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## September 2019

I am starting the September 2019 edition with good news! Not only are we celebrating the 40th anniversary of Buckden Roundabout this month (please see the article on page 13) but I am delighted to inform you that we have won another award in the Cambridge Building Society Community Magazine Awards for 2019. We have won bronze medals twice previously, and over the course of 2018 we were judged to be the most improved magazine (more info can be found on the Cambridge BS website at <https://www.cambridgebs.co.uk/more/news-and-events/news/community-magazine-awards-2019-winners>).

A massive thank you to the editorial team for their continued sterling efforts in editing, advertising, distributing the magazine on a monthly basis, our webmaster for making us available far and wide, and to all our contributors that make the magazine such an interesting read.

Remember that what makes this magazine so good is the articles we include, so please remember to submit any ideas, suggestions or letters to us.

The cover serves as a great reminder that Buckden is home to some fantastic community events. Buckfest celebrated its 10th anniversary this year with another stellar line-up, all the time continuing to raise money for some very worthwhile local causes. More photos from the day can be found in the centre pages this month, as well as online at <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmFSbj3P>

Please remember to visit the Roundabout website. There are often articles there that we could not fit into the print edition, as well as information that arrives during the month: <http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/>

*This month's editor - Ian Carter*

### Front Cover

The front cover this month shows one of the key organisers of Buckfest, Rick Holden, fronting the band Junkyard Preachers at Buckfest 2019 and was taken by Alec MacAndrew. 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...

## The Neighbourhood Plan and Planning Applications

The Neighbourhood Plan is nearing completion and we will shortly begin a formal consultation process with residents. We propose to hold a series of workshops which will enable you to provide feedback about the plan. The first of these will take place in the Village Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Please join us at any time between 3 and 8 pm. We will also cover the current situation regarding the various planning applications and the roundabout proposals

## Barbecue

The Allotments group held their summer barbecue in July. Despite the weather it was a great success. It was a chance for allotment holders, villagers and Parish Councillors to get together on the community area to sample great food and try some local brews. Thanks to all those on the Allotments group for organising it and all those who braved the rain to join the event.

## Donation

Many thanks too, to the Nisa shop for their generous donation which has enabled the Allotments group to put up a new notice board to keep everyone informed about events and other useful information.

## Construction Traffic in the Village

Thank you to everyone who has notified us of Lucks Lane construction traffic travelling through the village. The vehicles are only allowed to enter and exit the site via Stirtloe Lane. We have been in touch with both Mick George and Bloor Homes to make them aware of the situation. Please continue to let us know of any incidents. Photos are a big help.

## Lucks Lane Development

By the time you read this the closure of Lucks Lane should have started. Please let us know if there are any significant issues.

## Stirtloe Lane

The Parish Council, the Protect Buckdens Future Group and our District Councillor all made representations to Huntingdonshire Planning Department to introduce acceleration/ deceleration lanes at this junction. Unfortunately, they had no power to overturn the decision reached by Highways England that this junction is safe!



## The A1 and The Roundabout

We have had a lot of feedback about the proposals outlined in last month's edition. Thank you. All of these are being analysed by the planning team. In several cases your comments have been forwarded to the Church Commissioners. We were unaware that we had traffic engineering expertise in the village. This has helped us to ask some additional questions of Highways England.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> September. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September. You will get a three-minute slot.

If required, the Council Planning Committee will meet on 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September. 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](mailto:clerk@buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk)

## A New Learning Group for Buckden

A new group is being formed for the village to fulfil the role that has, up to now, been satisfied by the local WEA branch. As a result of the creation of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and the consequent changes to the way in which educational grants are allocated, the WEA has had to review its operating model. Unfortunately, their new model makes it difficult for most local branches to continue without significantly increasing the cost of their offering.

At a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at Buckden Towers a decision was made to make the local WEA branch 'dormant' for the immediate future. Meeting attendees were, however, adamant that they would like courses and other events to continue in the accustomed manner.

As a consequence, a new group is being formed that is to be called the Buckden Learning Group (BLG). A committee of familiar faces has been formed and using an existing network of contacts two courses have been scheduled for Tuesday mornings in the normal manner with tutors that are well known to regular course attendees.

Liz Carter will return in September with the subject of 'Victorian Crime & Punishment'. In January Marina Burrell will return with the subject of 'Famous Russian Women in World History & Culture'. (See page 19 for details)

Look out for the normal adverts and village posters for full details of these and other future events.

## FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Over the past month we have had every sort of weather; sun, hail, and last week very strong winds, which nearly blew over a brick wall on the pathway near NISA. It took a bit of time to organize a response and during that time two nearby residents stood guard at either end of the alley to make sure children did not bike through. Credit where credit is due and those that helped did a super job. The 101 service were very helpful as well and diverted the police to assist.

It's at times like these that we realize just how lucky we are. Boris Johnson has promised us 20,000 more police, but it takes up to two years to train a policeman including probationary time. This then drives home the noted significance of Cambridgeshire's Police commissioner, Jason Ablewhite, for recruiting 200 new officers 2 years earlier, the majority of whom are either during their training or have completed it. This will make a welcome difference both in Cambridgeshire and Buckden but sadly there will still be gaps; cattle on the road, local traffic gridlocks, road rage and other pertinent issues may not receive the attention we believe they deserve.

## FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

It was interesting to see the article in the August magazine, page 7, about why traffic lights at the Buckden roundabout would probably not work, given the size of the vehicles that use it and the configuration of the roundabout.

I have been mulling over an idea for some time and have been hoping to present it for wider discussion at the A1 Safety Advisory Group which, alas, has not been convened for some time. The main problem is that vehicles wishing to get out of the High Street cannot easily do so because of the flow of heavy vehicles coming south down the A1. It is difficult and potentially dangerous because, not only is the traffic flow very heavy, the angle of the road layout makes it difficult for the Buckden High Street driver to see what is coming.

My tentative idea is that we basically need to find a way of interrupting the A1 south flow temporarily to allow local traffic to emerge safely. I wonder therefore if a part-time traffic light could be located, on the southbound A1 only, about 40 yards from the roundabout and turn red, say, every 3 minutes for about 30 seconds. This would create a gap for local vehicles to emerge safely. This expedient might only be necessary at the rush hours peaks, say, between 8 and 10 in the morning and 4 and 6 in the evening.

The above indicative figures of '3 minutes' and '30 seconds' are pure guesswork on my part and would need to be modified in the light of experience.

Some communities in Fenland are starting to use security contractors and Peterborough held a trial of community policing partly funded by revenue sharing from fines issues by the contractor. This is not a model I agree with given the way traffic violations are handed out in our big cities to boost revenue.

That said, we need to start thinking about what Buckden wants and needs in the future. Will we follow the route of more cameras and face recognition systems? Maybe sharing an additional PCSO and extending supervision to Brampton or Perry. The coming launch of the Neighborhood Plan by Buckden Parish council provides an opportunity to comment and think about this kind of issue. There are many possible options, but when the question "What do you want" is asked, we need to be able to give a consensus view. Given the current political situation, the question may get asked sooner than we think.

**Hamish Masson**, Councillor HDC Buckden Ward  
([Hamish.Masson@Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:Hamish.Masson@Huntingdonshire.gov.uk))

I have no idea if Highways regulations allow this but if they do, it might be worth trying. It would certainly be a lot less expensive than installing lights all round the roundabout. Movable traffic lights now exist which can be individually programmed, as I know from personal experience in Brampton over the last few months.

The prospect of re-routing the A1 entirely, a pipe-dream for as long as I can remember, seems to be less and less likely as national austerity persists and as the current Prime Minister is keen to improve funding for schools, increase the number of police officers, build more prisons, protect social care for the elderly **and** reduce tax for the wealthiest members of society, the possibility of a massive re-building programme for Buckden seems small.

On a different aspect of getting around – cycling. Buckden residents who cycle to Huntingdon via Brampton will be pleased to know that we seem to be making some progress in improving the cycle track. The parish councils of Brampton and Buckden hope to find a way of working together to make this happen and it is a project that might come into reality rather quicker than re-routing the A1!!

If you wish to raise any local matters with me personally and would welcome a face-to-face conversation, I come to the parish council meeting, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month. At other times, please ring me on 07765 833 486 or write to me at [peter.downes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:peter.downes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

## Buckden Friends

We would like to invite everyone to join us for a FUN QUIZ to raise some funds for Buckden Pre-school play group on Thursday 5th September at 7pm in the Lounge at Buckden Marina .

£11 entry (pay on the day) will include a supper of either Shepherds Pie or Mediterranean Wellington (v). Quiz teams made up on the night so everyone welcome.

There will, of course, be a Raffle. Emphasis on FUN.

Please book so we know how many to feed. 01480 810355 or contact me Pat King 01480811020, 32 Mayfield Buckden [patking@writeme.com](mailto:patking@writeme.com)

We are off to Blackpool next May. Why not join us. Do contact me for details...Again all welcome.



Bedfordshire  
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Huntingdonshire  
Local Group

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to their first indoor meeting of the autumn on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm.**

This illustrated talk about Goshawks will be given by Conor Jameson, who has worked for the RSPB and BirdLife over 25 years. Conor has written for The Guardian and BBC Wildlife and is a columnist for the RSPB magazine 'Natures Home'.

The talk will tell the story behind Conor's well known book 'Looking for the Goshawk', which took him to some unexpected places at home and abroad in search of this mystery-shrouded bird of prey. Originally found in the UK, the gos-

hawk was persecuted to extinction in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century but re-introduced in the late 1960s. Conor will expand upon the turbulent history of the Goshawk, including how it lives, where it lives and why it might be missing from our lives.

Anyone who is interested is most welcome to attend. Meetings are held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB starting at 7.30pm. Booking not necessary.

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

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## FRIENDS IN DEED

Our Summer Tea Party was held in Jane Shepard's garden on the day before the UK's hottest day on record - just as well we had three gazebos and some tall trees to keep everyone in the shade!! 43 people attended and enjoyed the delicious home-made

cakes and tea. Our grateful thanks to Brenda Steadman who organised the party, to Jane Shepard for kindly hosting us in her garden, to our members who baked the cakes and to all those who helped out beforehand and on the day, particularly the 'kitchen crew' - all very much appreciated by our guests.

The **next Community Café** will be on **Wednesday 11th September in the Living Stones Room at St Mary's, 2.30 to 4pm.**

It is open to all and we look forward to welcoming 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.



Talking of transport, we would like to thank our dedicated 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. It should be noted that Buckden Surgery has its own scheme for surgery appointments.

A date for your diaries - the **Friends in Deed AGM** will be held in Buckden Village Hall on **Wednesday 23rd October at 7pm.** We look forward to welcoming you there.

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.

## Monday Club Strawberry Tea

It poured before and it poured afterwards, but we were so lucky on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July when we held the Monday Club Strawberry Tea in Betty Millard's garden.

The sun shone all afternoon and we sat under three gazebos which were there to keep us in the shade rather than out of the rain! The gazebos had been looking a bit sorry for themselves after the torrential downpours of the two previous days but perked up when they saw the sunshine and our cheerful band of ladies.

Twenty-six members and 3 helpers enjoyed strawberries, scones, jam, cream and a cup of tea! Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Buckden Methodist Church**

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

**Stewards:** Angie Barnes (810102)

Bob Baxter (810092)

Carol Swepestone (810053)

**Services in September**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**10.30 a.m.**

Morning Service: Rev. Pam Siddall

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30a.m.**

Morning Service: Rev. Vilma Broadhurst

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30a.m.**

Morning Service: Mr. Don Moorman

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**10.30a.m.**

**Harvest Festival:** Rev. Dawn Colley

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30a.m.**

Morning Service: Local Arrangement

**Activities in September**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**

10a.m.

Shoebox Coffee Morning

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

10a.m.

Coffee Morning

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**

12noon

Soup and Sweet Lunch

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**

10a.m.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

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

**Traffic lights on the roundabout?**

In support of the Parish Council's endeavours and initiatives on behalf of local residents, my belief is that the steady natural growth of Buckden has been such that it allows it to be still referred to as a community village.

The Church Commissioners, by the very nature of the Church's general ethos and message, ought to be seen to demonstrate a real responsibility to the local community, over and above any financial greed resulting in land sales to allow unnatural and aggressive housing development.



into both directions of the Offord High Street, along the frontage of the container industrial park, over all three bridges and up Mill Road, across and way past the entrance to Buckden Marina.

In the other direction, there is real cause for concern for the worsening congestion onto the Buckden roundabout, for residents entering onto the A1. As a direct result of the backing

Recently, we have seen a real increase in traffic congestion at both the Offord level crossing, resulting in queuing along Station Lane,

up of vehicles along Buckden High Street, drivers now resort to travelling up the alternative direction of the High Street and entering the A1 north of the village, by turning left to then negotiate the Buckden roundabout to travel either A1 North, Perry Road West, or A1 South, thereafter.

Whatever the attempt of a remedy to placate and ease the present and worsening congestion situation, it would appear that it will be made on the basis of financial gain at the lowest cost, rather than the ethos of care and consideration for the residents of Buckden village.

Putting care and consideration to one side, what on earth has convinced the Church Commissioners that traffic lights on Buckden roundabout will assist in and resolve the situation?

Assuming that they have considered the increase in traffic and additional inconvenience to the current congestion following the arrival of some 300 plus vehicles with their building going ahead in Silver Street, have they factored in the additional congestion that is sure to follow the building of additional homes in Lucks Lane, which is yet to be experienced!

Please, please Church Commissioners, accept the responsibility of pastoral care over and above financial greed and make a positive contribution to the residents of Buckden, in order to keep our village, just what it is, a lovely community village and not a rural car park.

Bob & Valerie Cleaver, Buckden

## What's on at St Mary's Buckden: September 2019

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



### SUNDAY Services

Sun 1	11:00am	Family Communion
	6:00pm	BCP Holy Communion
Sun 8	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Communion
Sun 15	11:00am	Family Communion
	6:00pm	Evensong
Sun 22	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	All-age HARVEST Festival
	7:00pm	Night Prayer
Sun 29	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Communion

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)
Fridays	6.45pm	Angel Voices (13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> )
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 SEPTEMBER

#### Cleaning Crew in St Mary's:

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September** from 10.00am  
please come and lend a hand to clean the church

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

**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 11<sup>th</sup> September

##### M&Ms ladies group

7pm at the Vicarage

#### Heritage Open Days 13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept

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

St Mary's will be open to visitors every day.

#### Ride, Drive & Stride Event

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** – join us or sponsor us to tour local churches on foot, by bike, or car

#### Harvest Festival Service

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** at 11am

Come and join our all-age celebration

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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** at 6pm

Everyone welcome to join us & share your thoughts.

**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:

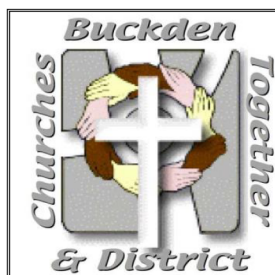
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St Mary's is both a collection point and a voucher holder for Godmanchester Foodbank. If you are in need of help or support please contact Rev Jes Salt on 819377. Any donations of non-perishable food very gratefully received. The collection box is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

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

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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:

1st September	Hunts End, Copes Close, Monks Cottages, Hunts End Court
8th September	Manor Gardens, Manor Close, Glebe Lane, The Grove
15th September	Park Road, Falcon Way, The Marinas, and those who live and work there
22nd September	Field Close, Lincoln Close, Silver Street, Beaufort Drive, St Hugh's Road
29th September	School Lane, Buckden Primary School (pupils, teachers and teaching assistants, governors, volunteers, midday supervisors, all support staff)

### Thought for the Month

Dear Friends,

The summer is nearly over and autumn nearly here. How was summer 2019 for you?

I hope many of us have managed to enjoy a break and a time of rest and relaxation with our friends and families. Weather wise of course it has been a summer of extremes. We have had some of hottest days ever recorded (including apparently **the** hottest), but also with storms, strong wind and heavy rain.

For the churches in the village it has been a happy but busy summer. Here at St Mary's our mid-summer fete and fun day was a victim of the weather, but thanks to the hard work of all the volunteers and the many people who supported it, we enjoyed a happy and successful day with most of the activities moved from outside into the church. As Churches Together we ran a stall at the Festival and at the time of writing we have also enjoyed our 'Holidays at Home' holiday club for the 'retired but young at heart'. We are now looking forward to our childrens Holiday Club at the end of August, when more than 30 children will spend 3 mornings enjoying games, activities and crafts and also learning about some of the stories and

characters in the bible.

Autumn of course heralds new beginnings. It is the start of a new school year, and many of the clubs and societies will be re-starting after the summer break. Nationally, it will no doubt be a time of big debates, controversy and decision. So a season of challenges with, hopefully, opportunities but without doubt much uncertainty.

Autumn can also perhaps a time to reflect where we stand on the big issues in terms of life and faith. Our churches will be holding major festivals of celebration such as Harvest and Christmas, and also of more sober reflection at All Souls and Remembrance. at which of course you will all be most welcome. But, as you see elsewhere on these pages, there are services each week for us to come and consider or reconsider connecting with a loving God who Christians believe holds us and the future whatever it may be in his hands. We look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes,

Jes

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

### Methodist Macmillan Coffee Morning

**29th 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.

### Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal Coffee Morning and Stalls

**Friday 6th September 10am – 11:30am  
at Buckden Methodist Church**

Leaflets, knitting patterns and examples of knitted and sew items. Examples of completed shoeboxes, ways to help with the shoebox appeal will all be there. Donations made will help towards the shoebox appeal either with transportation of the boxes or to buy items for the boxes. There will be a bring and buy stall, cake stall and card stall.

Please come along and find out if you are able to help in any way, thank you. Carol Sweptstone 810053

## BUCKDEN & LITTLE PAXTON SURGERIES PATIENTS' ASSOCIATION (BLPSPA)



**Our AGM will take place on  
Tuesday 24 September 2019  
at Buckden School at 7 pm**

**This will be followed, by popular  
demand, with a session of  
Defibrillator Awareness Training**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Light refreshments available**

## What is the BLPSPA?

Apart from a mouthful of an acronym. In fact it is one of those almost invisible village organisations that actively contributes to our sense of community. Did you know your Patients Association fund raises and is then able to provide thousands of pounds to our surgeries, which is then used to purchase vital pieces of medical equipment? Did you realise it runs and co-ordinates a transport scheme, which enables patients to attend appointments in Buckden and Little Paxton? Also, were you aware our Association organises educational events within the villages, focussing on important health issues such as prostate cancer and womens' health?

We are now needing new officers, with both our chair and transport co-ordinator planning to step down in September. May we invite you to attend our A.G.M., to be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September, in order to support the valuable work undertaken by the Buckden and Little Paxton Surgeries Patients Association.

To find out more about the posts of Chair and Transport Co-ordinator please contact either:

[f.sheringham@btinternet.com](mailto:f.sheringham@btinternet.com) 01480 811189  
or alternatively  
[robgardiner2@btinternet.com](mailto:robgardiner2@btinternet.com) 01480 812383.

## Did You Know...?

**About 80% of plastic pollution found in oceans begins its journey in inland waterways\*.**

How about joining us to help stop some of that plastic reaching the sea? The Buckden Community Litter Pick is a friendly group who meet regularly to help collect some of the rubbish dumped in the lanes and ditches around Buckden. Our local hostelrys kindly provide refreshments at the end.

We're meeting next at **The Lion Hotel**, Buckden  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30 am**

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

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

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: 'Upstream: Microplastics in UK Rivers, Greenpeace report, 2019

**Buckden Community Litter Pick**

Working towards a dementia-friendly community



**Reconnect Social Group**

**Welcomes ALL people living with dementia and memory loss  
together with their carers**

**Brampton Memorial Centre—1st Wednesday of every month**

**Information on support & benefits  
Come along, see what it's all about  
and have a cuppa and a cake**

**Wednesday 4th September 2019 - 10am until 12**

**Caring Together Awareness Talk**



**carerstrust**  
action · help · advice

**On Wednesday 2nd October 2019 - 10am until 12  
Falls Prevention Taster & Talk**

**Any questions? Telephone Janet on 07702 010594**

# OFFORD BEER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY  
21ST SEPTEMBER 2019

6PM - 11PM  
OFFORD VILLAGE HALL

## TICKET INCLUDES:

5 DRINKS  
LIVE MUSIC FROM  
ALISON LANE

SELECTION OF  
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AND CIDERS



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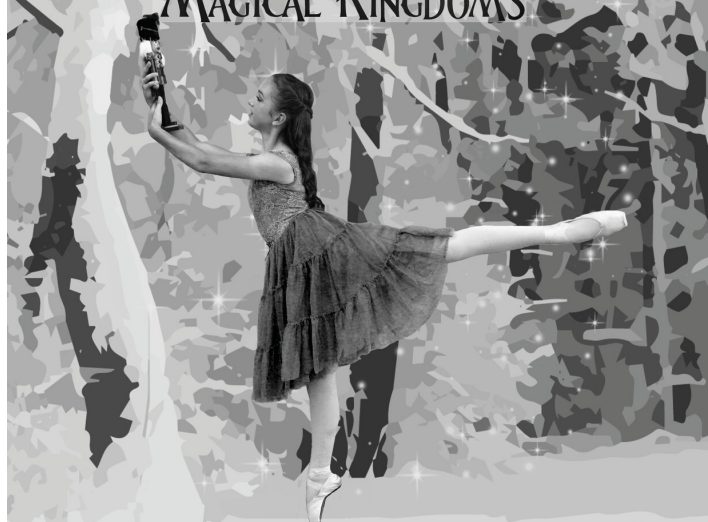
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# THE NUTCRACKER AND THE MAGICAL KINGDOMS



Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October 2019  
Hinchingbrooke Performing Arts Centre, Huntingdon  
www.thelittleboxoffice.com/swevents



youth@thetowers

We re-open on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7-8pm

All years 7-9's welcome



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

Buckden Village Hall will be hosting its Annual General Meeting ("AGM") on 1 October at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. All current trustees will be stepping down and offering themselves for re-election. 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, and even a few more trustees or project volunteers would make a difference to the Village Hall.

The Village Hall has ambitious plans to renovate the Hall, including the pitches, pavilion and storage areas as well as the

Valley to create better amenities for Buckden residents. We need interested people to add crucial support for these projects and help fund-raise with major charities. We are already in well-advanced discussions with the Football Association for a grant. The Village Hall has also been awarded Hallmark 1 status from ACRE, and we are pursuing awards 2 and 3 this year.

If you are interested in getting involved and improving the facilities in our Village, please get in touch. You don't need to be a full-time trustee – we also have smaller working groups for specific projects. Trustee meetings are held once a month.

For more information on being a trustee, our development plans or the AGM, please contact:

**Cynthia Alers, Chair** chair@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk  
**Des Foster, Treasurer** treasurer@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk  
**Jo Harvey, Hall Manager** admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk  
**Telephone: 01480 81101 (office hours 9am – 2 pm)**

**Huntingdonshire Health Walk Scheme Sept. 2019**

This month, there are four Wednesday and four Friday walks at 2pm and 10am respectively ; the walks are on average 60 minutes long and are led by trained walk-leaders. The walk on the 20th is from Buckden Marina, and there is a new walk on the 13th from Abbots Ripton. Full details appear on the web-site - please see below.

Anyone able to maintain an exercise-walking pace for up to 75 minutes should enjoy these walks. Suitable clothing and footwear plus a small bottle of drinking water are key accessories. The walks are free but voluntary contributions are welcome, as there is a generous council subsidy and 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](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks), or contact Danielle Sancier on 01480 387047, email [activelife-styles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:activelife-styles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk).

**Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society.**

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

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Churches on the Air, St.Mary's Buckden
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Club natter night
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Club talk, Digital TV
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	RSGB Hamfest 2019 Newark & Nottingham showground, Lincoln Road, Newark, NG24 2NY
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	RSGB Convention 2019 Kents Hill Park, Milton Keynes
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Bring & Buy Night
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Show & Tell Night

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

**Huntingdonshire Diabetes UK group**

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

<b>30 July</b>	Mike Brooks: The Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme
<b>August</b>	NO MEETING
<b>24 Sept</b>	Nigel Sutton: Economic and Cyber Security Advisor.
<b>29 Oct</b>	Ryan Chillingworth: Falls Prevention
<b>26 Nov</b>	Social Evening & Quiz

We welcome all diabetics, family, friends and carers.  
Contact: [hunts.diabetesuk@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**9th September – 'John Flynn and the Royal Flying Doctor Service' – a talk by Alan Peasgood**

**23rd September - Ladybird Lateral Thinking Game**

Why not come and join us? New members are always welcome!

If you require a lift or any further information please contact Jane Scott on 811468 or Betty Millard on 810087.

**Buckden Wine & Beermakers Society**

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

**26th September: BBPS Quiz at Buckden**  
**28th September: CCAEF Show at Peterborough**

**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:	<a href="mailto:trrslddn8@gmail.com">trrslddn8@gmail.com</a>

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

\*Male & Female models

**Buckden Gardeners Association**

**Buckden Gardeners Autumn Show**  
Saturday 7th September 2019  
**2.00pm** Buckden Village Hall  
Adult admission 50p, children free.

The entries are in, the judges are booked and the trophies are ready. Tea, coffee and cake will be waiting for you.

Please come and admire the exhibits, meet up with friends and chat over a cuppa, buy a raffle ticket or two and take time to look at the stalls selling their goods.

For further information go to our website:

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

or call Pam on 01480 811680

## Celebrating 40 years of the Roundabout

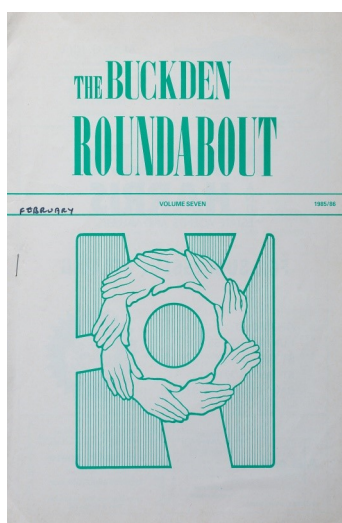
As we celebrate the Roundabout magazine's 40th birthday this month, we look back at its history.

We chatted to the Roundabout's first editor, Brenda Steadman, to find out about the early years of the magazine. Producing a community magazine is no small task, so that fact that Brenda edited the Buckden Roundabout for 30 years, from its inception until September 2009 is an impressive achievement!

The Roundabout was set up in September 1979 by Canon Stanley Griffiths of St Mary's Church when he became vicar in Buckden. It was a joint venture between the four churches (which at that time included the Baptist Church on the Great North Road) and the Parish Council.

In 1979 Brenda Steadman was the local correspondent for the Hunts Post and was encouraged to become editor of the new magazine. The first issue included a message from the Chairman of the Parish Council. Village clubs and organisations were invited to submit copy which would be printed for a donation. The churches also contributed to the finances at that time.

From the outset, the Roundabout was very much a community affair. Of course, production was much more difficult than it is now in the days of Microsoft Publisher! The magazine was typed – accurately – every month onto stencils and printed on a portable Roneo duplicating machine which was a gift to the newly established team. At first, printing of the necessary 800 copies took place



1986 cover

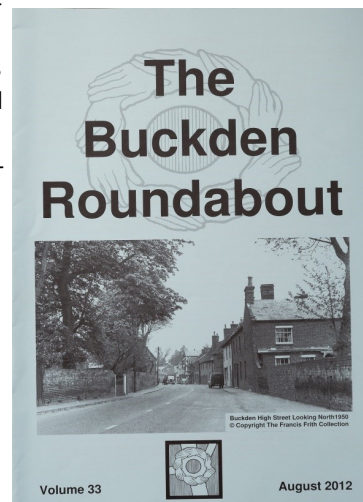
in people's homes. Pages were then collated by a large team of people in the Refectory at the Towers – this took almost a whole day! Covers for a whole year were printed commercially in advance and the pages were hand-stapled in.

Distribution was another problem to be solved. Leaflets were sent out inviting people to volunteer to deliver to houses. Brenda, together with Gwen Gibson, distributed copies each

month to the many deliverers around the village, with Brenda sitting in the back of the car, counting out however many copies were needed for the next drop.

When the time came, Brenda was sad to give it up, but

pleased to pass on the huge responsibility. When she stood down, the post was filled for a short time by Pam Davenport. At that time, Tony Gilchrist had been collating regular village events and he moved into the post of Editor in June 2011, later adding the growing Advertising Manager role to his workload. By this time, production had moved on a little. Internal pages were now printed by Margaret and David Moorhouse on a small printing machine housed in the village hall, although the covers were still printed commercially. Magazines were then collated and stapled in the Millard Room by a team of volunteers, before being passed to another team of volunteers for distribution. From February 2012, the magazines were printed and collated by an external printer and delivered to the Village Hall ready for distribution. This certainly simplified matters, but many people probably mourned the loss of the social event that was 'collating day'. When Tony announced that he planned to step down at the end of 2013, the current team offered to take over as we felt that it would be easier to share the workload and responsibility among a group of people.

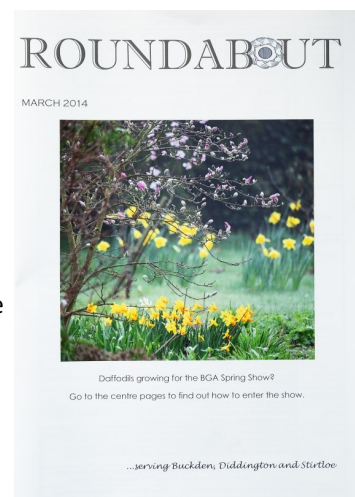


2012 cover

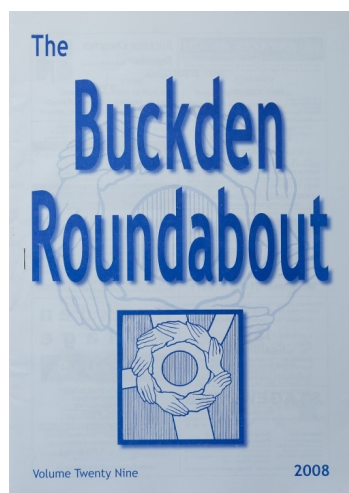
The current editorial team has worked hard to keep the magazine evolving and lively. We are particularly proud of the front covers which are now full page photos and very eye-catching – we always invite villagers to submit photos, paintings or drawings. Over the years we have gradually tweaked the layout to smarten up the look and make the best use of space. In October 2013, we launched our Roundabout website ([www.buckdenroundabout.info](http://www.buckdenroundabout.info)) where every issue from that time can be accessed worldwide. We also use this as a space to publish articles too large to be included in the magazine and to publish information on village clubs, so it's worth a look.

In 2016 we decided to enter the Cambridge Building Society Community Magazine awards for the first time. That year and again in 2017 we were rewarded with a Bronze Award in the High Frequency category (magazines published 10-12 times per year). This year we were delighted to win the award for Most Improved magazine.

We hope that all our readers will continue to enjoy the magazine for years to come.



2014 cover



2008 cover



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**CHARITY TEA BAR**  
Raising money for the Buckden Christmas Lights event

Saturday 14th September  
Buckden Village Club  
9.00am - 12.00pm

Delicious home baked cakes, bacon rolls, hot drinks, snacks & refreshments.

Helping to raise funds for our annual community event. Your support is welcomed.

For further ways to get involved please contact:  
Claire on 07919 036444



## Come to the Community Cafe

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

**on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month  
2.30pm – 4pm**

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

**12<sup>th</sup> June; 10<sup>th</sup> July;  
14<sup>th</sup> August; 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Friends in Deed - here for the people of Buckden

## Events Programme



**September**

**Wednesday 25th September • 2:30pm**  
**Nature's Year – From a pictorial  
photographer's angle**  
*an illustrated talk by Ann Miles*

Ann is an experienced and accomplished photographer. She will include close up and sharp images of wildlife and plants together with atmospheric and abstract shots inspired by the natural world.

**£2.50 each, pay at the door**

*All events are held or begin at the Visitor Centre*

## LOVE TO MOVE Brampton

A fun, age & dementia friendly seated movement programme to music.

Physical, emotional & cognitive benefits designed to get you moving more and having fun.



Love to Move is the first cognitive enhancement exercise programme of its kind in the UK, based on scientific research carried out by Age UK. Demonstrable benefits in the physical, emotional and cognitive aspects of older

**Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton,  
PE28 4TB**

**Wednesday mornings 10.30am – 12pm**

**Except the 1st Wednesday of each month**

*For more info: Jane Thomas 07731 097236*



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No need to  
book  
Free entry  
A welcome  
cuppa provided

## Buckden Local History Society

The Chairman, Committee and Members would like pass on their congratulations to the winners of their annual Buckden C.E. Primary School Prize, awarded on Wednesday 17 July:

Grace Barker and Ellie Teasdale - Key Stage 1  
Dylan Stanford Lees and Nate Woodmore - Key Stage 2

All children displayed a special interest and enthusiasm for history throughout the year and were awarded with a copy of Buckden A Huntingdonshire Village and a £10 book token.

The Buckden Local History Society begins its new 2019/20 season with the following talk:

### Myths of the Battle of Britain

by Mark Bunting

Mark Bunting looks at the myths and realities of what was to become known as the Battle of Britain - one of the most important battles of World War 2.

Wednesday 4th September, 7.30pm at  
The Claret Centre, Buckden Towers  
Visitors welcome

For further information please contact the Secretary at [BuckdenHistory@gmail.com](mailto:BuckdenHistory@gmail.com) or 07890 862402

## THE FRIENDS OF BUCKDEN TOWERS

**Heritage Day  
at  
The Towers  
Sunday 22nd September  
2019  
1.00 to 4.00 p.m.  
Open to the Public  
Free Entry and Parking**

"Mini" tours of The Towers – £2.00  
Produce stall  
Refreshments  
Wool Dyeing Demonstration  
Knot Garden Open  
Tour of the "Raised Walk" - £2.00



## Beer Festival

Join us for a great time on  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
Many Beers and Ciders, plus Gin Bar and other drinks for non-beer drinkers  
Bands on both nights  
Chips and Snacks  
Friday night 18.00 to 23.30  
Saturday 12.00 to 23.30  
including Family Afternoon, Australian food in the evening  
Location – Scout Hut, Lucks Lane, Buckden  
All proceeds to Buckden Scouts

## 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](mailto:lorraine.walker5@nhs.net)  
Mel Robinson – Specialist breast care nurse  
Email: [mel.robinson@nhs.net](mailto:mel.robinson@nhs.net)

## Songs for a Late Summer Evening

**St Peter's Church  
Offord D'Arcy**

**Saturday 7th September  
7:30pm**

Performed by  
**Tapestry Singers**  
an unaccompanied chamber choir

**Tickets £9**

*Including complimentary glass of wine or soft drink*

Information: 01480 811126/  
07776 426103  
[ticketoffice.stpeters@gmail.com](mailto:ticketoffice.stpeters@gmail.com)





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[www.buckdenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.buckdenvillagehall.co.uk)  
**email:** [admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk)

### Bookings

I hope everyone had a lovely summer! After the relative calm of August we are back to full steam ahead in September. Amongst all our regular hirers we have a Blood Donor session on 6<sup>th</sup>, BGA Autumn Show on 7<sup>th</sup>, two kid's parties, the return of Music for Little People and a 'Holistic, Well-Being and Crafters Fayre' on 28<sup>th</sup>, which runs 11-4pm and admission is free.

### Booking the Hall for functions

Booking the Hall for a family celebration couldn't be easier and residents of Buckden are given discounted rates. Simply call me or email me to discuss your ideas. The Hall looks so lovely when it's decorated for an event and the recent wedding receptions held here have made the Hall look amazing. Whether it's a birthday, wedding reception, anniversary or christening, the Hall could be the place for you!

We also have three rooms varying in size which are perfect for meetings. The Hall can also be used for larger conferences. How nice would it be to attend one of your business meetings but know you can walk to it instead of driving!

We are very lucky to have this facility on our doorstep :o)

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

**Jo Harvey, 01480 811101,**  
**[admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk)**  
**Office hours 9am to 2pm.**

## **Kimbolton Country Fayre 2019**

On Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> the 27<sup>th</sup> Kimbolton Country Fayre & Classic Car Show, organised and run by the Rotary Club of Kimbolton Castle in partnership with the Sporting Bears delivered an outstanding experience for thousands of visitors, classic car owners, stallholders, helpers and participants. Over £20,000 was raised for charities and charitable causes supported by the Rotary Club of Kimbolton Castle and/or Sporting Bears.

## **Over £20,000 raised!**

Despite enormous competition from Wimbledon, the Cricket World Cup and Silverstone, one of the largest ever turnouts was recorded. Congratulations to chair, Patrick Curran, the Fayre Committee and the 70+ Rotarians and volunteers who made it happen on the day.

## **Buckden Neighbourhood Watch**

### **FRAUDSTERS TARGETING SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS**

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has received intelligence to suggest that fraudsters are contacting social media influencers based in the UK and abroad, offering them the opportunity to market a bogus product service or investment opportunity.

Fraudsters will present professional and credible pitches to the social media influencers and try to convince them to feature the opportunity for a fee on their social media profiles in order to entice unsuspecting followers of the influencer to sign up or make a purchase. Fraudsters are using the names of well-known public figures, implying that their opportunity or product is endorsed by the figure when it is not.

The public should be aware that any apparent endorsement by celebrities, influencers or personalities does not necessarily mean that investment product or service is genuine. The public is urged to exercise a cautious approach to any such offer of investment, product or service with the same caution they would at any other time.

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO**

If you are purchasing goods from a company you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, or ask friends or family for advice before completing a purchase.

Professional looking websites, adverts or social media posts do not guarantee that an investment opportunity or product is genuine. Criminals can exploit the names of well known brands or individuals to make them appear legitimate.

Avoid paying for goods or services by bank transfer unless you know and trust the person or company. Payments via bank transfer offer you no protection if you become a victim of fraud instead use your credit card or payment services such as Pay Pal as they offer you greater protection if you become a victim of 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](mailto:burglarycrackdown@cambs.pnn.police.uk) or visit [www.crimestoppers.uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers.uk.org) If you are not online you can telephone 101



### September 2019

A big thank you to all those who took the time to complete our opening hours survey last month. We're currently collating the information and more news will follow in due course. Your feedback really does help us.

### Summer Reading Challenge

If your child hasn't signed up for the free Space Chase Reading Challenge this summer, there is still time if you're quick! For each book your child reads they can collect a sticker which completes the story in the Space Chase Mission Folder. Collect all 6 stickers and they will receive a certificate and medal at our **awards ceremony on Friday 20th September at 5.30pm**. There is also a mini challenge for under 3s to get them involved too.

### Craft Club – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 – 12 noon

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

### Storytime – Tuesdays from 10<sup>th</sup> September 2.15

Our popular Storytime sessions return for the start of the school term. 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 users to love books. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

### Lego Club – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 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.

### Age UK Community Hubs – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep 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. No appointment needed, just drop in for help and guidance on how to continue to live independently.

### What would you like to see at your local library?

Do you have ideas for talks or workshops as part of our Engage programme, are there particular types of books you feel are missing from our shelves...Pop in and let us know!

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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)



## WANTING TO GET A LITTLE EXERCISE? JOIN OUR SHORT WALKS.



Every Thursday, 10am.

Ideal for people of any age, who would like to get a little fitter.

Walks are free, leisurely, lasting around 30 minutes.

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## Buckden Learning Group Autumn Term

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## Craft Shoebox Coffee Morning for Operation Christmas Child

**A BIG THANK YOU to everyone.**  
**A GRAND TOTAL OF £212 was raised for the shoebox appeal.**

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**Term Dates**

Professional Day	Monday 2 September
Professional Day	Tuesday 3 September
Autumn Term Opens	Wednesday 4 September
Half Term	21 - 25 October
Autumn Term Closes	Friday 20 December
Spring Term Opens	Monday 6 January



A new Preschool year is about to start and we're looking forward to welcoming both familiar faces and our new starters with their families. We hope they enjoy becoming part of our community.

Thank you to everyone who organised or supported our Big Play Party event to celebrate 50 years of Preschool and braved the weather to attend it. Sadly, the weather gods weren't with us and the event had to be abandoned early.

Thank you also to everyone who came to a Stay 'n Play event over the holidays. Stay 'n Play offers children and their parents or carers an inexpensive way to meet new people and keep themselves entertained for a couple of hours with fun activities, while enjoying a drink and a snack. The sessions were very popular, as always, with many carers commenting how nice (and unusual) it was to find something that runs in the holidays!

We're delighted to welcome Kerry Clancy, Jo & Jason Chilmoid, Jean-Ann Fish, Helen Lumb and Alice Hinchcliffe to the committee, and thank them for all they've done already over the summer. It's great to have them on board!

Our committee had reached record low numbers during the last school year, so those who kept it going—and therefore kept Preschool open, as legally we cannot run without a committee—deserve a huge vote of thanks for their efforts. So a big thank you to Mel Burns and Tizzy Pape as they step down. We wish them all the best with whatever they get up to next, which in Tizzy's case is...

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Buckden Scarecrow Festival!**

*This is a joint project between the Preschool and Primary School, running from 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September. This year's theme is 'The Movies', so get making your scarecrows, grab an entry form from Nisa, Salon on the Green or Days (or Buckden School or Preschool, once they're open), and return them to the School, Preschool or 11 Lincoln Close by **14<sup>th</sup> September** with a suggested £4 donation.*

Our theme as the new term starts is 'All About Me', giving the children a chance to share their likes, dislikes and what's important to them. They'll start by using a mirror to help them make a self-portrait in playdough. The results are guaranteed to be interesting!

Committee enquiries: contact Becky Milne (Chairperson) [buckdenpreschoolchairperson@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk) or see our Facebook updates at <https://www.facebook.com/www.buckdenpreschool.co.uk/>.

**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.

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**Other items:**

Hat, scarf, gloves, sunglasses, hair accessories, wind up torch, jewellery set, sweets (best before date of at least March 2020)

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 Sweptone 810053 Thank you.

## BUCKDEN TOWERS A WALK AROUND THE GROUNDS

The Kings Tower is one of the most familiar landmarks in Buckden and most of us will have visited The Towers at some time, for the annual Plant Sale or one of the other events held there. But how many of us are familiar with the raised walk round the grounds?

Entering by the main gate, the car park is on the left. This used to be an enclosed barn yard at the time when the Palace of the Bishops of Lincoln was a busy place with a permanent population to be fed and looked after. To the north was the Little Park. This is now the field where sheep are grazed. In previous centuries it was probably used for the same purpose or for keeping deer.

Looking down the field to the left of St Stephen's Hall there is a magnificent oak tree in the distance. There is uncertainty about how old it is. One source states it was planted in 1603. It has been measured by experts, who found that at a height of five feet above the ground it has a girth of nineteen feet nine inches and a maximum branch spread of one hundred and twenty one feet. This would mean it is about 800 years old.

To start the walk, go to the north west corner of the car park and you will see a pathway through the trees and bushes. This path, originally about one mile in length, but now considerably shorter, was laid by Bishop John Williams some time after 1620. He planted yew trees along the walk, some of which are still standing. Other yews are self set. Numerous other trees have grown up over the years.

Approaching the corner, one can see bee hives in Little Park, near the walk, so if you are allergic to bee stings, take care here.

As you walk to the north east corner you can enjoy good views across Little Park to the house and the Kings Tower. But at the corner you come upon one of the most impressive sights of the walk – a London Plane tree. Two were planted in 1660, to mark

the restoration of the monarchy. The second is visible across Little Park, nearer the house.

The tree in the corner here is planted on a raised mound. It would originally have been a viewing mound for the Bishop to admire his palace.

Around the corner, is the first view of the lake. Originally there were 3 small fish ponds and one larger one. These were amalgamated into the present single lake. This is now a valuable wildlife sanctuary, with kingfishers, frogs, newts and dragonflies, as well as ducks and moorhens.

Towards the southern end of the walk beside the lake is a stone statue facing across the lake towards the house. This is a representation of Jesus by the Sea of Gallilee.

At the southern end of the lake is another viewing mound, now covered with trees. It is probable that there would have been a wooden bridge to get from the path to the mound.

Going north again one comes to a nuttery and orchard. These trees were planted by volunteers who restored the grounds in the early 1990s. They are planted in quincunxes – a pattern similar to the 5 on dice. All the trees are varieties which would have been available and planted in England in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Walking through them and approaching the house, there is an avenue of pleached limes to the north. This is a type of training of trees that would have been familiar to the Bishops.

Approaching the house one crosses a wide stretch of lawn. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century there were formal gardens here, but it is impossible now to maintain them.

It is an easy (but difficult for wheelchairs unfortunately) walk in the heart of our village and if you have half an hour to spare strolling around it, it will reward you with peace, tranquillity and simple pleasures.

## Black Squirrels Again

*Alec MacAndrew, editor of the edition of the Roundabout featuring the article on black squirrels in Buckden, writes:* We have received an unusual quantity of unsolicited feedback, almost all of it praising the article and the photos that accompanied it. Almost everyone who commented found the piece enjoyable, light-hearted yet informative about the black squirrel phenomenon, which has received quite a lot of interest in Buckden recently.

We also received feedback from one reader who was keen to stress the negative aspect of grey squirrels. Although this was touched on in the article, this reader stressed the destructive side of grey squirrels. They are an introduced invasive species. They damage crops and property (particularly if they get into roof spaces). They are damaging to some native species of broadleaf woodland and are a major cause for the demise of red squirrels in the south of the country through a combination

of resource competition and the effects of a virus which they carry that is fatal to red squirrels. In law, they are classed as vermin and can be legally dispatched humanely. The Forestry Commission along with other bodies are working in partnership to develop methods of controlling the grey squirrel population by culling and by developing a contraceptive to limit their fertility.

Nevertheless, grey (and black) squirrels have been a fact of life in our gardens, parks and woodland for decades. Many people, while aware of their invasive and destructive side, find them attractive animals and enjoy observing them. We are very grateful to everyone who gave us feedback. We note that we are not the only media outlet with an interest in black squirrels: our colleagues at BBC news have just published an article: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-49328867>

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