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## January 2020

We have reached the end of another year. Well, almost! It is the time of year when I am writing about the start of the next year when I have not got that close to Christmas as yet!

2019 has been a good year for Buckden Roundabout. We received our award for the Most Improved Magazine in the Community Magazine Awards sponsored by Cambridge Building Society. We continue to receive positive feedback, and the occasional piece of constructive criticism, from our readers and advertisers. Talking of advertisers, they are a very loyal bunch and recognise what great value advertising in the Roundabout provides; they continually tell us of the responses they get from the community as a result of their adverts.

We have tried hard in 2019 to provide more variety in the magazine. We will continue to have information and events from the local groups and societies, but at the same time you

have seen, and will continue to see, a greater array of articles on a wider variety of topics - but all with one common theme - Buckden!

Although we now have a steady supply of articles, we are always looking for new contributors and new ideas for the magazine. If you have ideas for articles you want to see included, please contact us using the editor wemail address provided below.

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/>

As we are still in December, we again wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

*This month's editor - Ian Carter*

### Front Cover

The cover shows the Roundabout Christmas wreath from 2018 on display in St Mary's. The 2019 wreaths are currently on display in the church.

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

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# Buckden Parish Council News...

## Climate Change Mitigation Workshop

We are running a workshop on 11<sup>th</sup> January titled 'What on Earth Can Buckden Do'. Please join us between 1 and 7pm in the village hall. We have a wide range of speakers and stall holders. There will be refreshments throughout the day. If you have time, go on line at: <https://www.carbonindependent.org> and find out your own household carbon footprint. See more details about this event on page 16.

## Buckden Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan is still available for you to view as part of a formal consultation process. This will conclude on 10<sup>th</sup> January. You can view the plan and provide feedback by going to the BPC web site, (see below). Paper copies are also available in the village hall office. This is an important document. It sets out what developers can and can't do in our village. Whilst we cannot stop the Silver Street development, which is included in the Huntingdonshire Local Plan, we have drafted policies, particularly about traffic, house type and design which the developers must comply with. When finalised it will also significantly increase the amount of money the village receives from developers. It is important we get your feedback. Once the consultation is complete the plan will be submitted for review by a planning inspector.

## Financial Update

You will be aware that County and District Council budgets are under ever increasing pressure. This in turn places pressure on the Parish Council budget. We are making every effort to mitigate this by seeking grants to fund developments in the village. Examples of these are:

- Round-about-Buckden walk & new public right of way (Cambridgeshire Community Foundation A14 fund) £5510
- Local Cycling & Walking Plan - preparation and publication. (Cambridgeshire Community Foundation A14 fund) £9000
- Zebra Crossing - Hunts End by Primary School ([Cambs CC 2018 Local Highways initiative](#)) £9,104 matched by £9,104 from BPC.
- Perry Road speed control measures, to be completed. (Cambs CC 2018 Local Highways initiative) £7,300 matched by £5,300 from BPC

- Neighbourhood Plan (Groundwork UK) £9000
- Allotments Notice Board and refurbishments (NISA and Annie Furbank) £1090.



We are currently seeking funding for traffic calming measures in Mill Road.

## Lucks Lane

Considerable damage has been done to the Lucks Lane/Springfield Close junction as part of the sewer works. This has been reported to Bloor Homes.

## Silver Street and Mill Road developments

Both developments remain on hold. We are meeting with Highways England in early January to receive an update on progress in relation to the Roundabout.

## Mill Road

We expect to hear from Cambridgeshire County Council about progress with traffic calming measures on this dangerous stretch of road in February. We will keep you updated.

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

**Happy Christmas!!!** From all your Parish Councillors.

**Office opening hours** are: Mon, Wed and Thursday 10.30-2.00pm, Tuesday 2-4pm, Friday – closed. Over the Christmas period the office will be closed from 23<sup>rd</sup> December to 1st January inclusive. E Mails will be monitored periodically during this time.

## Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th January. 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 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January. Agendas for these meetings are posted on the Parish notice boards no later than the Saturday preceding the meeting.

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

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



## **Buckden Neighbourhood Watch OFFICIAL LOOKING LETTERS FROM YOUR BANK OR BUILDING SOCIETY**

If you receive a letter from your bank or Building Society and it causes you concern, either take the letter to the bank or building society in person and speak to a bank employee or you can check the details by telephone but use the telephone number on the original bank documents when you opened your account.

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

## **From your County Councillor**

### **Best of luck for 2020 – we're going to need it !**

This article has had to be written before the General Election on December 12<sup>th</sup> has taken place but by the time you read it, we will know what the shape of the government will be.

It is difficult, nay impossible, to forecast the impact on local councils. Local government services have not featured prominently in the pre-election debates so the County Council moves forward into planning budgets in January overshadowed by uncertainty.

I honestly cannot foresee what will be happening in 2020 and beyond in those aspects of our collective life that have traditionally been provided by local councils. The turmoil is unprec-

Fraudsters search through bins, mainly blue bins, for names and addresses and other details that they can use.

### **ON-LINE**

- A message to say that your internet security has been compromised.
- A warning that your TV licence needs renewing immediately.
- A message to say that there is a virus in your computer software.
- The usual message is that something has gone wrong and there is a small amount to pay.
- They need your bank details,
- They may even ask you to log on and follow their instructions, thus giving them access to your laptop or computer.

edented. All I can promise to do is to report regularly and accurately to the parish council, in this monthly report in *Roundabout* and in my bi-monthly Focus leaflets.

The ingenuity and resilience of local communities, greater personal action at the local level and, I fear, greater financial demands will be in the forefront of our thinking.

On a personal level, may I wish all Buckden residents good health and good luck in 2020. Take comfort from the fact that you are living in a village which has many positive features and although you may see things which need improving, you are more fortunate than most other people in this country, let alone the rest of the world. *Peter Downes*

## **Volunteering on Huntingdonshire's Countryside Sites**

Volunteering is one of the most rewarding things you can do with your spare time and it makes a world of difference to the local community.

Last year volunteers worked over 3500 days on Huntingdonshire District Council's Countryside sites which include Paxton Pits Nature Reserve (St Neots), Hinchingsbrooke Country Park (Huntingdon) and Holt Island Nature Reserve (St Ives), among others.

These amazing volunteers carry out a wide range of indoor and outdoor roles which include:

Practical Conservation • Events • Outdoor Education • Site Checks

Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Café • Wildlife Surveys • Paxton Pits Visitor Centre

If you would be interested in finding out more about the current volunteering opportunities, we would love to hear from you.

There are many different reasons why people choose to volunteer. It can range from loyalty to a particular cause, giving back to the community or simply as a way to fill spare time. Whatever their reason, people experience many benefits from volun-

teering: connecting with others and making friends; a sense of wellbeing and fulfilment; an improvement to their physical and mental health.

Recently our volunteers told us why they enjoy volunteering so much:

"Every week is different, the company is fantastic"

"I just love it!"

"The look of wonder on the faces of the schoolchildren"

"It gives me confidence with people and hope for the future"

"Always learning something"

"The sense of community"

"My favourite job"

"We love the park and all the people involved in making it a special place"

On our Countryside sites we wouldn't be able to achieve nearly as much without our volunteers but we really need even more people to help.

If becoming a volunteer for HDC's Countryside Service is something you are interested in or if you have any questions about volunteering opportunities, please get in touch with Robyn Staddon (Volunteer Co-ordinator) on 07704 019620 or by email at [Robyn.Staddon@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:Robyn.Staddon@huntingdonshire.gov.uk).





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### Fascinating Fungi – An Introduction to Mycology

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to this illustrated talk, which will be given by Peter Walker on Wednesday 8th January 2020.

Peter has a wealth of knowledge on this subject and he will present an absorbing talk about these diverse organisms that often appear only transiently, maybe for as little as a few days, before disappearing again to spend most of their lives hidden underground.

Peter will tell us about the identification, habitat, biology and uses of fungi. This should be a fascinating talk that will be of interest to many.

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 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.



Do you have a few hours you could spare each month?

If so, you could help Buckden Friends in Deed in a variety of ways. Baking a cake, serving tea and coffee, driving or by visiting someone who is lonely and need of a little extra companionship.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm in the Living Stones Room in St Mary's Church is the Community Café. Donations of home-made cakes are greatly received and enjoyed by those who visit the café. Helping to serve the refreshments at the Community Café. Drivers required to take people who can no longer drive

or use public transport to vital appointments. For this you will be reimbursed 45p a mile. Transport Co-ordinator 07914669967. Leave a short message including your contact details and we will get back to you. This number is to request transport or to become a driver.

Visiting someone in the village who is lonely and struggles to get out. By visiting just once a week for a chat and a cup of tea you could make a real difference to someone's life.

If you have what you think it takes, contact Angie who is the Friends in Deed Co-Ordinator [Tel:- 07810006598](tel:07810006598) for a short chat.

### FORTH COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Community Café 2.30-4.00pm The Living Stones Room in St Marys Church  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March Winter tea party.

### BUCKDEN WI

Our December meeting was the A.G.M. which gave members the opportunity to vote for the committee and the President for 2020. The present committee was re-elected with the addition of Jessica Blagbrough and Rosey Studd. Ruth Nicholas was again elected as President. We said farewell to Mary Perkins who has been our Treasurer. Ruth thanked Mary for keeping the accounts in good order.



Once the formalities were over, members enjoyed a fish and chip supper and relaxed and socialised with their friends.

Our next meeting in the New Year is a Cheese and Wine evening to be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm in the Millard Suite at the Village Hall. Members are asked to pay their annual subscription of £43. Also, to bring their voting slip from the November/December copy of W.I. Life page 27 in order to choose our 2020 resolutions. Wine and Cheese will be provided by the Committee.

Everyone is warmly welcomed. A way to make new friends is to join the W.I. or come along as a visitor

For more information please contact:

Ruth Nicholas – 07957 334142

Judith Armitage – 01480 811717



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Fr. Paul Peter Alphonse CMF

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

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

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

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** every Saturday from 9.45 am to 10.15 am.

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

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

**Silent Adoration.** There is half an hour of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 9.45 am and ending with Benediction at 10.15 am.

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

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal 2019**

I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Shoebox Appeal as **273** shoeboxes were collected. It is a wonderful achievement by everyone.

This means that some needy children in poor countries will have a happier Christmas, as they will receive a shoebox from Buckden sent with love. That in effect is a smile on a child's face, so thank you all again for making this possible.

Carol Sweystone

**Buckden Methodist Church**

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

**Stewards:** Angie Barnes (810102)

Bob Baxter (810092)

Carol Sweystone (810053)

**Services in January**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** Covenant Service & Holy Communion:  
Rev. Pam Siddall

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** Morning Service: Mr. Frank Cannon

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30a.m.** Morning Service: Rev. Alan Taylor

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Activities in January**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** 10a.m. Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** 10a.m. Bible and Prayer group

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** 12 noon Soup and Sweet Lunch

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** 10a.m. Coffee Morning

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** 4p.m. Chapel Tea Party (Bring & Share)

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** 10a.m. Bible and Prayer group

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup>** 10a.m. Coffee Morning

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

**Look out for news of potentially more BDCT "Messy Church" events here on 1<sup>st</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thank You**

Mary Francis and her family wish to thank everyone who sent cards and messages of sympathy on hearing the sad news about John.

Thank you also to all who came to Bourne Abbey Church and waited until we returned from Spalding. It was so good to speak to so many friends.

We're a friendly group of volunteers who collect rubbish from the lanes and ditches around Buckden, meeting next at:

**The Lion Hotel, Buckden  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 9.30 am**

Feel great after an hour or two of fresh air and good company.  
Complimentary refreshments kindly provided The Lion Hotel  
Buckden.

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

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

**Buckden Community Litter Pick  
New Year's Resolutions?**

- ☐ Quit smoking
- ☐ Drink less
- ☒ Join the local litter pick
- ☒ Get some exercise
- ☐ Lose 1 stone



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



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

#### SUNDAY Services

Sun 5	11:00am	Family Communion
	6:00pm	BCP Holy Communion
Sun 12		Epiphany
	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Morning Service
Sun 19	11:00am	Family Communion
	6:00pm	Evensong
Sun 26	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	All-age Communion
	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

#### Regular Groups / Activities

Mondays	8.15pm	Bell-ringing practice
Wednesdays	10.00am	Coffee after communion
	10.30am	Going Deeper bible study
Thursdays	7.00pm	youth@thetowers (Towers)
Fridays	6.45pm	Angel Voices (17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</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.

**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)

#### EVENTS IN JANUARY

##### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January

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

##### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

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

##### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

**M&MS LADIES GROUP – New Year Quiz**  
7.30pm at the Vicarage

##### 12<sup>th</sup> January EPIPHANY SUNDAY

the knitted nativity sets return to St Mary's during the 11am service after their journey around Buckden over Advent and Christmas

##### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 6pm

##### UNITY SUPPER at BUCKDEN TOWERS

Buckden & District Churches Together host a bring & share meal with reflection & prayer. All welcome

##### ANGEL VOICES informal all-age choir

Practice Fridays 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January 6.45pm in the Living Stones Room and lead the singing at the All-Age Service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. Contact Chris on 01480 812777 for more information.

##### Open Meeting - Buckden & The Offords.

##### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm

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


##### Starting back this month (after the school break): youth@thetowers

A youth club for those in school years 7 to 9. Thursdays 7pm-8pm at Buckden Towers.  
£1 per session. All welcome - just turn up.

St Mary's is both a collection point and a voucher holder for Godmanchester Foodbank. If you are in need of help or support please contact Rev Jes Salt on 819377. Any donations of non-perishable food very gratefully received - collection box on your left as you enter the church (by the font)

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

**Priest in Charge:** Rev Jes Salt 01480 819377 [priestincharge@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:priestincharge@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)



**Buckden & District Churches Together**  
[www.buckdendistrictchurches.wordpress.com](http://www.buckdendistrictchurches.wordpress.com)

Anglicans      Baptists      Catholics      Methodists

### Weekly Prayer Roster

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

5th January	Buckden Surgery: the doctors, nurses, receptionists, pharmacists, health visitors and midwives; those we know who are in hospital, the elderly, disabled and housebound
12th January	Farming communities, Taylor's Lane (West), Hardwick Lane, the residents and staff of Hardwick Dene, Great North Road, Brampton Road, Perry Road, Buckden Wood
19th January	High Street, Ivelbury Close, York Yard, Lion Yard, George Lane, King George Court, Taylor's Lane (East), Wolsey Gardens, Charles Court
26th January	Hunts End, Copes Close, Monks Cottages, Hunts End Court

### Thought for the Month

As a new person in this area I would like to introduce myself as the new Minister at Perry Baptist Church. Much of my life has been like the new boy as the son of a serving member of the RAF and then joining the RAF as well. Life has always been about adjustments and preparing for new experiences and adventures. That's not always easy, sometimes a bit like negotiating the Buckden Roundabout when driving. Yet we never succeed in completing the journey into Buckden by ignoring that it is there. As a family we are enjoying life in this locality and confident there are some great possibilities ahead of us.

Life in general has been described as a journey of life too. A journey that will have the ups and downs that can never be avoided. The bible quotes Jesus as saying "I am the way, the

truth and the life" (John chapter 14 verse 6). As we begin a new year in our journey of life we all need to be sure of which way to go and the best we can make of life. We will find many questions that need to be answered with honesty, but if we want the best answers Jesus has them all for us. Jesus provided the way for us by giving His life on the cross of Calvary in order that we might have life in abundance. That seems like a good deal to me. The deal is available for all of us as we trust Jesus as our Saviour and Lord.

I wish you all a blessed New Year in 2020. May your spiritual vision really be described as 20:20 because Jesus is the one who leads you as the Good Shepherd.

Blessings to all of you, Jon Magee, Perry Baptist Church  
<https://about.me/jonmagee.author.minister>

### BUCKDEN BRANCH - ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

After last year, the church for Remembrance Sunday 2019 was not quite so full. There was still a great turnout and it was good to have more Legion members parading despite one or two dropping out for age or family absence. The turnout from all the uniformed organisations in the village was, as ever, excellent. It was good to see participation from all the churches in the village and Jes, as ever, preached a moving and thought provoking sermon. My thanks also go to Rick Screaton who took on the lesson which is read by a member of the Legion and to Lucy Mayes from the Scouts who read the other lesson. Thanks also to Steph Aldridge who stood up with me to give the dedication following the reading of the Role of Honour.

Yet again, we have been helped out by 73 Squadron ATC at Brampton who kindly released Corporal Ben Chapman from other duties to act as our standard bearer. Ben did a great job and I hope we may be able to secure his services again next year. Last, but very far from least, this year Michelle Wootton stood down as trumpeter in favour of Charlotte Norman from the Scouts, who performed the very difficult Last Post and the only slightly easier Reveille excel; I hope that she can be persuaded to repeat the performance next year.

Armistice Day fell on the Monday immediately after Remembrance Sunday and the usual ceremony was conducted at the War Memorial. With members of Buckden School attending and at Jes's suggestion, I again read out the Roll of Honour before the two minutes silence. It was good to see a significant turnout again, this time with so many young people present.

On to other Branch news. Our new Poppy Appeal co-ordinators, Tim and Ce Walker had a magnificent start for their first year organising the appeal in the village. The figure so far is nearly £3,700 and not everything is yet in; we are hoping to get much closer to £5,000 when everything is accounted. Otherwise we continue to limp along, but it was good to have contact with and help from some younger members during the remembrance period.

Finally, I was pleased to see others besides myself and Alison wearing our parent's or other relation's medals on Remembrance Sunday. With six more years of World War Two 80<sup>th</sup> anniversaries coming up, perhaps we could continue and extend the practice?

Peter Mount, Chairman



### Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme January 2020

Why not start the new year off with a health walk? On this month's 4 Wednesdays at 2pm and 5 Fridays at 10am, a total of 9 different routes will be followed out of the 30-or-so Huntingdon Group walks. On the 10th and the 29th, we meet outside the Village Hall, where toilet and refreshment facilities are available, as with most other health walk rendezvous. Walk leaders are fully trained.

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 check the website [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks), or contact Danielle Sancerster 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 awaits you.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan First Club Meeting of 2020  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan & HARS Foundation Course (Exam on 12th)  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan (Please contact secretary for more details)  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan Quiz night hosted by MOJWS  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb Club 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 January 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 Night Watchmen of Huntingdon by Karen Aspinall

Karen will introduce 'policing' before the formation of the 'Peelers' and the system in Huntingdon between the years 1835 - 1856, when it became compulsory for counties to have a police force.

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 retired ladies who meet fortnightly at 2.30pm in the Millard Room at Buckden Village Hall.

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

06 January 'Barry Jobling 'Excavations in Stirtloe'  
20 January Post-Christmas lunch at The Lion  
03 February Keith Lawrence talking about the school in Kenya he is involved with  
17 February (Half-term) What's in the bag? Plus talking about someone of interest from your past  
02 March Ryan Chillingworth 'Falls Prevention and 20 Questions  
16 March The Thelwalls talk on Laos  
30 March Easter Quiz, Simnel cake

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



### 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 23rd January Presentation Evening

#### 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



### Buckden Gardeners Association

TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2020  
Talk by Peter Walker

#### The History of Gardens & Garden Plants

8.00pm Buckden Village Hall  
Refreshments served at 7.45pm  
Guests welcome, £2 extra

For further information go to our website:

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

or call Pam on 01480 811680

## Rationing – 80 years on

The Second World War officially started after Nazi Germany invaded Poland on September 1, 1939. In January 1940, the British government introduced food rationing. 80 years on, we take a look at this unusual challenge which faced British households for more than a decade.

Buckden resident, Ella Pentelow, who lived in Huntingdonshire at the time filled us in with her experience. She lived at Home Farm, Buckworth as a child and later at Catworth School House and went to Huntingdon Grammar School. We are also grateful to Ella for lending us the ration books in the photos.

Before the Second World War started Britain imported about 55 million tons of food a year from other countries. After war was declared the British government had to cut down on the amount of food it brought in from abroad as German submarines started attacking British supply ships. There was a worry that this would lead to shortages of food supplies in the shops so the British government decided to introduce a system of rationing.

Ella says she just about remembers the start of food rationing but better remembers its ending when she was at college in London. She recalls bombs being dropped on the edge of Buck-

worth by returning British planes that had to release their undropped bombs before they could land. The windows of the school house shattered – Ella's mother was horrified when Ella was running around in the broken glass without her slippers. Ella didn't particularly notice a difference when rationing was introduced, perhaps because they lived on a farm produc-

ing national shortage. It made sure that people got an equal amount of food every week. The government was worried that as food became scarcer, prices would rise and poorer people might not be able to afford to eat. There was also a danger that some people might hoard food, leaving none for others.



Fuel ration coupons for domestic and agricultural vehicles

The Ministry of Food was responsible for

overseeing rationing. Every man, woman and child was given a ration book with coupons. These were required before rationed goods could be purchased. Ella remembers that people had to redeem coupons at specified shops and that ration books came from the Food Office run by the District Office in Huntingdon.

Basic foodstuffs such as sugar, meat, fats, bacon and cheese were directly rationed by an allowance of coupons. There were no supermarkets, so people had to visit several different shops to buy meat, vegetables, bread and other goods. When people wanted to buy some food, the items they bought were crossed off in their ration book by the shopkeeper.

Ella tells us people had to carry their sugar ration in a tin in London – Ella gave up sugar at this time as she always forgot her tin.

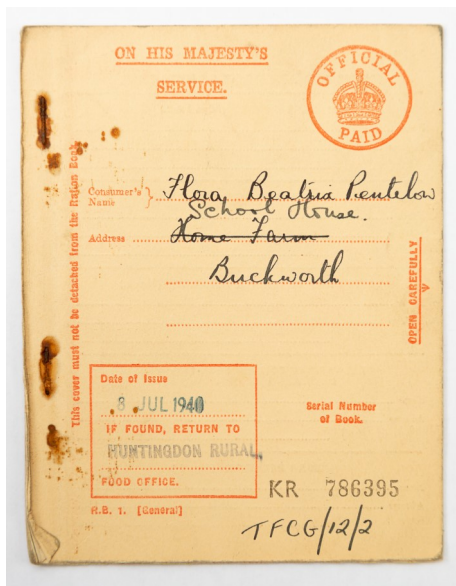
A number of other items, such as tinned goods, dried fruit, cereals and biscuits, were rationed using a points system. The number of points allocated changed according to availability and consumer demand.

Priority allowances of milk and eggs were given to those most in need, including children and expectant mothers.

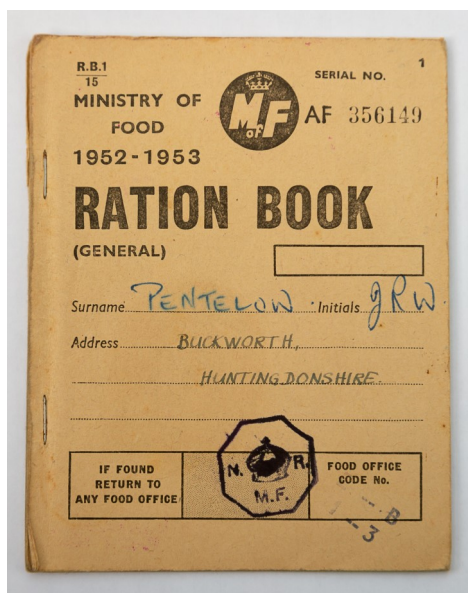
As shortages increased, long queues became commonplace. People could reach the front of a long queue, only to find out that the item they had been waiting for had just run out.

Growing up on a farm, Ella saw rationing from the farmer's point of view as well as the consumer's. A central office collected food from the farm. Once, when the eggs were collected from the farm while no one was at home, they collected a 'pot egg' and paid for it. This was a fake egg, used to encourage hens to lay and nobody would be able to eat it.

As the war went on, Ella tells us more and more land was incorporated into food production but it didn't affect the family farm. They grew wheat and barley, kept cattle (for meat and dairy) and hens.



A food ration book from near the beginning of rationing ('40)



A food ration book from the end of rationing ('52 - '53)

ing some food stuffs.

Rationing was designed to ensure fair shares for all at a time of



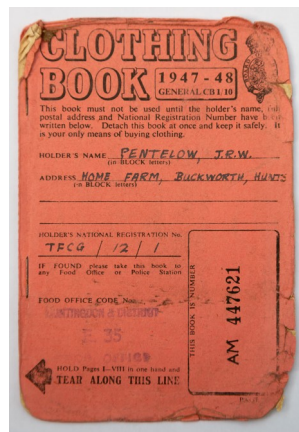
They delivered milk to Hamerton in 1/4 and 1/3 pint bottles with a cardboard lid. Ella remembers dropping the bottle intended for a couple of elderly ladies and worrying that they would not be able to have their cup of tea, but luckily her father was able to replace the bottle. Full milk churns were collected from the side of the road at the farm and empty churns left for the next milking.

Not all foods were rationed. Fruit and vegetables were never rationed but were often in short supply, especially tomatoes, onions and fruit shipped from overseas. The government encouraged people to grow vegetables in their own gardens and allotments. Many public parks were also used for this purpose. The scheme became known as 'Dig For Victory'. Ella also let us know how friends used to supplement and share produce with each other – fruit from trees, veg from their gardens, etc.

Ella recalls there were no oranges or bananas during the war (the only exotic fruits that Ella remembered from before the war). She remembers seeing bananas hanging in a greengrocer's shop in Huntingdon, but being disappointed when she discovered they were cardboard ones to advertise Fyffes.

The Ministry of Food gave out recipes to help with rationing. Ella remembers one in particular which was to make 'bananas' using parsnip. She found it revolting!

One way to get rationed items without coupons, usually at greatly inflated prices, was on the black market. Shopkeepers sometimes kept special supplies 'behind the counter', and 'spivs' - petty criminals - traded in goods often obtained by dubious means. By March 1941, 2,300 people had been prosecuted and severely penalised for fraud and dishonesty.



A clothing ration book

As the war went on, additional key commodities were rationed. Clothing was rationed from 1941. Ella reflected on clothing shortages and told us she would spend a long time trying to buy shoes that were smart for school but which also looked special enough for going out. Her mother bought clothing coupons from people who didn't want them, which was probably illegal 'black market' behaviour!

Ella told us that people had to pass their coupon book to the shopkeeper for them to cut out the coupons. Loose coupons were not accepted. However, if buying by mail order (although this was unusual), you would send loose coupons by registered post.

People were encouraged to 'Make do and Mend' – sheets were re-sewn after being cut in half and switched so that the thinner part from the middle was at the sides. Old clothing was adapted so that it was still useful, too. Ella also remembers knitting wool was rationed and it was difficult to get the colours you wanted. Old knitwear was unpicked and knitted into something else.

The end of the war in 1945 saw additional cuts. Bread, which was never rationed during wartime, was put on the ration in July 1946. It was not until the early 1950s that most commodities came 'off the ration'. Meat was the last item to be de-rationed and food rationing ended completely in 1954.

Ella told us that despite what we might think, they didn't really miss any foods during the war – it was just how it was. People got on with life and it was all part of the war effort.

[www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

[www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/war/rationing](http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/war/rationing)

## Woolton pie

Woolton pie was a variable dish of vegetables, created at the Savoy Hotel in London by its then Maitre Chef de Cuisine, Francis Lattray. It was one of a number of recipes commended to the British public by the Ministry of Food during the Second World War to enable a nutritional diet to be maintained despite shortages and rationing of many types of food, especially meat.

It was named after Frederick Marquis, 1st Lord Woolton (1883–1964), who became Minister of Food in 1940.

The recipe involved dicing and cooking potatoes (or parsnips), cauliflower, swede, carrots and, possibly, turnip. Rolled oats and chopped spring onions were added to the thickened vegetable water which was poured over the vegetables themselves. The dish was topped with potato pastry and grated cheese and served with vegetable gravy. The recipe could be adapted to reflect the availability and seasonality of ingredients.

The recipe was not well received at the time and was quickly forgotten after the end of the war. However, with the resurgence of interest in wholesome home-cooked food, maybe you'd like to try it?

## Ingredients:

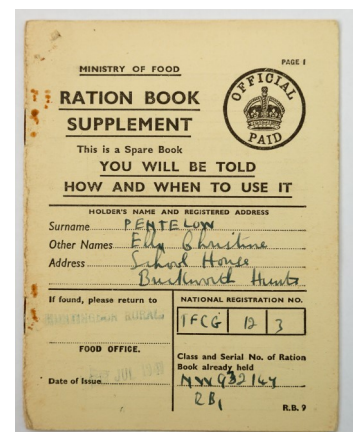
1lb diced potatoes  
1lb cauliflower  
1lb diced carrots  
1lb diced swede  
3 spring onions  
1 teaspoon vegetable extract  
1 tablespoon oatmeal  
A little chopped parsley

**Method:** Cook everything together with just enough water to cover, stirring often to prevent it sticking to the pan. Let the mixture cool. Spoon into a pie dish, sprinkle with chopped parsley.

Cover with a crust of potatoes or wholemeal pastry. Bake in a moderate oven until golden brown. Serve hot with gravy.

[www.recipespastandpresent.org.uk](http://www.recipespastandpresent.org.uk)

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A ration book supplement  
(You will be told how and when to use it!)

## Buckden's Christmas Lights Switch On and Market



The Buckden Christmas market and lights switch-on took place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Alongside the Round Table's Santa sleigh, Santa's grotto and a giant snowman, visitors enjoyed street food, mulled wine and shopping at the market stalls while children from Buckden Academy and Angel Voices sang carols.



The lucky winner of the raffle was Elliott Gill, who turned on the lights in the company of St Neots Town Crier Ian Payne, Father Christmas and Princess Anna.



The committee would like to extend a huge thank you to all those that helped them put the event on and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Keep your eyes peeled in the new year for Fundraising activities for next year's event!



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## Plough Monday



Plough Monday is a traditional English holiday marking the start of the new agricultural year and the end of Christmas. The first Monday after twelfth night – this year it will be 13 January – is celebrated all over England but particularly in the villages of East Anglia.

Plough Monday celebrations date back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century and vary village by village. Common recurrences include day long celebrations by farm labourers who would collect money, dance and drink!

In many villages, men would decorate a plough and push it door to door asking for money. In some villages, they would threaten to plough up the person's door step or garden unless they contributed but it was a light hearted celebration in general and was accompanied by music and fun.

Participants would blacken their faces with soot, intended as a disguise for mischief-makers. A man or boy was often dressed up as a woman and referred to as a Molly, Betty or Bessy. A man might also be designated to play the fool, dressed in animal skins and ribbons. In Whittlesey, a man or boy was dressed as a 'straw bear'.

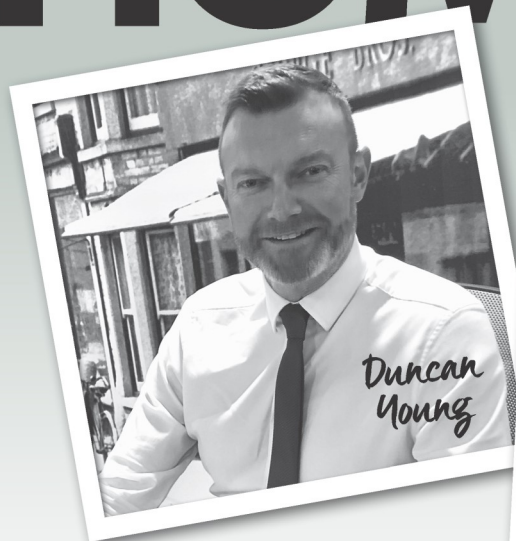
Dancing was a common staple, often by Morris dancers. Molly dancing is a variant of Morris dancing, involving at least one man dressed as a woman. A play involving themes of death and resurrection was often performed as well.

It was also common for church ceremonies involving blessing the plough to take place either on Plough Monday or the Sunday immediately before.

Buckden Local History Society let us know that they couldn't find records of Plough Monday being recognised in Buckden although, they say, it was no doubt celebrated here. They said, "Sometimes, it is recalled in our parish church services remembering when a plough share would be brought into church on Plough Sunday to be blessed for a plentiful harvest."



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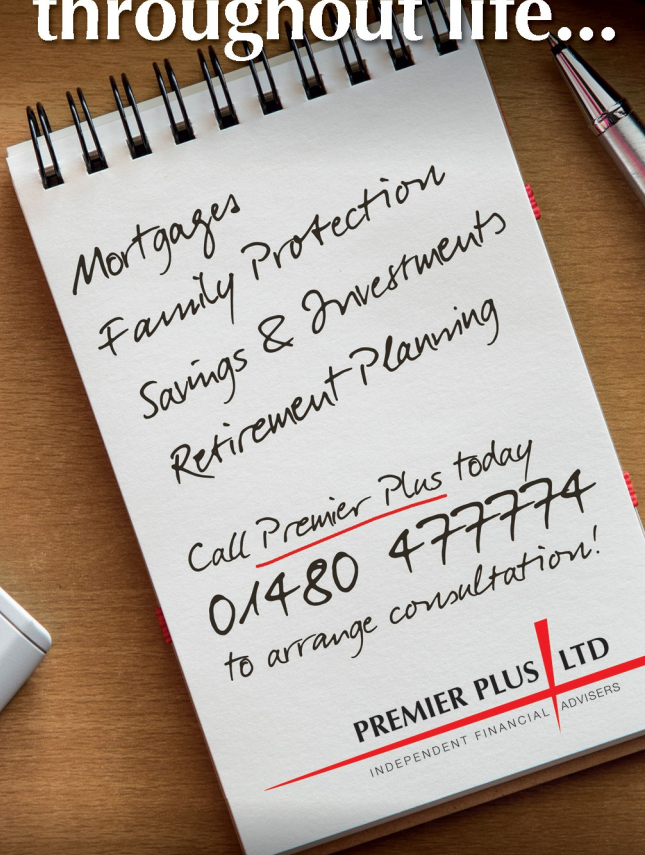


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## Enjoy a short walk with us!

EVERY THURSDAY

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

Part of Huntingdon District Council health walk scheme



## 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**

**January 8<sup>th</sup> 2020**

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

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

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**BUCKDEN  
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This event is to raise awareness on Climate Change, it is a free to the public family event - 11th January 2020 - 1pm to 7pm at the Buckden Millennium Hall

**What on Earth Can Buckden Do?**

YOU ARE HERE →



The response has been terrific and we now have an impressive list of contributors.

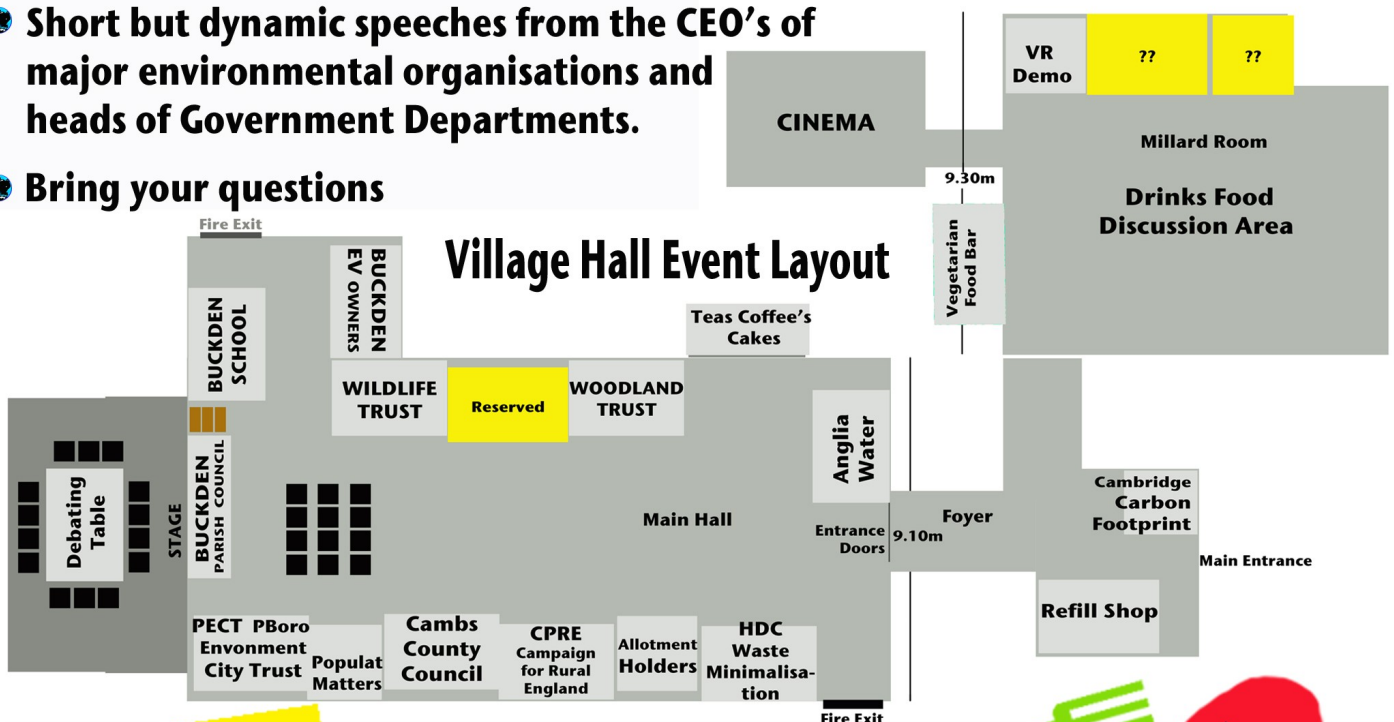
We hope that you will be able to join us until the end, when we will have a 'Question Time' style debate, as a finale between 6:15pm and 7pm. We think the event will be just the right mix of intelligent conversation, information, education, fun and food, whilst at the same time being not just friendly but environmentally friendly.

The format will involve as well as display stands food stands, face painting, cinema, VR headsets etc. Speakers who will, on every half hour, each give a 10 to 15 minute speech, from the main stage, that will then be followed up by questions and debate on the public Debating Table, with a suggestions box at its centre.

Separate from the main hall the Millard Room will be an area with chairs and tables to give an area to encourage chat and exchange of views, whilst enjoying teas, coffees and food.

Below is the exciting layout of exhibitors confirmed so far. with many more in the final stages of application. We have endeavoured to bring together, the experts in one place, to establish the true facts and figures.

- **If You think Climate Change is a problem, come along**
- **If You think Climate Change is Not a problem, come along**
- **If You dont know if Climate Change is a problem, come along**
- **Short but dynamic speeches from the CEO's of major environmental organisations and heads of Government Departments.**
- **Bring your questions**



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## Climate Change by Pat King

What would we miss  
If the world heated up?  
Would we miss snow,  
Cold weather, the fog?  
I reckon we would  
Nought to grumble about  
No weather news needed  
As the sun's always out.  
More subtle than that  
We would miss lots of things  
Coral and plants and  
Some birds that now sing.  
Even some islands might disappear,

Volcanoes erupt  
Oh dear, such fear.  
Nearer home it's the Fens  
That would be no more  
Our plants having no rain  
would make our hearts poor.  
Habitats changing.  
A great move north.  
Very sharp cold winters,  
Long, too hot summers  
A cause for such grief.  
Climate change  
So Sad for us all  
We can do something about it about it  
Let us try. All.



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## ★ Happy New Year to you all!!

### ★ Bookings

★ During January, as well as all our regular hirers, we  
★ have the NHSBT Blood Donor Session (10<sup>th</sup>), the Parish  
★ Council Climate Change Workshop (11<sup>th</sup>) and a Yoga  
★ Workshop (18<sup>th</sup>).

### ★ CCTV cameras

★ There are CCTV cameras all around the Hall building  
★ which record 24/7. There have sadly been several inci-  
★ dents of vandalism at the Hall, including substantial  
★ damage to the playground which was all caught on

CCTV. The Trust will in future follow up on any vandal-  
ism caught on CCTV.

### Get fit for 2020!

Please see the table below for the regular exercise  
classes which take place here:

**Jo Harvey, 01480 811101**

**[admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk)**

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

Mondays	10:00am	Yoga
	1:30pm	RightStart Class - chair based exercises to build stamina and strength
	6:30pm	Pilates with Dawn
	7:55pm	Tai Chi
Tuesdays	10:00am	Pilates with Dawn
	5:45pm	Karate
Wednesdays	1:00pm	Tai Chi
	6:30pm	Pilates with Loraine
	7:30pm	Yippee Yoga
Thursdays	9:45am	Pilates with Julie
	10:30am	Over 60's Exercise Class
Fridays	10:00am	Zumba
One Friday per month	7:30pm	Rugcutters Groove Lounge Social Dance
Most Sunday evenings	7:30pm	Jivenites Blues Nights



**January 2020**

**Happy New Year!** Your library will re-open after the Christmas break on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 2pm.

**NEW – Children's Board Games Club – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January at 2.15** Our new board games club for children starts on 16<sup>th</sup> January. 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.

**Storytime – Tuesdays at 2.15pm** Our free Storytime sessions begin again on 7<sup>th</sup> January and continue every Tuesday afternoon during term time. Pre-school children of all ages are welcome for stories, rhymes and songs. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Knit Lit – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January 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.

**Age UK Community Hub – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 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 11<sup>th</sup> January 10.30 – 12 noon** Get creative with our Narnia themed craft session. Suitable for children aged 5+ accompanied by an adult - 50p per child.

**Engage in the Afternoon – Myths of the Battle of Britain – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2pm** Our popular Engage events are back for the New Year. Mark Bunting will be talking to us about how the accepted history of the Battle of Britain might be very different from the actual history of the battle. This is a free event but booking is essential – call in to the library for your ticket, or email [StNeots.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:StNeots.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Lego Club – 25<sup>th</sup> January 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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**Merry Christmas from us**

The Roundabout Team would like to extend seasonal greetings to all our advertisers and to our printers, The Business Printing Company.

We would like to thank you for your continuing support and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2020.

As a Christmas present from us, we are pleased to say that we have been able to keep our 2019 advertising costs the same for 2020!!

With best wishes from the Roundabout Team.

## Working towards a dementia-friendly community



### Have you thought about your NEW YEAR'S Resolutions?

What about volunteering a few hours a month, to support our recently formed and very successful Brampton Dementia Friendly Community.....?

We are urgently in need of help from someone with some level of IT knowledge to develop creative adverts and provide copy support for our Marketing and Public Relations efforts. (Creating posters in different publishing file formats to a deadline.)

We are also looking for volunteers to support growing efforts with the village for the following activities:

- **Reconnect Social Group**  
Dementia Friendly Café - monthly.
- **Love to Move**  
Chair based exercise group - weekly.
- **Singing Together**  
Dementia Friendly Choir - monthly.

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## John Leslie Green VC

John Leslie Green was a recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest award available to the armed forces for gallantry in action with the enemy.

Known as Leslie to his family, he was born in Buckden on 4 December 1888 to John George and Florence May Green and was one of three siblings. His father was a landowner and Justice of the Peace. The Green family give their name to Greenway in the village.



Green attended Felsted School, Essex, and went on to study at Downing College, Cambridge, where he gained an honours degree in natural sciences and was a good sportsman, including being a keen rower. Pursuing a career as a doctor, he studied medicine at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London. After qualifying in 1913, he became house surgeon at Huntingdon County Hospital.

Shortly after the outbreak of the First World War in August 1914, 25 year old Green was commissioned into the Royal Army Medical Corps. The early part of his military career was spent attached to the South Staffordshire Regiment as a medical officer before being transferred to the Field Ambulance. He was later posted to the Sherwood Foresters with whom he went to France.

On New Year's Day 1916, he married Edith Moss, a fellow doctor.

On the opening day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916, the task of Green's division was to capture Gommecourt Wood. They moved off in three waves: the advancing troops faced a heavy machine-gun fire from the wood and heavy smoke. Green, who was by now a captain, advanced at the rear of the battalion. On reaching the German wire, he found an officer, Captain Frank Robinson, lying badly wounded and entangled in the wire.

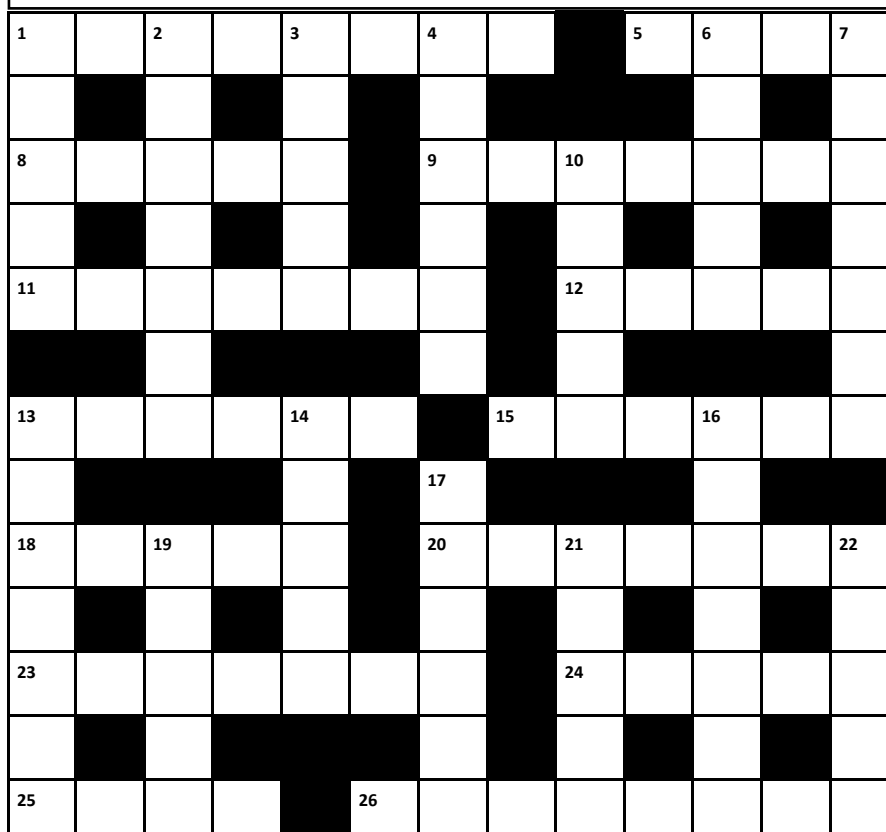
Despite being under heavy fire, Green, who already had a wound himself, went forward to reach Robinson. Green dragged the injured officer to a shell-hole where he dressed his wounds, despite coming under further fire from bombs and grenades. Next, Green carried Robinson back to the British positions but, just as he was about to reach safety, Green was shot again and fatally wounded.

On 3 July, just two days after the incident, Robinson also died from his wounds. By the time the Sherwood Foresters were relieved at 18.10 hours on 2 July, the battalion had suffered 491 casualties – dead and wounded – out of the 734 men that it had started with.

Leslie Green's posthumous VC 'for most conspicuous devotion to duty' was announced on 5 August 1916. His decoration was presented to his widow, who worked at Nottingham Hospital, by King George V at an investiture in Buckingham Palace on 7 October 1916.

Green's widow later remarried and presented her first husband's medals to the Royal Army Medical Corps in Aldershot, Hampshire. Today they are on display at the Army Medical Services Museum in Mytchett, Surrey.

Reference: [http://www.lordashcroft.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/04-bawgreen\\_July-2016.pdf](http://www.lordashcroft.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/04-bawgreen_July-2016.pdf)



### Across

1. A lighter of mine (4,4)
5. Cash dispenser containing nothing or tiny amount (4)
8. Bitter cold in very dry environment (5)
9. Bird going round an Italian city (7)
11. Small collar around a vegetable (7)
12. Name of man taking Dolly out (5)
13. Large girl finding way to

- have two husbands? (6)
15. Car that's made of glass? (3,3)
18. Flat obtained by a woman in the Fifties (5)
20. Gallery constructed in a royal manner (7)
23. Part of oven is only for meat (7)
24. Biblical patriarch's investment account (5)
25. Objectives set in Siam (4)
26. Communist beginning to get a bird (8)

### Down

1. Small distance back for beer deliverers? (5)
2. Altering navy rig at sea (7)
3. She requires daily movement (5)
4. Spud for lawman? (6)
6. It takes two to make colour vanish (5)
7. Terribly dear men wander aimlessly (7)
10. Home team? (5)

13. Country club finally seen by girl (7)
14. Manuscript about beer for men (5)
16. After half a month tropical vine is seen by Dutch queen (7)
17. Edge hoop in iron (6)
19. Poison that makes some live no more (5)
21. Profits in gas distribution (5)
22. Cathy's new boat (5)



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

**December 2019**

Where has the last year gone – it has flown by! Once again our run-up to Christmas has been very busy with a wide range of activities and events.

Our Reception children performed their play 'Mary's Knitting' to the school, family and friends. This was their first performance at Buckden Academy and was beautifully acted and sung. The children in Years 1 and 2 also performed their Christmas play 'Camel, Lights, Action' to the school community, family and friends. Another very accomplished performance was given by the children. Well done to all our budding actors and actresses and to the staff who turned their hand to directing, producing, costume making and prompters.

The children in Key Stage 2 gave a beautiful performance of Christmas carols and songs at the Buckden Christmas Lights Switch-On. Our annual Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert was held at St Mary's Church and was attended by many parents and friends of the school, who enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies after the service. This is always a festive occasion and this year was no exception.

Our PTA have also been very busy. At the Christmas Lights Switch-On they organised the raffle which was very successful. We hope the winners enjoyed their prize hampers. They also organised a shop where the children could buy Christmas presents for their family and the end of term Christmas discos for the children at school. Thank you to their hard work fundraising this term – they have more fundraising events planned for the Spring Term.

During the month we had a Green Day, when the children came to school wearing Green in exchange for a donation for our school orchard. The school has sourced trees from the Sustainable Food Trust who are ensuring the trees we plant are native to Cambridgeshire. Some parents have also made a larger donation to have a named plaque put on their tree. We are looking forward to watching our trees grow over the next few years.

A reminder to prospective parents – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 is the final date for applications for admission to primary school in September 2020. To apply for a place you need to go to <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

The school would like to thank all parent helpers and friends who regularly come into school to work with the children. Your help is very much welcomed and appreciated. May we take to opportunity to wish the residents of Buckden a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

**The school re-opens for the Spring Term on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**



January always seems very quiet at Preschool after our hectic Decembers! The children and their families thoroughly enjoyed all the festive things we did in the last few weeks of autumn term: Santa's Grotto at the Buckden Light Festival (which raised £243), the Christmas Concert, their trip on the Nene Valley Santa Train, their Christmas party, a trip to the primary school to watch their Christmas play, the church visit to see all the beautiful Christmas wreaths and their movie, pyjamas and popcorn day to finish off the term.

Huge thanks to parents and committee members who helped to make these events so successful and enjoyable, and to everyone who visited our Grotto or came along to our Pamper Evening, which raised around £100. Also, a big thank you to everyone who has continued to donate to our collection box at Nisa. At the time of writing, the box has just been emptied and the contents haven't yet been counted, but it was very full, so many thanks to all those who have donated their change.

Now, here we are in a New Year, with new children to welcome to Preschool along with their families. We hope our new starters will be very happy at Preschool and that their families will enjoy being part of our community. We are hoping that Pauline Coker continues to recover from her injury and can come back to us for her sessions, as children and staff alike have really missed her Music and Movement sessions.

Looking ahead, the children will be thinking about cold, winter and snow—what clothes they need to keep them warm in winter and what kind of animals live in cold, snowy places. If snow arrives this term, we will of course be taking the children outside to explore it for real!

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

To enrol your child or arrange a visit: contact Samantha Sinclair (Manager) on **01480 810600**. For more information, visit [www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk](http://www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk) or see our Facebook updates at <https://www.facebook.com/www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk/>.



The Buckden Village Festival Youth Committee would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us in the past half year at the Village Festival, our pancake stall and through St Mary's church.

We are very happy to say that we have raised £1,133 for the WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) to protect endangered species!



### Buckden Junior Football Club

A suitably cold and wet end to 2019 saw some games postponed for us, as our home pitches continue to suffer with the extreme rainfall. Our huge thanks to the team at Pro-Lawn Care for looking after our pitch for us in these conditions, to ensure that it is preserved for the rest of the season.

### Christmas Market Tombola

Thank you to those that helped with and visited our Tombola stall at the Buckden Christmas Market - all money goes towards equipment and provisions for the club.

### BJFC Club Merchandise

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### January Home Fixtures

The Following teams have Home Matches Scheduled on these

dates. (Subject to change, please check Kick Off times with the team Managers)

- 4<sup>th</sup> January – U13 Eagles.
- 11<sup>th</sup> January – U13 Eagles & U13 Vultures
- 18<sup>th</sup> January – U14 Ospreys & U15 Harriers
- 25<sup>th</sup> January - U15 Harriers

All Mini Soccer fixtures are yet to be announced.

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

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

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

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

All Players, Coaches, volunteers and Committee members would love to wish everyone a very Happy & prosperous New Year.

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## Events Programme

January-July 2020



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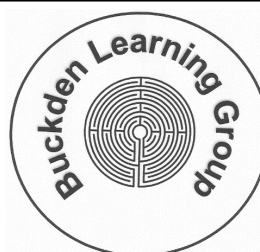
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