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May 2019

We are well into Spring now and this month's edition is full of upcoming summer events in the village, including the Towers Plant Sale and Buckden Open Gardens. Now is a good time to think about getting out and about, and there are two Health Walk schemes advertised this month - the Huntingdonshire Health Walk scheme on page 12, and walks organised by the Buckden and Little Paxton Patients Association on page 17.

Another reason to get into the fresh air is provided by the Huntingdonshire Flora and Fauna Society who introduce themselves on page 16. If you are at all interested in wildlife do check this out.

We have an inspiring story on page 10, where Molly introduces her new powered wheelchair, Frieda. Frieda has allowed Molly much more freedom to get around both inside and outside the home. Several Buckden community groups helped

with the cost of the wheelchair. It is cheering to see how much Buckden residents are willing to volunteer their time to support various schemes within the community.

Next month sees the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings. If you, or one of your family or friends was involved and has memories that they or you would like to share with us, please get in touch as we are hoping to publish a feature on the anniversary.

Finally, don't forget the Parish Council's photo competition — for more details see the PC page. Get snapping.

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 - Alec MacAndrew

Front Cover

The cover picture this month is of St Mary's churchyard with the Judas tree in blossom, and was provided by Tim Alexander. As ever, we are very grateful.

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...



Neighbourhood Plan

Those of you who attended the Parish Assembly will have heard the progress that has been made on the plan. It reflects the views given by residents in the questionnaire completed last year. The presentation at the Assembly was the first stage of the consultation which is necessary to have the plan adopted. Hard copies will be available in the library and the Council office from the middle of May and it will also be available on the Council's website. Residents are urged to read it and to submit their comments in writing to the Clerk as soon as possible. When these are received the Plan will be amended to reflect any important suggested changes and then passed to HDC for its comments. After it has been agreed with them it will be submitted to an independent Inspector. If the plan is approved by the inspector the final stage of the consultation will be a referendum when all residents will have their last opportunity to vote for the plan. The final stage will be when the plan is endorsed by the full District Council. It is a long but very worthwhile journey.

Parish Council Photo Competition

As announced last month the Parish Council Photo Competition will again take place with all entries displayed during the summer festival weekend. We are now calling all photographers. Whatever your age. Get out your cameras and start snapping pictures of Architecture, People and Nature of Buckden, Stirtloe and Diddington. We have been able to extend the closing time for entries to midnight on 1st July. Entries should be taken to the Parish Clerk, dropped through the door of 48 Vineyard Way or brought the Village Hall between 6pm-7.30pm on Monday 1st July.

Entry forms will be in the June edition of the Roundabout. **Get snapping we don't want a negative response.**

Parish Precept

The Council has received some questions about the apparently large increase in the Parish Precept for the year 2019-2020. Although 22.7% appears high it equates to approximately 30p per week for a band D house, which is less than the cost of a cup of coffee a month. The increase is due to several factors. Firstly we have not increased the precept by enough in previous years and have, as a consequence, allowed our reserves to run low; secondly we have had several major projects this

year including the church paths, improvements to the cemetery and provision of the new zebra crossing and thirdly we have taken into account the possible extra costs involved if the County and District Councils reduce the services that they provide. We did announce the increase in the December edition of the Roundabout.

Planning and Roads

Residents will have seen the changes made to the Stirtloe Lane/A1 road junction. The Council has made a formal complaint about the adequacy of this junction. We strongly believe that there should be deceleration and acceleration lanes in order to ensure the safety of drivers on both roads. Our complaint has been rejected by Highways England but we are not going to stop in our efforts.

Resignation of Councillors

The Council has accepted the resignation of two long standing Councillors, Fiona Shirley and John Moore. John has been a stalwart of our ROW and Road Safety Advisory Groups, Fiona has been chairman of the Council for seven years of her fifteen years on the Council. Both will be greatly missed.

Parish Council Vacancies

The resignations mean that there are two vacancies on the Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor and helping to shape the future of the village please contact either the Chairman or the Clerk.

Office Opening Hours The Office opening hours are: Mon, Weds and Thursday 10.30 -2.00pm, Tuesday 2-4 pm, Fri – closed.

Council Meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th May. The meeting will include a 15 minute open forum. Residents are asked to apply in writing to the Parish Clerk by 8th May, outlining what they wish to say, for a three minute slot.

If required the Council Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday 30th April and Tuesday 14th May at 7.00pm. Agendas for these meetings are posted on the Parish notice boards not 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

FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

I was pleased to attend the Annual Assembly on April 23rd where I presented a full report on the last year in the County Council. Below is a very abridged version. The full report is on the Roundabout web-site at <http://tinyurl.com/y42lecgc> Details of the Council structure, committees and meetings with reports can be seen on-line at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

The key issue for the County Council: reduced funding and increased demand

Central government has reduced its annual revenue grant to local authorities; locally that is from £86 million in 2013-14 to nil for the coming year 2019-20. Councils have little flexibility to increase tax levels and Cambridgeshire turned down that option in previous years but not this year (see below).

Over 60% of County Council expenditure goes on services to older people and to young children. The demand for services is increasing as the elderly population and the under-fives increase and services are costing more.

Child protection is a major responsibility, including taking children at serious risk into care. There are currently over 700 in this situation. This is an important and expensive activity – failure to identify and support families in need at an early stage results in greater suffering later and increased costs for the public purse.

Council Tax

For several years the government has capped the levels by which local councils can increase tax. Until last year, Cambridgeshire CC decided to implement the 2% social care increase but decided on no increase in the basic council tax. However, for the coming year 2019-20, the Council has voted for the 2% increase for adult social care plus 2.99% which can

be used for other services. The cost to a Band D household of every 1% increase is 23p per week. The 4.99% increase will cost £1.15 per week. Over 60% of households in Cambridgeshire are in the lower bands A-C.

The Council's Chief Finance Officer has informed councillors that the savings needed over the next five years amount to £69 million (in a gross budget of £573 million).

Services for older people

More and more people are living longer and, in the main, healthier lives. When they do become dependent, the cost to the Council is very considerable. The Council's aim is to enable more people to live longer at home and be supported there, rather than going into sheltered accommodation.

The policy of 'Transformation' is based on a significant reduction in personnel together with higher expectations on the voluntary sector and an assumption of a willingness on the part of beneficiaries to accept new ways of being supported.

Buckden specifically

I attend monthly Parish Council meetings where I present a written report on current issues and listen to the reaction of the Parish Council. I liaise with the Parish Clerk and Chairman between meetings as required. In many respects, Buckden is a privileged village. It has a vibrant and varied social and cultural life, good facilities for recreation and many committed and hard-working people devoted to the good of others in the village. It has a good range of local shops and amenities, and pubs! Nevertheless ...

Most of my local work on a day-to-day basis is in responding to requests for information from residents, dealing as far as possible with their complaints. The complaints have become more numerous and more strident over the last two years. I

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FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Work on the A1 is going forward very quickly and I attended the opening ceremony for the return to national speed limits in Buckden area. No ribbons were cut but there was a tour of the ongoing work and the new Ouse Bridge, both below and on top of it. Until you see the scale of these structures at close quarters, you just do not appreciate the amount of work and the skill of all the workers involved. Congratulations to all of the various teams involved for a really fantastic effort on this project. The bridge has a design life of 130 years, so we will all have time to get used to this!

A new and welcome development is that the A1 work will be given Motorway status, and as a result a new strategic study for the A1 Baldock/Alconbury link has been started. It is too early to have any interim results, but it does mean that the issue of the Roundabout is now on the agenda at Highways England. The team at HE are convinced that once the Ouse Bridge is complete there will be an improvement at Buckden, as they believe a very large number of trucks will be diverted away from us.

I have attended a number of local and national conferences on traffic strategy and the impact of the local development going on around us. While we all know about the local developments like St Neots Wintersham Park, and Alconbury Weald, we may be less aware of Wing, Northstow, Trumpington Meadows, Waterbeach New Town and the impact of the proposed East/West Rail Link.

It is very important that the new rail links include St Neots, as this would give a huge boost to the local economy and jobs. A lot of lobbying is still needed, so if you get a chance to give your opinion, please support this option. The sheer scale of all this local development will bring more challenges, and I am working hard to identify the important issues for Buckden and to make sure we are as prepared as we can be. More news on all of this anon!

Councillor HDC Buckden Ward
(Hamish.Masson@Huntingdonshire.gov.uk)



Bedfordshire
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Local Group

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come and experience the delights of a carpet of bluebells in this ancient woodland, which lies on our doorstep. You are welcome to share this enchanting scene by participating in a guided walk through Brampton Wood on Sunday 5th May.

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

mercury; early butterflies such as speckled wood, brimstone and orange tip; and we will also listen for the singing of the woodland birds.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please meet at Brampton Wood Car Park, Grafham Road, Brampton at 2.30pm. GR TL 184698. Park in the Trust car park. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact George on 01480 450809.

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



FRIENDS IN DEED

The next Drop-in Café will be held on **Wednesday 8th May**, in the Living Stones Room in St Mary's Church from 2.30pm to 4pm. All are welcome so do come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, home-

made cakes and a good chat. If you require transport then just call us on the Transport Coordinator's phone, listed below.

The Village Fair will be held on **Saturday 6th July** and once again Friends in Deed will be running their Bottle Stall. This has been well-supported in the past and we would be most grateful for donations of bottles of all shapes and sizes (but in-

date for 6th July, please!). So please start putting your bottles to one side and full collection/delivery details will be given in the June Roundabout

Save the Date! **The Summer Tea Party** will be held on **Wednesday 24th July** at Field House, Silver Street, so put the date in your diaries now. Full details will follow nearer the time and transport will be available.

For help or information contact:

Coordinator: Jane Scott 07810 006598

Requests for transport: Andy Scott 07914 669967.

Please leave a message and include your contact details

<http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/friends-in-deed>

Buckden Neighbourhood Watch

Visible policing would prevent anti-social behaviour or burglaries, but policing is changing. In a recent police survey, 61 % said they were prepared to pay an extra £2 a month for policing. This would generate an extra £7.6 million in funding.

The extra money would be used to recruit 50 new officers, and whilst Cambridgeshire is a safe county, police have to spend more time tackling 'hidden crimes' such as domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, and modern day slavery. The police also have to spend time helping those in a mental health crisis.

The county population is set to rise by 20 per cent by 2031, and there is need to have enough resources to police our county.

The Purpose of Neighbourhood Watch The purpose is to provide information on the latest scams, to give advice about staying safe and secure and to repeat the phone numbers and email addresses of the police.

In the past, I felt vulnerable about my property, about burglary and damage to my belongings. Now I feel vulnerable when answering the telephone, or using computers. For example, it

is common these days to receive a telephone message informing me that I shall be arrested if I do not respond by ringing a telephone number which is purporting to be the police or a debt collector, but is in fact a scam.

Similarly, I often get calls claiming that my broadband or computer has a problem, which can be sorted out for a fee and a demand to supply our account details. It is, of course, a scam.

Each day I receive emails supposedly from HMRC or businesses telling me that I have an outstanding bill to pay, and if I fail to pay the bill, there will be county court judgement against me. These are scams.

So our concerns have shifted from physical issues to those surrounding scams, phishing and other on-line and telephone fraud.

To contact the police: 999 in an emergency; 0800 555 111 Crime Stoppers; 0300 123 2040 Action Fraud.

EMAIL burglarycrackdown@cambs.pnn.police.uk or visit www.crimestoppers.uk.org If you are not online you can telephone 101

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

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

Telephone: **01480 810344**

Website: <http://stjosephsthugh.org/>

In the pastoral care of the Claretian Missionaries:

Fr. Antony Arockiam CMF

Fr. Jim Kennedy CMF

Fr. Paul Peter Alphonse CMF

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Buckden Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Paul Beard
(01480 473444)

Stewards: Angie Barnes (810102)
Bob Baxter (810092)
Carol Sweystone (810053)

Services in May

Sunday 5th

10.30a.m. Holy Communion: Rev. Paul Beard

Sunday 12th

10.30a.m. Morning Service: Rev. Clifford Owen

Sunday 19th

10.30a.m. Morning Service: Mr. Derek Rutherford

Sunday 26th

10.30a.m. Morning Service: Mrs. Ann Britain

Activities in April

Friday 3rd: 10a.m.

Coffee Morning

Thursday 9th: 2.30p.m.

Church Council

Friday 10th: 10a.m.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Friday 17th: 12 noon

Soup and Sweet Lunch.

Friday 24th: 10a.m.

Coffee Morning

Friday 31st: 10a.m.

Coffee Morning

Everyone is very welcome to any of these events.

Friday 3rd May
Commencing 7.30pm at
St.Mary's Church, Buckden
STAGEWORKS
present
'MUSICALS
in the
AISLES'

Tickets: £10 (£8 concessions. Accompanied under-12's Free)
includes a complimentary glass of wine/juice during the interval
Tickets and further details from Stageworks and
Box Office: 01480 812777.
Also from Nisa (Hunts End)



**BUCKDEN OPEN GARDENS
AND FAMILY FUN DAY**
SATURDAY JUNE 8TH
lots to see and do!

Open Gardens 11am-6pm: passports available from 18th May, from St Mary's, Nisa and Days of Buckden. £5 per adult (£4 till June 1st), children under 12 free

BBQ, Bar, Luxury Cream Teas, Bouncy Castle, Live Band (after 4.30pm) from 11am: 20 Silver Street

St Mary's from 10am: Home-made cakes, lunches

Family Fun Day: 12.30pm-4.30pm: small animals in the 'Cute & Cuddly corner'; stalls including beauty corner, face painting, activities for children, toys and books sales, plants, home-made produce, raffles, tombola, barrowful of booze to win; Classic Cars; Zip Wire Teddies (bring your teddy!)

Plus Live Music from 12.30pm in St Mary's Church: Ukelele band, 'Alive and Well' (local band), Elvis tribute.

What's on at St Mary's Buckden: May 2019

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	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 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	2.15pm	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
Thursdays	3.15pm	Jamworkx (school)
	7.00pm	youth@thetowers (Towers)
	7.00pm	Getting Active walks
Fridays	6.45pm	Angel Voices (17,24 May)
Saturdays	10.30am	Coffee & Cakes

If you would like to join in with any of the groups/activities, please contact us via phone, email, facebook (details below) or just turn up.

EVENTS IN MAY

Getting Active Walks: Thursday Evenings 7pm see posters / facebook for details

Friday 3rd May 7.30pm

Stageworks' Concert – Musicals in The Aisles

Tickets £10 (£8 concessions) from 01480 812777. Complimentary glass of wine/juice at the interval

Saturday 4th May 10.00am Cleaning Crew

please come and lend a hand to clean the church

Wednesday 8th May

COMMUNITY CAFÉ in St Mary's – all welcome

whether in need of support or just fancy a cuppa, friendly chat and homemade cake

Second Wednesday each month 2.30pm-4pm

Wednesday 8th May

M&Ms – ladies' fellowship group

7.30pm at the Vicarage

Friday 10th May at 10am

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Buckden & District Churches Together
at Buckden Methodist Church

Sunday 26th May at 6pm

Open Meeting for the Benefice of
Buckden & The Offords

Thursday 30th May 7.30pm

Ascension Day Communion Service

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Open Gardens & Fun Day - Saturday 8 June

We are looking for help on the day and donations for the various stalls. Please see the display and sign-up sheets in church

Holidays at Home – afternoon club for the retired yet young at heart!

Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th August

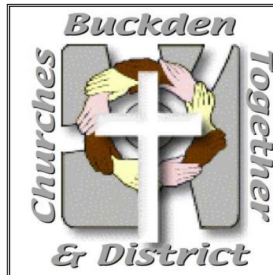
Children's Holiday Club: Tuesday 20th – Thursday 22nd August at Buckden School.

Need some peace and quiet? You are welcome to use any space in St Mary's whenever the church is open.

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

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

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



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

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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:

5th May	Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Playgroup and Day Nursery, Buckden out of Schools Scheme, Buckden Towers Youth Retreat Centre
12th May	Mayfield, Springfield Close, The Osiers, Stirtloe
19th May	Vineyard Way, Burberry Road, Swan End, Lark End, The Library and its librarians
26th May	The churches of the village: St Hugh's, St Mary's, Buckden Methodist Church, also Perry Baptist Church, members of home groups from these and other local churches, ministers and all who make our churches welcoming and worshipful places

Thought for the Month

As you all know magazines have to be written, checked and printed well before distribution day. As I write, we are well into Lent and soon it will be Easter, so those will be behind us when you read this. However, the month of May does hold a place in my heart, for it is then that my wife and I celebrate our Wedding Anniversary. I will not divulge how many years that is! Safe to say we are over the seven year itch several times over. What a disaster that so many couples no longer seem to go the distance of their wedding vows. They say nothing lasts for ever!

I would disagree, for we read in scripture that 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever'. (Hebrews 13: 8). I actually based my sermon on this verse the last time I preached at our Church. We find that in this ever-changing world, one thing is constant in that neither God, Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit change. In fact we also used H.F. Lytes' hymn with the words 'Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not abide with me'. It is something that I feel we all should know.

A professor of philosophy at London University, C.E.M. Joad, was not a Christian. When asked on a radio programme, "If you could meet any person from the past and ask them just one question, whom would you meet and what question would you ask?" Professor Joad answered without hesitation: "I would meet Jesus Christ and ask him the most important

question in the world – 'Did you or did you not rise from the dead?'".

There came a day in Professor Joad's life when he assessed the evidence, encountered Jesus himself and wrote a book called, Recovery of Belief. If Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, this changes everything.

When the New Testament writers speak of God's love they point to the cross. When they speak of God's power they point to the resurrection. God's 'incomparably great power' was 'exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead' (Ephesians 1:19–20). The risen Jesus says to his disciples, 'All authority (all power to rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to me' (Matthew 28:18, AMP).

The resurrection means that the risen Jesus is present with you now. Jesus continues, 'I am with you always' (v.20).

The result of the resurrection is not only his power and his presence but also his provision.

So, nothing changes as Jesus is with us always! I pray that we all may know this truth!

With all Blessing in Christ.

Tony Whitlock, Perry Baptist Church.

STUDY LUNCHES

Study lunches are taking a break, and there will be no study lunches in May or thereafter until further notice.

For more information contact:

Ann Brittain on 812012

Molly's on the move!

28 year old Molly has lived in Buckden all her life and is an active member of the community when her health allows – volunteering at the school and library, babysitting and attending social groups.

Molly is very grateful to all at The Vine, St. Mary's Church, Buckfest and community members who helped her raise money for her £16,000 Q700m motorised wheel chair, aka Frieda. This is a single handed, self-drive wheelchair which Molly drives using a joystick on a pad which can be rotated for a companion to use if needed as she has intermittent paralysis, often triggered by fatigue.

The wheelchair is battery powered with a 15-20 miles range. It has 6 wheels, with mid wheel drive to minimise the turning



circle. It is very stable although it has taken some getting used to. The chair has pre-set positions but will move from upright seated (for bus use, occupying the least space) to fully reclining. The seat will also move up so that Molly is positioned at her own standing height, making conversation with standing people easier. She can choose heights in between to talk to shopkeepers or to reach high shelves.

Frieda is very heavy so ramps at the front door and a special vehicle to transport Frieda and Molly are essential.

Frieda has changed Molly's life. She is able to move around the rooms at home and eat meals with her family instead of being confined to an upstairs bedroom. Molly is able to go out alone to socialise, even on dark afternoons as the chair has headlights, rear lights and indicators.

As well as being able to go out in Buckden, Molly can also go further afield. Molly has been shopping independently to Huntingdon on the bus and has also been to St Neots, Brampton, St Ives and Rushden Lakes Shopping Centre which, being a new build, is easy for her to access. The Madingley Park and Ride buses, with their drop down ramps, mean that Molly can get into Cambridge.

Molly's biggest expedition so far has been to London to see Joanna Lumley's one woman show, where she and her mum met Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders. Staff at St. Neots

station and the theatre were very helpful and they had a great time.

Molly says her eyes are bigger than her energy levels but the fully reclining position on her wheelchair means that she can rest on the way back from a day out.

In addition to gaining her wheelchair, the family home has been adapted with the aid of a Home Improvement Agency grant. This has provided Molly with a suitable room and bathroom of her own, with doors to the back and front of the house. Her plans for the next year include the installation of permanent ramps to the back garden and at the front door, with a front door system so she can let herself in and out as well as letting her own visitors in.

Molly's planning more expeditions, making the most of her improved health, with a trip to MK Theatre to see Les Misérables and Pink at Wembley. A trip to Disneyland Paris will be her birthday treat and, as her last holiday was in 2009, she's really looking forward to it.

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FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR (contd.)

attribute this to the divisive effect of the Brexit issue.

The majority of grumbles relate to roads – congestion, pot-holes, road works, traffic controls, misleading road signs, worn-out markings, road capacity where there are new housing developments, inadequate cycle paths. The A1 roundabout, the Offords rail crossing, Stirtloe Road are regularly mentioned,

Combined Authority

The introduction of a Combined Authority makes it unnecessary to have both County and District Councils as well and perhaps one of the layers of local government could be pruned to save costs. A motion to CCC calling for this idea to be investigated was remitted to the Mayor and has been ignored.

The future for local government services and the implication for communities

We are approaching a cliff edge in relation to local government. There is simply not enough money in the system to enable the Council to provide the services that people have come to expect. Perhaps we have allowed a 'dependency' culture to develop. Changing that culture is a major challenge, not only in Cambridgeshire but more widely. The expectation appears to be that services will be 'transformed' and local groups - parish councils, voluntary groups – will provide greater day-to-day support for those in the greatest need.

peter.downes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Peter Downes

WEA Summer Term

Values for Life

Look at how key thinkers approach the problems that face us all and learn how to inspect and question your own values and assumptions about how we think about ourselves and the world around us.

Tutor: Ges Hartley
Tuesdays April 30th - June 25th 2019
with half term on May 28th
8 sessions and coffee: £43.80
10.00 to 11.45 Total 12 hours

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

Hollywood or Bust

Hollywood or Bust is the Breast Cancer Support Group for breast cancer patients attending Hinchingbrooke Hospital.

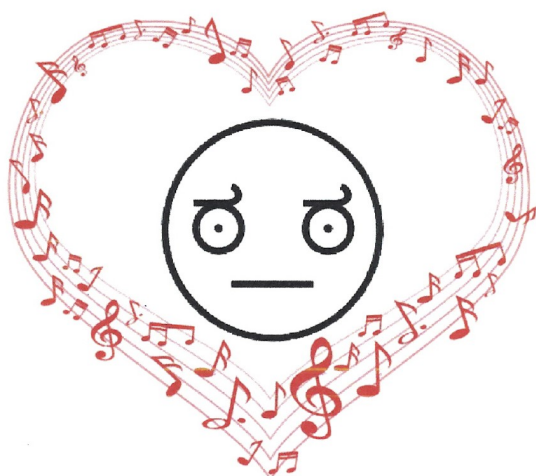
Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month in the Education Centre at the hospital, at 7 p.m. **It is free to attend.**

More details from:
Lorraine Walker – Breast care Nurse consultant
Tel: 01480363516/Email: lorraine.walker5@nhs.net
Mel Robinson – Specialist breast care nurse
Email: mel.robinson@nhs.net

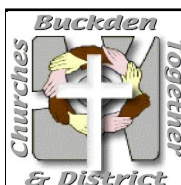
The Offord Players Present

A Chorus of Disapproval

A Comedy by Alan Ayckbourn



At Offord Village Hall
Thursday 16th May Friday 17th May Saturday 18th May
19:30
Book Your Tickets Online at
www.ticketsource.co.uk/theoffordplayers



Buckden & District Churches Together



Coffee Morning

Friday 10th May 10am-noon
Buckden Methodist Church

By supporting this event you are helping some of the world's poorest people.

Thank you!

If you would like to make a further donation to Christian Aid, please use one of the envelopes available from any of the Buckden churches. If you are a UK taxpayer, please make sure that you fill in and sign the form so that Christian Aid can claim back your tax.



Come to the Community Cafe

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

on the 2nd Wednesday each month
2.30pm – 4pm

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

13th February; 13th March;
10th April; 8th May 2019

Friends in Deed - here for the people of Buckden

Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme April 2019

The group now has a choice of almost 30 safe walks, led by trained walk leaders. These happen on Wednesdays at 2pm and Fridays at 10am, excluding Good Friday.

So in May, there will be 10 walks, one of which will be from **Buckden Village Hall** on the **15th May**.

Note that Godmanchester walks now start/finish at The Black Bull Pub, 32 Post Street, Godmanchester, PE29 2AQ).

It is important to wear all-weather clothing and footwear, and carry a bottle of drinking water to avoid dehydration.

The scheme includes (free) insurance cover and is also subsidised, so voluntary contributions are gratefully received. Details appear in the brochure. Venues are normally close to after-walk refreshment areas and the usual facilities.

For further information, please visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks, or telephone Danielle Sancaster on 01480 387047

Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society.

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

Sunday 5th May	Thorpe Rally
Thurs 9th May	Club meeting
Sat 11th Sun 12th	Mills on the Air
Sun 19th May	Dunstable Rally
Thurs 23rd May	Club meeting
Sunday 9 th June	Ipswich Radio Rally. Kirton Recreation Ground. IP10 0PW
Thursday 13 th June	/P operations by Mervyn Foster G4KLE
Sat/Sun 22/23 June	Museums on the Air. Ramsey Rural Museum. GB2RRM
Thursday 27 th June	Club meeting

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

**Huntingdonshire Diabetes UK group**

Meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Buckden

April 30th - Financial adviser/planner
May 28th - Cambridgeshire Constabulary
June 25th - BBQ (venue to be decided)

We welcome all diabetics, family, friends and carers.

Contact: hunts.diabetesuk@gmail.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.

29 April 'All about Buttons' a talk by Pamela Tasker

13 May Debating

Why not come and join us? You'd be most welcome! If you require a lift or any further information please contact Jane Scott on 811468 or Betty Millard on 810087.

**Buckden Wine & Beermakers Society**

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

23rd May: Guess the wine

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

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

Visitors are welcome to join us.
 For further information contact Ann Elliott 01480 810346

LIFE DRAWING GROUP*

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

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

*Male & Female models

**Buckden Gardeners Association**

PAXTON PITS GUIDED WALK
 With an expert on various wildlife habitats.

Tuesday 21st May

Meet at the Methodist Church at 6.00pm
 Self-drive/car share

Cost £2.50 per person

Some uneven paths and may be muddy, stout footwear recommended.

Suitable for wheelchairs. Dogs welcome on a lead.

The Garden club shed in Silver Street will be open on the 12th & 26th May for members to purchase essential gardening supplies

For further information go to our website:
<http://www.buckdengardeners.info/>
 or call Pam on 01480 811680

It's Back
Bigger and Better
than ever!



Plant Sale

Saturday 11th May 2019
Offord Village Hall
10am - 2pm

Free Entrance & Parking

All proceeds to All Saints Church

Refreshments

Don't miss out Put this date in your diary!!!



Huntingdon Dining Club

Huntingdon Dining Club is a friendly fundraising group which raises vital funds for the national children's charity the NSPCC in Cambridgeshire through a programme of luxury luncheons, fashion shows and talks. Money raised by the club's events and membership fee will help NSPCC projects such as Speak Out Stay Safe.

2019 Events

1st July at 12.30pm – Luncheon with Speaker on Safeguarding by Detective Inspector of Bedfordshire Police
7th October at 11am – Anne Furbank Autumn Fashion Show with Luncheon at 1pm

For more information contact Kate at cfm.armstrong@gmail.com or telephone 01954 719745

Are you interested in free publicity for your amateur leisure group?

Sponsored by St. Neots Town Council
ST NEOTS COMMUNITY DAY – SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER
The Priory Centre, St. Neots

St Neots Town Council has agreed to sponsor the use of the Great Hall in the Priory Centre, on Saturday 19th October 2019 for a Community Day, where all amateur leisure groups, clubs and associations in the town and surrounding villages are invited to participate. By taking space it is hoped that all clubs will benefit from the opportunity to publicise themselves.

Entry will be *free of charge* for both participating groups and visitors on the day. The event will be open to the public from 10am – 3.30pm. Publicity coverage will be widespread. Equal floor space will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

If your club or group is interested in taking space please get in touch by email with Shirley Kevern
jands.kevern@ntlworld.com

Buckden Friends

Trip to King Richard III Visitor Centre in Leicester
on Monday April 29th £25

Pat King, 32 Mayfield 01480811020 patking@writeme.com

FUN QUIZ at Waterside, Buckden Marina Health club
in aid of MAGPAS

Tuesday 7th May at 7pm

Supper included: Cottage pie and veg or
Mixed Mediterranean Veg Wellingtons

£11 pay on the door but please book and choose meal.
Phone Marina at 01480 810355 or Pat King 01480 811020
All welcome Teams made up on the night.

Emphasis on FUN.

Holiday to Llandudno: Reminder that the coach will leave at 8.30am from the Scout Hut on FRIDAY 17th May. If you are interested in coming then please let me know ASAP.

Volunteers needed for Buckden Mums & Tots

The group meets every Wednesday 9.30 to 11am, term time in the Methodist Hall.

I've been running the group, with my son, for over a year, and have met some great friends and enjoyed every minute. However I won't be able to continue with the group from September 2019. I would be very happy to chat to and help any volunteers willing to takeover. A group perhaps or a rota system.

Please let me know if you are interested or need further details. Louise,
louise.anderson@btinternet.com
07951 638635



Buckden Local History Society

D-Day 75 - Operation FORTITUDE

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of D-Day, Mark Bunting considers Operation FORTITUDE - the deception operation surrounding the D-day landings of Operation OVERLORD on the beaches of Normandy.

Wednesday 1st May, 7.30pm at
The Claret Centre, Buckden Towers
Visitors welcome

For further details contact: buckdenhistory@gmail.com



www.buckdenvillagehall.co.uk
email:admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk

We have the NHS Blood Donor session on Sunday 26th May.
We also have a kid's party and a wedding reception
amongst all our regular weekday hirers.

We have received complaints that adult cyclists are using the paths around the Valley and showing no regard for the pedestrians. If you are on a bicycle, please dismount if you see pedestrians coming your way as the paths are very narrow.

After nearly nine years of working at the Hall our fabulous

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

**Jo Harvey, 01480 811101,
admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk
Office hours 9am to 2pm.**

At our April meeting the ladies enjoyed a talk "History of the W.I." by Jackie Daniels. This was very apt as Buckden W.I. celebrates its centenary this year.



Madge Watt was the Canadian woman who brought the WI to the UK. She was a founder member of the first WI in British Columbia. In 1913 after the death of her husband Dr Alfred Watt, Madge brought her two sons to England to complete their education. She was keen to start WIs in Britain, but it was not until 1915, when she met John Nugent Harris, secretary of the Agricultural Organisations Society (AOS), that she had any success. The AOS then employed her, initially for six months, to try to start WIs.

The first WI meeting in the UK was held in Llanfairpwll on Anglesey, Wales, on 16 September 1915. The W.I. was first established to educate rural women, and to encourage countrywomen to get involved in growing and preserving food to help to increase the supply of food to the war-torn nation. Madge formed well over 300 WIs including one at Sandringham following an invitation from Queen Mary. Even today our present Queen attends the WI at Sandringham when she is staying there.

When the NFWI was formed in 1917, Lady Denman was elected the first National Chairman. Denman College was named

after Lady Denman and is the WI's centre for learning, offering a wealth of opportunities to learn new skills on day schools and residential courses in the field of cookery, craft and lifestyle.

The first Buckden WI President was Miss Lynton and the motto was "The only way to have a friend is be one". The members felt this motto still applies today.

It was an inspiring talk Jackie gave us and it made us really think what a big organisation we belong to and how our resolutions have made an impact, such as looking after the environment, health issues, fair trade, equality for both men and women and social issues.

At the next Meeting Tuesday 7th May 7:30pm in the Millard Suite at the Village Hall, our speaker will be Helen Tilly – Designing and Making Hats.

The competition is - A favourite hat

We warmly welcome visitors and new members to our meetings.

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

To all those who gave so generously
at the **Churches Together Lent Study lunches**:
After expenses and a donation to the Methodist
Church, we have **£127.23** to donate to
the **Hardwick Dene Care Home 'minibus fund'**.
A huge thank you to everyone.

Thursday 23rd May 2:30 – 4:30pm
at 37 Park Road, Buckden.

Entrance Fee £3:50

Everyone warmly welcomed so come and join us and enjoy afternoon tea.





May 2019

Buckden Millennium Photographs Where were you in 2000 and what was happening in your street? Come and browse through the five photographic albums of every street, business and community group that year in Buckden, now on permanent display in our Local History section.

Age UK Community Hubs Tuesday 7th May 10am - 12pm - Drop in to meet Caroline from Age UK for FREE information and advice on what is available to you in and around your area.

Engage Wednesday 15th May 2pm - 3.30pm May's afternoon talk is about Model Railways. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served after each talk. Free tickets for events can be collected in advance from the library, or reserved by calling: 0345 045 5225. Entry is free but a donation will be asked for to cover refreshments.

Lego Club Saturday 25th May 10.30am - 12pm Constructive play! Meet and make friends, develop your building skills and have fun with Lego and Duplo. 50p per child. All ages welcome! (Children must be accompanied by an adult).

Knit Lit Do you enjoy knitting and a good book? Our friendly group meets on alternate Fridays. In May Knit Lit meetings are on Friday 10th and 24th from 8pm. Knitters of all ages and abilities welcome!

Researching your family history? Come along to the library where you can access Ancestry for free and if you need some help, we can book you an appointment with one of our volunteers.

E-books and e-magazines Did you know that library members can download a wide range of e-books, e-audio books and e-magazines for free at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraries? Come along to the library to find out more.

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

Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden
Tel: 0345 045 5225
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Living with Parkinson's and looking for local support?

Your Local Advisor is there to make sure people who are affected by Parkinson's and their families, have all the information they need to take control of life with a neurological condition. They can also assist with:

- Information about, and links to, local services and groups that can help you
- Information about benefits and help with the application process
- A supporting voice if you need to complain or are having problems getting your needs assessed or met
- Emotional support for you and your family

Free confidential service offering tailored support and information by telephone, email and home visits.

Get in touch today with your Local Advisor:

**Kelly Boulter; Tel: 0344 225 3777,
Email: kboulter@parkinsons.org.uk**

The Friends of Buckden Towers PLANT SALE

**18th May 2019
11.00am to 3.00pm
at**

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**Open Forum
Talking about dementia
Thursday 23rd May**

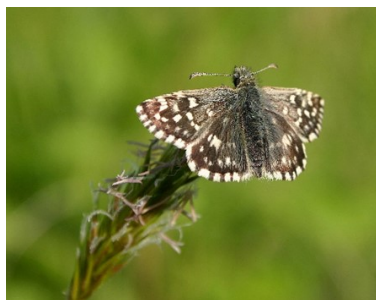
2.30 – 3.30 at Buckden library

Huntingdonshire Fauna and Flora Society

Welcome to the world of wildlife in Huntingdonshire!

Are you interested in finding out more about the wildlife around Huntingdon and Peterborough? Perhaps you are already sending records to one or more of the online sites such as iRecord or posting plant and animal photographs via a Facebook account or Twitter page. If so, why not join the Huntingdonshire Fauna & Flora Society?

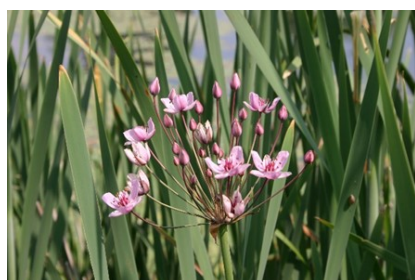
Founded in 1948 the objective of the Society is to promote the study, conservation and recording of wildlife throughout Huntingdonshire and Peterborough.



Grizzled Skipper - a butterfly of ancient meadows

Membership is open to all with an interest in the wildlife living in our local area. In the summer months specialists in groups of species, which include flowering plants, mammals, fungi, insects and all kinds of other invertebrates, visit specific sites. They are joined by enthusiastic amateurs, some with extensive knowledge and others just starting. In 2019 we intend to visit sites as far apart as Portholme Meadow (Brampton) and Therfield Heath (near Royston). Although we set out to record wildlife the meetings are informal and give an opportunity to learn and contribute to our better understanding of the value of our countryside. Ultimately this contributes to the conservation of our environment.

In the winter months we meet in the Hinchbrooke Countryside Centre where illustrated talks on natural history provide additional information.



Flowering rush - a plant of river and lakesides

These are open meetings. Subjects in 2018/19 range from European butterflies, Paxton Pits Nature Reserve and Phenology, the study of seasonal rhythms in plant and animal life cycles. There is a small charge for non-members.

Publication of the results of research and survey

form an important part of our contribution to the conservation of species and sites. Books describing the distribution of plants throughout our area and the wildlife of Brampton Wood are amongst the more recent. Huntingdonshire Grasslands were the subject of a volume to commemorate the Society's 60th birthday.

Just published is a book about the orchids of Huntingdonshire and the Soke of Peterborough. A book on butterflies is in preparation. Annual reports provide shorter descriptions of other interesting features of wildlife interest.

We have a Web Site - <http://www.hffs.org.uk/> which includes details of walks and talks for 2019. and a Facebook group – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/288750741769891/>

Membership forms are on the web site. Alternatively Contact:

Stuart Irons, Hon. Treasurer & Membership Secretary, 4 Appleyard, Stanground, Peterborough, PE2 8JH. phone: 01733 760441, email: nebria@ntlworld.com.



The children had a lovely end to the spring term, meeting Pebbles, Betsy and Bluebell the lambs (thank you to Polly O'Driscoll for bringing them for a visit), and they went home clutching the beans they had been growing at Preschool. We hope they've continued to thrive at home!

Our Easter Egg Design competition was a great success. Congratulations to the 0-2 category winner Jaiden Asplin, 3-4 winner Thomas Pearce and 5-6 winner, Bethany Knibbs, who impressed the judges with their colourful and beautiful designs. Our Easter Rock Hunt is in progress as I write: the Easter Bunny helped us hide special Easter-themed painted rocks around Buckden, each with a unique code, for children to find over the holidays. Entrants will write down the codes on entry forms (kindly held for us by Nisa and Days – thanks once again to them for all they do to support us). Five finds means an entry in the prize draw! We will have details of winners next month, but thank you to everyone who took part in both fundraisers.

Also, a big thank you to those who donate change to our collection box at Nisa (which contained nearly £20 last time we emptied it!) or chose us as recipients of their blue Tesco tokens. The Tesco donation has been used to buy new furniture. We've also been chosen as a local cause by the Co-op stores in Brampton and Little Paxton. This is a year-long support initiative that's already raised £115 for us—you can help by getting a Co-op membership card and swiping it every time you shop.

During the first half of our summer term, we will be looking at People Who Help Us, our leavers will be practising getting changed for PE and the other skills they will need in school, and our committee will be looking out for new members as some move on to support their child's primary school. Please consider joining!

Please note our new phone number

To enrol your child or arrange a visit, contact our Manager, Samantha Sinclair, on **01480 810600**.

For committee enquiries, please contact our Chairperson, Becky Milne, at buckdenpreschoolchairperson@gmail.com.

For more information, visit www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk or see our Facebook updates at <https://www.facebook.com/www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk/>.



BUCKDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Owing to FA rules, scores for U7 to U11 matches will be marked with an 'x'.

March/April Match Results

*Hunts County
Yth U12 Cup
Semi-Final (0-0
at full time, 4-3
after penalties)

** Hunts Yth
League U12
League Cup

^ Hunts Yth
League U14
League Cup

HUNTS YTH LEAGUE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
Mini-Soccer				
16 Mar 19	Bluntisham Blasters U9 Red	x	Buckden Raptors U9 Black	x
16 Mar 19	Buckden Raptors U9 White	x	Papworth Blasters U9	x
16 Mar 19	Buckden Hawks U8 White	x	Stilton Utd Colts U8	x
16 Mar 19	Papworth Blasters U7	x	Buckden Caracaras U7	x
23 Mar 19	St Ives Rangers Colts U9 Red	x	Buckden Raptors U9 Black	x
23 Mar 19	Stilton Utd Colts U8	x	Buckden Hawks U8 White	x
23 Mar 19	Buckden Caracaras U7	x	Gt Paxton Colts U7 Panthers	x
30 Mar 19	Buckden Raptors U9 Black	x	Somersham Town U9	x
30 Mar 19	Mid Beds Tigers U9	x	Buckden Raptors U9 White	x
30 Mar 19	Godmanchester U8 Blue	x	Buckden Hawks U8 Black	x
30 Mar 19	Buckden Hawks U8 White	x	Bluntisham Blasters U8	x
30 Mar 19	Priory Parkside U7 Yellow	x	Buckden Caracaras U7	x
6 Apr 19	Papworth Blasters U9	x	Buckden Raptors U9 White	x
6 Apr 19	Buckden Hawks U8 Black	x	Hemingford Colts U8	x
6 Apr 19	Buckden Caracaras U7	x	Godmanchester U7 Sky	x
Hunts Youth (9v9)				
16 Mar 19*	Huntingdon Rowdies U12 Green*	4	Buckden Vultures U12*	3
23 Mar 19	Buckden Vultures U12	2	Gransden Yth U12	2
30 Mar 19**	St Ives U12 Black Sox**	1	Buckden Vultures U12**	2
30 Mar 19	Papworth Blasters U11	x	Buckden Eagles U11	x
6 Apr 19	Buckden Vultures U12	6	St Neots Town Yth U12 Sky	0
6 Apr 19	Oundle Twn U11 White	x	Buckden Eagles U11	x
Hunts Youth (11v11)				
16 Mar 19^	Buckden Harriers U14^	12	Sawtry Colts U14 Blue Sox^	0
16 Mar 19	March Academy U13 White	4	Buckden Ospreys U13	2
23 Mar 19	Gransden Yth U13	4	Buckden Ospreys U13	4
30 Mar 19	Hemingford Colts U14	1	Buckden Harriers U14	5
30 Mar 19	St Ives U13 Black Sox	1	Buckden Ospreys U13	7
6 Apr 19	Buckden Harriers U14	5	March Park Rangers Yth U14	2



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Every Thursday.
10am.

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fitness.

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Hunts District
Council trained
walk leaders.



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EXERCISE?
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SHORT
WALKS.**

Starts Thursday 4th April.

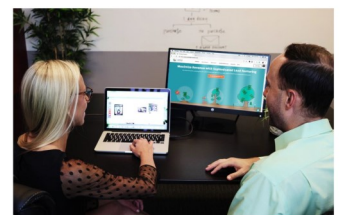
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Did you know...?

In 1815, Buckden was reported to have 184 households and 973 inhabitants. However, in the election of 1818 only 13 freeholders voted. This may have been because politics was regarded as a pastime for the rich.

From Buckden A Short History and Plan, S.B Edgington, 1980

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HOTEL & BRASSERIE



Theme Nights

Travel around the world without leaving Buckden at The George Hotel food theme nights. **On the last Thursday of every month.**



Thursday 25th April – Moroccan



Thursday 30th May – Italian



Thursday 27th June – Greek



Remember to pre-book by calling
01480 812300 or visiting www.thegeorgebuckden.com

the GEORGE

HOTEL & BRASSERIE



Food Market

Last Friday of every month 9am – 12noon

Your chance to take home some of the chef's homemade food to eat in the comfort of your home.

Homemade breads and cakes, as well as some popular **savoury dishes** including fish pies and cottage pies.

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Held in the bar of
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www.thegeorgebuckden.com

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