



Buckland & Chipping

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

Bonfire Evening

We would like to thank Susanne Liddel (née Hodge) for her generous donation towards the fireworks and also HCCllr Terry Smith for the grant from his locality budget.



It was a perfect evening weatherwise, the bonfire went well and the fireworks were as splendid as usual.

Just like to thank all the helpers on the night, without whom none of this would happen.

Remembrance Day

Cllr Jeff Kenyon laid a wreath at the War Memorial in St Andrew's Church at 11 o'clock on Remembrance Day, and there was a 2 minute silence in respect of those who gave their lives in service to the nation.

Carol Service

All residents of Buckland and Chipping are warmly invited to St Andrew's Church Buckland's carol service on Saturday 20th December at 1pm.

We look forward to welcoming you to the service to join together in singing favourite carols, listening to readings and simply coming together to celebrate the glad tidings of this special time of

year. (We are not having a late afternoon carol service for this year to give us adequate time to undertake and put in appropriate risk assessments for both church and churchyard so a service can safely take place at St Andrew's when it is dark.)
Rev Mark Bridgen.

Community Defibrillator & CPR Awareness Training

If you are interested in the Parish Council organising a FREE local training session for the use of the defibrillators and general CPR, please contact the Clerk, clerk@bucklandandchipping-pc.gov.uk

Albury School

There is a consultation on the proposal to close Albury C of E Primary School. Due to a steady decrease in pupil numbers. Details of the consideration of these options considered can be viewed online at:

hertfordshire.gov.uk/AlburyCEConsultation

Litter bins

There has been a spate of general household refuse being left in our village litter bins. Residents are reminded that such litter should be placed in their domestic bins. For more information on what you are allowed to put in each bin please visit <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/bins-waste-and-recycling/bins-waste-and-recycling-charges/refuse-bins>

Gritting Bins

You will know the yellow bins in the villages will be filled with gritting salt very shortly. This is for the use on the roads and public pathways and not in individuals' drives etc.

Welcome to our new Councillor Mark Seymour

My professional life has been in education. A first teaching post in Tunbridge Wells led to a move to Haileybury in 1979, where I spent 21 years teaching History and coaching rugby, football and, principally, cricket. In 2000, I was appointed to head a school in Scotland and that was followed by two more headships in Northants and, most recently, back in Hertfordshire. I retired in 2020 and am tutoring trainee teachers via the University of Buckingham – still in education. I remain passionate about cricket and sport in general, I am also enjoying more time to read! My wife, Andrea, and I have three children and a 3-year-old black labrador – Shadow – who is more of a unit than his name implies, though very friendly and approachable.

Summary of November Parish Council meeting

As you can see above we co-opted Mark Seymour to be a councillor. The 2026-27 budget was discussed and will be revisited in the January 2026 meeting.

It was brought to the council's attention, if the public see illegal activity on surrounding fields by vehicles and persons, please call 999 immediately as hare coursing is reappearing in this area.



The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 5th January 2026 at The Manor House in Buntingford. All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend.

There are vacancies for two Parish Councillors, please contact the Clerk if you are interested and would like to receive more details.

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