

Buckland & Chipping

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Minutes of the Buckland and Chipping parish council meeting number 256 September 1, 2014. (This is a précised version- the full minutes are available on PC website).

There had been two minor crimes reported against property and a spate of fly tipping.

The parish council bank balance is showing a credit in excess of £19,000 and any identified needs should be forwarded or presented at the council meeting for consideration.



The Parish Council has invested in dog waste bins for the two villages. Bins are located on the footpath from A10 Chipping Bridge to Capon Wood (going east), and at the footpath A10 Dawes Lane to the common (going east). It is hoped that if successful further bins may be purchased. Please keep our footpaths clear of dog waste using the bins and bags which are provided on the dog bin hooks. Just take a bag (or two) at the start of your walk and place it in the bin on your return. East Herts Council will empty the bins. These bins are for **dog waste only** and not to be used as a **litterbin**, otherwise they will not be emptied.

The recent resignation of the PC Clerk led to a discussion about the role, legal requirements and responsibilities aligned with the pay and allocated hours for the post it was agreed that the new appointment should reflect these requirements.

The PC chair raised a concern regarding actions agreed at PC Meetings and that they should be applied as far as is practicable.

A letter requesting support in the maintenance of our highways and footpaths is to be sent out. Many of the PC assets, picnic benches, bus stop shelters and noticeboards that require cleaning or repair are being undertaken by PC elected members.

A new salt bin has been ordered for the top of the Whitely Lane.

Recent resignations and change of roles and responsibilities were suggested as attributable to the poor coordination and communication of PC events. It is hoped that better forward planning and a greater participation in shouldering of responsibilities will ensure that future events are well attended and successful. Additionally, investigation is being carried out to see if a web link can be created for residents to sign up to receive PC notices and information electronically, until then the current methods of promulgation will be maintained.

A B&CPC wreath will be laid to commemorate the centenary of the great War in Buntingford as part of the Armistice day parade.



Fireworks and bonfire on Dawes Common, Buckland Saturday, 7pm 8th November. Please place any material for the bonfire on the common (no tyres or plastics). If you want to bring fireworks please give them to the designated firework lighters. BBQ Hot dogs, burgers and soft drinks available at reasonable prices. All residents, their families and friends are invited to attend.

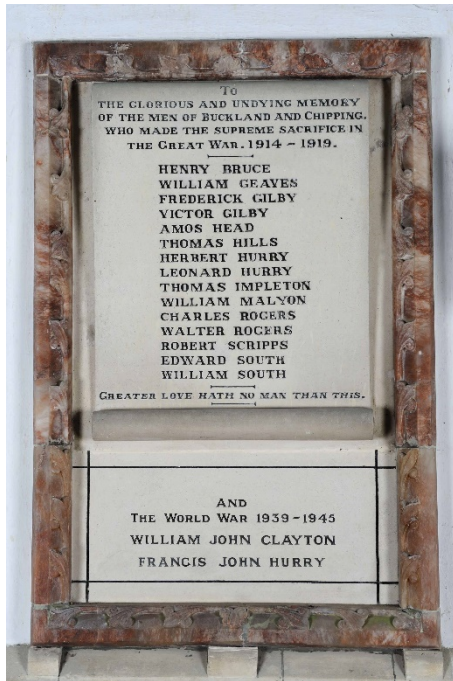
The children's Christmas party at St Andrew's is scheduled for 6th December and will be discussed at the next PC meeting.



The Jubilee sundial has been installed at St Andrews Church.

The next Buckland and Chipping parish council meeting will be at The Manor house, Buntingford on Monday, 3rd November starting at 8 PM.

Please contact a councillor if you would like a lift to any council meetings. The agendas for the meetings are on both village notice boards.



On Sunday 16th November a Commemoration of the Centenary of WW1 will be held at Buckland Church. A specially commissioned metal floor grill will be revealed along with an exhibition of photographs of WW1 memorials in East Hertfordshire and a display of information of our parishes' war dead. A poppy wreath will also be laid at the war grave of Private Robert Scripps buried in St Andrew's Churchyard. The Buntingford British Legion will be in attendance with their standard and bugler. This will also be an opportunity to see the new sundial that has been placed in the churchyard. Please join us for this special ceremony.

Barista's raise the bar



The normally tranquil air of The Square saw many comings and goings on Saturday 28th September. The Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

arrived hosted by Sheila Spearman and Sue Hall. Queens of the cappuccino or maybe ladies of the latte they put on quite a spread along with the coffees and teas- cakes, biscuits and other sweetmeats were available - for a donation to this worthy cause. The net result of their hard work raised a total of **£316.80**. Many congratulations to you both this is a fantastic amount and thank you everyone who supported it.



A right royal spread!

Note from the Editor.

They say that one volunteer is better than 10 pressed men, we shall see! I put myself forward to fill the role of editor I have a lot to live up to. I will do my best to maintain the standard set by Marion (Cllr Ling) over the last 15 years or so. One thing I've noticed already is a huge commitment given by parish councillors and clerks past and present. They donate their time attending the PC meetings, writing letters and making calls on our behalf and contribute a massive physical effort in arranging events and as can be seen from the minutes, fixing repairing and generally putting their shoulder to the wheel to the benefit of all of us in Buckland and Chipping. Although unsought I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude for all they do in making our community such nice place to live.

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