the half million visitor mark 2 or 3 years ago. People have come from all over the world to see it. Several women visitors had been at school there during the war, having been evacuated from London.

One visitor from America wanted to know if Mr Cromwell was in the habit of visiting. On being told he is no longer with us, she enquired if his children or grandchildren came by at all. Obviously Alan is a diplomat as well as a guide.

The Friends of Buckden Towers



Dates for your Diary:

27th April – AGM 8.00 at The Towers

21st May Plant Sale at The Towers. No admission before 11.00 a.m. Closes at 3.00 p.m.

8th July Coffee Morning 10.00 at the Methodist Hall

17th July – Summer Event at the Towers

Quiz Night this year was a roaring success. We had the highest attendance I can remember – around 80 people. In fact there were so many that we had to bring in extra tables and chairs and had any more come, we would have been sending them away!

It was an excellent evening. Ian Carter again prepared the questions and acted as Quiz Master (thanks Ian – a great job), the refreshments were, as always, excellent (thanks to Ann Petty and all those who prepared and donated food) and we raised £392.50 for FOBT funds, which is outstanding.

I again urge members (and any non-members interested in joining) to attend the AGM on 27th April. It is important to the committee to know that we have your support. I look forward to seeing you there.

This year Barry Jobling has agreed to give another of his excellent talks, this one on Nursing in world War 1 with particular reference to the nursing of the wounded at The Towers.

Buckden Wine and Beermakers Society

Formed in 1978, the BWBS has established itself as a leading local wine and beer-making society. We have a busy programme and social calendar and have good connections with many other wine and beer-making associations with whom we regularly compete.

Amongst our members we have a qualified wine judge who is only too pleased to pass on his knowledge on all aspects of Wine and Beer-making.

Most of our meetings are held at the Scout Hut in Lucks Lane on the 4th Thursday of the month, starting at 8 p.m.

28th April – Annual General Meeting + Supper

Following the AGM a light supper will be provided. Non-members are welcome to attend.

26th May – Questions & Answers

An evening dedicated to helping members with their wine and beer making, for example how to use hydrometer or refractometer.

Why not come along and meet us and see why BWBS has been so successful over the years? Please give Ann a call on 810346 for further information.

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 Thursday following the 9.30 am Mass and ending with Benediction at 10.30 am.

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

Buckden Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Paul Beard (473444)

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

Room Bookings:
Isabel Daniels (810084)

Services in April

Sunday 3
10.30 am Morning Service
Mrs. Leonore Charlton
6.00pm Isabel Daniels

Sunday 10
10.30 am Morning Service
Mrs Wendy Beard. Pentecost
6.00pm Section Service at Tempsford

Sunday 17
10.30 am Morning Service
Local Arrangement
6.00pm Evening Fellowship
Carol Swepstone

Sunday 24
10.30 am Morning Service,
Mrs. Angie Barnes
6.00pm Favourite hymns and readings

Activities in April

Fri 1	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Mon 11	12.30	Study lunch
Tue 12	9.30 am	Quiet Time, Wesley Room
Wed 13	2.30 pm	CAMEO, Wesley Rm
Fri 15	12.00	Soup & sweet lunch
Fri 22	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Tue 26	9.30 am	Quiet Time, Wesley Room
Fri 29	10.00 am	Coffee Morning

Given its placement on this page, I would like to make clear that the article published in the March edition entitled 'The Migrant Crisis' was submitted by John Davies of Population Matters and has no connection to either Rev Beard or Fr Newman.

FRIENDS IN DEED

The Winter Tea Party was very successful with a record number attending, so thanks to all who helped out and to all who came along to make it an enjoyable afternoon.

A reminder! Monday April 11th 2016 is our Training Day - **Everyday First Aid Skills**. It covers all those 'first aid' situations that you might come across, ranging from bleeding, burns and choking to heart attacks, seizures and severe allergic reactions. There will be an opportunity to have a go with a training defibrillator and a resuscitation dummy. A small charge will be made for this course - £4 for Friends in Deed members and £5 for anyone else. The charge covers the cost of the First Aid books, and contributes to the training and travel of the volunteers running the course.



The course will be held in the Millard Suite, Buckden Millenium Centre from 2.00pm until 5.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and you do not have to be a member of Friends in Deed to participate. Just a few places left so if you would like to attend please contact Angie Bruce as soon as possible at angie@aggies.com or call her on 810056 to book your place. Light refreshments will be provided.

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 - all welcome, tea and homemade cakes, and transport can be provided!

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>

CHURCH NEWS

The Benefice of Buckden & the Offords
St Mary's Parish Church
Church St, Buckden PE19 5TL

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care@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Friends in Deed (transport): 07914 669 967

Friends in Deed (general): 07810 006 598

Bookings for baptisms, weddings and funerals or room hire Contact bookings@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Services at St Mary's in April

Sun 3	11:00am	Family Eucharist
	6:00pm	BCP Holy Communion
Wed 6	9:30am	Holy Communion
Sun 10	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Eucharist
	4:00pm	Stepping Stones
Wed 13	9:30am	Holy Communion
Sun 17	11:00am	Family Eucharist
	6:00pm	Evensong
Wed 20	9:30am	Holy Communion
Sun 24	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Communion
	7:00pm	Night Prayer
Wed 27	9:30am	Holy Communion

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

The Daily Office (daily prayers) is said in St Mary's on

Monday 2.15pm Tuesday 4.30pm

Thursday 9.15am Friday 9.15am

All are welcome. Prayer requests may be left in church.

St Mary's is open

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

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

Cup of tea and a chat? Jes will be in Church each Wednesday 10 – 10.45am (after communion) if you want to drop in for a chat.

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

Support your local Parish Church

At St Mary's we are blessed to have such a beautiful church building which is a wonderful asset, not only to our congregation, but to the whole village. As the Parish Church of Buckden it is at the heart of village life and hosts not only large village services such as the Remembrance and Carol Service but also villagers' weddings, baptisms and funerals. There are strong links with the village school and other parts of the village community.

With ever-increasing costs we do have to keep looking for ways to increase our income and asking people, if they can, to give more. It costs approx £200 a day to keep the church open. Please consider helping by direct donation and/or by supporting our events.

Events in April

Friday April 1st at 7.30pm: illustrated talk

'Everything you ever wanted to know about Swifts'

Tickets £5 (includes a complimentary glass of wine) available from 01480 812777.

Friends in Deed: Living Stones Cafe

Wednesday 13th April

2.30pm – 4pm in the Living Stones Room

All are welcome to drop in for tea/coffee/cakes and chat

Annual Meetings

Sunday 10th April 2015 at 12.15am.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

& Election of Churchwardens

All are welcome to attend. Those on the church or civic electoral roll may vote in the election of churchwardens. Those on the church electoral roll may vote in the PCC elections. If you wish to get more involved, there are lists for various volunteer roles and forms for electoral roll, PCC, Deanery and churchwarden nominations at the back of church.

Regular Groups and Events

Newcomers are always welcome at all groups & events

Going Deeper: Wednesdays 10.45am in the Living Stones Room. A chance to look again at Sunday's bible readings.

Jamworkx (Jesus & Me Works) Kids' After School Club Fridays 3.20 – 4.20pm at Buckden School. Contact school

Coffee & Cakes: Saturdays 10.30am - noon in the Living Stones Room. Contact Gina Bylett 01480 812777

St Mary's Bell-Ringers practice on Mondays at 8.15pm. Visitors and beginners are always welcome

Ground Floor Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays 8pm - 10pm Contact Lorraine Toogood 01480 811352

Angel Voices informal all age choir Fridays 15th & 22nd April 6.45pm Living Stones Room. 01480 812777

Second Sunday Stepping Stones 10th April in St Mary's. Stories, music, games & craft for pre-schoolers and KS1

'Honeycomb': 7 Vineyard Way on 1st Sundays 3-4.30pm. Conversation, tea, cake, board games & fellowship for those on their own. 01480 811352

Open Ministry Meeting All are welcome to this open forum at 6pm on the 4th Sunday of each month

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

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:

3rd April	Greenway, Aragon Close, Hoo Close, Bishops Way
10th April	Village shops, and those who work in them; businesses based in the village, hotels, inns, and those who work at home; homemakers, carers, the unemployed and underemployed, and all visitors to the village
17th April	Clubs and societies, their leaders and members, volunteers, and the team that produces and distributes the Buckden Roundabout
24th April	Cranfield Way, Cranfield Close, Weir Close, Smith Drive, Lucks Lane, Morris Close

Thought for the month

The Lord has risen; let us rejoice. Alleluia, Alleluia

Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar. We are celebrating the fact that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, rose from the dead and promises resurrection to all who believe in him. To prepare for this celebration we have just been through the season of Lent in which we are encouraged to put our lives straight with God.

This is also the theme of the Jubilee Year of Mercy as proclaimed by Pope Francis for the whole Catholic Church throughout the world. This Year of Mercy runs from the 8th December 2015 to 20th November 2016 (the end of the liturgical year).

In the early history of God's people in Israel a Jubilee Year was a time of special honour of God, shown by a change in the way of life. Every seven years fields would be left fallow, for a year of rest, (a Sabbath year), but every fifty years there was a year of Jubilee. In this very special year any land that had been taken in pledge would be returned to the original owners. Sins were remitted. Universal pardon was granted. Prisoners were released. Slaves were freed. All debts were forgiven. God's mercy was celebrated. (Lev. 25: 8 – 13). In medieval times, Pope Boniface VIII introduced Church Holy Years every 50 or 25 years. These renew the impetus for 'conversion of heart', which the more ancient Jubilee year always had as its goal.

During this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy Pope Francis encourages Catholics to spend more time in prayer, use the Sacrament of Reconciliation to return to God, spend more time reading the Bible. One Gospel passage Pope Francis calls our attention to is Luke 4: 16 – 22. As Jesus starts his ministry in Galilee he proclaims the fulfilment of the prophet Isaiah's words: 'He has sent me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives'.

May you all have a holy and blessed Easter.
 Fr. Chris Newman, Catholic Church of St Hugh of Lincoln

STUDY LUNCHES

The regular monthly study lunches resume on Monday 11th April 2016, and will continue on Monday May 9th, Monday June 13th and Monday July 11th

The Lent Study Lunches were well attended and thought provoking. Thank you to everyone who came and to everyone who helped in any way and for the generosity of many which means that over £200 can be given to charity. Thank you to Churches Together for supporting the study lunches

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

FOR YOUR DIARY

Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme Huntingdon Group March 2016

Have you seen a special article about this scheme in this issue? If not, please read it (p12), it might "grab" you!? New walkers are always welcome to join us for about an hour, whenever it suits, for the benefit of health, and happiness too, dare I say?

Choose from nine walks in April: two are new, and one starts/finishes at the Village Hall Car Park (with optional refreshments there afterwards). This is the 'Buckden Ramble' on Friday the 1st, at 9.50 for a 10am start. If you come, you will be given our brochure, which features health walks up to the end of August. Brochures are also available at the hall and the library.

For more information, please contact Danielle Sancaster (HDC Sports Development Officer) on 01480 387047, Email activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk. Web: www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks

Buckden Gardeners Association

SPRING SHOW



Saturday 2nd April 2016
3.00pm in the Village Hall
Entrance fee adults 50p, Children free

The entries are in, the judges are booked, the trophies are ready, tea, and coffee and cake are waiting for you.

Come and admire the spring flowers, meet up with friends and chat over a cuppa; buy a raffle ticket or two. Plenty of parking! We hope to see you.

For further information go to our website:
<http://www.buckdengardeners.info/>
or call Pam on 01480 811680

Buckden Local History Society



Huntingdon and the Industrial Revolution by Vera Williams

Wednesday
6th April 2016 at 7.30pm
in the Conference Room
at Buckden Towers

For more information email
Buckdenhistory@gmail.com

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 **April 2016** will be:

- **Monday 11th:** Tea, chat and quiz (in the Lincoln room)
- **Monday 25th:** Beryl Atkin Monologue

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.

1st Southoe & Buckden Scout Group

Annual Jumble Sale
Saturday 16th April 2016
2 - 4pm

The Scout Hut, Lucks Lane, Buckden

Entry 50p, children free
Refreshments and home-made cakes
Please bring plenty of change!

Appeal for donations:

We would be very grateful if you could start collecting clothes, books, bric-a-brac, toys, bags, shoes etc for us to sell at the Jumble Sale. The only items we are unable to take are furniture, cycle helmets and car seats. We can take some donations in advance so if you can't store it until then please contact Cheryl on 07980 595836 or Wendy on 07908 666747 who will arrange to collect it for you. Alternatively you can bring jumble to the Scout Hut from 6-9pm on Friday 15th April or from 9-11am on Saturday 16th. Last year we raised over £1200, all of which is put towards activities for all youngsters involved in Scouting in Buckden, and for upkeep of the Scout Hut.

All donations are gratefully received - thank you.

Buckden Gardeners Association Tuesday 19th April 2016



"Hedgehog Friendly Gardens"

A talk from Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity. 8.00pm in the Village Hall. All welcome, members free, guests £2.00. Refreshments will be served after

Garden club shed will be open between 10.00-11.00 on the 3rd & 17th April this month.

For further information go to our website:
<http://www.buckdengardeners.info/>
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For further information contact the secretary

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NIGHTINGALES

Have you ever heard a nightingale sing? If not, have you ever wondered what all the fuss is about? Poets and writers go on and on about nightingales and it's always about the song and the mix of melancholy and joy that it arouses in us.

It's hardly worth describing the actual bird. You probably won't see one because they hide among the leaves, even when singing and, even when you do see one, there isn't much to write home about; it looks like a robin in a sepia photograph, or a small thrush without spots, which is exactly what it is.



So, it's all about the song. Nightingales arrive in the UK from West Africa in the first half of April. The males come first and they sing their hearts out, day and night, to attract any passing female. It might be mid May before they have all settled down to nest. A male with a family will continue to sing at night, but less often in daytime while an unmated male just keeps on singing until it gets hungry. And what a song it is. It has the rich tone of a song thrush but, instead of repeating every phrase it keeps coming up with new ones. The most recognisable part of the song is an insistent seep-seep-seep-seep on one note that starts very quietly then builds and builds until it explodes into a whole song jammed into less than two seconds. There is also a lower pitched jug-jug-jug call and a rattle. It doesn't sound that great does it? That's because I just can't capture it in writing and that has been the challenge for writers and poets down the ages. The joy and wonder bit comes from the sheer virtuosity of the bird but there is also suspense. The song is composed of long and short phrases with silences in between. There is no better way to get your attention than by starting to say something and then pausing for effect and it works even better in a song. You never know how long the pause will be; just a beat, a whole bar or even a whole verse? Or has the bird gone off somewhere?

The melancholy component is interesting too. All musicians know that a sad song, such as dirge or even a blues number, has to be in a minor key. Imagine a Miles Davis solo played on a flute and you are getting close.

I hope that, by now, I've piqued your interest enough for you to ask, "Where can I go to hear a nightingale?" Most English nightingales (they don't occur in Wales or Scotland) are found in Kent and the South East. If you draw a line from the Bristol Channel to the Wash, that's roughly the northern limit for these summer birds. We live right on the north-west edge of their range in Europe, but we have a few good sites on our doorstep. Paxton Pits Nature Reserve holds 25 to 30 pairs in a good year and a visit in May has become an annual pilgrimage for bird-lovers from all over the UK. There are nightingales up at Grafham Water and at Castor Hanglands up beyond Peterborough.

As for timing, you can hear them day or night, but just before dawn is best or just after sunset. This is because these are the times of day when almost all of the males will be singing, and because most other birds won't be singing.

If you want to know more, visit the Paxton Pits Website where you can learn more about nightingales and hear a recording too. You can also find out about our spring time events by going to www.paxton-pits.org.uk (Jim Stevenson is the Senior Ranger for Huntingdonshire District Council at Paxton Pits Nature Reserve.)

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Please see below the updated timetable of regular classes/bookings running here at Buckden Village Hall:

Mondays	10:00am	Millard	Yoga
	1:30pm	Hall	RightStart Class - chair based exercises to build stamina and strength
	6:30pm	Hall	Fitness Pilates – FitHaven
	7:30pm	Lincoln	Yoga with MariaElena
	7:35pm	Hall	KettleBells & Core/Tummy Tone - FitHaven
Tuesdays	9:30am	Lincoln	Yoga with MariaElena
	9:45am	Hall	Fitness Pilates - FitHaven
	12pm	Millard	Shuffletots (music class for young children)
	6:30pm	Hall	Karate
	7:00pm	Aragon	Pilates with Trudy
Wednesdays	9:30am	Lincoln	Life Drawing Art Class
	6:30pm	Lincoln	Fitness with Freddie Heart
	7:00pm	Hall	St Neots Model Railway Club
Thursdays	9:45pm	Hall	Pilates (beg/improve level) - FitHaven
	10:30am	Lincoln	Over 60's Exercise Class
	7:30pm	Lincoln	Yoga with MariaElena
Every other Thursday	7:30pm	Millard	Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society
Fridays	9:30am	Aragon	Yoga with MariaElena
	9:30am	Lincoln	Music for Little People (music class for young children)
One Friday per month	7:30pm	Hall	Rugcutters Lindy Hop Dance Night
Most Sunday evenings plus some Saturdays	7:30pm	Hall	Jivenites Blues Nights

If any of the above is of any interest to you, please call me for further information!

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

Jo Harvey (811101/admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk)

HUNTINGDON HEALTH WALKS

Have you heard of the Huntingdonshire Health Walks scheme? It's a free walking scheme run by the One Leisure Active Lifestyles team at Huntingdonshire District Council. The scheme offers 9 different walks a week which will help you take in the stunning views and landscape that Huntingdonshire has to offer. Walks are held in & around St. Neots, St. Ives, Yaxley, Sawtry, Huntingdon and Ramsey.

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Walks taking place in Huntingdon are either Wednesday afternoons at 2pm or Friday mornings at 10am. Buckden walks are included within the Huntingdon area.

Walks taking in St Neots are Monday mornings at 10am or Friday afternoons at 2pm. Walks are free of charge and you can walk in whatever location you fancy.

You can view the current brochure, March – September 2016 at www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks and click the brochure text or pick up a leaflet from your local One Leisure centre, GP surgery or local library.

For further information please contact the One Leisure Active Lifestyles team on 01480 388469 or visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/activelifestyles



BUCKDEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL (Primary Academy Trust)

March 2016

As Spring approaches, although it is pouring with rain as I write this, we are busy preparing for the better weather. March was a busy month with class visits, Mothers Day Afternoon Tea, school productions and a concert when our Year 3 children were able to show off their singing skills. The children are having inter-house sports events with cross country and a hockey tournament taking place this month.

At the start of the month two of our classes visited the Nene Valley Railway. Their day started with a ride on the steam train, stopping off at an old style signal box to discover how it worked. The day continued with the children learning about the steam railways. Everyone had a good day, although the weather could have been kinder.

The PTA hosted a Mothers Day Afternoon Tea for our Mums and Grandmas. Our visitors enjoyed a cup of tea with their scones or cake – in some cases both! The PTA also organised a shop where the children were able to buy a present for their mums. It was a lovely afternoon – we were pleased to see so many of our mums join us.

Our Year 3/4 children have been very busy writing, learning, practising and performing their end of term play. 'Our Journey Through Time' was based on the topic work each of the classes had studied during the Spring term. Parents and friends who came along and enjoyed the production. Well done to all our budding actors and actresses and to the staff who turned their hand to writing, directing, producing, costume making and prompters.

Our Year 3 children had the opportunity to take part in 'Singfest'. This is a county wide musical extravaganza with many schools coming together in Cambridge to rehearse and perform a concert in front of their parents and visitors. It was a busy, tiring day but the concert was amazing, enjoyed by our parents who went to watch and support the children. It was a fitting end to the Spring Term.

The school is collecting the 'Active Kids' vouchers being given out when you shop in Sainsburys. We are aiming for a record collection this year which will enable us to buy sports equipment for the school. If you do shop in Sainsburys, please collect the vouchers and bring them into the school office. We are grateful for all donations. Thank you.

We would like to wish the residents of Buckden a Happy Easter. We look forward to seeing you when we return for the Summer Term on Monday 11th April.



March has been another busy month. The children made fantastic cards for Mother's Day and then took part in a special craft session with their mummies, making beautiful flowers and necklaces while enjoying a delicious cake or two! Many thanks to everyone who supported or attended the craft morning – it was lovely to see you all in Preschool. As I write, we're also getting ready for St. Patrick's Day fun, including shamrock design printing, and of course preparing to mark Holi, Easter and Passover too.

On the fundraising front, a huge thank you must go to everyone who sponsored their child for the Pancake Flip and joined in with our pancake races. Not only was it great fun, but we raised an astonishing £254 for Preschool! We're also very grateful that One Stop has chosen us as the local charity that will receive proceeds from their sale of carrier bags for the first three months.

We've been raising money for others, too, so thanks also to the children (and assisting parents!) who shared their favourite books and dressed up for World Book Day, raising £13 for Book Aid International, which provides books to those who can't afford or access them.

Miss Alison

For more information, please visit www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk. To book a visit or talk to our Manager, Michelle Nelson, ring 07941 671999. You can also contact our Chairman, Alan Scott, on 07745274921, and visit www.facebook.com/ www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk for our latest updates.

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February/March Match Results

Only a few matches were played this month. Mini-Soccer and HYL U11 fixtures are divided into 3 sections for the season, normally with a gap of 2 weeks between each. At the end of Sections 1 (mid-December) and 2 (early-March), 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.

Also, please note that, unfortunately, the U11 Condors have had to withdraw from the Hunts Youth League because of a lack of players available to play future League games this season (most of the boys attend Kimbolton School and are committed to school activities which will clash with HYL matches). However, the Condors intend to play some friendlies.

LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
Hunts Mini-Soccer				
27/2/16^	Buckden Buzzards U10^	4	St Ives Rangers U10 Black Sox^	1
27/2/16^	St Ives Rangers U9 White Sox^	0	Buckden Vultures U9^	1
27/2/16	Buckden Eagles U8	6	Huntingdon Rowdies U8 Green	2
5/3/16	Arsenal Soccer School U10	1	Buckden Buzzards U10	4
5/3/16	Buckden Eagles U8	2	Huntingdon Rowdies U8 Green	3
Hunts Youth (9v9)				
13/2/16	Buckden Harriers U11	0	St Neots Town U11	3
13/2/16	Buckden Condors U11	1	Grandsen FC U11	5
27/2/16	Hemingford Juniors U11	3	Buckden Harriers U11	0
5/3/16	Buckden Harriers U11	5	Hemingford Juniors U11	2
Hunts Youth (11v11)				
20/2/16	Needingworth Colts U14	11	Buckden Falcons U14	0
27/2/16	Buckden Falcons U14	4	Potton Colts U14	4

^Friendly

Buckden Needs Referees for Mini-Soccer Matches

Buckden JFC requires Refs on Saturday mornings at Buckden for U8, U9 and U10 home matches. You don't have to be formally qualified – you just need to be able to do the job! Also, if you would like to gain a formal Referee qualification, BJFC is willing to finance a training course for you to achieve this. Either way, if you wish to find out more, please contact Buckden JFC Secretary Bob Crane (01480 434610 / robertcrane46@yahoo.co.uk).

Buckden Dribblers Still Welcome New Players and Need Coaches

The Dribblers are now training outside on Buckden sports field - on Saturdays 9-10.00AM - **we still (and always will!) welcome any new players.** We now have one coach for next season (Pre-school to Year 1) but really need a couple more (Buckden JFC will pay for qualification courses etc.). Also, we are starting to look at how many players we'll have for the new Under 7 team starting in September - if there are children (boys and girls) who will be 6 yrs old by 31st August who want to be part of Buckden U7s please let us know ASAP as we are going to start playing friendlies after Easter. Please contact Dribblers managers Nick Speroni (07921 725293 / nick.speroni@hotmail.co.uk) or Matt Gill (01480 811581 / 07803 000690 / matt.gill@hgextra.co.uk).'



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We welcome players of all standards from beginning to county standard if you are interested in playing please contact us through our Chairman Peter Fielder on **01480 437031** or **07775543353** or visit our website at buckden-tennis.org or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Buckden/>

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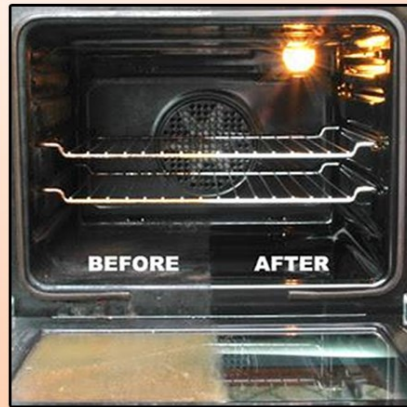
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