



Buckland & Chipping

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2023 Season's Greetings!

Well, another year has flown by and what a busy one it has been. We started the year with a national celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III. For most of us that is the first time of seeing such a historical event. As we rolled into summer, we got behind the Lionesses as they did the country proud by reaching the Women's World Cup final. We have seen another strange year in the weather. Floods followed by a 38-degree heat wave in September! Keeping the same Prime Minister for a whole year was a novelty, but we did get a Cost-of-living crisis. I think we all could all do with a holiday.

Village life has been reflected in the years events with the Celebration of the Coronation, a fantastic Harvest Fayre in a September heat Wave, our first Pimm's evening and our first Breast Cancer fundraiser tea party. We had regular organized Rambles and of course the wonderful Bonfire Fireworks night heralding the arrival of Winter. We brought the year to a close when we gathered at the Church to remember the fallen in November and was there again on 9th December to have our Christmas Carol service.

It's all made for a busy year at the Parish Council, but we couldn't have managed without the support of the Villagers with your time, The organizing committees, the volunteering of your time and for those of you who made the events worthwhile by simply turning up on the day to bring the community together. A thank you to everyone.

We all wish you a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year! See you all next year.

Bonfire Report

It was such a shame last year when our annual Bonfire Party had to be cancelled, so it was fantastic to hold the event in all its glory once again. All the usual elements were there to enjoy with a huge bonfire, Fireworks a BBQ and Pumpkin carving competition. Well done to everyone who helped and thank you all for coming. The contributions tin at the BBQ raised £42.82 for The Isobel Hospice.



Defibrillator Warning



We regret to inform you that the Buckland defibrillator is currently NOT working. We are trying to get this rectified, but we should consider it out of service until further notice. The Chipping defibrillator is the nearest alternative.

Mulled Wine Evening

We are holding a Mulled wine Evening by the bonfire on January 20th at 4pm we will also have mince pies and hot chocolate for you to enjoy in aid of The Isobel Hospice and Summer event 2024

Field Margins

Now that it is Midwinter, it would be nice to remind ourselves of some of the lovely summer views which we enjoyed. Many of us noticed the wider verges around some of the fields. "Making room for Nature " is a growing ideal which many farmers are embracing. These areas are for wildlife to thrive in our rather monoculture landscape. Spraying is reduced and we can enjoy all the flowers. Well Done, Farmers!



The Remembrance Service

Every year we have a small service at St Andrews to remember the 17 Villagers from Buckland and Chipping who fell in WW1 and WW2. On a cold clear morning with only the sound of birdsong drifting into a sunny Church, a wreath was placed on the memorial at 11am. 105 years after the guns fell silent on the battlefields of WW1.



The Countryman Tea Rooms

I am sure we are all pleased to see the Countryman re open again this month in its new guise of a Tea Room. Open on Saturdays and Sundays only, catering for all our Teas, cakes, coffees, and fancy delights. Let's all make a point of supporting Brian and Lorraine with keeping this building in use and at the heart of the community.



The next ordinary Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.30pm, Monday 8th January 2024, Manor House, Buntingford. Any resident of the Parish is welcome to attend as an observer.

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