



# Buckland & Chipping

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## 10th May, 2010 St Andrew's Church, commencing at 7.30pm

It's the most important evening of the year, you get 3 meetings in one... The Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and then the Parish Council Meeting. Slightly confused? Well, the first Meeting is to report upon what has happened in the Parish during the last year and to give you, the residents, an opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions on what has happened in the last 12 months, and what might take place in the next 12 months. The Annual Parish Council allows the P.C. to report on what it has done since May 2009, to elect a Chairman for 2010/11, and to answer any questions and comments from the audience. Finally there will be a normal Parish Council Meeting to deal with the regular items such as planning applications and finance.

As local residents, this is your chance to see democracy in action and to make your comments to your local representatives, please don't miss these meetings which are very important to all in Buckland and Chipping. I look forward to seeing you at St Andrew's on the 10th May. Jeff Kenyon

## Report from the last Council Meeting

The Chairman said the council was hoping to enter a full team for the East Herts charity quiz on March 19<sup>th</sup>. He had attended a meeting in Buntingford where representatives of the police, fire brigades and East Herts Council had updated Town and Parish councillors.

It was agreed that Councillors Hall and Jones would contact advertisers in the Diary to see if they would be interested in advertising in the newsletter.

The chairman had attended a meeting between Parish and Town Councillors and the Highway Authority & District and County Councillors. The county has received £6 million emergency aid for potholes after the winter. The speed limit on Barkway Road was raised. The clerk was asked to write again to Herts Highways, pointing out that 3 of the 4 criteria are fulfilled and that £7000 was a small amount of money if lives would be saved. Villagers were to be encouraged to write to Herts Highway in support of the council's position.

A planning application had been received in from 23 Hillview Buckland. After discussion the council agreed 1. This was a clear case of overdevelopment. 2. The proposed building would not be aesthetically pleasing. 3. It would have a detrimental effect on the street scene.

After complaints from some villagers, Cllr Hall reported that he had spread sand and gravel around the northbound bus shelter in Buckland. There was still further work to be done when the weather improves on the step to the shelter. The clerk said that no further letter had been received regarding the southbound Chipping bus shelter. There were reports of a further site meeting having been held. The clerk was instructed to write to Herts Highways enclosing a copy of the letter received on the 31/03/08, in which no problems were revealed.

The broken glass would be fixed and cleaned in the Buckland telephone kiosk. Work would then be done to turn this into a village information site. Cllr Hall is to ask BT for key to replace the light in the Chipping kiosk. Once this had been refurbished, the plaque *In Memory of Mrs Jean Zabel, a Chipping Resident who died December 2008* could be installed.

Councillors Hall and Little had examined a set of proposed bylaws for the Parish's Common Land. The Chairman said that there was already interest in a Midsummer Village Event in late June. (see later)

Cllr Jones had attended a meeting on emergency planning. He was sure that villages such as ours did have a part to play in the event of an emergency in our parishes. He **agreed** to complete the list of contacts and facilities available in the village and forward them to the Emergency Planning Dept at Herts County Council.

The pile of wood and saplings on Buckland Common was

discussed. Cllr Little said that this would be burned as soon as the weather was suitable. (*This has now been done*) The next Meeting is on May 10<sup>th</sup> as above. (May 3rd is a Bank Holiday)



The Parish Team who entered the East Herts Quiz. "Out of the Jaws of Victory, we snatched defeat!!" At one point we were winning!

## Barkway Church Bell Ringers are looking for new recruits.



No experience is necessary and no musical talent or level of fitness is required.

We are a small, but enthusiastic band who practise every Monday evening from 7.45pm to 9.00pm. We range from beginners to experienced ringers and newcomers are made very welcome. Full on hand training and support is given throughout.

We welcome all ages but under 18's will need to be accompanied by an parent/guardian to comply with child protection requirements.

Please contact Richard Atkins on 01763 848 477 or e-mail [ratki5@hotmail.com](mailto:ratki5@hotmail.com) for more information. You can also visit our website [www.barkwaybells.org](http://www.barkwaybells.org)

## St Andrews Church

There will be a service at St Andrew's on 30th May It will be a United Benefice Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. Anyone who would like to help clean the church, or do some flowers, the

## Buntingford U3A

Membership is open to anyone semi retired or retired. We welcome visitors to any group or the monthly meeting, For more information phone Jean Devenish 01763 271783 or Christine Jeffries on 01763 273466.

The next monthly meeting is Mon May 7th at 2pm at the Seth Ward Centre when there is a talk on "Witchcraft in Hertfordshire" by Tom Doig.