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# Chairman's Welcome



Welcome to this Spring edition of Park News, and in particular welcome to the new residents that have moved in over the winter. While spring still feels a long way away as I write the good news is that the flood plain and balance ponds around Buckingham Park have performed well during the storms. We have experienced record water levels on the flood plain but the drainage system has worked and prevented flooding in our community.

I am also pleased to be able to report that we have frozen the precept (the element of the council tax that is for the Parish Council) for this year. We had a lot of work to do in our first few years in getting

the council finances into order but I am pleased to report that we have now reached a point where we can operate without an increase for 2014. It is likely that the District and County Councils will apply a council tax increase on those aspects for which they remain responsible.

Pot holes around Buckingham Park continue to be a problem until the roads are fully surfaced. Taylor Wimpey has been filling in the holes when they are reported to them but we need to be patient. The roads will be finished when construction work has been completed as the works traffic will damage the tarmac if it is laid any earlier.

Parking continues to be an issue. Please park cars responsibly so that you do not block other residents, junctions, road narrowing's, or the bus route. Buckingham Park is currently classed as private land until we are adopted by the County/ District Council. However, we plan to request Double Yellow lines around key junctions and pinch points as soon as it is possible to do so. Also, please be careful when driving along Colonel Grantham Avenue. The bottom part is a blind bend and with cars parked outside the flats the sight lines are completely blocked. Please reduce your speed and drive accordingly. This is an issue that affects all of us. Be patient, and allow for a little give and take. I recently had to intervene when I found two residents stopped facing each other on Colonel Grantham Avenue and neither was prepared to give way or reverse which prevented everybody else getting past too. While I am sure both thought they were in the right, the result was hopeless and unnecessary.

Construction has now started on the last large building project on Buckingham Park, the nursing home on Culpepper Close. The Parish Council responded to the planning application last year with a number of objections, reservations, and suggested improvements to the application. However, our response has largely been dismissed by the district council planning department and the application was approved.

We have ordered more litter bins and Eric Martin and myself will be fitting them shortly (weather permitting) near to the bus stops to help reduce litter. Please use them. We will also be looking at some additional dog litter bins and sites for these have been identified.

The link road to Berryfields looks to be making good progress despite the very wet weather. It is due to be completed around June this year.

As Taylor Wimpey progress towards building the last homes on Buckingham Park it is time to start looking beyond the construction phase and decide what is important to us as a community. I would like to develop a longer term plan, with input from residents, to help identify what the key priorities should be for the Parish Council over the next few years. We will announce more on this initiative shortly but if you have any ideas please contact me by e-mail anders\_christensen@rocketmail.com.

**Anders Christensen**

Chairman

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# Parish Councillor Vacancy



Due to relocation, a vacancy has arisen on Buckingham Park Parish Council.

The continuing development of Buckingham Park presents a unique opportunity for the Parish Council to influence the way in which this work completes, and the manner by which services are delivered in the future to the growing multi cultural community, and in a way that meets residents needs and expectations.

If you are community minded, perhaps have a background relevant to the challenges we face, or simply representative of a particular demographic group, we'd like to hear from you.

As a Parish Councillor you will be expected to attend all monthly meetings of the Council and otherwise commit to tasks and duties as may be required from time to time.

To be eligible, applicants must be over the age of 18, and be either a resident of Buckingham Park or live or work within a 3 mile radius of the parish.

Application should be made in writing accompanied by a short CV and sent to:

**Mr Keith Gray, JP, PILCM, MILM**

**Clerk**

**Buckingham Park Parish Council**

**c/o Community Centre**

**Jubilee Square**

**Aylesbury**

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## BUCKINGHAM PARK IN BLOOM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY 15th APRIL, 7PM AT BUCKINGHAM PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE**

### AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome.
2. Report by the Executive Committee Chairman on activities during 2013.
3. Appointment of Executive Committee. (Nominations for Executive Committee members should be received no less than one week before the meeting by emailing [towle@greenbee.net](mailto:towle@greenbee.net) The committee meet approximately 4 times a year and new members will be required if it is to continue.)
4. Any other business.

# Community Centre

It seems like December was in the long and distant past and that we are all awaiting Spring warmer weather and to see the bulbs popping up from the ground. Hopefully this won't be long.

December was a very busy time at the centre and it was great to see so many people attend parties and other Christmas activities. December said goodbye to some of pre-school children as they move up to the school, and January welcomed some new children. This is always a tense time for teachers', parents and children but it is nice to see them now settled and enjoying their days.

Our new activities programme is in full swing, and for those of you that made New Year resolution to shape up and lose a few pounds we have everything to give you that opportunity, Slimming World, Rosemary Conley, Boot Camp, Bokwa, Zumba (KASO) and from after Easter Thursday, 40+ afternoons. In conjunction with 4U, we are running a homework club and adult learning. Computers will be available to do homework, write your CV, apply for jobs etc and also there will be a jobs club advisor.

We have spent a long time listening to what our residents would like and hopefully this will go some way to meeting these needs.

During the Easter holidays in conjunction with Banardo's there will be some free fun activities for the under fives and their siblings; one being the visit of a farm to the centre giving children the opportunity to interact with some farm animals as well as have some messy playtime.

For those of you that are still not sure about what we do here please take the time to read look at the programme of events, review our facebook page, or simply pay us a visit. It is not all about clubs but about finding the community spirit and embracing what we are trying to achieve both in health, well-being and friendship. Pregnant Mums have made friends through ante-natal, Baby clinic, and the various play schemes that operate here. Children who attend Pre-school make lifelong friendships that often extends to parents. As the Youth clubs continue to thrive, and with the hopefully imminent sports academy at Buckingham Park, we are moving from strength to strength to provide for our 16 and under residents. Adults, you are not forgotten either. Please take a look at what we can offer you and we are, of course, always open to suggestions for alternative activities/events.

Many have asked if we are having a Summer fete this year, and the answer is yes. It is planned to be bigger and better occasion than last year so put the date of June 8th firmly in your diaries.

Remember we are here to help you, it's your centre and we want to be able to give you what you want where possible.

All are welcome. The staff and I look forward to seeing you.

**Jan Turner**  
Centre Manager

## Neighbourhood News

Are you a budding journalist, or someone who is interested in what's going on in your community? Your Parish Council is seeking someone to regularly contribute to the Bucks Herald on those activities held or planned on Buckingham Park. This is a responsible voluntary role that requires an enquiring mind and one that can only enhance your CV. Interested? Then either pop in or call Jan Turner at the community centre.

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## Holman Bridge

This is the bridge over the River Thames at the southern boundary of Buckingham Park over which the main A413 runs. In light of the recent severe rainstorms and prolonged flooding, your Parish Council raised concerns about possible damage with Bucks County Council. Our County Councillor (Netta Glover) confirmed that BCC reviewed the most recent inspection of the bridge which was undertaken last May. That report concluded that whilst a few minor repairs were required, no defects were noted that indicated any concern with the overall stability of the bridge. However, in light of most recent events, BCC will ask an inspector to visit the bridge shortly to check that recent high water levels have not had any damaging effects on



Water taxi: Chaos caused by the floods

the structure. Holman bridge is a key structure and the A413 a critical trunk route to/from Aylesbury. Your PC will keep residents updated.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

**Karen & Jess Taylor**

# Quiz Time!!

## General Knowledge Quiz



1. What is the name of the key that opens the sluice in the paddle of a canal lock?
2. What was the all British fighter project cancelled by the then Prime Minister Harold Wilson?
3. In which Scottish town is Queen of the South's home ground?
4. In which County is Leeds Castle?
5. Who captained the 2012 European Ryder Cup team?
6. Which famous ocean going liner sank on 7th May 1915?
7. The Indian city of Mumbai was formally known as .....?
8. Name the Israeli military leader who gained recognition during the "6 days war" with Egypt, Syria and Jordan.
9. Who was the last official hangman in Britain?
10. In which year did Tom Chambers win Strictly Come Dancing?
11. Who was the British female boxer who won gold at the 2012 Olympics?
12. What is the capital of Manitoba, Canada?
13. The Orca is more popularly known as what?
14. Ernie's full title is what?
15. Which country won the first World Cup in 1930?
16. Who is the creator of Paddington Bear?
17. Who manufactured the 1960's Police "Noddy" motorbike?
18. Which country's airline flies the A300 "Love Bus".
19. What is the longest river in Australia?
20. Where is Britain's most northerly racecourse?

Quiz answers below.

## AYLESBURY CHURCH OF CHRIST

We meet every Sunday in the small hall in the Buckingham Park Community Centre, Jubilee Square.

### FAMILY SERVICES

Come and join us for our services that are for all the family especially the children:

Sunday 2nd March at 11.00am

Sunday 6th April at 11.00am

Sunday 4th May at 11.00am

And stay and enjoy a fellowship lunch with us afterwards.

### MORNING WORSHIP & COMMUNION

(not on family service days)

Sundays at 11.00am.

Bible Club for children aged 5 and over at 10.15am

### BIBLE DISCUSSION

Informal, mid-week studies in homes in Aylesbury.

Contact: 01296 670568 or via our website:  
[www.aylesburychurchofchrist.org](http://www.aylesburychurchofchrist.org)

# Fun Thursdays For Over 40s

Fun Thursday's for the over 40's no maximum age, come and take a look and give it a try, enjoy gentle but fun exercise... meet new people... learn more about the Internet eg: keeping in touch with friends and relatives by email or Skype plus much much more... you tell us what you would like and we will do our best to deliver.

Afterwards you can then be a part of a FUN FREE session that will equip you with great first aid skills, teach you how to manage conflicts and also how to get the best out of life

by learning how to think and act positively....This is courtesy of The U...these are not to be missed!

For more info pop into Buckingham Park Community Centre to speak to centre manager Jan Turner or alternatively email Peter at [peter@the-u.org.uk](mailto:peter@the-u.org.uk)



## BUCKINGHAM PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE TIMETABLE

DAY	TIME	HIRER/ACTIVITY
<b>Monday</b>	08:15 - 12:45	Big Top Pre-school
	17:00 - 17:45	Kandeez School of Dance - U8 Competitive Freestyle
	17:45 - 18:30	Kandeez School of Dance - Adult Disco, Street & Rock 'n Roll
	18:30 - 19:30	Kandeez School of Dance - 8+ Competitive Freestyle (Invite only)
	19:30 - 20:30	Kandeez School of Dance - Adult Intermediate Tap
	19:30 - 20:30	Bokwa Fitness
<b>Tuesday</b>	08:15 - 14:15	Big Top Pre-school
	09:30 - 11:30	FREE
	10:15 - 11:45	Surestart - Baby Massage / Post Natal Group
	13:30 - 15:00	Surestart - Weigh, Stay & Play
	16:00 - 17:00	ZKS Martial Arts
	17:45 - 19:00	Beavers
	19:00 - 20:30	Cubs
19:00 - 23:00	Ace Bridge	
<b>Wednesday</b>	08:15 - 14:30	Big Top Pre-school
	09:15 - 09:45	Kandeez School of Dance - Melody Bear Baby Ballet (18m - 3yrs)
	09:45 - 10:15	Kandeez School of Dance - Boogie Babies (18m - 3yrs)
	18:00 - 21:30	Buckingham Park Youth Club
	18:00 - 22:30	Respect Martial Arts Academy
<b>Thursday</b>	08:15 - 14:30	Big Top Pre-school
	08:30 - 13:00	Boomerang Toy Library (once a month)
	10:00 - 11:30	Buckingham Park Toddler Group
	13:30 - 16:30	Over 40's Fun Thursday's (Starting After the Easter Holiday)
	17:30 - 22:00	House Of Lights
	17:30 - 22:00	Badminton
	17:45 - 18:45	Kaso Studios - Zumba
	19:00 - 23:00	Ace Bridge
<b>Friday</b>	08:15 - 12:45	Big Top Pre-school
	09:30 - 11:30	Slimming World
	13:30 - 15:00	Messy Play
	16:15 - 17:00	Kandeez School of Dance - 8-12y Ballet Conditioning
	17:00 - 17:45	Kandeez School of Dance - 12+ Ballet Conditioning
	17:45 - 18:30	Kandeez School of Dance - Team Ultraviolet Practice
	18:00 - 21:30	Hope Baptist Church Youth Group
	18:30 - 22:30	Respect Martial Arts Academy
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30 - 13:00	Kandeez School of Dance - Ballet & Tap (Various ages)
	11:00 - 12:00	Samba F.C
	13:30 - 23:00	Available for Private Hire
<b>Sunday</b>	08:30 - 13:00	Deeper Life Church
	08:30 - 13:00	Church of God Healing Centre
	08:30 - 13:00	Church of Christ
	14:00 - 17:00	Hope Baptist Church
	13:30 - 23:00	Available For Private Hire



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Buckingham Park Parish Council has received numerous complaints about these matters and has agreed to take whatever action they can to alleviate them.

As a first step, residents are being asked to follow a few simple rules:

- Reduce the opportunities of arson by keeping wheelie bins securely in your back garden.
- Don't leave your bin in an area where, if a fire were to start, it could easily spread to other areas such as doorways, windows or fences.
- Do not put wheelie bins out for emptying until the day before collection and put them away as soon as possible once emptied.
- Encourage neighbours to bring in other peoples wheelie bins if they are at work or on holiday.

- Please do not park your car in a place that causes an obstruction to other road users or pedestrians.
- Always ensure sufficient space is left to accommodate pushchairs and wheelchair users.
- Report any vehicles causing an obstruction on pavements to the Police on 101.

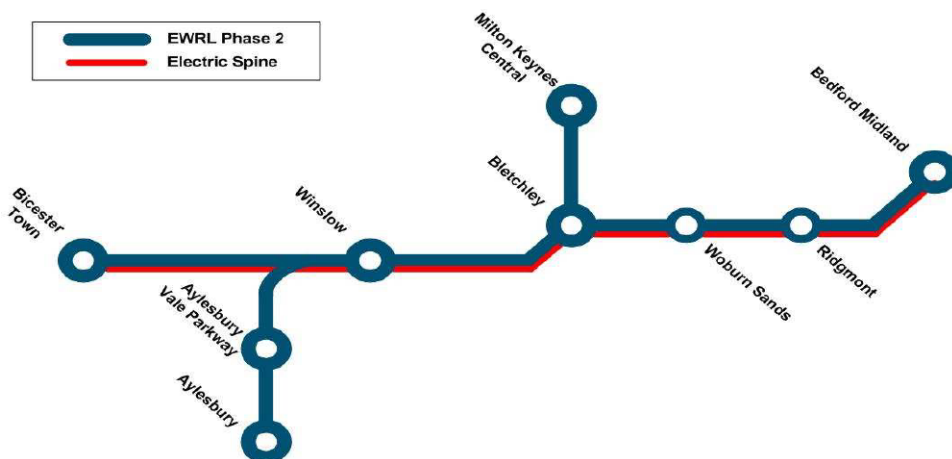
*Leaving wheelie bins out on the frontage of your home contravenes the terms of your house purchase contract or otherwise is in breach of your tenancy agreement. So please make every effort to abide by the rules and help make Buckingham Park a cleaner, tidier and a more accessible place to live for all.*





### PHASE TWO - BICESTER TO BEDFORD, MILTON KEYNES TO AYLESBURY

*This section of the project covers the railway between Bicester and Bedford, Aylesbury and Milton Keynes including building a new station at Winslow and rebuilding the track between Claydon Junction and Bletchley.*



#### Phase 2 Scope and Enhancements

Whilst the core East West Rail scheme is well understood, it makes sense to construct the railway to meet future needs. An Industry Planning Group, which includes train and freight operators, Network Rail, EWR Consortium and Government representatives are currently looking at an enhanced scope for the project which is supported by all partners. It is an ongoing process and will be used to secure funding for a railway capable of meeting growing demand over the long term. This in turn will

secure greater economic benefit for the region and reduce the risk of subsequent disruption in the future. On 31st March, Network Rail will publish their delivery plan for the spending period April 2014 to March 2019 which will include an outline programme and schedule for the delivery of East West Rail.

If you would like to find out more about East West Rail and the benefits the project will you can visit EWR's website at [www.eastwestrail.org.uk](http://www.eastwestrail.org.uk) or contact their Communications team by email [info@eastwestrail.org.uk](mailto:info@eastwestrail.org.uk).

### Current view across Buckingham Park enjoying some better weather!



# Waddesdon and Whitchurch Children's Centre at Buckingham Park Community Centre



Michelle

**Michelle: Family Support Worker**

Michelle joined Barnardo's in 2009. She delivers a wide range of group and individual activities and services both at Wendover Children's Centre and here.

**Charly: Play Leader**

Charly joined the team in October 2012. Charly is responsible for the delivery of group and individual services in the Children's Centre and out in the Community.



Charly

**Katie: Play leader:**

Katie joined in September 2013 and together with the rest of the team aims to deliver some fun and interesting activities for our members to enjoy with their children.



Katie

**Sarah: Local Services Co-ordinator.**

Sarah has been with Barnardo's since 2009. She is responsible for the Children's Centre and ensuring that it works in partnership with the local community.

## Youth Group

On Saturday 8th February we took a group of six boys to the Guttman Centre, in Aylesbury, to play in a five a side football tournament run by Action4Youth. We played each team once and although most of the teams this year were youth groups, there were two actual football teams (both Chalfont Saints). Overall BPYG came third and the boys were sensational, our goalkeeper, made some magnificent saves against all the teams including the 2 Chalfont Saints Teams. Whilst we were off at the football tournament, one of our young leaders, Noel, was enjoying himself on the first weekend of the Young Leaders Course at Woodrow High House learning first aid, team building skills etc.

We welcome new members to BPYG, so please feel free to pop to one of our sessions with your young person to see what we offer.

We have a tuck shop that is open at both sessions. In addition to all the usual activities, Young Ad-Action runs a

film club on the last Wednesday of every month for ages 11-18.

For just £1.00, our members get to watch a film and also enjoy a takeaway. Please note that there is no BPYG in school holidays

We recently welcomed a new adult volunteer who joined the BPYG leadership team this term. More are always needed so if you could spare an hour a week, month or term to help at either of the sessions, it would be very much appreciated.

If so, please contact Harriet Jackson (the youth group leader) on 07925104627 or by emailing [bpyg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bpyg@hotmail.co.uk)



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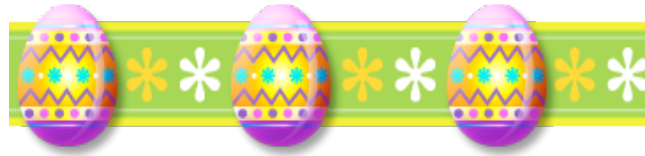
**6pm till 7.15pm**

**Cost £1.00**

**Seniors (school years 7-11)**

**7.30pm till 9pm**

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## What's on...?

### Parent's 1<sup>st</sup> Aid-

This is a free Paediatric First Aid course for Parent's and Carers.

Please book a place on  
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**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014** (no crèche) 10am-12pm

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014** (crèche available) 2-4pm



### Easter Holiday Fun at the Community Centre-

Come and join us for fun seasonal activities, with special surprise guests. Collect tickets for these events from the Community Centre.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

10.00-11.30 and 12.30 - 2pm.

Bring your Under 5's along for fun activities, plus a petting farm.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

10.30-12pm.

Easter themed Fun!

### Other weekly activities include:

#### Stay and Play/Clinic-

Every Tuesday 1.30-3pm. Bring along your baby to be weighed at clinic, or your under 5 to play together in Stay and Play. No need to book.

#### Come and Play-

Fridays (term time only) 1.30-3pm- come along with your under 5 for free activities, including messy play. No need to book,

### Did you know Waddesdon Children's Centre can offer help with...

Routines. Play- promoting turn taking, sharing etc. Breast feeding support

Parenting Skills: Tips and advice for children's behaviour. Building confidence.

Help and advice accessing services, education and work

Family relationships

# New Electoral Arrangements

## for Aylesbury Vale District Council

### Key Facts:

- Local Government Boundaries Commission (LGBC) has made proposals for a re-jigging of the boundaries that go to make up the area covered by Aylesbury Vale District Council and the number of councillors representing each ward.
- Looking forward to 2019, the proposals aim to even out the number of electors represented by each councillor.
- The intent is to secure Parliamentary approval in time for the new local elections in May 2015.
- A public consultation exercise commenced on 14th January and will last until 8th April.
- Outline proposals can be viewed on the notice board outside the Community Centre. Residents can view the proposals in greater detail on their website [www.lgbc.org.uk](http://www.lgbc.org.uk). Comments can be made directly to [consultation.lgbc.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbc.org.uk)

### The Proposals:

- Retains the same number of councillors (59) covering 33 discrete areas (36 presently).
- Will include 15 single councillor wards, 10 two councillor and eight 3 councillor wards.

- LGBC rejected the District Council's proposal (supported in this aspect by the Liberal Democrats) that would have seen a discrete Holman's Bridge ward encompassing Buckingham Park.
- Their proposal is to instead combine Buckingham Park, with the St Peter's area of Meadowcroft and areas of Gatehouse. This new ward to be called Gatehouse.

### The Way Forward:

- Your Parish Council are considering these proposals and will be making their comments/objections known.
- Residents of Buckingham Park are invited to consider LGBC's proposals and comment direct.
- LGBC stress that the proposals are not a done deal and that they will consider all responses received as the result of the current consultation process.

*Residents of Buckingham Park now have a real opportunity to influence the boundary arrangements for future elections thereby ensuring that our interests are best served by those elected as District Councillors to represent the area. Your Parish Council encourages you to contribute to the public consultation by making your views known directly to LGBC.*

## Message from the Rotary Club of Aylesbury



### 7 Highlights from the 2013 Santa Carol Float

1. The generosity of Aylesbury residents.
  2. The team effort between Rotarians, Charities, members of the community, Girlguiding, Scouts and friends;
  3. The local family who gave the Float parking space each night, put the tarp over it in howling winds, cleaned it and generally spent three weeks looking after it;
  4. The Buckingham Park community who so wonderfully welcomed us and worked with us when the generator failed - came up with a plan B and we had a superb night and learnt what a fabulous community spirit they have.
  5. The children who post letters in the collection buckets - wonderful surprises for us.
  6. Broughton Avenue estate who turned out in their masses and raised a record two bucket loads on a very wet and windy night.
  7. The unknown and unnamed families who opened their doors to let collectors in for emergency uses of their toilets! True heroes!
- We'll shortly be holding a dinner and handing out the final cheques to charities and explaining more about the money raised. We'll also be announcing more in the press about the plans for Christmas 2014.**

# Reporting: Aylesbury Youth Fair - Buckingham Park

In July 2013, the House Of Lights team set up a community engagement initiative dubbed the Oasis Community Initiative (OCI) that engaged key stakeholders and residents in seeking proactive ways to foster community cohesion, wellbeing and stability across the developing community of Buckingham Park. Various people and organisations were involved including Jan Turner, the Community Center manager, the local Youth Club ably led by Harriet Jackson of the BPYG, Rev Tim Ninnis of the Hope Baptist Church, AVDC and Thames Valley Police (TVP). Three months of planning culminated in a Youth Fair held on Sunday 12th January which gave residents a chance to relax, have fun and take part in a survey to

establish whether there was a need for a sports academy amongst other useful activities to further engage the young people of Buckingham Park, and from neighbouring areas. The event was preceded by a dog chipping service organised with the Dogs Trust, through TVP.

The Youth Fair began in earnest at 2.30pm with over 150 people in attendance for fun, games networking and to take part in the survey. There were free giveaways, a prize draw where the winner won a shiny new android tablet and a lot of fun activities. Prizes and awards for the helpers were presented by the chairman of the Buckingham Park Parish Council, Cllr Anders Christensen. Prize donations and considerable help in support of this successful event came from The House Of Lights, Tescos, Sports For Streets, Buckingham Park Youth Group, The U, Action For Youth, Candy Floss, Respect, Aylesbury Scouts, and McCoys Fish and Chips shop.

The surveys conducted revealed overwhelming support for a sports themed community engagement for the young people. Our next step is to press forward in making the proposed academy come to life!

The Oasis Community Initiative welcomes other interested organisations, groups or individuals to be a part of the story and contribute to the success of this ground breaking local initiative.

If you are interested please contact Peter on 07930274746. Or alternatively email him at

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*Councillor Anders Christensen*



***Watch this space!"***



*Kids coming together for the raffle.*

This year has been really busy at Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School. Our Nursery is now full with 78 children across the morning and afternoon sessions, and we have now grown to have 185 pupils in the main part of the school. It is very exciting to see our school developing year on year. Here are some of the highlights since the last edition of Park News.

## Ofsted Inspection – November 2013

The staff and governors are pleased that Buckingham Park has been recognised as a good school by Ofsted inspectors in a report published in December (and available to read on the school website).

The report highlights the good and outstanding teaching, the good progress that children make from their starting points and the good behaviour of children in lessons.

As a Church school, we are delighted that the inspection team recognised that the school's Christian values were central to the life of the school, and that pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is developed well and intrinsic to all activities. Overall, the inspectors found Buckingham Park to be a happy and welcoming school, with a calm and purposeful atmosphere, which has developed well since it opened. Opening a new school and preparing for a first inspection is hard work and this good outcome is very much a team effort. Staff, parents, governors and pupils share a strong belief in the values of our new school and we speak highly of it - justifiably so.

## Celebrating Christmas

Our children told the story of Christmas through drama and song on four occasions. Parents and staff were very proud of the children who performed so well and reminded us all of the true meaning of this special season. We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Fayre, organised by the school's PTA. This was a super event and raised a fantastic amount of money for the school.

## A link with Kenya

We are privileged to have a new link with a school in western Kenya, Niyandiwa Primary School. Niyandiwa is situated about 3.5 kilometres from the town of Oyugis. Niyandiwa School is very different to Buckingham Park, but there are many similarities too. Niyandiwa is a large primary school with a nursery and a department for children with special educational needs.

The link is enabled through a charity called Amani UK ([www.amaniuk.org.uk](http://www.amaniuk.org.uk)). Amani UK is a registered UK charity, operating on a totally voluntary basis.



We have exchanged letters and greetings with the school staff and, in January, a team from Amani UK delivered a file of photos, drawings and messages for the children and staff of Buckingham Park. We will be looking further exciting ways of forging a strong partnership with our link school and developing a good friendship with the children, staff and families of Niyandiwa School.

## New School Library – The BIG surprise!

Everyone loves surprises. Our own BIG SURPRISE just before half term was to show the children our own school library. For some weeks, the staff, governors and PTA have been planning for its opening.

Our library is jam-packed full of brand new books – Adventure stories, picture books, poetry, information books and much, much more. Our books have been carefully selected so that there is something for everyone – boys and girls, young and old. We celebrated the opening of our new library with a week of book related activities including a sponsored read.



# RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life is a fantastic family/community event which raises vital funds for Cancer Research UK. It is now in its 6th year in Aylesbury and last year raised £76,000+ which helps ensure that Cancer Research UK continues its work to improve diagnosis, treatments and outcomes for cancer patients.

Relay for Life is a team event whereby teams of friends, family and colleagues come together and fundraise in the months leading up to the Relay weekend. This year, Relay for Life Aylesbury will take place at the newly renovated Aylesbury Rugby Club in Weston Turville from midday Saturday 5th July to midday Sunday 6th July. Teams come together for the 24-hour walking event, walking right through the night "because cancer never sleeps, so neither do we". As darkness falls on the Saturday night there is a very moving Candle of Hope ceremony where we take the time to celebrate the successes of those fighting the disease and remembering those we have loved and lost. The candles then light our path through the night until dawn rises. The Relayers are entertained over the weekend with a vibrant mix of stalls, live bands, competitions and fancy dress laps which



creates that carnival atmosphere which helps to make it such a special and memorable event.

Planning is underway for our 2014 event and our teams are already putting their thoughts to how they can raise more money than ever before. So why not be part of this brilliant community event and check out our website on [www.relayforlifeaylesbury.org](http://www.relayforlifeaylesbury.org) which shows you how you can get involved or text the Relay Mobile on 07851 719297, or call 01844 290362 and we will call you to talk to you about Relay for Life. Come and share this great experience with your friends and family as well as raising money for such a valuable charity.... Together we really can beat cancer.



Working together to reach your goals  
Buckinghamshire Children and Young People's Trust

Waddesdon & Whitechurch Children's Centre  
Believe in children  
Barnardo's  
Health Trust

## A Children's Farm is coming to Buckingham Park Community Centre!



**On Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of April**

**10-11.30am or 12.30-2pm**

**Also lots of fun activities for families and lots of messy play!**

This is a free ticket event for families with children 0-5 years old (older siblings welcome)  
Tickets are available from the Buckingham Park Community Centre and due to numbers, if you have no ticket you will not be able to attend.

Any queries please contact Michelle on:07930869079

# Buckingham Park



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| Acres Way.....A4                  | Musket Path.....C4            | Skipper Close.....B3       |
| Ascoug Close.....D5               | New College Road.....C3       | Small White Path.....B2/B3 |
| Battle Meadow.....C3/D3           | Nugent Close.....C5           | Tortoiseshell Road.....B2  |
| Beeston Lane.....C1/D1            | Osselbury Lane.....B3         | Wall Brown Way.....B2      |
| Berry Hill Path.....C4            | Palfreyman Street.....C4/D4   | Wardens Path.....C3        |
| Bridge Leys Meadow.....C4/C5      | Peacock Lane.....B1/B2        | Wedon Path.....C5          |
| Brimstone Lane.....B3/C3          | Petronel Road.....C4-D5       | Well Meadow.....A4         |
| Bursars Path.....D3/D4            | Pluto Way.....B4              | Wilmott Close.....C4/C5    |
| Carbine Path.....C5               | Prince Rupert Drive.....B3-D5 | Wood White Drive.....C1/C2 |
| Cavalry Path.....C5/D5            | Purnell Walk.....A3           | Wykeham Path.....D4        |
| Chalkhill Blue Close.....C2       | Red Admiral Street.....B1/B2  |                            |
| Chancellors Road.....C3           | Ringlet Close.....C1/C2       |                            |
| Charles Pym Road.....C4/D4        | Ringlet Way.....B2-B3         |                            |
| Chaudler Drive.....C1/C2          | Rodnall Close.....B4          |                            |
| Clivedon Way.....C4               | Ryans Path.....C4             |                            |
| Clouded Yellow Path.....B1/C1     | Skinner Road.....C1           |                            |
| Colonel Grantham Avenue.....B4/C4 |                               |                            |
| Cranley Crescent.....C2/C3        |                               |                            |
| Culpepper Close.....B3            |                               |                            |
| Daunt Close.....C4                |                               |                            |
| Founders Path.....C3/D3           |                               |                            |
| Hayter Close.....B3               |                               |                            |
| Holly Blue Mews.....B1            |                               |                            |
| Howards Hill Green.....B4         |                               |                            |
| Hyton Square.....A4               |                               |                            |
| Lewis Close.....C4-B5             |                               |                            |
| Leys Close.....A4                 |                               |                            |
| Malford Crescent.....C2/C3        |                               |                            |



	Main road
	Minor road
	Block paved road
	Footpath
	Greenway