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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR



Dear All,

A big Thank You to the electors of Buckingham who turned up on 17th September to vote 'Yes' for our Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan, a great result.

Being on the Swan Practice Patient Participation Group I am pleased to report that the Clinicians have all moved to North

End Practice which has made Access for the Disabled and Mums with pushchairs so much easier, especially for Masonic House patients where there were stairs and steps which were difficult to negotiate.

It was a damp start when I opened Bandjam but I was pleased that as the day progressed the rain clouds moved away and it turned out to be another fun day with excellent music.

The Charter Fair in October was a welcome sight in town and time to enjoy the rides and stalls.

Remembrance Day on Sunday 8th November was a moving event at the War Memorial and was time to remember and reflect, especially on the words by John Maxwell Edmonds: 'When you go home, tell them of us and say, 'For their tomorrow, we gave our today''

As we approach Christmas there are two more events which we all look forward to and they are the Christmas Parade and the Community Fair on Saturday 12th December and I hope to see you there.

Wishing you all a very Blessed and Happy Christmas.

Cllr. Andy Mahi
November 2015

We would like to apologise for the error in the Alderman Diana Elkerton article featured in our Autumn issue, where we incorrectly named Mr Chapman as the proprietor of the Chapman Photographic Studio at the end of Well Street in 1967, when it was actually Mr Jack Phillips.

REFERENDUM SUCCESS



After four years of research, numerous consultations with the town's residents and service providers, and the valuable support of the Buckingham Society, the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum took place on Thursday 17th September 2015. The results showed 91% of those who voted were in favour of the plan.

Coincidentally, the total number of votes was 2015, and 1840 people voted 'Yes' to the question "Do you want Aylesbury Vale District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Buckingham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

Town Councillors feel that it is a ringing endorsement of the community's desire to plan positively in the appropriate places, bring forward truly sustainable development for the

town rather than developers making a 'quick buck' on sites which are less sustainable and against the community's wishes.

Planning applications are being discussed which are contrary to the Plan (and Town Councillors hope that District Council Members wake up and recognise the expressed wishes of Buckingham). While there are problems due to the lack of a Local Plan and a 5 year housing land supply with Aylesbury Vale District Council, the Town Council will be fighting unwanted development. The Neighbourhood Plan will be a great tool to ensure that the Town stays at its heart a Market Town.

The Town Council thanks all who answered consultations, attended meetings, spread the word and – best of all – voted for the Plan, which should give us a framework for development in the town area until 2031.



NEW STAFF

Buckingham Town Council is pleased to welcome a new member of staff to our team. Dean Jones, 37, started working for Buckingham Town Council as Deputy Town Clerk. Dean said 'I have been a part of the community for over 25 years and I'm looking forward to my new role and to making a positive impact on the town.'

Dean arrives from The Royal Latin School, where he worked on the 600 campaign; assisting with improving the buildings, facilities and resources through fundraising and development. He left the school on October 2nd which coincided with the grand opening of the Discovery Centre, a £5 million project to transform science and technology learning at the school.

Dean is married to Amy; a teacher at a local secondary school and Governor at Buckingham School. Together they have two children; both attend a local primary school. Dean sat on the executive committee for 3rd Buckingham Scouts until very recently where he helped to raise funds towards the construction of a £160,000 community space and Scout HQ. Much like the 600 Campaign this project has benefitted from the support of the local community as well as local authority funding.



BUCKINGHAM IN BLOOM

The winners of the Buckingham In Bloom competition were presented with their prizes in August by Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Paul Hirons.

With a variety of plants, colours and overall tidiness Mr Wilkins of Meadow Gardens has won Buckingham In Bloom for the third year running, with joint second going to Kay Musgrave of Gifford Place, and Mary Melliush of Fishers Field. Those commended were Mr Rayner (Western Avenue), Mrs MacCarthy (Chandos Road), Mrs Stevens (Tingewick Road), and Mr and Mrs Ovens of Westfields.

The winner of the Community Garden was





Options, whose garden is located at the Buckingham Centre in Verney Close, and Paynes Court was second.

The gardens entered had to be visible from the roadside and were judged on overall appearance and variety of plants and colour.

YOUR BUCKINGHAM MARKETS

A market town since the time of Mary Tudor, Buckingham is proud of its historical markets and their wide selection of produce. The markets are situated in the heart of Buckingham, surrounded by a variety of independent shops, cafes, restaurants, pubs and green spaces. Why not come and experience it all yourself?

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For more information on the markets please contact Dean Jones at deputytownclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or on 01280 816426.

Buckingham Street Market
Every Tuesday and Saturday
9am – 4pm
Market Hill, Buckingham, MK18 1JX

Buckingham Flea Market
Every Saturday
9am – 3pm
The Old Cattle Pens, High Street,
Buckingham, MK18 1NU



**FISH FRUIT VEG CLOTHES CAKES BREAD SWEETS OLIVES TOOLS GAMES DVDs PLANTS
HOUSEHOLD GOODS GARDEN EQUIPMENT FLOWERS JEWELLERY COLLECTIBLES**

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2015

The Best Kept Village Competition has been running for 58 years and is a popular competition which is open to villages and small towns throughout Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes. Entries are usually made up of Parish and Town Councils but entries are also received from village hall committees or other active community groups.

Among the sponsors for The Best Kept Village Competition are Buckinghamshire County Council, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Chiltern District Council and Milton Keynes Council.

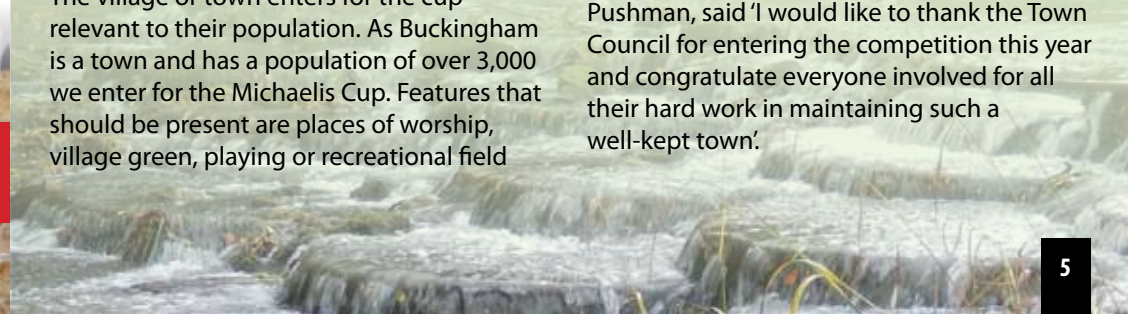
The village or town enters for the cup relevant to their population. As Buckingham is a town and has a population of over 3,000 we enter for the Michaelis Cup. Features that should be present are places of worship, village green, playing or recreational field

with open access, community centre, or other suitable place for assembly.

Judging takes place in June and winners are notified in July.

This year the judge's comments stated that the Hunter Street graveyard and Brackley Road Cemetery were well maintained and that the circular walk which follows the river bank is well used and an attractive facility for residents and visitors alike. Buckingham was awarded a Certificate of Merit.

The Chairman of the competition Richard Pushman, said 'I would like to thank the Town Council for entering the competition this year and congratulate everyone involved for all their hard work in maintaining such a well-kept town'.





FRIENDS 'LIKE' THESE?



According to Facebook, the average person has 338 friends, which should mean our diaries are too crammed full of parties and coffee dates to ever contemplate being lonely.

However, we aren't quite the socialites our profile pages would have us believe. Around 1 million older people in the UK regularly go an entire month without speaking to someone and almost a quarter of disabled people say they often feel lonely.

Our vision at Community Impact is a better life for the people of Buckinghamshire, and that means putting an end to loneliness and

the physical and mental issues it creates. But where do we even begin?

It starts with people like Linda from Aylesbury, who contacted us in the hope of volunteering to help an elderly person with their shopping. After chatting to Linda, it turns out that her love of people made her the perfect match for Carol, a woman affected by disability. Linda and Carol meet for an hour every week and visit the park for a coffee and a stroll – a simple experience with life-changing potential.

So, if your social network is in need of some real-life connection, please contact the volunteering team on 0300 1111 250 or info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk

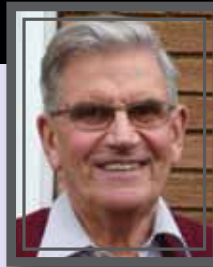
WHAT'S IN A NAME?

My father, Butcher's apprentice Harold Cornwall bought his boss's business at 4 High Street, renting the premises and 'Cornwall's Meadow', where he raised lambs. He married Enid, the Congregational minister's daughter, in 1932. As Borough Councillor, Alderman and Mayor he served with tireless distinction. His Christian faith and resolute character inspired him to find ways forward. He was kind, hospitable, artistic and loyal. The Borough gained its first swimming pool and enjoyed its huge 500th Charter Anniversary celebration due to his hard work.

The meat rail remains on the ceiling of Prego's, beneath my boyhood bedroom.

I inherited my parents' faith and stubbornness, becoming a Borough Councillor and Mayor. There have been

calamities but I'm very proud of Audrey, and our sons, Martin and Philip. As a Nonconformist lay preacher and activist I have spent decades in ecumenical work and human rights campaigning. Four British citizens, including Maajid Nawaz, founder and Chairman of the anti-extremist think-tank Quilliam, were prisoners in Egypt I helped release, and I aided an improvement in English case law affecting women. My principles remain at 82 and I'm not finished yet, producing *The Free Church Friend* and helping arrange Amnesty's next Regional Conference on LGBTI (lesbian/gay/bisexual/transsexual/intersex) Rights.



John Cornwall

BUCKINGHAM COMMUNITY WILDLIFE PROJECT STEERING GROUP

We are a group with representatives from the Town Council, Aylesbury Vale District Council's Green Spaces, The Buckingham Society, and from the 3 conservation groups in Buckingham. We work for wildlife conservation in the green spaces in our town, and here are details of recent work and plans.

Buckingham Railway Walk Conservation Group have cleared out rubbish from the area behind the pond including remains of disused dens; dealt with fallen branches and trees at both ends of the walkway and last month we purchased some OSMO oil and applied it to the AVDC signs to help preserve the wood. Local people continue to collect the branches we leave stacked as logs to use on their fires and log burners, so fewer of the larger pieces of wood are now left on site. The teasel plants we planted alongside the path next to the school playing fields are growing well and will hopefully self-seed. Having received the tree labels we will choose which trees are suitable to be labelled and will attach them in the coming months. The group are currently cutting and clearing the glades to encourage wild flower growth. We are hoping that the Railway Walk pathway will be added to the BCC Definitive Map. Keep up to date with activities on Facebook: [/Railwaywalk](#) or on their website: Buckinghamrailwaywalk.btck.co.uk

Bourton Park and Heartlands – The Town Council has been working with the ponds; renovating and improving the penstock end with the Environment Agency and hoping to have a fish passage, so that fish can migrate up stream. In addition ponds will be desilted, river banks improved and the ponds renovated; we are working with the EA to do a feasibility study.

Buckingham Canal Society – The contractors have relined the canal bed where it was leaking and now that the liner has been replaced everything seems fine. Volunteers have been back and have re-planted about 4,000 aquatic plants some of which are now in flower and there have been at least two sets of ducklings using the canal. Facebook link: [/BuckinghamCanalSociety](#)

Maids Moreton Avenue Conservation Group – The group organises activities, looks after bird and bat boxes, and has established bug hotels. We hope that the footpath surface can be further improved to increase accessibility, and continue to seek the agreement of BCC and Buckingham Primary School to move the fence at the top of the Avenue to improve the very restricted public access, whilst allowing the school to continue with its woodland activities.

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WHAT YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS DO FOR YOU



What Buckingham Town Council is responsible for:

- Most events in town
- Buckingham planning application responses
- Bourton and Chandos Parks
- Chandos Park public Toilets
- Public play areas (excluding Ottersbrook, Bridge Street, Overn Crescent and Wittmills Oak)
- Town Cemetery and Burials
- Provision of litter and dog bins (but not emptying)
- Provision of salt bins (but not refilling)
- Bus Shelter (Stratford Road and High Street)
- Christmas Lights and High Street pea lights
- Planters and Hanging Baskets
- Markets (street, Flea and Speciality)
- Railway and Circular Walks
- Town Map
- Grants to local Organisations
- Grass Cutting

Buckingham Town Council Office

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Verney Close,
Buckingham,
MK18 1JP

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 – 5pm

Wednesday 9:30 – 2pm

Mondays and Wednesday afternoons by appointment only

Tel: 01280 816426

www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk



What Aylesbury Vale District Council is responsible for:

- Council Tax
- Council Housing (via VAHT)
- Household waste and recycling collection
- Environmental Health (including noise, nuisance and pest control)
- Emergency Planning and flood prevention
- Licensing (alcohol, public entertainment, taxis)
- Leisure Services
- Planning Applications decisions and forward planning
- Planning Enforcement
- Conservation areas, listed and historic buildings
- Public car parking areas
- Open Spaces (excluding Bourton and Chandos Parks)
- Hunter Street Churchyard
- Grass cutting and horticulture
- Trees – protection, condition and safety
- Road sweeping and litterpicking
- Dog and litter bin emptying
- Moreton Road Public Toilets
- Swan Pool and all-weather pitch

Aylesbury Vale District Council

The Gateway,
Gatehouse Road,
Aylesbury HP19 8FF

Monday – Thursday 8:45 – 5:15pm

Friday 8:45 – 4:45pm (Customer Services closes at 4pm on Friday)

Tel: 01296 585858

www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/most-popular/report



What Buckinghamshire County Council is responsible for:

- Maintenance of pavements, roads and drainage
- Gritting
- Parking restrictions, speed limits and road closures
- Road signs and street furniture such as traffic lights
- Street lighting
- Education including Adult and Further Education and Student Grants
- Public Transport including school buses
- Rights of Way, Public Footpaths, Cycleways and Bridle Paths
- Social Services including care of children and the elderly
- Youth Services
- Strategic Planning (transport, waste disposal)
- Household Waste and Recycling Centre ('the tip')
- Clearing fly-tipping

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PLAY AROUND THE PARISHES



Three sessions of Play Around The Parishes were funded by Buckingham Town Council during the summer holidays. A record number of attendees, 374, attended the first session in July. Children aged 0 – 12 years were able to enjoy a series of play, sports and art activities which were provided by Aylesbury Vale District Council.

BANDJAM



Ska band Port Royal came all the way from Berlin to entertain Buckingham crowds at this year's Bandjam Big Bash which is organised by Bandjam and sponsored by Buckingham Town Council.

Despite a wet and damp day the Big Bash went ahead and crowds were entertained by ten bands including Curvy Love Dogs, the Bandjam Band and headliner band Dirty Youth. A big thank you to everyone involved in the organisation of the event especially Colin Saunders for stepping in at the last minute to finish off final preparations for the day and to Natco for the loan of the trailer.

RIVER RINSE



The first of this year's annual River Rinses took place on Sunday 13th September between Buckingham University

and Fishers Field. Amongst the finds were two crayfish nets complete with crayfish.

It was a beautiful sunny day for the second rinse on Sunday 4th October in Bourton Park. Members of the public joined Town Councillors, Stowe Sub Aqua Group and Bucks Fire and Rescue to help remove road cones, shopping trolleys and an empty canister of 'laughing gas'.

It was noticed whilst we were in Bourton Park that there were several dogs off the lead

outside of the designated areas. The park is for the enjoyment of everyone and we should all be respectful of each other.

As always thanks to The Stowe Sub Aqua Group who have supported the event for many years and to Bucks Fire and Rescue and members of the public who gave up their Sunday mornings to help out.

CHARTER FAIR

The first of this year's Charter Fairs was held on Saturday 17th October and was opened by Town Mayor, Cllr Andy Mahi and the Town Crier. As usual free rides were given to disabled children during the first hour of the first fair. Visitors to the fair enjoyed rides such as the dodgems, Booster, Tageta and the Ghost train.



BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

Buckingham was treated to a spectacular firework display in Bourton Park on Saturday 31st October. With the help of the cadets Buckingham Town Council's Green Spaces team built the bonfire with pallets that had been donated by H G Timber.



BEST DRESSED GUY AND PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITIONS

Competitions were held on Saturday 31st October. Sadly only one guy entry was received which was from the 3rd Buckingham Cubs. The guy was placed on the bonfire ready for the Bonfire and Firework display that evening.

As the bonfire and Fireworks display was being held on Halloween it was decided to hold a Best Carved Pumpkin competition as well. Eight carved pumpkins were judged outside the Old Gaol by the Mayor, Cllr Andy Mahi. Joint winners in the under 16 age group were Steve Mitchell and Nathan Thomas with 3rd place going to Nicola Bray.



CHRISTMAS PARADE



This year's Christmas Parade is on **Saturday 12th December** starting at **10:45am** from Chandos Road and making its way through Buckingham

Town Centre. The theme this year is 'A Child's Story'. Organised by the Christmas Parade Committee and sponsored by Buckingham Town Council the parade consists of marching bands, floats and walking groups. A road closure including diversions will be in place for the event.

COMMUNITY FAIR

After the Christmas Parade has finished pop along to the Community Centre for the Community Fair. Organised by Buckingham Town Council, this annual event provides a place for local groups, societies and charities to raise funds by selling Christmas gifts, cards and other seasonal ware. Doors open from **11:30am** until **2pm**.



PANCAKE RACE



Organised by Buckingham Town Council the annual Pancake Race will be held at **11am** on **Tuesday 16th February** on the green outside St Peter and St Paul's Church. All entrants must wear a headscarf and apron and bring their own frying pan.

FOOD FAIR



The annual Food Fair will be on **Saturday 27th February** in Buckingham's Community Centre. An opportunity to sample local produce, including cake, beer, pies, chocolates, jams and preserves.

If you are a local producer and would like a table, please contact Buckingham Town Council on 01280 816426.

Over the last four issues we have offered you some of the special places and features of Buckingham that are perhaps not so well known. Here is our fifth and final piece:

- Did you know about the water pumps behind Oxfam, both were private ones used by the property owners and those neighbours they liked. The nearest "Town" public pump was in the market on the corner of what is now Barclays Bank. There was another up the Chewar and a third one was by what is now Lloyds Bank. The Town Council ran 5 public pumps altogether, so some folk had to walk a fair distance carrying their pails suspended from wooden yokes.

All Buckingham's water was gathered from public or private pumps until August 1893 when a waterworks was built off the Moreton Road. Then, many private householders, such as the two behind the Oxfam shop, objected to paying a "water rate" when they: a) weren't connected to the 'mains' and b) preferred to use the "fresh" water from their own pump.

All of Buckingham was connected to the water supply by 1908. Thereafter, one by one, the old pumps fell from use, usually because either their handles broke or the watertight valves needed mending and spares could not be bought.



ROAD GRITTING AND SNOW CLEARANCE

As usual at this time of year, Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB – part of Bucks County Council) are working on their snow clearance schedules. Their resources will not permit them to clear all roads, so some parts of Buckingham will present a challenge to road users and pedestrians alike.

TfB advise that priority will be given to traffic flows, bus routes and school traffic, gradients and bends, collision records, adjacent key facilities ("blue light" services, schools etc.), and route accessibility. Past experience shows that town centre bus and school routes are unlikely to be gritted, and side roads certainly won't be. Residents are encouraged to use

the increased number of salt bins to make their immediate localities a little safer, but remember that these are for use on the roads and footways only – not for clearing your drive! While you're about it, perhaps you could help a neighbour less able to do their own.

And it is perfectly OK for shop keepers and residents to clear pavements etc. outside their properties by sweeping snow away and putting salt down – but please DO NOT use hot water as it simply re-freezes.

For more information, please visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/transport.

A WORD FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE...

Advice from Insp. James Davies:

The nights are drawing in and it is normal for me to warn people of the increased risk of burglary. I would normally extol the virtues of timer switches. However, house burglary is down 24 per cent on last year in Buckingham and District and, while I am not resting on my laurels, it is noteworthy that this is the national trend. In fact we are seeing a greater amount of time spent dealing with safeguarding young people.

We now know more about the exploitation of children than ever and how it can touch the lives of children from very different backgrounds.

So while it is important to install timer switches in your home, it is more important that when your teen goes out in an evening you know exactly where they are and who they are with.

Ask yourself:

- Do they stay out overnight?
- Have they been missing from home?
- Do they skip school?
- Have they come home with money, clothes, jewellery or a mobile phone they can't account for?

- Do they have an older boyfriend or girlfriend you are concerned about?
- Are you worried they are using drugs or alcohol?
- Have they lost contact with family and friends of their own age?
- Do they lack self-esteem?
- Are they secretive about where they go and who they see?
- Do they chat to people online they have never met?
- Are you worried about unsafe sexual behaviour?

If you are worried about a child or young person, you must do something – but it may not be easy to find out what is going on from them. If you have concerns then it is worth contacting the police or a charity, such as Barnardos.

My final line is that if you want to know more about what is going on locally or what your neighbourhood policing team is doing for you then follow us on Twitter @TVP_Aylesbury or sign up for Thames Valley Alerts and receive email or text updates www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

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OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Buckingham Cemetery	01280 816 801
Buckinghamshire County Council	01296 395 000
Transport for Buckinghamshire	01296 382 416
Aylesbury Vale District Council	01296 58 58 58
Buckingham Winslow & District CAB	0344 245 1289
Buckingham Tourist Information Centre	01280 823 020
Buckingham Community Hall	01280 823 584
Thames Valley Police	101
NHS Urgent Care	111
Floodline	0345 988 1188
Samaritans	08457 90 90 90
ChildLine	0800 11 11

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

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



You can email us at or just drop us a line at the address below.

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2015/16 EVENTS DIARY



2015

DECEMBER Saturday 12th Christmas Parade
Community Fair

2016

JANUARY Sunday 31st Comedy Night

FEBRUARY Tuesday 16th Pancake Race

Saturday 27th Food Fair

MARCH Saturday 12th Fairtrade Coffee Morning

Monday 14th Commonwealth Day

APRIL Sunday 17th Spring Fair

Saturday 23rd MK Dons – Buckingham
Big Day Match

MAY Tuesday 3rd May Day Celebrations

Sunday 29th Music in the Market

JUNE Saturday 11th – Buckingham Fringe Week
Saturday 18th

JULY TBC Dog Show

TBC Play Around The Parishes

AUGUST Sunday 28th BandJam

TBC Play Around The Parishes

SEPTEMBER TBC River Rinse

OCTOBER TBC River Rinse

Saturday 15th Charter Fair

Saturday 22nd Charter Fair

NOVEMBER Saturday 5th Best Dressed Guy +
Bonfire & Fireworks

Sunday 13th Remembrance Parade

Saturday 26th Christmas Lights & Carols

DECEMBER Saturday 10th Christmas Parade
Community Fair



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