



Buckland & Chipping

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Comic relief coffee and cake morning

Many thanks for those who attended the coffee, cake and chitty-chat morning at my house in March. Not only did you attend, you also donated some fabulous cakes which were enjoyed very much, particularly by Chris who just **had** to sample them all.

The quiz sheets caused a lot of discussion and friendly sharing of answers, commonly known as cheating! If you would like the answers, send me an email and I'll forward you the sheet.

Due to everyone's generosity we raised £110 which has been sent to help worthy causes as seen on TV. A special thanks to Sue who gave up her morning and more to help out. *Teresa Harrington*

Summer event

At the end of the Jubilee party last year many of you said how much you enjoyed the day and would like to do something similar again, how about a barn dance you said? Well okay then...

The first weekend of June is the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen's Coronation. We plan to commemorate the event and would like to continue the celebrations with a Ceilidh and hog roast on the Saturday. Information will come to you via leaflets and someone will be door knocking to establish how excited you are by this opportunity! As before, friends and family are welcome to attend.

We look forward to seeing you soon... *Teresa Harrington*

From Buckland & Chipping Clerk

The parish council met in February to discuss the precept. This was reduced for the forthcoming year by £186. With the changes in the tax base and Council Tax benefits, this reduction is unfortunately not shown on the latest council tax bills. The parish council are however, reducing costs where possible.

Planning The planning application for a change of land use from agricultural to mixed use for agriculture and generation of renewable energy (solar) at Wisbridge Farm has been approved - reference 12/02365/1.

Highways Fault call 0300 123 4047 An inspection of the villages has been undertaken and faults will be logged with Herts Highways. Please use the telephone number or the website to log any highways issues: <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/highways/honlineservices/hfr/>



Police Issues

Non Emergency Number: 101 or 01707 354000 (in emergency always call 999)

Vehicles parked on pavements causing an obstruction should be reported to the Police by using the non-emergency number above. More information may be found on web link www.herts.police.uk

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

The parish council are holding their Annual Parish Meeting at St Andrew's Church on Monday, 13th May starting at 7.30pm. This is a meeting for the parish and gives an update of the activities over the past year. This meeting is followed by the Annual Parish Meeting which is a quick meeting to appoint the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year. The last meeting is the Parish Council Meeting where usual business for the council is undertaken...*Caroline Jones Clerk*

District & County Council Elections 2nd May 2013

Don't forget you can cast your vote in the forthcoming District & County Council Elections on 2nd May. The Polling Station, as usual, is The Caravan, Bucklandbury Farm, Buckland and will be open from 7am to 10pm on the day.

There are two elections in our ward for you to vote on:

East Herts Council

Election of a District Councillor for the Buntingford Ward

(Buntingford, Buckland and Chipping, Wyddial)

Candidates

Jeff Jones, Conservative Party
Anthony Martin, Labour Party
Debbie Lemay, Independent

East Herts Council

Election of a County Councillor in the Braughing Electoral Division

Candidates

Rose Cheswright, Conservative Party
Kara Platt, UK Independence Party, UKIP
Debbie Lemay, Independent
Charles Stone, Labour Party
Michael Wood, Liberal Democrats
David Woollcombe, The Green Party

How we access health care services in Herts has changed.

NHS Direct for Herts has gone! It is now 111

The NHS 111 service was introduced to Hertfordshire in September 2012; it will be nationwide across the UK in April 2013. In Hertfordshire this service is also provided by Herts Urgent Care, and the aim is to make patient access to local NHS healthcare services simpler and more straightforward.

The NHS 111 service runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year – ALL CALLS from landlines or mobiles are FREE



when it's less urgent than 999

How does it work?

Calling NHS 111 will put you in contact with a local team of highly trained advisers, supported by experienced clinical staff; all of whom have local health service knowledge

Detailed questions are asked to assess your symptoms, give you the care advice you need, or direct you to the right local service

Where possible the NHS 111 team may book you an appointment with a clinician or transfer you directly to the people you need to speak to

If NHS 111 advisers think you need an ambulance, one will be sent just as quickly as if you had called 999

Why should I use it?

NHS 111 is a fast & easy way to get the right help for a non-urgent medical concern

Using NHS 111 can also help us to free up 999 and A&E Departments, enabling them to focus on emergency cases

Newsletter Editor

Jon and I lived in Chipping for nearly 35 years, many times longer than anywhere else that either of us has lived!

We decided we needed a change after all these years and sold Deerleap, our home for so long. The plan is to move into Buntingford – when we find the perfect house! However, with the current market we have moved temporarily to my father's old flat in St Albans and travel to and fro for our many commitments and social things. Finding the right house will not be easy.

As many of you will appreciate, moving house is not easy and is worse leaving somewhere one has been living for so long. The only good thing about moving is that it concentrates the mind and makes one realise how much rubbish has accumulated over the years!

I have been on the Parish Council for a long time and hope I have helped to contribute to the villages' improvements and successes over that time. I have edited the Newsletter for many years. I cannot actually remember how many editions it has been but 6 a year for probably 15 years and have never missed one!

It has very much improved over the years. I had never edited anything before (or since!) but had just done a computing course at Hertford Regional College and felt ready for anything on the computer!

The Newsletter needs a local editor with an ear to the ground – so it is time I handed over this task to others. I thank all those who have supported the Newsletter by contributing over the years and hope the next editor enjoys and feels as involved in local life as I have. *Marion Ling*

The next Parish Council Meeting
Monday 13th May at 7.30pm
At St Andrew's Church Buckland

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The agendas for the meetings are on both village notice boards.

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