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February 2018

The very interesting history of St Mary's Parish Church comes to an end in this month's edition (page 7), as the author, Barry Jobling, brings us up to the present. Our thanks to Barry for providing this fascinating series in ten parts. Also to be found in this edition is the second and final part of John Thelwall's and Jo Harvey's history of the Village Hall on page 12.

The Roundabout is looking for volunteers to join the distribution team; without our volunteer distributors, we wouldn't be able to run the magazine, and being a volunteer distributor takes less than an hour once a month. Check out the advert on page 6.

Finally, can I make a plea for all contributors to get their copy to us in February on time, or indeed early if possible. February is a short month and, as you can see from the Production Dates below, that means that the copy deadline falls only a couple of days before we have to get the finished magazine to the printers.

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 cover photo this month shows the tower of St Mary's Church with the restored clock. Insets show the clock dial and chapter ring being taken down for restoration, and the restored dial back in place. Photos by Barry Jobling and Alec MacAndrew.

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...



Fund raising success

The Parish Council is very pleased to announce that Cllr Betty Millard has been successful in gaining a grant of £8000 towards the resurfacing of the children's playground on the Village Field. The Council will fund the remainder of the work due to start in early 2018. This will mean that the playground will be then fully compliant with the latest safety guidelines. **Well done to Betty!**

Council elections in 2018

Elections for the Parish Council will take place on 3rd May 2018, if required. In recent years, we have not had to hold an election as there have never been more candidates than places on the Council – it would be a reflection of the energy and sense of community, felt by so many in our parish, if we could reverse this trend.

If you think that you would like to contribute to your community, and would like to know more about what being a parish councillor involves, please contact the Clerk to the Council at the address below and she will put you in touch with a councillor who will tell you all about the job. With the cutbacks at district and county level, the Council is facing interesting times and, potentially, some difficult decisions. You can play your part in this decision-making by joining the Council. Application forms for the Council will be available by 19th March.

Citizens Advice for Rural Cambs

We are pleased to tell you that Buckden, Stirtloe and Diddington now come under Citizens Advice for Rural Cambs. The Parish Council recently gave a grant of £500 to this organisation to help it with its work.

Citizens Advice for Rural Cambs can be found at: www.citizensadviceforruralscambs.org.uk

Ownership and management of trees in the village.

There have recently been a number of issues raised by villagers in relation to trees. Not all trees are the responsibility of the Parish Council. Trees in the village may have been planted and be the responsibility of the Cambridgeshire County Council, Huntingdonshire County Council or Buckden Parish Council. In addition, trees may have been planted by developers or in some cases so called "guerrilla" planters who see a plot of land and decide to plant a tree. The Clerk holds a definitive map of the trees which are Buckden Parish Council's responsibility if you have a query regarding a tree or trees. Once the responsible body is identified the following contacts are recommended:

CCC: <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk>

HDC: Adrian.Sargeant@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

BPC: clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk

The monthly meeting of the **Parish Council, including a 15 minutes long Public Forum will be held Tuesday 13th February 2018**

If required, the **Parish Council's Planning Committee** will meet on **Tuesday 13th February and Tuesday 27th February** 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 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Within a few days of receiving this edition of the village magazine, you will probably be reading in the local press about the outcome of the budget debate in Shire Hall on February 6th. If the Opposition groups (Liberal Democrats, Labour and Independents) are unable to convince at least a few Conservatives that their policies are misguided, the majority party will probably carry out their intention of capping the council tax increase at 2% with all the consequences in terms of service reductions.

As proposals for service cuts come forward, I will have the unpleasant task of spelling out what this will mean in practical terms for residents and parish councils.

Much is being said about cutting back office staff and reducing bureaucracy, yet the ruling group ignored the advice of an Independent Remuneration Panel and voted for a package of councillor allowances which increase the bill by nearly £200,000. This seems to me to be indefensible at a time when Children's Centres are being reduced and social care packages being reduced or charged for. If you want to see for yourself what is likely to happen, I suggest that you go to the Cambridgeshire County Council website. There is a consultation about a proposal on increasing the charges to people for their social care: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/adults-&-older-people/care-and-support/paying-for-care/fairer-contributions-policy-consultation/>

District Councillor Terry Hayward and I have been meeting with traffic engineers from Highways England to try to minimise the effect on road safety of the forthcoming building of the wind farm between Southoe and Buckden. We are also trying to get other minor improvements to the A1 pending the announcement of longer-term plans for re-routing it to the west of Perry Road.

We also hope to have a positive outcome to the Parish Council's bid to install a pedestrian crossing near the school to make it safer for children and parents to cross the busy road near the Green.

I am liaising between the Buckden and Brampton parish councils to try to bring about the proposal for a safer crossing of the Buckden Road as it enters Brampton. Parish councillor Amy Burbidge is working hard to get grants to cover the cost. And we are hoping to have a joint Brampton/Buckden working party to clean up the cycle path past the landfill site.

If you wish to raise any local matters with me personally and would welcome a face-to-face conversation, I come to the Aragon Room in the Village Hall at 7 p.m. on the evening of the parish council meeting, the 2nd Tuesday in the month. At other times, please ring me on 07765 833 486 or write to me at peter.downes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Peter Downes, County Councillor for the Brampton and Buckden division

FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

A1 UPDATE Unfortunately the long awaited and much anticipated report on the future plans for the upgrade of the A1 appears to have been delayed. I shall continue to press for decisions and will ensure that the village is kept fully informed. Residents are warned that there will be single lane traffic on the northbound side of the A1 as it passes Southoe on weekdays between 1000 and 1430. This is due to the work on the new wind farm to the northwest of Southoe.

LOCAL DEMOCRACY On 3rd May there will be elections for all District, Town and Parish Councils. This is your chance to ensure that we elect the best possible candidates to represent our views on what we believe is best for our village. It is also the opportunity for any resident who wants to be involved to stand for election. Buckden Parish Council has always been non-political and it is this independence that ensures that all views are considered. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor and helping the village and are not sure what it will involve I shall be very happy to explain.

CONDITION OF VILLAGE ROADS The surface of many of our roads is in a very bad condition. The responsibility for these roads rests with the County Council and I have asked our County Councillor to help us improve the situation.

TREES I have written before about my concern for not just our trees but those in the County as a whole. The 'prairie' like condition of the area surrounding the new A14 is particularly concerning and I have asked that tree planting be started as each area is completed rather than wait until the end of the whole scheme. The District Council is setting up a small Working Group, which will involve at least one person with Tree Warden experience, to review the HDC Tree Strategy.

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



**Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire**

**Huntingdonshire
Local Group**

Dormice

Our second meeting for 2018 will be held on Wednesday 14th February. As usual this will take place at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Our topic will be 'Dormice' and the talk will be given by Ian White of the Peoples Trust for Endangered Species, and Gwen Hitchcock, who is responsible for dormouse monitoring for our Trust. Ian has been involved with the introduction of Dormice throughout the UK and he monitors both nationally and locally. Ian will reveal the secret lives of these enchanting animals and the progress that has been made with their re-introductions.

This should be a really interesting talk for anyone interested in wildlife. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for more information.

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Volunteer Roundabout Deliverers

Could you spare about half an hour at the end of each month to deliver copies of the Roundabout within the village? We are looking for people to join our waiting list for routes as they become available, or to cover on an occasional basis when regular deliverers are unavailable.

If you would like to help, or for more details, please email Lesley and Wendy at:

distribution@buckdenroundabout.info

Buckden Community Litter Pick New Year, new rubbish!!!!

Sunday 18th Feb @ 9.30 am outside the Lion Hotel, Buckden
For an hour or so of fresh air, good company and light exercise

Followed by a few warming refreshments

With the compliments of the Lion Hotel

Please contact Peter Emeleus on Tel 07751289191 or Email ging30@hotmail.com if you wish to come along.

Hi Viz jacket, litter pickers and bags will be supplied compliments of Jan Freemantle at HDC Please provide your own gloves and suitable foot wear.

Children most welcome, if supervised at all times by a parent or carer as we will be picking along roadsides at times.

BUCKDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

FACEBOOK

Please be aware of some of the posts you comment on. Beware of the ones who ask your favourite teacher's name, your childhood best friend, where you were born, your favourite place or your first pet.

Posted as 'getting to know you' questions, these are the same security questions asked when setting up accounts. As the security questions change so will the getting to know you questions change.

Hackers can then build a profile of you from several different data sources and they can then use this information to open accounts or lines of credit in your name. This trend started in USA and is now becoming an issue in the UK.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR AN ADVANCE FEE

Individuals and businesses are being warned by E-Cops to watch out for cold calls and online contact from fraudsters who are offering victims the opportunity to apply for Government grants for an advance fee. To make the grants look legitimate, fraudsters have set up bogus companies and convincing-looking websites that claim to be operating on behalf of the UK Government.

Be wary of unsolicited callers implying that you can apply for grants, You should never have to pay to receive a government grant, and legitimate bodies definitely won't instruct you to obtain a pre-paid credit card.

PHONE NUMBERS

101 Information for the police | 0800 555 111 Crime Stoppers | 999 in an emergency | 0300 123 2040 Action Fraud

EMAIL burglarycrackdown@cambs.pnn.police.uk OR online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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 Sweptstone (810053)

Services in January

Sunday 4th

10.30 am Morning Service: Mr. Ted Garwood

Sunday 11th

10.30 am Morning Service: Mrs. Sue Kinder

Sunday 18th

10.30 am Morning Service: Mr. Colin Webber

Sunday 25th

10.30 am Morning Service: Rev. Paul Beard

Activities in January

Friday 2nd: 10 am Coffee Morning

Thursday 8th: 2.30 pm Church Council

Friday 9th: 10 am Coffee Morning

Monday 12th: 12.30 pm Study Lunch

Tuesday 13th: 9.30 am Quiet Time (Wesley Room)

Friday 16th: 12 noon Soup and Sweet Lunch

Friday 23rd: 10 am Coffee Morning

Tuesday 27th: 9.30 am Bible Study (Wesley Room)

Everyone is welcome to any of these events.

Major Works, Suffragists and more Major Works (1900—2018)

Part 10 in the story of Buckden Church, celebrating the 800th anniversary of William de Bugden, our first recorded priest in 1217.

We have reached the end of our 800-year journey since William de Bugden was recorded as Buckden's vicar in 1217, the first named incumbent; although Buckden church had priests for probably 400 years before that.

Vicar William Deane and churchwarden Arthur Marshall (who had bought the bishop's palace from Revd. Roxby in 1872 for £3500) planned the last major internal works to St. Mary's over 100 years ago. Taking less than a year and costing £1123 raised by parishioners, the interior plaster was stripped, the pews replaced, the font and pulpit moved and new heating and lighting systems installed. The Bishop presided over the reopening in April 1909, and were those who attended then to return today they would find almost no change to their efforts.

John Courtenay (vicar 1911-21) achieved notoriety in November 1913 when he locked the church doors during and between services to prevent 'Suffragist excesses'! He also insulted some female members of the congregation. He had his detractors, but he paid for further work to the church and was supportive of those who lost loved ones in the First World War. The congregation were divided, but finally agreed to permit his widow to put a memorial plaque to him in the chancel.

Much of the 20th century, especially the two World Wars, has been covered in previous articles and in some yet to come, so we shall move to recent events.

St. Mary's congregation's Second Millennium projects were to rehang the bells in a safer frame and to build new kitchen, toilet and hall facilities. We raised £30,000 initially, and re-installed the bells in a new frame, being rung at the dedication service conducted by Bishop John Dennis (his son is the comedian Hugh Dennis) in June 1997. It took another eight years to raise enough to start on the meeting room, toilets and kitchen. With huge thanks to so many volunteers, generous donations and a lot of unsung work, the Living Stones Room opened in September 2011, having cost £300,000, and it provides the facilities for St. Mary's to move forward into the next 800 years!

End.

What's On at St Mary's Buckden: February 2018

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

**SUNDAY Services**

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

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 |

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

EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Wednesday 14th February

M&Ms ladies' group – favourite books
7.30pm at the vicarage

Wednesday 21st February

FRIENDS IN DEED WINTER TEA PARTY
at the Methodist Church

2.30pm – 4pm refreshments & chat

LENT COURSE : based on The King's Speech
Mondays from 19th Feb 12.30pm at the Methodist Hall (includes soup lunch)
or Thursdays from 22nd Feb 8.30pm at 7 Vineyard Way (study only)
– contact Rev Jes for more info

Friday 2nd March 10.30am

Women's World Day of Prayer

"All God's Creation is Very Good!"

Come and take part in a creative short service written by the women of Suriname, South America. The focus is on caring for our world and its resources. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 3rd March

Annual Church Auction
at Buckden Village Hall

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
16th & 23rd February

SATURDAYS

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

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 | |
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| Each week during the year the Churches, in their prayers, remember the residents of particular streets in the village, those who work in the parish and village organisations. Those to be remembered this month are: | |
| 4th February | Clubs and societies, their leaders and members, volunteers, and the team that produces and distributes the Buckden Roundabout |
| 11th February | Cranfield Way, Cranfield Close, Weir Close, Smith Drive, Lucks Lane, Morris Close |
| 18th February | Buckden Surgery: the doctors, nurses, receptionists, pharmacists, health visitors and midwives; those we know who are in hospital, the elderly, disabled and housebound |
| 25th February | Farming communities, Taylor's Lane (West), Hardwick Lane, the residents and staff of Hardwick Dene, Great North Road, Brampton Road, Perry Road, Buckden Wood |

Thought for the Month
 Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings of peace to you. Today peace is disturbed due to the intolerance towards other cultures and religions. Intolerance is due to lack of appreciation for other cultures and religions. Lack of appreciation is due to lack of knowledge of other cultures and religions. Faith has become distorted due to lack appreciation to oneself and others. Distorted faith can never bring peace in the world. Faith is distorted not because of others, but the responsibility lies on oneself. We always insist on others to believe in the Good News Jesus brought to this world, but we fail to become believable.

Though faith is proclaimed today, it is assaulted everywhere because people do not believe in the persons who proclaim. As Bishop Pedro Casaldaliga has observed, "It is not enough that we believe but we need to become believable". Thomas Aquinas says, "Lord I see only bread and taste only wine yet I believe because you said so". Many of us have not seen the Dead Sea. Yet we believe it exists because of the person who has said it is reliable. We believe in Jesus because he rose to new life as he said. Since we lack credibility people assault missionaries and assault the faith we proclaim. Once faith is assaulted then peace cannot prevail in the world. So we need to reiterate that the mother of all the crises for missionaries is Faith crisis. Faith crisis is the only crisis that we have. Cancer is not crisis because we are sure that all of us will die one day. An English lady, who saw Gandhi coming often to the deck of the ship during voyage to offer prayers, asked what he was doing. He said, "the fish cannot live out of the water so also I cannot out of God. You can cut me into pieces I may not die but kill my faith I will die". So peace dies when there is no life in faith. When we lose faith, we also lose peace.

Blessed Bishop Fulton Sheen gives four stages in losing faith: 1. Neglect of prayer, 2. Substitution of work for prayer, 3. Giving up mortification, 4. Craving to satisfy the emotions. We can easily identify that one leads to the next. To become credible ministers of the Word, we shall ask for fervent faith that is nourished by prayer, work and suffering. This will certainly help us bring peace in the world.

We are all called to become the ministers of the Gospel through our baptism. We all have the responsibility to bring the Good News to the poor and rich alike. We need to become believable through our life and mission. Peace is something you have or do not have. If you are yourself at peace, then there is at least some peace in the world. Then share your peace with everyone, and everyone will be at peace. Faith is life which brings peace in the world.

Fr. Antony Arockiam CMF
Parish Priest
St. Hugh Catholic Church, Buckden

STUDY LUNCHES
 Lent lunches start on Monday February 19th for 5 consecutive weeks
 Methodist Church Hall 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm
 Contact: **Ann Brittain** on **812012**

Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme**Huntingdon Group January 2018**

There will be healthwalks on each of the four February Wednesdays at 2pm, and one on each of the four Fridays at 10am. Own exercise-pace walking for 45 to 85 minutes, trained leader-guides, and good company, available twice a week. The walk on the 7th is from the Village Hall car park. Information about all the month's walks can be found via the contact details below.

Please wear suitably 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. The benefits of this healthy, fun activity are yours to share. A voluntary donation to the mainly Council-funded scheme would be welcomed, but there is no charge-per-walk.

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 8th February - Club chat night
- Thursday 22nd February - "Digital Modes" by Allan Ralph G8XLH
- Thursday 8th March - Club AGM
- Thursday 22nd March - "Antennas" by David Sylvester G3RED

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 22nd February. **Food and wine harmony.**

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 **February 2018** will be:

05 February: Childhood Memories
19 February: Talk on "A Trip to Iran" by Wendy and John Thelwall

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 Local History Society****The Huntingdon Mint**

by

David Cozens

Wednesday 7th February
7.30pm at
The Claret Centre, Buckden Towers

Visitors Welcome

Further details contact buckdenhistory@gmail.com

Buckden Gardeners Association

AGM followed by Cheese and Wine

Tuesday 20th February 2018
8.00pm in the Village Hall



Come to our AGM, meet the committee, pay your membership, and enjoy some good company. This will be followed by cheese and wine evening. (bring your own wine glass)

For further information
call Pam on 01480 811680

**ST MARY'S FUNDRAISERS.
CHARITY AUCTION
SAT. 3rd MARCH – BUCKDEN VILLAGE HALL**

DONATIONS BETWEEN 9.00 - 9.45 ONLY.
(Please, no clothes, books, out of date
computer equipment or televisions.)

VIEWING – 10.00 – 11.00

AUCTION BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 11am.
REFRESHMENTS.

DETAILS FROM PATSY GRAY ON 810041.
All proceeds to St Mary's Church Repair Fund.

Enjoy Life While You Can

We are looking forward to trips out in 2018. Here are some diary dates:

Thursday 22nd March Rushden Lakes for shopping or walking.

Thursday 19th April Jordans Mill and Biggleswade Retail park. Leave 10am return about 4pm.

For those coming on holiday in May the balance of £305 is due beginning of March please.
Cheques to P King 32 Mayfield.

If anyone has ideas for trips do drop me a note or an email.
patking@writeme.com

Also look out for fund raising activities in March and April at St Mary's church Buckden as we are raising funds for real hair wigs for children with cancer.

Let's all make the best of 2018. Pat And Brian King

Notice of Public Meeting

The Village Hall Trustees give notice of a
PUBLIC MEETING In
The Village Hall
At 7.30 p.m. on **Friday 16th February 2018**

The Trustees have instructed Allen Pyke Associates, Landscape Architects of Cambridge to draw up plans for the replacement of the existing storage units on the Playing Fields and improving the facilities available to the people of Buckden on and around the Fields.

The Trustees seek the views and ideas of those living in the village as to what improvements and additional facilities people would like to see and will be holding a Public Meeting for this purpose.

The meeting is open to everyone, of all ages, living in the village. A representative of Allen Pyke will be present to offer thoughts and suggestions and to take on board your ideas before they draw up any plans. This is your opportunity to help shape the village and how the Playing Fields may develop over the coming years. Please come and bring your ideas. Once plans have been finalised, the Trustees intend to seek grant funding to turn the plans into reality.

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Events

Storytime is on every Tuesday in school term time and starts at 2.15pm. This month's sessions are on the 6th, 20th and 27th February. Our regular monthly craft activity will be on Saturday 10th February and the theme this month is Narnia. Look out for more details in the library.

Knit Lit meetings are on Friday 2nd and 16th February from 8pm. Knitters of all ages and abilities welcome!
Do you enjoy playing Scrabble? Come along to our weekly games afternoon to play a selection of games. Every Thursday afternoon from 2 – 4pm.

Engage in the Afternoon

On Wednesday 21st February local historian, Mark Egerton will be giving a talk based on the 'Witch' Annie (Nanny) Izzard who is buried in St Mary's Church in St Neots. Annie Izzard was born in Offord before moving on to Gt Paxton. This story is mainly focused on Gt Paxton and St Neots where Annie spent most of her life.

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Half-term events

Lion Learners are coming to Buckden library on Monday 12 February at 2pm. They will be bringing some furry, cuddly, creepy, crawly, slippery, scaly animals for you to meet and hear their amazing stories. Lion Learners is for children aged 4 years and upwards. Free tickets are available in advance from Buckden library. Please note numbers are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Lego Club is taking place on Thursday 15th February from 2pm – 3.30pm. Come along and see what you can build!

Volunteers

We currently have a few vacancies for volunteers in the library. If you think you might be interested, or would like some more information, ask in the library.

Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden
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BUCKDEN VILLAGE HALL - A SHORT HISTORY (Part 2)

By Jo Harvey and John Thelwall

(At the end of Part 1, we had reached the late 1990s, when the building was looking rather tired and a working party was established to decide its future.)

A number of options were considered and eventually it was decided to try to rebuild the hall with assistance from Millennium Commission funding. A small working group was set up and opinions from local clubs and organisations and the community at large were sought to establish what the clubs and public wanted in a village hall.

Coincidentally, the County Council decided to close the library in Manor Gardens and sell the land for development. The County Council was persuaded to donate the money from the sale towards the new Hall. They were promised a new library in the Hall in return.

It was also decided that the new Hall should have an improved stage, space for the Village Club and for Buckden Pre-School, meeting rooms, offices and a separate pavilion.

Money was raised from various sources, including the Millennium Commission, HDC and over one hundred individual donations. These are all recorded in the foyer of the Hall. There was a shortfall, but this was raised by the Parish Council taking out a loan, paid for by an increase in the precept. All the houses in the village were canvassed as to whether to raise the shortfall by this means or by making an immediate contribution. The clear majority preferred the precept increase. The new pavilion was funded by grants from the FA and other sporting bodies.

The new Hall was built on time and within budget and opened in 2000. At the same time the field was improved and the supply of water to the lake in the valley was assured by piping run off from the Hall roof and the car park into it.

Inevitably over the years its use has changed. There is no longer a drama group, nor is badminton played there. A number of the organisations entitled under the 1969 Scheme to nominate trustees, no longer do so and the present trustees are seeking to change the Scheme to reflect this changed reality.

The Memorial Playing Fields are well used by Buckden senior and junior football teams and by the cricket club. The Tennis and Bowls Clubs are equally well established. The Valley is a pleasure to walk through, particularly in summer and is a valuable ecological resource in the village. The Hall provides comfortable meeting rooms for business and social organisations and events, space for wedding receptions and parties as well as accommodating the Parish Clerk and Council meetings. It is also frequently used for fitness and well being classes.

It is managed by the Hall Manager and overseen by the Trustees who are all volunteers. With the assistance of a loan from the Parish Council the Trustees have been able to install solar panels on the roof to generate electricity. The Trustees have also, in the last 18 months or so, been able to spend money on improving the fabric of the building and its facilities which has greatly improved it.

Our Village Hall is the largest in the area. It plays a large role in the life of the village and is an excellent amenity for everyone living here. The Trustees hope the Hall will be the first place you think of if you want to hold a party or event in the village.

FRIENDS IN DEED

Our **Winter Tea Party** will be held on Wednesday 21st February in the **Methodist Hall** (not St Mary's as previously advertised!) from 2.30-4.00pm. If you are not on our invitation list but would like to join us for this social event then please call Brenda Steadman on 810382 as soon as possible. All are very welcome and transport will be available on request to collect and return those who would like a lift to the event – call the transport number below.



The Drop-in Café in St Mary's Church is usually on the second Wednesday of every month – but **not** on the 14th February as we will be holding the Winter Tea Party the following Wednesday instead! From March onwards the Drop-in will run on the second Wednesday (14th March) of each month from 2.30-4.00pm in the Living Stones Room in St Mary's - so do come along and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, homemade cakes and a good chat.

We can help out with transport to a variety of locations including dental visits, hospital or surgery appointments (but not Buckden Surgery, which has its own transport scheme, contact Reception), and village events - if family, friends or public transport can't oblige.

If anyone needs support with shopping or errands during bad weather, or is housebound and would like a visit from one of our friendly volunteers then do give our Coordinator a call.

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>

Cambridgeshire Police

DISTRACTION BURGLARY ALERT: Police are issuing a warning following reports of offences of distraction burglary within the area. Distraction burglary is where the offenders trick the occupant or distract them, allowing the other person they are working with to gain access to the property and commit burglary. The elderly are particularly vulnerable to distraction burglary. In the recently reported cases, the offenders purport to work for the local council, and have forced their way into the victim's property when the door has been answered. Call police on 999 immediately if you believe this type of offence to be in progress. If you're not sure who is at your door, don't open it. Check the identity of the caller by calling the company they are claiming to be from i.e. gas, electricity, water and police. Use the telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider - Do not use any telephone numbers provided by the caller - they may be bogus.

OTHER MATTERS: It has been reported by the school that parking issues outside the school are causing problems especially in the mornings. If we do patrol and find your vehicle parked on the zig zags or the double yellow lines we will ticket your vehicle, it is no excuse that you were only a minute dropping the kids off.

The pre-school nursery at the village hall have reported issues with youths congregating on their property at night time, however much I sympathise with it being cold and wet at the moment this is private property and should not be used as a meeting point. Unfortunately leaving rubbish and cigarette butts on the ground is not healthy for pre-schoolers.

As always please contact me if you have any issues, we will be looking to re-arrange a drop in surgery again sometime in the New Year for you to come and discuss your issues.

Richard

PCSO 7101 Richard Braddick

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Women's World Day of Prayer — Friday 2nd March 2018

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St Mary's, Buckden 10.30 am

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Bookings

This month we have the Huntingdon Cromwell Rotary Club’s Vaudeville Show (23rd), two kids’ parties, a private party and a Rugcutters afternoon as well as all our regular hirers.

We would like to welcome Buckden WI to the Village Hall and look forward to seeing them on 6th.

War Memorial Playing Fields Trust Public Meeting

There will be a public meeting held in the Village Hall on Friday 16th February at 7:30pm. This is being held to discuss the future development of the facilities on the playing field. Everyone is welcome to attend and the Trustees are hoping for a good response from the village.

Repairs and Maintenance

The Hall will be closed from the afternoon of Friday 2nd February until Monday 5th February. This is due to essential maintenance work which will be carried out on the Hall floor.

The foyer carpet was professionally cleaned just before Christmas.

How you can help Buckden Village Hall when buying online

As you know Buckden Village Hall Trust is a charity and it costs a lot of money to maintain and repair this building. Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising money for Buckden Village Hall Trust? There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Aviva and Tesco who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to Buckden Village Hall Trust to say thank you for shopping with them. It’s really simple and doesn’t cost you anything. All you have to do is:

- ★ 1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/buckdenvillagehall
- ★ 2. Sign up for free
- ★ 3. Get shopping! Your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to us!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Buckden Village Hall Trust will be extremely grateful for your donations :o)

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

BUCKDEN WI

At our January meeting the ladies enjoyed cheese and wine as they grouped around the tables to discuss and vote on the resolutions which might form our national WI campaigns for the coming year. In spite of weighty issues being seriously discussed it was also a pleasant social start to the New Year.



February will find us in our NEW VENUE at the Millard Suite in the village hall. Do join us there on Tuesday 6th February at 7.30p.m. when our wonderful local butchers, Jason and Paul, will show us “How to.....”! Everyone is welcome.

For more information please contact:

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January 2018

We would like to wish residents of Buckden, Diddington and Southoe a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year from the staff and pupils at Buckden School.

We returned after the Christmas holidays ready for the new term. It is a much quieter time at school following the hectic build up to Christmas.

The major event of this month was when the Young Voices choir attended the Young Voices concert at The Genting Arena in Birmingham. This is a national event with schools from all over the country attending, to perform together. All the music was specially selected with a wide variety of songs to perform. The choir has been learning and practising the songs since September. We left school at 9.00 am on the day of the concert. When we arrived at the arena, we spent the day rehearsing the songs with everyone else ready for the evening concert, which many of our parents were able to come along to enjoy. We arrived back at school very late. What an exciting, eventful and tiring but memorable day.

An Appeal. The school is investing in new exciting computer based programmes to enhance the children's learning experience. This means that we are using more computers and consequently are stretched to accommodate all children who need access to a computer at any one time. In this time of tight school budgets it is increasingly challenging to keep ahead of demand and we would therefore be grateful for any machines that could be donated to the school for the children to use. If any parent/family is replacing their desk top or laptop computer over the holiday and would be willing to donate their old machines to the school please contact Mrs Heather on her email – mheather@buckden.cambs.sch.uk or telephone the school office 01480 810241. Thank you for your help.

We've started 2018 still glowing from the run up to Christmas: The children loved meeting Santa and seeing Thomas the Tank Engine puffing up and down the track while waiting for their train at the Nene Valley Railway; the Christmas play, 'Whoops-A-Daisy Angel', was a great success bringing tears of joy (and maybe a few of laughter) to the eyes of many of the parents and grandparents in the audience; and our Christmas party was lots of fun with games, dancing and a few too many yummy treats. A special thanks to Pauline Coker for giving up her time to get us boogieing! We also enjoyed seeing our wreath in St Mary's and sent 40 selection boxes to Caring for Cambridgeshire's Homeless - a huge thank you to all who donated.

And while we are thanking people, we are extremely grateful to Emily from The Flower Boutique, Brampton, for including us in the Christmas Bauble fundraiser, and to all who supported it. The generosity of Buckden villagers is a wonderful and special thing. Thank you!

We were pleased to welcome 4 new starters in January and the pre-school is busier than ever. Places are still available but hours are limited so if you are interested in your child joining please contact us to ensure they get a spot.

Looking forward to February, we are very excited about taking part in a 'Sponsored Pancake Flip' for Shrove Tuesday with the children seeing how many times they can toss a pancake in one minute – that won't be at all messy! We will also enjoy welcoming in the Year of the Dog when we celebrate Chinese New Year.

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 Academy Aspirations Day 2018

On Friday 9th February 2018 Buckden School is having an Aspirations Day for the children in Key Stage 2. During the day we hope to introduce the children to a wide range of career opportunities, the aim being to widen their horizons and inform them of the many different career paths that might interest them.

We are looking for volunteers to come into the school and share with the children what they do as a profession, maybe bring along aspects of their work, such as tools, vehicles, uniforms etc and photos. We would like this to be a thoroughly interactive day, with the children moving around the school talking to our visitors. We will also be having an introductory assembly, where there will be an opportunity to showcase your profession if you would like to do so. If you are interested could you please email Mrs Heather, Deputy Headteacher, at mheather@buckden.cambs.sch.uk, or telephone the school office on 01480 810241 giving the following details:

- What your profession is
- Are you available for the whole day or half day (am or pm)
- If you would you like to talk in the opening assembly
- How much space you would need

We believe this could be a really exciting day for our children. The hope is that they will learn that by working hard it will open up a wider range of opportunities and choices for them in later life. Thank you for your continued support of our school and enriching the lives of our children.



December/ January Match Results

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**Hunts County Yth U13 Cup

BUCKDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

| LEAGUE | HOME TEAM | | AWAY TEAM | |
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| Hunts Mini-Soccer | | | | |
| 16 Dec 17 | Buckden Eagles U10 | 6 | Godmanchester U10 White | 0 |
| 16 Dec 17 | Buckden Hawks U7 White | 7 | St Neots Town U7 Navy | 3 |
| 6 Jan 18 | Godmanchester U7 Blue | 3 | Buckden Hawks U7 Black | 6 |
| 6 Jan 18 | St Ives Rangers U7 Red | 1 | Buckden Hawks U7 White | 2 |
| Hunts Youth (9v9) | | | | |
| 9 Dec 17 | Buckden Vultures U11 | 3 | Little Paxton Colts U11 Sky | 1 |
| 6 Jan 18 | Buckden Buzzards U12 | 0 | St Ives U12 Blue Sox | 5 |
| 6 Jan 18* | St Ives U11 White Sox* | 2 | Buckden Vultures U11* | 1 |
| Hunts Youth (11v11) | | | | |
| 9 Dec 17 | Needlingworth Colts U16 | 3 | Buckden Falcons U16 | 5 |
| 6 Jan 18 | Buckden Falcons U16 | 1 | Needlingworth Colts U16 | 2 |
| 6 Jan 18** | St Neots Town U13** | 1 | Buckden Harriers U13** | 2 |

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 JFC Requires Players For Its U16 'Falcons' Team (11v11)

If your offspring is interested in playing for Buckden U16 Falcons, which play 11v11 in the Hunts Youth League, or knows of anybody else that does (players must have reached 14 or 15 years of age by 31 Aug 2017) please contact the Falcons' manager Kevin Wager (01487 824875 / 07771 665090 kevinwager@btinternet.com)

Buckden Tennis Club

2018 offer: Tennis coaching is open to non-members between January and the end of March. Find out more below if you are interested in joining a group or private lesson.

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For the social player we meet 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, coaching is available for adults and juniors through our coach Kyle Wingate (Tel: +44 7745 133887). Coaching is available on 1:1 basis and group sessions can also be arranged.

If you are interested in joining the club please contact us through our Chairman Clare Fraser on [07740456972](tel:07740456972) or visit our website at www.buckdentennis.org.uk or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/buckdentennisclub>

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