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Chairman's Annual Report

Buckingham Park Annual Report:

2017 marks Buckingham Park's 10th Birthday. The first residents moved into their homes on Prince Rupert Drive in June 2007 when the development was little more than a handful of houses and mostly still fields.

Since then 1035, houses have been built, a community has been created and we are seeing the final stages of completion with the roads being tarmaced and various items on the developers snagging list addressed. Amongst the day to day frustrations of bumpy roads and broken street lights it is easy to overlook how much has changed. It's not so long ago that the main source of frustration was the lack of shops and having to fight to get the school built in the aftermath of the recession.

Since moving to Buckingham Park in 2009 I have seen times when, after much waiting, things suddenly change quickly. This is again such a time and it will be great to have our roads completed and the final fixes to open spaces and pavements done. I am sure it will take a few months yet to be fully finished but it's still a visible sign of progress.

Behind the scenes the Parish Council has been laying the ground work for when the development is completed. Mobile Vehicle Activated Speed Signs will be fitted shortly as the roads are completed to help counter the increase in speed that seems likely when the roads are less bumpy. We have reached an agreement with Aylesbury Vale District Council to take over the playgrounds and open spaces as soon as developers have completed them to the required standard.

We continue to work with Transport for Buckinghamshire to identify what can be done about rat running down Colonel Grantham Avenue and traffic at the junction by the pond. There are no easy answers and we will work with the County Council to collect data to assist them with possible solutions.

The main work of the Parish Council continues to be running the Community Centre. Jan Turner and her team do

brilliant work ensuring that the centre is fully utilised and keeping the cost of this community asset to residents at a minimum.

As in previous years we have organised community events. There was the Summer Fair which was held in the new park for the first time. It was well attended despite the weather being against us for the first time. There were also events for Halloween and Christmas and we look forwards to arranging community events again during this year.

We have also supported various community groups with grants and help with their events. For example our local Scout group, 12th Aylesbury (1st Buckingham Park) recently organised a litter pick where we provided equipment and facilities to help them. The litter pick was a great success with over 20 bags of rubbish collected and safely disposed of.

I would like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for volunteering their time to help the community. We have had a few changes during the year with Michael Brett and Peter Agoro stepping down from the Parish Council but welcome Jonathan Crowhurst back onto the council. We currently have one vacancy on the council which we look forward to filling as soon as possible.

So, as this Parish year draws to a close we are, as Winston Churchill said, at the end of the beginning. It has taken much longer than almost anybody would have thought to get our infrastructure completed but we can now look forward to a future without developers and bumpy roads. The question is, now that we will no longer be a 'development' what do we want to call ourselves? Are we an estate or a village? What do you think?

Anders Christensen



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Aylesbury parkrun - Weekly Free 5km Timed Run

Aylesbury parkrun is a FREE weekly 5km event for runners of all standards, which takes place every Saturday at 9:00am in the fields opposite the Quarrendon & Meadowcroft Community Centre, Aylesbury, HP19 9HH. It is not a race against other runners, but a 5k timed run and it can really be whatever you want it to be, whether that's for fun or as part of a training plan.

It offers an opportunity for all the local community, male or female, young or old, to come together on a regular basis to enjoy this beautiful park and get physically active into the bargain. We want to encourage people to jog or run together irrespective of their ability – this event is truly open to all and best of all it really is FREE!

Taking part is easy – just register before your first ever parkrun. The great thing is that you only ever need to do this once! Then just set your alarm for Saturday morning and get yourself there!

Every week we grab a post parkrun coffee in Table Table, also known as The Charter, 2 Rimmington Way, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP19 8AW - please come and join us!

Maybe swap stories about your run that day, chat to other runners over a cup of tea or coffee and just be an important part of this new running community.

So whether you are a complete novice looking to get yourself started on your own "running journey" or a seasoned athlete wanting to use this as a part of your training schedule, you're welcome to come along and join us.



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**2017 marks
Buckingham Park's
10th birthday, do you
have any photos or
memories over the
past decade that can
be included in this
publication?**

12th Aylesbury (1st Buckingham Park)



1st Buckingham Park Scout Group (including children from Watermead) has been going from strength to strength this last 6 months, growing in size and enthusiasm! We officially split from 9th Aylesbury Scout Group to form our own new group, '12th Aylesbury (1st Buckingham Park)' last year. We now have 24 Beavers, 22 Cubs and we are aiming to start the Scout section in the spring. We have waiting lists so please contact our Group Scout Leader, Iain Stanley at gsl@12thaylesbury-scouts.org.uk.

Our Beavers and Cubs attend our weekly meetings at the community centre and have earned lots of badges recently, covering a wide range of new skills and topics such as emergency aid, disability awareness, martial arts, household jobs and archery. We have also been out on orienteering trips and adventure days which were thoroughly enjoyed by the children, leaders and parent helpers alike! Our Cubs made some fantastic personal

achievements, conquering their fears and learning to work in teams and supporting each other.

The camp fire at Phasels Wood was fantastic! (please see photos). Please see our website for further information. <http://12thaylesbury-scouts.org.uk/>. We are looking for new helpers in all areas of the group, so please get in touch if you're interested!



News

Making Aylesbury Vale the best possible place to live and work



28 February 2017

For immediate release

Register to vote in the Buckinghamshire County Council Elections

Aylesbury Vale District Council is urging all residents to register to vote, if they've not done so already, in time for the forthcoming Buckinghamshire County Council Local Elections which place on Thursday 4 May 2017.

Registering to vote is quick and easy by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote and AVDC want their residents to know that being registered is about more than just voting. Peter Brown, AVDC Electoral Services Manager, said: "The register is used by credit reference agencies, so people not on the register may find it difficult to get a loan, mortgage or mobile phone contract. It is also a legal requirement, so not being registered could result in a fine of up to £1,000."

Poll cards for the Buckinghamshire County Council Elections will be issued to all residents who are registered from the 28 March, and the deadline for registering to vote is Thursday 13 April.

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School News

2017 has started well here at Buckingham Park. Our School continues to grow and we have welcomed a number of new families into our school and Nursery. Here are some of the highlights since the last edition of Park News:

Lent and Easter at Buckingham Park School

Our Easter season has been thoughtful and celebratory. During Lent we have been undertaking the '23 Days' challenge. '23 Days' is a generosity challenge which invites people to do Lent a bit differently. During the 23 school days in March invited children, families and staff to take part in simple acts of kindness and generosity. Small acts of kindness and generosity have the power to make a big change to our school and community. The idea is simple – during the period of Lent we've been giving something back, not giving something up.

Our 'Buckingham Park Great Easter Bake Off' was, once again, a great success. Organised by our wonderful PTA, the competition saw some creative and delightful sweet treats. The cakes and treats were sold at the end of the competition to raise funds for the school.

Our Year 3 and 4 children led our Easter Worship. They retold the Easter story through drama, narration, dance and song with a performance of, 'Roll Back the Stone'. The children's confidence, great singing and thoughtful story telling shone through, and reminded us all that Easter is not just about chocolate eggs!

Our link with Kenya

Our link with Nyandiwa School continues. Niyandiwa Primary School is situated about 3.5 kilometres from the town of Oyugis in Western Kenya.

At Christmas time, we invited parents to make a donation at our Christmas plays. We raised over £900 and this money has already been put to good use improving the school fencing and purchasing new gates which are now installed. This will help school security but will also prevent goats and other animals from wandering in and devouring the crops grown by the children!

A group from Amani UK have recently returned from a visit to Oyugis. They took over some books created by our children and brought back a letter from the headteacher to all at Buckingham Park.

We have some exciting news to share about our link with Kenya soon. What this space!

Football Crazy

This has been our first season of participation in a local school football league. Our Year 6 players have competed with energy, passion and skill, but have also demonstrated fantastic attitudes and sporting behaviours. With two wins, one draw and only one, narrow loss, the team are currently second in the league. Well done team!

And much, much more

This term has been busy. We've enjoyed a great range of lunchtime and after-school clubs, we've celebrated Red Nose Day, we've had a maths week on the theme of 'Money', we hosted a number of parent courses (on aspects of the curriculum, parenting and family finances), children have been on school visits to various places, our Year 3 children have been swimming each week, our Breakfast Club had a French themed week, our older children have been doing 'Bikeability' courses, and we've also managed to fit in some time for English, maths and the rest of the curriculum!

Coming Soon...

We have so much to look forward to over the coming months. In the Summer term we're looking forward to our May Fayre. This takes place on Saturday 20 May and we welcome everyone along!

There will also be another chance to see walkers, joggers and runners through Buckingham Park later in the term for our Fun Run. Keep an eye on our school website for more information.

Consider speaking to a pharmacist before heading to your GP

Health services across the nation face challenging times this winter, and ours in Bucks are no exception.

Our local services are robust and reliable, but you can help us ensure they are operating at their best for those who are most in need.

Illnesses like coughs, colds and sickness bugs have made unwelcome appearances and recent plummeting temperatures have helped them take hold. If you have a 'minor' illness, please consider consulting your pharmacist for guidance. They are highly trained professionals and can offer excellent advice and very effective products to treat your symptoms.

For many minor ailments antibiotics are of no value – making an appointment with your GP unlikely to offer better treatment than your pharmacy. By managing illnesses like this yourself you can help us keep GP appointments for those people in greatest need.

There are also online options for advice - the Health Help Now NHS website (www.healthhelpnow.nhs.uk) can check symptoms and suggest the best service in Bucks for you. The NHS Choices website (www.nhs.uk) has excellent advice on illnesses and you can call NHS 111 for more guidance.

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Active-In are hosted by the Adventure Learning Foundation Charity, and operate from their offices at the Green Park Centre near Aylesbury.

To find out more www.active-in.co.uk



Meetings Diary

The dates for the forthcoming meetings of the Parish Council are:

2nd May

6th June

4th July

No meeting in August

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at Buckingham Park Community Centre at 8pm. Everyone is welcome but please check the Parish Noticeboard or the website to ensure that no last minute changes have been made.

www.buckinghampark-pc.gov.uk



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| Ascough Close.....D5 | Small White Path.....B2/B3 |
| Battle Meadow.....C3/D3 | Tortoiseshell Road.....B2 |
| Beeston Lane.....C1/D1 | Wall Brown Way.....B2 |
| Berry Hill Path.....C4 | Wardens Path.....C3 |
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| Cavalry Path.....C5/D5 | Wykeham Path.....D4 |
| Chalkhill Blue Close.....C2 | |
| Chancellors Road.....C3 | |
| Charles Pym Road.....C4/D4 | |
| Chaunder Drive.....C1/C2 | |
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| Colonel Grantham Avenue.....B4/C4 | |
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| Peacock Lane.....B1/B2 | |
| Petronel Road.....C4-D5 | |
| Pluto Way.....B4 | |
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| Purnell Walk.....A3 | |
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| Rede Close.....C1/C2 | |
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| Rodnall Close.....B4 | |
| Ryans Path.....C4 | |
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