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AND PRINT AGENCY



As we approach the Christmas period there are lots of events to look forward to. On the 6th of December we will be visited by Farther Christmas who will travel on a float through Buckingham Park. His visit last year was a great success with a parade of children following him around the development. Hopefully many children and adults can join in the fun this year. Then on the 7th of December the school is holding its Christmas Fair and there will be a pantomime at the hall on the 3rd of January.

The Parish Council held its first Residents Open Forum meeting on the 22nd of October to continue the meetings formerly run by the Residents Association. A small number of residents attended but we will

ADVERTISING

where it is more needed. Residents are

also welcome to attend the monthly Parish

Council meetings held at 8pm on the first

Tuesday of the month at the Community

Bins left outside houses and on the

pavement continue to be a source of

AVDC Environmental Health has been

weeks dealing with the worst offenders

who leave rubbish bags outside of their

When the cold weather arrives please

Buckingham Park is not on a gritting route.

around Buckingham Park so please do use

them and we have already ordered more

Wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and

fingers crossed that we will get our roads

The Parish Council has placed grit bins

remember to drive carefully as

grit ready to refill them.

tarmac'd in the New Year!

Anders Christensen

Chairman

active on Buckingham Park in recent

aggravation for many residents. Please put

them away after they have been collected.

Centre.

houses

If you wish to place an advertisement, please contact either Councillor Eric Martin (01296 432399) or Councillor Ray Towle (01296 336038).

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HOORAH!! FATHER CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO TOWN.



Weather Watch

If you can believe the Met Office's long range weather forecast, we are destined for a bad Winter with snow again predicted.

This is good news and good fun for the children - likely days off school and fun sledding. For others, life is made more difficult. In preparation, your Parish Council is refilling grit bins already located at key locations throughout the development. Past experience shows that vehicular access approaching the roundabout at the top of Col Grantham Avenue, and at certain places along Prince Rupert Drive can be skid pans and very dangerous. Because of these problems, even our bus service has been prohibited in the past from routing through Buckingham Park. AVDC does not grit any roads in Buckingham Park, so what grit is laid is done by residents on a voluntary self help basis. Gritting Jubilee Square is the joint responsibility of the main occupants and the Management Company. During these difficult times, residents can help themselves (and others) by clearing snow from their own paths and pavements outside their properties. And why not also be neighbourly in this way by helping those locally who cannot help themselves. Stoke Mandeville A&E is busy enough without the added burden of having to deal with broken bones caused by unnecessary falls that could be avoided with just a little effort across our community.

IT WAS SO NICE TO DEAL WITH SOMEONE IN PERSON

Father Christmas is visiting Buckingham Park again this year on Friday 6th December from 6pm. He will be aboard his sleigh visiting as many streets as are accessible. A collection will be made in support of our chosen charities Barnardo's and Helen & Douglas House.

At approximately 8pm Father Christmas will then rest a while at the Community Centre to partake of mulled wine and mince pies before leaving for his next engagement.

Add some sparkle this Christmas

Give someone a unique personalised print they will love

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Watermead and Weedon Women's Institute – 2013

Our year began with our usual social evening when we catch up with chat about our family Christmas and New Year activities. We also warmly welcome new members.

During our 2013 meetings there has been a demonstration of willow basket making, a gardening question time, and an evening on the history of pearls where we were able to purchase beautiful pearl jewellery individually made by our guest. We were also introduced to the healing powers of Reki and – something quite different – a talk focussing on '19th century Murders in Buckinghamshire' much to the amazement of the group!

During the lovely summer we held our own garden party where we donned fancy hats and enjoyed our own fruit punch. We have also undertaken day trips to St Albans Abbey and Stratford upon Avon.

Some of the items planned for the coming year include a craft evening, talks about the RNLI and the history of the River Thame and its Valley, and in the summer we plan a Beatles Mania evening!



New members of all ages are welcome. Come along and meet us for our social evening on January. We meet on every first Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm in the Watermead Village Hall at the Piazza. Interested? Simply come along or call Julia Morgan 01296 487650 (Secretary).

Believe in children M Barnardo's

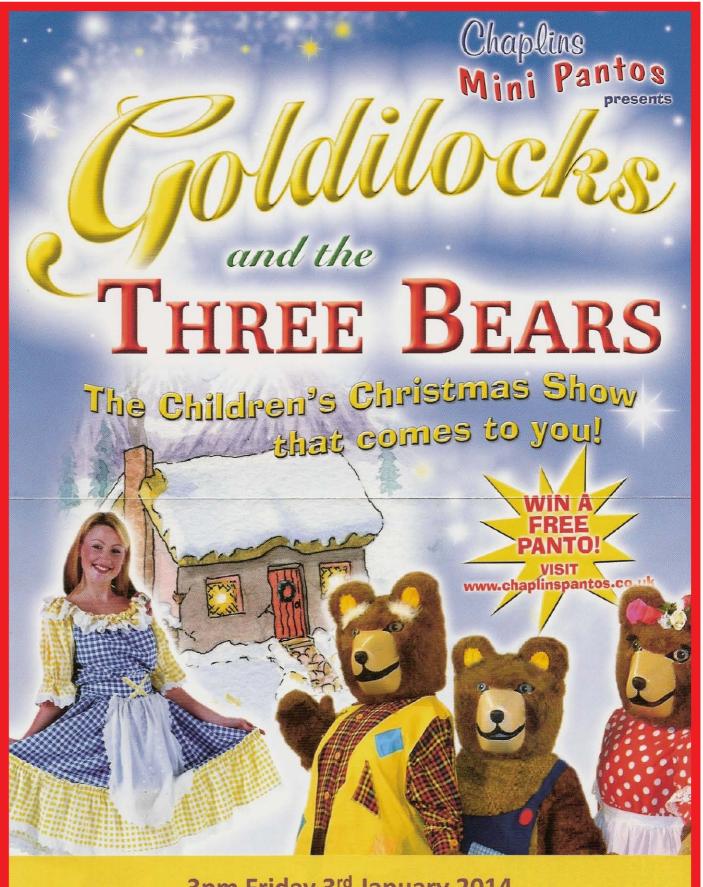
The staff at Buckingham Parks new Barnardo's store would like to thank everyone for their support in recent weeks. We have received many much needed donations and appreciate your continued support. Last year, donated items raised over £10 million towards transforming the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

What to donate. Barnardo's stores accept donations of a wide variety of goods, including:

Women's, men's and children's clothing Shoes, handbags, jewellery and accessories Quality homeware – from vases and photo frames to ornaments and tea sets Electrical goods Books, toys, CDs and DVDs Mobile phones Foreign currency

We currently have volunteering opportunities at your local store.

Please feel free to call in and talk to a member of staff for more information



3pm Friday 3rd January 2014 Tickets on sale from the Community Centre £8 Adult/£5 Child Prepaid/booked tickets ONLY. First come first served.

Quiz Time!!

A Christmas Quiz

- 1. Which capital city always donates Trafalgar Squares Christmas tree?
- 2. Bon-bons are another name for which Christmas tradition?
- 3. What is the name of the pagan festival which predated Christmas?
- 4. Where is America's National Christmas tree?
- 5. Who recorded the Christmas favourite "Fairytale of New York"?
- 6. Why was the switching on of the London Christmas lights postponed in 1963?
- 7. Who played the Grinch in the movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"?
- 8. Which of two characters at last got together in the Christmas special of the "Office"?
- 9. In the 1990 Christmas edition of Coronation Street, who had eaten the Duckworth's turkey?
- 10. In which James Bond movie does Dr Christmas Jones appear?
- 11. Who wrote and illustrated "The Father Christmas Letters"?
- 12. "Smoking Bishop" used to be popular at Christmas in Victorian times. What is it?
- 13. From which part of the world did the Christmas ham originate?
- 14. What nuts are used in the making of Christmas marzipan?
- 15. What is the name of Scrooge's clerk in "A Christmas Carol"?
- 16. Who played the Prime Minister in the Christmas romantic comedy "Love Actually"?
- 17. On which day of Christmas do Italian children traditionally receive their presents?
- 18. In which Christmas pantomime does "King Rat" appear?
- 19. How many windows does an Advent calendar usually have?
- 20. Which rock star narrates the classic Christmas animation "The Snowman"?
- 21. Which band had a No.1 UK Christmas hit in 1978 with "Mary's Boy Child"?
- 22. According to tradition, what will naughty children receive in their Christmas stocking?
- 23. Which Christmas song has the lines "She didn't see me creep down the stairs to have a peep."?
- 24. For it to be a true Christmas mince pie, what pastry shape should be on top?

- 25. How ... On Christmas Days in the 20th century were officially "white"?
- 26. Which Christmas tradition began in 1932?
- 27. For a Ukrainian, what does it mean if you find a spider's web on Christmas morning?
- 28. Which traditional Christmas plant is also know as the flame leaf flower?
- 29. Why would you connect Sir Isaac Newton with Christmas?
- 30. Who played Ebenezer Scrooge in the movie, "The Muppet Christmas Carol"?

BUCKINGHAM PARK welcomes the opening of the Fish & Chip shop





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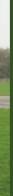
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Answers: 1. Oslo. 2. Christmas crackers. 3. Yule. 4. Outside the White House. 5. The Pogues with Kirsty MacColl. 6. As a mark of respect for the assassinated President John Kennedy. 7. Jim Carey. 8. Tim and Dawn. 9. Boomer the dog. 10. The world is not enough. 11. J R Tolkien. 12. A type of mulled wine. 13. Scandanavia. 14. Almonds. 15. Bob Cratchit. 16. Hugh Grant. 17. The twelfth day. 18. Dick Whittington. 19. 24. 20. David Bowie. 21. Boney M. 22. A piece of coal. 23. I saw mummy kissing Santa Cares. 24. A Star. 25. Just Two. 26. The Royal Christmas broadcast. 27. Good luck. 28. Poinsettia. 29. Because he was born on that day. 30. Michael Caine. Claus. 24. A Star. 25. Just Two. 26. The Royal Christmas broadcast. 27. Good luck. 28. Poinsettia. 29. Because he was born on that day. 30. Michael Caine.



"Volunteers from your community planted 1,000 daffodil bulbs on the roundabout at the top of Colonel Grantham Avenue.

We now look forward to a stunning display next Spring!"

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Danish Christmas Pudding (Risengrød)

Ingredients:

568ml/1 pint milk 75g (3 oz) pudding rice 50g (2 oz) caster sugar 4-5 drops of vanilla extract 50g (2oz) chopped almonds 1 glass sherry 300ml (1/2 pint) double cream 1 whole almond



Serves 4-6

Put the milk and rice in a saucepan and similar for about 20 min until the rice is soft and most of the milk is absorbed.

Add the sugar, vanilla extract, almonds, sherry and stir well. Leave to cool completely.



Whip in the cream. Transfer to a serving dish, cover and chill in the refrigerator for about 8 hours. Before serving push the whole almond into the pudding so it is well hidden. This is a Danish tradition and it is placed in the pudding for luck. The finder receives a present!

Serve with hot cherry sauce (Kirsebaersauce).



Youth Group

Welcome back to another term of BPYG. It was great to see all the young people come back from their Summer breaks and hear how they are enjoying their new schools for those that have moved up to secondary and junior schools and how much fun they had while on holiday.

We have been speaking to the young people to see what things they would like to see or do at youth group and have had a great amount of requests. One of them was a Talent Show, so watch this space. On a slightly sadder note, I am afraid the planned trip to Caldecotte Xperience on 22nd & 23rd November has been cancelled due to lack of numbers. We will try to run this again in the New Year subject to interest and available funding.

On 6th December we are again going to Alexander Palace with a group of young people aged 11 years upwards for our annual midnight ice skating trip. This was great success last year and the young people that went had a fun time. A letter about this will be sent out in the next few weeks.

The people that run the Youth Group are volunteers. They are community minded folk and are unpaid. Without them, there would be no Youth Group for

your child to attend. It is with regret that I report that these adult helpers have been on the receiving end of disrespectful behaviour recently both at Group and film club such that some activities have had to be cancelled. It is a shame that some children's roque behaviour have ruined it for the rest. So could I please ask you to remind your children to respect the work and role of the volunteers that have made the youth group the success it has been.

It would be great to see more young people through the doors and parents/carers that would like to get involved too. You do not have to attend every week or even both sessions. We are just happy for any help or support that you can give.

Please speak to one of the BPYG team on a Wednesday night or contact Harriet on jackomcfc@btopenworld. com or 07925104627. Finally, we do our best to communicate with parents/carers and would appreciate if you could support us in ensuring your contact details are up to date.

We look forward to seeing your young person at group in the near future.

The BPYG Team

Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School News

Our local community school is growing! We now have 225 children from Nursery through to Year 3. This year we have welcomed 60 children in to our Reception classes and many more into our Nursery. It is great to have all the new families as part of our school community.

For Harvest this year our Year 2 children led a thoughtful There is loads more besides; chocolate and bottle Worship Time based on the Creation Story. All our children, tombolas, fun games, Christmas Craft 'Workshop', letters staff and Year 2 parents added their finger print to our to Santa, nail painting, glitter tattoos, face painting and display board to remind us that each one of us is special much more! and unique. We are grateful to all our families who brought Buckinghamshire County Council is now receiving in food for the Vineyard Storehouse which supports local applications for Reception places for September 2014. So, families. if your child will be 4 years old by August 31st 2014, please remember to apply online for a school place at the Bucks We had our very first Parent Teacher Association Annual General Meeting at which a new committee was elected County Council website.

and the team are already stuck straight in and organised a We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Christmas Shopping Evening and A Christmas Fayre. The Buckingham Park Community for your continuing support Fayre is on Saturday 7th December, 12pm – 3pm, and we'd for the school. love to see you all there!

Father Christmas has promised he'll be there - in his specially created grotto. Children who visit him will receive a special gift and can also have their photo taken.

> Rosemary Conley Diet and Fitness Clubs, working with your Local NHS to get you fit and healthy! Could you benefit from 12 weeks of FREE classes?



If you currently have a BMI of over 30 and are due to visit your practise nurse, why not enquire about the Buckinghamshire PCT referral scheme to see if you are able to get a FREE referral? This great scheme entitles patients to join our classes for 12 weeks at no cost to themselves. In this time, so many patients have lost both pounds and inches - and in some cases members have lost up to 3st within the 12 week referral period.

I feel that the PCT referral scheme is a great way to encourage people to try a service that they might not have previously considered. When this leads to such life changing weight losses within our classes, then we are all rewarded with improved health, fitness and wellbeing - what have you got to lose!

NEW FITSTEPS CLASS AT BUCKINGHAM PARK - TUESDAY 10-11.30am Call Joanna on 01296 485933 Email joanna.beardsmore-dilks@rosemaryconley.com

We're holding a prize raffle with the winners drawn at the Fayre. Tickets will be available to purchase on the day. First prize is £100 cash, second prize is a carriage (6 tickets) on Santa's Magical Steam Train (thanks to Buckinghamshire Railway Centre), and third prize is a luxury Christmas hamper.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December!



Community Centre

As Christmas is only a few weeks away no doubt everyone is thinking about Christmas presents, food, family and friends. Some of you will be worrying about the financial aspects and others the logistics of getting round to everyone, who to spend what time with and who will have the Grandparents etc, etc. Here at the Community Centre we too are getting prepared. Many of you will remember that last year we had a fabulous large Christmas tree with lights and again this year we will be providing the same. The centre will be decorated at the end of November and we will be open everyday up to Christmas Day and reopen on 27th. So remember, if you are sick of cooking and fancy stretching your legs why not come down and have breakfast or lunch with us.

What have we been up to during the last year? Well the most recent activity was the Halloween Party which we seem to have become famous for. Those of you that joined us had a wonderful time. To those of you that didn't buy tickets and left it to the last minute, I would say be prepared by noting your diaries as next year it will be on the same date 31/10 which is a Friday. To avoid disappointment buy your tickets early; we will not sell tickets on the day. In the earlier part of October we held our first Quiz night and although there were few there, those that attended enjoyed a challenging guiz, a Farmhouse buffet and many raffle prizes, kindly donated by local businesses and residents. We hope to make this a regular event in our calendar and plan to have one in early March and again in the summer. So keep an eye out for the dates those of you who want to have your brain tested. Teams need to be booked in advance so we can cater for the right number.

On Friday January 3rd we are having our first pantomime "Goldilocks and the 3 Bears" and tickets are already on sale. As we are limited on numbers folks, don't leave it too long and disappoint the little ones.

On the whole visitors and hirers that come to the centre are very respectful both to the premises and the staff & volunteers BUT there has been one or two incidents of abuse both to the premises and people working and hiring within. Going forward this will not be accepted and we are now adopting a zero tolerance policy. Anybody causing damage will be prosecuted and any abuse to staff and volunteers will result in a possible lifetime ban from the centre. Where children are involved we will inform the parents. This is not a pleasant subject to write about, but we have to ensure the safety and well- being of everyone. Many people give their time voluntarily and without them a lot of activities simply would not take place.

As this is the last edition this year it just remains for me to thank all those who have supported the centre. On behalf

of everyone at the centre we wish you all health & happiness this coming festive time.

Please remember the centre is available for hire for private parties, weddings christenings etc. Give us a call on 01296 435239 to discuss your requirements.



Calling all young people in Aylesbury!!!

Come and be a part of the massive youth fair next year January 12th 2014. We want to hit the New Year with a BANG and we want you to be part of it!!.....they'll be lots of fun, games, entertainment and activities so don't miss it...for more information contact Peter on 07930274746.....The Oasis Community Initiative.





Buckingham Park Church of England School would like you to join them at their magical Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December 12-3pm. Free admission so bring your family and friends. Christmas just wouldn't be the same without a visit to Santa, do come and visit him and his elves in his cosy grotto and receive a special gift. A photo keepsake will be available.

Light refreshments will be available. We will be holding a grand prize raffle, tickets will be available from the school or to purchase on the day, first prize is £100 cash, second prize is a carriage on Santa's magical steam train on 14th dec 2pm for up to 6 guests where you will be joined by Santa himself, one of Santa's helpers will pull a gift from his huge sack and then the magic begins! Third prize is a luxury Christmas hamper. So don't miss out as we have fabulous prizes!

There will be a chocolate and bottle tombola and a variety of fun games in the school hall to suit all ages. The children can even help Santa's elves in 'The Workshop' where there will be many Christmas crafts to choose from. We will have individual activities decorating gingerbread men, letters to Santa which will include a personalised reply to the child, nail painting, glitter tattoos and face painting and many more.

Reindeer food, balloons, pocket money toys and sweets will be available to purchase!

Children will also have an opportunity to visit the 'no parent room' where they can choose a gift for mum or dad and wrap it with assistance from one of the teachers.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Christmas Fayre

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