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Well, although we are enjoying an Indian summer, as I write this in mid-September, autumn is definitely here, with the nights drawing in and temperatures dropping in the evenings. The equinox will have been and gone by the time you read this, and the days will be shorter than the nights. But, we have the autumn colours to look forward to. I often think of how lucky we are to live so close to the countryside, with all the changes that the seasons bring. The best way to enjoy the countryside is by walking our footpaths. See the article on page 4 on how you can help maintain them.

This month, we continue our regular series of articles on Wildlife in Buckden by Mark Ward, Buckden resident and RSPB's Editor-in-Chief. He laments the loss of the hedge in Luck's Lane, which was, as he points out, mostly elm, rare since the ravages of Dutch Elm disease, and home to some rare and specialised species. On a more positive note, he suggests how we can encourage and preserve wildlife in our gardens by providing homes for insects, reptiles, amphibians, birds and hedgehogs. Check out his article on page 5.

We are making another plea for magazine distributors. After many years of sterling service, a couple of our distributors have retired and we need to replace them in order to get the Roundabout delivered to every home in Buckden, Stirtloe and Diddington. It takes an hour or less a month, so please do help if you can. If you are interested, please contact the Distribution team on: distribution@buckdenroundabout.info

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 front cover this month features the award that the Roundabout won at the recent Cambridge Building Society Community Magazine Awards, for winning the most improved magazine category.

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

Buckden Parish Council News...

Buckden Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you to everyone who attended the workshops. We are now incorporating your feedback into the Plan prior to submitting a final version to Huntingdon District Council. The document will be available for review shortly.

Allotments

Peter Emeleus has recently resigned as Chair of the Allotments Group. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Peter for the significant contribution he has made to a variety of improvements at the site.

BT work in the High Street

We have heard unofficially that BT are intending to undertake cabling work in the High Street shortly. We are trying to find out more information and will update you as soon as possible. There is clearly a concern that this may coincide with the Lucks Lane closure.

Mill Road

We have applied for funding for traffic calming measures in Mill Road. If successful it will enable a range of options to be evaluated and implemented.

A1 Junction with Stirtloe Lane

Please be aware of the increasing numbers of slow-moving construction vehicles entering and exiting this junction. The council have received several reports of 'near misses' at the junction. These have referred to Highways England. Please let

the Clerk know if you witness any significant incidents.

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The A1 and The Roundabout

Many of you have expressed serious concerns about safety at the roundabout, which is increasingly becoming a 'no go area' for some. We are still waiting to hear from Highways England about the proposals for traffic lights on the roundabout and will update you as soon as possible. The Silver Street development application is currently 'on hold' pending the outcome of this review.

New Councillor

David Duncan has been appointed as a new Parish Councillor.

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

Council Meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th October. The meeting will include a 15-minute open form. If you want to speak at the meeting, please let us know what you want to say, by writing to the Parish Clerk, by 1st October. You will get a three-minute slot.

If required, the Council Planning Committee will meet on 8th and 22nd October. 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 SUY Telephone 01480 819407 Email clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk

Buckden Footpaths

Maintaining our paths

At the recent launch of the Round About Buckden circular walk it was good to see so many of our residents wanting to get out into the fresh air to enjoy our local countryside. This is great news and we want to maintain such enthusiasm, as it can only benefit people's health and well-being. To do so we need to keep our network of footpaths in good condition. Sadly with the cutbacks in funding of local authorities neither Huntingdon District Council or Cambridgeshire County Council have the capacity to maintain our footpaths in good order. So if we want to keep our paths accessible we need to do it ourselves and we are asking for your help with this.

We wish to set up a "Friends of Buckden Footpaths" scheme. We are asking residents to adopt a section of footpath and ensure that it remains passable and well signed. Even a monthly check would be a great help. If the answer is 'Yes'

please could you express your interest by calling in on the Parish Clerk or emailing her at:

clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk putting 'Friends of Footpaths Group' in the subject line. We would be very grateful if you can spare some time to help our community in this way. The scheme will take a little time to set up but we hope to get it organised over the autumn ready for going live in the New Year. The more people who volunteer the easier it will be for everyone. Please do get in touch.

Expanding our footpath network

The Parish Council has been successful in getting the Anglian Water Road adopted as a footpath. We were able to do that as we could show evidence that it had been walked by a number of people over the years. We would like to continue with this type of project and so if there any paths that you walk, that you think could be designated a public footpath, please let us know. We have some ideas about one or two paths that we might try to get adopted and we will update you on this in the near future.

Early autumn wildlife in Buckden

There's been a lot going on this summer when it comes to Buckden's fantastic wild places and wildlife with some highs and, sadly, some lows at a time when a climate and ecological crisis has been declared.

The 200-year old western hedge on Luck's Lane is gone. Ripped out to make way for the new housing there, leaving a historical, landscape, wellbeing and wildlife gap that can't be replaced. Most of the hedge was Elm which, as you may know, we nearly lost completely in Britain after the Dutch Elm Disease epidemic. For these wonderful little trees to have survived and fought back to be treated like this is extremely sad. I for one, will not be enjoying my regular walks down this once beautiful little lane anymore.

Elms are also home to some rare and specialised insects. One of these is the beautiful little White-letter Hairstreak butterfly which is a priority species for conservation and restricted to elm trees where it lays its tiny eggs. It flies from late June through July and I spent some time looking for it on Luck's Lane and Stirtloe Lane as I had a hunch it would be there with so much Elm. Sure enough, there was a strong and important colony flitting around the tops and nectaring on brambles, well into double figures. This was along the western part of Stirtloe Lane leading up to the slip road. I also found some in the central reservation of the A1 there: an important species on our doorsteps that should be protected as planning law dictates. I hope we do see those hedgerows and trees where they live protected, as we have been assured they will be during construction - and just as importantly once the new development is in place. I'll be keeping a close eye...

Spotted Flycatchers nested in the grounds of the Towers and I also saw them in the churchyard using the lovely oak there. Another pair nested in the tall poplar trees by the marina car park. This is another priority species for conservation, so great work by the landowners in attracting and maintaining this much-declined species which we're lucky to still have.

I keep adding to the list of wildlife species on the field on Mill Road, east of Greenway's – still, unbelievably, a proposed site for development despite not being part of the signed off HDC Local Plan to 2036. I now have over 1,000 species of wildlife recorded living in the field and its surrounds. Not bad for a site that we were told was of low ecological value by the develop-



Grass snake in Mark's compost heap

ers! Barn Owls, another protected species, bred successfully there this summer and I was often startled by their ghostly shrieks coming from the field once the youngsters fledged.

Grass Snakes have also been very active using the west part of the site and one popped into my garden to shelter in our compost heap (see photo) one day in the summer!

We should all be proud of the wildlife that's thrived in Buckden this summer and let's do all we can to protect it and champion it. It's part of our community and what makes the village so special for us all.

With winter coming, it's a good time to think about making homes for nature in your garden. I've been getting my hands dirty making some bee and insect "hotels" and got a bit carried away with how big the main one was (see photo)! Five species of solitary bee used the holes I'd drilled in the sections of willow trunk this summer, all commuting "over the fence" to use the wildflower-rich Mill Road field to forage and perform their role as vital pollinators, so well worth the effort.



Mark's insect hotel

I've been using leftover materials in our garden including cut drainpipes (great winter homes for Frogs and Toads), roof tiles (perfect for bee hotel roofs as you can see) and sheets of corrugated plastic placed in the sun (for Slow-worms and Grass Snakes). You can use twigs, leaves and bits of wood for insect hotels as well and the two I built below will also be great for hibernating hedgehogs, Build it, cross your fingers, and they'll come!

If you'd like any advice on making insect hotels, or would like to come and see mine for ideas, please drop me email at **goldenbins@hotmail.co.uk**. I'm hoping the photos with this article might inspire Buckden residents to make some for your garden and for around the village – great projects and fun for children and our local groups to get involved in. Again, I'd be delighted to offer some help and know you can do better than me!

Mark Ward is a nature author and the RSPB's Editor-in-Chief, producing its magazines and other communications for its 1.1 million members. His latest book, "Wildlife on Your Doorstep" is based on his experiences with the wildlife of the Buckden area. It is available from Amazon and all good booksellers.



Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire Northamptonshire

Huntingdonshire Local Group

Six Legs Good - More Legs Better!

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to a fascinating talk on the many species in our animal kingdom that have six or more legs. This will be held on **Wednesday 9th October 2019 at 7.30pm** and as usual will be at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, Huntingdon, PE28 4TB.

This illustrated talk will be given by Brian Eversham, who is the Chief Executive of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire. Brian has held this position since 2009 and prior to this was Conservation Director of the Trust during which time he was involved with the launch of the Living Landscapes projects at The Great Fen and Nene Valley. Brian's interests and knowledge are extensive, including birds, botany, lichens, insects and molluscs and tonight he will focus on the perhaps less popular species that broadly fit this descriptive title.

I am sure that Brian will give us an entertaining and educational evening and anyone who is interested is very welcome to attend. Booking not necessary.

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

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

FRIENDS IN DEED

The Friends in Deed AGM will be held in Buckden Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd October at 7pm. The guest speaker is Mark Ryan, from Peacocks, and his talk will be about 'Preparing for Death'. Rev Jes Salt will also speak. To give us an estimate of numbers, please let us know if you are joining us by contacting Angie Bruce at angie@aggies.com or call/leave a message on 810056.

We look forward to welcoming you on the night.

The next **Community Café** will be on **Wednesday 9**th **October in the Living Stones Room at St Mary's, 2.30 to 4pm.** It is open to all and we look forward to meeting you there. If you require transport, then just call us on the Transport Coordinator's phone listed below but do give us a couple of days' notice.

At the end of October our Transport Coordinator is retiring

and to keep this valuable service running we urgently need a new Transport Coordinator. We have a great team of volunteer drivers who take people around the local area for a variety of medical and dental appointments, and some social events,



when family or friends aren't available and public transport is not an option. The Transport Coordinator's role is to allocate drivers to requests, using dedicated mobile and email-based procedures. This is not an onerous task, we average around three journeys per week, and deputies are available to cover for the Coordinator when they are away.

NB Buckden Surgery has its own separate scheme for surgery appointments.

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.

Buckden Friends Blackpool Holiday Monday 11th to Friday 15th May 2020

£350 for a twin or double per person. £390 for a single. Coach from Buckden Scout Hut. The price includes meals and a stop to explore somewhere of interest on the way to and from Blackpool. Half board at a 3 star hotel that has an indoor and outdoor pool and spa. Evening entertainment. There will be two day-trips; one to Liverpool and one to the Lake district. One day free to explore Blackpool or surrounding places using your bus pass! Drivers Tip included so only lunch on 3 days to be bought.

Single rooms available on a first come first served basis. Please share if you can.

To secure your place we need, by 5th November, a non refundable deposit of £50 plus £25 for optional cancellation insurance.

Please make cheques out to Pat King and place in an envelope with your name, phone number, email and room requirement, any dietary requirements. Please bring to 32 Mayfield or give it to us when you see us around the village.

Brian and I look forward to enabling us all to have a lovely holiday.

Please ring us or email us if you want more information. ALL WELCOME

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9.45 am.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Buckden Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Pam Siddall (01480 819228)

Stewards: Angie Barnes (810102)
Bob Baxter (810092)

Carol Swepstone (810053)

Services in October

Sunday 6th

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

Sunday 13th

10.30a.m. Morning Service: Miss Vivien Almond

Sunday 20th

10.30a.m. Morning Service: Local arrangement

Sunday 27th

10.30a.m. Morning Service: Mrs. Leonore Charlton.

Activities in October

Friday 4th 10a.m. Coffee Morning
Friday 11th 10a.m. Coffee Morning
Friday 18th 12 noon Soup and Sweet Lunch
Friday 25th 10 a.m. Coffee Morning

N.B. We are starting a new afternoon Bible Study group shortly, dates to be arranged. Please contact the minister for more details.

Everyone is very welcome to any of these events.

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NB Buckden Surgery has its own separate car scheme for surgery appointments

Buckden Bites

Did you know...?

Beaufort Drive was named after Margaret Beaufort (1443-1509), mother of Henry VII and founder of Christ's and St. John's colleges, Cambridge. She visited Buckden. From Buckden A Huntingdonshire Village, Mike Storey (Ed.), 2010



Buckden Gardeners Autumn Show

Buckden Gardeners Association put on a colourful display in the Village Hall with their annual Autumn Show on Saturday 7th September. There were fruit, vegetables, and flowers that had been grown in peoples' back gardens or on their allotments,

along with homemade jams, cakes, flower arrangements and craft items. These exhibits were judged by local judges for the best in each individual class. Cups and trophies were sitting on the stage waiting to be won at the end of the show. Christine Hickey won the Royal Horticultural Society Banksian medal for scoring the most points in the growing classes, and John Lloyd entered a spectacular cactus which was judged to be the best exhibit in the show.

Now is the time to plant your bulbs ready for next spring. As soon as the bulbs start to shoot and poke their green leaves through the soil it is a sign that spring is just around the corner. By growing a few different varieties of snowdrops, daffodils, narcissus, tulips and hyacinths you will have a good display of colour lasting for many weeks in the garden. Cut a few of your blooms; display them in the Village Hall on Saturday 28th March as this is the date of Buckden Gardeners Spring Show. Full details of how to do this will be in the Spring Schedule which will be printed in the March edition of the Roundabout.

For more information please contact: Pam Fraser 01480 811680

Or visit our website: www.buckdengardeners.info

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

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



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)

SUNDAY Services

Sun 6	11:00am 6:00pm	Family Communion BCP Holy Communion
Sun 13	8.00am 11.00am	BCP Holy Communion Family Communion
Sun 20	11.00am 6.00pm	Family Communion Evensong
Sun 27	8:00am 11:00am 7.00pm	BCP Holy Communion All-age service 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

8.15pm	Bell-ringing practice
10.00am	Coffee after communion
10.30am	Going Deeper
7.00pm	youth@thetowers (Towers)
6.45pm	Angel Voices (18 th & 25 th)
10.30am	Coffee & Cakes
	10.00am 10.30am 7.00pm 6.45pm

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 OCTOBER Saturday 5th October

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

Wednesday 9th October

COMMUNITY CAFÉ in St Mary's – all welcome wheth-

er in need of support or just fancy a cuppa, friendly chat and homemade cake Second Wednesday each month 2.30pm-4pm

Wednesday 9th October

M&Ms ladies group - 7.30pm at the Vicarage

all ladies welcome

Wednesday 23rd October
7pm at Buckden Village Hall
Friends in Deed – AGM
& talk on 'Preparing for Death'

Open Meeting - Buckden & The Offords.
Sunday 27th October at 6pm

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

NOVEMBER ALL SOULS SERVICE Sunday 3rd November at 4pm



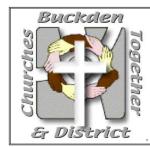
A Service of Prayers & Readings to remember loved ones who have died. If you would like to add someone to the list of those remembered at the service, please add their name to the list at the back of church or contact Rev Jes.

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

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:

6th October	Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Playgroup and Day Nursery, Buckden out of Schools Scheme, Buckden Towers Youth Retreat Centre
13th October	Mayfield, Springfield Close, The Osiers, Stirtloe
20th October	Vineyard Way, Burberry Road, Swan End, Lark End, The Library and its librarians
27th October	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

Dear friends,

The following thought for the month is not original but was written by the late Paul Williams in our Church newsletter some years ago.

One of my favourite stories is about John Fletcher (1729 -1785) who was one the early Methodist preachers. John Wesley planned that Fletcher should succeed him in the leadership of the Methodists, though as it happened Fletcher died before Wesley. Fletcher's biographer wrote of him that "He was more than Christian; he was Christ-like."

On one occasion Fletcher made an important public statement about an issue that was causing concern in the country at the time, and his comments proved very helpful to the Government of the day. That wasn't his aim – he had merely said what he believed to be true – but it had that result, and it was noticed. Fletcher was

not only a Methodist preacher, but like John Wesley was also a clergyman of the Church of England, and it occurred to the Lord Chancellor that some preferment (what people would describe as 'promotion') might be offered in recognition of Fletcher's help. So, a messenger was sent to Madeley to call on Fletcher. The visitor tried delicately to hint at his mission, but Fletcher was slow to take the hint! Then messenger had to be more direct and asked if there was anything that Mr Fletcher wanted? The Government would be very happy...if...

At last some understanding broke, and John Fletcher said: "How kind! How very kind! But I want nothing... except more grace."

What a great aspiration – we might say it's a desire to be more like Jesus! Would that this might be the "heart's desire" of each one of us.

May God bless you all. Yours in Christ, Tony Whitlock, Perry Baptist.

Methodist Macmillan Coffee Morning

27th September 10am

Every year we like to give over our Friday Coffee Morning at the end of September to this worthy cause.

There will be the usual stalls including cakes so do come along with your friends and neighbours for an enjoyable morning in generous support of this vital charity.

Thank you.



Buckden Village Hall - Annual General Meeting 1 October 2019 at 7.30 pm

We welcome any Buckden resident who would be interested in joining as a trustee as well as representatives from groups that regularly uses the Hall: schools, youth clubs, churches, volunteer organisations, etc. Being a trustee is not a major time commitment. If you are interested in getting involved and improving the facilities in our Village, please get in touch.

Cynthia Alers, Chair chair@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk
Jo Harvey, Hall Manager admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk

ST PETER'S CHURCH OFFORD DARCY

SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 12.00 pm – 4.00 pm

AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR



FREE ENTRY FREE PARKING ON ADJACENT FIELD

A traditional Autumn Fair featuring local handmade crafts:
designer pens; jewellery; cards; paintings;
aromatherapy; Christmas gifts and much more.....
Refreshments

www.stpetersofforddarcy.co.uk

Friends of St Peter's Church



St.Mary's Parish Church will once again be holding their

Christmas Wreath Festival

during December.

Put your 'thinking caps' on, and plan ahead! Watch out for posters and banner.

More details from: Chris & Gina Bylett. 01480 812777

Buckden Local History Society



October 2nd The Royal Observer Corps above and Below Ground by John Shere

For 70 years the Observer Corps/Royal Observer Corps (ROC) had an important role in the defence of the country, including being the 'Eyes and Ears of the RAF'. John Shere will explain what the ROC did above and below the ground. Learn more about the connections with Buckden and Brampton and see some of the unique equipment that was used.

7.30 pm at The Claret Centre, Buckden Towers

Visitors always welcome
For further information please contact
blhschairman@btinternet.com

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal, 2019

Buckden Community will be taking part in the above appeal and shoe boxes will be collected in November. Operation Christmas Child is a worthwhile charity making a difference at Christmas, by giving shoe boxes containing small gifts to children in poor countries.

Leaflets are available in Saint Mary's Church, Methodist Church, Saint Hugh's Church, the library and the Village hall.

Gift suggestions:

Toiletries: Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of soap, flannel, etc. No bottles or liquid items please, thank you.

Educational Supplies: Felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, colouring book, notepad, picture or puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers, solar calculators, etc.

Toys

Cuddly toy with **CE LABEL** please, doll, toy truck, skipping rope, yo-yo, ball, small puzzle, etc.

Other items:

Hat, scarf, gloves, sunglasses, hair accessories, wind up torch, jewellery set, etc.

Are you able to knit a puppet, hat, scarf, gloves for a Christmas shoebox please? Thank you. Patterns are available.

Of course, you may like to do your own shoebox and, this would be very welcome, as well. Donations of money always welcome for transportation, as this year it will cost £5 to transport each box. Thank you.

If you would like more information, contact Carol Swepstone 810053 Thank you.

Events Programme



October

Wednesday 16th October • 7.30pm

Orchids

an illustrated talk by Graham Bellamy

Although thought of as exotic plants found in remote places, there are over 50 species found in the British Isles. Half of these are found in the Beds and Cambs area and some of them are very rare.

Come and find out about their range of habitats and their fascinating natural history.

£2.50 each, pay at the door

All events are held or begin at the Visitor Centre

Volunteers Needed to Help Support Local Vulnerable People

Total Voice Cambridge and Peterborough (TVCP) is a service that helps people with care needs to have their views heard.

New Role: Care Home Visitor Volunteer

TVCP are looking for people to volunteer as Care Home Visitor alongside our Relevant Person Representative (RPR) advocates. They would both visit a cared-for person regularly and ensure that they are being well looked after.

About our Volunteers.

TVCP's volunteers often have an interest in disability, mental health or human rights, however, this is not essential.

However, all Volunteers must want to make a positive difference to people in need in our local communities.

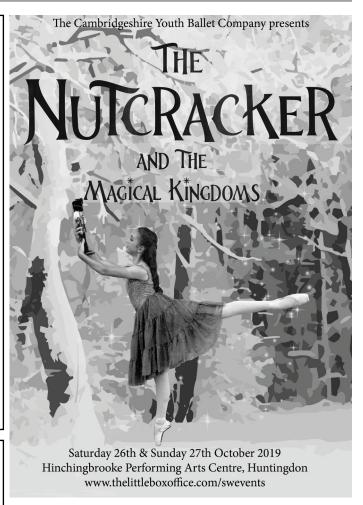
How to apply

Interested potential volunteers can find out more at https://www.totalvoicecp.org/, by email tvcpvols@voiceability.org or by ringing 01223 555849.

Shoebox Coffee Morning for Operation Christmas Child 2019

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this. A grand total of £245 was raised for the shoebox appeal. It was a wonderful achievement so thank you all again.

Carol Swepstone





Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme October 2019

The new Sep 2019 - Feb 2020 brochure, just out, covers 30 of the group's walks. In October, there are five Wednesday and four Friday walks at 2pm and 10am respectively; the approximately one-hour walks are trained walk-leader-led.

The walk on the 11th is from the Village Hall, and there is a *new-ish walk on the 16th from Abbots Ripton.

Health walks are fine for anyone able to maintain an exercisewalking pace for up to 75 minutes. Suitable clothing and footwear plus a small bottle of drinking water are key accessories.

The scheme, largely financed by council subsidies, values voluntary walker contributions; accident insurance cover is provided. Refreshment and toilet facilities are normally provided at the chosen rendezvous.

Please note that there are also 20-30-minute walks from the Buckden GP Surgery every Thursday from 10am.

*For further information, please check the website www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks, or contact Danielle Sancaster on 01480 387047, email: activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

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.

Friday 27th and RSGB Hamfest 2019 Newark & Saturday 28th September Nottingham showground, Lincoln

Road, Newark, NG24 2NY

Friday 11th to RSGB Convention 2019

Sunday 13th October Kents Hill Park, Milton Keynes

Thursday 24th October Bring & Buy Night
Thursday 28th November Show & Tell Night
Thursday 5th December - Club Christmas Dinner

Further details contact the club secretary David Howlett, secretary@hunts-hams.co.uk or visit our web site

http://hunts-hams.weebly.com

DIABETES UK

HUNTINGDONSHIRE GROUP

Huntingdonshire Diabetes UK group

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

29th Oct Ryan Chillingworth: Falls Prevention

26th Nov Social Evening & Quiz

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.

7th October Sale of Lana handbags, scarves and purses

21st October Light-hearted Exercises with Pat King

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 4th Thursday of the month at 8.00pm.

Thursday 24th October:
Talk by National Judge Kevin Martin

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

Email: trrslddn8@gmail.com
Cost: £10.00 per 3 hours inc. 30 minute break

01480 811031

*Male & Female models

Tel:



Buckden Gardeners Association

Fun Garden Quiz and Fish & Chip supper Tuesday 15th October 2019 8.00pm Buckden Village Hall

Orders for fish/sausage & chips to be placed and paid for by the 8th Oct.

Price £6.25p per person, guests welcome £2.00 extra

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

Buckden Community Litter Pick

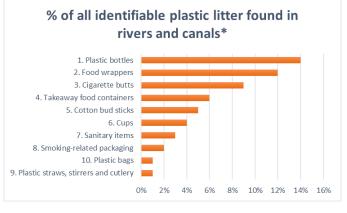
We're a friendly group of volunteers who help collect rubbish dumped in the lanes and ditches around Buckden. Our local hostelries kindly provide refreshments at the end.

We're meeting next at The George Hotel, Buckden Sunday 20th October, 9.30 am

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

Please contact Natasha Marsh via 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.



*Source: 'Plastic Rivers: reducing the plastic pollution on our doorstep,' EarthWatch Institute in association with Plastic Oceans, 2019





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

> 9th October 2019 13th November 2019 11th December 2019

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St. Neots Camera Club

ANNUAL EXHIBITION Saturday

5th OCTOBER

The Priory Centre

St. Neots PE19 2BH

10am - 4pm

Displays of members work

See All Hunts Post Photo Competition entries Prize giving 11am

Meet the Medical Alert & Assistance Dogs (Including Cancer and Diabetes)

Sponsors: Central England Coop , Eagle Travel Bedford www.stneots-camera-club.org.uk also Facebook



Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 23rd October 7pm at Buckden Village Hall

Following the AGM:

Planning a **Funeral**



An open session for anyone who would like to know more about:

- what happens when someone dies
- what are the options when planning funerals
- how someone can plan in advance for their own funeral

The session will include input from a local Funeral Director and from Revd Jes of St Mary's Buckden.

Refreshments will be available on arrival at 7pm

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Bookings

October is another busy month and includes the annual Crystal Blues Dancing Weekend. This takes place from Friday 25th October to Sunday 27th October. This event is always very well attended so the car park will be busy.

Cycling on the paths around the Valley

Another request to cyclists, both young and old, to be aware and respectful of pedestrians on the narrow paths around the Valley. The Trust politely requests that cyclists dismount when they see a pedestrian.

Buckden Village Festival – festival organiser

The Trust is looking for someone to take over the running of the Village Festival. This year, this person would act as dep-

uty and then lead the 2021 Festival. If you would like to create a fun weekend for the village and at the same time help raise funds to improve the facilities within the village, then the Village Hall Trust would love to hear from you. If you, or anyone you know, is interested, please email Jo at admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk

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.

BUCKDEN WI

At our September meeting the ladies enjoyed a talk, *Aware, Alert, and Alive* by Jeanette Moser. Personal Safety was the theme of the talk with Jeanette who shared her tips and demonstrated techniques to make us Aware, Alert, and



Alive! A lively and passionate lady in her 80th year, Jeanette was accompanied by her husband Alan who along with volunteers from the members helped her during her talk to actively illustrate moves to defend oneself if the need ever arose.

Drawing on experiences from her childhood and her later service in the South African and the then Rhodesian Police forces. which was uncommon at the time for a female to undertake, Jeanette related incidences from her extraordinary career, through community policing to expanding her skills as a trainer while part of Special Branch. An enthusiastic, straight talking women Jeanette provided an animated dialogue enjoyed with

 \star and by all present.

Some tips from Jeanette:

- Do not get involved with situations as you want to stay alive and be safe.
- Find out about the country you may be visiting.
- Say "NO STOP" to someone who may be attacking you.
- Do not run if someone is following you, turn and say "Are you following me?"

At the next Meeting Tuesday 1st October 7:30pm in the Millard Suite at the Village Hall, our speaker will be Angela Deavel talking about chemical-free Living with natural products. The competition is – An Acrostic poem on the word 'natural' We warmly welcome visitors and new members to our meetings.

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

Buckden Neighbourhood Watch Recognise the signs of scams

Would you be able to recognise if someone in your street had fallen victim to a scam? Criminals often target the most vulnerable people in our communities. Neighbourhood Watch has become a Friends Against Scams partner and is promoting the anti-scam message.

Learn how to recognise the signs of scams and how to combat them by taking the on-line awareness session here (20 minutes):

www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk/elearning

Together we can take a stand against scams.

Talk about scams

Scam victims often feel shame and embarrassment, but you have the power to change this. The more people talk about scams the more we can take away the stigma that surrounds

them.

Beware a new scam

Cambridgeshire Police are warning the public to be aware of an International Postcode Scam in which people are being asked to give their bank details. You will receive a letter explaining how to collect winnings from a competition or lottery and saying that they need your bank details.

The letter claims it is the biggest lottery ever played in the world which is changing the lives of millions of people and claims to be from Melbourne, Australia.

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 tele-

phone 101





October 2019

Age UK Community Hub – Tuesday 1st October 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.

Engage Event – Grafham Water and its Wildlife – Wednesday 16th October 2pm

Join us for a talk on all things wild presented by Greg Belcher from our local Wildlife Trust. Greg will be talking about the fascinating wildlife found at Grafham Water Nature Reserve as well as practical aspects of the reserves management. Our very own Chris Packham! This is a free event but booking is essential — call in to the library for your ticket, or email StNeots.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Halloween Craft Club – Saturday 19th October 10.30 – 12

Get creative with our super spooky Halloween craft session! Suitable for children aged 5+ accompanied by an adult - 50p per child.

Storytime - Tuesdays at 2.15

Our popular Storytime sessions continue every Tuesday afternoon. Pre-school children of all ages welcome for stories, rhymes and songs. These free of charge sessions are a great way to encourage our youngest library users to love books. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Lego Club - Saturday 26th October 10.00 - 12 noon

See what you can build at our Lego Club and add to our Lego display. 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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St Neots Community Day

Saturday 19th October The Priory Centre

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Buckden Friends visit West Stow

Visit to West Stow, to see Anglo-Saxon buildings and other artefacts.

I have booked the HACT bus for **Saturday 12th October 9.30** at the Scout Hut. Cost £20 per person which includes a tour of the site guided by one of their experts.

If you want to come please put a cheque for £20 made payable to Pat King with your name and phone contact details ASAP. First come first served. If you book and decide not to come then it is up to you to sell your place.

Pat & Brian King 01480811020 patking@writeme.com

BUCKDEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL (Primary Academy Trust)



September 2019

Well, here we are again after our summer holidays. We have all returned to school refreshed and ready to start the new school year. Our new Reception children are settling into the school routines and look as if they've been here for much longer than they actually have! We have also welcomed new families to the area and the children have all joined higher up in the school and settled into Buckden life with ease.

We had our Harvest Service at St Marys Church. It is the first service of the school year at church, and the first visit to church for a school assembly by our Reception children. The children brought gifts of tinned food which has been donated to the Godmanchester Community Foodbank. Thank you to our parents for their generous donations.

A group of Year 6 children have had a residential visit to Normandy, France. Whilst in France they visited the World War 1 battlefields, the towns of Rouen and Dieppe and visited a chocolate factory, a cheese and farm and a cider factory. Everyone had a fun, interesting, but tiring visit.

One of our willing volunteers helped to keep our school allotment under control over the summer holidays. Mrs Rosemary Surridge did the school a great favour keeping the unwanted weeds at bay. She also entered some of our pumpkins, all of various sizes, into the village show, and we are very proud to announce that we managed a first and a third. Thank you so much to Mrs Surridge for all her hard work – it is very much appreciated.

As we start the beginning of the school year can we take the opportunity to remind our parents and visitors about parking around the school area. We all need to be aware of the needs of the local residents as well as the traffic and parking regulations around the school. The area in front of the school marked with yellow lines is not a 'dropping off' area. As well as being very dangerous due to passing cars and the pedestrian walkways, this part of the road needs to be kept clear at all times as it is the access area for emergency vehicles. We also ask parents not to park on the grass verge by the school gates or use the school car park. The parking spaces in front of the school are for use by the staff and visitors. Please do not use them for dropping off and picking up your children. Extra parking spaces are available at the Millennium Centre, which is a short walk from the school. Thank you for adhering to these guidelines. There have been put in place for the safety of everyone who comes to the school at the beginning and end of the day.



Another school year is underway and our new starters are all settling in well. The children have been telling us all about their favourite foods, toys and stories, helping us and their classmates get to know them better. They've also been thinking about what they look like and attempting self-portraits using paint, collage paints playdough and much more!

Another theme for this term is getting to know their area and community, so the children will be out and about exploring their surroundings and talking to the people who make our village tick, such as local shop owners.

There's always a lot to do in this term and soon they'll be thinking about the seasons and enjoying autumn crafts, too, including Halloween projects.

We also have some great fundraising events coming up. Look out for news about out **Gin And Rum Night**, which we will advertise on our own Facebook page and the Buckden Resident page as soon as the date and time are confirmed.

There's also our much loved annual Halloween Party coming up, where children can enjoy Halloween crafts, face-painting, a Ghoul-off, a mummy competition and more. Keep your diary free and grab your tickets now!

Halloween party
25th October
2-4pm
Buckden Village Hall,
Tickets (including free drink and a hotdog):
£2.50 in advance
£3 on the door

We have some new committee members, but as always, as new members join, others move on as they relocate or their child goes to big school, so please consider joining our sociable committee!

Committee enquiries: contact Becky Milne (Chairperson) **buckdenpreschoolchairperson@gmail.com**.

To enrol your child or arrange a visit: contact Samantha Sinclair (Manager) on **01480 810600 (term-time only)**. For more information, visit **www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk** or see our Facebook updates at :

https://www.facebook.com/ www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk/.

Buckden Bowls Club monthly draw Contacts

August

No. 25 Brian Moore £20

No. 64 Judith Casey £10

No. 8 Darrell May £5

Brian Moore Club Sec. 812112

Lady Captain Pat Purssord 810622

St Mary's weather vane

St. Mary's Church, Buckden, has a beautiful weather vane. Our golden cockerel has been telling us which way the wind is



blowing for around 100 years. How much do you know about it?

How long has it been there?

I wasn't able to find out how long ago St Mary's got its first weather vane but the current weather vane was installed after a gale in 1895. The previous weath-

er vane was lost at three o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday, 24 March 1895. A great south-westerly gale had been blowing all day and finally, by mid afternoon the spire could take no more and its upper portions and the weather vane collapsed into the north aisle. £53 5s 0d was raised to replace the spire and a Mrs Linton kindly donated the weather vane. The weather vane was re-gilded and a lightning conductor was added in 1965 as part of the steeple's maintenance work.

How big is it?

From the ground, the cockerel really does not seem so big but it is, astonishingly, seven feet across and nearly six feet high (approx. 2m by 1.5m).

Why is it a cockerel?

In the ninth century AD, the pope reportedly decreed that every church in Europe should show a cock on its dome or steeple, as a reminder of Jesus's prophecy that the cock would not crow the morning after the Last Supper, until the disciple Peter had denounced Him three times (Luke 22:34).

Because of this story, weather cocks have topped church steeples for centuries. The 11th century Bayeux Tapestry even in-

cludes a scene of a craftsman attaching a weather cock to the spire of the Westminster Abbey.

A few churches used weather vanes in the shape of the emblems of their patron saints. The City of London has two surviving examples. The weather vane of St Peter upon Cornhill is not in the shape of a cockerel, but a key, while St Lawrence Jewry's weather vane is in the form of a gridiron.

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Wednesday 2nd October 2019 - 10am until 12

Falls and Prevention Taster and Talk



On Wednesday 6th November 2019 - 10am until 12 Rotary Voices Choir

Any questions? Telephone Janet on 07702 010594

Buckden Football Club

BFC News

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

We welcome back Oliver Day from Brampton to join Jon Medd as joint first team managers, looking to extend BFC progression up the leagues this season as we have done in the previous two seasons.

We are presently looking to recruit a new Chairman to head up our vibrant committee to replace the outgoing Mark Freeman, who leaves the club in a more positive and structured position after his short tenure at the helm.

We are also looking for a permanent goalkeeper to replace our 3 or 4 part-time keepers

Buckden FC Benefactors

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If you are interested in supporting your local club through our benefactor scheme, please contact the club Treasurer, Graham Pearce via email: grahampearce270964@gmail.com or Mobile 07514630719

Buckden FC Home Fixtures

21st September 3pm Kick Off – V Suffolk Punch Haverhill F.C. 12th October 2pm Kick Off – V Farcet United 19th October 2pm Kick Off – V Houghton & Wyton First Adverts

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