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March 2018

The theme this month is the end of winter and the beginning of spring. I have to say that it's been a bit of a stop-and-start affair this year, with the earliest signs of spring rather rudely interrupted by the "Beast from the East" bringing Arctic conditions across the country. And today, although the sun is shining on a mild spring day, snow and bitter easterlies are forecast for the weekend. I hope that by the time you read this, spring will be here to stay.

I am delighted to say that this month we start a regular quarterly column on wildlife, written by Buckden resident and naturalist, Mark Ward. You can find Mark's piece, Buckden in Spring on page 14.

Thank you to readers for the wonderful response we had to the appeal for volunteers to provide back-up to our distribution team. We now have sufficient reserve distributors. Over time some distributors are bound to retire or move on, so it's inevitable that in the future we'll need more people to join the distribution team, and we'll be sure to publicise it when the moment arrives.

Please remember to visit the Roundabout website. There are often articles there that we could not fit into the print edition, as well as information that arrives during the month: <http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/>

Editorial Team

Front Cover
The front cover this month is a reproduction of a painting of bluebells in Brampton Wood. It was painted and sent to us by Ruth Nicholas. As ever, we are very grateful to one of our readers for a great cover!

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...



Calling all cyclists – we need your views

As all cyclists will know, there are cycle racks at the Village Hall, adjacent to the Nisa shop at Hunts End and adjacent to Day's, the butcher's shop, in the High Street. We have recently had a request for an additional cycle rack in the High Street and have identified the area near the Parish Council notice board/telephone box as a possible location. Clearly, to install a cycle rack here would entail some expense and we would like to know whether cyclists would use a cycle rack in this location. We would be grateful if you would let Georgina, Clerk to the Parish Council, know your views, either by telephone or by e-mail. We will only go ahead with this if we get a reasonable and positive response to the idea.

Speedwatch

Would you like to join the Speedwatch team? Speedwatch provides a valuable addition to police speed checks and has been proven to act as a deterrent to drivers to reduce their speed to the legal limit. The next Speedwatch training will be at Cambourne Police Station on Saturday 14 April 2018, between 10 am and noon. If you would like to be a Speedwatch volunteer, please contact Cllr Rick Screamton at rick.screamton@gmail.com or via the Clerk.

Vandalism in our community

Many of you will have read last month's article by PCSO Richard Braddick, including the piece about criminal damage to the play area during the installation of the new surface. We know that the overwhelming majority of our community will be disgusted and appalled by such wanton vandalism in the village. We would appeal to all parents to point out to their children that all damage has financial consequences, limiting funds that can be spent on other activities, as well as social and visual results. Please also point out that there is CCTV around the Village Hall.

Cemetery regulations

As you will have learnt from last month's Roundabout, the Parish Council has revised the cemetery regulations and these can now be found on our website. We would urge all those owners of cemetery plots to look at these regulations and ensure that the grave or cremated remains plot of your loved one is kept in line with these updated guidelines.

Regular attendees at the cemetery will have seen that extensive work has been carried out, both to install the path, so that we can access the new area, and by our handymen, who have done a wonderful job of cutting back unwanted vegetation and tidying, particularly the older plots. We will be looking at all the cemetery shortly to ensure that all plots are kept in line with our updated regulations.

The monthly meeting of the **Parish Council, including a 15 minutes long Public Forum will be held Tuesday 10th April 2018**

If required, the **Parish Council's Planning Committee** will meet on **Tuesday 10th April and Tuesday 24th April** starting 7pm. Agendas for the meetings are posted on the Parish Council notice boards not later than the Saturday preceding the meeting.

Any questions or comments on this report can be addressed to the Parish Clerk, Georgina West, Clerk to Buckden Parish Council, Buckden Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden PE19 5UY.

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

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

FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Buckden/Offords Main Line Level Crossing There have been some very worrying rumours circulating which have suggested that the level crossing will be closed but with no bridge to replace it. This has never been officially mooted but both Buckden and Offord Parish Councils have written to the Secretary of State expressing their concerns and I have been assured that both the District Council and the Combined Authority Mayor will also write endorsing our fears and asking for an early definitive answer.

A1 Matters: We still await the promised report on the future plans for the A1. It now appears that this may not be published until the Summer. There have been numerous complaints about the confusing traffic management signs on the A1. Two firms are concerned; one with the work being carried out by TCI on the Southoe wind farm and the other for necessary road closures during the construction of the A14. I have written to both TCI and the A14 project managers asking them to sort out the problems.

Pot Holes: The number of potholes not only in Buckden but in all local villages and roads is increasing and with that increase so does the likelihood of damage and accidents. Both our County Councillor and I are doing our best to ensure that some of the money recently made available for repairs is allocated to this area.

Council Tax and Councillors' Allowances: HDC has agreed to set a 2% increase for its part of the Council Tax for the year 2018/19. This will mean that the HDC part of the tax for a band D property will be £138.56, an increase of £2.72. The National Joint Council recommended that allowances for Councillors should be increased by 2%. The Council voted unanimously not to accept this recommendation and there will be no increase in Councillors' allowances.

Waste Disposal: I have raised the issue of fly tipping previously but would remind residents not to have their rubbish taken away by contractors who do not possess the necessary licence. If you do this it may well end up being 'fly-tipped' and if traced back to you could result in you being prosecuted.

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

If you have any queries about the above or would like to talk to me about any other matter please don't hesitate to contact me on either 01480 810974 or terry.hayward@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Buckden School Aspirations Day



On Friday 9th February Buckden CE Primary Academy held an Aspirations Day for their Key Stage 2 children with the help of parents, the local community and friends of the school. The aim of the day was to raise and widen the aspirations of its pupils and to help them make a link between what they learn at school and their aspirations for the future.

The day was an amazing success due to over forty professions coming in to share with the children the many different and interesting aspects of their jobs. We began the day with an assembly where the children were told about the role of a facilities manager, a professional storyteller, and even a magician who had both the adults and the children baffled.

The professions represented from the NHS were nurses from both Hinchingsbrooke and Addenbrookes hospitals, diagnostic imagers, our local GP Dr Fargonoli and even a perfusionist. Ibraheem was fascinated, 'It is most surprising that you can repair hearts with tubes!'

Engineers were well represented by Roxroth Engineering, which even included a former pupil of the school, and some great graduate engineers involved in the A14 construction. Many of the displays were interactive and the children had the opportunity to try out lots of different equipment.

The RAF, Navy and Army put on a fantastic display of equipment for the children to try and lots of questions were asked about life in the services. Franki said 'I now know I would love to join the army and see the world'. Also involved were the local priest, Jes Salt, PCSO Richard Braddick, graphic designers, a leisure centre manager, accountants, software engineers, a plant scientist, local farmers and even a representative from Berryworld who had lots of samples for the children. Berryworld said, "It's been a pleasure talking to the children about Berryworld and how we source sustainable fruit, the children have had some interesting questions."

Many of the children were surprised by the wide range of professions. Megan said, 'I really liked today because you get to see all the different jobs out there. It's been helpful as I have more of an idea about what I would like to do.'

Deputy Headteacher Mrs Heather said, "The day was an amazing success, which is all down to the goodwill of all the people involved. We hope to make this a bi-annual event."



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Local Group

The Beautiful Bluebells of Brampton Wood

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come and experience the delights of a carpet of bluebells in this ancient woodland, which lies on our doorstep. You are welcome to share this enchanting scene by participating in a guided walk through Brampton Wood on Sunday 29th April.

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

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

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

Spring Cleaning?

Can you spare an hour or two to help **Spring Clean Buckden**?

If you enjoy the countryside, are concerned about the increasing amount of plastic polluting our lanes and hedge-rows, or would just like to meet other local people, please join

The Buckden Community Litter Pickers

Spring cleaning in and around Buckden

Meet on the Green at Hunts End (opposite the school)

Sunday 22nd April, 9.30 am

Feel great after an hour or two of fresh air, good company and light exercise, followed by complimentary tea and coffee.

Please contact Natasha Marsh via email tasha.marsh2@gmail.com 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 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

TELEPHONE MESSAGE THREATENING HMRC LAWSUIT

There is currently a telephone scam where a recorded message is left, allegedly from HMRC, stating that HMRC are bringing a lawsuit against the individual and going to sue them. The recipient is asked to phone 0161 8508494 and press 1 to speak to the officer dealing with the case. This scam is becoming widely reported and seems to be targeting older people.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THE MESSAGE.

HMRC takes security very seriously but you need to be alert, if you cannot verify the identity of the person making the call you should not disclose your personal details. You should report these incidents on the Action Fraud website, or you can call them on 0300 123 2040 from Monday to Friday 09.00- 1800. Please note this number will be charged at your normal network rate. To learn more about dealing with phishing and scams visit www.gov.uk/report-suspicious-emails-websites-phishing

CONTACT THE POLICE

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

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

Your village NW Coordinators are RICHARD WEST 811467 CLIVE WILLIAMS 811828

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

Telephone: **01480 810344**

Website: saintshughandjoseph.churchgoers.co.uk

In the pastoral care of the Claretian Missionaries:

- Fr. Antony Arockiam cmf
- Fr. Jim Kennedy cmf
- Fr. Peter Wareing cmf
- Fr. Paul Peter Alphonse cmf

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 April

- Sunday 1st**
10.30 am Easter Morning Service: Ted Garwood
- Sunday 8th**
10.30 am Morning Service: Deacon Sue Roberts
- Sunday 15th**
10.30 am Service and AGCM. Rev. Paul Beard
- Sunday 22nd**
10.30 am Morning Service: Mrs Wendy Beard
- Sunday 29th**
10.30 am Morning Service: local arrangement

Activities in April

- Friday 6th** 10 am Coffee Morning
Monday 9th 12.30 pm Churches Together Study Lunch
Tuesday 10th 9.30 am Quiet Time (Wesley Room)
Friday 13th 10 am Coffee Morning
Friday 20th 12 noon Soup and Sweet Lunch
Tuesday 24th 9.30 am Bible Study (Wesley Room)
Friday 27th 10 am Coffee Morning

Everyone is welcome to any of these events.

<p>May</p> <p><i>Saturday 5th May</i> 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Visitor Centre Plant Sale The Friends and Little Paxton Gardening Club All types of plants will be on sale. Second-hand books and refreshments will also be available. Donations of plants are welcome, please contact Ann Thomas at friends@paxton-pits.org.uk</p> <p><i>Wednesday 9th May</i> 8:30pm from the Visitor Centre A Dusk Walk Guided walk led by Volunteers. Hopefully a chance to see wildlife active as evening draws in. Don't forget to bring a torch Restricted to 25 persons £2.50 each Tickets available, at the Visitor Centre, from 1st April</p>	<p><i>Third Thursday of each month</i> 10:30am to 12:30pm Guided Nature Walks Explore Paxton Pits Nature Reserve with experienced local experts. The route taken will depend on the time of year and conditions underfoot, but will be designed to show you the best of what the Reserve has to offer. Walks start at the Visitor Centre at 10:30am and will last approximately two hours. £2.50 per person per walk No need to book, just pay on the day. Don't forget your binoculars! DATES: Jan 18th May 17th Feb 15th Jun 21st Mar 15th Jul 19th Apr 19th Aug 16th</p> <p>Note: <i>These walks are gentle ambles and not route marches. They are designed for people with little or no experience of wildlife.</i> <i>These walks should also benefit those who are getting beyond that stage and wish to go a little further.</i></p>	<p>Events Programme <i>Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve</i></p> <p>June</p> <p><i>Wednesday 13th June</i> 2:00pm from the Visitor Centre A Nectar Walk With Jocelyn Gale Jocelyn will concentrate on the basic identification of some of our most familiar wild flowers at this wonderful time of year. £2.50 each, pay at the door</p>
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What's On at St Mary's Buckden: April 2018

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



HAPPY EASTER

Regular SUNDAY Services

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

Regular WEEKDAY Services

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

ST MARY'S ANNUAL MEETINGS

Sunday 8th April

12.15pm Election of churchwardens

12.25pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

All are welcome to attend the meetings and the bring & share lunch. There are currently vacancies for PCC, Deanery Synod and churchwarden. 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 at St Mary's, there are lists for the various volunteer roles and forms for electoral roll applications, PCC, churchwarden and Deanery Synod nominations at the back of church.

May we contact you?

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

EVENTS IN APRIL

Wednesday 11th April

Friends In Deed - Drop-In Cafe

2.30pm – 4pm refreshments & chat

Wednesday 11th April

M&Ms ladies' group – quiz night

7.30pm at the vicarage

Sunday 22nd April 6pm

Open meeting for the Benefice of Buckden with the Offords - come and share your thoughts.

Closing with Night Prayer at 7pm

Sunday 29th April

6pm Confirmation Service

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS

8pm Going Deeper: informal bible study at Vicarage

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

WEDNESDAYS

10.00am Cuppa and chat after communion

10.30am Going Deeper: informal bible study

THURSDAYS

3.15pm Jamworkx After-School Club at Buckden School (term-time only)

FRIDAYS

Angel Voices – informal all-age choir practice 6.45pm
13th & 20th April

SATURDAYS

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

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

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

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



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

Anglicans Baptists Catholics Methodists

Weekly Prayer Roster	
Each week during the year the Churches, in their prayers, remember the residents of particular streets in the village, those who work in the parish and village organisations. Those to be remembered this month are:	
1st April	Field Close, Lincoln Close, Silver Street, Beaufort Drive, St Hugh's Road
8th April	School Lane, Buckden Primary School (pupils, teachers and teaching assistants, governors, volunteers, midday supervisors, all support staff)
15th April	Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Playgroup and Day Nursery, Buckden out of Schools Scheme, Buckden Towers Youth Retreat Centre
22nd April	Mayfield, Springfield Close, The Osiers, Stirtloe
29th April	Vineyard Way, Burberry Road, Swan End, Lark End, The Library and its librarians

Thought for the Month
Wounds from a friend.

I have a good friend who recently told me a story about himself. Knowing that it was my turn to write the Roundabout's 'Thought for the Month', and knowing how I always tend to leave things until the last minute (now there's my next theme all ready to write!) he suggested I might like to share his story with the Roundabout readers. I thought that was a pretty good plan.

In his own words, then:

"There's an old friend I meet up with for breakfast every now and then, to catch up with what's been going on in each other's lives. The last time we met, I expressed an opinion that shocked my friend. My response to his corrective reaction was to become belligerent in my own defence. In fact, a couple of centuries ago I'd have produced a glove, slapped his face and demanded satisfaction.

"Eventually though, we parted on good terms but I went home feeling very uncomfortable. As I reflected, I realised that he'd been completely correct. Remember Hans Christian Andersen's *'The Emperor's New Clothes'*? I hadn't wanted to hear anything or anyone challenging what I believed to be true; however, like the little boy in the story, my friend was prepared to say, "But you're naked".

"How long had I been building on the illusion that what I say has always to be correct? The years hadn't built me a stronghold of wisdom, only a citadel of pride that was walled by insecurity. What he'd said was tough to hear but it was needed. He didn't shy away from rebuking me even when I became hostile. He remained loving but firm."

In Proverbs, Solomon's book of wisdom, chapter 27 and verse 6, the wise king said, "Wounds from a friend can be trusted but an enemy multiplies kisses". Considerably more recently, Nick Lowe sang that, "You gotta be cruel to be kind, in the right measure".

Like my friend, I don't want to walk around naked under a cloak of insecure pride, especially when everyone else can see through it! Maybe we could all listen to others in humility and be prepared to speak in love to friends who may be a little like that Emperor?

Just a thought...

Baptist Church.

Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme Huntingdon Group March 2018

In good company and with trained leaders, our group's varied walks happen every Wednesday at 2pm and on Friday at 10am. If you can walk comfortably at your own exercise-pace for between 45 and 90 minutes, you will be welcome.

The full walks programme can be found via the contacts below. The walks on the 11th and the 27th April are from the Village Hall car park. Please wear sturdy footwear and warm/waterproof clothing, and carry a small bottle of drinking water to avoid dehydration.

An optional cup of tea/coffee is usually available afterwards.

Please come and share the benefits of this healthy, fun activity. Voluntary donations to the Council-funded scheme are welcomed, although there is no walk charge.

Please check www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks for details, or phone Danielle Sancaster on 01480 387047.

Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society.

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

- Thursday 12th April Bring and Buy—sort out that surplus kit!
- Thursday 26th April "DMR" by Richard Withers 2E0FRQ
- Thursday 10th May Club meeting & chat night
- Thursday 24th May "Royal Observer Corps" by John Shere
MOJWS

Further details contact the club secretary David Howlett, secretary@hunts-hams.co.uk or visit our web site <http://hunts-hams.weebly.com>

Buckden Wine & Beermakers Society

Next meeting.

Thursday 26th April. AGM.

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

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

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

Visitors are welcome to join us.

For further information contact Ann Elliott 01480 810346

LIFE DRAWING GROUP*

Venue: Buckden Village Hall
Day: Wednesday
Time: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Contact: Terry Sladden
Tel: 01480 811031
Email: trrslddn8@gmail.com

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

*Male & Female models

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 2018** will be:

16th April: "The Man who is Paid to Talk to Himself" A talk by Chris Bylett

30th April: 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.

Buckden Bowls Club Monthly Draw

January

No. 80	James Wakeling	£20
No.28	David Edwards	£10
No.48	Jennie Casey	£5

February

No. 85	Colin Patience	£20
No. 6	David Clark	£10
No.23	Mack May	£5

March

No. 58	Juliet May	£20
No. 98	John Knight	£10
No. 45	Jim Bates	£5

Contacts

Club Sec. Brian Moore 812112

Ladies Sec. Eileen Linane 819455

The Friends of Buckden Towers



QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 13th April 2018

8.00 p.m. at The Towers

(Quiz Master: Ian Carter)

Teams of up to 6.

All Welcome

Refreshments

Raffle and Prizes

Entry £5.00 per person at the Door.

Buckden & Little Paxton Surgery Patients Association

March Draw details as follows:

- £100 No 50 Mrs B Steadman
- £25 No 98 Mrs R Gee
- £25 No 21 Ms D Whittall
- £25 No 69 Mrs C Fraser
- £25 No 79 Mrs P Ford

Buckden Friends

How about joining us for a trip?
We use the HACT bus boarding at St. Mary's church.

Thursday 19th April Biggleswade Retail park
and Jordan's Mill
Leave 10am return by 4pm ish

Final call for those coming on May holiday to Weymouth to
pay the balance. May have some spare places if you are
interested

Contact us patking@write.me.com 01480811020
Let's hope for sunshine!
Pat & Brian King



Buckden Gardeners Association

Tuesday 17th April 2018
at 7.45pm in the Village Hall
Talk: The Secrets of Growing
Clematis by Carol Adams

The garden shed in Silver Street will be open on
the 8th & 22nd April from 10.00am -11.00am
For further information go to our website:
<http://www.buckdengardeners.info/>
or call Pam on 01480 811680

Buckden WEA

Italian Opera from Monteverdi to Puccini

Tutor: Peter Bleasby

The course gives a comprehensive overview of Italian
Opera from Monteverdi to the death of Puccini. Ideal for
anyone who wants to know more about opera.

Tuesdays 17 April to 12th June
Half term 29th May
8 sessions of 90 minutes: Fee £46.80
10am to 11.45am with coffee

The Claret Centre, Buckden Towers
Contacts: Bridget Hale 216391, Bill Templeton 456788

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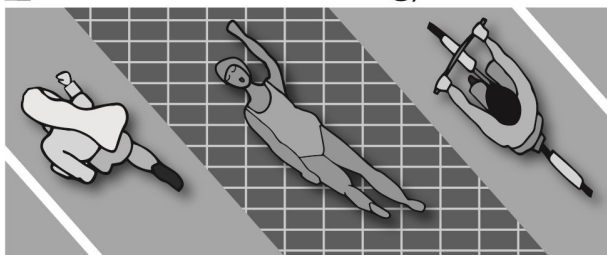
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810871, Lisette Joy 810347
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Easter Holidays

Children’s Easter Trail – we’ll have an Easter trail in the library from Saturday 31st March until Friday 6th April, follow the clues to solve the puzzle and have an Easter treat.

Lego Club is taking place on Thursday 12th April from 2pm – 3.30pm. Come along and see what you can build! Children aged 5 – 11 welcome, 50p per child.

Children’s Craft Activity

Our regular monthly craft activity will be on Saturday 7th April; come along and join in the fun.

Events

Storytime for pre-school children takes place on Tuesdays in term time and starts at 2.15pm. Storytime will be on Tuesday 24th April. Come along to listen to some stories and sing some rhymes.

Knit Lit meetings are on Friday 13th and 27th of April from 8pm. Knitters of all ages and abilities welcome!

Games Afternoon

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

Researching your family history? Did you know that you can access Ancestry via the Library computers? We have a subscription that is free to use for all library customers. Come along to the library to find out more.

Tuesday	10.00 am to 1.00 pm
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BUCKDEN CRICKET CLUB

This season the Junior cricket teams will be as follows:

- U9’s Coached by Trevor Mews
- U15’s Coached by Lester O’Driscoll

This season we would also like to run U11 and U13’s teams which will be coached by Steve Brown. We also have adult 1st and 2nd XIs. If you would like to be part of a village cricket team and would like further information on any of the above teams please contact Trevor Mews.
Trevor Mews - U9’s Coach Mobile: 07761454506 Email: fos.cricket@btinternet.com

Cambridgeshire Police

Apparently Spring is coming and we should start smiling again with the lighter evenings and the milder weather.

Since last month’s report I am pleased to say that this month there is little to report in regards to crime in the area. We have identified the three youths involved in the criminal damage incident at the playpark, and due to their ages they have all been given stern words of advice after a trip to St Neots Police station.

However, when one job ends another begins with several reports of anti-social behaviour and one of criminal damage to the cricket pavilion received in the last few weeks. There are several groups of teenagers causing issues and being rude to members of the village hall and their users. I have spoken to several of these youths and I’m hoping this will be an end. Although I sympathise with the youths of the village that they have nowhere to go, especially during these cold evenings, it does not give them the excuse to cause anti-social behaviour and be rude to members of the public.

Lastly I felt quite privileged to be told by a member of the community that I am on a Facebook page within the village, apparently when I do the school parking patrol it is messaged on the page so warning parents to park legally - perhaps I should come undercover next time!

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

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Spring

Nothing is so beautiful as Spring –
When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;
Thrush’s eggs look little low heavens, and thrush
Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring
The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;
The glassy peartree leaves and blooms, they brush
The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush
With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.

What is all this juice and all this joy?
A strain of the earth’s sweet being in the beginning
In Eden garden. – Have, get, before it cloy,
Before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sour with sinning,
Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,
Most, O maid’s child, thy choice and worthy the winning.

Gerard Manley Hopkins



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Bookings

This month we have a Craft Fayre (14th), two private parties, a kid's party, Rugcutters and a Jivenites Weekender as well as all our regular hirers.

War Memorial Playing Fields Trust Public Meeting

Following a successful meeting on 16th February, the landscape architects are preparing a master plan for improvements to the playing field and valley area. The Trustees expect this to be delivered in April, following which there will be another public meeting to gauge the village's reaction to it. Details of the meeting, which will probably be held in June, will be published in the Roundabout. The Trustees hope many of you will attend the meeting to give your views on this proposed development of an area of central importance to the village.

Chairman vacancy at Buckden Village Trust

The current chair of the Trust, John Thelwall, has notified the Trustees that it is his intention to retire as chairman in July 2018. The Trustees are therefore looking for a community minded person to take over the position next year. It is an interesting and rewarding position. The Village Hall and the recreation ground have a central position in village life. The Trustees, and particularly the chair, contribute a great deal to the village in managing this well used facility we are lucky enough to have. The job of chair is not particularly demanding nor does it take a great deal of time. It does not require any special skills. If you would like to make a major contribution to the village community please contact me (details below).

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

You can see our full calendar of events on the website.

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

FRIENDS IN DEED

A very successful Winter Tea Party was held in the Methodist Hall towards the end of February with a total of 47 people attending. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and there was a definite "buzz" in the atmosphere! Our thanks as always to Brenda Steadman for organising the event, and to all our members who helped out on the day, providing delicious homemade cakes, transporting guests, hosting and assisting in a very busy kitchen!



The Drop-in Café in St Mary's Church is on the second Wednesday of every month, **11th April** this month, and runs from 1430 to 1600 in the Living Stones Room, so do come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, homemade cakes and a good chat. Transport is available on request – see below – and you would be most welcome!

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

In our March meeting we welcomed "Tori" Alexander, a member of the Cambs/Beds Bat groups, which are affiliated to the Bat Conservation Trust. She explained how bats are a protected group of mammals and part of her job is to ensure that their natural environments are protected especially from developers. We saw many photographs of these delightful creatures, Pipistrelles being the most common in our country. It was a most interesting talk, covering how they echo-sound, what they eat and how we can protect them.



Our next meeting is on April 3rd at 7.30 pm in the Millard Suite and is entitled "Looking after our feet". The competition is for a pair of shoes with "bling"!

For more information please contact:

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

Buckden in Spring

In the first of a new quarterly column, local author and naturalist Mark Ward highlights some of the exciting wildlife to look out for in the Buckden area over the next three months.



The Snake's-head Fritillary

complete a 50,000 mile round trip from the South Pole every year and flocks pass through Grafham Water on their way north, pausing momentarily on their long journey. Don't confuse them with the Common Terns that breed locally and patrol the river all summer long through. It takes a strong northerly wind, and rain, to force down migrating Arctic Terns as they pass over and they are always seen between the third week of April and second week of May.

Another star April species to search for is the Snake's-head Fritillary on Portholme Meadow. Its purple flowerheads nod in the breeze here every year - a real rarity in the wild.

Once May arrives and sun shines more often, it's time to think about dragonflies. We have a local speciality, easily seen along the River Ouse and in the adjacent meadows in May and June – the Scarce Chaser. It is well-named because it perches motionless on top of a piece of vegetation before dashing off in pursuit of small flying insects. Males are a lovely powder blue when mature; the females golden-orange with a black stripe.

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Following the "Beast from the East's" bitter east winds and snow in early March, the arrival of spring was even more eagerly anticipated than usual this year by humans and wildlife alike.

April brings so much to look and listen for locally, including perhaps the most unmistakable bird song of all – the Cuckoo. This is just one of around 50 species of bird that migrate to the UK from Africa every summer to raise their young.

Sadly, the sound of the Cuckoo has become rarer even in the relatively short time I have lived in the village. One of the best places to hear it is along the Ouse Valley Way. There are usually at least two territorial males between Buckden Marina and Brampton. Take a walk along the river from around the third week of the month and you should get lucky. Paxton Pits is another great place to see and hear these charismatic birds.

Cuckoos lay their eggs in the nests of a few host species, but our local birds tend to target the Reed Warblers that you can hear chuntering incessantly from the reeds along the river over the next three months.

April also brings the world's most-travelled bird to our part of the world, but you need to be quick to catch it! Arctic Terns



The Scarce Chaser dragonfly

**BUCKDEN CHURCH OF
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As Spring approaches, we are busy preparing for the better weather. The school managed to stay open and continue as usual during the cold and snowy weather – the children enjoyed playing in the snow on the school field. March has been a busy month with a variety of activities. Our Year 5 children had a Medieval Day. The children (and teachers) came to school dressed in clothes of the period. They learnt about life in the time of the Magna Carta, around the early 1200's, what life was like for a peasant in 1215, how the feudal system worked, what King John was really like and how the Magna Carta came about. They also took part in a variety of activities including writing in authentic ink and designing their own coat of arms.

The PTA organised a Mothers Day shop for the children, where they could buy a Mothers Day present for their mothers/grandmothers. This proved to be very popular with the children and all gifts were duly sold. We hope you all liked your presents. The PTA also 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! It was a lovely afternoon – we were pleased to see so many of our mums and visitors join us.

Our Year 3/4 children have been very busy writing, learning, practising and performing their end of term play. 'What a Knight' was performed to our parents and friends who came along and, we hope, 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 and scenery making and prompters.

Our football teams have been playing in many games and tournaments with other local schools. We will let you know how they fared in the next edition on The Buckden Roundabout.

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 16th April.

As I write this, the children are busy making lovely handprint flower cards for Mother's Day. They have also been enjoying walks in the snow, dancing and our new loose parts play, which encourages them to use objects in a more creative way and play more imaginatively. On one very noisy day, they decided to use the twigs as drumsticks! We are now looking forward to our Easter activities, which will include lots of crafts, an Easter egg hunt and a trip to St. Mary's to learn about the Christian meaning of Easter. The children will also be learning about Passover and marking World Down's Syndrome Day by wearing #lotsofsocks!

In April, when our new term begins, our leavers who are due to start school in September will be starting PE sessions, enjoying a variety of physical activities and getting used to changing their clothes independently.

Looking forward to May, we are offering you a chance for a spring declutter! If you have items that need a new home, you can bring them along to our fundraising jumble sale and cake sale on May 11th, 3.30-5.30 at the village hall. You can either donate your items to preschool from April 23rd or, if you prefer, hire a table for £10 and turn your unwanted items into cash.

If you would like a table at the jumble sale, please email Angela, our fundraising coordinator, at buckdenpreschoolfundraising@gmail.com to arrange it.

Miss Alison

For information about Preschool, please contact our Manager, Denise Carter, on 07941 671999. You can also contact our Chairperson, Tizzy Pape, at buckdenpreschoolchairperson@gmail.com or visit www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk.

Buckden in Spring *(continued from page 14)*

An absolute "must-do" for May is to spend an evening at Paxton Pits with its world-famous Nightingales, another African migrant. The first two weeks of the month are best and if you visit in the evening, or early in the day, you will be treated to the best performance from these stunning songsters. The richness of their song is incredible and even better at night when there is little competition from any other sounds.

I hope to see you out and about over the next few months and I'll be back in the July edition with more tips on what wildlife to look out for in the Buckden area.

Mark Ward is a nature author and the RSPB's Editor-in-Chief, producing its magazines and other communications for its 1.1 million members. His latest book, "Wildlife on Your Doorstep" is based on his experiences with the wildlife of the Buckden area. It is available from Amazon and all good booksellers.



BUCKDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

February/March Match Results

There were fewer matches this month – many were postponed because of the bad weather and poor pitch conditions.

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LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
Hunts Mini-Soccer				
10 Feb 18	Buckden Eagles U10	4	Eynesbury Rovers U10 Blue	0
17 Feb 18*	Buckden Hawks U7 Black*	12	Exning U7*	3
24 Feb 18	Buckden Hawks U7 Black	3	Warboys Colts U7	0
10 Mar 18	Hemingford Colts U7	2	Buckden Hawks U7 Black	2
Hunts Youth (9v9)				
10 Feb 18	Buckden Vultures U11	2	Priory Parkside U11 Black	0
18 Feb 18**	St Neots Town U12**	0	Buckden Buzzards U12**	3
24 Feb 18	Buckden Vultures U11	3	Little Paxton Colts U11 Sky	1
10 Mar 18	Needingworth Colts U12	4	Buckden Buzzards U12	1
10 Mar 18***	Buckden Vultures U11***	5	Little Paxton Colts U11 Sky***	0
Hunts Youth (11v11)				
10 Feb 18	Needingworth Colts U13	1	Buckden Harriers U13	4
24 Feb 18	Buckden Falcons U16	1	Longstanton FC U16	2
24 Feb 18^	Buckden Harriers U13^	4	March Park Rangers Yth U13^	0

Buckden Needs Referees for Mini-Soccer Matches

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

Buckden Tennis Club

April sees the arrival of a new season at the tennis club. If you would like to join the club now is the perfect time. We welcome people of all ages and all abilities, whether you are an experienced player, want to get back into tennis or just fancy taking up the game! If you are interested please join us at our open morning on 21st April from 10.30am. This is when the social side of our club kicks off with a few rounds of tennis followed by Bucks Fizz and Hot Dogs! Please get in touch if you would like to come down.

We have 4 all-weather hard-courts, open 7 days a week, all year round, each with floodlighting to county standard. We have a packed schedule of club tournaments throughout the summer as well as mens, ladies and mixed teams competing in Hunts & Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Summer Leagues.

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

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

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

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LAWN CARE IN APRIL



Mowing

Frequency: Mow at least once a week now; make sure mower has been serviced and blade replaced or sharpened.

When: It's best done on a dry day. If your patio is dry, the chances are your lawn will be dry enough to mow (it's a sign that the air is drying the lawn).

Height: No shorter than 1 " (2.5 cm). Make sure blade is sharp.

Fertiliser – Organic

This is the time to feed the lawn after most nutrients will have been washed through during the wet winter months..

Weed Control

Once the weeds and grass are actively growing a selective herbicide to kill broad-leaved weeds such as dandelions, daisies and clover within the grass can be applied.

Actions required in April

- Mow lawn at least once per week
- Apply organic spring fertiliser to produce vibrant green lawn
- Spray weeds in lawn with selective herbicide
- Spray patio and drive with long lasting treatment before the weeds get a hold and become an eyesore

Lawn fact: "58 m² of lawn gives enough oxygen for one person for a day"

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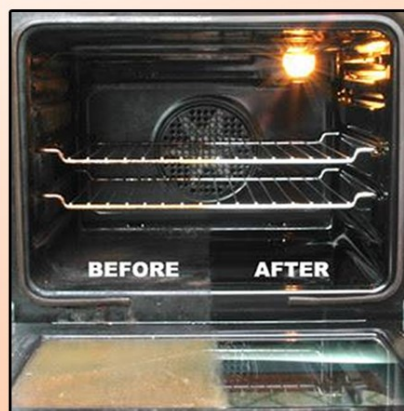
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