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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR



I am most honoured and grateful to have been elected for a second year as Mayor of Buckingham by all my fellow town councillors. It is my hope to become an even better Mayor these coming months.

Last year, I chose the theme of my Mayoralty as being all about ambition. I think we live in a world where too many people have so very little chance to dream or to improve their own lives as well as those of their families and communities. I have a very simple political philosophy:

I want to help build a world in which *everyone* has dreams and ambitions... *and* the wherewithal to achieve those.

And by wherewithal, I mean many things. At a very basic level, it is very difficult to dream or have ambitions if you are hungry, cold, sick or lonely. And it helps greatly if you have self confidence, a good understanding of how the world works, supportive friends and neighbours and... imagination.

So I have chosen imagination as my theme for this coming year. I will be looking for ways in which I can assist, nudge or inspire people to *imagine* different futures for themselves, for their loved ones and indeed for our town, country and world. Ultimately it is imagination that makes change happen. Without imagination, there can be few ambitions or indeed plans to achieve those dreams.

So this year, the Town Council will be embarking on refreshing our Neighbourhood Development Plan. This will be an ideal time for the whole community to imagine what kind of town we want in the future. May I urge everyone to get involved in the events to come where the Town Council will be consulting local people about how the plan needs to change and be updated.

And this year too, of course, as every year there will be hundreds of local school children learning new skills and acquiring new insights into how the world works. How can we all as parents, grandparents and the wider community help those young people stretch and flex their imagination 'muscles' as part of their learning?

How will you inspire yourself to use your imagination more? What stops you being as imaginative as you used to be and how can you overcome those hurdles? How can you give yourself the space and permission to imagine better futures, a little more?

Cllr. Jon Harvey

May 2018

BUCKINGHAM'S DARK AGES

After the Roman Legions left in **410 AD**, Britain lay open to further invasions. In Wessex the Saxons displaced the British but in central Britain the Celtic tribes invited some of the Anglians to settle and protect their borders. These became the Mercians and probably founded Buckingham.

Wessex continued raiding northwards, until in **584** the British Celts and the Anglian Mercians mustered their troops for one last stand – the battle of Feathan Lea, near Stoke Lyne. A pyrrhic victory! The 'defeated' Wessex troops retreated south, destroying as they went. The Celts decamped to Powys, taking their Welsh language and Christian religion with them, leaving the Mercians in charge. The first recorded Mercian king was Cearl, the next was Penda.

Buckingham's 'infant' saint, Rumbold, is reputed to be Penda's grandson. St Rumbold lived only 3 days, but preached a sermon and proclaimed himself a Christian! He was buried at Kings Sutton, Penda's southern residence, then moved to Brackley and finally to Buckingham. Buckingham became a place of pilgrimage in the Middle Ages but any relics of Rumbold are long lost.

Sadly no Mercian Chronicles survive. We wait three centuries to find Buckingham in the records.

Until **868** the Mercians controlled Central Britain north of the Thames, including London, while Alfred of Wessex ruled south of the Thames. But then the Danes came, bringing twenty years of warfare during



which independent Mercia vanished. The Danes settled and largely controlled north of the Great Ouse. South of the river King Alfred the Great was recognised as Angul-Saxonum rex – first king of the Anglo-Saxons.

Alfred's daughter Ethelfleda had married the Mercian Ethelred, and there followed some years of relative peace. However in **899** Alfred died, succeeded by his son King

Edward the Elder and in **911** Ethelred too died. The Danes seized this opportunity and in **913** raided into North Oxfordshire.

Edward the Elder responded, supporting his sister Ethelfleda, and established Buckingham as a 'Burh' with a permanently garrisoned fort on Castle Hill – the current site of the parish church – and another fort south of the river, now lost.

With **Buckingham** firmly on the map, Edward accepted the submission of Danish nobles from Bedford, Northampton and Turweston. Today Buckinghamshire still stretches north as far as Whittlewood, Whaddon Chase and Salcey Forest.

Edward's son, King Athelstan, was the first to style himself King of the whole of Britain. He confirmed the importance of Buckingham by establishing a mint and on **13th September 934** held court on Castle Hill in the presence of King Constantine II his subregulus in Scotland. Now in 2018, you have the opportunity to see some of the coins minted at this time which are on display in the Old Gaol Museum.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

The Old Gaol was built in 1748, with later additions in 1839 by local architect George Gilbert Scott. The Tourist Information Centre, which this year is 25 years old, has always been based in the Old Gaol. When Aylesbury Vale District Council cut funding in 2010 the Town Council stepped in to save the centre. The Town Council is proud to continue its tradition of being the first point of call for visitors and local people, promoting the Buckingham economy and attractions in the surrounding areas.

This year the Town Council has taken over the direct running of the Tourist Information Centre. A selection of new products is now on display.

You can book National Express Tickets through the centre, and we have information on local accommodation, pubs and restaurants.

A knowledgeable team is on hand to discuss everything that you need to do locally and have a wide range of tickets for sale for major events in the area.

There is also a Town Diary available which holds all local events; so if you want your event added then please contact us.



Additionally a great new Facebook (BuckinghamTIC @DiscoverBuckingham) and Twitter (@DiscoverBuckingham) page for you to follow to get all kinds of information. If you have friends and family who might be looking to visit the Town point them in our direction and we will be happy to help.



NEW STAFF

Buckingham Town Council is pleased to welcome six new staff members to the team:



Nigel Stone has joined us as our **Community Centre Assistant / Caretaker**. He will be assisting with the running of Lace Hill Sports and Community Centre.

Sheena McMurtrie, our new **Town Plan Officer**, is co-ordinating the production of the Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan and aiding in the preparation of documents for any change in the Local Development Framework.



Emma Churchill is our new **Tourist Information Centre Supervisor** and is responsible for managing the day to day operation of the Tourist Information Centre, and providing information services to promote Buckingham.



Rosemary Frohock, Chloe Daniel, Vanessa Reed-Butcher and Tracey Steventon have joined us as **Tourist Information Centre Assistants**. They provide information services which promote Buckingham through the Tourist Information Centre to residents and visitors.



EVENTS REVIEW

PANCAKE RACES

This year Buckingham Town Council joined up with Buckingham Parish Church to run the **pancake races** on the green, with a pancake party inside the Church. Shrove Tuesday fell during half term, so the events were organised for then. Due to there being heavy rain that morning, a decision was made to cancel the races as the ground was slippery. The Pancake Party went ahead and over 200 people attended the event, including the Town Mayor.

BUCKINGHAM FOOD FAIR



Organised by Buckingham Town Council the **Buckingham Food Fair** was held on the 24th February in the Community Centre. 28 stall holders attended and provided samples to those wishing to taste the wares before

purchasing. Items available to sample and purchase were: ice cream, pesto, bread, nuts, Turkish delight, confectionary, celebration cakes, tray bakes, apple juice, spiced tea, gin, beer, Indian pickles, preserves, Indian spices, Mexican street food, Fairtrade goods, eggs, sausages, pork pies, and other meats.

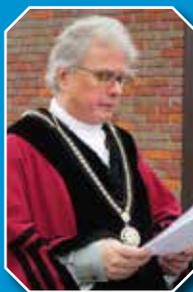


The Food Fair played host to the **Buckingham Junior Bake Off**, which is organised by Project Street Life and the Buckingham Activities Group. There were 5 entries and this year's

winner was Alex Adams from Gawcott, aged 10. The 2nd place went to James Keer from Buckingham and 3rd place went to Ellina Hickman from Silverstone. Judges were Buckingham Town Mayor,

Cllr. Jon Harvey, Mayoress Julie Uglow, Victoria Forward of Victoria Sponge, Ann Merriman of the Buckingham WI and one of last year's contestants, Oli George.

COMMONWEALTH DAY



Commonwealth Day was on Monday 12th March. Buckingham Mayor, Cllr. Jon Harvey, read out the Commonwealth Affirmation before raising the Commonwealth Flag.



SPRING FAIR

The **Buckingham Spring Fair** was held on Sunday 8th April in the cattle pens in Buckingham Town Centre. Despite it being a wet day, members of the public came out to look round the stalls and watch the Brackley Morris Men dance. Stall holders that took part were Proctors, who can normally be found on the Saturday market with all their flowers, Edible Woodland, Friends of the Old Gaol Museum, Buckingham Fairtrade, Buckingham WI who were raising money for the 2018 Community Project, The Woodland Trust, Buckingham's branch of Men In Sheds, Finca El Monte, and Pure Gym, who performed a dance routine with the Brackley Morris Men.



FUTURE EVENTS FUTURE EVENTS

BUCKINGHAM FRINGE WEEK 14th – 22nd July



An annual community event for Buckingham and the surrounding area, this year's **Buckingham Fringe Week** runs from **Saturday 14th July to Sunday 22nd July**.

Friday 13th to Saturday 14th July

Beer Festival, Buckingham Rugby Club

New for this year, we're giving you the opportunity to sample the mouth-watering Real Ales, Ciders and Perry's on the evening of Friday 13th and all day on Saturday July 14th at Buckingham Rugby Club.

13th July Friday – what's the craic?

Open from 7pm to 11pm with Live Music in the clubhouse

14th July Saturday

Open from 12 noon – 11pm with Live Music playing all day until 11pm on the main stage. Street Food, BBQ, Fish & Chips, Pizzas and much more!

Disco divas on the dancefloor from 11pm – 12.30am.

Family entertainment, Bouncy castles, Pony rides, Coconut shy, Face painting, Zorbing.

Sunday 15th July

Organised by Buckingham Town Council, the annual **Dog Show** is taking place on **Sunday 15th July** in Bourton Park. There will be 8 classes including Best In Show and registration takes place from 10am on the day. Judging begins at 11am and the winners from each class go through to Best In Show.

The event is sponsored by, Vets4Pets, The Vet Centre, Kimberley Cox Dog Training School and Leaders.



Tuesday 17th July



The ever popular **Oxford Fiddle Group** will be returning to the Radcliffe Centre on **Tuesday 17th July**. The OFG perform songs and tunes mainly from England and Scotland but also from Ireland and the USA. Instruments played include the fiddle, celtic harp, double bass, guitar, mandolin and concertina.

Organised by the Buckingham Activities Group the ever popular turn up and play **basketball sessions** start on **Tuesday 17th July** and will run each Tuesday until 28th August. The one hour long sessions are taught by qualified coaches who bring all the equipment with them. Young people aged 8-12yrs can attend the session at Chandos park and 13yrs and over at Bourton Park. Times are to be confirmed.

Thursday 19th July

At the Royal Latin School, 7pm

Going for over 10 years, the **Youth Project** is a joint project with the Royal Latin School and The Buckingham School. The two schools come together for an evening of art and drama. The event is free and open to members of the public. The theme this year is community.

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Thursday 19th July

The Woolpack, Well Street, Buckingham, 8pm

Live Acoustic Music with the **Buckingham Acoustic Club.**

The Buckingham Acoustic Club has been going for well over 15 years. The club runs an Open Mic night in the front room of the Woolpack pub every Thursday night, with live music from 8:30pm, and showcases a hugely diverse range of performers: from local songwriters just starting out to semi-professional guitarists and singers.

www.buckinghamacousticclub.co.uk

Friday 20th July

Community Centre, 7-10pm, Family quiz Night

Bring your family and friends and take part in a family quiz night. There will be prizes for the winning team and a children's round. There will also be a raffle during the break. Town Mayor, Cllr. Jon Harvey, will be quizmaster.

Saturday 21st July

The Paddock, Bourton Park, Buckingham, MK18 7AB

Family Camp Out Day and Astronomy evening, 3pm – late **FREE EVENT**

Join the UK Astronomy Group for some hands on activities and amazing sun and star gazing. From 8pm you should be able to see the moon, Jupiter, Saturn and Mars rising using professional telescopes and equipment. There will be badge making and other activities throughout the afternoon.

Sunday 22nd July

Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre, Buckingham, Family Fun Day, 1pm – 4pm

An afternoon of family fun, including bouncy castle, food, stalls and more.



For more information contact Sam Hoareau by e-mail at lacehillcentre@buckingham-tc.gov.uk

For more information about the Fringe events look out for the fringe brochure and check our Facebook page.

PLAY AROUND THE PARISHES

Funded by Buckingham Town Council and organised by AVDC these **free sessions** will be back in Chandos Park on **Thursday 26th July, Thursday 9th August** and **Thursday 23rd August**. The sessions run from 10am until 3pm and provide a wide range of play activities for 1-11yr olds.



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BANDJAM

Sunday 26th August organised by **Bandjam** and sponsored by Buckingham Town Council is a **free music event** which is held every year in the town centre. The event features local bands and musicians and attracts a large audience every year. Music starts at 1pm and goes on until 10pm.



FAIRTRADE ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Come on in to The Old Gaol on **Saturday 22nd September** from 10am-12 noon and celebrate with us our renewed status as a Fairtrade Town. Enjoy a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee and a home-made cake. Buying Fairtrade is a practical way of helping producers in developing countries to enjoy the things which we take for granted, such as clean water, education for their children and safe working conditions.

This year we have also launched the **90kg rice challenge**: Selling 90kg of rice enables a farmer from Malawi to send their child to secondary school for a year! Come on in on **Saturday 22nd September** and buy your bag for £3 per kg!

For Fairtrade news in Buckingham visit: www.facebook.com/BuckinghamFairtradeTown or www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/town-matters/fairtrade



RIVER RINSE

Every year Buckingham Town Council, Stowe Sub Aqua group and local volunteers get together to clean a stretch of the river Great Ouse that runs through Buckingham. This year the rinses will take place on **Sunday 23rd September** and **Sunday 7th October**. Locations are yet to be confirmed.

Do you have some spare time and would like to volunteer at Town Council events? Whether it be marshalling at the Christmas Parade and Remembrance Day parade or even taking the Mayor's charity buckets round at events, contact Amanda Brubaker, our Events Co-ordinator, by e-mail events@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or phone 01280 816426.

GOOD ENDINGS FAIR

Most people reading this will be able to recall a time when a close friend or relative died and how difficult it was to make any sensible decisions for a significant while. Some readers will know how hard it is to wrestle with deep grief while having to make important decisions about the practical matters connected with someone's death. Typically, we don't talk about these matters enough until we have no choice.

Your Town Council has decided that perhaps we can help a little by arranging a 'Good Endings Fair'. The Community Centre will be filled with people and organisations who help to administer arrangements and provide support before and just after someone dies. There will be funeral directors present, naturally. There will also be people representing florists, churches, celebrants, solicitors, crematoria, natural burial sites, funeral plan providers, financial and health advisers, grief counsellors and voluntary organisations, among others.

The focus will be on preparing for the end of life and helping challenge taboos around talking about death and dying. We hope the event will encourage family discussions towards the aim of achieving a 'good death' for everyone.

We talked to lots of people about the idea before deciding to go ahead with it. Reactions from local residents and businesses, after an initial step back or a raised eyebrow, then

quickly turned into very positive and enthusiastic support. Most people, of all ages, recognise it does make sense to do a little forward planning. After all, we all die sometime and sadly some people die well ahead of their time.

We know of people who are parents who don't have a will or a statement about what should happen to their children in case they die. There are many people who worry lots about the cost of funerals. There are others who have strong views about what should happen if they become seriously ill but have never committed these views to paper. And so forth.

So we do hope that you will come along where you will be given an information folder and the opportunity to meet the various people and organisations present. Our ambition is that everyone will leave with a little more understanding of how death and dying can be better prepared for, and more knowledge of some of the choices available.



Buckingham Good Endings Fair:

Saturday 8 September 2018
from 10am to 1pm in the
Buckingham Community Centre

TREE SURVEY

One of the key elements that helps make the open spaces in Buckingham so appealing is the magnificent array of trees; not only do they look attractive but they also have many other benefits including wildlife habitat, cooling shade in the summer and absorbing carbon dioxide and other potentially harmful gases whilst releasing oxygen.

These trees need management not only from a safety aspect, ensuring not only that they are in as safe a condition as possible in our public areas, but also for the health and longevity of the trees themselves. For example in Bourton Park there are a larger number of thriving willows, poplars and alders. The Willows often need pollarding

(cutting back to the trunk) to encourage new re-growth as they become top heavy due to rapid growth and if left alone the limbs will break, often damaging the whole tree. This pollarding often looks drastic but is an essential part of maintaining the trees.

Last year the Town Council obtained a tree management package so it can ensure that all of the trees are regularly surveyed to help programme any maintenance work required, making sure the trees are in the best condition possible for everyone to enjoy.



RAILWAY WALK CONSERVATION GROUP

The group meets monthly to undertake wildlife conservation tasks. Recent work has included clearing glades to encourage wild flower growth and sowing seeds collected in the vicinity to attract more bees and butterflies. Tree labels are in place and the group have run a 'Tree of the Month' feature on their facebook page that has been well received.



Photograph © Railway Walk Group

Plans for this year will include

- taking out about five young sycamore trees on the edge of a glade to allow more light in.
- Tidying the wildlife hedge near St Rumbold's Well, where the hawthorns and blackthorn bushes are slowly encroaching into the meadow and need some control measures.
- Orchard work
- Bird box survey
- Taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch
- Clearing any storm or bad weather damage to trees if they are manageable.
- Work in the pond to manage the decaying leaves.

Volunteers are always welcome on the first Saturday of each month; we meet at 10am in the University Car Park at the top of Chandos Road.

www.facebook.com/Railwaywalk

WHAT YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL

Town Centre & Events Committee

The Town Centre and Events Committee look after Town Centre events throughout the year. The arrangements for each event are put together by our Events Co-ordinator. A budget is allocated for the financial year and is carefully monitored by the TC&E Committee.



The Committee endeavours to bring to the Town a varied events calendar. The Food Fair attracted over 1000 people.

The annual Dog Show was another successful event. Music in the Market and BandJam were well attended. Bonfire Night, Christmas Lights Switch On and the Christmas Parade attracted very good crowds. Buckingham is a Fairtrade Town, and we celebrated our 10th anniversary in September. Just some of the events organised by your Town Council.

TC&E also looks after the hanging baskets and planters throughout the Town. The Town earned a Certificate of Merit in the small-town section of the Best Kept Village competition last year.



We are always pleased to welcome suggestions for new events from our residents:
email events@buckingham-tc.gov.uk .
A programme of events is on the back page.

As always, the TC&E Committee will continue to promote our Town.

Planning Committee

The past 12 months have been particularly busy for Buckingham in planning and

development matters. We have successfully gained developments which we wanted in conformity with the Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan (BNDP), and continue to fight off developments we do not want.

Among those we welcomed have been the Lace Hill supermarket, hotel complex, and medical centre; and in Tingewick Road, 400 homes (including 35% affordable housing) allocated in the BNDP are now at the detailed planning stage. We are working with the local planning authority and developers to ensure that these are right for Buckingham, along with dozens of other applications, ranging from new student housing for the University to appropriate development in the Conservation area.



Tingewick Road Triangle site

But overarching all these has been the consultation for the new Vale of Aylesbury Plan, which has attracted 2500 comments; after examination this summer it is expected to be approved in early 2019, directing the development of North Bucks into the 2030s. This has triggered a revision of the BNDP, which we will be putting before residents to update. We have also been active in transport strategy and employment area consultations, to ensure that whatever new housing comes, Buckingham has the infrastructure to support it.

ACHIEVED IN 2017/18

Environment Committee

The Environment Committee is responsible for oversight and maintenance of all properties and green spaces in the Town Council's ownership, and has a general 'health and wellbeing' remit.

During the past year, Buckingham Community Centre has been purchased by the Town Council, who also saw their new public toilets, Changing Places facility and Shopmobility resource realised at long last. Soon, there will be photo-voltaic panels on the Community Centre roof – an investment that will save money in the long-term.

Last year saw the completion of a tree survey and mapping throughout the Town Council estate. This was an onerous task, but now enables us to better know the wide variety of species throughout our town, which trees require maintenance, and those that may be at risk. New interpretation boards have been commissioned for Bourton Park, thanks to funding by the *Destination Buckingham Group*.

Also on the 'green' front, we have decided to exercise greater control over grass cutting by bringing more in-house, while also retaining our social enterprise verge cutting, which provides some employment for young people. We continue to urge people to clean up after their dogs via improved signage, and have asked AVDC to slightly vary their (admittedly infrequent) Dog Warden patrols. We also took the initial steps to have the Railway Walk listed as a formal Right of Way.

On the health and wellbeing front, there was a highly successful Festival of Health in November, and an increasing number of town centre businesses added to the DisabledGo database, which the less able find so useful. We have also recently formed closer links with Buckingham Dementia Action Alliance.

Resources Committee

The Resources Committee oversees budgets, expenditure, communications and personnel matters. It has two sub-committees – the Communications Strategy Group (CSG) and the Personnel Sub-Committee.

In June the Committee agreed a list of town projects for submission to Aylesbury Vale District Council for consideration for S106 funding related to developments in the town. A number of infrastructure projects were put forward for HS2 funding.

The Committee's work has mainly been aimed at streamlining and updating Council functions. For example, a limited trial of paperless Agenda packs is estimated to have saved £649 in ten months. The IT system and infrastructure have been upgraded and HR policies have been updated to ensure they comply with Statute and best practice.

BTC now directly employs the Tourist Information Centre staff and has recruited 3 new staff – a Caretaker at Lace Hill Sports and Community Centre, a TIC Supervisor and a Town Plan Officer, who will work on updating the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The CSG has revamped the Welcome Pack and updated the BTC website to make it more user friendly, as well as modernising the design of the Town Matters newsletter. This is now available in an audio version, accessible via the BTC website.



SAFE PLACES IN BUCKINGHAM



The Safe Place Scheme is designed to help vulnerable people stay safe and live independent lives by providing reassurance to them and their carers, or to people who find themselves in challenging situations when they are out and about. In Buckingham there is a network of venues which can be identified by the Safe Place sticker where someone can go for help and assistance. Vulnerable residents can go to a Safe Place if they feel scared, lost or upset. The staff will call the person's trusted contact, relevant emergency services or find a quiet place for the vulnerable person to sit for a while.

In Buckingham the Scheme is coordinated by AVDC and further information can be obtained from the AVDC Community Safety team. Current scheme members are:

- **Buckingham Fire Station**, Bourton Road.
- **Curious Minds Vintage**, 8 Cornwall Place.
- **Gyre and Gimble Coffee Shop**, 9 Cornwall Place.
- **Harrisons Jewellers**, 1 High Street.
- **Gilroy Steel Solicitors**, 3 High Street.
- **Prego**, 4 High Street.
- **Sabits Off Licence**, 6 High Street.
- **Buckingham Tea Room**, Lower Shop, Market Hill.

- **The Kings Head Coffee and Gin Bar**, 7 Market Hill. (Late opening hours)
- **Boots the Chemist**, 11 Market Hill.
- **British Heart Foundation**, 17 Market Hill.
- **Scope**, 18 Market Hill.
- **The Cutting Room**, 22 Market Hill.
- **Harpenden Building Society**, 23 Market Hill.
- **Seahawk Trophies**, Market Hill.
- **White Hart**, 1-2 Market Square.
- **Oxfam**, 6-7 Market Square.
- **RSPCA**, 9 Market Square.
- **Quality Dry Cleaners**, 10 Market Square.
- **Homeflair Gift Shop**, 8 Meadow Row.
- **Willen Hospice**, 2-3 Meadow Walk.
- **Blackhams China Tea Rooms**, 5 Meadow Walk.
- **Charles Clinkard Shoes**, 6 Meadow Walk.
- **Waitrose**, Meadow Walk.
- **Buckingham Library**, Verney Close
- **The Woolpack**, Well Street. (Late opening hours).
- **The Garage**, 3 Well Street. (Late opening hours)
- **Esquires Coffee House**, 30 West Street.

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 opposite.

We look forward to hearing from you:

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USEFUL NUMBERS

Buckingham Town Council	01280 816 426	Domestic Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247
Buckingham Cemetery	01280 816 801	Thames Valley Police	101
Buckingham Shopmobility	07738 314 027	NHS Urgent Care	111
Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre	01280 812 872	National Power Cut Helpline	105
Buckingham Community Hall	01280 823 584	National Gas Helpline	0800 11 11
Buckingham Tourist Information Centre	01280 823 020	Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
		Floodline	0345 988 1188
		ChildLine	0800 111 999
Buckinghamshire County Council	01296 395 000	Samaritans	01908 667 777
Transport for Buckinghamshire	01296 382 416		
Aylesbury Vale District Council	01296 585 858		
Citizens Advice Aylesbury Vale	0344 245 1289		

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2018 EVENTS DIARY



JUNE	Thurs 14th – Sun 17th	Various	Buckingham Literary Festival
JULY	Sat 7th – Sat 14th Fri 13th (7pm) Sat 14th – Sun 22nd Sun 15th (10am) Monday 17th, 24th, 31st Sun 22nd Thurs 26th (10am)	Various Cattle Pens Various Bourton Park Bourton/Chandos Park Lace Hill Sports and Community Centre Chandos Park	Buckingham Summer Festival Bastille Day Boules Tournament Buckingham Fringe Week Dog Show Free Basketball Sessions Family Fun Day Play Around the Parishes
AUGUST	Tues 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Thurs 9th (10am) Thurs 23rd (10am) Sun 26th (1pm)	Bourton/Chandos Park Chandos Park Chandos Park Town Centre	Free Basketball Sessions Play Around the Parishes Play Around the Parishes BandJam
SEPTEMBER	Sat 8th (10am) Sat 22nd Sun 23rd	Community Centre Old Gaol TBC	Good Endings Fair Fairtrade Anniversary Event River Rinse
OCTOBER	Sun 7th Sat 13th (1pm) Sat 20th (1pm)	TBC Town Centre Town Centre	River Rinse Charter Fair Charter Fair
NOVEMBER	Sat 3rd (6pm) Sun 11th (10:30am)	Bourton Park Town Centre/Church	Bonfire & Fireworks Remembrance Parade
DECEMBER	Sat 1st (5pm) Sat 15th (10:45am) Sat 15th (11:30am)	Town Centre Town Centre Community Centre	Christmas Lights & Carols Christmas Parade Community Fair



Please find further details inside or online:

www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/town-matters/events/