

EVENTS DIARY

2012

NOVEMBER

Sat 24th Christmas Lights & Carols;
Continental Market

DECEMBER

Sat 15th Christmas Parade;
Community Fair

2013

FEBRUARY

Tue 12th Pancake Race
Sat 16th MK Dons – Buckingham Big Day
Sat 23rd/Sun 24th Food Fair

MARCH

Sat 2nd Fair Trade coffee morning

MAY

Wed 1st May Day
Sun 26th Music in the Market

JUNE

Wed 19th Youth Project
Sat 15th – Sat 22nd Fringe Week

AUGUST

Sun 25th BandJam

SEPTEMBER

Sun 15th River Rinse 1

OCTOBER

Sun 6th River Rinse 2

Please find further details inside or online:
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Buckingham TownMatters

Winter 2012



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A Message from Mayor Ruth

Hello...

I've had a very difficult personal time in the last month with the death of my father, the **Rev'd Aubrey Newell**, on 22nd September.

Over a number of years, he cared wonderfully for my mother who has been in hospital for many months and still remains very poorly. My parents lived and worked in the area for 33 years before moving back to Wales; Dad as Vicar and Rural Dean and Mum as Chemistry Teacher at the Royal Latin School. I was very close to my parents and they have been a wonderful influence on me and always the source of sensible advice.

I've just returned from the 10th anniversary of our twinning with Mouvaux in France. The Twinning Association organised a coach to take us from Buckingham on Friday 13th October. We travelled by ferry from Dover to Calais, and our journey through France was only just over an hour. We returned on Sunday 15th October. Mouvaux is close to Lille and the Belgian border and my husband and I recognised the names of towns where our grandfathers fought in the World Wars. I am very grateful to all those who work so hard to make twinning work both in Buckingham and Mouvaux, and the host families do a wonderful job. We stayed with a lovely family with 2 teenage daughters, and our daughter Lara came with us. **Cécile**

Dussart, the mother of the family was a brilliant English speaker and cook. I am grateful to the other young people who came with us – **Rory Butcher** of the Youth Council, **Sophie Dinnie** who sang brilliantly, and **Caitlin McErlean** who played the clarinet wonderfully. We had a minute's silence to remember **Patrick Balaj**, Mayor of Mouvaux 10 years ago when the twinning started, and **Ben Ogden** who had spent a month in Mouvaux a few years ago, both of whom died recently; Ben tragically in the air crash in Nepal.

Apologies regarding Buckingham in Bloom in the last newsletter – I had the wrong number in Grenville Road for one of the commended gardens, it should have been **Mrs Chart** of 36 Grenville Road. I remember it well – a beautiful pastel colour scheme of white, blue, pink and purple.

It was lovely to see round **Prebend House**, recently restored by the University of Buckingham, and together with the wonderful upgrading of the **Radcliffe Centre**, I am very grateful to the University for their excellent quality of work in looking after our beautiful buildings in Buckingham.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Neighbourhood Plan workshops, the Christmas Lights Switch On and Carols round the Christmas Tree on 24th November, and the Christmas Parade on 15th December.

Ruth Newell

October 2012

POLICE ALERTS

Keeping Buckingham Safe: how you can help

At the Town Council we aim to do our bit for crime reduction and assist in keeping Buckingham a peaceful and safe community. We have put articles in this newsletter to keep you informed of what we are doing. We also know that a safe community is maintained by everyone taking action.

While Buckingham is a safe place to live (relative to inner city areas), we can all do more to keep it safe. Here are four things you might like to consider doing:

- 1 If you see anything suspicious, the number to call now is **101**. You will be put through to your nearest police call centre. (Unless of course it is an emergency such as witnessing a crime actually happening, in which case dial **999**).
- 2 There is a service called "**Thames Valley Alert: Community Messaging**" which is an email based project. If you go to www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk you can sign up to receive messages about crimes and other information for Buckingham. You can also use the site to provide information that you think would be helpful to the Police. You won't be sent hundreds of emails, don't worry! You will also get to know more about how much crime is happening in our area.

- 3 If you would like to get more information about how you can prevent crime, **Thames Valley Police** have a very helpful website: www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crprev.htm to guide you.
- 4 On-going issues of concern, such as late-night noise, anti-social behaviour, heavy goods vehicles using inappropriate roads etc, could also be reported to the local **Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)**. The NAG is supported by the local police Neighbourhood Team, and seeks solutions to these and similar problems via a multi-agency approach.

You can contact **Buckingham & Maids Moreton NAG** by email or letter to the Town Council office (see contact details inside back cover).





BANDJAM

Crowds of people of all ages filled the Bull Ring in Buckingham Town Centre on Sunday 26th August for this year's annual BandJam event. The Town Centre was rocking, with music by local bands such as **Rufus Stone, Spaced Out, Bass Elegance** and headline band **My Holiday Romance**.

The annual event is organised by **Sean Allen** of BandJam, and is sponsored by Buckingham Town Council. **Natco Foods** provide the trailer that is transformed into a stage for the event.



HARVEST FAIR

A successful Harvest Fair was held in the Old Cattle Pens in Buckingham Town Centre on Sunday 30th September. The event was organised by Buckingham Town Council and **Transition Buckingham**, and was intended to promote community spirit and pride. Among the groups that took part were **Swan Market, Nimble Thimble, Transition Winslow, and Redfield**. People were able to see a bicycle powered smoothie maker and an apple press, and watch wool being carded and spun.

RIVER RINSE

The first of this year's annual river rinses took place on Sunday 16th September from the green footbridge in Cornwall's Meadow car park and ended at the footbridge behind the Woolpack. Volunteers from **Stowe Sub Aqua Group** were on hand again to go into the river to pull out any debris. They were assisted this year by **Buckingham Firefighters**. Other volunteers were members of the public and Buckingham Town Councillors. The finds included a Bowls Club sign, a half pint bottle belonging to Brooks Dairy, (where Brooks Court is now, in Well Street) and a concrete roller. The second rinse took place on 7th October through Chandos Park. Finds there included old fencing, a traffic cone and an old chair.



CHRISTMAS PARADE

15th December sees the 28th annual Christmas Parade in Buckingham Town Centre. The theme this year is '**Christmas Through The Commonwealth**'. The parade starts at **10:45am** from **Chandos Road**. There will be marching bands, floats, walkers, and much more. A road closure and diversions are in place whilst the parade moves through the Town and back.



COMMUNITY FAIR

After the Christmas parade has finished, come along to the **Community Centre** where you can buy your Christmas gifts, cards, calendars and much more. The event is organised by Buckingham Town Council and stalls are run by local fund raising groups, societies and charities. The event runs from **11:30am to 2pm**.



Co-option of the new Councillor

Buckingham North's new Councillor Christine Strain-Clark has been co-opted onto the Town Council to represent the people of Buckingham.

Mrs Strain-Clark moved to the town in 1980 with her family. She was a teacher for many years, before becoming a computer software developer.

She has previously been a Town Councillor from 1995 to 2007 and Mayor from 2001 to 2003. Councillor Strain-Clark was also a District Councillor from 1995 to 1999.

At the co-option meeting, Cllr. Strain-Clark stated her desire to support Buckingham's Neighbourhood Development Plan and underlined its importance as a key document for the future of the town. She also highlighted the new Localism Bill which gives the Town Council and the community more say in the future of Buckingham.

Following up notices in the local press, we are including details here as well of how to apply for a grant from Buckingham Town Council.



BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL • GRANTS 2013/2014

Applications are invited for grant assistance for the financial year 2013/2014, for projects and activities beneficial to the people of Buckingham.

Successful applicants may be required to make a report at the Annual Town Meeting.

Application forms, accompanied by copies of your latest audited accounts, must be received by **Noon on Tuesday 11th December 2012.**

Application forms available from the Town Clerk

Tel/Fax: 01280 816 426

Email: office@buckingham-tc.gov.uk

Website: www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk

The Changing Face of Buckingham... part 5

Here is another chance for you to be involved in shaping the future of our Town.

This autumn the Neighbourhood Plan has begun its most significant stage. We've started to collect and produce a whole range of ideas for how the town should evolve over the next 20 years.



The Changing Face of Buckingham... part 5

Some have been ideas that have been suggested for a long time (e.g. enhancing the river for leisure pursuits or allocating an industrial site that could be used by a motorsport team); some have been perhaps a little too ambitious (underground roads running beneath the parks and river) whilst other suggestions have been interesting new concepts that we might like to explore further (creating

new woodland or a western extension of the bypass).

Before we can establish detailed proposals though, there are still some key questions to address. First and foremost, Buckingham is required to accommodate 700 homes in the period up to 2031. This is in addition to the 1,000 that already have permission.

There is a lot of work being done to look at the suitability of various sites for these homes but we need to make sure their distribution is acceptable to you as well as the environment.

With that in mind, please consider the “big-choice” questions below and feel free to tick or fill in the boxes and pull out the page and drop it into the library.

Alternatively, look out for more Neighbourhood Planning events when you can get involved in a more hands-on way and look at the details.

1

In your opinion, which would be the most preferable way of allocating Buckingham's 700 homes?

- a All together on one large site (with all associated facilities/infrastructure a 'village within a town')
- b Split across two or three moderately sized sites (with fewer associated facilities/infrastructure – along the lines of Linden Village or Badgers)
- c Split across multiple small sites (with minimal associated facilities – new houses 'absorbed' within the existing town)
- d Other

2

How should we extend employment development?

- a at the existing industrial parks
- b plan for new employment development elsewhere?
- c Other

3

There are several infrastructure options the plan could seek to influence, which of the following do you consider most appropriate?

- a A large forest/woodlands project
- b A western extension of the bypass linking to the Brackley Road or beyond
- c The restoration and integration of the Buckingham Canal into town
- d Other

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What do you hope to see on a map of Buckingham in 20 years?

What else would you like to say? What other issues are important for you?
What else might the Town Council consult people about?

Comments

Young people have their say



The 4th year of the Town Council's Local Democracy Event was kindly hosted by Haydon Chart at the Buckingham School, whose students along with some from the Royal Latin School asked questions on "Being and Feeling Safe in Buckingham".

Invitations for our panel went out to **Inspector Emma Garside – Thames Valley Police, Town Clerk – Chris Wayman, Town & District Cllr. Robin Stuchbury, the Rt. Hon. John Bercow M.P, James Fowler – Detached Youth Worker, and Town Cllr. Lisa O'Donoghue** was Chair.

A lot of questions were police orientated – Emma answered all queries and hopefully put students at ease. It was especially nice to hear that the number of incidents had fallen from last year despite housing growth.

Another concern was why our street lights were turned off, especially at key junctions. Cllr. Stuchbury and the Town Clerk explained who turned the lights off and why, but added that the Town Council has expressed its concern and the desire to have junction lights turned back on, especially going into Badgers and Linden Village. However our wishes haven't been granted as yet.

Mr. Bercow and other panel members couldn't stress enough the importance of young people voicing their opinions about such matters, either writing to the Town Council or the Advertiser, as it is nice to get a young person's perspective and opinion.

Students also seemed keen to learn about basic safety skills and asked if any schemes were available. Although none are in the pipeline, James Fowler asked the students to contact him and if enough interest was generated then he could deliver something either in school or a local community building – his email is MobileAndDetached@Buckscc.gov.uk

Massive thanks to the panel, to the students from both schools, to **Mike Porteous** from the Royal Latin and again to **Haydon Chart** and Buckingham School for hosting the event.

Please get in contact with us:

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Buckingham MK18 1JP
T: 01280 816 426 E: office@buckingham-tc.gov.uk**

YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Youth Council has been running for two years and the time came to elect new officers. The smooth running of the Youth Council has a lot to do with the behind the scenes jobs that often go unnoticed, so I would like to express my deepest thanks to the 2011-2012 Chair – **Cllr. Jordan Mayer**; Vice Chair – **Cllr. Hannah Russell** and Treasurer – **Cllr. Rory Butcher**, as well as the other Youth Councillors who have given up their time to keep the Youth Council running smoothly.

The new officers for 2012-2013 are Chair - **Cllr. Shannon Wheeler**, Vice Chair - **Cllr. Jordan Mayer** and Treasurer - **Cllr. Hannah Russell**. A new Youth Cllr was also elected, – **Athena Tzallas**, a young lady from the RLS – who was incredibly eager to get involved, we wish her a fun and exciting year ahead!

The Youth Council worked really hard on another Under 18's Halloween Event at 13 High Street. Unfortunately this had to be cancelled at short notice due to events outside the control of the Youth Council. Everyone was sorry about that but hopes are high that a new event will be planned sometime soon. Please watch the Youth Council's Facebook page for updates.

Three new Youth Councillors have been elected in the last month; two from the Royal Latin School, plus a student in Year 10 from the Buckingham School. The Royal Latin School now have all their seats filled on the Youth Council, however we are looking to fill the four remaining seats from the Buckingham School from any of the Year Groups. I would also stress that you don't have to belong to these two schools to join the Youth Council, providing you live in Buckingham and are aged between 11 and 18, you could get involved.

If you would like to ask the Youth Council any questions, please send them a message on their **Facebook page** (just search for Buckingham Town Youth Council), or via **Twitter @BuckinghamYouth** or via email **BuckinghamTownYouthCouncil@gmail.com** – they are waiting to hear from you!

Jordan Mayer



Hannah Russell



Rory Butcher



Shannon Wheeler



The Town Council is always looking for ways to boost the numbers of people visiting our town. A busy thriving town is something we all want.

We have some wonderful shops, places to eat and great entertainment.

You can help bring people to the town too.

This page has been designed for you to cut out as a leaflet and display in places where you think it would attract more people to visit our town, our markets, our shops etc.

Put this notice on (for example) supermarket notice boards, your place of work and other community noticeboards (obtaining any necessary permissions).

Be a part of helping to make Buckingham an even more prosperous place!



Independence at its best!
Buckingham Markets:
Saturday & Tuesday
small, but perfectly formed...
occasional specialist and
continental markets
And great shops & places to eat
all week round!



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Buckingham Street Market Every Tuesday and Saturday

Stalls include:

TUESDAYS

- Household Goods and Sundries •
- Flowers & Plants • Fruit & Veg •
- Watches • Bakery Goods • Fish •
- Cakes & Sweets and much more!

SATURDAYS

- Household Goods and Sundries •
- Fruit & Veg • Bakery Goods •
- Olives • Gent's Clothing •
- Tools • DVDs & Games •
- Flowers & Plants and much more!

BUCKINGHAM FLEA MARKET

Saturdays – 9am-3pm

The Old Cattle Pens, High Street,
Buckingham MK18 1NU

The bargains to be found on this market are too numerous to mention, with antiques and collectibles on every inch of the area.



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New People

Our street and flea markets have been returned to a sound financial footing and we now have a Market Manager **Bill Horwood**.



Ken Horne has joined the grounds maintenance and open spaces team, replacing Matthew Shoesmith.



New Youth Councillor

As part of the Town Council's drive to get the voice of Buckingham Youth heard, we are pleased to announce **Athena Tzallas** has joined the Buckingham Town Youth Council.

Your views count

Buckingham Town Matters is produced by Buckingham Town Council in order to provide you with a taste of what keeps Councillors and staff busy. But this is also an invitation for you to tell us what you think of what we do and what you think we should be doing. We are all working together to make Buckingham an even better place, so please let us know:

- what you think we should carry on doing
- what you think we should stop doing, or do less of
- what you think we should start doing, or do a lot more of

You can email us at or just drop us a line at the address below. We look forward to hearing from you.

Town Council Office, Buckingham Centre, Verney Close, Buckingham, MK18 1JP
Email: office@buckingham-tc.gov.uk,



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Just a reminder... all Town Council meetings are open to the public.
You are invited to come along and give us your views

Buckingham Town Councillors

BUCKINGHAM NORTH

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| Cllr. Paddy Collins | 01280 823 006 |
| Cllr. Jon Harvey | 01280 812 711 |
| Cllr. Derrick Isham | 01280 813 770 |
| Cllr. Rob Lehmann | 01280 817 331 |
| Cllr. Andy Mahi | 01280 816 562 |
| Cllr. Howard Mordue | 01280 815 418 |
| Cllr. Ms. Ruth Newell - Mayor | 01280 815 229 |
| Cllr. Martin Try | 01280 816 202 |
| Cllr. Christine Strain-Clark | 01280 816 832 |

Mr Christopher Wayman (Town Clerk)

01280 816 426

BUCKINGHAM SOUTH

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| Cllr. Terry Bloomfield | 01280 815 336 |
| Cllr. Hedley Cadd | 01280 814 112 |
| Cllr. Mrs Geraldine Collins | 01280 823 006 |
| Cllr. Paul Hiron | 01280 812 072 |
| Cllr. Mrs Lisa O'Donoghue | 01280 824 624 |
| Cllr. Mike Smith | 01280 822 215 |
| Cllr. Robin Stuchbury | 01280 824 285 |
| Cllr. Warren Whyte | 01280 820 531 |

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

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| Buckinghamshire County Council | 0845 3 70 80 90 |
| Highways on Call | 0845 2 30 28 82 |
| Aylesbury Vale District Council | 01296 58 58 58 |
| Buckingham Winslow & District Citizens Advice Bureau | 01280 81 67 07 |
| Buckingham Tourist Information Centre | 01280 82 30 20 |
| Buckingham Community Centre | 01280 82 35 84 |

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