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Chairman's Notes

I am pleased to say that after years of frustration we are making significant progress on adoption. This will mean the Parish Council taking over land (playgrounds and open spaces) from developers. In an ideal world we would wait until all areas are brought up to the required standard before adopting them. However, we have waited for years and with no credible prospect of the area being maintained correctly. We have therefore got agreement to adopt land direct from the developer so that we can fix the playgrounds and make sure that grass areas are cut when needed. As I write the transfer documents are with our solicitor and we hope to be able to announce the first transfer of land soon.

The roads and pathways will transfer to the County Council when the have been brought up to standard. This is still likely to take some time and until then our roads remain private land. We all know, and share the frustration, of poor parking. Until we are adopted enforcement is not possible. If you are blocked in or feel parking is dangerous then this should be reported to the police on 101 or via www. thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/how-to-report-a-crime/

You may have heard about the changes to local government which will mean we will get a new unitary council in 2020. There will be many changes taking place over the next 18 months but I am hopeful that the new council will honour the proposal the

Government approved which will open up the opportunity for many services to be delivered much more



I was out with our daughters for Halloween and yet again loved the fantastic atmosphere. Thank you to all the families who made such a big effort to decorate their houses which really helped the evening feel so special and thank you to the children who dressed up and came and knocked on our door.

The transfer of land and devolution of services will increase the role of the Parish Council. If you have strong views about how our community should develop, how you would like to change things, or would like to know more about what is going on in the area then perhaps becoming a Parish Councillor is for you. We meet once a month at 8pm for between 1-2hrs though there is an opportunity to do more, with the support of the council, if there are specific issues projects that we agree so pursue. If you would like to know more please call me (contact details on our website). We are due to have elections for the Parish Council in May 2019 and it would be great to have motivated residents come forward to join the council.

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Updates From The Parish

NEW COUNCILLOR

We would like to welcome a new parish councillor – Mr Andre Beukes. We hope he settles in to the work of the parish council and we welcome his input and commitment to serving the community of Buckingham Park.

LAND TRANSFER

The parish council is currently in discussion with the developers and AVDC on the transfer of open spaces land. The documentation is with the parish council's solicitors and we hope to have the land transferred to us as soon as possible. The land includes the play parks and the Greenway.

The parish council will be responsible for the maintenance of these land areas and the parks. We will continue to provide hanging baskets, emptying of dog and litter bins. We will take on the grass cutting and overall maintenance of the play equipment.

BEREAVEMENT

We are sorry to inform residents that one of our founding parish councillors has died. Cllr Tony Poth was a committed councillor for Buckingham Park and was one of the first members of the Residents Association.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.

ADVERTISING

Advertising space is limited - to book your space please call Luke Powell or Janet Turner on 01296 435239 or email luke@powell.work / Janet.turner10@aol.co.uk: Copy deadlines and Advertising Rates for the Spring edition: Spring Issue Contributions to be received before 31st March 2019

£ 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".

Updates From The Parish

Changes to voting areas

There will be boundary changes coming to Buckingham Park from the 1st of January. Minor changes made to the electoral boundaries for Westminster elections made by the electoral commission will affect Buckingham Park. We will move from the Buckingham Constituency (MP -John Bercow) to Aylesbury (MP - David Lidington). Our polling station will still be at the Community Centre on Jubilee Square.

Foot Paths

While many of the footpaths on Buckingham are public there are a couple of exceptions:

Small White Path and the path at the Bottom of Beeston Lane are private land and not public access. There have been incidents where people using the paths have been abusive to the residents when they were asked not to walk across private land. Please respect these private paths and do not use them without permission.

It has been noticed that the litter bins provided by the Parish Council are being used by some residents for the disposal of their household rubbish.



Using the bins for household rubbish means that the bins become full very quickly and end up overflowing. This rubbish is then caught up in the wind and blown around the area.



We aim to make Buckingham Park a clean and pleasant place to live in, and would ask residents to not dispose of their household rubbish in this way as it makes this task much more difficult.



Thank you for your help in this matter.

Scouts % 12th Aylesbury (1st Buckingham Park)

To find out more visit: 12thaylesbury-scouts.org.uk or contact Group Scout Leader (lain Stanley) gsl@12thaylesbury.org.uk

Do More

Every week we give a growing number of young people in Buckingham Park the chance to have fun whilst learning new skills.

This is only possible because of our brilliant team of volunteers.



Share More

Volunteering is easier than you think. Whether you can spare an hour a month or a day a year, we have lots of opportunities both behind the scenes and directly supporting young people. You don't need to have been a Scout. You just need to believe in a more positive future and the difference we can make together.

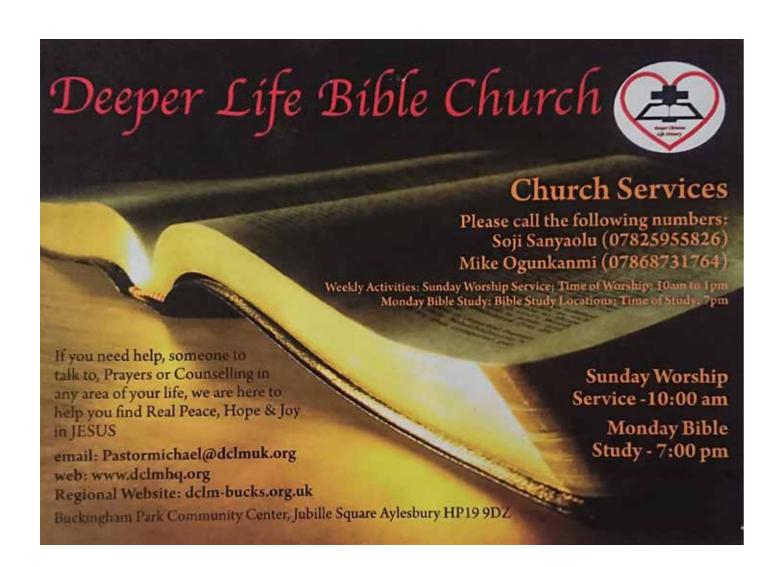


Be More

Put your skills to use, learn new ones, and contribute to an amazing life-experience for you and the young people in Buckingham Park. We have an exciting programme of events planned for the year ahead.



'Put down your phone and what are you left with? Just teamwork, courage and the skills to succeed. Bear Grylls, Chief Scout'





Timetable

05/01/19

Free Trial

19/01/19

26/01/19

02/02/19

09/02/19

2 week break

02/03/19

09/03/19

16/03/19

23/03/19

30/03/19

06/04/19

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Local Achievements

Kandeez

In October 20 dancers from Kandeez Dance based in Aylesbury, who train at **Buckingham Park Community** Centre, attended the ISTD **DFR National Grand Finals** Competition at the Guildford Spectrum. The dancers, aged between 5 and 18, qualified to dance at the event following regional area competitions in Disco, Street and Rock n Roll events throughout the year. Kandeez dancers competed in the Set Dance, Rock n Roll, Street Solos and Pairs events, bringing home a total of 11 trophies. Hollie Gilchrist (pictured) won the Over

16 Bronze and Below Set Dance section, making her National Champion for 2018.

Kandeez Principal, Michelle Bradford said:

'I'm hugely proud of all of our Nationals dancers. To qualify for an event of such a high standard is always the achievement but to bring home a trophy is just outstanding. It is testament to the hard work of each and every one of our dancers.'

to learn more about Kandeez Dance, visit their website www. kandeezdance.co.uk



12th Aylesbury

At 12th Aylesbury (1st Buckingham Park) we are extremely proud of number of recent achievements of our members and leaders.

Since the group started in 2016 the Cub leaders have been undertaking a leadership training programme called The Wood Badge. In October Akela and Hathi were presented with their Wood Beads by the Assistant County Commissioner Mark Rutland, in recognition of their completion of the course.

The Wood Badge course is designed so that adult Scouters can learn in as practical a way possible, the skills and methods of Scouting. On completion, participants are awarded wooden beads to recognise their significant achievement in leadership and direct service to young people.

We are extremely proud of Hathi and Akela for this excellent

achievement, and the fantastic leadership they provide the young people of Buckingham Park.

Together with the achievements of our Leaders, we would also like to celebrate the success of several of our Beavers and Cubs in being presented with their Bronze and Silver Chief Scout's Award.

7 Beavers have achieved their Chief Scout Bronze Award.

4 Cubs have achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award.

Beavers and Cubs have to complete a number of activity badges and challenge awards to gain their Chief Scout's Award, and it represents the highest achievement in terms of Beaver and Cub Scouting. We are extremely proud of all our Beavers and Cubs who have been gained this prestigious Award.



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More Local Achievements

Smiles

Wow, where do I start, it has been a fantastic year for all of us here at Smiles Aylesbury.

In the last year we have been competing in two leagues, the Middlesex pan disability and The Bobi league. Smiles entered two teams in each league and achieved silverware in both leagues. When I look at where smiles was three years ago and where we are today it blows my mind. Smiles was started at Stoke Mandeville stadium and was the idea of Mick Dorr and Graeme Catten, they both spent many a night there waiting for players to come and at that point smiles consisted of coach Mick, his wife June Dorr and two Players.

Today we have over 30 Players on the books with ages ranging from 16 years and upwards. No disability is turned away and our squad ranges from autism, dyslexia, cerebral palsy, partially sighted and various mental health issues. We have a Team of

devoted coaches who volunteer their free time. Paul Freeborn one of the coaches said "I came to smiles Three years ago and now I could not imagine my life without this awesome, hardworking and dedicated group of people".

We have two clubs running, one in Winslow at Furze down school on Monday evenings run by Alan Driver and Ricky West and the other is at Buckingham park Community centre on Wednesday evenings run by Paul and Mick.

The team has reaped rewards off the pitch as well, wining two prestigious awards: The Bucks FA community project of the year and the BBC 3Counties people's award for sport.

The lads have fundraised so hard to enable the club to run as well as it does and by doing so they have been rewarded with a 17 seater mini bus to help transport them to and from games and competitions.



Also we would like to thank Jackson Hearne for his help coaching over the last year, he is leaving us as his wife has a child on the way. Congratulations both of you.

We are always ready and waiting to take on new players so if you want to join a fantastic team which feels like a family or if you would like to support us by way of sponsorship or can have one of our charity pots in your work place, then please get in touch.

Paul Freeborn 07810798648 Alan Driver 01908 501878

Facebook: smilesaylesbury

Twitter: @SmilesAylesbury





Parish Councillor Vacancies

We have two vacancies on the parish council. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor please send your CV or letter of application to the Clerk to the Parish Council. If you would like to understand what the role is all about, please contact the Clerk, Mr Keith Gray – see contact details.

Becoming a Parish Councillor

What is a Parish Council?

A parish council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish. It is the level of local government closest to the community.

Why become a Parish Councillor?

By becoming a parish councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support - a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve.

What decisions do Parish Councils make?

Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters (they are statutory consultees), crime prevention and roads & highways. Buckingham Park Parish Council also manages the community centre and will take ownership of the parks and open spaces/land in Buckingham Park.

Parish councils have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence, those other organisations that are responsible for specific responsibilities and works that affect the parish (such as the district or county council, health authorities, police etc.). In this respect parish councils are extremely powerful. The organisations that make the final decisions know that a parish council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about something and its views will be taken seriously.

How much time does it take up?

Buckingham Park Parish Council meets once a month (except for August, December and January) and the public are also invited. Meetings last depending on what's on the agenda of items to discuss. Some

councils also have sub-committees to deal with specific subjects, such as planning matters.

In addition to the regular meetings Councillors are required to give time for 'ad hoc' meetings – for example with architects or agents to discuss planning applications that the council must give its opinions on.

How long does a Parish Councillor serve for?

Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years. If they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election. This does not mean that you have to stay for four years. If you find it's not for you, or you can no longer meet the commitment, you can stand down.

Am I eligible to be a Parish Councillor?

To stand for election on a parish council, you must:

- be a UK or Commonwealth citizen: or
- be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or
- be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union; and
- be at least 18 years old
- To be eligible to stand for an election for a particular parish, you must:
- be an elector of the parish; or
- in the past 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish; or
- work in the parish (as your principal or only place of work); or
- live within three miles of the parish boundary.
- You don't have to be connected to a political party.

If you do become a parish councillor you will have to sign up to the Code of Conduct.

Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?

The best way to find out what it's like to be a parish councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now. Go along to a parish council meeting, speak to one of the councillors and find out what they think of the job.



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

December Meetings

Sunday 2 December 11am – No Sermon Sunday. For all ages (no lunch). Sunday 9, 16, 23 & 30 December 11am - Worship Service

January Meetings

Sunday 6 January 11am – No Sermon Sunday. For all ages, followed by lunch. Sunday 13, 20, & 27 January 11am - Worship Service

February Meetings

Sunday 3 February 11am – No Sermon Sunday. For all ages, followed by lunch. Sunday 10, 17, 24 February 11am – Worship Service

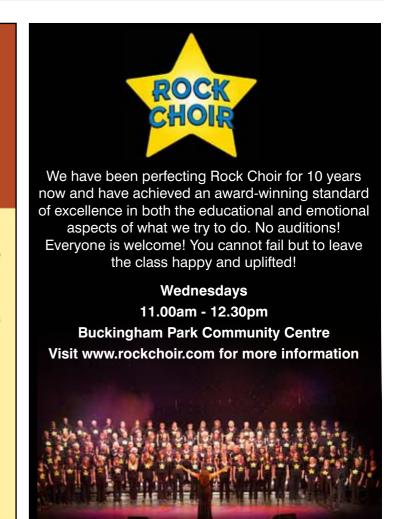
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Buckingham Lodge 080 8273 6978

Clerk to Buckingham Park Parish Council 07789 586594

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Barnardo's Shop 01296 330096

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NHS Out of Hours Service

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Di Burnett Youth Theatre

Having recently moved to Aylesbury, Di Burnett is delighted to be opening a limited amount of Drama Classes at Buckingham Park Community Centre, namely a Saturday class for 7 to 11 yr olds and an adult class at 1pm on Tuesdays. She aims to introduce an evening teenage group in the not too distant future.

About us:

A family of professional actors and teachers, all the Burnetts trained at top drama schools in England.

Di Burnett Youth Theatre, well established for many years, is based in Chesham and welcomes young people of all abilities. Run by Di and supported by Kim and Elyot Burnett, we aim to work on the development of each individual member, rather than rely on elaborate sets and costumes. The young people work through a creative process of improvisation and eventually develop their own plays, which are then written and directed by Di Burnett, using the storylines given. This allows each person the space to work within their own capabilities and to create characters and storylines accessible to themselves.

The classes are designed to build confidence, make new friends and primarily have an enormous amount of fun.



Meetings Diary

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

4th December 5th February 5th March 2nd April

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)
Tuesday	08:15 - 14:15	Big Top Pre-School
	10:00 - 11:30	Aylesbury Castle Hire soft play group (First Tuesday only)
	13:00 - 14:30	Di Burnett Adult Theatre Group
	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
	09:30 - 10:00	Kandeez School of Dance - Melody Bear Baby Ballet (18m - 3yrs)
	10:00 - 10:30	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	Pilates
	19:45 - 21:45	Rock Choir
	20:00 - 21:00	Dance Fitness class
Thursday	08:15 - 14:15	Big Top Pre-School
	10:00 - 11:30	Aylesbury Castle Hire soft play group
	16:00 - 18:00	ZKS Martial Arts
	16:00 - 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 - 19:00	Kandeez School of Dance - Ballet & Tap (Various ages)
	18:00 - 19:30	Hope Baptist Church Youth Group
Saturday	09:00 - 14:45	Kandeez School of Dance - Ballet & Tap & Modern
	09:30 - 11:30	Pilates
	09:00 - 12:00	Kicking Kids
	11:45 - 13:30	Di Burnett Youth Theatre Group
	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

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