



Buckingham TownMatters

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

Dear All,

I hope you all had a good Christmas and the New Year started well, although it was a chilly start.

The Christmas Lunch, for those who would not otherwise have a Christmas lunch or would have been alone at Christmas, was held at the Villiers Hotel. My grateful thanks to the kind people who organised the lunch at short notice and the volunteers and the staff at Villiers who made this an enjoyable Christmas Lunch for those who attended.

The Christmas Parade, which we all look forward to, was great fun and a success. The weather was kind to us and it did not rain until after the parade. This year we had the privilege of having The High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Milly Soames DL, take part in the Christmas Parade and present the prizes.

Please look at the back of this magazine which lists all the forthcoming events planned for this year, and I hope you are able to support as many of the events as possible.

Commonwealth Day is on 13th March and we shall be raising the Commonwealth Flag outside the Community Centre at 10am, please support this event.

This will probably be my last message as Mayor of Buckingham, and I wish to thank my fellow Councillors, BTC staff and you the people of Buckingham for your support and help in making my two tenures as Mayor both enjoyable and memorable. It has been an honour and privilege to have been your Mayor.

Have a great summer.



Cllr. Andy Mahi
February 2017

WHAT GOES INTO OUR EVENTS

Most residents will be aware of the range of events that the Town Council either arranges itself, or supports when arranged by others. But even those arranged by others need considerable background work by the Town Council and particularly Amanda, our Events Co-ordinator.

Some events are 'outsourced' but still require our involvement. Others involve third-party contractors for specialist work. For example, although the Charter Fair is organised by the Showmen's Guild, we still have to arrange the road closure (in this case, a complicated 'rolling road-closure') which requires a small army of marshals. Similarly, the Christmas Parade is run by the Christmas Parade Committee, but it is the Town Council, who have the trained personnel and requisite signage, that is responsible for the road closure. Music in the Market is run by the Buckingham Acoustic Club, and BandJam is run by the organisation of that name – but we still look after the road closures and arrange first aid, refreshment vendors, security etc.

Even the Town Council's own events often require specialist inputs, such as the staging, lighting and sound at the Christmas Lights switch-on, the bonfire building and barriers putting out for the Bonfire & Fireworks –



plus heaps of meetings, telephone calls and emails until all the ducks are in line. As you can imagine, things like the Fringe Week take masses of organising.

On top of all that, posters have to be designed (a whole booklet in the case of the Fringe Week) and displayed – and posters have to be taken down afterwards.

We also assist with events put on by others, such as the Remembrance Parade and the Scout

Parade scheduled for this year, by sorting out and marshalling the road closures.

The range of these events, currently totalling 15 this year, with two extending over two and eight days respectively, can be seen from elsewhere in these pages. We are often asked to consider new events. We constantly review all of them to see what improvements might be made, and this year we shall be reviewing them all in

detail to ensure that they remain financially viable, well supported, and in keeping with our wider aspirations. After all, arranging entertainments is not a primary role of Town Councils, and we want to ensure that as many as possible enjoy the events put on at their cost.

But what do you think? We always welcome your views.

PROTECTING OUR TREES, HEDGEROWS AND GREEN SPACES

Many people are concerned about the loss of trees and hedgerows in Buckingham, due largely to the ever-increasing new housing developments. One particular wildlife habitat was lost when builders decided to remove some trees. Even though the company is required to plant new trees, it will be many years before what has been lost will be re-established.

The Town Council has set up an Action Commission to find a way to reduce the risk of further loss of such beautiful resources. After an initial meeting, which involved people from various conservation groups, a smaller steering group was established, which will report to the Environment Committee in April.

We would really value the input of people who share our concerns. If this is you, please contact the Deputy Town Clerk.

The Council has recruited another 7 tree wardens to monitor the trees in our Parish and report any valuable trees that they think should be

protected; hopefully we will have enough tree wardens so that they can be responsible for their own local area, enabling us to cover the whole town. Tree wardens will be consulted about planning applications for works on trees/ tree felling; and would like suggestions of where new trees can be planted. We can appoint more tree wardens if there are any more volunteers!

In addition there are many opportunities to be involved with nature conservation work. If you have a few hours a month to help out then please consider becoming involved with any of the following: Buckingham Canal Society, Maids Moreton Avenue Conservation Group, Railway Walk Conservation Group or Edible Woodland in the Heartland.



BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT AND BUDGET

In 2016/17, we opened Lace Hill Sports and Community Centre; took over Shopmobility from AVDC and commissioned new toilets, due to be installed in the next few months.

This year, the Council has agreed to increase the budget by **£6.38** per year for a Council Tax band D property. Although we have had an increase in the number of houses in Buckingham, meaning an increase in the amount of council tax that we receive; by increasing the amount of services provided,

we incur additional costs in relation to rates, bills, maintenance, administration and staff costs.

The increase will also allow us to continue planning for the new cemetery, purchase the Buckingham Community Centre, and provide a slightly larger amount in grants to local community groups.

The full precept and budget can be viewed on our website at: www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk



Buckingham Town Council Precept and Budget

In 2017/18 the Buckingham Town Council budget will be increasing by **£6.38 per year** for a Council Tax band D property, to £147.39. This is so that we can continue to provide the current services, as well as take on new services and facilities.

In 2016/17 we opened the Lace Hill Sports and Community Centre, a new storage depot and took over the Shopmobility scheme from AVDC. We have made the cemetery more accessible by installing new footpaths. We have also repaired the bank and removed the weir in Chandos Park; carried out ongoing park maintenance and staged lots of local community events.

Work to finalise and build the new toilets and Shopmobility building is underway; and Planning for a new cemetery continues. In 2017/18 we plan to purchase the Buckingham Community Centre, transferring another valuable facility to the Town Council.



Approximately 12% of the budget is spent on the town centre and community events including:

Spring Fair, Maypole Dancing, Music in the Market, Buckingham in Bloom, Dog Show, Band Jam, Charter Fair, Bonfire & Fireworks, Christmas Parade, Christmas Light Switch On and more...



45% of the budget is spent on parks, green spaces, property and the cemetery...

...and of our 14 members of full and part time staff, four are dedicated to the Green Spaces team.

This year, we will provide an increased amount in grants to support important local services including Citizens Advice and Buckingham Youth Club.



We also support **DisabledGo** to provide access information and guides to local shops, restaurants, hotels and parks.

As well as these ongoing and additional services, the cost of running the Town Council will increase in relation to bills, rates, administration and staff salaries. The 4.33% increase in Council Tax will ensure the continuity of our services. The full precept and budget can be viewed on our website: www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk

Buckingham Town Council



THE UNIVERSITY IN OUR MIDST

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FOR TEACHING

Long-standing residents may recall how, in the late 1960s, Hunter Street and the margins of Prebend End were becoming very run-down and dilapidated. Much of the remaining industry had departed

the area, and land and buildings became available for an exciting new venture.

This was to become the location of Britain's first independent university. Ideally located in a quiet location full of history, redundant buildings were acquired in 1974, and the first cohort of 65 students arrived at the new University College of Buckingham in February 1976. In those early days, the students studied for degrees in Law, Economics and Business which were awarded under licence.

Growth of both the campus and its offer to students was steady, and in 1983 the University of Buckingham was incorporated by Royal Charter. Despite it being the smallest UK University, Buckingham has always punched well above its weight, gaining recognition for its low student/staff ratios and coming top in the UK for graduate employability, for student satisfaction, and being the safest UK University campus.

Our University has done much for our town. Apart from regenerating a previously run-down area, the University generates an estimated £180 million to the UK economy each year. It is the largest employer in the town, the diverse student population enriches our community, and staff and students support our local businesses. We all benefit from the Film Place and a range of public events provided at the recently

refurbished Radcliffe Centre – neither of which might exist were it not for our University.

But the University does need to grow its student numbers, and thereby its campus, in order to preserve long-term viability.

This needs to be done sensitively, but we are beginning to see exciting plans for Hunter Street and Chandos Road, and look forward to their derelict Tingewick Road site being developed for the new Medical School.

The Town Council welcomes Town & Gown working more closely together again, for the mutual benefit of both. This is beginning to happen with the Vice-Chancellor's Community Liaison Meetings advising about future proposals. Our Mayor used to attend student inductions, and all households once received University Newsletters. Perhaps these might be reinstated. We'd love to see students and staff engaging more closely with town-wide affairs and events. We're also open to suggestions!

In the meantime, our University remains a town asset of which we can all be proud.



THE UNIVERSITY OF
BUCKINGHAM

EVENTS REVIEW EVENTS REVIEW

REMEMBRANCE PARADE

This year's Remembrance Day Parade was held on Sunday 13th November, a beautiful, sunny morning. It was great to see so many people of all ages, who came to reflect on the sacrifices of those who have served in our armed forces, and all those injured or killed in wars. Organised by Rob Bloomfield, Chairman of the Buckingham branch of the Royal British Legion, this year's parade was led by the Thames Valley Police Mounted Section. Their horses certainly attracted interest and excitement, especially from the younger groups.



The parade formed on Market Hill and paraded up to St Peter's and St Paul's Church, where the service was held; wreaths were laid at the War Memorial by many of the participating groups.

After the service, the parade made its way back to Market Hill, passing the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Millie Soames DL, who took the salute.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Organised by Buckingham Town Council, the Christmas Lights were switched on by Town Mayor, Cllr. Andy Mahi, on Saturday 26th November. The Mayor's chaplain, Revd Tim Edworthy, shared some seasonal reflections. There was a performance by the Buckingham Glee Club, who also led the singing of carols,

accompanied by the Winslow Concert Band. Father Christmas put in an appearance, much to the delight of the children in the crowd.

Next year the Town Council is planning to make some changes to the event. If you would like to make some suggestions, please contact Amanda Brubaker, Events Co-ordinator, by e-mail events@buckingham-tc.gov.uk

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Christmas Parade, which has been one of the highlights of the year in Buckingham for over 30 years, was held on Saturday 10th December. Made up of floats, marching bands and walkers, the parade makes its way from Chandos Road, through the town centre and back again: vibrant and exciting sights and sounds for the many people who gather to watch this colourful spectacle. Numerous participating groups interpreted this year's theme 'Proverbs' in creative ways. Among those taking part were Alec's Angels, Buckingham WI, The Shires RBL Youth Band and Moretonville Junior Football Club.

Winners were:

- Floats – Cancer Research UK Relay For Life (Also Best in Show)
- Adult Walking Group – St Edmund's Church Maids Moreton
- Junior Walking Group – 2nd Buckingham Guides
- Best Shop Window – Secret Messages



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COMMUNITY FAIR

This is held in the Community Centre after the Christmas Parade. Organised by Buckingham Town Council, this is an opportunity for local charities, organisations and societies to raise awareness, and do some fundraising by selling their wares. Money was also raised for the Mayor's charities from donations for Katharine McElligott's beautiful hand knitted jumpers and other items, and



from the delicious mulled wine, provided by the Wine Circle. It is a great opportunity to experience at first-hand how many different groups there are in Buckingham, each with their own focus: from Men in Sheds, selling bird boxes and other wooden items they have produced to Buckingham Canal Society and others working to enhance our environment.

If you would like a table this year, please contact Amanda Brubaker, Events Co-ordinator.

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Last year Buckingham took part in Clean for the Queen, when local organisations and schools litter picked various areas of the town.

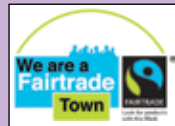
This year Buckingham Town Council is taking part in the **Great British Spring Clean** which takes place from the **3rd – 5th March**.

We are asking local individuals, community groups, businesses and schools to get involved and help to clear up the litter in their community. Special bags will be available for the clean-up and can be picked up from the Town Council office. If you would like more information on the Great British Spring Clean contact events@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or check out the official web page <http://www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk>



10TH ANNIVERSARY OF BUCKINGHAM AS A FAIRTRADE TOWN!

We really want the people of Buckingham to join with us as we celebrate 10 years of being a Fairtrade Town. During Fairtrade Fortnight, we will be holding our Big Brew **coffee morning** in the Old Gaol from **10am – 12 noon** on **Saturday 11th March**. But watch out for other things happening around that time also.



We will have our Anniversary event on 16th September, also in the Old Gaol; and on 17th September there will be a celebration service at St Peter's and St Paul's Church at 2.30pm: all are welcome! For further info: <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk>

COMMONWEALTH DAY

This will take place on **Monday 13th March at 10am**, when Town Mayor, Cllr. Andy Mahi, will raise the Commonwealth Flag outside the community centre in commemoration.

FUTURE EVENTS FUTURE EVENTS

SPRING FAIR

Organised by Buckingham Town Council the **Spring Fair** will be on **Sunday 30th April** in Buckingham town centre. The event is intended to promote community spirit and pride as well as promote environmental issues and sustainability in Buckingham. Last year's event included Brackley Hogwatch, Bucks Earth Heritage Group, who promoted local geology, Fairtrade group, Buckingham's Flood Action Group, Buckingham Edible Woodland, Buckingham Canal Society and local crafters.

If you would like a table at the fair contact the Events Co-ordinator at Buckingham Town Council by e-mail events@buckingham-tc.gov.uk

MK DONS WELCOMES BUCKINGHAM

For the seventh year, MK Dons FC will be providing coaching opportunities for local youth teams and the University, 'Roadshows' to local schools and first-team player visits to our youth clubs. Older devotees of the beautiful game will welcome the ever-popular **Football Forum** at Buckingham Athletic FC on **Thursday 6th April**, from **7pm**, while the usual networking opportunity for our businesses and traders is again on offer.

As ever, the climax will be the **Buckingham Big Day** match against Brentford on **Saturday 22nd April**, with its heavily-discounted tickets. Kick off is at 3pm. Further details will shortly appear around the town and on social media.



MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Join the students from Buckingham's schools for some traditional **Maypole and Country**



Dancing on Tuesday 2nd May. This annual event takes place on the green outside St Peter & St Paul's Church starting at **11am**.

MUSIC IN THE MARKET



The ever popular **Music In The Market** is on **Sunday 28th May 1pm – 10pm** in Buckingham's town centre.

This free event is organised by The Acoustic Club and sponsored by Buckingham Town Council and attracts a large audience. There is a wide variety of music with musicians mainly from the Acoustic Club. Last year performers included The Straight Laces, Fraser & Toots and the headline band were The Montanas.

BUCKINGHAM FRINGE WEEK



Make a date in your diary for this year's **Fringe Week** from **Saturday 17th – Saturday 24th June**. We are still at the planning stage but last year's events included kite-flying, a comedy night, a picnic to mark The Queen's 90th birthday, live music and opera.

Please keep a look out 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.

MONEY MATTERS £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £

Spring is here and Christmas seems like a distant memory, unless you're still paying off last years' big day on credit cards, an overdraft or loan, it's just another debt that still needs paying. Here are a couple of local resources that may be able to assist you or help you better prepare for this Christmas:

Aylesbury Vale Community Bank



A local community based alternative to big banks, high street lenders and loan sharks. A not-for-profit financial cooperative owned and run by its members; saving with them helps lend to those in need and once again this year you will receive 1% dividend on your savings (subject to future AGM approval).

It's free and easy to join via their website for safe savings and affordable loans from £250 to £10,000. Their affordable interest rates mean you only pay interest on what you owe NOT the total balance.

See their website for further details: www.aylesburyvalecommunitybank.org.uk, phone 03030 300147 or email: enquiries@swancreditunion.org.uk

Citizens Advice Buckingham Winslow and District



Citizens Advice will 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.

Being in debt can be stressful and it can be difficult to know what to do first - especially if you're constantly getting letters and calls from the companies you owe money to. You might be thinking about taking out a loan to pay back money you owe, but this can make the problem worse when there might be a better solution for you.

There's no debt problem that's unsolvable. Becoming debt-free, however long it takes, can improve your credit rating and mean you can think about longer term plans.

Visit the Citizens Advice website to help find a way to deal with your debt that suits your own situation. Complete each of the steps in order to see:

- what you should do first
- what you can deal with yourself
- what you might need specialist help with – and show you where to get this help from: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/help-with-debt/get-help-with-your-debts/get-help-with-your-debts/>

Citizens Advice can also help advise you on avoiding fuel poverty; there are many government insulation schemes which are free or low cost and they can help you to find these. You can also talk to your fuel supplier to see if you are on the best tariff.

For more information visit their website at www.buckinghamcab.org.uk or call 0300 330 1160

SHOPMOBILITY

We have now been run by the Town Council for 6 months, and feel we really belong. AVDC founded the branch 10 years ago.

The big news is work has begun on building our stylish new permanent Shopmobility office in Cornwall's Meadow Car Park, with public toilets next door. For staff this will mean no more urgent questions from 'desperate' visitors breaking their journey or having a day out in historic Buckingham, just queries about what to see or where to eat.

We love it when people return to their cars and stop by to praise the town for being so clean

and well-kept, with friendly residents, good shops, and a variety of cafes and restaurants.

Visitors sometimes borrow our scooters and wheelchairs too, to save getting theirs out of the car; more brownie points for Buckingham!

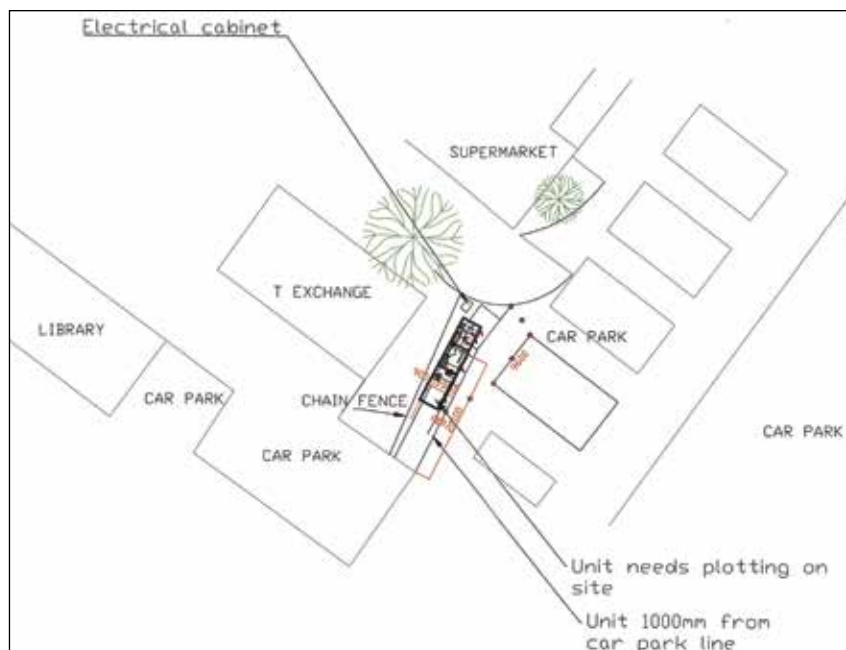
Locally we hope more people will use the service including disability groups, event organisers, hotel guests and those with temporary needs following injuries. We are here for everyone. Drop in on a Tuesday (9:30am - 3:30pm) or Saturday (9am - 1pm) or call 07730 747469 in office hours.

WORKS UNDERWAY

Work has begun on the new toilet and Shopmobility building in Cornwall's Meadow car park. The new building will house a Changing Places toilet, unisex toilet and a disabled toilet (which when free can be used by anyone). Changing Places toilets have extra features, including a

hoist system and more space for those who have extra needs. It will be the first such toilet in the District which is home to the Paralympics.

The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of March, allowing people to use the facilities before Easter.



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Everyone from the town is welcome to attend on **Wednesday 22nd March** at 7.30pm in Buckingham Community Centre. Although the Town Council is responsible for convening this event, it is not a *council* meeting, but a *town* meeting. Last year we decided to change the way it runs so that townsfolk can be more actively involved. 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 told us about their hopes and concerns about future of the town, last year we decided to focus this meeting on having good conversations. We will be doing the same again this year!

There will be some brief opening words from the Mayor and then a series of quick updates from the Committee Chairs. As before, we will get this 'talking at people' part of the meeting over quickly. (Written reports will be provided, including some from local groups who have received larger 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 table discussions 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: everyone will be able to raise whatever issues they wish.

The Councillors will also have some questions to ask such as 'what do you think 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. Fairtrade hot drinks and biscuits will be provided. We do hope that lots of townspeople come along.

We are keen to hear your ideas about the future of our beautiful town.



MENTAL WELL-BEING IN BUCKINGHAM

Physical health is often talked about far more than mental health, despite the fact that probably everyone knows someone close who has experienced some form of mental illness. (And may well still be doing so.) Moreover, the messages on staying physically healthy are well known too such as give up smoking, exercise more, drink less alcohol and so forth. How much do we know about what we can do to boost our mental well-being?

The NHS recommends⁽¹⁾ five steps to mental well-being:

- Connect with people around you, family, friends and colleagues
- Be active and spend time doing something that you enjoy
- Keep learning new skills, new knowledge and gain confidence
- Give to other people be it a smile, a kind word or some hours volunteering
- Be mindful and become more aware of your thoughts and feelings

There are of course many ways to take those five steps in and around Buckingham including choosing from the numerous local clubs, societies, charities and associations

to join or volunteer for⁽²⁾. You might be interested in learning about Mental Health First Aid whereby people can learn how to identify, understand and help a person who may be developing a mental health issue⁽³⁾.

Mental health services can be accessed via your family doctor of course. There may be waiting lists and sometimes the services are in short supply. One approach that some have found useful is co-counselling. This involves people arranging to meet regularly in pairs to give each other peer-to-peer counselling, in turn taking the role of counsellor and client, with equal amounts of time allocated to each⁽⁴⁾. There are also many self-help groups which your doctor will be able to highlight or go in search yourself. There is the Campaign Against Living Miserably which is a useful source of information, especially for men⁽⁵⁾.

Probably the most important thing that we can all do is talk about mental health and well-being. Sadly mental illness is a taboo subject for many. But the more we talk, the better it will be for all of us. Local schools are working hard on this issue too.

Further information:

- 1 <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/Pages/improve-mental-wellbeing.aspx>
- 2 <https://do-it.org/>
- 3 <http://www.mhfaengland.org/>
- 4 <http://www.co-counselling.org.uk/index.html>
- 5 <https://www.thecalmzone.net/help/help-near-you/>

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:

Buckingham AED Project	£1,000	Friends of the Old Gaol Museum	£500
Buckingham Canal Society	£500	George Grenville Academy	£1,000
Buckingham Churches Children's Holiday Club	£300	North Bucks Carers	£1,000
Buckingham Lawn Tennis Club	£900	Open House (Community Care North Bucks)	£400
Buckingham Literary Festival	£600	Project Street Life	£1,000
Buckingham Summer Festival	£1,200	Revitalise	£500
Buckingham Town Cricket Club	£1,000	The Swan Community Hub (Job Club)	£1,000
Chandos Park Bowls Club	£500		
Connection Floating Support (Oxford) Ltd	£500		



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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Cllr. Derrick Isham	01280 813 770		
Town Clerk – Mr Christopher Wayman			01280 816 426

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Buckingham Cemetery	01280 816 801	Thames Valley Police	101
Buckingham Shopmobility	07738 314 027	NHS Urgent Care	111
Lace Hill Sports and Community Centre	01280 812 872	National Power Cut Helpline	105
Buckinghamshire County Council	01296 395 000	National Gas Helpline	0800 111 999
Transport for Buckinghamshire	01296 382 416	Floodline	0345 988 1188
Aylesbury Vale District Council	01296 58 58 58	Samaritans	08457 90 90 90
Citizens Advice Buckingham Winslow & District	0344 245 1289	ChildLine	0800 11 11
Buckingham Tourist Information Centre	01280 823 020		
Buckingham Community Hall	01280 823 584		

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2016/17 EVENTS DIARY



MARCH	Fri 3rd – Sun 5th	Great British Spring Clean
	Sat 11th (10am)	Fairtrade Fortnight Coffee Morning
	Mon 13th (10am)	Commonwealth Day
	Wed 22nd (7:30pm)	Annual Town Meeting
APRIL	Thurs 6th (7pm)	MK Dons Football Forum
	Sat 22nd (3pm)	MK Dons – Buckingham Big Day Match at <i>stadiumMK</i>
	Sun 30th (10am)	Spring Fair
MAY	Tues 2nd (11am)	May Day Celebrations
	Sun 28th (1pm)	Music in the Market
JUNE	Sat 17th– Sat 24th	Buckingham Fringe Week
JULY	Sun 16th (10am)	Dog Show
AUGUST	Thurs 10th (10am)	Play around the Parishes
	Mon 14th (10am)	Play around the Parishes
	Sun 27th (1pm)	BandJam
SEPTEMBER	Sat 16th – Sun 17th	Fairtrade Town 10th Anniversary
	Sun 10th (10:15am)	River Rinse
OCTOBER	Sun 1st (10:15am)	River Rinse
	Sat 14th (1pm)	Charter Fair
	Sat 21st (1pm)	Charter Fair
NOVEMBER	Sat 4th (6pm)	Bonfire & Fireworks
	Sun 12th (10:30am)	Remembrance Parade
	Sun 26th (6pm)	Christmas Lights & Carols
DECEMBER	Sat 9th (10:45am)	Christmas Parade
	Sat 9th (11:30am)	Community Fair



Please find further details inside or online:
www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/town-matters/events/