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## December 2019

Hopefully many of you will be in attendance for the regular Buckden Christmas Market and Lights Switch-on. This is another example of a fantastic event that could not take place without the dedication of a small, but eager, group of volunteers, and we should be grateful for their ongoing efforts. If the Christmas event inspires you to get involved in village events, the Village Hall Trust are looking for someone to take over the lead in organising the summer fete from July 2021 but helping in 2020. The plea went out in the November edition (p14), but contact details for Jo at the Village Hall can be found on page 13 of this issue.

Now a couple of administrative announcements!

Firstly, if you are a contributor to the Roundabout please remember that the January 2020 is distributed before Christmas so we need all contributions no later than close of business on

Friday 6th December! The tight timelines make it difficult to chase late copy!

Secondly, our distributors are reminded that the January 2020 issue is distributed on December 19th. Copies for distribution can be collected from the village hall as usual, or at our Christmas Social on Thursday 19th December in the Living Stones Room (in St Mary's Church). Any packs not collected will be delivered as usual later in the day.

Finally we wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

*This month's editor - Ian Carter*

### Front Cover

The cover photo was taken at the 2018 Christmas Market and Lights Switch-On, and was provided by our own Alec MacAndrew.

We are looking for more paintings of any kind that could use as a front cover. We can photograph them if you only have original artwork. We are also keen to get images (photos or paintings) of the village and surrounding areas in preparation for future issues. Please note that images should ideally be in portrait format and should be a *minimum* of 2400 x 1700 pixels. More is better!

### December Production Dates

Production dates for the **January Edition** of the Roundabout are as follows:

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IT IS REGRETTED THAT ANY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE  
WILL NOT BE INCLUDED.**

# Buckden Parish Council News...

## Buckden Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan is now complete and available for you to view as part of a formal consultation process. This will begin on 25<sup>th</sup> November and conclude on 6<sup>th</sup> January. You can view the plan and provide feedback by going to the BPC web site, (see below). Paper copies are also available in the village hall office. This is an important document. It sets out what developers can and can't do in our village. Whilst we cannot stop the Silver Street development, which is included in the Huntingdonshire Local Plan, we have drafted policies, particularly about traffic, house type and design which the developers must comply with. When finalised it will also significantly increase the amount of money the village receives from developers. It is important we get your feedback. Once the consultation is complete the plan will be submitted for review by a planning inspector.

## Climate Change Mitigation

We will be holding a workshop on 11<sup>th</sup> January titled 'What on Earth Can Buckden Do'. Please join us between 1 and 7pm in the village hall. See further information on page 13.

## Thank You!!!!

To everyone who helped with the clean up at the top of Silver Street. A huge improvement!

To NISA for the donation of £500 towards new notice boards at the allotments.

## Vandalism at the Village Hall Playing Fields

We are experiencing an increase in vandalism most recently of the playground equipment. This is very expensive to repair. BPC and the Village Hall Trust are running a quiz night on 6<sup>th</sup> December to raise funds for this. Please join us.

## A14

The Southern Bypass from Brampton to Swavesey is due to open in December this year. Once the Bypass opens to traffic, the A14 will be closed from junction 24 at Godmanchester, to junction 23 at Spittals. This will enable major work to begin to demolish the viaduct in Huntingdon. This work will begin in February and will take approx. 18 months.

## Lucks Lane

Several of you have raised concerns relating to the work in Lucks Lane. We meet monthly with the site manager and, so far, have had a positive response to most of the issues. Please continue to let us know of problems.

## The A1 and The Roundabout

The BPC Chair met with our MP Jonathan Djanogly in October to highlight your concerns about safety and congestion at the roundabout. He is due to meet with Highways England, assuming he is re-elected, in January and will raise our various issues with them.



## Silver Street and Mill Road developments

Both developments remain on hold. So far, the developers transport consultants have not identified a solution that resolves the additional traffic congestion created by the developments.

Highways England appear to have listened to our concerns about the safety of the previous proposal which created the potential for collision between A1 through-traffic and any stationary vehicles caught at traffic lights on the roundabout.

In order to make progress it has been agreed that a new more detailed computer model of the junction will be built over the next few months. Additional traffic data collection is currently on going. You may have noticed the cables across the High Street, Perry Road and Mill Road.

The Parish Council have submitted a further objection to the Mill Road development.

## Mill Road

We are chasing Cambridgeshire County Council about progress with traffic calming measures on this dangerous stretch of road.

## New Councillor

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

**Office opening hours** are: Mon, Wed and Thursday 10.30-2.00pm, Tuesday 2-4pm, Friday – closed.

## Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. The meeting will include a 15-minute open forum. If you want to speak at the meeting, please let us know what you want to say, by contacting the Parish Clerk. You will get a three-minute slot.

If required, the Council Planning Committee will meet on 10<sup>th</sup> December. Agendas for these meetings are posted on the Parish notice boards no later than the Saturday preceding the meeting.

All of the papers and reports for Council meetings are available on the Thursday before the meetings on the Council website <http://buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk>. This provides the opportunity to see the agenda, reports of work carried out by the Council as well as reports from our County and District Councillors.

Any questions or comments on this report should be addressed to the Parish Clerk at: Buckden Parish Council, Buckden Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden, PE19 5UY Telephone 01480 819407 Email [clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk)



## Buckden Neighbourhood Watch

### BEWARE AMAZON PRIME SCAM

Action Fraud is warning people about a new scam that charges individuals for an Amazon Prime subscription.

The organisation has received hundreds of reports of a scam where victims receive an automated phone call claiming they've been charged for an Amazon Prime subscription.

The phone call informs people their personal details have been fraudulently used to subscribe to Amazon Prime, however they can cancel the transaction by pressing 1 on their phone keypad.

When victims do this, they are automatically connected to criminals posing as Amazon customer service representatives who then remotely access their computer and steal their personal and financial details.

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### ACTION FRAUD ADVICE

- Never install software as a result of a cold call
- Always question uninvited approaches in case it's a scam
- If in doubt contact a company directly using a known email address or phone number
- Feel confident to refuse unusual requests for personal or financial information.

### HALLOWEEN

I am sad to write the following, many kind residents left sweets for children on their doorstep only to find children or I can say young people stole all the sweets and on occasions the container. There is photographic Evidence of the young people who stole the sweets what happens next year. Just hope young people will apologise to the residents they stole from and not behave in this way again.

To contact the police: 999 in an emergency; 0800 555 111 Crime Stoppers; 0300 123 2040 Action Fraud.  
EMAIL [burglarycrackdown@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:burglarycrackdown@cambs.pnn.police.uk) or visit [www.crimestoppers.uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers.uk.org) or you can telephone 101

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

#### Thanks from Marie Curie

Many thanks to Buckden Marina, its staff, all the other helpers, and those who so generously donated, for making the Marie Curie Coffee Morning such a great success. We raised £830 towards St Mary's Church charity fund raising appeal for this charity.

**What a great achievement!**

#### Thanks from Gordon & Elaine Dudley

We would like to thank all of the children, tots to teenagers, who visited us at Halloween. Over 90 in all. Their costumes and make-up were fantastic and the smiles and greetings were heart-warming. They all thanked us for their treats. What a lovely evening!!

## FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

### Confusing and difficult times ahead

November and December are normally the months when Cambridgeshire County Council committees try to work out how to provide services to the public for the following financial year (starting April 2020). This is always a difficult task as we have to juggle with several variables: the demand for services; grants for local government from central government; the decision by the Council on tax increases (if any).

This year, in addition to all those variables, we have a General Election in December and although the main focus of attention will be the Brexit dilemma, the outcome of the election will also affect many other aspects of public life – adult social care, care for young people, schools, NHS, housing etc. So, planning is even more difficult this year.

What we do know for sure is that demand for the services provided by the County Council is increasing owing to the impact of prolonged austerity on the most deprived in our community.

Alongside what we might call the 'macro-problems' which affect all communities across the country, we have the 'micro-problems' – the everyday local issues which affect the quality of life and safety of local residents. These vary slightly from village to village, but usually include dangerously worn-out road markings and unfilled pot-holes, as well as what we might call the more 'cosmetic' shortcomings (slime-covered road signs, overgrown verges, damaged street names, unweeded public areas).

Another new and important dimension this year is the increasing public awareness of environmental issues and climate change. All the County Council committees are charged with bearing these in mind as they do their planning. So, for example, renewed attention to improving bus services is back on the agenda in order to get people out of cars. Similarly, road planning must give greater attention to cycleways and pedestrian safety.

I honestly cannot foresee what will be happening in these aspects of our collective life in 2020 and onwards. The one thing I do feel sure about is that we will no longer be able to expect what we have been used to for many years. The ingenuity and resilience of local communities, greater personal action at the local level and, I fear, greater financial demands will be in the forefront of our thinking.

'We live in interesting times ...'

If you wish to raise any local matters with me personally and would welcome a face-to-face conversation, I come to the parish council meeting, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month. At other times, please ring me on 07765 833 486 or write to me at [peter.downes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:peter.downes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

*Peter Downes, November 14th, 2019*



Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
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Local Group

### An Evening with Mike Dilger

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come along for an entertaining evening with Mike Dilger on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm.

Mike is a well-known face as a wildlife presenter, making regular appearances on the BBC's One Show and Inside Out. He is the author of numerous books, including Nightingales in November, Natures Calendar and Natures Babies.

Mike has a passion for both British and tropical wildlife and tonight he will share his tales of his extensive travels in the tropics. Meetings are held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB, starting at 7.30pm.

We are expecting this to be a very popular talk and would ask people to book in advance to ensure that they get a seat on the night. Bookings should be confirmed either at one of our autumn meetings or by contacting Alistair Grant on [alistair-grant@hotmail.com](mailto:alistair-grant@hotmail.com) or 07775365507.

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

### FRIENDS IN DEED

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



Following the Friends in Deed AGM in October we now have a new Visits Co-ordinator, Angie Bruce, and a (partially) new committee. Our great thanks go to Jane and Andy Scott for all their work as co-ordinators for the past 4 years. We are all looking forward to another year reaching out to and helping people in Buckden. The help we can provide includes:-

- Companionship – visiting you at home for a friendly chat. This can be a regular arrangement or a one-off visit.
- Our Community Café runs every month (on the 2nd Wednesday) and is open to all regardless of age, gender, faith (or no faith), sexual orientation, colour, beliefs. Come along for help and support (if you need it) or just a cuppa, cake and a chat.

- Practical support - we can signpost to professional agencies such as foodbank, debt agencies, citizens advice and have other information available to help point you in the right direction.
- Local Transport - when family, friends and public transport are not available.

To contact us:

**Just drop in to the Community Café which we run on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Living Stones Room at St Mary's Church Buckden. You will be very welcome.**

If you do need help or if you would like to join us in providing help to others, please call our co-ordinator, Angie, on 07810 006598.

For transport requests, please call 07914 669967. Leave a message and we will call you back. We are still seeking a new transport co-ordinator. If you think you might be interested in this role or want to know more, please call the transport number and we will call you back for a chat.

### Buckden Learning Group

The inaugural course run by the new Buckden Learning Group (BLG) got off to a positive start with 44 enrolments. Liz Carter is providing a series of enlightening lectures on 'Victorian Crime & Punishment' that provoke stimulating discussions during the refreshment breaks. The term concludes on 3rd December with a lunch. Subject to demand, the course will be followed up by a trip in the spring to Lincoln to visit the Victorian prison (now a tourist attraction).

Starting on January 14th, Marina Burrell will regale us with tales of 'Famous Russian Women in World History & Culture'. Various women (e.g. a princess, a diplomat, a ballerina, an opera singer and a terrorist) will be considered; with lives full

of hardships and pleasures, excitement and bewildering twists. How were they affected by diverse historical and political contexts? Find out what was extraordinary about these women.



In April a Study Day will be run entitled 'The Light Ages', telling the story of the transfer of scientific knowledge from ancient Greece to Medieval Europe via Islamic (Arabic) philosophers.

Look out for adverts (see page 13 of this issue) and village posters for full details of these and other future events. Having made a good start, the BLG Committee is now planning a range of courses from September 2020 onwards.



### Roundabout: early copy deadline in December

**Note that the copy deadline in December for the January edition will be at close of business on Friday 6th December 2019**



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Fr. Jim Kennedy CMF

Fr. Paul Peter Alphonse CMF

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

**Weekday Masses** - Monday to Saturday at 9.15 am in the Lady Chapel.

**Morning and Evening Prayer** Monday to Saturday at 9 am and 5.45 pm in the Lady Chapel.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** every Saturday from 9.45 am to 10.15 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 from 9.45 am and ending with Benediction at 10.15 am.

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

**Christmas Hampers for Godmanchester Foodbank**

I am collecting for the Godmanchester Foodbank Christmas Hampers again this year, as it has been such a success for the last couple of years.

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

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

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 some non perishable foods, such as tins, packets, rice, pasta, etc. and also some nice Christmas treats such as chocolate, biscuits, sweets, cake, etc. Your donated items will help towards making up Christmas Hampers for people who just can't afford those luxuries and will help make a difference for them at this time of year. The Foodbank said the children loved the sweets and chocolate they got last year.

I will need your donations by the **11th 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.

Please contact me if you require further details.

Jo Redwood 07730478290 53 Greenway, Buckden

**Buckden Methodist Church**

**Minister:** Rev. Pam Siddall (01480 819228)

**Stewards:** Angie Barnes (810102)

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Carol Swepestone (810053)

**Services in December**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** Advent Holy Communion: Rev. Pam Siddall

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** Morning Service: Mr. Don Moorman

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** **Carol Service:** Rev. Heather Walker

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** **Christmas Morning Worship:** Rev. Pam Siddall

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** Morning Service: Rev. James Barber

**Activities in December**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**

10.30a.m. Coffee Morning run by  
Buckden Surgery Patients Association

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

10-11a.m. Bible and Prayer group

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

10 a.m. Coffee Morning

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**

12 noon Soup and Sweet Lunch  
(Bible Group resumes January 14<sup>th</sup>)

**Everyone is very welcome to any of these events.**

**The Methodist folk wish you all a happy and  
peaceful Christmas and a hope – filled New Year**

**Feed the birds**



In winter, life can be hard for wildlife. Days are short and for many creatures, especially small birds, finding enough food to survive takes up almost every hour of daylight.

You can help the birds and other wildlife by making your own bird feeder, or buying one, and filling it regularly.

Feeding garden birds in winter can make a real difference to their survival. In the coldest weather fat balls are a great source of food and providing foods such as sunflower seeds will ensure your garden is popular with birds.

*From [www.wildlifewatch.org.uk](http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk)*

## What's on at St Mary's Buckden: December 2019

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



### SUNDAY & Christmas Services

Sun 1	11:00am	Family Communion
<b>Sat 7</b>	<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Christingle</b>
Sun 8	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Communion
Sun 15	11.00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Tue 17</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Village Carol Service</b>
<b>Wed 18</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>School Carol Concert</b>
Sun 22	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	All-age service
<b>Tue 24</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>
	<b>11.30pm</b>	<b>Midnight Communion</b>
<b>Wed 25</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Christmas Communion</b>
Sun 29	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Communion

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

### Regular WEEKDAY Services / Prayers

Monday	2.15pm	Daily Prayers
Tuesday	2.15pm	Daily Prayers
Wednesday	9.30am	Communion
Thursday	5.15pm	Daily Prayers
Friday	2.15pm	Daily Prayers

### Regular Groups / Activities

Mondays	8.15pm	Bell-ringing practice
Wednesdays	10.00am	Coffee after communion
	10.30am	Going Deeper bible study
Thursdays	7.00pm	youth@thetowers (Towers)
Fridays	6.45pm	Angel Voices (13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> )
Saturdays	10.30am	Coffee & Cakes

### EVENTS IN DECEMBER

**Advent Sunday 1 December 2pm – 5pm**

### BUCKDEN CHRISTMAS MARKET & ST MARY'S WREATH FESTIVAL

St Mary's will be open all afternoon. The school will be visiting to sing. Come in for refreshments and to see the wreaths.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**Cleaning Crew in St Mary's from 10.00am.** Please come and lend a hand to clean the church

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm**

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** - one for all the family. Organised by Buckden's Churches and Scouts. Collection for The Children's Society

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ in St Mary's – all welcome** Tea, cake & chat. Support from Friends in Deed  
Second Wednesday each month 2.30pm-4pm

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm**

### VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

a truly lovely village occasion with candlelight, hand-bells, Aragon Singers & more. Organised by Buckden & District Churches Together. Mulled wine, hot chocolate & mince pies afterwards, Collection to local charities

### CHRISTMAS EVE – TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

#### 2.30pm CRIB SERVICE

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

#### 11.30pm MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

come and celebrate with us

### CHRISTMAS DAY - WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

#### 8am HOLY COMMUNION

#### 10.15am CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

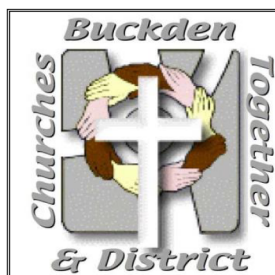
**Need some peace and quiet?** You are welcome to use the Tower Room at the back of the church or any other space in St Mary's whenever the church is open

**Room to hire:** St Mary's Living Stones Room (with under-floor heating, kitchen and toilet facilities) and the smaller Tower Room are available to hire for meetings, groups & social gatherings [bookings@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:bookings@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)

For more information on our events / activities / services all year, see [www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk](http://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](mailto:priestincharge@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)





Buckden & District Churches Together  
[www.buckdendistrictchurches.wordpress.com](http://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 December	The Parish Council, The Village Hall and Playing Field Trust; those who help to run the Village Hall, and the activities there
8th December	Greenway, Aragon Close, Hoo Close, Bishops Way
15th December	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
22nd December	Clubs and societies, their leaders and members, volunteers, and the team that produces and distributes the Buckden Roundabout
29th December	Cranfield Way, Cranfield Close, Weir Close, Smith Drive, Lucks Lane, Morris Close

### Thought for the Month

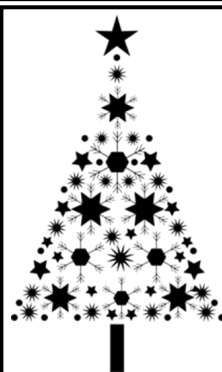
#### Welcoming Jesus

It's the time of year when Christians everywhere are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. God growing up among us as a human person: what an amazing thought! Not everyone welcomed his arrival but in his life-time many people did, of course, welcome Jesus into their homes and lives. He visited Simon Peter's home, whose mother-in law he healed there; he went for a meal with Zaccheus whose life was transformed for the better by his visit; Martha and Mary made him welcome regularly, as did many others. However, the person who did most to accommodate and welcome Jesus was his mother Mary who gave him a home in her body until the time came for him to be born, then nurtured and supported him until the end of his days.

Mary and Joseph's desperate search for shelter in Bethlehem when there was 'no room at the inn' on the night of Jesus' birth is recalled in the 'Posada' tradition from Mexico (the word means 'Inn') which has evolved into the modern practice of 'travelling cribs'. Sets of nativity figures stay at different homes around a town or village each night of December. Perhaps you have already offered hospitality to a crib from Buckden's own St. Mary's congregation this year? There's still time if you would like to. Christmas is a wonderful time to think about inviting and welcoming Jesus in your home and heart for always. It's truly life-changing.

*Buckden and District Churches Together wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you at some of the events and services advertised in this issue of Roundabout.*

Rev. Pam Siddall. Buckden Methodist Church



### Scout Christmas Post

Every year the scouts fundraise by delivering Christmas Cards within Buckden for a donation. All money raised goes towards much needed equipment and experiences for the group!

Find the special Scout post boxes in Days', Nisa and One Stop from the beginning of December.

Delivery Date 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Cards for Buckden only please.

### Did you know...?

...Aragon Close was named after Katherine of Aragon, first of Henry VIII's six wives. She was imprisoned in Buckden Towers from July 1533 until May 1534 when the king married Anne Boleyn. She died of cancer at Kimbolton Castle in 1536 and she was buried at Peterborough Cathedral.

...Beaufort Drive was named after Margaret Beaufort (1443-1509), mother of Henry VII and founder of Christ's and St. John's colleges, Cambridge. She visited Buckden.

...Bishops Way was named after the bishops of Lincoln, who were housed at Buckden Towers from the 12<sup>th</sup> century until 1841.

...Greenway was named after the Green family who lived in Buckden and Bishop Green of Lincoln.

*From Buckden A Huntingdonshire Village, Mike Storey (Ed.), 2010*



**Buckden**

Christmas Market & Lights Switch On  
Sunday 1st December 2019  
2-5pm High Street

**MARKET STALLS TOWN CRIER  
SANTAS GROTTO HOT FOOD & DRINK  
MUSIC CRAFTS GAMES GIFTS  
& MUCH MORE...**



**HUNTS phil FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

HUNTINGDONSHIRE  
PHILHARMONIC  
CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA  
HUNTINGDONSHIRE COMMUNITY  
YOUTH ORCHESTRA  
RAMSEY JUNIOR SCHOOL CHOIR  
perform 'BABAR THE  
ELEPHANT' and other  
Christmas Favourites

**SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER AT  
4:00PM**

Hinchingbrooke Performing Arts Centre  
Huntingdon, PE29 3BN  
at [www.huntsphil.org.uk](http://www.huntsphil.org.uk), or on the door

TICKETS £15 (£5 STUDENT)

Registered Charity No. 280451

**dreamdrops**



**St. Mary's Church, Buckden**

**CHRISTMAS  
WREATH  
FESTIVAL**

**Starts Sunday 1st  
DECEMBER**

Bring your wreath between 11am-12noon  
**Saturday 30th November.**  
Further details from Chris & Gina Bylett  
01480 812777



Working towards a dementia-friendly community

**Reconnect Social Group**


Welcomes ALL people living with dementia and memory loss  
together with their carers

**Brampton Memorial Centre—1st Wednesday of every month**

- Information on support & benefits
- Come along, see what it's all about  
and have a cuppa and a cake

**Wednesday 4th December 2019 - 10am until 12**

**The Singing Gardener - Amanda Scott**



**THE  
SINGING  
GARDENER**

**On Wednesday 8th January 2019 - 10am until 12  
Musical Memories**

Any questions? Telephone Janet on 07702 010594



## *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 Day  
Family Communion



### **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

### **All Saints, Offord Cluny**

#### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am 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 8<sup>th</sup>**

4.00pm Carols by Candlelight

### **Buckden Churches celebrating**

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

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>**

##### **Christmas Market**

*St Mary's will be open  
during the afternoon with  
stalls, wreath festival,  
singing and refreshment*

#### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm**

##### **Christingle Service**

*Organized with the Scouts in  
aid of the Children's Society*

#### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

##### **Village Carol Service**

*Followed by mulled wine,  
hot chocolate & mince pies  
at Buckden Towers*

### **Buckden Methodist Church**

#### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

#### **Christmas Day**

10.30am Christmas  
Morning Service

### **Perry Baptist Church**

#### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am Carol Service

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

7.00pm Carols by  
Candlelight

#### **Christmas Day**

10.00am Christmas  
Morning Service

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

### Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme December 2019

This month, barring Wednesday the 25th and Friday the 27th, there are 6 Huntingdon group health walks planned on Wednesdays at 2pm and Fridays at 10am. Details of them can be obtained from both the sources below and the brochure. Toilet and refreshment facilities are normally available at the rendezvous.

There are about 30 health walks, led by trained leaders, allocated to the Huntingdon group. They are fine for anyone able to maintain an exercise-walking pace for an hour or so. There are also 20-30-minute walks from the Buckden GP Surgery on Thursdays from 10am

Suitable clothing/footwear plus a small bottle of drinking water are key accessories.

The scheme, largely financed by council subsidies, values voluntary contributions by walkers; especially as accident insurance cover is provided.

Please check the website [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks), or contact Danielle Sancaster on 01480 387047, email [activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk) for details.

### 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. At each meeting we either have a guest speaker or participate in an activity of our own.

**02 November** 'The History of Christmas Customs and Folklore' by Dr Maureen James  
**16 November** Christmas Quiz & Christmas Cake

Why not come and join us? New members are always welcome! If you require a lift or any further information please contact Jane Scott on 811468 or Betty Millard on 810087.



### BLPSA

December Coffee Morning  
Methodist Church Hall  
Friday 6th December, 10.30 - 12  
All welcome



### Buckden Wine & Beermakers Society



We usually meet at the Scout Hut on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 8.00pm.

**Thursday 19th December Christmas Party**

#### 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

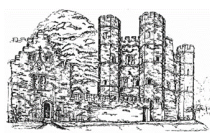
### Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society.

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

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December Club Christmas Dinner  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December Mince Pie night  
(last meeting of 2019)

We are planning an exciting series of talks and events for 2020. Watch this space for details!

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



### Buckden Local History Society 100th Anniversary of the R34 Airship's Transatlantic Flight by Terry Hayward

#### December 4<sup>th</sup>

2019 celebrates 100 years of British aviation history. In 1919, shortly after Alcock and Brown's first crossing of the Atlantic, the R34 made an epic double crossing from Great Britain to New York and back. Terry recounts the story of that flight.

7.30 pm at The Claret Centre, Buckden Towers  
Visitors always welcome.

For further information please contact  
[blhschairman@btinternet.com](mailto:blhschairman@btinternet.com)

### 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](mailto:trrslddn8@gmail.com)

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

\*Male & Female models



### Buckden Gardeners Association

**TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2019  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

8.00pm in the Village Hall (Lincoln Room)

Please bring a glass and a plate of festive food or drink to share.

Plus a pen and pair of scissors suitable to cut paper

For further information go to our website:

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

or call Pam on 01480 811680





## Enjoy a short walk with us!

EVERY THURSDAY

Leaving from the surgery, 10am.  
30 minutes around the village.

Part of Huntingdon District Council health walk scheme



## Buckden Learning Group

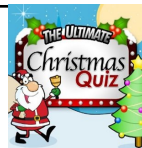
Famous Russian Women in World History & Culture  
Tutor: Marina Burrell

The course introduces some remarkable Russian women who made a considerable contribution to Russian and world History and Culture. A princess and a diplomat, a terrorist and a poet, an opera singer who sang for Benjamin Britten and a ballerina who made a revolution in ballet. Their lives were full of hardships and pleasures, excitement and bewildering twists. How were they affected by diverse historical and political contexts? What was extraordinary about Soviet women?

14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020; Half Term 18<sup>th</sup> February  
10.00 to 11.45; Coffee at 10.45

Cost £50.00; Venue: Claret Centre, Buckden Towers  
Bridget Hale 01480 216391, Bill Templeton 01480 456788

## BUCKDEN CHRISTMAS QUIZ FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER



**6.45pm Doors open for picnics; 7.30pm Quiz**  
**Bring your own wine, beer, picnic**  
**£5 per person, teams 2-8 people**

**Bring your team and kick off Christmas at the Buckden Christmas Quiz Night. Families, friends, children welcome.**

The Village Hall Trust and Parish Council have organised a Quiz Night on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December; doors open 6:45pm for a 7:30pm start. Teams can be from just two people to up to eight and the cost is £5 per person on the door. Monies raised will go towards repairing the recent damage to the playground. Join us for a fun evening and test your knowledge! Bring your own wine and picnic for a fun evening for friends and family. £5 per person, teams 2-8 people. Book at [admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk) or call 811101.

## What on Earth Can Buckden Do?

**Saturday 11th January 2020**  
join us between 1pm and 7pm  
**at the Millennium Hall**  
it is a free to the public family event

### Buckden Parish Council

want to use this event to engage the village in discussion and local action in relation to Climate Change, as well as informing about what is being done locally and to help residents consider, what they could do personally to make a difference.

**FACE PAINTING**   

**EXHIBITS - DISPLAYS - WORKSHOPS - INFORMATION**

- \* The event will attempt to cover all aspects in the Climate Change arena, with speakers addressing the audience hourly
- \* Stands displaying in areas of Transport, Ecology, Home, Energy, Food, Re-cycling, Single use plastics and Wildlife.
- \* Major contributors from Government agencies, National environmental organisations and Buckden C of E School.
- \* Speakers - including Tim Lancaster, former Director at the Carbon Trust. Emily Bolton Cambridgeshire County Council Energy Projects Officer, Tracey Hipson CPRE, PECT Peterboro Environment City Trust. Stefan Haselwimmer Climate Emergency. Brian Eversham CEO Wildlife Trust. Many others TBA

**The final hour will be a Question Time style debate.**



## Come to the Community Cafe

**ALL WELCOME - whether in need of support or just fancy a cuppa, chat & homemade cake**

**on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month  
2.30pm – 4pm**

**in the Living Stones Room at  
St Mary's Church Buckden**

**9<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Friends in Deed - here for the people of Buckden



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



[www.buckdenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.buckdenvillagehall.co.uk)  
**email:** [admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk)

### ★ Bookings

★ During December, as well as all our regular hirers, the Hall plays host to dance exams, two kid's parties, a Tiny Tots Christmas Party, the Tora Seishin Christmas Party, Buckden Day Nursery's Christmas Show and a Quiz Night on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please see below for more details...

### ★ Quiz Night 6<sup>th</sup> December

★ The Village Hall Trust and Parish Council have organised a Quiz Night on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, doors open 6:45pm for a 7:30pm start. Teams can be from just two people to up to eight and the cost is £5 per person on the door. Please bring your own picnic and drink for a fun night out! (No crockery, cutlery or glasses will be provided so please bring your own). Any monies raised will go towards the play-ground and sports pavilion repairs. Come and have fun and test your knowledge!

★ To book your team's place, please email

★ [admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk) or call 811101.

### ★ Christmas Wishes & Thank You

★ The Village Hall Trust would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and very best wishes for 2020. Many thanks to everyone who supported the Hall this year, and in previous years, whether by booking the Hall or one of the function rooms for an event, by attending one of the many events held here or by buying a raffle ticket at the Village Festival. Your support is greatly appreciated and is what keeps the Hall doors open.



Merry  
Christmas!!



Jo Harvey, 01480 811101, [admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk)  
Office hours 9am to 2pm.

### ★ BUCKDEN WI

In our November meeting we welcomed Bob Scott who gave us a talk and demonstration on glass blowing, ably assisted by his wife, Janet. At first glance his work station looked pretty fearsome with a propane gas bottle, oxygen cylinder, Bunsen burner/ blow torch, carbon blocks (to rest the hot glass on) and varying lengths, diameters and thicknesses of glass tubing.

Bob began by showing us a selection of items he had made, from a complicated golf trolley to the simplest of thimbles. He had made many items for dolls' houses which were minute but very detailed – tiny beer bottles, crockery and tiny little jars with gingham covers.

He then demonstrated how to make a mouse being careful to align the eyes correctly to avoid a boss-eyed creature! Next



came an owl sitting on a log and both items were then donated as raffle prizes.

Sadly, this was to be Bob's last talk so all the items he had brought with him were for sale and our members managed to do a lot of their Christmas shopping with Janet on hand to carefully wrap all the purchases. A most enjoyable evening and no-one got hurt!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 7.30pm in the Millard suite of the Village Hall. This is our AGM and we will be enjoying a fish and chip supper. Members are asked to bring their own drink and a glass. The competition is for "A Christmas Bauble"

For more information please contact:

Ruth Nicholas – 07957 334142, Judith Armitage – 01480 811717

### ★ What is the average time a plastic bag is used for?\*

**Buckden Community Litter Pick** is a friendly group of volunteers who help collect rubbish from the lanes and ditches around Buckden.

We're meeting at **Waterside Leisure Club**, Buckden Marina  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30 am**

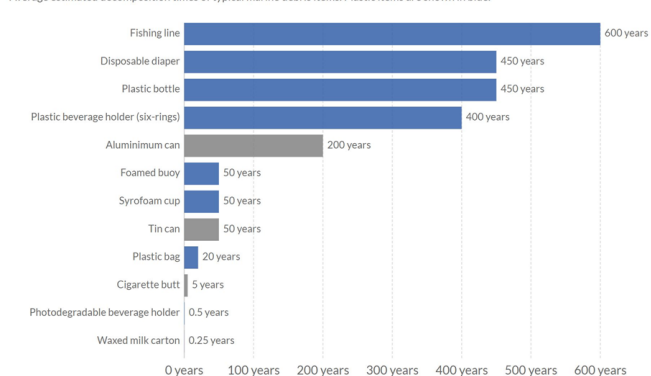
Feel great after an hour or two of fresh air and good company.  
Complimentary refreshments kindly provided by **Waterside Leisure Club**.

Please contact Natasha Marsh via [tasha.marsh2@gmail.com](mailto:tasha.marsh2@gmail.com) or leave me a message on 07913 657836 if you'd like to come along or find out more.

Hi-Vis jackets, litter-pickers and bin bags will be supplied courtesy of Hunts District Council. Please bring your own gloves (we can provide some) and suitable footwear.

### ★ Decomposition rates of marine debris items

Average estimated decomposition times of typical marine debris items. Plastic items are shown in blue.



Source: U.S. National Park Service; Mote Marine Lab; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Marine Debris Program

CC BY

\*Answer: 12 minutes. From: <https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/plastic-pollution-facts/>





## December 2019

**Christmas closing** As nights draw in and our thoughts turn to Christmas, don't forget we have a number of festive books available for children and adults alike to help get you in that holiday mood. Your library will be open until 1pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, opening again in the New Year on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 2pm.

### Craft Club – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 – 12 noon

Come along for festive, creative fun with our Christmas craft session. Suitable for children aged 5+ accompanied by an adult - 50p per child.

### Christmas Storytime – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 11am

Join us for Christmas songs, a Christmas story and maybe a special guest! This is a ticketed event, with limited numbers so please book early. £1 per child, who must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

**Storytime – Tuesdays at 2.15pm** Our Storytime sessions continue every Tuesday afternoon during term time, so our last session of the year will be 17<sup>th</sup> December. Pre-school children of all ages welcome for stories, rhymes and songs. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Age UK Community Hub – Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10 – 12 noon

With us on the first Tuesday of every month, Age UK offer free information, advice and support for the over 65s and their families. No appointment needed, just drop in for help and guidance on how to continue to live independently.

**Engage Events** After two very successful Engage events this Autumn we are taking a break in December. But, we will be back with more Engage events on the third Wednesday of each month in the New Year. Look out for Myths of the Battle of Britain, an Afternoon of Acoustic Guitar, 10 Top Tips for Wills and Powers of Attorney, and Take Better Photographs.

**Lego Club and Children's Board Games Club** Lego will return in January on the usual last Saturday of the month. We will also be running a new Board Games Club during the week for children aged 2-6. Keep an eye out in the New Year for more details.

### Knit Lit Friday 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm

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

Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden  
Tel: 0345 045 5225  
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)



## Could you Help at Home?

### East Anglian families need you!

Here at East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) we thrive off the generous support of our volunteers across all areas of the charity. This Autumn, we're recruiting enthusiastic volunteers for our Help at Home programme. The families who receive support from EACH would often also benefit from practical support at home. For them, spending time together and making the most of every moment is more important than getting the ironing done or painting the garden fence. And that's where you come in. The families need volunteers ready to step into their homes and gardens and relieve some of the burden by taking on these household tasks!

The Help at Home programme at EACH is such a valuable part of the support service we offer. Charlotte Redmond, EACH Volunteer Coordinator, says: "I only started working at EACH a couple of months ago and already I'm seeing what an amazing effect the Help at Home programme can have on the lives of families. I've no doubt we should be expanding the programme to reach more families who need simple practical support to make their day-to-day lives that little bit easier."

The only thing you need to get involved is time to give! You can get more information by contacting Charlotte at [charlotte.redmond@each.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.redmond@each.org.uk) or on 07889 251385. There are plenty of volunteering opportunities at EACH. You can visit the website [www.each.org.uk](http://www.each.org.uk) to find out how you can support us.

## Get involved in the Big Conversation about how we shape our NHS

Local residents are being encouraged to have their say on the future of local NHS services as part of The Big Conversation.

Funding for healthcare across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is under pressure. More people are using NHS services locally, and resources are limited. At the moment, the local NHS is buying more than it can afford which means that some difficult decisions need to be made about the services it can afford to provide in the future.

The Big Conversation has been created to help Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), who buy the healthcare services in the local area, to understand what is most important to the local community. Feedback received will be used to create a set of principles that will inform our future plans and help shape our local NHS.

Local residents can give their feedback by completing a short survey online at <https://bit.ly/NHSBigConversation>, where you can also find out more about The Big Conversation and local events.



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



**November 2019**

As we reach the end of the month we have had some exciting events here at the school. Our Sports Teacher, Miss Lizell completed a sponsored twelve hour walk around Grafham Water. She started her walk at 6.00 am and continued until 6.00 pm. The objective was to raise money to buy sports equipment to give the children the opportunity to experience a variety of new sports, outside the usual mainstream sports. The children had a non-uniform day coming to school in their sportswear to raise funds for the equipment, and some of our Year 6's joined Miss Lizell on her walk during the day. After school a number of parents and students also joined her as she finished her final lap of Grafham. Well done to Lizell as she completed her 12 hour marathon. We do not have the final total as yet, as donations are still coming in. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the fund

We had our Remembrance Service at school on Remembrance Day. The service was led by the children in Year 5 and 6. The children in Year 6 who went to France on their residential visit learned about the First World War and visited the battlefields and trenches of the Somme battles, while the children in school studied the war. This has led to a greater understanding of what remembrance means for them all. The children in Year 6 also attended the service in the village.

The PTA arranged the Christmas raffle at the Buckden Christmas Lights Switch-On on Sunday 1st December. The school had a non-uniform day to collect items for luxury food hampers. We hope the winners of the hampers enjoy their Christmas goodies.

It has been brought to our attention that the school bus is having difficulties accessing the school at the start and end of the school day, due to cars parking on the junction of School Lane and Greenway. Please do not park on the corners or junction of the road as this is blocking access for the school bus and other vehicles. According to the Highway Code, motorists should not park "opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space". While the Highway Code isn't the law, it can be used to support decisions made by the police or other officials responsible for parking enforcement. We would appreciate your co-operation if you are dropping off, or picking up a child from school.



At the time of writing (early November) we're not quite in the Christmas spirit yet at Preschool; the children are still getting over the excitement of fireworks and all things Halloween, and the staff and committee are still in good spirits (pun intended!) from the success of the Halloween Party, which raised £325. The committee are busy organising the Christmas Shopping and Pamper Night on 22<sup>nd</sup> November and the children have worked hard to create a lovely poppy display to mark Remembrance Day. We hope you got the chance to see it on display on our balcony.

However, we are well aware Christmas is coming and we are delighted to be running the Christmas Grotto at the Lights Festival – we hope to see you there! By the time you read this, the children will be exploring winter themes and making snowflakes. Their den will have become an igloo and the sensory tray will be focused on snow. They will also be looking forward to their Ne-ne Valley Railway Santa trip on the 11<sup>th</sup> December, and be involved in a variety of winter and Christmas crafts and activities – as well as practising hard for their Christmas Concert on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The term ends with a Christmas Party on the 19<sup>th</sup> and snuggle-up-and-watch-a-Christmas-film day on the 20<sup>th</sup>. PJs, popcorn and comfy cushions are involved!

As we come to the end of another busy Preschool year – our 50<sup>th</sup>! – we would like to thank everyone who has supported us this year and donated loose change to our Nisa collection box. A big thank you to all those who have joined our committee, and as ever, huge thanks to Nisa who continue to supply our morning snacks and welcome the children in for their weekly shopping spree! Finally, a thank you and a get well soon to Pauline Coker, who runs our music and movement sessions but is temporarily unable to do so due to an ankle injury.

It just remains for us to wish everyone a very

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Committee enquiries: contact Jo Chillmaid (Chairperson) at [buckdenpreschoolchairperson@gmail.com](mailto:buckdenpreschoolchairperson@gmail.com) or on 07393650084.

To enrol your child or arrange a visit: contact Samantha Sinclair (Manager) on **01480 810600**.

For more information, visit

[www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk](http://www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk) or see our Facebook updates at <https://www.facebook.com/www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk/>.



### Buckden Junior Football Club

The season continues here at BJFC – this last month has seen some amazing performances from all teams who continue to make us proud with their great level of play in the Hunts Youth League.

Winter Training is now in full force, with our teams making use of the many all weather pitches available to us in the local area.

Our home pitches have fallen foul of the large amount of rain-fall in the last few weeks. At BJFC We are extremely lucky to have the professional assistance of ProLawn Care, and Sam and his team do an amazing job of ensuring that our pitch remains of enviably high quality – which at this time of year is no mean feat!

### Christmas Market Tombola

We will again be holding our tombola stall at the Christmas Market and Lights Switch On event on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. All money goes towards equipment and provisions for the club. Please make sure you visit us on the day!

**December Home Fixtures** – The Following teams have Home Matches Scheduled on these dates. (Subject to change, please check Kick Off times with the team Managers)  
30<sup>th</sup> November – U7 Buzzards White, U8 Caracaras Black, U8

Caracaras White, U9 Hawks,  
U10 Raptors Black, U13 Eagles & U13 Vultures.  
7<sup>th</sup> December – U14 Ospreys & U15 Harriers  
14<sup>th</sup> December – U7 Buzzards Black, U8 Caracaras Black, U9 Hawks, U10 Raptors White, U13 Eagles & U13 Vultures.  
21<sup>st</sup> December - U14 Ospreys & U15 Harriers

Our Dribblers sessions are now split into two - older dribblers (school year 1) on a Saturday 9am – 10am and our younger dribblers (age 3 and above) now on a Sunday at the same time.

Our Development Sessions run on a Sunday from 9am – 10am. The aim of these sessions is to give children aged U7-U10 (school years 2-5) a chance to learn the skills they need to assist them in the future with finding a team – please contact us for more details.

Don't forget our tea bar runs every Saturday – hot and cold drinks, bacon and sausage rolls from 9am each week.

For more information on the club, joining a team or the committee please contact our Chairman Michael Lander via [bjfc-chairman@hotmail.com](mailto:bjfc-chairman@hotmail.com).

All Players, Coaches, volunteers and Committee members would love to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## Buckden Football Club

### News

BFC play in the Cambridgeshire County Leagues, Division 2A. We are a friendly club based at the recreation ground in Buckden and welcome you to watch a game and join us for refreshments in the Village club during and after! There is a football card available behind the bar on match days if you would like to take part for 50 pence a team.

Buckden continue to develop their relationship with St Neots Town FC and welcome two new players from their academy, both just 17, looking for men's football as part of their development. Thomas "Bart" Bartlett our new goalkeeper, over 6-foot-tall and the tricky midfielder Mati born in Poland, looking to establish himself in men's football as part of his development, before hoping to return to St Neots.

Long term injured (Groin) Josh Davis returns this month to boost the defence with his solid no nonsense approach. We also welcome back Shippy, the fitness fanatic, after his early season absence with work commitments and the travelling talent of Josh Ling returning for a short spell from the USA.

Sadly, we lose Chris Dennis to refereeing and Shano to a chronic back injury and work commitments

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**Note that the copy deadline in December for the January edition will be at close of business on Friday 6th December 2019**

## Winter Solstice



This year the winter solstice, or midwinter, is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. This is the shortest day of the year when the sun rises latest and sets earliest. This year the shortest day will last 7 hours and 42 minutes in our area.

After the winter solstice the days do get longer though the coldest winter weather and highest chance of snow is often in January and February.

We tend to refer to the winter solstice as a day but the solstice actually refers to the moment in that day when the sun is at its lowest.

The world 'solstice' comes from the Latin solstitium meaning 'sun stands still', because the apparent movement of the Sun's path north or south stops before changing direction. This is very difficult to observe directly but this has been calculated to happen at 4:19 am in the UK this year.

Winter solstice is an important time for cultures across the globe. Under the old Julian calendar, the winter solstice occurred on 25<sup>th</sup> December. With the introduction of the Gregorian calendar the solstice slipped to around the 21<sup>st</sup>, but the Christian celebration of Jesus's birth continued to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> December.

The Feast of Juul (Yule) was a pre-Christian festival observed in Scandinavia at the time of the winter solstice. Fires would be lit to symbolise the heat and light of the returning sun and a log was gathered and burnt in the hearth as a tribute the Norse god Thor. Present day Christmas customs and traditions such as the Yule log stem from the pagan Juul.

While both the winter and summer solstices are celebrated by modern day religions, the ancient civilisation that first built Stonehenge most likely did so primarily for the winter solstice, perhaps to request a good growing season in the year to come. The main features of the Stonehenge site date from the centuries around 3500 BC.

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