



Buckland & Chipping

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“Spring has Sprung”. It is good to see the snowdrops in full bloom in the villages. Traditionally, the first sign that Spring is here.



Snowdrops *Galanthus nivalis*

The name *Galanthus*, is Greek in its origin and signifies, milk -white- flower. *Nivalis* is a Latin adjective, meaning relating to, or resembling snow.

A legend about the origin of the snowdrop tells us that after being expelled from the Garden of Eden, Eve sat weeping. An angel comforted her. Since autumn, no flowers had bloomed, but snow fell ceaselessly. As the angel talked with Eve, he caught a snowflake in his hand, breathed on it, and it fell to earth as the first snowdrop. The flower bloomed and Hope was born. According to superstitions it is unlucky to bring snowdrops indoors and the sight of a single snowdrop blooming in the garden foretells of impending disaster. It is regarded as an omen of death despite its beauty. It symbolises purity and hope in the language of flowers.

Summer Village Event – Save The Date!

Our summer event this year is planned to be held on **Friday 30th June** at Chipping Hall Farm and the theme is “Ferret Racing” followed by a barn dance. All are welcome and it is in association with the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust.

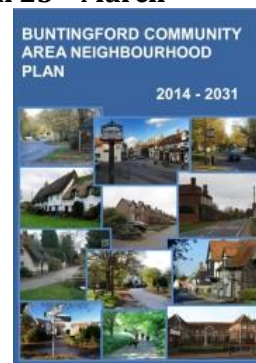
A separate flyer with further information will be distributed nearer the time. Our thanks to Cllr Jason Noy for hosting this event.

Welcome Packs

The Parish Council are compiling a ‘Welcome Pack’ for new residents to our parish. This paper based pack will bridge the gap whilst waiting for internet connection or for those who do not use devices. It will give information on the basics such as where to access health providers, education settings’, to what day the bins are emptied. However, we need every bodies support to ensure that no one is missed when they first arrive in the village. If you are moving out of your current home or if you know of someone new moving in, can you please let one of the Parish Councillors know so that they can ensure a pack is given. Many thanks.

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Referendum 23rd March



No it's not another EU referendum... but your chance to vote on accepting the Neighbourhood Plan that we have been working on for so long! Your Parish Council has been working with other parishes to produce a joint local plan which includes Buntingford, Cottered, Wyddial, Hormead, and Aspenden. You should shortly receive your voting cards in the post. Please make the effort to come out and vote and approve the BCANP that will be an important planning document for housing development in the villages. With a majority of those voting in favour of the plan will ensure that the local plan is adopted. A copy of the plan can be viewed on the Parish Council website. A hard copy is available in The Countryman or from any Parish Councillor.

Milestone 34



You may have noticed that Milestone 34 has been relocated in Buckland on the corner of Whiteley Lane and the A10 close to the notice board. This historic monument is now in a prominent position for all to enjoy and will be maintained by the Parish Council. It was previously located at Bucklandbury Farm for safe keeping after David Hodge retrieved it when works on the A10 meant it may have been lost forever. Once the weather improves the milestone will receive a new lick of paint.

Residents Database

The Parish Council have been discussing how to engage residents in as efficient a way as possible. We would like to be able to email and/or text information and event reminders. Your details would be stored on the computer used exclusively for the Parish Council. If you are happy to be contacted in this way, please can you complete the form and return to a Parish Councillor or post to the clerk.

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<small>Clerk: Colin Marks Tel: 01920 821684</small>	<small>Cedar Beth-El, 17 Park Lane, Puckeridge SG11 1RL email: clerk.bucklandandchippingpc@gmail.com</small>
Residents Details for the Purposes of Information Sharing	
Name:	
Address:	
Email address:	
Mobile / Text number:	
Declaration: I am happy for my details to be stored on the Parish Council computer.	
Signed:	Date:

County Council Elections 4th May 2017



Our Parish Councillor Jeff Jones has been nominated as the Conservative Candidate for Buntingford Division in the County Council Elections on the 4th May. To date we have no information on the other candidates. No doubt Jeff will be knocking on your door soon seeking your support.

Parish Council Vacancy

If you are interested in filling the vacancy on the PC, please contact The Clerk.

Date of next PC Meeting;

Next PC meeting: **7.30pm Monday 13th March**, The Manor House, Buntingford.

Please note earlier start time 7.30pm for all PC meetings

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