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The Lace Hill Community Centre

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR



Dear All,

Somewhat belatedly, I hope you all had a great Christmas and that the New Year has started well for you.

My daughter, the Mayoress, and I went to the free Community Christmas lunch on Christmas Day where we met all the guests and volunteers.

My grateful thanks to all the volunteers, Buckingham Churches Together and the local businesses who worked so hard for this event to take place and to make sure all the guests had an enjoyable Christmas lunch.

The weather did not dampen the Christmas Parade and I wish to thank the Christmas Parade Committee and Buckingham Town Council staff and councillors for organising another successful parade, and everyone who helped to put together the Community Fair after the parade.

Just before Christmas I collected two full trolleys of children's toys from Buckingham Tesco, who had kindly been collecting them for disadvantaged children in Buckingham and the surrounding area, they were then delivered to St Peter & St Paul's church, who distributed them.

Please look at the events diary on the back cover which lists the forthcoming events planned for this year. I hope you can support as many as possible.

As you may be aware, it is Her Majesty's 90th Birthday this year and as well as a street party in June, the Town Council have registered to take part in Clean for the Queen, a campaign to clear up Britain before the Queen's Birthday.

After such a wet start to the New Year, I hope Spring brings drier and warmer weather!!

Cllr. Andy Mahi

February 2016

YOUR BUCKINGHAM MARKETS

New Promotional Video

Keep your eye out when you next visit the Film Place for our new "Your Buckingham Markets" promotional video by Omar Badr Films or visit our website to watch the film and get a good idea of what Your Buckingham Markets have to offer: www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/town-matters/markets/

Buckingham's vibrant markets, which offer a wide variety of goods, continued to grow at the end of 2015. It is hoped the Town Council's recent investment in 'Your Buckingham Market' bags will help shoppers enjoy their Buckingham Market experience even more.

The markets complement the shopping in our town. They enable residents and visitors to pick up a variety of goods, including fresh fish, fruit & veg, house and garden plants and general household items. In addition we also have a number of traders who provide a wider range of goods, including clothing, rugs, bread and cakes. There are products available for most dietary requirements, such as gluten free bread. There is always something new as the seasons change. There is also a variety of domestic items as well as cards and jewellery.

The historic town markets are a staple of Tuesdays and Saturdays in the centre of the town. They help create a welcoming environment and highlight to those passing through the town what a vibrant and busy area we are.



So come along next market day, meet your market traders and pick up some bargains.

Buckingham Street Market

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9am – 4pm
Breads, Baked Goods, Fruit & Veg, Cakes and Sweets, Fish, Flowers, Plants, Clothing, Tools, and much more.

Buckingham Flea Market

Saturdays, 9am – 3pm
Bargains to be found in the Cattle Pens, where you can stroll down the leafy avenue browsing stalls containing books, DVDs, toys, LPs, jewellery, furniture, antiques & bric-a-brac.

If you would like to arrange to have a stall on any of our markets please call the Town Council on 01280 816 426.



BUCKINGHAM AND DISABLEDGO



Last year we held an Access Aware event in Buckingham Town Centre. Councillors

and officers from Town, District and County ventured out in wheelchairs and mobility scooters to experience first-hand the difficulties facing disabled people in our town.

They all physically felt the need to improve our uneven and damaged pavements, kerbs and crossings. Hopefully this will be given top priority as funding allows.

They also noted difficulties accessing many shops and other venues. While every 'guinea-pig' commented on the friendly welcomes they received, they were aware that small premises and historic street design inevitably create many problems.

The Access for All group looked at how other authorities cope with similar problems. They came across an organisation called DisabledGo. This is a not for profit social enterprise set up as a result of its founder's similar experiences and frustrations trying to access his local community as a wheelchair user.

DisabledGo works with many public and private sector organisations to provide access information. This covers a range of local venues and services and is made available to local residents or potential visitors via websites or in published guides.

Having been pledged some money towards improving disability access by the Destination Buckingham Group (itself funded by AVDC), after extensive further discussion the Town Council has agreed to provide sufficient additional monies for DisabledGo to carry out an access survey of 100 premises in the town centre, and provide support for three years. The survey will point out the many positives the town has, but also advise how our shops, cafes, pubs, hotels and businesses could be made even more welcoming. The support includes promoting Buckingham's disability access on its national website.

Finally they will produce a guide with symbols describing the accessibility of each of the premises that agrees to be included.

So a year after our Access Aware event, we have not stood still! We are still working to keep our town as a vibrant place that everyone, resident and visitor, can enjoy.

MEET YOUR NEW TOWN COUNCILLOR

Introducing Margaret Gateley, the new Councillor for the Highlands and Watchcroft Ward

I was recently co-opted as Councillor for the above ward, where I have lived for 20 years. I retired from my work with Thames Valley Probation 4 years ago. My role as Chair of the Fairtrade Town Steering Group brought me into closer contact with the Town Council, and enabled me to see the difference which they make in our town. I am looking forward to making a further contribution as a representative in our community.



BUCKINGHAM TOWN YOUTH COUNCIL

We are pleased to report that since October 2015 our membership has grown and we are looking into some exciting projects. The first being a Teenage Market, a scheme that was set up by two teenage brothers in Stockport to revitalise their town's market area.

For more information please visit:
<http://theteenagemarket.co.uk/>



Young people can sign up as a Trader or Performer; just make sure you choose 'Buckingham' in the 'Town/City' box so we are notified of your interest. You will get access to a free profile page where you can explain more about yourself, your products or your talents. We also have a dedicated Facebook page and Twitter account:

[www.facebook.com/
BuckinghamTeenageMarket](http://www.facebook.com/BuckinghamTeenageMarket)

[@Buckingham_TM](https://twitter.com/Buckingham_TM).

An issue we are still looking into is the lack of secure sheltered bike sheds in both secondary schools. We would love to hear from you if you would cycle to school if bike sheds were provided, especially if you are currently driven in. We would hope by increasing bike journeys to school it may cut down some of the traffic, reduce the carbon footprint and make cycling and walking safer.



We have also discussed a problem many of us deal with when getting a bus; we are not believed when we ask for a child fare. Not all young people own a passport and we doubt many parents would allow their child to take a passport to a busy shopping centre. The upshot is we are getting charged adult fares and there's nothing we can do about it; the same is happening at cinemas. We are writing to the bus companies to ask what we can do, since there are no ID cards for under 16's. We would also like to hear from you if you have dealt with disbelieving bus drivers.

Our main contact details are:
[https://www.facebook.com/
BuckinghamYouthCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/BuckinghamYouthCouncil)
or @BuckinghamYouth or
BuckinghamTownYouthCouncil@gmail.com

If you are interested in joining the Youth Council we still have vacancies. Youth Councillors have to be between the ages of 11 & 18 and either attend a school in Buckingham or live in the town.

Look out for our

HIDDEN TREASURES OF BUCKINGHAM

fold out map, coming soon...

LACE HILL

Three years ago, this newsletter had an article about Lace Hill and where the street names came from. Many people have moved onto the estate since then, so it seemed a good time to print a refresh.

While the temporary marketing name of 'Windsor Park' is still plastered everywhere, these signs will be going one day soon. Permission was not granted to use this restricted name (due to Royal links) in the long term. It is the Town Council's intention that this area of the town will be known as 'Lace Hill'. This reflects the fact that all the street names are connected to lace making terms. We also now have The Lace Hill Academy as well of course.

'Why lace making terms?' you might ask?

Buckinghamshire Lace is a very fine pillow lace, and the making of it provided an income for local women until the First World War, especially here in Buckingham. Lace making is part of the Town's industrial heritage.



Photograph © Buckingham Old Gaol Trust



A typical Buckinghamshire Lace motif is the 'cucumber', a short fat oval with a line of holes (to represent seeds) inside; the Mayor's jabot, a decorative collar, has a strip of cucumber pattern lace. Very complex patterns might need as many as a hundred bead-weighted bobbins and these were often carved and decorated.

Town Councillors chose a mixture of names for the streets – some tools, like Pillow, Bobbin, Linen, Silk, and some stitches, like Mayflower, Butterfly, Constance and Rosemary.

As for the name for the estate: Lace Hill is just for ease of reference. This does not need to form part of the postal address. The Town Council is grateful for the expert help of Kay Bradley, Kay Meadows and Helene Hill in compiling the list of possible street names.

BIN COLLECTION DAYS CHANGING!

Your bin collection day is changing from **Tuesday 7 June**. This means what bin is collected in a week may change too. Look out for a letter from AVDC in late May with all the details of how you're affected. Check AVDC's website for up-to-date news www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/recycle

EVENTS REVIEW EVENTS REVIEW



CHRISTMAS PARADE

Sponsored by Buckingham Town Council and organised for many years now by the Christmas Parade Committee, the 31st Parade on 12th December saw 46 entrants braving the rain to give their interpretation of 'A Children's Story'. Many vibrant floats and costumes brightened the day, which saw mobile floats and walking groups being interspersed with marching bands and, of course, a few 'old faithfuls'. As usual, the Parade route was lined with a cheering crowd of thousands who were similarly undaunted by weather, so thanks for your support.

Prizes were awarded to Cancer Research UK Relay for Life (*Best in Parade* and *Best Float*), Buckingham Library (*Best Adult Walkers*, receiving the *Rosemary Heywood Memorial Cup*) and 2nd Buckingham Guides (*Best Junior Walkers*). There was also an award for the Best Dressed Shop Window, and this went to C.A.Holics.



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COMMUNITY FAIR

As usual, the Town Council's Community Fair opened in the Community Centre immediately following the Christmas Parade on 12th December. This is an annual opportunity for charities, and local groups to raise much-needed funds by selling a huge variety of seasonal goodies. Stalls included those run by the Gawcott & Hillesden Combined Cricket Club, the Swan & Pen Literary Society, North Bucks Carers and Buckingham Inner Wheel to name but a few.

The Wine Circle served mulled wine, while Citizens' Advice provided tea and coffee – both much needed, given the weather!

FUTURE EVENTS FUTURE

CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

From **4th – 6th March**, Clean for The Queen is a campaign launched by Country Life magazine in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy to clear up Britain in time for The Queen's 90th birthday.

About 2.25 million pieces of litter are dropped on the streets of the UK every day. Thirty million tons of rubbish are collected from England's streets each year. That's enough to fill Wembley Stadium four times over.

Buckingham Town Council has registered to take part in the event and will co-ordinate with local organisations and schools regarding the clean-up. Watch the Town Council's Facebook page for more information.

FAIRTRADE BIG BREW COFFEE MORNING

We are holding our Fairtrade Fortnight Big Brew Coffee Morning on **Saturday March 12th** from **10am – 12 noon** in the Old Gaol. Do come along and enjoy a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee and homemade cakes. By doing this you are supporting the producers in the developing world, who grow our food.



SPRING FAIR

The 4th Buckingham Spring Fair will be held on **Sunday 17th April** from **10am to 2pm** in the Cattle Pens area, Buckingham Town Centre, setting up from 9am.

We welcome participation from those who promote environmental issues and sustainability in Buckingham including wildlife conservation, recycling, craft, and also those who promote such activities through education.

Please let us know if you would like a stall or further information and please come along and support the event.



BUCKINGHAM BIG DAY WITH MK DONS

MK Dons will again be generously providing a series of football-related events for Buckingham folk in the lead-up to the



Big Day match against Brentford at *stadiumMK* on **Saturday 23rd April**.

Events are still being finalised but are again likely to include:

- Events for youngsters, including an evening at one of our Youth Clubs and a Roadshow with coaching sessions and a chance to meet MK Dons players
- School visits and opportunities for our University students
- The ever-popular Football Forum
- A hosted event for businesses and traders
- And of course, heavily-discounted match-day tickets

Watch out for more information shortly!

EVENTS FUTURE EVENTS

MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

This year, **Tuesday 3rd May** will be our annual opportunity to see local primary school children perform their country dancing routines and Maypole dancing. This very traditional event will take place on the green outside the Parish church of St Peter & St Paul. The event starts at **11am** and lasts for about an hour – why not come and cheer the youngsters on?



MUSIC IN THE MARKET

This year's Music In The Market is on **Sunday 29th May**. Organised by The Buckingham Acoustic Club and sponsored by Buckingham Town Council, this annual event attracts a huge audience.



Last year, local artists such as Thirlby & Smith and Long Story entertained the crowd. The event is free and is held in the Bull Ring in the town centre from **1pm until 10pm**.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Every year, Buckingham enters the Small Town Section of the Best Kept Village competition. Last year, we were commended for the high levels of maintenance at the Hunter Street graveyard and Brackley Road cemetery. The Judges also commented favourably on our Circular Walk, which takes in much of the river and the Railway and Scenic walks, as being well used and an attractive facility for residents and visitors alike.

As a consequence we received a Certificate of Merit. Judging takes place in June, and they are particularly looking for tidy and well-maintained areas, and evidence of community effort. Can we do better this year?

BUCKINGHAM FRINGE WEEK

Look forward to this year's Fringe Week, from **Saturday 11th June until Sunday 19th June**. We are still at the planning stage but, like last year, you are promised a variety of music, comedy and other events – something for everyone, in fact.

Last year we had jazz, classical, flamenco and modern music, karaoke, a ghost walk, comedy night, cream teas and a family art workshop. This year will be much the same, probably with a few tweaks, and – to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday on Sunday 12th June – a street party in the Old Cattle Pens!

Please keep a lookout for more information on the Town Council's website and Facebook page, and for the Fringe Brochure listing all the events and attractions, which will be available from the end of May. We can promise that this year will be better than ever!



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

This year the Annual Town Meeting is going to be a little bit different!

Everyone from the town is welcome to attend on **Wednesday 23rd March at 7.30pm in the main Community Centre**. Although the Town Council is responsible for convening this meeting, the meeting is not a council meeting, but a town one. So we have decided to change the way it runs so that townsfolk can be more involved. Indeed all town electors are entitled to attend the meeting and vote.

Using our experience of the consultations around the Neighbourhood Plan when lots of local people talked to us about their hopes and concerns about the future of the town, we are going to have this meeting as mainly about a set of table top discussions.

There will be some brief opening words from the Mayor and then a series of quick updates from the Committee Chairs. We will get this 'talking at people' part of the meeting over quickly. Written reports will be provided, including from local groups who have received large grants from the Town Council.

The main bulk of the meeting will happen around smaller tables, with Town Councillors on each. There will also be a couple of tables for people representing the Town Council partners such as the Police, County and District Councils. On all these tables there will be discussions around what matters to Buckingham people: people will be able to raise whatever issues they wish. The Councillors will also have some questions to ask such as 'what do you hope the Town Council should focus on over the next 12 months?' or 'what feedback would you give us about our parks?' and so forth.

At the end of the meeting, there will be time for anyone to make a statement to everyone or propose a motion to be discussed and a consensus agreed to steer future Town Council activity.

Hot drinks and biscuits will be provided.

We do hope that lots of people come along. **We are keen to hear your ideas about the future of our beautiful town.**

MORE SERVICES, MORE EFFICIENTLY



The Town Council have agreed the budget and precept for the next year.

While the Council has saved more than £110,000 over the last 7 years, and has not raised the Town Council element of the Council Tax for 6 years, this year, the new services the Town Council will be providing has meant that each house will have to pay 38p more per week.

This increase will pay for new toilets in the town centre, the running of the new

community centre at Lace Hill and planning for the new cemetery.

Buckingham Town Council want to ensure that residents are aware that their council tax bill is due to rise and to offer a reason for the increase. To help in communicating this we have put together the infographic opposite, to be displayed on town notice boards and social media sites. We hope that by doing this we are giving all residents an opportunity to prepare for these changes.

Council Tax is increasing in 2016. Buckingham Town Council's annual income will increase for the first time in six years by £83,541 from last year's £671,567. (For your information Buckinghamshire County Council, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Police and Fire and Rescue Services will also be increasing their rates.) We thought you might like to know how Buckingham Town Council's element is spent.

What's in it for us?



In 2016/17 you will have the use of new toilets in Cornwalls Meadow, Shopmobility, a new Sports & Community Centre on Lace Hill & investment towards a new cemetery



An increase of £19.55 per year for a Council Tax Band D property will go towards running these facilities

Of the 13 full or part-time members of staff, 4 are dedicated to working on parks, cemeteries & green spaces. There is also a team of 12 part-time grass cutters keeping estate verges neat.



47% is spent on parks & green spaces



Buckingham has: refurbished play areas, new park signs, employment opportunities for young people, a value for money grounds maintenance contract and three new multi use games areas

Parks, Cemeteries, Community Centre, Depots, Grounds Maintenance.

Approximately 28% of the budget is spent on running the Council. Included within this are the salaries of administrative and management staff as well as bills, rates, administration, training and all other running costs.

Events

14% is spent on events



Includes Pancake Race, Food Fair, Spring Fair, Maypole Dancing, Music in the Market Fringe Week, Buckingham in Bloom, Dog Show, Band Jam, River Rinse, Charter Fair, Bonfire & Fireworks, Christmas Lights switch-on, Community Fair, Christmas Parade & Comedy Nights

There are 14 Town events each year and we also offer support to a large number more



Things we can't do: advise on schools, school buses, licensing, blue badges, environmental health issues, registry office, social services, highway repairs or street lights. These belong to BCC or AVDC.

Grants

£55,000 in grants to support local services, charities and groups



Planning

The Town Council scrutinises planning applications for compliance with the Neighbourhood Plan, and conformity with the fabric and design characteristics of the town, and comments to planners on your behalf.

In 2015/16 £315,000 in grants were secured to invest in town facilities (Funds secured through New Homes Bonus and S106 grants from AVDC)

The increase of 38p per week for a Council Tax band D property is less than a pint of milk at 45p



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THE EDIBLE WOODLAND



The Edible Woodland is an area in the Heartlands where we can let our growing imagination run wild! Why is it there, and what does it do? It's about reconnecting what we eat with where it comes from... And it does that by growing all sorts of plants, and letting anyone who walks by, look, pick and eat.

Two years ago the council generously gave us a tucked away patch of green to plant what we think is something unusual and exciting. There is a natural way that plants grow in the wild, where each plant has a role to play in supporting each other. Some plants put nitrogen in the soil, others pull up nutrients from the depths, and the rest provide nutrients to the top layer of soil. It can happen by itself in a balanced way, if the mix of plants is right. We have used the concept of a 'forest garden', which is a garden modelled on the structure of a young natural woodland. Plants are grown in many different layers consisting of trees, shrubs and non-woody perennials.

This is designed for everyone, it's open for you to participate and it's open for you to wander and pick what you like. We hope to

have signs up soon explaining what each plant does, and its place in the garden. You don't have to become a member of anything to participate; you only need one thing – the desire to do something. It's your woodland too, and anyone can have a hand in its creation and use.

One important area is to use the edible woodland for education. As adults we learn as we participate, and children can be brought by their parents, or via schools. Are you connected to a school and would like to get more involved?

Do you want to form a small group, and take a part of the land to do something yourselves? Do you want to create willow sculptures? Would you like to plant out herbs?

There is a website where we try and inform people what's going on and when (www.bucksedwood.org.uk). In the winter we plan for the year ahead, and anyone is encouraged to come along. No experience is necessary. During the rest of the year, usually on Sunday afternoons, people turn up to look and help out.

MONEY PROBLEMS? £ £ £ £ £ £ £

Then here are a few local resources that can help you out:

Swan Credit Union is a financial not-for-profit co-operative owned and run by our members, helping people to save and borrow at affordable rates. Through the Financial Compensation Scheme, members' savings are 100% protected.

Save for your financial future.

Locally run **Online** services **Ethical** savings **Affordable** Loans

Our loans are tailored to meet your individual needs from £250 up to £10,000. Regular savers benefit from discounted rates. Save for 3 months and apply for a loan for 3 times what you have saved at 1% (26.8%APR on the declining balance)

Want a loan more quickly? If you are in receipt of child benefit you can apply for a loan up to £500 straight away, contact us for more details.

It's free and easy to join.

See our website for further details: www.aylesburyvalecommunitybank.org.uk

Phone: 03030 300147

Email: enquiries@swancreditunion.org.uk



Buckingham Food Bank

Buckingham Food Bank is organised and run by volunteers mainly from Buckingham Parish Church. Food Parcels, containing three days of emergency food, are provided for individuals and families who are experiencing a crisis and do not have enough money to buy food.

The Food Bank team works in partnership with advice and care professionals in the community such as Citizens Advice, Community Nurses, Social Workers, the Children's Centre and the Local Emergency Support Team. These professionals identify those who are in need of help and refer them to the Food Bank team who then ensure the delivery of the appropriate food parcel.

Citizens Advice Buckingham Winslow and District

Dealing with money issues can sometimes be off-putting, but if you don't understand how things like credit or mortgages work, you could end up losing out financially or getting yourself deep in debt. At Citizens Advice we give you the advice and help you need to make the right choices, including help to deal with your debt problems, how to avoid losing your home and how to get your finances back into shape.

In addition, it's important to make sure that you get all the help that you're entitled to. We can also give you information and advice on benefits and tax credits if you are working or unemployed, sick or disabled, a parent, a young person, an older person or a veteran. We also advise on council tax and housing costs, national insurance, payment of benefits and problems with benefits.

See our website at www.buckinghamcab.org.uk for further details

Telephone Adviceline: 0300 330 1160



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Buckingham Town Council supports a number of organisations in the town with grants to aid them in providing facilities and services for the people of the town. This year the Council has helped the following organisations with grants:

Aylesbury Vale Fibromyalgia Support Group	£598
Buckingham Camera Club	£250
Buckingham Summer Festival	£1,200
Buckingham Tennis Club	£1,000
Buckingham Town Cricket Club	£1,000
Buckingham West End Bowls Club	£300
Chandos Park Bowls Club	£300
Friends of the Old Gaol Museum	£500
Open House (Community Care North Bucks)	£200
Project Street Life	£500
Revitalise	£354
Slade Recreation Club Ltd	£500
Swan Credit Union	£2,000
The Swan Community Hub (Job Club)	£1,000

In addition to this the council gives long term grants to Buckingham Community Centre, Buckingham Old Gaol, The Film Place, The Tourist Information Centre, Buckingham Winslow & District Citizens Advice and Buckingham Youth Clubs Ltd. As well as grants the Council also aids charities and other community organisations in a number of ways including advertising events, providing a venue for meetings and by campaigning for issues and changes with other authorities.

The Town Council grants process starts again in October.

More information on grants and the grants process is available on our website:
<http://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/community-matters/grants/>

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.



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Town Clerk – Mr Christopher Wayman			01280 816 426

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
Citizens Advice Buckingham Winslow & District	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

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2016 EVENTS DIARY



MARCH	Friday 4th – Sunday 6th	Clean for the Queen
	Saturday 12th	Big Brew Coffee Morning
	Monday 14th	Commonwealth Day
	Wednesday 23rd	Annual Town Meeting
APRIL	Sunday 17th	Spring Fair
	Saturday 23rd	MK Dons – Buckingham Big Day Match at <i>stadiumMK</i>
MAY	Tuesday 3rd	May Day Celebrations
	Sunday 29th	Music in the Market
JUNE	Saturday 11th – Sunday 19th	Buckingham Fringe Week
JULY	Sunday 17th	Dog Show
	Thursday 28th	Play Around The Parishes
AUGUST	Thursdays 11th, 18th & 25th	Play Around The Parishes
	Sunday 28th	BandJam
SEPTEMBER	Sunday 25th	River Rinse
OCTOBER	Sunday 9th	River Rinse
	Saturday 15th	Charter Fair
	Saturday 22nd	Charter Fair
NOVEMBER	Saturday 5th	Bonfire & Fireworks
	Sunday 13th	Remembrance Parade
	Saturday 26th	Christmas Lights & Carols
DECEMBER	Saturday 10th	Christmas Parade Community Fair



Please find further details inside or online:
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