



Buckland & Chipping

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VE Day 80 – Thursday 8th May 2025 – A Shared Moment of Celebration

Victory in Europe Day is the day we remember the formal acceptance by the World War II coalition of [Allies of Germany's unconditional surrender](#), on Tuesday 8 May 1945 and the official end of all German military operations.

On Thursday 8 May 2025, we will be marking the historic 80th anniversary of VE Day. We will come together to mark the passing of 80 years since the end of World War II in Europe. It is estimated that between 15 and 20 million people died in Europe alone during the war.

VE Day 80 is not only a tribute to those who fought for the freedom we all enjoy today, but also an opportunity to reflect on and be grateful for the peace and the unity that the UK and Europe have, for the most part, enjoyed since then. Everyone is encouraged to be involved in this anniversary. Nationally, the aim is to have a day of joy, celebration and reflection. It gives us an opportunity as a nation to reaffirm our commitment to world peace, and help younger generations to understand and cherish its value.

At 9am Town Criers in towns around the country will call out the VE Day Proclamation as VE Day 80 flags are raised. At midday pipers will play a tune written especially for the occasion entitled 'Celebratum' from the top of each of the highest peaks in the United Kingdom's four nations.

At 6.30pm, bells in cathedrals and churches will ring out in unison around the country. And at 9.30pm over a thousand beacons will be lit, their light representing the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of war.

Please do come and join us for the lighting of the beacon on Buckland Common (just to the east of St Andrew's Church) at 9.30pm on Thursday 8 May 2025. Complimentary refreshments will be available from 8pm.

"Together, we honour the past and celebrate a future built on unity, hope, love and peace".

We look forward to seeing you.



Summary of March Parish Council meeting

The Parish Council last met on Monday 3rd March 2025. The minutes from the meeting can be found on the Parish website: www.bucklandandchipping.org.uk

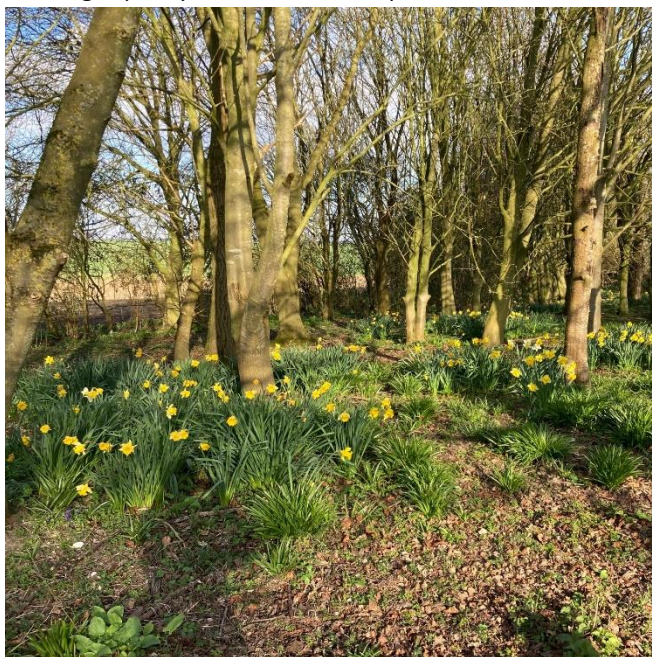
District Councillor Woollcombe joined us and reported on the reorganisation of the council with the likelihood of 3 unitary councils within Hertfordshire as well as the District Plan for housing and consideration of solar panel placement. More information can be seen at www.eastherts.gov.uk and a copy of the District Councillor report can be found on our website www.bucklandandchipping.org.uk in the March 2025 meeting folder.



Solar Together launches in Hertfordshire - offering residents affordable renewable energy sources

Residents of Hertfordshire are coming together to invest in renewable energy sources through a group-buying scheme

for solar panels and battery storage. [Solar Together](#) helps homeowners feel confident they are paying the right price for a high-quality installation from qualified installers.



East Hertfordshire residents can join the group-buying scheme, which offers solar panels with optional battery storage and EV charge points, as well as retrofit battery storage for residents who have already invested in solar panels and are looking to get more from the renewable energy they generate.

It's free to register at solartogether.co.uk, and there is no obligation to go ahead with an installation. This scheme is in partnership with [iChoosr](#), experts in sustainable energy transition, to make the transition to clean energy as cost-effective and hassle-free as possible.

Cllr Tim Hoskin, member for environmental sustainability said: "As part of our aims to make East Herts greener and more sustainable, schemes like this are great for residents who have considered solar energy, but it has previously been inaccessible to them."

Vacancies for two Parish Councillors

Would you like to get things done and contribute to the well-being of the community? Buckland and Chipping Parish Council has up to six local people of varied ages, genders and backgrounds who share a common enthusiasm to improve the Buckland and Chipping community. The role of a Councillor is very wide-ranging, from discussing planning applications and organising village events, to improving health and well-being and lobbying on local issues. Councillors receive no payment for their time.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To be a Councillor you must be:

- British or a citizen of the Commonwealth.
- Aged 18 years or over.
- In one of the following categories:
 - a) appear on the Electoral Register for the parish,
 - b) have lived in (or within 3 miles of) the parish for at least a year.
 - c) have had your main place of work within the parish for at least a year.

If you would like more information check out www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor and please feel free to come along to observe the next Council meeting on Monday 12th May 2025 or contact existing Councillors for an informal chat, see details below.

An Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7pm, Monday 12th May, St Andrew's Church, Buckland followed by:
The Annual Parish Council meeting taking place at 7.30pm on Monday 12th May, St Andrew's Church, Buckland. All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend.

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