

Buckden Parish Council Chair's Report January 2023

It has been a quiet month so not a great deal to report

Fred Day memorial

On 31st December 2022 Jean Day, Allotment holders and past Councillors gathered to mark the planting of a red hawthorn in Fred's memory . Jean has now decided to give up the allotment that she and Fred tended for so many years, so it seemed a fitting moment to mark his contribution to both the Allotments group and the Parish more widely. I gave a short address and others contributed their memories. Some photos were taken I will write a short article for the Roundabout.

Bus service

I have been contacted by a resident who was raising concerns about the new bus service offered by Whippet coaches. There are reports of many times when the bus has failed to run and people have been left standing at the bus stop. I would like Councillors views on, gathering information from residents and putting in writing our concerns to both Whippet and the Combined Authority, many thanks.

NALC Legal Update – December 2022

Annual council meeting dates for councils with elections and the Coronation bank holiday

Further to our guidance in the October 2022 legal bulletin, we now know that **Monday 8 May will be an additional bank holiday** to mark the coronation of HM King Charles III. The 2023 local election date is Thursday 4 May and councillors would ordinarily take office on Monday 8 May. Our view is that councillors will now take office on Tuesday 9 May making the relevant 14-day meeting period for the purposes of paragraph 7 (2) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972 Wednesday 10-Thursday 25 May inclusive.

This an area where we are aware there have been different interpretations of the computation of days and we have not counted Sundays in our 14 day calculation.