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BUCKINGHAM

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR



With a busy Christmas period over, we start the new decade with some of the biggest changes and challenges for a generation. The Mayoress and I were honoured to be invited to so many functions over the Festive Season,

As always, the good people of Buckingham rose to the occasion, bringing much gladness and joy to so many, and local charities benefitted hugely.

But now we are into 2020, we have a new Member of Parliament, Greg Smith, replacing John Bercow who served Buckingham for

22 years, the last ten as Speaker. Only Sir Harry Verney, who served three terms in the 1880s, was our MP for longer, 31 years in all. My personal thanks to John, and I am sure you will join me in wishing Greg all the best.

The other major change is that on 1st May, Bucks County Council and the four district councils, AVDC among them, disappear, replaced by a unitary authority which will be called Buckinghamshire Council. While it may take several years for it to fully find its feet, local hubs are being formed to serve local people.

This will not affect town and parish councils, however, and local elections are being held on Thursday 7th May, so make sure that you have your voice heard by voting for your local councillors, or even by standing as a candidate yourself.

In February, the Mayoress and I joined Buckingham Twinning Association's visit to Germany, where on 15th February I signed a twinning agreement with Harald Lenssen, the Bürgermeister of Neukirchen-Vluyn. This makes a triangular entente: our longtime French twin, Mouvaux, is also twinned with Neukirchen-Vluyn. We have left the European Union, but we are still in Europe.

The challenges we face in 2020 include climate change, Buckingham Town Council last year declaring a climate emergency; the future of HS2 railway link; and future of the East-West Expressway, all of which have become decisive issues. We also face more housing, and with it we must demand the infrastructure to support it.

Sadly, as the last decade closed, we lost one of our closest friends – Councillor Derrick Isham, rightly termed 'Father of the Council' died at home after attending the December Town Council meeting. Derrick had been not only Mayor of Buckingham, but also Chairman of AVDC during his long and honourable career in local government. He will be greatly missed by everyone.

Cllr. Mark Cole JP

Mayor of Buckingham Spring 2020

FLOODING AND FLOOD VOLUNTEERS

Parts of Buckingham woke on Friday 15th November to find that once again the River Great Ouse had burst its banks causing flooding in some of the town's parks and residential areas.





The Town Council's Greenspaces Team were out from early Thursday morning clearing blocked roadside gullies

and positioning flood warning signs where routes had become impassable. The Team visited residents in some of the worst areas to make sure their flood defence measures were in place, should the flood waters have continued to rise. The Team distributed sand bags to a number of properties and even lent wellington boots to a resident.

Buckingham Community Flood Plan

The Buckingham Community Flood Plan has been put together by the Environment Agency and Town Council with support from the District and County Councils. The Plan will be activated when a flood alert, warning or severe flood warning is issued. The Plan relies on volunteers to support local residents.

More volunteers are needed to register to take part in the scheme. We need volunteers from outside of the flood risk area, as those affected may need to attend to their own homes.

Flood volunteers:

- Sign up to EA communications
- Take responsibility for a 'knocking route';
- When advised by the Flood Plan Co-ordinator – 'knock' the route and inform the community of the situation and advise them to prepare by moving cars, gather belongings and pets;
- If appropriate assist residents put flood protection measures in place and move furniture as required;
- · Pass on advice and information to residents;
- Monitor flood levels and help create a record of the extent of flooding. i.e images.

Please contact admin@buckingham-tc.gov.uk to express interest or to find out more information.

Penstock

The river through Bourton Park includes a penstock. This is used to lower the water level in the Bourton Park Pond system to allow for cleaning or to raise the water level and protect wildlife in very dry conditions. The Council has been



asked whether the penstock should be used as a flood defence. Actually, the entirety of Bourton Park is a flood plain, and so the raising or lowering of the penstock would not affect flooding in the area.

For any concerns about flooding call the Environment Agency on 03459 881188.

CEMETERY UPDATE

Outline planning permission for the Buckingham Tingewick Road Cemetery and allotments site has now been granted. While as much analysis of the land was done as possible before the planning application (which was made in 2015) the Town Council now has much to do to prepare, including holding a consultation.

The consultation will provide information about why the cemetery and allotments are needed: the plans for the new site and the layout, including about planting, access and facilities. The consultation will ask you all to let us know your ideas about what the cemetery should include.

The Tingewick Road cemetery site will be just south of the new Tingewick Road roundabout



on the A421. The blue area marked on the map is the proposed cemetery area, while the yellow area will be allotments. If you drive this route, you may have noticed that the road entrance from the roundabout has been built, however the rest of the work cannot start until further permissions have been granted.

The Consultation will start soon, look out on our social media for more information.



The River Wardens scheme is a project operated jointly by the Environment Agency and Buckingham Town Council, funded by

Buckinghamshire County Council's Local Area Forum. The scheme aims to regularly monitor the River Great Ouse in a variety of ways, from photographs to water sampling.

Ruth Coxon the Buckingham River Warden project Coordinator told us: 'I am delighted to coordinate such a passionate group of

people, who value the river highly, really keen to contribute to its restoration.

RIVER WARDENS

The volunteer River Wardens receive training about monitoring their local stretch of the River Great Ouse (around 500m each), enabling them to submit a monitoring form four times a year. This directly facilitates the wider monitoring efforts by the Environment Agency and helps identify local projects to improve the river's condition. Each River Warden receives a complimentary welcome pack complete with identification guides, health and safety information and river feature details to facilitate their monitoring efforts.'

River Wardens also meet regularly for information sessions. If you want to get involved, email Ruth via ruth.coxon@tcv.org.uk.

HERITAGE APP LAUNCH

Buxplore: The Buckingham Community Heritage App will launch alongside the Spring Fair on Sunday 26th April in the town centre! Come along for family friendly activities, and the launch of our fun, active app: Buxplore – the best way to get about the town and discover the secret history of Buckingham.

How do I use the app? Honestly, it's really simple! Once you've opened the app, you can choose your route around Buckingham, from child friendly to long walks, then select a theme – Historic, Royal, Green or Industrial.

Following the map will unlock the secret past of Buckingham (and if you chose child friendly, extra games and activities). Come along to the 26th April launch with your smart phone and we can show you how.

The app is a real community project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and created by local residents. The name, **Buxplore**, was suggested by a student at the Buckingham School, while the Buckingham Library, Buckingham Society and many others have given access to their knowledgeable brains as well as their local archives for the content.



Think you know it all already?

Did you know that the Old Gaol was built to look older



Buxplore

than it is? That not one but three American presidents and seven Kings and Queens of Britain have links to the town? That the library was burnt down in an arson attack that targeted the wrong building? Or that the postal route around rural Buckingham was considered so dangerous that in 1806 it was agreed the postal rider should be armed to protect the post from robbery?

Have you ever noticed the carving of a Unicorn on the London Road Bridge, or the Ammonite buried in the brick on Bristle Hill? Do you know the story about elephant boots that ends with an elaborate grave stone in the Brackley Road cemetery? That Buckingham is not just Saxon, but Belgae-British and Roman?



Give the app a try and discover even more...

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL, VOTING CHANGES AND TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Unitary:

The Unitary Council begins on the 1st April 2020; this is the date that all District Councils and Buckinghamshire County Council merge to become Buckinghamshire Council. For now, all of the usual contact details including phone numbers will stay the same.

One of the main changes that you will see is the introduction of the Council Access Point at Buckingham Library.

'Residents will be able to get face to face help on the spot from staff in locations they currently use to access council services. Staff will be on hand to guide people, signpost them to help, support them with online services and in some locations discuss more complex issues.'

Plans for Community Boards are also in process.

What happens at elections?

Elections will be on 7th May 2020. There will be three different coloured voting slips – one for your new Buckinghamshire Councillors, one for your Buckingham Town Councillors and one to elect the Police and Crime Commissioner. In most cases there will be more than one Councillor elected to cover your area. For Buckinghamshire Councillors three Councillors will be elected to cover the



East Buckingham ward and three Councillors for the West (geographically these areas are divided by the river). Vote for three of the candidates, and the top three for each ward will be elected.

Town Council Elections:

Town Council Elections split the town into four wards, as below. For wards with more than one Councillor the candidates with the most votes are elected:

- North (7 Councillors)
- South (8 Councillors)
- Fishers Field (1 Councillor)
- Highlands and Watchcroft (1 Councillor)

Town Councillors are your representatives on Buckingham issues from parks and events to town planning. If you would like to register as a candidate please get in touch.

To vote, go to your local polling station and mark a cross in the box of the candidate(s) you want to be elected. Usual rules apply: don't take selfies in your polling station! (Alternatively, you could register to use a postal vote instead).



Don't forget! You can't vote unless you are registered – if you aren't sure if you are registered to vote, fill out the form online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

The Christmas Light Switch On took place on Saturday 30th November. This year Buckingham Town Council

invested in all new icicle lights for the town centre to go with the motifs which are hired. Those taking part in the event this year were the children from Stagecoach Buckingham, Buckingham Children's Choir, Rev Will Pearson-Gee, Dean Jones the Bard of Buckingham, and the Buckingham Rock Choir.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Organised by the Christmas Parade Committee and financially supported by Buckingham Town Council, the theme for this year's **Christmas Parade** was Musicals. The winners were Float





(cup) Cancer Relay for Life; Adult Walking Group (cup) Buckingham Library; Junior Walking Group (shield) George Grenville Academy; Chairman's Cup, Buckingham Air Cadets. Commendations went to Buckingham Rotary, 3rd Buckingham Scouts, Field House Nursery, Inner Wheel, Padbury pre-School, St Edmunds Church, Maids Moreton.



COMMUNITY FAIR

The **Community Fair** takes place every year after the Christmas Parade and gives local charities, societies and organisations the chance to raise funds by selling Christmas goodies. Those that took part this year were Christians Against Poverty, Buckingham Canal Society, North Bucks Carers, Arthritis UK, MIND, Buckingham District Girlguiding, Buckingham Fairtrade, Oli Hilsdon Foundation, Heritages, Mayor's Charities, Men In Sheds, Open House Group, The Old Gaol, Buckingham Twinning Association, RAF Benevolent Fund and Buckingham Pantomime.

WINTER FAIR

Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy a festive afternoon at our Winter Fair held at Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre on Sunday 1st December 2019.



The Mayor officially opened the event which was supported by groups who host regular activities from the centre. The main hall was packed full of local stall holders and businesses selling their wares and the children's craft room was very popular. Children had lots of fun decorating baubles and making Christmas cards. A big thank you to everyone who joined us!

COMEDY NIGHT: ANGELA BARNES



Buckingham Town Council was pleased to welcome Angela Barnes, Charlie Baker and Phil Jerrod to the first hilarious **Comedy Night** in Buckingham for 2020.

FUTURE EVENTS FUTURE EVENTS

FOOD FAIR

Pick up some treats at the annual **Food Fair** on **Saturday 29th February**. Held in the Community



Centre in Buckingham town centre from 10am – 3pm, there will be street food, Vegan hot and cold food, award winning



jams, chutney and marmalades, beer from local breweries and lots more. Refreshments will be provided by the Buckingham WI.

SPRING TABLE TOP SALE

Have a spring clear out and sell your surplus or unwanted gifts at our first ever table top sale at Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre on **Sunday 1st March 2020**. 2pm – 4pm. Free entry for Buyers and only £5 for Sellers! Refreshments will be available to purchase and there will be a free craft table for the children to enjoy.

To book a table please email the coordinator: lacehillcentre@buckingham-tc.gov.uk

DEATH CAFÉ

Death Café, Wednesday 18th March

2pm – 4pm in the Buckingham Library. Enjoy tea and cake in a relaxed and safe setting where you can join honest and open discussions to explore the questions you have always had about life, dying and grief. Hosted by the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity and Buckingham Town Council.

GOOD ENDINGS FAIR



Following on from the Death Café will be the **Good Endings Fair** on **Saturday 21st March** from 10am – 1pm in the Buckingham Community Centre. Funeral Homes, Solicitors, Financial Planners, Will Writers and more will be on hand to answer any questions you have. FREE Admission!

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Everyone is welcome to join us for some early egg-cellent Easter fun at Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre on **Sunday 5th April** 2020 from 2pm until 4.30pm.

Come along and enjoy a small craft fair, children's activities and arts



and crafts, refreshments and more. Entrance fee is only £1 per adult, it is free entry for children. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

FUTURE EVENTS FUTURE EVENTS

SPRING FAIR

The **Spring Fair** is taking place on **Sunday 26th April** from 10am to 12pm in the cattle pens in Buckingham town centre. This year's theme is based on the great outdoors and will include the launch of **Buxplore: the Buckingham Community Heritage**





Buxplore

App! A fantastic new way to discover more about the town and its history.

If you would like to have a stall, please get in touch with events@buckingham-tc.gov.uk

MAY DAY

The local primary schools will get together on the green outside



St Peter & St Pauls church on **Friday 1st May** to celebrate **May Day** with traditional maypole and country dancing. Celebrations start at 11am.

VE DAY

Friday 8th May join in the celebrations marking the 75th anniversary of VE Day. There will be music, food, children's games and more. Details will be available in the press, on the Town Council's Facebook page and on posters which will be displayed in the town.

MUSIC IN THE MARKET



Sunday 24th May. FREE event! Organised by the Buckingham Acoustic Club and financially supported by Buckingham Town Council this annual event takes place outdoors in Buckingham Town Centre from 1pm til 10pm.

BUCKINGHAM FRINGE WEEK

A week of events from **Saturday 11th July to Sunday 19th July**. The theme this year will be **Olympics and Paralympics**. If you would like to get involved in this week of events, or if you are interested in sponsoring any of the events or volunteering at them, please contact Amanda, Events Co-ordinator, by e-mail events@buckingham-tc.gov.uk for more information.



Last year's space theme brought the stars to Buckingham, what will the Olympics bring?

For more information on the Town Council events, go to www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY

The awareness around climate change is growing and it's widely acknowledged that everyone has a role to play.

Over the last four years, the University of Buckingham has been working with Ardley ERF to recover all of its waste. This means that none of the waste produced on-site by staff or students is sent to landfill. Instead, the materials are turned into steam power and used to generate electricity or recycled into new products.

In 2019, the University replaced the majority of its maintenance and student recruitment vehicles with fully electric versions. To facilitate this and encourage others, 16 charging points were installed around campus, with 10 charging points made



readily available to staff, students and visitors. The Town Council also has its own electric van.

New buildings, such as the award winning Vinson Building, which opened in 2018, are all fitted with photovoltaic solar panels and motion sensor lighting.

The University is committed to continuing to make improvements and educating its students about climate change and the impact we can all have.

IN MEMORY OF COUNCILLOR DERRICK ISHAM



Our dedicated and much loved Town Councillor Derrick Isham died on the on the 17th December 2019. Derrick served his community as a Town Councillor for 32 years and sat on almost all of the Council's Committees

and sub-committees. He was the Council's longest continually serving member and was unstinting in his service to the Council and his community in the Buckingham north ward.

He served as the town's mayor between 1995 and 1997, with the highlight of his tenure being accompanying HM the Queen on her visit to Buckingham in 1996. He was the district councillor for Buckingham's north ward from 1991 to 1995 and from 1999 to 2015. He chaired the development control committee between 2004 and 2011 and Aylesbury Vale District Council from 2011 to 2013.



Derrick was well known for the breadth of his local knowledge, his gentlemanlike manners and his dedication to the town. Derrick was a commensurate Councillor and a colourful and much loved member of the community, but above all, a dedicated family man. Derrick will be greatly missed by all of us at the Town Council and we will remember his love of modern languages, expertise in the building trade and pride in his home town of Buckingham.

CLIMATE CRISIS ACTION PLAN

So...what can you do to help?

Buckingham Town Council has declared a climate emergency and committed to encourage Buckingham to become carbon neutral. Our aim is to do this by making the Town Council carbon neutral by 2030 and encouraging the town's population, organisations and businesses to work with us in that aim.

Ten things to try:

- Switch your energy supplier: Switching to a 100% renewable energy tariff will have a dramatic effect on your carbon footprint and can be done quickly using an online switching site.
- Make your home more energy efficient: This is a great way to cut your carbon emissions whilst also cutting your monthly bills. The energy saving trust can give you advice on how to start.
- Buy Food locally: this saves on the use of fuel in transport and supports local businesses.
- The BBC has a Climate Change Food Calculator that offers a super simple way to assess your food preferences and make simple swaps that reduce your carbon emissions.
- Buy less stuff! Can you borrow from a frienddo you really need it?

- Buy second hand where possible: toys, clothes and furniture can all be picked up at bargain preloved prices.
- Look after the things you already have, mend or repurpose them to increase their life span and reduce waste.
- Try not to waste food, box up your leftovers for tomorrow's lunch instead of throwing them away. Follow @recycle4bucks on Twitter for more foodie ideas!
- Holiday by train and try a staycation, public transport reduces the number of vehicles and pollution on the road.
- Don't give up. You can't change everything but that doesn't mean you can't change something. Small changes can make a big difference! Make your voice heard as a citizen and as consumers, put pressure on governments and companies to make the system-wide changes that are needed.

We are discussing climate change at each of our Council Committees and are formulating a Climate Emergency Action Plan.

Follow, share and comment on our Facebook and Instagram pages @buckinghamtc

We would love to hear your views on tackling climate change in Buckingham so please get in contact via committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: 18th March 2020



Each year the Town Council facilitates an Annual Town Meeting at Buckingham Community Centre. This is a public meeting, not a formal Town Council meeting, and is a chance for the residents of Buckingham to ask any questions and receive updates on the Town Council's and its partner organisations' activities over the previous year.

The event also usually includes presentations from charities and organisations that have received financial grants from the Council, giving an insight in to how the money has been spent and the benefit this has brought to the town. All members of the public are invited to come along. Town, District and County Councillors will be in attendance to answer your queries on matters relating to Buckingham.

The 2020 Annual Town Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 18th March 2020 at Buckingham Community Centre; the event will open at 6.30pm, with the meeting beginning at 7pm. The evening is not structured round a formal agenda, it highlights the issues that residents want to discuss and draws on questions previously discussed through the Town Council's Annual Online Forum. The Online Forum will be hosted via the Town Council's Facebook page and residents are invited to post questions or comment under the following discussion topics:

- Affordable housing in Buckingham and The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan
- Climate Emergency Action Plan: What we're doing and what else we should be doing.
- The new Unitary Authority (Buckinghamshire Council) and how it will impact on our town.
- Buckingham Town Council: What could we do better?

If you'd like, you can submit questions in advance which will receive a written reply.

However, if you have a burning question or feel passionately about a local issue that doesn't get the attention it deserves then come along to one of our weekly Committee meetings. All our Council meetings are open to the public and while the idea of attending may seem daunting at first, Council meetings are a great way to learn first-hand how local decisions are made, and are probably more interesting than you might expect! For more information on what to expect from a Town Council meeting please search for Annual Town Meeting on our website at: https://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/ your-town-council



COUNCIL TAX BUDGET INFOGRAPHIC

£1,082,579

The total Budget for 2020-2021

8p

2

The Precept will rise in line with RPI by 8p a week or 2.62% for a Band D property

The council will train and develop 2 new apprentices

£48,343

Community Centre and Lace Hill Sports and Community Centre and pitches

10,068

people used the services of the Tourist Information Centre during 2019

Buckingham Town Council Budget

e£903,930

will be raised from council tax. The remainder is selfgenerated

£40,932

for a program of more than 20 events including bonfire and firework night

45%

45% of the budget will look after the parks, five play areas and other green spaces

33

There are an average of 33 burials in the Brackley Road Cemetery each year

2

The Council operate two busy markets and a number of public fairs

GRANTS RECIPIENTS 2020/2021



This sports kit was purchased by one of our 2019/2020 grant recipients!

Grants are available to any local, non-commercial group that runs or intends to run a project or activity beneficial to the people of Buckingham. This year, 19 groups applied

for funding for a variety of projects and the Council will be helping the following organisations with grants:

Buckingham Summer Festival	£1,500
Buckingham Table	£1,250
Chandos Park Bowls Club	£1,000
Friends of the Old Gaol Museum	£1,000
The Swan Community Hub	£1,000
Buckingham & Stowe Running Club	£1,000
Mortonville Junior Football Club	£1,000
Buckingham and District	
Angling Association	£916
Lace Hill Residents Association	£900

Buckingham Churches Children's	
Holiday Club	£750
Project Street Life	£500
Buckingham Twinning Association	£700
Buckingham Choral Society	£500
Buckingham West End Bowls Club	£400
Royal Latin School	£250

In addition to this the council gives long term, three year, grants with a fixed amount given each year to support: Buckingham Youth Clubs Ltd (£5,200), Buckingham Old Gaol (£3,000) and Citizens Advice Aylesbury Vale (£5,436).

How else we can support volunteers and community groups:

The Council 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.

For funding to be received in 2021 the grants application process will start again in September 2020.

More information on grants and the grants process search for **Grant Applications** on our website: www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk.

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:

BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCILLORS

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Cllr. Paddy Collins	01280 823 006	Cllr. Mike Smith	01280 822 215
Cllr. Margaret Gateley	01280 816 317	Cllr. Christine Strain-Clark	01280 816 832
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Cllr. Andy Mahi	01280 816 562		
Cllr. Howard Mordue	01280 815 418	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
Buckinghamshire County Council	01296 395 000	Floodline	0345 988 1188
Transport for Buckinghamshire	01296 382 416	ChildLine	0800 111 999
Aylesbury Vale District Council	01296 585 858	Samaritans	01908 667 777
Citizens Advice Aylesbury Vale	0344 245 1289	StreetLink (rough sleeping)	0300 500 0914

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2020 EVENTS DIARY

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



2020			
FEBRUARY	Pancake Race	Sat 22nd	Green outside St Peter and St Paul
	Food Fair	Sat 29th (10am)	Buckingham Community Centre
MARCH	Spring Table Top Sale	Sun 1st (2pm-4pm)	Lace Hill Community Centre
	Fairtrade Town Event	Sat 7th (10am-12 noon)	Old Gaol
	Commonwealth Day Flag Raising	Mon 9th	Outside Council Chamber
	Death Café	Wed 18th (2pm-4pm)	Buckingham Library
	Annual Town Meeting	Wed 18th (from 6.30pm)	Buckingham Community Centre
	Good Endings Fair	Sat 21st (11am-1pm)	Buckingham Community Centre
APRIL	Easter Celebration	Sun 5th (2pm-4.30pm)	Lace Hill Community Centre
	Spring Fair	Sun 26th (10am-2pm)	Town Centre
MAY	May Day Celebrations	Wed 1st (11am)	Green outside St Peter and St Paul
	VE Day	Fri 8th (TBA)	Cattle pens and the Community Centre
	Music in the Market	Sun 26th (1pm)	Town Centre
JUNE	Buckingham Literary Festival	Wed 10th – Sun 14th	
	Litter Picking	Sun 14th	
JULY	Buckingham Summer Festival	Sat 4th – Sat 11th	Various locations
	Buckingham Fringe Week	Mon 13th – Sun 19th	Various locations
	Family Fun Day	Sun 19th	Lace Hill Community Centre
	Play Around The Parishes	Mon 27th	Chandos Park

