

Buckden Parish Council News

Council Website

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Flooding

At long last work has begun in the High Street to improve drainage and hopefully avoid future flooding. The work is anticipated to take 11 weeks.

Volunteers wanted

Pre Covid, we had a great group of volunteers who organised a cut back of the overgrown hedge at the top of Silver Street. Unsurprisingly a lot of it has grown back. So we're going to have another tidy up there. It will be on Sunday 27th February 10.00hrs, weather permitting. If interested, please email the BPC clerk so that Lynn, who is organising the session, will know who is coming. It will also ensure you are covered by the County's insurance and mean the clerk can get enough high vis jackets etc: clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk Bring gloves, secateurs, and if you can your green bin! Thanks all.

Fred Day

It is with great regret that we recognise the death of Fred Day. He was a Councillor for a number of years and led the allotments group. His home-made wines were legendary and very welcome at Parish Council celebrations. He was also a stalwart of the Gardeners Club and for a long time a very active member of the Village Club. He made a big contribution to the village and will be very much missed.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A small group has been set up to help coordinate the various plans being developed to celebrate the Jubilee over the long weekend of 2nd to 5th June. So far there are tentative plans for:

- A Beacon Lighting Ceremony and party.
- Picnics in the grounds of the Towers with entertainment.
- Closure of the High Street for a market and parades.
- Decoration of the village
- A Children's Fancy Dress Competition
- Street Parties
- A Dog Show 'Buffs'.

And lots more. Please let us know of any plans you have, to celebrate the Jubilee including any street parties, via buckdenjubilee@gmail.com. We will produce an article covering all Buckden Celebrations.

Thermal Imaging Camera

The thermal imaging camera, which shows where heat is being lost from a property and helps to assess the thermal efficiency of a home has been used by many residents. It is now available again to borrow via the Clerk.

Greening Buckden.

We have put on our website a calendar of events and initiatives that are being promoted nationally and internationally to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining and developing all aspects of biodiversity. In March there are two initiatives that might be of interest to you.

March 3rd - World Wildlife Day

This is promoted by the World Wildlife Fund and is an initiative to fundraise for international wildlife and raise awareness of the dangers facing many animal species across the world. [World Wildlife Day 2022 - World Wildlife DayAd-https://www.wvs.org.uk/](http://WorldWildlifeDay2022-WorldWildlifeDayAd-https://www.wvs.org.uk/)

March 21st-27th Trees are the Key Week

This is an initiative to help spread the word about the planetary value of trees. We are trying to do our bit in Buckden; together with the Friends of Buckden Towers we planted two oak trees in the grounds of the Towers to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



We have produced a leaflet all about planting trees in the village; do download that for advice on which trees to plant where. [Tree-leaflet.docx](#)

WATCH OUT FOR OUR NEXT LEAFLET TALKING TREES AND BEES coming soon....

The week itself is run by a charity that promotes tree planting internationally. [Trees Are The Key Awareness Week - The Word Forest ...https://www.wordforest.org/week](http://TreesAreTheKeyAwarenessWeek-TheWordForest...https://www.wordforest.org/week)

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Litter in the Southern Underpass

This is a recurring problem. Our handymen have constrained capacity which should not be used to clear up incidents like this.



Whoever it is please stop!!!

Vacancy

We have two vacancies for Parish Councilors. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for further details.

Council Meetings

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

The Council Planning Committee will also meet if required. Agendas for these meetings are posted on the Parish notice boards no later than the Saturday preceding the meeting.

Office opening hours

The Clerk is operating flexibly between the office and home. If you wish to meet with the Clerk, please call on 01480 819407.

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