



The RIB



Newsletter for the villages of Buckland and Chipping No.60

Welcome to 'The Rib', the new look Buckland & Chipping village newsletter. After many years as Editor Marion Ling has hung up her biro and as the new editor I'd like to make the first article a huge thanks to Marion for all her splendid efforts through the years. She kept us as well informed and up-to-date as it was possible to be. Thanks again M. Ed.

News From Your District Councillor Jeff Jones



Firstly, could I thank all those that voted for me on 2nd May in the local elections. I was successful with a 222 majority and polled 50% of the vote. As your democratically elected representative I will ensure that the voice and concerns of residents of the Buntingford Ward, which includes Buckland & Chipping, are heard at East Herts District Council. I have been allocated to three committees, Development Management (planning), Licensing and Community Scrutiny, as well as joining the District Plan Committee to represent Buntingford Ward. For those that don't know me, I live in Chipping and have been a Parish Councillor for 10 years including periods as Chair. I am currently involved with Cllr Teresa Harrington in looking at preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. This will form an important document when it is produced. The plan will be a "blueprint and vision" for Buckland & Chipping until 2031 and will form the basis for the future of the Parish. A public launch of the plan is proposed soon and I hope that as many residents as possible will attend and give their views on the future of the Parish. We are looking at joining forces with Buntingford and other surrounding parishes so that the financial implications in producing the plan are minimal.
Cllr Jeff Jones

Community News

Please send us your local news - Anniversaries, Births, Baptisms & whatever else you would like us to celebrate, share or comiserate with you. To begin with a celebration welcome to Buckland to our new neighbours in Habitat in Church Lane. All contributions to Danjameshall@sky.com. Ed.

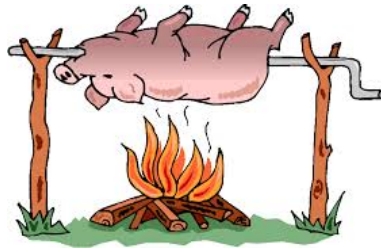
Daws Lane

In mid June a villager had a (very) lucky escape while walking his dog when a huge branch from one of the mature trees in Daws Lane came down just as he passed by and completely blocked the lane itself. The debris has been cleared away but please take care when walking and keep an eye out for any signs of damage and disease in the trees. If you do see anything you think worth noting please let a Parish Councillor know. Contact details are at the end of this newsletter. Ed

Fly-Tipping in Chipping

There have recently been several incidents of fly-tipping (in each case involving not only bags of rubbish but old tyres). The hot spot seems to be the river bed in Chipping and there have been various sightings of vehicles (the last a red van) possibly being involved. We would ask that all villagers keep an eye out for any suspect vehicles/activity to take note of the vehicles involved and report it back to the PC. We can then pass details onto the authorities to investigate if the activity was legitimate or something less community minded. Ed

Summer time Ceilidh and Hog Roast



What a fabulous night! The caller from the ceilidh band encouraged some initially reluctant dancers to the floor, by the end of the night you couldn't keep them off! It was lovely to see so many people giving it a go – it didn't matter if you knew how to do it or not, everyone was happy to help. Young and not so young equally took part. Part time sustenance was supplied by the hog roast. The crackling was apparently 'to die for', the meat tender and plentiful. It certainly went down a treat. Many thanks to those who supported with the leaflets, door knocking, decorating and cleaning the barn. A special thank you to David for generously clearing the working barn ready for us to use, the Town and Parish Council for funding the event and Tesco's for the buns etc. It was great to spend time and dance with so many people. Ideas for next year?? *Teresa Harrington*

Bed Down in Buntingford on Saturday 10th August 2013

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Homelessness in the UK is unfortunately increasing dramatically (by 42% between 2009 and 2011) and on Saturday 10th August 2013, Arise Challenge has arranged a charity event where people of Buntingford will be sponsored to sleep rough for the night. With the assistance of Buntingford Town Council, our aim is to increase public awareness and fundraise for two charities;

SSAFA, who provide lifelong support for our forces and their families. Funds raised will specifically go towards assisting homeless soldiers. www.ssafa.org.uk

Herts Young Homeless (HYH), whose service is open to all homeless 16 – 24 year olds or threatened with homelessness. www.hyh.org.uk.

Support these charities by donating via www.charitygiving.co.uk/beddown or by cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to Arise Challenge.

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You can get a 100% Grant to replace your existing Boiler

As long as you own your own home or you are a tenant living in privately rented accommodation (and have your landlord's permission) you might be eligible for a 100% boiler grant to replace your existing boiler. Find out if you qualify for a free boiler:

PHONE: 0845 459 2823

www.greendealit.com

BEDS & HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST - SPONSORED BIKE'N' HIKE

Saturday 14 Sept 2013 - 1000-1800

Have fun cycling or walking to churches and chapels in your area and at the same time raise funds for the churches trust. You can plan your own route and ask your friends to sponsor you per church visited. There are over 600 churches taking part throughout Beds and Herts and last year the event raised almost £100,000. If you would like more info please contact either Cllr Hall on Danjameshall@sky.com or www.b-n-h.co.uk.

Date of next PC meeting – 15 July 2013, 8pm, St Andrews Church, Buckland

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