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## February 2020

The new decade is well underway now, the recent Christmas celebrations fading into the memory and the reality of being back at work or school has well and truly hit!

I don't want to seem to be tempting fate, but apart from some recent high winds we have been quite fortunate weather wise so far this winter. I can only think of a handful of occasions where I have had to scrape the car free of frost and ice before heading off to work in the morning.

On the subject of heading off to work, I am curious to know what the village thinks about the new A14? As a regular commuter to Cambridge, I find once I am on the new road it is making my drive to and from work quicker and easier than using the A428. And I can avoid the level crossing between here and Offord - often a significant contributor to my journey times!

You will have noticed I said 'once I am on the new road'. I am not sure I fully understand why it isn't easier to join the A14 heading East from this part of Cambridgeshire. From Buckden it is not too bad as I can simply head to Brampton Hut and come back on the A1 south. The A1198 at Godmanchester has a new junction with the A14 - but only if you want to join it heading West!

Please remember we are always looking for article ideas for the magazine. In 2020 we hope to increase both the variety and number of articles, as well as running some competitions with prizes!

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 front cover this month shows Buckden High Street and was painted by a resident of Buckden. Many thanks to our anonymous artist!

We are looking for more paintings of any kind that we 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!

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

# Buckden Parish Council News...

## Climate Change Mitigation Workshop

On Saturday 11th January Buckden Parish Council held an event called What on Earth Can Buckden Do?, organised to highlight the need for the Parish to take action to try to address issues in relation to climate change. It was extremely successful with more than 350 people attending. You can see more details about this event on page 14

## Buckden Neighbourhood Plan

The consultation process is now complete. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback. Not surprisingly we also had a great deal of feedback from the developers, both the Church Commissioners and Gladmans who have concerns about the restrictions the plan places on them.

We will now incorporate the feedback into the plan where appropriate. The plan is then submitted to a planning inspector for approval. We will keep you updated as the plan progresses.

## Meeting with Highways England

We met with Highways England on 8<sup>th</sup> January. Many issues were raised including:

- The need for a Buckden by-pass
- On going concerns about the Stirtloe Lane/A1 junction, including the continued absence of the promised speed restrictions from the roundabout to the junction
- The appalling state of the A1 between St Neots and the roundabout which is covered in potholes
- The very poor state of the A1 underpasses
- Numerous issues with overgrown vegetation restricting visibility
- The impact of the new A14 on local roads

## Silver Street and Mill Road developments

The hold on both developments has been extended to end February. At our recent meeting, Highways England advised that the data collection on the High Street, Perry Road and Church Road was complete. The traffic consultants working for the Church Commissioners (the owners of the Silver Street Site) are now building a computer model of how the roundabout operates with a view to putting together revised proposals for traffic

lights. We expect to hear more towards end of February.



## Mill Road

We are meeting with representatives from Cambridgeshire County Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> February to present our case for traffic calming measures on this road. A petition has been organised in the village to reduce the speed limit. It will undoubtedly help our case if as many people as possible sign the petition. You can access it via the following link:

[https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/mill-road-speed-reduction?share=4319e209-934c-4d18-b3e8-21016af1875f&source=email-share-button&utm\\_source=email](https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/mill-road-speed-reduction?share=4319e209-934c-4d18-b3e8-21016af1875f&source=email-share-button&utm_source=email)

## Speedwatch

We are trying to get another round of speedwatch off the ground. Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where active members of local communities join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices.

Unfortunately the police have not run any training courses recently and we can't proceed without the training. We are expecting training dates shortly. If you are interested in being involved, please contact the Parish Clerk.

## New Councillor

John Mulcrone has been appointed as a Parish Councillor.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> February. 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February. 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)



### From your District Councillor

#### Roads and more roads

Over the past two years the state of the transport system in our region has been attracting a lot of attention and even more importantly many new organisations and agencies have joined in or been created.

The National Infrastructure Commission has expanded its role by supporting the Oxford Cambridge Arc and the proposal to build an additional 1million new homes. It has also sponsored a range of planning and environmental studies on a very wide range of topics from cycle and greenway routes to new cluster and string cities ( basically linking existing towns with better roads and adding unified planning and industrial development strategies).

At the same time there has been a shift in perception at Government and in Departments of State, resulting in new and wider interpretation of rules, new legislation and more importantly new funding streams.

There is a new willingness to at least acknowledge that something must be done about the A1 and some form of western relief road. Highways England have a review and issued a paper in late 2018 to set out parameters. But the good news is

that the regional planning has moved away, to Sub National Transport Bodies. In our region this is a new agency called "England's Economic Heartland".

Buckden now has a new chance to make a case for a relief road (which could be a cheaper short route from the new Ellington Roundabout to the new Black Cat). With the new Government Infrastructure Funding currently announced, there is a very real chance of a quick fix, but we need to convince a whole range of new players and influencers to support our case.

New influencers range for example from the "Cambridgeshire Biomedical Campus Transport and Infrastructure Committee", to the "Local National Plan Capital Plan Steering Group", also known as the Transport Forum. And many, many more Committees, Agencies and Boards.

The Buckden Neighbourhood Plan gives us some super information to talk about with other organisations, but often, having a contact in the organisation makes the whole process a little easier. So if a relative or friend of yours works on any Regeneration, Transport, Physical Connectivity or Digital Connectivity projects please let me know and message me on Hamish.Masson@Huntingdonshire.gov.uk or pm me on Facebook.

*Hamish Masson, January 2020*

### From your County Councillor

The General Election is behind us so now the County Council can get back to work. Its major immediate task is to prepare the budget for the coming financial year. The two main aspects are:

- a. What level of service can be made available to residents across a county which has a wide variation of deprivation, wealth and need?
- b. Do we need to raise the County Council element of the council tax and if so, by how much?

Under heading a, we are very aware of the increasing level of expectation from residents. Hardly a week goes by without somebody from the five villages in this county division drawing my attention to pot-holes that need filling, road-signs that need cleaning, graffiti that needs removing. These affect everybody but are relatively minor compared to the huge pressure on services for adults arising from the fact that we are an ageing society. Adult social care will be a social, organisational and financial challenge for the foreseeable future. How much can we afford to pay into the pot from which services are provided? How much should we expect people to pay for their own care?

No less serious are the problems at the other end of the age range. The proportion of young people needing extra help rises every year. Why, you may well ask? There are several factors involved: an increase in domestic instability means that more and more children have to be taken out of their family home to prevent them suffering serious physical or mental harm; improvements in medicine are enabling children with physical disabilities to survive longer and a compassionate society has a moral obligation to meet their needs. At the same time, the costs of making appropriate provision increase; the council tries wherever possible to place children in foster care within the county but we do not have enough local foster carers to meet the demand. Placements with independent providers are extremely expensive, especially if children have special needs.

Aspect b., the level of council tax, is obviously contentious. We all instinctively want to pay as little tax as possible but we know that we have to take our share of providing for the many people less fortunate than we are. Until a few years ago, a council could raise its tax level as it wished but since 2012 central government has 'capped' tax increases at specified levels. In Cambridgeshire, in the first years of that arrangement, the ruling group did not use that discretion as fully as permitted. In the last two years, it has done so. Now it has to decide again. The 'cap' is a 2% increase towards adult social care and up to 1.99% for other services. In Cambridgeshire every extra 1% increase brings in £2.9 million and the weekly extra cost per person in a 2 person household living in an average house is 13 pence.

The County Council met in December and its Climate Change and Environment Strategy was launched. Environmental issues are rightly a high priority for us all and I was very pleased to attend the recent Climate event organised by the parish council in the Village Hall. Congratulations to all who were involved. This well-attended gathering brought together a number of specialist agencies and gave us a lot to think about. Very few of us now deny that climate change is happening – the terrible fires in Australia have brought that starkly before our eyes – but the difficulty, as always, is developing actions which will get us, the public, to change our life style and travel patterns. I am sure many Buckden residents have responded to the Council's consultation.

So we embark on a new year and a new decade with significant challenges but with much to be grateful for. The minority who give up their time to serve on councils, whether parish, district or county, bear the burden of responsibility for making some crucial decisions but all of us must be involved and play our part to make our village, our country and the world a better place for everybody, now and in the future.

*Peter Downes, January 14<sup>th</sup> 2020*



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Local Group

### The UK Ladybird Survey

The Huntingdonshire local group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to this illustrated talk, which will be given by Professor Helen Roy on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Helen is an ecologist with a particular interest in insects, environmental change and citizen science.

Over the last ten years Helen has led the UK Ladybird Survey, which has been monitoring the rapid spread of the non-native Harlequins since their first recorded appearance in 2004. The survey aims to encourage the public to record all species of

ladybirds found in the UK by sending in photos of both our native and non-native ladybirds. Professor Roy will summarise the methods and findings and I am sure will provide a very interesting talk.

Meetings are held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB starting at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome, booking not necessary.

For more information please contact Alistair Grant ([alistairgrant@hotmail.com](mailto:alistairgrant@hotmail.com) or 07775365507).

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### 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.



Friends in Deed is a voluntary group which was set up to support 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 to appointments at the hospital, dentist or chiropodist for instance or to village events - when family, friends and public transport are not available.

A note for the diary - The 2020 Friends in Deed **Winter Tea Party** will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March in the Methodist Hall from 2.30 - 4pm

#### To contact us:

**Just drop in to the Community Café which we run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 2.30 - 4pm 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 our new transport co-ordinator Peter Mount on 07914 669967. Leave a message, giving as much notice as possible and he will call you back.

We are always on the lookout for volunteer drivers, so if you would like to help, then please get in touch. There is no fixed commitment, you only agree on a journey if the date and time suits you and most journeys are to Huntingdon or St Neots. You will also receive a mileage allowance.

### BUCKDEN WI: ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD

Our January meeting was, as usual, a sociable time sharing cheese and wine around our tables as we discussed future national campaigns and voted for the choice of resolutions to go forward to the National Annual Meeting in June.

The meeting was just before Buckden's big climate event: 'What on Earth can Buckden Do' which chimes very much with recent WI campaigning. Members were keen to sign up to help with refreshments on the day and to be in evidence in their WI aprons, standing up for this important cause.

At 7.30p.m. on 4<sup>th</sup> February we have a 'Safe and Well' visit from the fire service and the competition will be a poem on the theme 'Red'. Contributions for the market stall will be welcomed. As always, visitors and new members will be most welcome.

For more information please contact:  
Ruth Nicholas – 07957 334142  
Judith Armitage – 01480 811717





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**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.**

**Buckden Methodist Church**

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

**Stewards:** Angie Barnes (810102)

Bob Baxter (810092)

Carol Swepestone (810053)

**Services in February**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** Morning Service: Mrs. Pauline Zahner

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** Morning Service: Mr. John Bridge

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** Morning Service: Mrs. Ann Brittain

**Activities in February**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>**

3-5p.m. **"February Fun"** run by Buckden & District Churches Together. 5-11 year olds, bring your family fun activities and snack to the Methodist Church

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

10a.m. Coffee Morning

10a.m. Bible and Prayer group

10a.m. Coffee Morning

12 noon Soup and Sweet Lunch

12.30-4pm **Holidays at Home**

10a.m. Bible and Prayer group

10a.m. Coffee Morning

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

**Buckden Neighbourhood Watch**

**JANUARY SCAMS**

This time of the year on hearing the telephone ring people always pick up expecting it is member of the family or friend calling. You may find it is telephone message asking you to update information. It is scam. Telephone companies or credit card companies will not call you to update information or request bank details.

Do not update information over the phone. Ensure you have the correct telephone number to speak with the company that provides your service.

**VOUCHER SCAM**

There is email being sent out requesting you purchase iTunes vouchers for a friend using their email address. Please check first your friend needs the vouchers.

**SUBSCRIPTION SCAM**

There is a growing scam on online advert for 'Zeto' tablets supposedly endorsed by Dragons Den which suggested you could receive a free sample of tablets that would help you lose weight.

This time of the year you may have added a few pounds and fancy losing some extra pounds without changing anything about lifestyle.

On contacting the advert a victim gave bank details to pay for the postage and packaging charge for the tablets and found subsequently several lots of £80 were requested from their bank account. On this occasion the bank became aware and contacted the victim and the sums were stopped.

Please beware of too good to be true offers for free weight loss supplements, beauty creams etc.

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

## What's on at St Mary's Buckden: February 2020

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



### SUNDAY Services

Sun 2	11.00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
Sun 9	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11.00am	Family Communion
Sun 16	11.00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Sun 23	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11.00am	All-age Service
	7.00pm	Night Prayer

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

### Weekly Groups / Activities

Mondays	8.15pm	Bell-ringing practice
Tuesdays	7.30pm	'Why on Earth?'
Wednesdays	10.00am	Coffee after communion
	10.30am	Going Deeper bible study
Thursdays	7.00pm	youth@thetowers (Towers)
Fridays	6.45pm	Angel Voices (14 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> )
Saturdays	10.30am	Coffee & Cakes

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

### EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

#### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February

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

#### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 3pm – 5pm

**FEBRUARY FUN AT Buckden Methodist Church.** Afternoon activities and light refreshments for children and young families.

#### \*NEW\* 'WHY ON EARTH?'

**Every Tuesday 7.30pm in the Vicarage.** A fresh way to talk about life's questions and faith. Contact Rev. Jes for more information or just come along.

#### Tuesday 11th February

#### \*NEW\* St Mary's Book Club.

7.30pm at the Vicarage. All welcome.

### GOING DEEPER

#### Every Wednesday 10.30am in the LSR.

We'll be looking at Paul's letter to the Romans over the next few weeks. All welcome.

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

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

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

#### M&MS LADIES GROUP –

7.30pm at the Vicarage

### OPEN MEETING - Buckden & The Offords

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 6pm

Everyone welcome to join us & share your thoughts; ends with Night Prayer at 7pm.

### COMING UP NEXT MONTH

#### Friends In Deed Winter Tea Party

Wednesday 4th March 2.30pm-4pm  
at Buckden Methodist Church

#### World Day of Prayer


Friday 6 March 10am at Buckden Methodist Church.  
Come and join us for a lovely service written by the women of Zimbabwe. All welcome!

**Room to hire:** St Mary's Living Stones Room (with under-floor heating, kitchen and toilet facilities) is 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)





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### Weekly Prayer Roster

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

2nd February	Manor Gardens, Manor Close, Glebe Lane, The Grove
9th February	Park Road, Falcon Way, The Marinas, and those who live and work there
16th February	Field Close, Lincoln Close, Silver Street, Beaufort Drive, St Hugh's Road
23rd February	School Lane, Buckden Primary School (pupils, teachers and teaching assistants, governors, volunteers, midday supervisors, all support staff)

### Thought for the Month

Dear Friends,

We are now well into 2020, a new year and a new decade. I hope it has started well for you. I am sure that the last ten years have seen many changes in all our lives. In February 2010 I was still training to be a priest and was unmarried. Ten years on and I am very happy to be married to Jane and to be here with you in Offord. No doubt all of us have similar stories.

It is fair to say that the next decade is likely to see at least as much change in our national, local and personal lives as have the last ten years. Abba songs don't often feature in these notes, but in a wistful song entitled, appropriately, 'Happy New Year', they reflect on this tension between the certainty that life will be different in uncertainty as to what the future will hold with the lines – 'In another ten years time, who can

say what we'll find, what lies waiting down the line, in the end of [twenty]-nine'.

The Christian message is one of hope. It recognises that life is full of change, some good and some less so. It doesn't duck the hard stuff that happens to all of us. But the clear message from the life and ministry of Jesus is that God will never fail us or forsake us, He will be with us when life is rubbish; He invites us to turn to him and receive comfort, support and strength. And He is with us in the good times enjoying with us the fullness of life He promises.

Elsewhere in this edition there is information about the many activities for all ages happening this month in our local churches. We would love to see you.

Best wishes,  
Jes, Rev Jes Salt, Priest in Charge, Buckden and the Offords



## World Day of Prayer

**Friday 6 March 2020**

Methodist Church, 10 am  
Come and join us for a lovely service  
this year written by the  
women of Zimbabwe  
**All welcome!**

### Buckden Friends

Quick reminder that the balance for our holiday to Blackpool is due by 29th February (Leap year day).

Single room sea view £380, single room £340  
Double room/twin sea view £640, double/twin £600

May be able to get extra rooms if anybody would like to join us. Email: [patking@writeme.com](mailto:patking@writeme.com) for details.

Fancy Warners, Alvaston Hall, 26th Oct 4 nights? Cost about £320 per person, subject to number going. Includes coach from Scout Hut, Meals en route. 10 singles available.

If you are interested Contact Pat 01480 811020 or email me or note to 32 Mayfield (near Doctors).

I NEED to know by 7th of FEBRUARY to confirm my provisional booking.

Come and have a fun, relaxing time with us.  
Pat & Brian King

### Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme February 2020

Trained walk leaders will lead eight different health walks this month from the thirty-or-so assigned to the group. The walks are on Wednesdays at 2pm and Fridays at 10am. On the 7th and the 19th, we shall meet outside the Village Hall, where toilet and refreshment facilities are available, as with most other health walk venues. For more information, please see below.

Health walks will suit 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 "free" walk scheme, largely financed by council subsidies, does encourage walkers' voluntary contributions; especially as accident insurance cover is provided, plus a programme brochure.

For details, please access the website [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks), or contact the health walk coordinator on 01480 387047, email [activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

### 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, and a cup of tea, awaits you.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb Club Meeting, Natter night

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb Club Skills Evening

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Mar Annual General Meeting

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

February 5<sup>th</sup> 2020

Cootes, Constables and Chickens:  
The History of Houghton Grange  
by Bridget Flanagan

Bridget will talk on the fascinating history of Houghton Grange. Built in 1898 it was used by Animal Health Trust and later the Houghton Grange Poultry Research Station.

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

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

### MONDAY CLUB

We are a social group of ladies who meet fortnightly at 2.30pm in the Millard Suite at Buckden Village Hall.

At each meeting we either have a guest speaker or participate in an activity of our own. We then enjoy a cup of tea and biscuits, and participate in a raffle.

**03 February** Keith Lawrence talking about the school in Kenya he is involved with

**17 February** What's in the bag? Plus talking about someone of interest from your past

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.



### 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 27<sup>th</sup> February Food and Wine Harmony**

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

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

\*Male & Female models



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### Buckden Gardeners Association

**TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2020**  
**AGM followed by Cheese & Wine**

8.00pm Buckden Village Hall

Come to our AGM, meet the committee, pay your membership, and enjoy some good company. Followed by cheese and wine.

For further information go to our website:

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

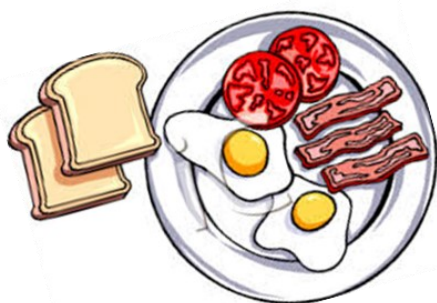
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# EXPLORERS

1st Southoe & Buckden Scout Group



**Breakfast Morning**

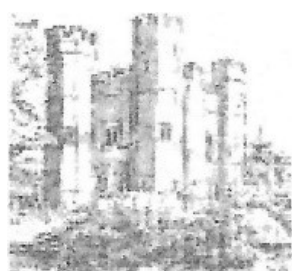
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

08.00 to 12.00

Adult: £5.00 Child: £4.00

Full English Cooked Breakfast  
Includes Drinks

Please come down to the Scout Hut, Lucks Lane and support us raising money for our International Camp in 2020



## The Friends of Buckden Towers QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

7.30 p.m. at The Towers

(Quiz Master: Alec MacAndrew)

Teams of up to 6.  
Refreshments

All Welcome  
Raffle and Prizes

Entry £5.00 per person at the Door.

## Events Programme

January-July 2020



**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February • 7:30pm**

*Members-only event*

**A Fish and Chip Supper**

Including hot or cold drinks, cake, a quiz, raffle and entertainment.

**Tickets £8 per person**

Available at the Visitor Centre from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan-3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Just 60 Tickets available. Tickets cannot be reserved but once payment is received they may be held for collection later.

**Third Thursday of each month**

**10:30am - 12:30pm**

**Guided Nature Walks**

Explore Paxton Pits Nature Reserve with local guides. The route taken will depend on the time of year and conditions underfoot, but will be designed to show you the best of what the Reserve has to offer.

Walks start at the Visitor Centre at 10:30am and will last approximately two hours.

**£2.50 per person per walk**

*No need to book, just pay on the day.*

**Don't forget your binoculars!**

**Please note:**

*These walks are gentle ambles and not route marches. They are designed for people with little or no experience of wildlife. These walks should also benefit those who are getting beyond that stage and wish to go a little further.*



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## Fun February



An Activity Afternoon and Light Tea for Children and  
Young Families

**Methodist Church**

**Saturday 1 February 2020**

**3.30 – 5.30 pm**

Please register in advance if possible





## 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**

**February 12<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**March 11<sup>th</sup> 2020**

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**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

## *Shopping Event*

Friday 28th February, 7:30pm - 10:30pm: Tapas and Wine ...and shopping!

Saturday 29th February, 10:00am - 3:00pm: Cake and Coffee ...and shopping!

*Cabi Clothing*  
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## ★ ★ Bookings

★ February is another busy month for us at the Hall and includes the rehearsals for the upcoming pantomime, ★ 'Cinderella'. See below for more details! ★

★ Pantomime is returning to the Hall!!

★ After the success of last year's pantomime 'Aladdin', Melo-  
★  
★ dramatics return on 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March with Cinderella.

★ Tickets are on sale now.



### CCTV cameras

A new CCTV camera has been fitted on the Hall building so there is now completely uninterrupted, clear vision of all of the building including its entrances. The Hall has suffered some vandalism over the past few months so the cameras now mean that all activity around the Hall can be tracked on CCTV footage.

**Jo Harvey**

**01480 811101**

**admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk**

**Office hours 9am to 2pm.**

On Saturday 11th January Buckden Parish Council held an event called 'What on Earth Can Buckden Do?' organised to highlight the need for the Parish to take action to try to address issues in relation to climate change.

The event put together in one place Chairman / CEO's of major environmental agencies, like Alan James Chairman CPRE, Brian Eversham CEO Wildlife Trust, Emily Bolton Energy Projects Officer Cambridgeshire County Council , Tim Lancaster Former Director of the Carbon Trust, and Jonathan Djanogly member of Parliament.



Also representations were made from Peterborough City Environmental Trust, Huntingdon District Council, along with experts in the field of the environment and climate change, Like Eco YouTuber Dave Borlace “Just Have a Think”, environmental retailers like Orangehouse Renewables with their extensive knowledge on Heat Pumps and other environmentally friendly solutions and of course Buckden residents and other members of the public, all in one place, and all talking and listening to one another.

350+ people packed Buckden village hall. The hall was host to 18 exhibitors displaying an interesting and diverse range of services, information and entertainment, ranging from Cambridgeshire County Council policies to face painting and even a Virtual Reality trip into space and orbiting the world.

We had a fantastic response from both the public and exhibitors alike and in some ways they describe it better than we could, here is what they said:

*"Our CPRE team found it fascinating, a great way of communicating the many aspects of climate change concerns and necessary mitigating and preventive actions. The sharing of ideas about such a complex and potentially divisive subject in such a positive atmosphere was heart-warming. What a great idea it turned out to be. I think you should all be very proud of what you achieved."* Alan James, Chairman, CPRE Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

*"What a day. There was such a buzz in the hall, even later in the day."* Rosey Studd, Women's Institute.

*"Yesterday I had the privilege of attending and speaking at a community event. The event was a great success and I just wanted to say how impressed I was by the number of different environmental organisations and speakers."*

Dave Borlace. 'Just Have a Think'

We hope that other councils will follow this example and with every extra event, the message will spread throughout the county, the region, the UK, the World, to infinity and beyond. There are those who will say that anything you try to do, is just a drop in the ocean... to them we say, the ocean is made of drops.





## February 2020

### Storytime – Tuesdays at 2.15pm

Our free Storytime sessions continue every Tuesday afternoon during term time. Pre-school children of all ages are welcome for stories, rhymes, songs and fun! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Age UK Community Hub – Tues 4<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 – 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.

### Craft Club – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 10.30 – 12 noon

Go through the keyhole and head for tea with the Mad Hatter with our Alice in Wonderland themed craft session. Suitable for children aged 5+ accompanied by an adult - 50p per child.

### Children's Board Games Club – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2.15

Our new board games club for children continues in February. A selection of games for children aged 2-6. A great way to spend the winter afternoon with pre-schoolers, or pop in after school pick up – plenty of free parking available! 50p per child – all children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Knit Lit – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm

Come and join the knits! If you enjoy knitting and a good book why not join our Knit Lit group? Meeting every other Friday evening – contact us for more information.

### Engage in the Afternoon – Acoustic Guitar with Martin Gilman – 19<sup>th</sup> February - 2pm

An afternoon of music, song and conversation with local musician Martin Gilman, who will be playing and singing some of his favourite songs and chatting about music and guitars. This is a free event but booking is essential – call in to the library for your ticket, or email

StNeots.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

### Lego Club – 29<sup>th</sup> February 10 – 12.30

Lego returns on the usual last Saturday of the month. Suitable for accompanied children aged 5-11. Duplo is also available for the under 5s. 50p per child

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
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## World Cancer Day



4th February is World Cancer Day and this year marks the 20th anniversary of World Cancer Day.

It began with six cancer experts who convened in Paris in 1999 and drafted a Charter that outlined a vision for addressing the impact of cancer on “human life, human suffering and on the productivity of nations”. On 4 February 2000, the Charter was signed by then President of France, Jacques Chirac and then General Director of UNESCO, Kōichirō Matsuura.

The Charter highlights the need for access to quality care, funding for cancer research, greater understanding and above all respect and dignity for all individuals living with the disease.

The Charter has been adopted by international cancer organisations around the world.

Each year, hundreds of activities and events take place worldwide, gathering communities, organisations and individuals in schools, businesses, hospitals, marketplaces, parks, community halls, places of worship - in the streets and online - acting as a powerful reminder that we all have a role to play in reducing the global impact of cancer.

Macmillan says there were an estimated 2.5 million people living with cancer in the UK in 2015, which was an increase of over a million people since 2010. This is projected to rise to 4 million by 2030.

More than one third of cancer cases can be prevented. Another third can be cured if detected early and treated properly.

<https://www.worldcancerday.org>

<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>





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

**January 2020**

Happy New Year to the residents of Buckden, Diddington and Southoe from the staff and pupils at Buckden School.



We have returned to school after a busy Christmas holidays to a much quieter term than the last one! We're all looking forward to new challenges this term. Our new after school clubs have started and we're enjoying playing new games with the equipment bought with the funds raised from Lizell's walk around Grafham in the Autumn Term. All of the pupils in Key Stage 2 have visited Bletchley Park. Bletchley Park is just outside Milton Keynes and was the principal centre of Allied code-breaking during the Second World War. While at Bletchley Park the children were able to explore the site and all the various displays in the huts as well as take part in a variety of workshops. Everyone agreed that it is a very interesting place and would recommend a visit.

Some of our Year 5 pupils had an exciting opportunity to visit Eurovia, as part of our skills builder curriculum. During the day the children learnt about businesses, their employees and how they can use essential skills to apply problem solving skills to analyse multiple solutions to simple problems. They also learnt about the world of construction and the essential skills needed to succeed. Another very interesting day.

Once again it has been brought to our attention by both local residents and parents that irresponsible driving and parking continues to be an issue. Parents and those who bring children to school are continuing to park on the junction of School Lane and Greenway as well as across residents driveways.

Please do not park on the corners or junction of the road as this blocks 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. When parking around the perimeter of the school please have consideration for the residents and do not park across their driveways blocking access to properties.

We have also been made aware of drivers dropping off children in the mornings and driving off at a fast speed putting pedestrians walking in the area at risk. Please take care and do not exceed the 20 mph speed limit that is in place around the school.

We realise this is a contentious issue, and one the school is trying to keep under control, but we need everyone to show consideration for all residents in the village.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Although Christmas is a way behind us now, we need to offer our belated but heartfelt thanks to Dave Reynolds for helping with our Christmas Grotto at the Light Festival. Without him, Santa wouldn't have been there... ahem! Many thanks to him for once again making sure Santa was there to greet the children.

The New Year has brought in some changes at Preschool. We have said goodbye to Sam Sinclair and the Preschool is now under new management. We also have two new members of staff, Miss Tasha and Miss Federica, who are both Level 3 qualified and bring several years of experience to our setting. We hope they will be very happy with us and welcome them into our Preschool community.

The New Year has brought new starters, too, and we hope they and their families will enjoy their time with us. We still have a few vacancies available for children this term and for those wanting to start in the Spring Term—do contact us on the number below if you would like to arrange a visit or if you have any queries.

Meanwhile, the children are experimenting with ways to get inside ice to free the trapped animals, learning science fundamentals and language such as hot, cold, melt, freeze and dissolve as they do so (alongside bang, smash, hard and soft!). They've also been writing those all-important thank you letters to Santa, practising using a tripod grip and writing their names. With Valentine's Day around the corner, it will also be time for talking about feelings and some Valentine's-inspired arts and crafts.

At present, the committee is gathering ideas to bring to their next fund-raising meeting, so keep your eyes peeled for more of our fundraising events once the details are finalised!

They are already planning to hold another Pamper Night in spring, as the last two have proved very successful.

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 the Preschool 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**

2020 has started for us as 2019 ended, with yet more rain, our home pitches continuing to suffer and some postponed matches. We have managed to get some games played at the nearby all weather 3G pitches, but we are looking forward to a drier spring to help us get our fixtures played!

### **BJFC Club Merchandise**

Don't forget you can still purchase brand new BJFC merchandise.

- Woolly Hats £6
- Snoods £6.50
- Travel Mugs £5.99

A reduction of 50p per drink purchased from the tea bar will be made when using one of our travel mugs.

Merchandise is available to purchase from our tea bar every Saturday or by speaking to a member of our committee or team managers.

### **Club Shop – now live!**

As well as the merchandise mentioned above, we now have an online club shop as well. Scarves, gloves, jumpers and coats can all be purchased online – visit [www.chromasport.co.uk/shop/buckden-juniors-fc](http://www.chromasport.co.uk/shop/buckden-juniors-fc) to order.

### **Dribblers and Development sessions**

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.

### **Tea Bar**

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).

### **Buckden Bowls Club**

Contact Numbers		
Club Sec.	Ladies Sec.	Monthly Draw
Brian Moore	Eileen Linane	Jane Price
<b>01480 812112</b>	<b>07976 953817</b>	<b>01480 812141</b>

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Kimbolton Country Fayre & Classic Car Show**

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<https://www.facebook.com/kimboltonfayre/>

## **Roman Buckden**

Did you know traces of Roman settlement have been found all over Buckden?

Roman pottery has been dug up during gravel extraction, in the garden of the Red House in 1934, and in Perry Road when the High Street bypass was built.

There are rumours that during the building of houses in the area of the village called the Hoo (an Anglo-Saxon word for burial ground) cremation burials were discovered, which would indicate a substantial early settlement.

A formal excavation just east of Stirtloe was carried out in 1941. Finds included bones, pottery shards, a corroded spearhead, millstone fragments and, surprisingly, an elephant tooth (possibly a souvenir). The conclusion was that there had been a settlement there, probably as early as the second century AD.

Forty years later, in the summer of 1982, a dig was carried out east of Buckden Towers, following some surface finds. It yielded unmistakable evidence of a Roman villa right in the middle of what became Buckden village: tesserae from a floor



mosaic, fragments of a hypocaust tile (a hollow brick for underfloor central heating), a scatter of plaster from the walls, pottery shards and part of a quern for grinding corn.

The site was too small to gain an impression of the size of the villa, but it was certainly the property of a wealthy person. It was most likely a farmhouse managing an estate which may well have had the same boundaries as our

current parish. It may have been occupied through to the end of the period of Roman settlement in 410 AD.

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

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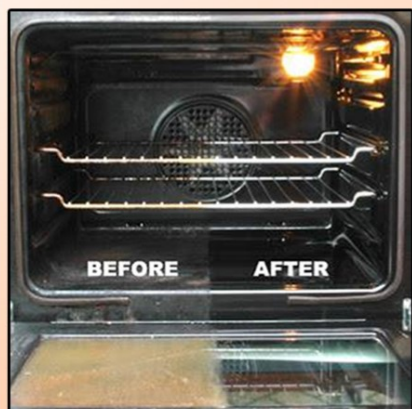
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