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## **Buckingham Park Residents Association (BPRA)**

The Buckingham Park Residents Association (BPRA) held its last public meeting on 8th May, which was also its Annual General Meeting (AGM). Since its beginnings in 2009, the RA has existed to represent the views of residents of Buckingham Park to the developers, Bucks County Council and Aylesbury Vale District Council and to otherwise seek to engender a true community spirit across the new development of Buckingham Park as it grew. The quarterly public meetings were popular among residents and attended by key stakeholders including the Housing Associations and TVP. With the creation of our own Parish Council in 2011, many of these responsibilities transferred. However, the RA remained the focal point for the dissemination of information to residents and the public forum meetings provided an opportunity for residents to air their concerns and debate issues in an atmosphere

somewhat less formal than at any Parish Council meeting.

Key members of the Residents Committee were not seeking reelection on this occasion and since no volunteers were forthcoming from those present, the decision was taken to disband the RA. In accordance with its Constitution, residual funds in the RA bank account are being disbursed among local charity/community groups and in support also of the recent Fete.

Residents were sorry to see the RA disband, but hoped that the Parish Council would continue the practice of regular Open Forum type discussions quite separate from the routine Parish Council meetings.

#### **Anders Christensen**

Chairman - Buckingham Park **Residents Association** 

'Have Your Say'

Diary Date: The next "Have Your Say" meeting held regularly by Thames Valley Police will take place at the Buckingham Park Community Centre on Thursday 25th July 2013 from 10:30 to 11:30. Even if you've nothing special to raise, come along for a chat over coffee and meet PCSO Dawn Cotter and the team.



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## New Chairman's Welcome

Welcome to this summer edition of Park News. This is my first note for the Park News as Chairman of the Parish Council as I took over from Ray Towle in May. Many of you will know me from the Residents Association or other community groups where I have been involved but for those that do not; I look forward to meeting more residents of Buckingham Park. As always, if you have any issues or questions feel free to contact me and I will do my best to help.

On the 9th of June we held our first Buckingham Park Fete. You will be able to read more about it elsewhere in this edition but suffice to say it was a great day. I would like to thank everybody who helped make the day happen, our leisure committee, the people who ran the stalls, the staff at the community centre. While many people deserve a mention, two in particular stand out. would like to give a big thank you to Jan Turner, our Community Centre Manager, and Mandy Cooper who both gave up a lot of their time to create a great event for the community. We look forward to doing it again next year.

The Neighbourhood Action Group continues its hard work to make for Buckingham Park and another mile stone in becoming a Buckingham Park a good place to live. While not always in the completed development. 'public glare', a lot of good work takes place behind the scenes to address its three priorities; speeding, poor parking, and anti-social I hope everybody has a great Summer and don't forget to support behaviour. the school fete on the Saturday 13th of July.

## Park News 2013

#### Britain in Bloom

The Buckingham Park in Bloom committee have entered "its your neighbourhood" focusing on Jubilee Square. The Judges are due on the 27th June and whilst they are focusing on the Square please make sure wheelie bins are out of site and bin any rubbish/remove weeds close to your house so that overall we can make a good impression.

1,000 Bulbs To Be

Grantham Avenue.

The Parish Council have agreed

to purchase 1,000 bulbs which will

be planted in the Autumn on the

roundabout at the top of Colonel

planted

### High Speed Internet

High speed internet is coming to Buckingham Park. Or more accurately, it has arrived for the houses along Prince Rupert Drive, and side roads, on the Southern phase. It is now being rolled out across the development. Fibre optic cable has been connected to the cabinet by the pond as you come in by the traffic lights and will deliver around 40mbps download speeds. You will need to contact your service provider to upgrade your service and additional charges may apply. If you have not already done so, you can register your interest for receiving super fast broadband on the

IT WAS SO NICE TO DEAL WITH SOMEONE IN PERSON



In other news, progress is being made by Taylor Wimpey and Avlesbury Vale District Council in finalising the design of our central green space behind the community centre and along Colonel Grantham Avenue. It does however look like the shops have fallen a little behind schedule due to the very cold start to the year. I recently learnt that nearly all the houses on Hartwell Meadows and the Careys phase have been sold. As a result their sales offices will be closing soon. This is a sure sign of progress

#### POST BOX

The Parish Council are still trying to get it relocated to Jubilee Square before it falls over. At the moment it is pushing the fence rail South!

### New Web site

The Parish Council now have a web site: www.buckinghamparkpc.gov.uk Please take a few minutes to have a look and let us know what you think.

#### Green Space Naming

19 suggestions were discussed by the Parish Council at their May meeting and Jubilee Green was chosen which now has to go to AVDC for ratification. Thank you Rebecca Pearson for suggesting this name.

## **Summer Fete**

It was really great seeing so many of you at our very first summer fete, even the sun came along eventually, and I think it is fair to say that everyone who attended enjoyed the afternoon.

The Parish Council and centre staff had worked very hard behind the scenes for months planning and organising this event, and it was very nerve racking at times trying to ensure we had the right balance of stalls, rides, entertainment, food and drink. As the photographs show, on the day our children enjoyed the climbing wall, merrygo-round, face painting and bouncy castle to name but a few. The live animal display was especially popular with young and old alike. A bite to eat and a glass of something refreshing enjoyed as we were all also royally entertained by our band. Some fabulous raffle prizes were won by many, so a very big "thank you" to all those people, organisations and local businesses that contributed donations. The clothing sale event raised an amazing £1,600 for the Puzzle Centre charity.

Thank you to all who came. To those that couldn't come along make sure you don't miss an even bigger and better event next year!

Jan Turner (Community Centre Manager)











### **COMMUNITY CENTRE PROGRAMME**

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# Chairman' Annual Report

May 2012 to April 2013

#### INTRODUCTION

Councillors, Clerk and members of the Buckingham Park Community. It is a pleasure to welcome you to the second Annual Parish Meeting of Buckingham Park.

I was elected in May 2012 as Chairman of Buckingham Park Parish Council and had two goals to achieve during my year of office;

- 1. The Community Centre accounts should be kept in a manner that Councillors can understand to avoid any "surprises" at the year end.
- 2. The overall appearance of Buckingham Park should be improved and made more welcoming rather than just another new build.

#### **PROGRESS**

1. The Community Centre was transferred to the Parish Council on the 20th July 2012 and just prior to this Jan Turner was appointed Manager of the Centre to take bookings, maintain the centre and keep the accounts. The design had been previously agreed with the developers by AVDC and the whole Centre paid for from section 106 money (residential developers contribution). The Clerk had previously pointed out that Community Centres do not make a profit and so the Precept last year was increased to allow for a £30,000 contribution (increased to £45,000 this year). Although it has not been running for a year, but based on the present accounts the £45,000 is considered to be appropriate. This also allows for contributions to a 10 year maintenance plan which should avoid any future "spikes". A new accounting system will run from the 1st April showing expenditure against budget and income

An open day was held on the 2nd September 2012 which was a great success with many Residents having their first opportunity to view the new facility. This was followed later in the year by a Halloween night party for the brave.

2. The appearance of Buckingham Park is still partly a building site, however, this is no excuse for not improving the environment we all live in and with the introduction of AVDCs new re-cycling bins it is the ideal opportunity to move forward.

Buckingham Park in Bloom is a new organisation which has been started with the assistance of Britain in Bloom and the financial support of the Parish Council, it is there to promote not just hanging baskets but a general tidy up whether it be an extra clearance of rubbish (BPPC presently has this done) or a helping hand in front gardens for those less able. "It's Your Neighbourhood" has been entered this year as a pre requisite to entering Britain in Bloom.

Hanging baskets will start appearing in Summer and Taylor Wimpey have given consent to plant up the Roundabout at the top of Colonel Grantham Avenue.

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The main application to come to the Parish Council relates to the change of use for the Park and Ride site to Residential. The Parish Council have made representations as they are concerned about the extra pressure that this will put on the Road network especially at peak times. AVDC still have to make a decision.

#### FRUSTRATIONS

Apart from the Community Centre nothing else has been transferred to the local authorities and as a consequence we are always having to request Taylor Wimpeys consent. We hope this will start to correct itself in the not too distant future.

The Western Link Road still has to be connected with Berryfields and this will be triggered when the housing on Buckingham Park and Berryfields reaches 1500/1600 units.

Rubbish bins not being put away after collection gives a poor perspective of where we all live and the extra few minutes it takes would make a huge difference.

Buckinghamshire County Council received £80,000 from Taylor Wimpey to build a Pegasus pedestrian crossing from the bridle way bordering the Careys site across Buckingham Road. This now has a footpath running to a dead end as it has yet to be constructed.

#### COMMITTEES

Councillors represent Buckingham Park on the following Committees:

- a) Greater Aylesbury local Forum.
- b) Leisure Committee.
- c) Buckingham Park in Bloom.
- d) Neighbourhood Action Group.
- e) Youth group
- f) School Governing Body.
- a) Residents Association.

#### SCHOOL

Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School opened in September 2012 and this will be an asset to the Community as it continues its intake. Carols by Glowstick was jointly organised by the School and Parish Council in December which was a great success.

#### PARK NEWS

The format has changed during the year with more pages, quality paper and all in colour. Fortunately it has also managed to increase its advertising and so has some revenue to offset the increased publication costs

#### STREET LIGHTS

The Parish Council did a survey and over 40 lights were not working. We are pleased to say that most of them have now been repaired, although some still remain unlit as they have no power feed to them.

#### FATHER CHRISTMAS

He made a special visit to Buckingham Park in December and £550 was subsequently donated, split between Child Health & Therapy (CHAT) and the Florence Nightingale Hospice.

### **DOCTORS SURGERY**

The Doctors moved last year from one temporary surgery to another and await a move to permanent premises on Berryfields. The Parish Council will do what ever they can to keep this facility local.

### ACCOUNTS

The Precept has increased from £51,350 to £77.300 which takes into account the additional contribution to the Community Centre, flowers/plants etc.

#### FUTURE

The shops will be completed in August (temporary Chemists now operating) and Prince Rupert Drive at last opened up all the way. The bus route will also change at that time with a bus stop being installed by Jubilee Square.

The green space at the rear of the School/ Community Centre is needed by the community and hopefully that will be completed during 2013/14.

The Parish Council web site is nearing completion which will be a useful tool to help the transfer of information. www.Buckinghamparkpc.gov.uk

### THANKS

Stephen Webb who has the daunting job of litter picking with his daughters assistance and also erected the splendid Christmas tree.

Jan, Sally, Mandy, Gayle, Debi & Laura who keep the Community Centre clean, tidy and well booked.

Bob, Davina, Adrian, Mandy, Harriet, Toni and Rebecca who quietly work away in the background.

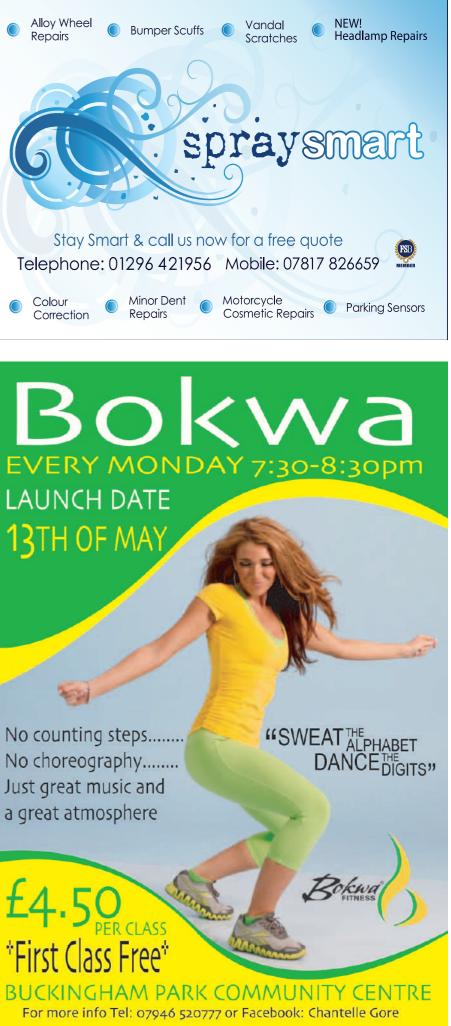
Cllrs Looker, Martin, Christensen, Poth, Wayte, Pancholi, Lambert who give up their time for free and seek no reward other than to make the Parish a pleasant place to live.

Finally Keith Gray our Parish Clerk who keeps us within the Law.

#### Ray Towle

Chairman, Buckingham Park Parish Council 2012/13

Colour Correction



## **School News**

## Our school continues to move from strength to strength as we approach the end of our very first year.

This term our school Nursery, for 3 and 4 year olds, has opened its doors for morning and afternoon sessions and we are now able to accommodate up to 78 children across the day. We do have places available for a September start and we are also inviting applications for a January start.



Since our last update, there has been lots going on in school. In March, Year 2 visited Rectory Farm as part of their learning about 'New Life'. Rectory Farm, owned by George and Ann Eaton, is situated south of the village of Water Stratford. George and Ann were amazing hosts, telling us all about the farm. We were delighted to see calves and lambs that had been born that very day!

Our Reception and Year 1 children visited Waddesdon Manor. They had a fabulous day exploring the grounds, doing crafts, and playing on the adventure playground - all in support of their curriculum

themes..

In the week when Warren Gatland selected his British Lions squad to face Australia, another Lions team were impressing supporters at Aylesbury Rugby Club.



The Buckingham Park Lions participated in a Rugby Festival with lots of other local schools and performed really well, finishing third in their group. The team played with a fantastic spirit and a superb attitude. We are proud of the way in which they represented our school.

In May, we joined with the Jamie Oliver campaign to raise awareness about better food education on Food Revolution Day. This is a global day of action for people to make a stand for good food and essential cooking skills. The children in Year 2 created three of their own special fruit smoothie recipes and prepared these delicious drinks for a special playtime treat on Friday.

A group of talented musicians from the Aylesbury Music Centre performed a concert in our school hall this term. The children had the opportunity to see, hear and learn about a range of orchestral instruments.

We enjoyed a diverse repertoire of tunes including pieces from Lady Gaga, Kung Fu Panda and Pirates of the Caribbean!



We also had an exciting day today when the Science Dome 'landed' in our school hall! The Science Dome is a



blacked-out, purpose built, mobile dome with advanced digital technology capable of showing 360 degree pictures and films.

Children in our Reception classes visited the dome to discover space and beyond - learning about the stars and the planets. Our Year 1 and Year 2 children took a journey across and under the sea.

We are busy planning our **first ever** Summer Fete which will be held on Saturday 13th July, 12.00 – 3.00pm.

There'll be all the usual fete fun including bouncy castle, inflatable assault course, inflatable slide, raffle, tombolas, refreshments, craft stalls, face painting, games and competitions.

We invite all our friends and neighbours along to this fun event which will be held on the school playground and field.

Our school website continues to be a comprehensive source of news and information about the school. Do visit it if you have a moment (www.buckinghampark.bucks.sch.uk). You can also 'follow' us on Twitter (@buckinghampark) and 'like' us on facebook (facebook.com/buckinghampark).

## We look forward to seeing you all at our Summer Fete.

## BBC 3 Counties Radio Visits Buckingham Park



## **Neighbourhood Action Group**

The first annual meeting of the Buckingham Park NAG took place in the Community Centre. Mr Phil Gomm, who chairs the group, reported on its inauguration and activities. A summary of his presentation follows.

He explained how members have worked together to achieve many successes over the year. This has involved close collaboration between all members of the group, which includes some resident Parish Councillors, Thames Valley Police, Buckingham Park Youth Group, Neighbourhood Watch, Housing Associations (all of which have representatives) and other resident members. The group has worked well in conjunction with partner agencies including Aylesbury Vale District Council, Buckinghamshire County Council and Taylor Wimpey seeking advice where necessary and requesting assistance and action.

The three core objectives of the group of tackling anti-social behaviour, speeding and parking issues have been pursued very actively and robustly.

Anti-social behaviour has decreased significantly through the work of the group. A zero tolerance approach has been taken and a plan put into place. Notable successes mentioned were the seizing and subsequent crushing of two mini-motorbikes and the extremely prompt removal of offensive graffiti of a racist nature. A Buckingham Park NAG Community Achievement Award had been given to the overall NHW Co-ordinator for his work, in particular in having a pivotal role in the seizing of the first mini-motorbike. The award is a shield engraved with the recipient's name. It is sponsored by the Community Safety Team.

Speeding, and the perception of speeding, has been addressed and a monitoring morning took place. Bus and taxi companies were advised that some of their drivers were driving too fast for the road conditions. As a result, the situation has improved considerably. A good relationship is enjoyed with the school and a current initiative involves the children preparing slow down posters as part of a competition.

Numerous parking issues have been addressed and resolved. This has included encouragement of residents to use their allocated parking spaces. Residents parking repeatedly in an inconsiderate manner were advised that it would not be allowed to continue and that enforcement would ensue. Consequently, major improvements have resulted.

All of the speeding and parking achievements have been made despite the roads not having been adopted yet and, therefore, enforcement powers having been limited.

These core objectives will continue to be discussed and monitored and long-term plans and measures put into place for when the roads are formally taken over. General safety has been discussed at every meeting for most of the year and

Those of you who listen to BBC's 3 Counties Radio (3CR) on a Sunday morning may have been surprised to hear Jan Turner, our Community Centre Manager, taking part in 3CR's Travel Quest programme where challengers are provided with a number of cryptic clues to various locations throughout Beds, Herts and Bucks. Jan was a superb ambassador for Buckingham Park, extolling its virtues, talking about the Community Centre and (never one to miss an opportunity) also taking the opportunity to publicly announce our inaugural fete event that very same day.

> issues taken up with various organisations, including the construction companies. It will remain as an item on the agenda at each monthly meeting.

With regard to media, mention was made of the Buckingham Park weekly column in The Bucks Herald, the Parish Council website, which is well underway, the quarterly Park News and the planned monthly newsletter.

Particular mention was made of the extensive contribution of the Youth Group, through their activities and guidance for young people on Buckingham Park and their work with other agencies, and praise for their impressive achievements.

Many initiatives have been discussed that will be taken forward including community engagement events, tea dances and a current affairs club. A walkabout is being planned to include the Community Safety Team, Housing Associations, tenants and homeowners. This will be, in effect, a visual audit to help to identify positive aspects and any potential problems on Buckingham Park. Areas of frustration include some Housing Associations being less active on the group than others, a lack of recognition in the Parish Council Annual Report for the work of the group and the fact that no County and District Councillors have attended any meetings.

Phil Gomm thanked his group members for their hard work and commitment throughout the year and they, in turn, thanked him for his great efforts on behalf of everyone in the community and his very strong leadership of the group.

## **Youth Group**

Here are some of the children enjoying some of the activities that we do in Youth Group, which also includes activities such as football, basketball, hammer beads etc.

The Youth Group is going from strength to strength and it is great seeing so many young people coming through the doors each week.

Film night is going well too and again it is nice to see so many young people attending and enjoying the movie and take-away that is chosen on the night. We have lots of new and regular things organised for the up and coming weeks we have organised for Aylesbury Motor Project to come in and do Bike and scooter maintenance and other projects with the young people. We also have Carl from Ad-Action that has offered to come down and do a football project with both the Juniors & Seniors on a fortnightly basis. We will advertise the dates of any projects or guests that are coming to group on our new **Facebook** Page Buckingham Park Youth Group a week before they happen . To view this you will have to "**like us**" on Facebook.

At a recent Management Committee meeting it was agreed from September to also provide a "chill out zone" providing a range of activities for our older children eg music, computing and beauty applications.



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