



# Buckland & Chipping

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## Summer Event at St Andrew's Church, Buckland

There will be a Summer Event for all residents, of all ages, at St Andrew's from 1pm on Sunday 26th July.

There will be country style games beside the church - Skittles, Horseshoe Throwing, hoopla, etc - come and try your skills.

We will set up a BBQ for you to cook your delights, and there will be a "Plant & Book Exchange Stall" so you can bring along anything you like and go home with something you want.

Inside the Church there will be a concert performed mainly by fellow local residents - Paul the church organist will be playing a range of music, there will be a jazz band, an acoustic guitarist, and a solo tenor - all performing for your pleasure. Children will be able to make brass rubbings and you will be able to climb to the Bell Tower.

Also in the church we will be displaying the entries in the "Village Life 2009" photographic competition and presenting a framed print to the winner, plus the silver "Contest Plate". Prints must be sent to Jeff Jones, Brook Cottage, Chipping, SG9 0PG, digital entries can be sent to [studio@jeffjonesphotos.com](mailto:studio@jeffjonesphotos.com)

Everything will be FREE, so this is your opportunity to visit the church and see the refurbishment work which has been undertaken in the last 12 months. Please park cars on the Common beside the pond, there will be space for Disabled Parking beside the church.

## Report of meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

**Annual Parish Meeting** - A meeting of the electorate, not the Parish Council. Four members of the public were present and County Councillor Jane Pitman. The Chairman gave an overview of the past year, which included two village social events, the installation of two bus shelters and the refurbishment of St Andrew's Church to provide a meeting place for villagers. The Chairman also noted the sad loss of several long standing local residents.

**Annual Council Meeting** - Councillor Jeff Kenyon was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council with Councillor Daniel Hall continuing to support him as Deputy Chairman.

**Council Meeting** - Chipping Bridge almost completed although there are some issues with sight lines. The Barkway Road has been surfaced dressed. Work to St Andrew's Church now completed with new lighting, portable heating, ventilation and floor levelling being undertaken. The Parish Council has obtained a grant for new tables and chairs.

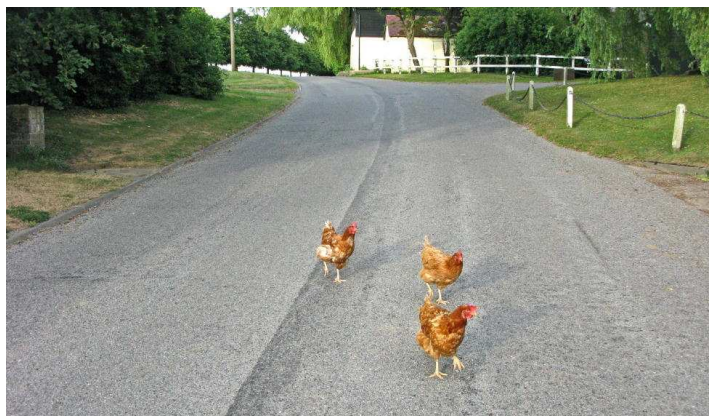
Planning permission has been granted to Anstey Quarry to extend the time limit for extraction. The permission does not permit the use of the Barkway Road for access to the A10 from the quarry.

The issue of land ownership is still ongoing adjacent to Royal Oak Close, although Herts Highways have removed the unauthorised fencing.

The communication equipment has been removed from the village telephone kiosks, documents are expected shortly confirming the adoption of the kiosks by the Parish Council.

A Summer Concert is planned for July 2009 ... see above. A village photography competition will be held.

See the notice on the concert attached. Please come along and support the Village Day. It is always good to see the residents doing something together. It will also be an opportunity for those who have not already seen them, to see the improvements in the Church. *Ed*



A10 junction where it is proposed to have 100 lorry movements a day.

## Barkway Golf Club new Planning Application

We have received a re-submitted planning application for the proposed 3-hole Golf Academy at Barkway Golf Club. The application proposes transporting landfill from the London Olympics construction site to Barkway. The previous application was withdrawn amidst much local opposition and controversy. **Very worryingly, this time the proposed route is via the A10 through Chipping and Buckland and along the Barkway Road, involving 100 lorry movements** (50 each way) per day. This has been reduced from 200 in the last application, but is still a great many.

When considering the last Application, Herts County Council officers and members appeared to share our concerns about the unsuitability of the Barkway Road for this type of traffic. Barkway road was recently deemed an unsuitable route for the transport of the heavy lorries involved in the expansion of Anstey Quarry, (see Council notes) so it follows that the lane is unsuitable for the Golf Club application as well.

We must fight to protect the A10 through Buckland and Chipping villages, plus the country lane from Buckland to Barkway all over again!

This of course will have serious implications for Buckland & Chipping Parish Council and will be discussed at our next Parish Council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July at St Andrews Church. Please join us for this discussion.

You may want to wait until after the meeting to write in protest, but if you want to act now, send your letter to **Iain Leech**, Herts CC County Development Unit County Hall Hertford SG13 8DN or email him at [cdu@hertsc.gov.uk](mailto:cdu@hertsc.gov.uk).

If possible, send copies to Oliver Heald MP, Jane Pittman County Councillor, District Cllrs Stan Bull and John Warren East Herts DC, and to Jill Jones B&C PC Clerk. Contact details overleaf.

*Cllrs J Jones & Mrs B Little*

Contact details for protest letters:

**Oliver Heald**, House of Commons, London, SW1A 1AA.

**Cllr Jane Pitman OBE**, Penny Cottage, Albury, Ware, SG11 2LX.

**Cllr John Warren**, The Manor House Buntingford, SG9 0PG.

**Cllr Stan Bull**, East Herts DC, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford,



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### Chipping Bridge

Chipping Bridge has finally been finished. Workmen have been back at various times but it seems to have finally been completed.

I don't think it looks too bad at all. When it has weathered it will be hopefully fairly unobtrusive. But at least motorists cannot say "is there a bridge in Chipping anymore?"

It is unfortunate that it takes up pavement space on both sides as I understand that it has affected even more, the sight lines for exiting Brookside. However, the work was completed without too much disruption to the area and amazingly, it was completed within the time frame!

It may have been a small venture in Herts Highways' terms, but it was a big civil engineering operation for Chipping.

Several people told me that if we painted our side of the parapet with yogurt, algae would grow much quicker. I have done that with some out of date yogurt I found in the fridge and nothing has happened!!!! Perhaps, like the railways, it was the wrong sort of yogurt!!! Ed

### Date of next Council Meeting

**6th July 7.30pm**

**at St Andrew's Church Buckland**

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**Daniel Hall**, Roadside Cottage, Buckland

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Please contact a councillor if you would like a lift to any council meetings.

The agendas for the meetings will be found on both village notice boards. It means walking to them, but that is how information is posted.

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The New Chipping Bridge



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I am fully insured, police checked and have grown up with dogs all my life. Holly, our beautiful golden Labrador puppy, now 9 months old, loves to play with new friends.

Rest assured that your dog will have at least two long walks a day either at the heath nearby to our home, or in the fields surrounding our village. We also utilise on a daily basis our local village recreation ground and play ball games there.

Should you require any further details please do not hesitate to call Amanda Bishop on 07903806750