

Buckden Parish Council News

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Silver Street Development and the Roundabout

We are meeting with National Highways on 12th December. They have promised us an update on the long awaited plans for the Roundabout. We will also be discussing the plans to upgrade the Shell Garage and the safety of vehicles exiting the garage onto the Roundabout.

The 65 and 66 Bus Route

We raised the numerous concerns expressed by residents with the relevant Authority. The results of the retendering process for these routes are now available together with revised timetables. We will be looking at these in detail in the coming days.

Warm Spaces

In response to the current energy/cost of living crisis several 'warm spaces' are being established locally as follows:

Buckden Library

Tuesday 10am 1pm, and 2pm to 5pm

Thursday 2pm to 5pm

Friday 4pm to 7pm

Saturday 10am to 1pm

St Mary's Church Buckden

Is operating as a warm space on the days when the heating is in operation for regular services, Sunday mornings and Wednesday mornings. Also, the first Saturday morning of the month, which is the monthly Coffee & Cakes event (10.30 to 12noon).

Buckden Methodist Church:

1st Friday of the month 10-11.30am

3rd Friday of the month until 12 noon.

Sunday morning service 1030 till 11:30 am

Perry Baptist Church:

1st & 3rd Monday of the month,

Every Sunday morning @ 10:30 am

1st Sunday of the month @ 6 pm

Flooding

Yet again there has been flooding in the Village. This time The Lion was unexpectedly affected. The Council currently have two pumps available for residents to use. We are in the process of purchasing a third and upgrading those we already have. For the moment you

can access these via the Clerk. We are however looking at the best location to store these.

If your property is at risk of flooding it may be worth purchasing one. They have proven to be very effective. The Clerk has details of what and where to purchase.

Our recently established Flood Group are keen to establish a register of all those properties/areas that have flooded in recent years. If you have experienced flooding or observed flooding in a particular location, other than those that are regularly reported please do let us know via the Clerk.

Cost of living crisis

There are several contacts for anyone struggling this Winter:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/community-localism/support-with-the-cost-of-living
For "support for pensioners" phone 01223-221929

For Godmanchester food bank voucher contact Anne Carter on 07779 651974

For help with paying water bills:

www.anglianwater.co.uk

Councillors

We would like to welcome Peter Clark and Darrell Herd as new Councillors.

Unfortunately, Dawn Packham has resigned from the Council. We would like to thank Dawn for her significant contribution to the Council.

We have two vacancies for Parish Councilors. We still need more capacity on the council to take forward a variety of initiatives to improve the village. Please join us. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for further details.

Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 13th December. 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. 07483 033357.

All of the papers and reports for Council Meetings are available on the Thursday before meetings on Council website www.buckdenpc.org.uk. This provides the opportunity to see the agenda, reports of work carried out by the Council as well as reports from out 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 Rd, Buckden, PE19 5UY. Telephone 01480 819407 Email: clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk.

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For residents who feel able to offer support to local people in crisis, here are several ways to help:

Consider contributing part of any Winter Fuel Payment to the **Godmanchester Foodbank**
(www.Godmanchester.foodbank.org.uk)

Offer your services as a driver to **Diamond Hampers** to collect donated food from supermarkets and deliver emergency food parcels (www.diamondhampers.org.) Please note that a DBS check is required for deliveries

Diamond Hampers need help on Christmas Eve in Brampton to assemble Christmas hampers from 11 am to 2pm. They also have an *Amazon wishlist* for donors to use (telephone (07769) 312711)

Donations of Christmas products:

Food - Cake, biscuits, chocolate, selection boxes, stuffing/Bread sauce mixes, cranberry/redcurrant sauces. Use by or best before date should be before the end of the Christmas period

Non - Food items (new please):

Christmas crackers, wrapping paper, toiletry gift packs, colouring books and crayons, jigsaws.

Collection point is at the back of St Mary's Church in the plastic boxes, labelled "Christmas food" and "non-food Christmas items"

Donations of warm items of clothing

Scarves, warm hats and gloves, fleeces, hot water bottles, blankets.

Please feel free to knit any of the above items - all gratefully received!

Collection point is at the back of St Mary's Church in the plastic box labelled "warm clothing".

Godmanchester Food Bank items most needed:

Breakfast cereals, UHT milk, teabags, coffee, fruit squash, fruit juice. –

Tinned cooked meat/vegetables/tuna/oily fish.

Pasta and pasta sauce, rice, tinned fruit, biscuits, cheese crackers.

Jam, rice pudding, pot noodles, tinned/packet soup.

Shampoo, shower products, sanitary protection, soap,

toothpaste (large and small tubes) men's toiletries.

Household cleaning products.

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