

The Harvest Fayre is here again!

How quickly a year has passed since our first ever Buckland and Chipping Harvest Fayre.

The inaugural event last year allowed us to learn a lot about hosting an event at a scale not attempted here before. Just as last year the event will be held in the paddock next to Chipping Hall. A location that suited us well in 2023 with its direct access onto the A10. The banners are already in place and posters have been placed around the local villages.

This year you can expect a variety of stalls with food, drinks, and a variety craft all being represented. There will be a licensed bar and tea, coffee and cakes . We will have some tables, benches and hay bales to relax on too. Children will have bouncy castles and fairground rides to keep them entertained.

Last year the dog show had to be called off due to the unusually high temperatures on the day. This year the weather looks good, and we are determined to proceed. Buckland and Chipping have a very large dog population, so it's a great opportunity to show them off. There are categories for best Dog, Best Bitch, Best puppy under 1-year, Best rescue and finally judges favorite. Please remember to bring your doggy litter bags. We will have a bin onsite for their bag disposal.

The Fayre will be I opened at Midday by the Mayor of Buntingford Councillor Duncan Wallace. The dog show judging will start at 2pm, but please allow time to process your entry beforehand. There will be music all day, but from 3.30 onwards we will have live performances from local folk musicians in the harvest theme.

Harvest is the culmination of a year's hard work for our local farmers, who have been very busy over the last few weeks. We expect to have tractors of various ages to be present to represent the farming community.

We have to say a very big thank you to Jason Noy for allowing us to use his land once again. We will be raising money for the fantastic Isobel Hospice and to help with the upkeep of the local Parish.





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Grant Application success

A big thank you to East Herts council for the amazing grant we have been awarded this year. The Parish Council has invested in 2 new gala tents, 2 barbeques, 6 tables with 12 matching benches, a new PA system, staging and equipment for ease of storage. This is all going to help to make the Harvest Fayre and future Parish events even more enjoyable. Thanks to all those involved. **The Parish Council Event has received £9677.58 from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund #LevellingUp**



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There is another grant application in progress for a tea urn, water carriers, gas cannisters and cool boxes via the Care Tech Foundation, thank you to Teresa Harrington for the hard work she has put into this.



The Bonfire Evening advance notice

The Parish Bonfire night will be held on the common behind St Andrew's Church, Buckland on Sunday 3rd November. The bonfire will be lit at 7pm and Fireworks from 7.30pm. There will be a BBQ and hot drinks available collecting donations for future events. Another kind grant has been provided by the Locality Budget Scheme via County Councillor Jeff Jones to go towards the fireworks.

It's a great evening for family and friends, so come along and enjoy an event that sits so close to our Summer Fayre in the calendar but feels so different. The light and temperature falling away so quickly as we approach winter.



The next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.30pm, Monday 2nd September 2024 at St Andrew's Church, Buckland. Any resident of the Parish is welcome to attend. This will be the last meeting at the Church as we relocate to Buntingford Town Hall for the winter months.

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