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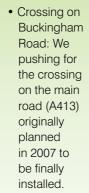
# Chairman's Notes

Welcome to the autumn edition of Park News. Since the last edition the council has been joined by a new member, Brad Lemmon who many of you will know.

The main activity of the Parish Council continues to the ownership and management of the Community centre. Jan Turner and her team work throughout the year making sure the centre is vibrant and put on a range of community events including Christmas Carols which I look forward to in December.

The Parish Council is made of 8 residents who together set policies for the Parish, represent the community at Aylesbury Vale District Council. Buckinghamshire County Council, Thames Valley Policy and other Government bodies. Examples of some of the issue we are currently dealing with are:

- Adoption of Land: We have always wanted to take over the management of the green space and playgrounds on Buckingham Park. The plans to achieve this have been agreed and the legal documents are ready to be finalised. The one thing holding back adoption is the condition of the playground by the back of the school. We raised concerns at the quality of the play equipment and flooding when it was opened nearly two years ago. The Parish Council will only take over responsibility once the flooding issue has been resolved and the play equipment brought up to standard by the developers.
- Street Lighting: The developers are chased for updates and action to get all the street lights working several times a month. This has been a prolonged process. Currently Developers are seeking quotations to get lights into working order but this seems to taking several months.
- Jubilee Square: The square is starting to look tired with parking bay lines missing, posts wobbly or missing and kerb stones coming loose. The square is privately owned and we are chasing the managing agent who is respobible for maintenance of the square.





- We continue to deal with abandoned cars and fly tipping to ensure they are removed as quickly as possible. If you have problems with abandoned cars or fly tipping please contact us.
- Crematorium: The Crematorium in Watermead is trying to get planning permission after their application was overturned by the Courts. Their revised plan acknowledges that parking will be limited when the area floods and propose to bus mourners in from the town centre. This is totally unrealistic and will likely result in people parking on Buckingham Park and walking over to the crematorium.
- Traffic & Speeding: There is a separate article about our work to monitor traffic and speeds in this edition. Parking remains an issue across Buckingham Park but there is little Parish Council, Highways or the Police can do while we remain private land.
- Adoption of roads: It was great to see many roads paved earlier this year. We chase developers on a regular basis for updates and press for action in finishing the remaining roads. Currently, they are seeking quotations from contractors to complete the work. Once the roads have been completed developers must maintain them for 2 year before being adopted by Buckingham shire County Council.

Please come along and join other residents at our Christmas event on the 19th December at 5pm-7.30pm.

#### **Anders Christensen** Chairman

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# 10th Anniversary of Buckingham Park













#### **ADVERTISING**

Advertising space is limited - to book your space please call Lucy Jones on 07766 858050 / 01296 338585 or email lucylovesfitness@gmail.com: Copy deadlines and Advertising Rates for the Spring edition: Spring Issue Contributions to be received before 31st March 2018

£ 35 quarter page (portrait) £ 60 half page £120 full page A4 (back cover) £100 full page A4 Fees must be pre-paid at the Community Centre office with cheques made payable to "Buckingham Park Parish Council".

# Free adult learning taster classes for Bucks

#### If you'd like to learn a new skill, you can try out an adult learning class for free in this November's special promotion.

Buckinghamshire Adult Learning will be running Try It, Love It, Learn It Week from 20 – 24 November, where a wide range of courses will be available to try. Subjects available include languages, fitness, health, photography, art and craft.

"We're pleased to be able to continue offering our 'Try It' weeks to adults in Buckinghamshire. Now in its fourth

year, the Try It week gives people the opportunity to experience some of our courses for free before making a financial commitment. Adult Learning allows adults to develop their skills, acquire knowledge and grow in confidence in small and supportive tutor-led classes."

Enrolments for the next Try It, Love It, Learn It week open on Monday 30 October and a full list of participating courses can be found atadultlearningbcc.ac.uk. Enrol by phoning 01296 383582. Enrolments close Friday 10 November, 12 noon.





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

#### **November Meetings**

Sunday 5 November 11am Family Service followed by Fellowship Lunch Sunday 12, 19 & 26 November 11am Worship Service

#### **December Meetings**

Sunday 3 December 11am Family Service followed by Fellowship Lunch Sunday 10, 17, 24 & 31 December 11am Worship Service

#### A special invitation

Come and join us at our Carol Service on Sunday 10 December at 4.30pm.

Followed by refreshments and party games.

Contact 01296 534774 or www.aylesburychurchofchrist.org

# **Coffee Companions**

We are a new Social Enterprise that has been set up to create contacts and build healthy communities, by letting others know when their company would be welcome - starting with a cup of coffee.

#### Tuesdays 10:30 at Buckingham Park Community Centre

Our founder, Caroline Billington noticed how many people sit alone in coffee shops often hiding behind their newspapers, phones or computers. When discussing this with others the common phrase that came back was 'yes, but I don't want to intrude.' Of course there will be times when even 'hello' and a smile won't be welcome but other times you wonder whether that person over there might have interesting stories to tell, thoughts or information to share, and even be a new best friend. Having realised that the obvious solution was for everyone to become mind readers she quickly realised that this was going take a while to arrange —



Chat Mats seemed like a much easier idea and Coffee Companions was born.

This is just the beginning and in the future we hope to improve our website, offer vouchers for free coffee with our Chat Mats, and are open to other ideas about how we can improve our lives and communities.

Coffee Companions has been set up as a Social Enterprise because Caroline strongly believes that this is about cultural change and not profit or charity. We hope that everyone everywhere will join in, although maybe not every day. At least now you have a way of letting people know when you feel like a chat with your coffee.

# Carols at the Community Centre 19th December | 5.30pm-7pm



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## Join us this Christmas...

#### Christmas Tree Party

Join us at 10:30am on Sunday 17 December at Buckingham Park CofE Primary School to celebrate Christmas with crafts, music, refreshments and help to decorate the Christmas tree.

#### Christmas Eve Carols

Join us at 4pm on Sunday 24 December at Buckingham Park CofE Primary School for a festive blend of carols and refreshments.

The Exchange is a Christian Church which meets at Buckingham Park CofE Primary School every Sunday morning.



www.exchange.uk.net



As well as single and return fares, regular passengers can save money with our great value multi-journey tickets:

Between Buckingham Park and Aylesbury College: Weekly £9.00 4 weekly £30.00

• Whole route: Weekly £11.00 4 weekly £34.00

www.buckscc.gov.uk/travelinfo



# Buckingham Park School Shopping

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School?

We hope you don't mind us reminding you as many parents and carers will be shopping online for Christmas.

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

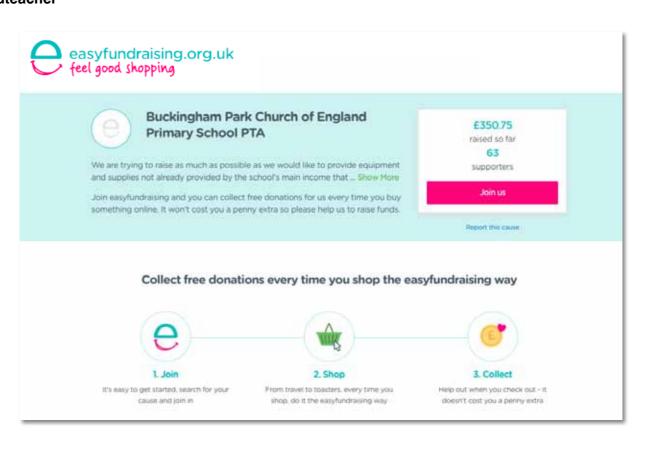
It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

- 1. Head to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/buckinghamparkcepspta/ and join for free.
- 2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
- **3.** After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we will be really grateful for your donations. **You don't pay a penny extra!** 

Thank you for your support.

#### Nick Waldron Headteacher



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# A Little Light on the subject

I have been in contact with Developer Eyes and the list is ever growing for street lights that are faulty or those that have never worked.

As you may have seen, some lights are slowly being fixed, which will help with the winter months ahead preventing dark areas that might attract opportunistic crime.

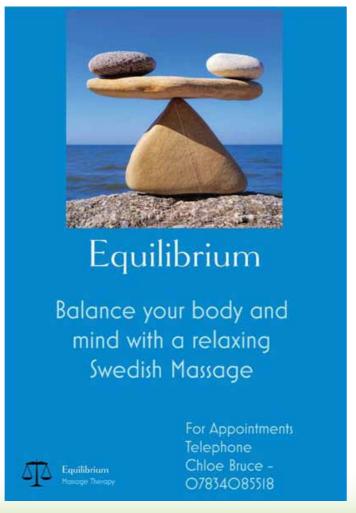
I have also made some progress with Persimmon who havn't been on site for many years, they too have a list of street lights that they have finally acknowledged they need to fix and this is in hand.

If you have any street lights you feel may not have been placed on the list, please email these to bradlemmonbppc@gmail.com and I will add these to either Persimmon, Developer Eyes (Taylor Wimpey SM) or the small area that is covered by Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire.



In line with dark areas and opportunistic crime, please take all valuable property out of the vehicles, this includes any extra work tools in work vans.

# STARTING 25TH FEBRUARY 2017 FREE TO PLAY Buckingham Park Playing Field, Jubilee Square, Aylesbury HP19 9DZ 11:30am - 12:30pm FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: KIRSTY.FEASEY@ACTIVE-IN.CO.UK PHONE 07710095245



## Community Grants

Would your organisation benefit from a parish council community grant? You can apply to Buckingham Park Parish Council.

The parish council sets aside a sum of money each year in order to give grants to both local and wider organisations that residents of Buckingham Park can benefit from.

The award of a grant, and the amount, is at the discretion of the parish council. There is no appeal process if the application is refused.

To apply for a grant you need to contact the Clerk to the Parish Council detailing your reason for your request and what the money will be used for, how it will benefit local residents etc. Please give as much detail as possible and, if able to do so, attend the council meeting to answer any questions.

# School News

#### **School Admission**

If your child will be four years old on 31 August 2018, then you will need to make an application for a school place by 15 January 2018.

The online admissions portal, available at www.buckscc.gov.uk is now open for online applications.





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#### **Useful Numbers**

Z&S Buses - Route 1 - Silver Rider 01296 415468

Redline Buses - Route 7 (early mornings and evenings only) 01296 426786

Buckingham Park Community Centre 01296 435239

BT Fault Line 0800 800151

Clerk to Buckingham Park Parish Council 07789 586594

McCoys Fish & Chips 01296 427648

Berryfields Medical Centre 01296 310940

Buckingham Park CofE Primary

01296 415687

Buckingham Pharmacy 01296 332901

Barnardo's Shop 01296 330096

Express Tanning & Beauty 01296 393311

Budgens 01296 485137

Electricity - Power Loss 0800 3163105

Gas - Emergency 0800 111999

NHS Out of Hours Service

Stoke Mandeville Hospital 01296 315000

Thames Valley Police
Call 101, the 24-hour Thames Valley
Police non-emergency number to report a
non-emergency crime. You can also report
a non-emergency crime at your local police
station during its opening hours.

Always call 999 in an emergency. It is an emergency when: a crime is being committed, there is a risk of injury, or there is a risk of serious damage to property.

Childline 0800 1111 101

Thames Water 0800 714614

Train Times 08457484950

## 20 is plenty

We Launched 20 is plenty with the school just before the summer break. We have 20 is plenty' stickers at the community which are free to residents. If you would like to support the campaign and help raise speed awareness please collect a sticker and put it on your bin.



# **Buckingham Road Crossing**

Transport for Bucks presented an update to the proposed pedestrian crossing on the Buckingham Road midway between the traffic lights and roundabout.

For many years Buckingham Park has had a dead end footpath leading from Colonel Grantham out towards the Buckingham Road (A413). The original plans for our development contained a crossing at the main road which was funded by developers but it was never built. The Parish Council has been chasing the County Council for a number of years to get the crossing completed as they were sitting on approximately £80,000 of money from the developer to undertake the work. Transport for Bucks has undertaken an initial assessment and is now working on a detailed costing and scoping exercise. How long it will take to create the crossing now depends on the cost and if the original budget will cover the work or more money is needed.

#### **Meetings Diary**

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

6th February 6th March 3rd April

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

## What's on

#### **BUCKINGHAM PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE TIMETABLE**

DAY	TIME	HIRER/ACTIVITY
Monday	08:15 - 12:45	Big Top Pre-School
	10:00 - 13:00	Sing & Sign
	16:15 - 17:00	Kandeez Competition Squad Under 8's (by invitation only)
	17:00 - 17:45	Kandeez Junior Team Under 12's (by invitation only)
	17:45 - 18:45	Kandeez Competition Squad age 8-11 (by invitation only)
	18:45 - 19:30	Kandeez Senior Team Over 16's (by invitation only)
	19:30 - 20:30	Kandeez Competition Squad 12+ (by invitation only)
	18:00 - 19:30	Respect Martial Arts Academy
Tuesday	08:15 - 14:15	Big Top Pre-School
	09:30 - 11:30	Kandeez Dance (by invitation only)
	16:30 - 18:30	ZKS Martial Arts
	17:45 - 20:00	Cubs and Beavers
	19:00 - 23:00	Ace Bridge
Wednesday	08:15 - 14:15	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)
	10:30 - 12.30	Rock Choir additional session
	17:30 - 19:00	Smiles Football
	19:30 - 20:30	Respect Martial Arts Academy
	18:00 - 21:30	Pilates
	19:45 - 21:45	Rock Choir
Thursday	08:15 - 14:15	Big Top Pre-School
	09:30 - 11:00	Buckingham Park Toddler Group
	16:30 - 22:00	Affinity Badminton Club
	19:00 - 23:00	Ace Bridge
Friday	08:15 - 12:45	Big Top Pre-School
	09:30 - 13:30	Slimming World
	15:30 - 16:15	Kandeez School of Dance - Ballet & Tap (age 3 & 4)
	16:15 - 17:00	Kandeez School of Dance - Ballet & Tap (age 4 & 5)
	17:00 - 17:45	Kandeez School of Dance - Ballet Conditioning (age 12+)
	18:00 - 19:30	Hope Baptist Church Youth Group
	18:30 - 21:30	Respect Martial Arts Academy
Saturday	09:00 - 14:30	Kandeez School of Dance - Ballet & Tap (various ages)
	09:30 - 11:30	Pilates
	09:30 - 12:30	Kicking Kids
	13:30 - 23:00	Available for Private Hire
Sunday	08:30 - 13:30	Deeper Life Bible Church
	08:30 - 13:30	Oasis Community Church
	08:30 - 13:00	Church of Christ
	13:30 - 17:15	Hope Baptist Church
	13:30 - 23:00	Available for Private Hire

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