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## Chairman's Note

May is the time of year when the Parish Council chooses a Chairman for the next 12 months and I am grateful to have been re-elected. This, and a recent confrontation with a resident about parking, has given me food for thought.

What do we, as residents, want our Parish Council to be? For the last 3 years we have tried to straddle roles as a Council which promotes community spirit and invests in facilities as well as dealing with complaints from residents which requires some degree of intervention or enforcement action.

My personal view is that we are far more effective when trying to be positive than

when trying to deal with inconsiderate parking and bins being left in front of houses to mention a couple of common complaints.

My confrontation about parking was interesting. From my point of view the car was blocking a bus stop and dropped curb forcing a wheel chair user to make a difficult detour around the car. From the owners perspective he had arrived home in the middle of the night with a disabled passenger and needed to park close to his house. I guess this is a scenario typical for a lot of residents. We complain about other people's parking when the fact is that, due to the lack of space for cars, most of us park in a place that is convenient to us and without enough thought how it will affect our neighbours. There is a limited amount the Parish Council can do except encourage other agencies to act against the very worst examples. I don't wish to be dismissive of complaints, and will always try to help, but it feels like I spend more time explaining why we are unable to act, or who else we can ask to intervene, than actually doing good work for the community. A Parish Council has limited powers at the best of times and we are unusually constrained while we remain in development and await adoption by the District and County Councils.

There has been a lot of commentary in the press about Councillors and often a perception of Parish Councils being 'busy bodies' or a bit 'Vicar of Dibley'. There are 8 Parish Councillors in Buckingham Park and all are residents. Seven are unpaid and the chairman gets an allowance of £500 a year in recognition of the additional time and costs associated with attending meetings and civic functions. We all give up a considerable amount of our time with the aim of making Buckingham Park a nice place to live. Yes, occasionally I wish we could move quicker and be more responsive but we work to strict rules to ensure proper governance and proper use of public money so that is not always possible.

So back to the question, what would you like the Parish Council to be? How would you like our community to develop? Please let me know your thoughts by either email anders\_christensen@rocketmail.com or call me on 07834 995 690.

### **The Adoption Process**

Anders Christensen and Eric Martin from the Parish Council recently met representatives from Aylesbury Vale District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council in order to gain a better understanding of the adoption process that Buckingham Park will need to go through in order to transfer from the developers to

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the respective councils. This will be an important step for us as a community as we will be able to call upon the full range of services from AVDC and the County Council for which we currently pay council tax but receive a limited service. At the moment we are still private land belonging to the developers and have to request that they address issues such as broken street lights and pot holes on an as and when basis.

At the meeting we learnt that the process of adoption has started and Taylor Wimpey have submitted the first draft of a transfer plan for phase 1 (South East area as you drive in by the traffic lights). Carey's are progressing with adoption and have requested that formal inspection of the roads in that area of Buckingham Park (Phase 2) begin, but it is unlikely that adoption can take place until Colonel Grantham Avenue has been tarmaced but they are working with Taylor Wimpey in order to get the road completed as soon as possible.

However, potentially, the adoption process could take a lot longer than we initially believed with examples such as Calvert Green, which took 10 years from completion to full adoption, and Fairford Leys where a few roads have still not been adopted, being mentioned. While we did not have an expectation that adoption would be a quick process, it seems likely that we will need to remain patient for the foreseeable future.

We also got a clearer picture of who will be responsible for which parts of Buckingham Park once we are adopted which will greatly speed up getting repairs completed. While we are grateful to officers with whom we met for giving us time and helping to inform us, the overall impression was of a process that is complex and without clear ownership by either the County Council or AVDC.

### ADVERTISING

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The current fees are:

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### **Members of the Parish Council**

(Back row L to R: Tony Poth, Adrian Cooper, Peter Agoro, Ray Towle) (Front row L to R: Hina Pancholi, Eric Martin (Vice Chair), Anders Christensen (Chair), Keith Gray (Clerk) and Alison Looker.)



While we as a Parish Council do not have a formal role within the adoption process we shall continue to chase and prod where and when appropriate to ensure positive progress

### **New Parish Councillors**

We welcome two new Parish Councilors Adrian Cooper and Peter Agoro both of whom were already active in the community before becoming Parish Councilors. There was a good response to the advertised vacancies and we would like to thank all who applied. All applicants were worthy candidates but alas there were only two vacancies. We would also like to thank the two outgoing Councilors, Pamela Wayte and Steven Lambert, for their work and the time spent with the Parish over the last 3 years.

## 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.

## News from the Community Centre

Just how exciting and busy has the last couple of months been? Over 200 parents & children joined us and enjoyed our day with the farm when a variety of farm animals visited Buckingham Park for the first time. And weren't we so lucky with the weather.

Barnado's children services and staff at the community centre want to thank you all for coming and supporting this event. It was lovely seeing all the children's wondrous faces when they saw the animals in the Hall and garden. Some were even lucky enough to feed the lambs their bottles! With parental consent, a few of the photographs taken on the day are shown below.

Computers are now in and ready for the Computer café and homework club and our Thursday 40+ Club started on 8th May. This provides the opportunity for some of our older residents to enjoy a light lunch, undertake some gentle exercise, read up on current affairs and make new friends. There are still places available so don't feel it's too late. If you really don't want to participate in the exercise session or have lunch, we can be flexible on the price.

The Summer Fete is the one Big Event that I know many of you are looking forward to. This will take place on Sunday June 8th, starting at 1.30pm in Jubilee Square. We will have lots for you to do and take part in so don't forget to put this in your diaries. Entertainment this year includes a full funfair, Dog show, live music, dancers, BBQ, Bar and side stalls and much, much more. To prepare for this event, Jubilee Square will be closed to traffic from Friday lunchtime. Those few residents who park their cars there overnight are asked to use alternative facilities. Throughout the closure, for visitors and shoppers, alternative parking will be available in the Community Centre car park adjacent to the temporary medical centre.

As I mentioned in my last article, a myriad of activities are now taking place at the centre and the timetable has been updated to reflect a number of changes. Please take the time to see what is available to you and your families. Suggestions for additional activities are always welcome. Other events are arranged on an "as and when basis". Just one such example is the wrestling event scheduled for Saturday 24th May, where bookings are already high.

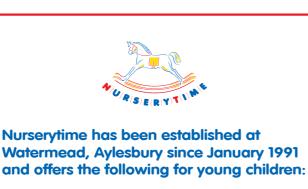
Our coffee shop is constantly busy so remember if you want a breakfast, cake & coffee/tea, fruit toast or a light lunch, the kitchen is only closed when the building itself is closed.

We look forward to seeing you at future events.

#### Jan Turner

Centre Manager





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We held our first Fun Thursday meeting 8th May! The food was great, music was great, people were great and the light gentle exercise was great.

For a chance to meet new people, relax, enjoy delicious food cooked by Jan the centre manager and if you're up for it getting active with light gentle exercise courtesy of Kaso Studios, then you've got to be here!

For more information, contact either Jan Turner (Community Centre manager) on 01296435239, or Peter Agoro on 07930274746. Or better still, simply just turn up. You'll receive a warm welcome.

## BUCKINGHAM PARK IN BLOOM

The AGM was held on Tuesday 15th April as advertised in the March Park News.

Due to a poor turnout a Committee of at least 5 members was not formed and it is with regret that Buckingham Park in Bloom is no longer able to continue within its constitution.

### Let's celebrate our Cultural Diversity in Buckingham Park

Buckingham Park community is not just building site any more. People are now settling down in our new habitat. For us to grow as a community, and get the spirit alive, it's always nice to get to know each other. We would like to invite people from all different cultures to come together and celebrate our diversity and strenghten our community. This would be a great platform for us to exchange interesting facts and learn from each other. If you have specific skills or ideas, please contact Councillor Hina Pancholi (hinapancholi@gmail.com).



## Quiz Time!!

### **Geography Quiz**

- 1. As a country, South Africa completely surrounds what other country?
- 2. What is the capital of Morocco?
- 3. What is Chicago's nickname?
- 4. Which State is the largest in Australia?
- 5. Inverness lies at one end of which Scottish loch?
- 6. In which country is Timbuktu?
- 7. Which is the only country to have a non-rectangular flag?
- 8. The Galapagos Islands are part of which country?
- 9. What is the capital of Columbia?
- 10. Which Island is popularly known as the "Pearl of the Indian Ocean"?
- 11. The Alamo is situated in which American city?



- 12. Which river runs through Chester?
- 13. Busan is a city in which Asian country?
- 14. Doha is the capital of which country?
- 15. Which Island was awarded the "George Cross" at the end of WWII?
- 16. Famagusta is situated is which country?
- 17. The Transylvanian Alps are in which country?
- 18. In which US city would you find Wyatt Earp Boulavard?
- 19. The Bob Marley museum is to be found where?
- 20. What is the capital of Mauritius?

#### Quiz answers below.

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#### MORNING WORSHIP & COMMUNION

(not on family service days) Sundays at 11.00am. Bible Club for children aged 5 and over at 10.15am

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#### Korea. 14. Qatar 15. Malta. 16. Cyprus. 17. Romania. 18. Dodge City. 19. Kingston, Jamaica. 20. Port Louis

Answers: 1. Lesotho, 2. Rabat, 3. Windy City, 4. Western Australia, 5. Loch Ness, 6. Mali, 7. Nepal, 8. Ecuador, 9. Bogota, 10. Sri Lanka, 11. San Antonio. 12. Dee. 13. South

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|              | 17:45 - 19:00  | Beavers  |
|              | 19:15 - 20:30  | Cubs   |
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| Thursday     | 08:15 - 14:30  | Big Top Pre-school   |
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|              | 10:00 - 11:30  | Buckingham Park Toddle   |
|              | 12:30 - 16:00  | Over 40's Fun Thursday's   |
|              | 17:30 - 22:00  | House Of Lights  |
|              | 16.30 - 22:00  | Badminton  |
|              | 17:45 - 18:45  | Kaso Studios - Zumba   |
| Friday       | 08:15 - 12:45  | Big Top Pre-school   |
|              | 09:30 - 13:30  | Slimming World   |
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|              | 13.30 - 15.00  | Messy Play   |
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## **Chairman's Annual Report**

May 2013 to April 2014

I became the 3rd Chairman of Buckingham Park Parish Council in May 2013. I have greatly enjoyed the year, the challenges, our achievements, and the occasional social function with our neighbouring councils.

**PROGRESS:** It has been another year of significant progress in the development of Buckingham Park. Significant miles stones include:

- Jubilee Square was completed and the shops have all opened
- The school has established itself at the centre of our community and received its first OFSTED inspection-achieving 'Good' which is a credit to the hard work of the head, Nick Waldron, and his team
- Phase 5 of the Buckingham Park was completed
- Phase 3 is making substantial progress and the end of construction is now in sight
- The Nursing Home was granted planning permission and construction has begun
- Buckingham Park in Bloom entered its first competition and while rated as 'establishing' the judges were clearly impressed by its work and our community.
- The Rotary Christmas Float returned and was given a fantastic welcome and our community was awarded 'Best Community Spirit' by Rotary as a result.
- We are regularly getting positive press in the Bucks Herald and on Mix 96 and even estate agents are talking up living in Buckingham Park. All signs of the progress we are making and spreading the positive message.
- The Residents Association has run its course and, following a public vote, was wound down leaving a single clear voice, The Parish Council, to represent us with outside bodies.

As a Parish Council we have seen the departure of Pamela Wayte and Steven Lambert who recently resigned from the Council. I would like to extend personal thanks to both of them for all their help and support, not just in my year as Chairman, but since the foundation of the Council in 2011.

It has been a year of continued progress for the Council;

- We held our first community fete which was a great success and we hope to not only repeat it, but grow the event on June the 8th this summer.
- Park News has established itself as a quality publication that regularly gets positive responses from residents and is cited by the local press.

- The website has been established and we have a Facebook page that is growing in popularity
- We have established productive relationships with our neighbouring parish councils
- We have dealt with a range of planning applications
- After receiving a difficult financial inheritance we have stabilised the Parish Council Finances so that we did not seek an increase in our precept for the coming financial year.

The most important, and visible, part of the Parish Council is our Community Centre. I want to thank Jan and her team for the hard work and dedication they bring to our community. The centre has firmly established itself and acts as a base for young families, youth groups, weddings, parties, keep fit classes to name but a few.

It is gratifying to note that the Buckingham Park Community Centre is starting to be recognised as leading example of how community centres should be run by both residents, the media and people I meet at civic functions.

The financial support the Parish Council provides to the Community Centre represents over half our annual budget. However, I can think of no better way of spending the precept money and underlines the importance of investing in communities.

#### The next 12 months

With the elections set for May 2015 we enter into the final 12 months of this current Parish Council after which all members will need to seek re-election.

#### There are some significant miles stones to come:

- The Link road to Berryfields is nearing completion and will be completed over the summer. While it will greatly increase accessibility to the main road out of Aylesbury for residents it is also likely to have a significant impact on traffic in and around Buckingham Park. We are going to monitor the changes in traffic flow and petition Buckingham County Council for help in alleviating any problems that may arise.
- It seems likely that the planning application for 220 dwellings on the Park & Ride site will be determined by the Government Planning Inspector in the near future. There is no way of predicting which way the decision will go but following the collapse of the Aylesbury Vale Plan the site will remain vulnerable to speculative planning applications.
- The Boundary Review for Aylesbury Vale is likely to be completed before the elections next May and this will have a significant impact in how we are represented at District Council. Either as a part of a 3 seat ward with Gatehouse and Quarrendon or as a single seat ward which is this Councils preferred option.

- We live in hope that work on the Green Space behind the community centre will start soon and be finished in time for use this summer. We have received many promises and had our hopes raised only for nothing to happen. We will be taking this up with the District Council when we meet in the near future
- As with any new development we suffer from poor and un-surfaced roads. While the roads will not be paved until construction has finished we will continue to push for the completion of roads as soon as practical.
- While progress has been thankfully slow, it is likely that the GP surgery will move to its permanent site in Berryfields. We would naturally love for the facility to stay in Buckingham Park but have to recognise that neither the land, the capital funding, nor the additional running costs are available to keep the surgery here. We do however need to campaign for a direct public transport link that will allow patients without their own transport to access their GP without a 60 minute round trip by bus.

Adoption by the District Council remains a significant goal for developers. AVDC. and the Parish Council. Many of the basic service for which we pay council tax are denied us because we have not been adopted. We are naturally concerned that adoption is carried out on a correct basis and latent defects are not transferred to tax payers but the time has come for a transfer of the completed phases as soon as possible and we will work with Taylor Wimpey and AVDC to assist making this happen.

• I have asked my fellow councillors to start thinking about the ambitions and key goals we want to achieve for our community as the end of the construction phase nears. I hope to start a public consultation over the summer so that we can settle on at least three priorities that we can target funding towards and measure progress.

It has been a year of significant and visible progress for our community and this will only continue throughout the rest of this

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year and into 2015. It is progress that would not happen without hard work, passion, and commitment from many people. I would like to finish my thanking the following people;

- Keith Gray who keeps us on track and provides invaluable advice and common sense
- My fellow councillors who give up many hours of their free time
- Jan Turner and her team for a simply fantastic job.
- All the residents who give up their time for their community, either to run youth groups, the School PTA, many activities during the week.
- Steve Webb and his team who have the uphill battle to clear litter and look after our planting which is such an important element in making Buckingham Park a nice place to live.

And finally, a thank you to all the residents who either actively support their community or provide encouragement as we continue to grow both in numbers and community spirit.



Opening times: Monday-Friday 09.00am to 6.00pm. Saturday: 09.00am to 1.00pm. The pharmacy offers a free delivery and collection service and has a separate consultation room.

## **Buckingham Park Youth Group**

We ended last time with two activities making Mother's Day Card's and Easter Nest's. As you can see in the photo's this was a popular activity with our young people and I do not think many of the Easter nests made it home as we all love chocolate and mini eggs.

One of our young leaders, Noel Bobbin, participated in a Young Leaders Course over two weekends. He thoroughly enjoyed the experience/challenge and learned some new skills and highly recommends it to others. He particularly enjoyed meeting new people and running a training session. Activities included high ropes, low ropes, Jacobs ladder, trust, first aid, nightline and sorting out problems in a role play scenario.

BPYG also welcomed a new member of the Adult Volunteering Team, Lyndon, who has joined us this term. New members to the YG and additional volunteers are always welcome so please feel free to pop into YG on Wednesday evenings, or contact myself on the number below to see what we are all about.

As you most probably know, we have our Summer Fete in the square coming up on the 8th June, at which BPYG will be running a stall. We shall also be doing a tombola to help raise funds for the group to support planned activities All donations would be most welcome. Donations for the tombola can be either left at the community centre, or pop

in on a Wednesday evening and leave them with a member of the youth group team. Alternatively, a quick call to me on 07925104627, and I will arrange collection.

Harriet Jackson

Youth Group Leader

## **TAXI Services**

Residents have reported a number of offences being committed by taxi's that regularly pick up/ drop passengers in Buckingham Park. These include speeding, causing obstruction and downright rudeness to other road users. If you observe these practices, or perhaps are a victim, please make a note of the taxi company and the license number issued by AVDC situated on the rear of the vehicle. AVDC has an incident report form that can be used online that directly captures the information entered







and submits it to their enforcement staff. Also, please be aware that quite often people raise complaints to the council taxi licensing team where the complaint should be raised with either the police (Dangerous driving) or Bucks County Council (parking issues). Clearly, the situation will not improve unless complaints are made.





Background by: Marina

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## **Berryfields Link Road**

At long last the link road to Berryfields is nearing completion. Work continues apace although I daresay it will be formally open to traffic a little later than the June date originally envisaged.

Concern has been expressed already about the effect the additional traffic flow will have on the Watermead junction at peak times - a situation that will be kept under review by both Buckingham Park and Watermead Parish Councils.



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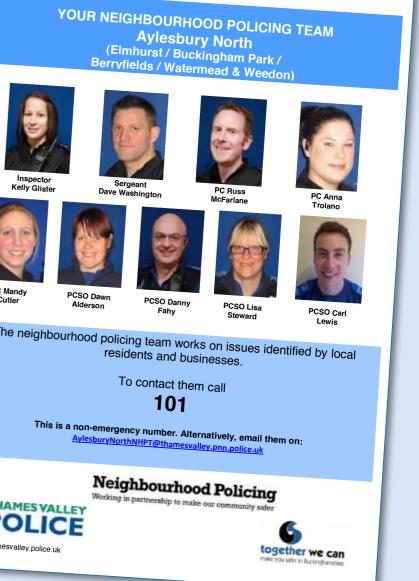
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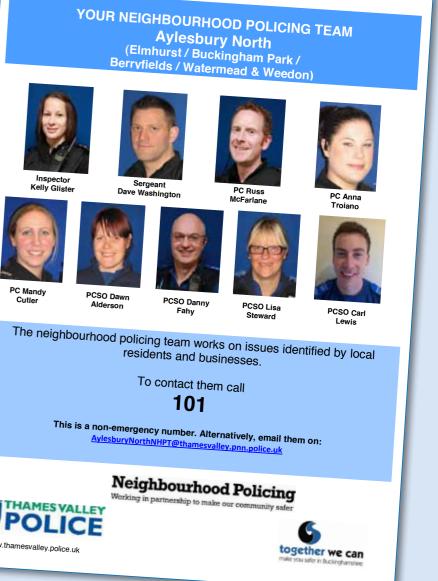
Thank you to the BP News for giving me this opportunity to write to the Buckingham Park community. My colleagues and I patrol the Buckingham Park area on a daily basis and we love the opportunity to engage with members of the public, business and services alike. We visit schools and organisations to offer advice or support with police related and community related matter. If you feel there is something you would like to discuss with us please feel free to call us on 101.

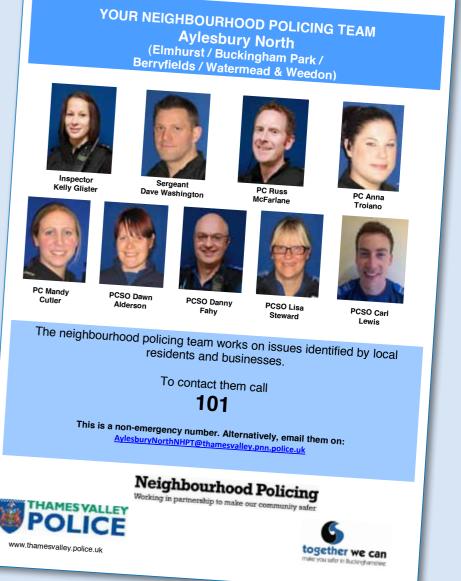
Buckingham Park is a good place to live and there is the feel of a real community starting to establish itself. However, we do have some issues reported to us which we would like to make you aware of and we would welcome your help in relation to these. Speeding along Colonel Grantham Avenue is one. This is further made more dangerous by persons driving on the right hand side of the island crossing half way along the road. We are currently setting up operations in the Aylesbury North area to measure and record speeds of cars in known speeding areas and Buckingham Park may be included as an ongoing concern. While I realise that parking in some parts is difficult – parking on pavements and completely blocking access for pedestrians is not acceptable. Please will you consider pedestrians especially with prams and wheelchair users.

We have also been made aware of kids on mini moto's in the past riding along the public highway. The riders are putting themselves and other road users in danger apart from not being in possession of the legal documents to ride these vehicles. If you see incidents of this please lets us know as the riders are committing road traffic related offences. There have also been reports from services about the amount of litter and dog mess in the area especially around the children's play area near to Peacock Lane in Buckingham Park. Please will residents use the facilities provided and keep Buckingham Park tidy!

On a lighter note there is the Buckingham Park Fete coming up on June 8th and we shall be in attendance with a vehicle (subject to availability).







I would also like to make you aware of a new member of our team. Carl Lewis has joined our team this week fresh out of training and we hope you will make yourself known to him if you see him in your travels. He was a Special Constable with Surrey Police so brings with him some experience flexibility and a good sense of humour!

If myself or any of the rest of the team can be of help do not hesitate to call us on 101 or go tohttp://www.thamesvalley. police.uk/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n412 and select "contact the team" where you can e-mail us with any concerns,

#### Kind Regards

PCSO C715 Danny Fahy Aylesbury Police Station

# Highways Work Gets More Local

Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) has changed its operation to work more locally. The new way of working establishes 15 district delivery teams working out of three depots at: (1) Aylesbury covering the north of the county, (2) Amersham covering Chiltern and South Bucks districts, and High Wycombe for the Wycombe district.

The change means local communities at parish level can work more closely and effectively with their Local Area Technician (LAT) to direct dedicated teams to work on their local priorities. It makes communication easier and speedier, so that residents know the type of work the crews carry out. Moreover, the changes align the 15 delivery teams to the nine areas covered by Local Area Technicians thereby allowing work programmes to be focused more closely in batches on smaller areas in rotation, instead of being done sequentially.

Across the three depots, there will be two dedicated 'Jetpatching' crews, two footway repair teams and two minor works crews. One of each team will work in the north of the county and one in the south. Additionally, Aylesbury will have 2 pothole teams focussing on repairing potholes, 1 area maintenance crew working on minor kerbing, settwork, slab laying, replacing broken gulley covers, hedge trimming and minor footpath work; 1 road patching crew for

road surfacing works up to 60 square metres; and 1 traffic management crew responsible for preparing lane closures, traffic lights and road closures for TfB's own crews and supply chain partners.

Ruth Vigor-Hedderley, Cabinet Member for Transport, said: 'This new way of working will mean that each area of the County gets the same attention from us. Although the north of the county is geographically larger, it is more rural with a similar number of roads to the other district areas. This change will mean that our work can be planned more efficiently, with a specific programme for each crew, for each area.

TfB's pothole and surfacing work blog is updated every Friday afternoon detailing where the crews have been working each week, and where they will be working the following week. www.tfbpotholes. blogspot.co.uk



#### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School**

Put it in your diary and remember to keep the day free for a fun packed outing for all the family! YES it's our annual summer Fete between 12am to 3pm.

Parents, Teachers, Governors, getting together to provide a spectacular event that will not only help to provide funding, that will go towards enriching the children's lives, but enabling parents and families alike the possibility of getting to know their neighbours.

We are a charitable run organisation, and as such welcome all donations and contributions however large or small.

#### Amongst the day's activities we will be hosting such events as:

Falconry displays (Owls, Vultures, Eagles, Hawks, etc)

Giant walk in Bubble, bubble art & much more. Absolutely amazing!!!

Martial arts displays Zumba display

Bouncy castle Giant slides Tombola's Coconut shy Market place

Grand prize raffle (prizes worth over £175, tickets available on the day or from the school)

Refreshments tent

Barbecue

And much, much more......All you need to do is turn up, and have fun.

#### FREE entry for all the family & friends.

Please help us to support our school and local community, for a better future. Your support is appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you there!

### Creamy Ice cream with just one ingredient:

Did you know that bananas can make some of the best ice cream? Frozen bananas are good for more than just dipping in chocolate. Here's a step-by-step process of how to do it:

- · Peel your bananas first.
- · Cut them into small pieces.
- Freeze for just 1-2 hours on a plate.
- Blend, blend, blend scraping down the bowl when they stick.
- Enjoy the magic moment when they turn into creamy, just like good custard rich ice cream!

Some bananas, depending on their ripeness, have a bit of that green aftertaste. You can experiment by adding another ingredient or two, like a tablespoon of peanut butter, honey or cinnamon. Delicious!

## **Buckinghamshire's Public Transport**

A detailed inquiry into public transport provision across Buckinghamshire is to be carried out by Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) to gauge aspirations for public transport towards 2020 and beyond. The aim is to match more closely BCC's support for public transport to future needs in a way that will serve communities more efficiently. The review will allow them to better target BCC's support for the public transport network more effectively in a sustainable and affordable way in a time of increasing financial constraint. In so doing, BCC will need to balance its need to get value for money for taxpayers, with its aspirations to be a place where people can easily travel around.

This work will be completed in stages: (1) During the Summer BCC will examine what's in place at present: current policy, the shape of the network, how the council's public transport budget is spent. They will bring this together through a two-day evidencegathering inquiry, and (2) Over the Autumn/Winter period, evidence gathering will continue as BCC seeks input from groups and individuals representing all interests in the community, and consider a range of transport options and the connections between them.

BCC will compile its findings and recommendations to the Cabinet towards Spring 2015.



**Gymnasts** Dance groups

Live band Games for all the family

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