



# Buckingham TownMatters

Winter issue 2018



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# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR



Back in February 2018, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Buckingham, Sir Anthony Seldon and I went on a research road trip together. We drove first to Aberystwyth and then on to Bangor. In both places we met with senior university staff, and members and officers of the town councils. Our aim was to learn about how they managed 'town and gown' relations so that everyone benefitted. We learnt lots.

After two nights away, we arrived back in Buckingham brimming with ideas for how everyone who lives, works, studies, visits and plays in our town might gain even more benefits from us being a University Town. (I know that is a controversial statement for many, especially for some people who lived here long before the University arrived.)

The main outcome of our journey was to establish the Pontio Group. The aims of this joint committee between the Town Council and the University are threefold:

- 1 To initiate, coordinate and support actions which harness and blend the various resources of both the town and the university for the benefit of all who live, study, work, play and visit in Buckingham
- 2 To build excellent relationships between the civic, academic, commercial and leisure organisations in the town
- 3 To work for a future of Buckingham in which all enjoy a life full of ambition, learning, prosperity and well being.

We have had our first meeting and the second happened in October. The membership of the committee comprises the Mayor, a senior representative of the Vice Chancellor, another Town Councillor, a senior member of the University Administration staff, the Students Union President, and the Town Clerk together with co-optees from the Buckingham Society, the Friends of the University, AVDC and BCC.

It is early days but I know from the discussions we have had already, there is much scope for novel projects and improvements. One of my personal ambitions (which I hope the group will be able to help make happen) is to adapt the bridge between Chandos Park and the University campus by Tanlaw Mill so that it is accessible to all.

Which brings me back to why 'Pontio'?

Pontio is the Welsh for 'bridge' and 'transformation'. (It is also the name of a wonderful arts and education centre in Bangor.) So the Pontio group is all about building bridges between University and Town: transforming Buckingham into an even more amazing place to be!

**Cllr. Jon Harvey**  
**October 2018**

# THE FUTURE OF BUCKINGHAM: SHORT STORY COMPETITION

The Town Council is currently refreshing the Neighbourhood Plan (see page 11 in this newsletter). We are looking for the community's ideas about how to shape and steer the future of our beautiful town. As Buckingham grows, we are sure that we want to retain all the best features of the town, tackle the areas that are causing difficulties and install improvements and new additions to the town that will enhance living, studying and working here.

And so we need your ideas. There will be various consultation meetings of course, where all residents and stakeholders will have a chance to have a say. But we thought we might do something a little different too, reflecting the Mayor's theme of imagination for his second year.

We invite you to write a short story. The winning entry will be published in the next edition of Buckingham Town Matters. Close seconds will be published on the Town Council's social media stream.

The story should be no longer than 400 words and submitted by 31 December 2018. There is no defined theme other than it must be set in Buckingham in 2030. Beyond that, just tell a good story that captures your hopes and ambitions for our town.



## INTRODUCING OUR NEW TOWN CLERK: PAUL HODSON

The Town Council recently welcomed Paul Hodson as the new Town Clerk. Paul has previously worked for Buckinghamshire County Council and Aylesbury Vale District Council. With a background in grant giving and supporting community groups Paul is keen for the Town Council to build on its support for local groups to work together. He is particularly looking forward to working with councillors to develop facilities and events for the town.



# THE ARMISTICE AND THE TOWN COUNCIL

Aiming to capture the mood of the Council and the town one hundred years ago, we have researched some of the key moments in the life of Buckingham Town Council at the end of WW1. We have used the minute books held by the County Archives and the microfilm copies of the local newspaper at the time, available at Buckingham Library.

The annual statutory meeting of the Town Council was held on Saturday 9 November, 1918. The minutes record that Alderman Rogers was elected Mayor for the coming year. Alderman Osborne was elected Deputy Mayor, and indeed had to step in at a critical time as you will read below. Geoffrey Barker was the Town Clerk at the time (telephone number 26). The minutes of that meeting sadly state:

*'The late Sergt. Edgar Holton MM*

*The late Pte T. Makepeace*

*On the resolution of the Mayor it was resolved in silence with members rising*

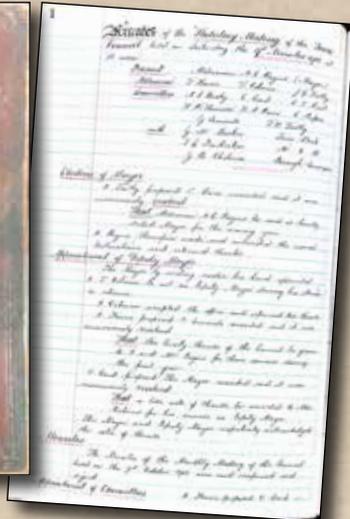
*That letters of condolence at the death of the above while on active service be sent to their respective parents C and Mrs T Holton and Mr & Mrs Makepeace.'*

There were many such entries in the minutes of the Town Council at these times.

In the local newspaper, the Town Council meetings were reported at length. For the 9 November 1918 statutory meeting, part of the column inches recounted:

*'Alderman J. G. Tailby said it fell to his extreme pleasure to propose the re-election of Alderman Alfred Charles Rogers as Mayor. (Applause) ...he knew it would be the eighth time he had held office as Mayor... He would only add that they all sincerely hoped that his Worship might have the privilege, which they had anticipated for a year or two, of declaring from the steps of the Town Hall the Declaration of Peace and the closing of the terrible war that had decimated the world'*

(The Buckingham Advertiser and the North Bucks Free Press, Saturday 16 November 1918)



The report goes on with the Mayor saying that:

*'When he looked back upon those eight years, his mind was filled with great memories – some very happy ones, and some, perhaps, that could not be placed in that category... he did not intend to say much that morning, but there was one matter to which he desired to refer. It was that they had all heard that morning of the death of Sergt. Edgar Holton, youngest son of Councillor F and Mrs Holton. It always created sadness when they heard of the death of a brave hero on the field of battle...'*

Of course we now know that two days later, hostilities ceased and the Great War was finally over. The War continued to feature long after the battles had ended. For example on the 2nd December 1918, the Town Council, prompted by Bedford Town Council, resolved to write to the Prime Minister:

*'...expressing its emphatic opinion that immediate steps should be taken to effect the handing over of the ex-Kaiser for trial on the ground that his presence in Holland constituted a grave menace to the cause of the allies...'*



re-gild the Swan on the Town Hall, partly in memory of his late brother and partly also in commemoration of Peace. It was resolved to gratefully accept this kind offer. So the next time you look at the sun glinting off the Swan, remember the peace of 1918.

At the meeting of 6 January 1919, the Council received a written request from Private Rodwell, formerly of the Cottage, Moreton Road to help him demobilise from Salisbury where he was still stationed. It was resolved to support him as the Council needed the sand from the sandpit he owned in the Borough.

On the 7th July 1919, a public meeting was held to organise a Celebration of Peace. The Council were supportive but resolved not to raise additional funds from local taxation, instead expecting enough money to be raised from gifts. The Council meeting on the same night was chaired by the Deputy Mayor, as the Mayor had been injured by a nasty fall in his home a few days previously. At this same meeting, it was unanimously resolved that:

*'The Council desires to record its gratification at the termination of the War and the conclusion of the Treaty of Peace as proclaimed by Royal Proclamation dated [blank] and read from the Town Hall steps by the Deputy Mayor (A. T Osborne) on 3rd July 1919'*

The local paper reported that the Deputy Mayor had given a short speech after the proclamation followed by a verse of 'God Save the King' and the Doxology prayer.

With thanks to the Centre for Buckingham Studies and the Buckingham and Winslow Advertiser.



Also on the 2nd of December, the Council responded positively to a proposal from R.R. Harrison that he would

# BOURTON PARK OTTERS

Our green spaces team had originally hoped to restore the wooden otter family that have been at home in Bourton Park for more than 30 years. The Otters by the pond were put in place by Aylesbury Vale District Council who owned the park at that time; after such a long period they had deteriorated and needed repair. Unfortunately when the original sculptures were moved for assessment all three were too decayed to be fixed.

Otters are particularly special to Bourton Park as the rare and protected creatures can sometimes be spotted in Buckingham's river, tempted to the area by plentiful crayfish in the water.

Once it was known The Otters needed to be replaced it was very clear that local people would prefer to keep the spirit of the original sculptures and it was an easy choice to decide on three new wooden otters to mark the spot of the originals.

Andrew Stentiford, local sculptor at Knotted Wood Chainsaw Carving, took on the job of creating the replacements, telling us 'I'm a local; I'm from Buckinghamshire so I've been happy to do this for the town.'



After carefully being placed in their new home The Otters were officially unveiled on 14th August by the Mayor, Councillor Jon Harvey, and with local Councillors and members of the public stopping by to celebrate the return of otter sculptures to the spot.

The Otters can be found in a sunny area of Bourton Park known locally as Otters Pond near Bourton Park Junior Play Area and Ouse Valley Way.



# EVENTS REVIEW EVENTS REVIEW

## GOOD ENDINGS FAIR

On Saturday 8th September Buckingham's first ever **Good Endings Fair** was held in the Community Centre and was visited by over 100 people. Organised by Buckingham Town Council and the idea of Town Mayor Cllr Jon Harvey the event was aimed at helping people to plan for their death or the death of a close family member. Taking part in the event were Independent Funeral Directors, Country Funerals, Heritage & Sons Funeral Directors and The Co-operative Funeralcare. Independent Funeral Celebrants Ian Noakes and James Easton attended, as did Aylesbury Vale Natural Burial Meadow and Cosgrove Green Burial Meadow.

Feet First Coffins were on hand to talk about traditional handmade coffins. Buckingham Wills & Probate, Chandler Ray Solicitors, Gilroy Steel Solicitors, Lorimers, and Spratt Endicott Solicitors, Willen Hospice, Salvation Army, Dogs Trust and Buckingham University Law Department were all there to offer help and advice on Wills and legal matters.

Supported by the County Library, the Mayoress ran a book corner on preparing for death and dying, while Buckingham Town Council had a stall with information available about the cemetery on Brackley Road and a burial book from the 1800's was on display. Music was provided by Cantlos and refreshments by the Buckingham WI.



## ANNUAL DOG SHOW

The annual **Dog Show** was postponed due to the extreme summer heat and held on the 9th September, which turned out to be a lovely late summer day. Sponsors for the event this year were Arden Grange, Leaders Letting Agents, Shampooch, Kimberley Cox Dog Training and Vets4Pets. Commentator for the event was Mayor, Councillor Jon Harvey and the judge was Kimberley Cox, assisted by Councillor Terry Bloomfield. There were 8 classes with the winner from each going through to Best in Show. A new event this year was the Dog Scurry organised by Kimberley Cox, which proved very popular. This year's winner for Best In Show was Poppy and her owner Lilly Jarvis, who had won The Junior Handler Class. Lilly and Poppy were presented with their Vets4Pets sponsored prize by The Town Mayor.



## RIVER RINSE

Due to poor weather only one River Rinse was held this year; this was on 7th October between the bypass bridge and the cricket ground. Luckily, it was a lovely autumn day as the Stowe Subaqua group were in the river clearing branches and a fallen tree. About a dozen volunteers helped alongside the river picking up litter, among them volunteers from the Buckingham and Stowe runners club. Among the finds were a child's bicycle, cricket ball and a basketball.



## CHARTER FAIR

The annual **Charter Fair** arrived in Buckingham on Friday 12th October to set up. This year marked the 100th anniversary of the Nichols family bringing the fair into Buckingham. The fair was opened on Saturday 13th October by Mayor Cllr Jon Harvey. An exhibition of 100 years of the Charter Fair was held at the Old Gaol and at Buckingham Library.



## BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

Remember, remember the 5th of November! Titanium Fireworks provided another spectacular firework display again this year at the annual **Bonfire and Firework** display organised by Buckingham Town Council. This free event is held in the paddock in Bourton Park and a display by the Lord John Robartes Regiment of Foote (members of the Sealed Knot).



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Several events were held over the course of the 11th November to commemorate 100 years since the Armistice. The Remembrance Day Parade took place in the morning with a service at the War Memorial, the town Mayor, Councillor Jon Harvey, laid a wreath on behalf of Buckingham Town Council.

Local resident, Lionel Weston, planned an Armistice 100 event on behalf of the British Legion for the evening. This included a musical concert with choirs, drama and appearances from Winslow Concert Band, Miles Nottage and His Band, MK Pipe Band, Isabelle Morgan and Beacons of Light.

## ICE RINK

To kick off the start of the festive season Buckingham Town Council has arranged for iSK8 Cool Attractions to bring a synthetic **ice skating rink** to Buckingham Town Centre. The rink will be set up in the cattle pens and will open at 3pm on **Monday 26th November**. The ice rink will be open 3pm-9pm every day until **Sunday 2nd December**. Tickets are £6 for adults and £4.50 for children and include skate hire. Tickets are on sale at the Tourist Information Centre, The Old Gaol, Buckingham. [www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/events/ice-rink](http://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/events/ice-rink)



## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Starting from 6.30pm on the **1st December** with carols around the tree, there will be performances from Buckingham Stagecoach and the Buckingham Children's Choir. The **Christmas Lights** will be switched on by Town Mayor Councillor Jon Harvey and be followed by a presentation of Trader of the Year awards by Roger Edwards of the Buckingham Society. As usual Santa will also be making a special appearance.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE

**15th December** is the date for this year's Christmas Parade. This year's theme is 'The World of Fantasy'; approximately 40 floats, walking groups and marching bands will be taking part. The Parade will form up in Chandos Road and parade through the town centre. Prizes will be awarded by the Mayor, Councillor Jon Harvey. A road closure and diversions will be in place for Buckingham Town Centre. Information on the road closure will be publicised in advance on the Buckingham Town Council website and across social media.



## COMMUNITY FAIR

Don't forget! The annual **Community Fair** will be held in the Community Centre after the Christmas parade. Organised by Buckingham Town Council, the fair is for local charities, societies and organisations to publicise their activities and raise funds.

## FOOD FAIR

**February 26th 2019** is the annual **Food Fair** in the Community Centre. Organised by Buckingham Town Council this event is now in its 6th year and brings in stall holders from the local area.



# RIVER POLLUTION INCIDENT

The Environment Agency's (EA) update following the recovery work needed following the pollution incident which affected the River Great Ouse between Brackley and Thornton from the 29 June 2018.

Recovery from an incident of this nature is a long process which takes months and years to achieve and the Recovery phase for this incident includes:

- investigating the cause and appropriate enforcement
- completing the environmental damage assessment and monitoring work
- identifying actions to recover the ecology of the river
- working with affected partners throughout the recovery process
- communicating progress to the affected communities via briefings and the media.

We have received a number of offers of support from individuals and organisations and the EA has made arrangements to bring everyone together for a meeting in November 2018. Please let the EA know

if you are able to support recovery efforts, or if you would like to be added to the distribution list by emailing [FBG.C&B@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:FBG.C&B@environment-agency.gov.uk)

The EA is conducting extensive monitoring and has now received laboratory analysis of the samples taken from the river at the time of the incident. Sampling helps to assess the impact of the incident on water quality, fish and invertebrates and these form part of our investigation. At this time the EA is not able to release details of these as they may be used as evidence. We do not believe that there is any ongoing impact as the chemicals involved have now dispersed/degraded.

River recovery – The EA continue to conduct further surveys of the river to determine the recovery of the ecosystems. A recent survey within a section of the river indicated that invertebrate populations are recovering. They will consider fish restocking once confident that the invertebrate levels within the river can support a fish population.

# WINTER WILDLIFE DELIGHTS

Over the winter months there is still a lot to see in our wonderful parks. The river and its woodland margins provide a natural habitat for many animals including otters, bats and birds. There are bird boxes in the parks that increase breeding opportunities and the amazing brightly coloured kingfisher can be seen in Bourton Park.

Bats are the only mammal that flies and is found near water feeding on insects at dusk. Trees are important shelter habitats for bats, but they hibernate in the winter.

Although difficult to spot, otters have been seen previously in the River Great Ouse. Experts were able to identify them from their spraint (poo). It is hoped that they will return once the river recovers fully and fish return in greater numbers. Otter holts have been constructed to provide the otters with shelter during the day and a place to breed.



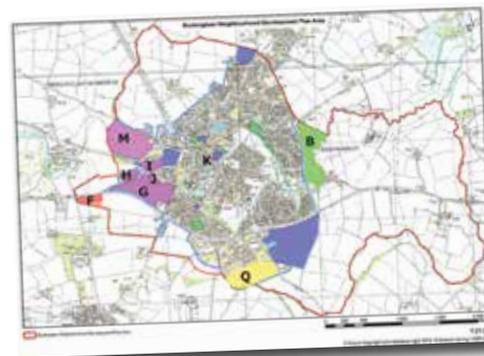
# BUCKINGHAM TOWN PLAN

*May you live in interesting times.* In terms of planning these are undoubtedly interesting times. It is three years since the Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan [BNDP] was successfully passed at local referendum. Yet, already it is time to review that plan.

We are looking forward to hearing the views of everyone in the area, including yours. Local residents, both in Buckingham and surrounding areas; businesses; local clubs and groups can all contact Sheena McMurtrie at Buckingham Town Council for more information.

There are several key developments which need to be considered:

- **Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan [VALP]** – if this is adopted in draft form, it will allocate 850 new homes in Buckingham, which includes the 'reserve' site from the BNDP.
- **Route of Oxford/Milton Keynes/ Cambridge Expressway** – we know that this will follow Route B – the same corridor as the East/West Railway – consultation on the exact details of the route will take place in 2019.
- **Opening of Winslow station on the East/West Railway**
- **Further Development of the Knowledge Corridor lying between Oxford and Cambridge** – the National Infrastructure Commission estimate that 1,000,000 new homes will be needed in the corridor by 2050.



What is the role of the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan then? Neighbourhood Plans sit alongside Local Plans [ie VALP] to form the Development Plan for the area. Neighbourhood Plans are required to be in general accordance with Local Plans in terms of strategic aims.

The BNDP could not reduce the number of housing allocations, although it could increase the number if that is what was wanted. What the plan can do is ensure that any such development is on a scale and a site decided by the people of Buckingham. Neighbourhood Plans are the only documents that need to be approved at a local referendum in order to be made.

A key point is also that sustainable development must include new infrastructure, built at the same time or before the development. This has been the revolution in planning and local government over the last few decades. New schools, healthcare and road improvement are all provided in terms of new development.

So how do you see Buckingham in the future? What is important to you and your family? The Town Council needs to know!

Follow and take part in the conversations on social media –

Write to Sheena McMurtrie at [townplan@buckingham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:townplan@buckingham-tc.gov.uk)

Speak to your Town Councillor

Attend one of the consultation events which will be advised on in due course.



# ENERGY FROM WASTE

In August, five of Buckingham's Town Councillors

visited the Greatmoor energy from waste plant to learn more about what happens to non-recyclable rubbish after it is collected from our homes and businesses in Buckingham.

## What happens to rubbish that can't be recycled?

The answer used to be that all non-recyclable rubbish went to landfill: huge areas where waste was piled up out of sight – an approach that could never be a long term solution. A new tactic is being tried in Buckinghamshire, with the County Council investing in producing energy from our non-recyclable rubbish.

Rubbish from our homes is delivered to Greatmoor by the Aylesbury Vale District Council household collection lorries where the rubbish is burned. The intense heat created by the process is used to turn water into high pressured steam. The steam turns a turbine and this action is used to create electricity.

Greatmoor now generates more than 24 Mega Watts of power – enough to power 40,000 (18%) of Buckinghamshire's homes!

## Can all rubbish be sent to Greatmoor and is all rubbish safe to burn?

Greatmoor only receives non-recyclable waste, not all of which can be burned at Greatmoor; including soil and building materials, which still have to go to landfill. Regardless, emissions from the towers are carefully monitored. Huge magnets are used to recover

pieces of metal for recycling and leftover ash can be collected to turn into breezeblocks and kerbstones. More information about the emissions from Greatmoor can be found on the Greatmoor website: [www.greatmoor.co.uk](http://www.greatmoor.co.uk)

## Does it make sense financially?

Now that the project has been running for over two years many people have wondered if the financial savings Buckinghamshire County Council promised for switching to Energy from Waste would be achieved – a projected £150 million over thirty years. According to BCC things are on track and the facility has also provided around 40 permanent jobs.

## Does this mean we don't need to bother with Reduce, Reuse, Recycle?

Reduce, reuse and recycle is still the most important part of how we deal with our rubbish. Recyclable rubbish is taken to a different facility, where it is sorted and baled before being recycled. Not all rubbish makes it to Energy from Waste facilities, and much of what is left is still going to landfill. Any litter or rubbish that isn't disposed of properly causes pollution and damages our environment.

*'All in all a very enlightening and enjoyable experience – everyone should go!' –*

Cllr. Christine Strain-Clark



# REDUCE SINGLE USE PLASTIC AND SHOP LOCAL



People are increasingly shopping at local markets to purchase fresh local produce, support local traders and to purchase

food without packaging. Yet not all markets and retailers are waste/plastic free – here are some ideas on how to reduce plastic on your local shop.

Bring your reusable bags into town each week – shopping bags, produce bags etc. Don't forget your water bottles and reusable coffee cups.

Consider acknowledging vendors who have gone plastic-free and let them know you care and appreciate their efforts. If vendors are still using plastic packaging ask if they have considered alternatives.

If you find yourself in town without your trusty reusable bag then you can purchase unique, locally crafted, reversible cotton bags from £6 at the Buckingham Tourist Information Centre, located in The Old Gaol.



We are lucky that many of Buckingham's shops, restaurants and market stalls have already taken steps towards reducing their use of single use plastics but change takes time and effort! If you're interested in volunteering to support the Plasticfree Buckingham initiative then please contact us through our Facebook page @plasticfreebuckingham or email: [committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk)

# ENERGY FOUNDATION



## Get prepared for winter now: free home visits, grants and energy advice to keep you warm and save you money.

Have you struggled to keep your home warm and cosy over winter? Or does the thought of your winter heating bill leave you feeling cold? **We are here to help.**

**The Affordable Warmth Network** offers free impartial advice on cutting your energy bills, finding a cheaper tariff and heating your home affordably and efficiently. In some circumstances we can also offer free home visits and grants and financial assistance so you pay less for energy saving measures such as insulation and boiler replacements.

If you are worried about any of the above or would like to find out more about how we can help, why not give our friendly team a call on **0800 107 0044** or email [awn@nef.org.uk](mailto:awn@nef.org.uk)

# ARE YOU WINTER READY?

Here are a few tips to steer you through the risks of what may be a long, cold winter:

**At home** – keep warm. If necessary, Citizens Advice (CA) may be able to help you get more home insulation. Make sure your pipes are lagged. Check you're on the best fuel tariff (see page 13 for more details or the CA may be able to help if you are experiencing fuel poverty). Keep a torch handy in case of power cuts. Have some salt and/or grit handy to keep your paths safe when icy. Use a wide shovel to clear snow off your drive and around where you live. Check your smoke alarm, as fire risks can increase in winter months.

**Keep secure** – if you have a house alarm, use it when you go out. You can use a timer to turn some lights on at night. Don't leave valuables (including that stack of presents under the Christmas tree) in plain view. Be wary of scams and cyber crime. Check that wheelie bins etc don't make it easy for a burglar to get over your fence, and lock away ladders and tools that could be used to gain entry. Don't leave anything in view in your car.

**On the road** – ensure your car tyres are OK for icy roads, and the anti-freeze is topped-up with winter mix. Keep blankets, hi-viz

waistcoats, drinking water, a few energy bars and a snow shovel in your boot for emergencies. And don't forget your mobile phone (and car charger) in case you get stranded.

**The Christmas spend** – if you need help with Christmas costs, be careful where you borrow money from. Avoid loan sharks at all costs. Aylesbury Vale Community Bank (03030 300147 or online at [www.aylesburyvalecommunitybank.org.uk](http://www.aylesburyvalecommunitybank.org.uk)) might help – if you are in receipt of child benefit, you can apply for a loan of up to £500. They can also help with savings and loans for savers.

**Be a good neighbour** – especially if yours are elderly or vulnerable, and may need help with their shopping and/or snow clearance.

Keep safe, secure and warm, it will soon be Spring again!



# BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCILLORS

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Cllr. Andy Mahi	01280 816 562		
Mr Paul Hodson – Town Clerk			01280 816 426

## 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		

## 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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# 2018/19 EVENTS DIARY



Please find further details below or online:

[www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/town-matters/events/](http://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/town-matters/events/)

## 2018

### DECEMBER

Mon 26th Nov – Sun 2nd	Cattlepens	Synthetic Ice Rink
Sat 1st (6.30pm)	Town Centre	Christmas Lights & Carols
Sat 15th (10:45am)	Town Centre	Christmas Parade
Sat 15th (11:30am)	Community Centre	Community Fair

## 2019

### FEBRUARY

Sat 23rd (10am)	Community Centre	Food Fair
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### MARCH

Sat 2nd (12 noon)	Green outside St Peter and St Paul	Pancake Race
Sat 9th	The Old Gaol	Fair Trade Coffee Morning
Mon 11th	Community Centre	Commonwealth Day Flag Raising
Wed 20th (7.30pm)	Community Centre	Annual Town Meeting
Sun 25th (11am)	Outside the Community Centre	Well Being Walk

### APRIL

Sun 7th	Lace Hill	Easter Event
Sun 28th	Town Centre	Spring Fair

### MAY

Wed 1st	Green outside St Peter and St Paul's	May Day Celebrations
Sun 26th	Town Centre	Music in the Market

