

# The Bugle

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## Protect the Environment

Groups in Long Buckby and nearby villages have been planting trees and managing land to encourage a greater variety of wildlife and plant species. In recent months, several of these groups have benefited from £1,000 Climate Change Grants from DDC, Daventry District Council. Other DDC initiatives include a Carbon Management Plan, Greenhouse Gas emissions reporting, Home Energy Conservation and Investors in the Environment Scheme.

Local initiatives may be drops in the ocean, but drops are what make the ocean!

Do we not all wish for the environment to be protected and enhanced more effectively across the country and the whole world? COP26 \*, the international conference to be held in Glasgow in November this year, is one of the best opportunities to achieve this. We must do what we can to make COP26 a success.

How? By talking about it and openly supporting its objectives which include:

- holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the rise to 1.5 °C.
- stepping up efforts to adapt to the impacts of climate change
- reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- uniting behind a green recovery from coronavirus, which creates sustainable jobs and addresses the urgent and linked challenges of public health, climate change and biodiversity loss.

\*COP26 stands for the 26<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to be held since the original Climate Change Conference in Paris at which world leaders committed to a historic agreement to tackle climate change.

*Chris Myers*

## Long Buckby Station

When we moved to Long Buckby in 1983, we were intrigued by tales of excursions organised by Len Ludwick who moved to the village in 1968 to run the Post Office. He had previously been a railway traffic controller and was concerned that the station could close as it was in poor condition. He was instrumental in organising an initial excursion to Brighton, and the fare was £1.13. It was so popular that two trains were needed for 870 passengers. Further excursions included a shopping trip to Petticoat Lane and one to the Isle of Wight. He took the bookings for these and for destinations to places as far away as St. Tropez.

In 1997, the station was seen on television when for the sad occasion of the funeral of Diana Princess of Wales her family used Long Buckby Station for their transport. Over the next few years, several special trains were run to Long Buckby when Althorp was open to the public. Daventry District Council organ-

ised a trip to Brighton in 1999 to commemorate both the millennium and Len Ludwick's day trip to Brighton in 1969.

Long Buckby Station first opened in 1881 and included a brick-built booking office and waiting rooms on both platforms and a goods yard for essentials such as coal. This photo of the station staff taken in the early 1900s included men who would have been needed for the goods yard.



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# St Lawrence Church Long Buckby

## EASTER

### *Celebrating Jesus' Resurrection*

**Maundy Thursday - 1<sup>st</sup> April 7.30pm**

Zoom service live from St Lawrence

ZOOM service ID: 537 030 741 or visit website for a link to join

**Good Friday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2.00pm**

Stations of The Cross Zoom service

ZOOM service ID: 537 030 741 or visit website for a link to join

## **EASTER SUNDAY – 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**St Lawrence Church**

**10.30am – Easter Communion\* (please prebook)**

**4.00 pm – Tea Time Together (for children & families)**

To prebook services at Long Buckby please email:

stlawrencelb@gmail.com or phone 07968 075 465

\*Easter service is also live on Zoom ID: 537 030 741

### **Useful Contacts**

**Long Buckby Medical Practice** Telephone 01327 842360 or call in at the surgery after 08:00 each weekday morning to arrange an appointment with either a doctor or a practice nurse.

Repeat prescriptions can be ordered by phoning 01327 843507 any weekday between 08:30 and 10:30 or 17:30 – 18:00.

**Knights Pharmacy** Phone 01327 842210

**Long Buckby Angels**

[longbuckbyangels@gmail.com](mailto:longbuckbyangels@gmail.com) or call us on 07594 316370

**Police Telephone:** 101 and ask for **Daventry Rural South Safer Community Team**. To **contact** your local **policing** team about concerns in your neighbourhood, please email [NeighbourhoodTeamDaventry@northants.police.uk](mailto:NeighbourhoodTeamDaventry@northants.police.uk)

**Daventry Volunteer Centre (DVC) -**

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

Tel: 01327 300614 or Mob: 07793 011491

## **Easter Trails.**

**Long Buckby Churches Together.**

**March 29th - April 11th**

2 Trails this time!

For details of how to join in, see church websites:

[stlawrences.org.uk](http://stlawrences.org.uk)

[longbuckbybaptist.org.uk](http://longbuckbybaptist.org.uk)

[longbuckbyurc.org.uk](http://longbuckbyurc.org.uk)



## Elation Community Choir Update

Well it's been over a year since we've been able to sing together and we're all missing our weekly choir practice.

In order to keep in touch we've had several quiz nights followed by a sing song over Zoom. It will never replace our much loved choir practice and concerts but it's a good way to stay connected.

Very much looking forward to when we can get together again, hopefully later this year.

Our next quiz and sing night for choir members is April 19th at 7.30pm. Looking forward to seeing more of our members virtually if possible.

Look out for advertisement of a start date later this year which will be on Facebook and here in The Bugle.

[www.elationcommunityvoices.com](http://www.elationcommunityvoices.com)

## Long Buckby Station

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Until 1922, the line running through Long Buckby was run by the London and North Western Railway. The London, Midland and Scottish Railway (LMS) took over in 1923. The booking office was demolished in the mid-1980s. After nationalisation of the railways, British Rail ran the line and the station from 1948 to 1997. Rail services have been run by private companies since.

Dave Barron, the booking clerk at Long Buckby Station retired at the end of 2020. It's good news that management of London Northwestern Railways, the current operators, have been manning the station office as usual.

*Sue Myers, with thanks to Long Buckby History Society*

## Unitary Authority Elections May 6th 2021

Elections to the new West Northamptonshire Council are taking place on May 6th. This Council replaces the existing district, borough and county councils and will have 93 councillors.

If you don't already vote by post, you are encouraged to apply for a postal vote as early as possible ahead of the deadline of 5pm on 20 April. Those wishing to vote by proxy can do this now before the deadline of 5pm on 27 April.

Residents can also cast their votes safely during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, with a range of Covid-safe measures being planned for polling stations.

On Polling Day residents will also be able to cast votes for the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

Anyone who is not yet registered to vote must do so by Monday, 19 April in order to take part in this spring's elections.

To apply for a postal or proxy vote, you should email [electoralservices@daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@daventrydc.gov.uk) or call 01327 871100. They will also answer other enquiries relating to voting in the election.

## Parking on Pavements

A reader contacted us to express her concern about parking on pavements. On several occasions, this has proved to be a real obstacle for a young relative that has to use a wheelchair. She would like to see enforcement of the prohibition of parking on pavements.

## More trees in the autumn!

**Application is underway  
for 12 more trees to be planted  
on Station Road.**

**We have also had a generous donation  
from London Northwestern Railway  
to improve the area near the Station.**



Crab apple, *Malus sylvestris*  
Field maple, *Acer campestre* Louisa Redshine  
Mountain Ash, *Sorbus aucuparia* Asplenifolia  
Himalayan Birch, *Betula utilis* jacquemontii  
Grey Alder, *Aldus incana*



For further details contact Maria Summerscale  
[maria.summerscale04@gmail.com](mailto:maria.summerscale04@gmail.com) 07590 255604

## Long Buckby Parish Council March 2021

### Have you ever considered joining the Parish Council?

#### May 2021 Elections

The elections for the Parish Council will take place on 6th May 2021 and the nomination forms are now available from the Clerk or Daventry District Council. The deadline to submit your form is **Thursday 8th April at 4pm.**

You must be willing to fully participate in our monthly meetings, which are held twice monthly (2nd and 4th Mondays) and have time to spare to carry out some duties in between meetings.

For more information please contact:

Sue Porter – Parish Clerk E-mail:

[longbuckbyparishcouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:longbuckbyparishcouncil@yahoo.com) or

Tel No: 01327 301570

#### Dog Fouling Issues

Dog owners in Long Buckby are being reminded to dispose of their dog's waste responsibly.

The 'Bag it and bin it' message aims to remind dog owners that they can dispose of dog waste both in their black household waste bins as well as in any available litter bin – and that waste should never be left behind. Lots of our residents enjoy keeping a dog and most of them accept that responsible ownership includes the chore of cleaning up after them. However, we've all seen occasions when people either don't clear up at all or bag the waste but leave it hanging on a nearby fence or hedge.

As well as being unsightly this is a nuisance for other residents and can be a significant health hazard because dog waste can carry diseases, which can lead to serious illness, including blindness.

So, this message aims to remind people that they must clear up after their dog, ideally by taking waste home for disposal in their black bin or by disposing of it in any nearby litter bin.

Changes to national legislation in recent years dispensed with the need to separate dog waste from other forms of waste.

Anyone walking a dog – whether it is theirs or not – is legally required to clean up after them and failure to do so can lead to a fixed penalty notice and possible prosecution.

**Annual Parish Meeting – Attend virtually on Zoom from the comfort of your own home.**  
**Monday 19th April 2021 - 7:30pm**

The meeting is chaired by the Parish Council Chairman, and we will be receiving reports from the village organisations and charities, and also reporting on the Parish Council's activities over the previous year. This is your chance to air your views and ask questions you may have regarding any parish matters.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86935667716?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86935667716?pwd=NjIxMFFtQ0w1ZGFpb2dBVXNESjRrQT09)

[pwd=NjIxMFFtQ0w1ZGFpb2dBVXNESjRrQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86935667716?pwd=NjIxMFFtQ0w1ZGFpb2dBVXNESjRrQT09)

Meeting ID: 869 3566 7716

Passcode: 328790

## Guide Dogs

### **Guide Dog Guinness Book of Records attempt**

On Wednesday 21st April, Guide Dogs are attempting to break the Guinness Book of Records for the number of people enjoying a cup of tea at any one time. The event is happening between 3pm and 4pm and you can take part by uploading a selfie of yourself with your cup of tea. Just click on <http://bit.ly/360nKgu> and click 'going' and you will be given instructions on how to take part. You can also donate on the Facebook Page.

Please help us raise as much awareness as we can about how Guide Dogs change people's lives.

### **Northampton Guide Dogs Fundraising Virtual Tea Party**

During this past year the group have been unable to raise funds, in fact Frank and I always hold our Coffee morning in October and raise about £1000.00 for the Northampton Group but were unable to do so last year.

Northampton Guide Dogs Group are holding a Virtual Tea Party and Quiz On Saturday 24th April at 4.00pm on Zoom to try to raise funds and generally bring people together. If you would like to take part (cost £5.00) and support us please email [northamptonguidedogs@gmail.com](mailto:northamptonguidedogs@gmail.com) for all the details including the Zoom login link.

There is also a Justgiving page for this event

<http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Northampton-Guide-Dogs> if you would like to make a donation.



## Buckby Library & Hub

Buckby Library & Hub expects to reopen on Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> unless the Government says otherwise. We will be open for browsing, computer use and bus pass applications at the following times: 10-1 and 2-5 on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10-12 on Saturdays. We may need to restrict the bus pass offer to afternoons or by appointment. Please keep checking our website or notice board for further information.

The Winter Well-being Fund of Northamptonshire Community Foundation (NCF), which kindly funded tables, chairs and a mobile counter for Buckby Library & Hub, also organise an annual Winter Well-being Appeal. This appeal is to raise money for local community groups whose activities protect and help older and vulnerable people over the winter months. The appeal asks people who receive the winter fuel payment, and can afford to do so, to think about giving some or all of it, or a donation, in support of the scheme.

This year, an appeal supporter suggested asking for donations of knitted fingerless gloves, and thirty pairs have now been sent to Long Buckby Angels for distribution. Thank you NCF Winter Well-being Appeal!

### Refreshments Volunteer

Do you have experience in catering?

Buckby Library & Hub needs someone to lead on restarting our light refreshments for visitors. We hope to begin again in the rear garden from mid-April and inside again from mid-May.

Supported by the Buckby Library & Hub team, we need someone to obtain supplies, ensure we follow our food hygiene policy and procedures, and induct volunteers as needed.

Please contact us on [info@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:info@buckbylibraryhub.org) if you are interested – we would love to hear from you.

## Climate Change Grant for Cotton End Park

We were proud to be awarded a Climate Change Grant by Daventry District Council in March, for the creation of a vernal meadow in the wildlife area of the park. This is a meadow that floods in the winter, and dries out in the spring and summer, supporting a rich and varied flora, and associated insect life. This habitat has become increasingly rare in the county and it will also help with managing water levels in the park.

As a result of the grant, Nick Roberts and a group of trusted volunteers (otherwise known as 'The Boys and Their Toys') created a scrape and drainage channel to the left of the viewing platform. We will plant 300 wildflower plugs there, comprising twelve different varieties, at the end of March. As the site dries out, we look forward to a stunning display of wildflowers. Our thanks to Daventry District Council for their generous grant, which made this project possible.

In other news, we have planted five Sakura Cherry Trees. We are part of a project that aims to foster UK-Japanese co-operation and friendship by planting over five thousand cherry trees in the UK

from Autumn 2020. 'The cherry trees should form a lovely avenue in the Spring. In addition, all the fruit trees in the Community Orchard have been pruned, except the plum and cherry trees, which will be pruned after flowering.

Don't forget our Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday, 11am – 3pm!  
Cost of entry: £2 per child, which will go towards our Zipwire Appeal. It should be a lot of fun!

*Daniel Tabor*



*Digging the Ditch*

## Long Buckby Darby & Joan Club

Following on from Boris's announcement, we are pleased to say that we will have our first meeting on **Tuesday 29th June at 2.30pm at the Community Centre**. At this point we will be able to meet with **NO RESTRICTIONS** but of course if members still want to wear a mask then they can.

It will so lovely to see you all again and our first meeting will just be cup of tea and a chat.

All this depends on the government announcements, we just have to hope that we are at the start of life as normal.

Long Buckby Darby & Joan Club always makes new members welcome, so if you are new to the village and over 60 then please come along to a meeting. We will meet on alternate Tuesday afternoons from 29th June and will have a full programme of events once we are able to organise them.

For more detail please contact Chris Berry 01327 843307 or [berry-christine@sky.com](mailto:berry-christine@sky.com)

## **Long Buckby & Brington Baptist Church**

You are very welcome to join us for our Sunday service at 10:45 on Zoom every week; the meeting ID is 875 4679 3464 and the passcode is 169 955. Please check our website or Facebook page for news of when we are back in the church building in Market Square.

Life is tough for many people at the moment so as Easter approaches we are sharing a letter of encouragement and hope with every home in the village. Do look out for it and please get in touch if you would like us to talk with you, or to pray for you.

Website: [www.longbuckbybaptist.org.uk](http://www.longbuckbybaptist.org.uk)

Facebook: [@long.buckby.baptist.church](https://www.facebook.com/long.buckby.baptist.church)

Tel: [07823 494742](tel:07823494742)

## **Long Buckby WI**

We are still holding meetings on Zoom for the next few months until we are able to meet again, hopefully in the very near future.

The WI has been meeting in Long Buckby for 99 years, and we start our centenary year with a meeting on Wednesday 14 April @ 7.30 pm and our guest speaker is The Taxi Driver Poet - James Haddow; for more than 16 years he wrote and recited poetry to his passengers, entertaining them with his rhymes on life and love as he drove them around rural Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire . Having retired in 2013, he now spends his time reliving his journeys and encounters along the way.

We welcome online visitors and if you would like to participate in our Zoom session please contact [lbwi1922@outlook.com](mailto:lbwi1922@outlook.com) for a link to the meeting. Looking forward to when we can all meet up again soon. In the meantime, keep safe and well!

**WEA** <https://www.wea.org.uk>

Adult Learning Within Reach

The Long Buckby branch of the WEA is still active online. We will have another course in the autumn on:

**The Collapse of the USSR through Witness's Eyes: its Causes and Aftermath**

Meanwhile, the WEA has lots of interesting lectures and short courses online to keep your mind active. Just follow the above link.

WEA is a registered Charity: no 1112775

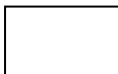
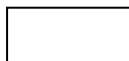
## **Quiz**

- Who has combined driving a taxi with writing poetry?
- Who are "The Boys and their Toys"?
- Who is trying to break the Guinness Book of Records for the number of people enjoying a cup of tea at any one time?
- What is the name of the Clerk of Long Buckby Parish Council?
- Which helpful organisation can you contact on 01327 300614 ?
- Who organised rail excursions from Long Buckby to Brighton and other destinations about 50 years ago?
- Where is an international Climate Change Conference to be held in November?
- Which community group is often referred to as ECV?
- What is the name given to the day before Good Friday?
- On May 6th, elections are due for the Parish Council, for the West Northamptonshire Council and for .....?



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Hello to all our friends and the Long Buckby Community...well what a year it has been! We cannot believe that it has been over a year since we took Enhance Fitness online and became Digital! So many of you jumped on board with us and have enjoyed our fitness classes (now over 1000), motivational talks, challenges and more.... The mental health benefit has been overwhelming and we are proud of what we have achieved with you all. The world is ever changing and from 29<sup>th</sup> March we can bring back Boot Camps/outside classes for up to 29 people, with social distancing restrictions. To that end we will be trialling a Boot Camp session at Cotton End Park on 21<sup>st</sup> April at 18:00, booking essential as we will restrict numbers. A paid course will follow, dependent on numbers. See ad for booking details.

We are staying online but plan to evolve the business as the rules change. If you would like more info.. re online classes please call Jane Tress 07738 907283 or email [jane.tress@hotmail.com](mailto:jane.tress@hotmail.com)

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