

ESCAPE TO MIDDLE BUCKDEN!

After several years in the depths of Lower Buckden, upwardly mobile Ted Salmon has moved to a delightful cottage in Middle Buckden, where he can now regularly be heard rehearsing evangelical hymns. He graciously granted this short interview on the understanding that any commercial proceeds should benefit the Buckden Lifeboat Fund, which stubbornly remains £24,975 short of its original £25,000 target.



TN: Mr Salmon, I'd like to be the last to welcome you to Middle Buckden. You must feel very proud to have taken this momentous step

TS: No, I'd be proud if I lived in Preston. Here I just feel middling.

TN: Indeed, but has the climate difference to Lower Buckden hit home yet?

TS: Yes, we have had pretty frosty reception so far.

TN: Perhaps that will change when you bring to Middle Buckden for the first time the coveted Christmas Lights Competition award (domestic-flashing-colour category). I do presume that we can at least rely on you for that.

TS: Stranger things have happened.

TN: You are of course better known as 'The Sheriff'. You must have plans for improvements now that you are in charge here.

TS: Other than a Starbucks and a Tesco Express to be sited just to the south of your house; not immediately, or at least not until the road widening scheme is complete.

TN: Doesn't it worry you that the convention here is to drive in the middle of the road?

TS: Not a bit. I always drive that way.

TN: And what about politics. Have you any thoughts about the Big Society?

TS: Not really, I've never been approached about joining the Masonic Lodge.

TN: And finally, as you will know the good people of Middle Buckden have been unwilling to join the new cycling phenomenon that is the Buckden Wheelers. Where do you stand on this?

TS: With my Sheriff's hat on, and badge, and trousers, then I have to agree we must be careful about getting involved in a sport where "stabilizers" is code for banned substances. I personally will not be joining in a drug-fuelled race for a bacon sarnie at Burnsall. I may get around to preaching about that when I've got on top of the hymns.

TN: Thank you so much for your valuable time. Would you kindly convey our readers' best wishes to your long-suffering wife Margaret and to everyone's best friend Zac.

TS: Bless you!