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Chairman's Note

As Christmas approaches I look forward to the visit of Father Christmas on the 19th of December when there will be a Christmas Carol service in Jubilee Square.

It's disappointing that another year has passed and we still don't have a park and playground at the centre of Buckingham Park. However, we continue to work towards getting this resolved. We have arranged a meeting with AVDC and Buckingham County Council to discuss the park and the adoption process. A representative from Taylor Wimpey has been invited in the hope that progress can be made with all the interested parties around the same table.

Our MP, John Bercow, visited our Community Centre on the 12th of December. It was great to have the opportunity to tell him the 'Buckingham Park story' and he has offered support in helping to get our long overdue facilities.

The care home is nearing completion and they are advertising for staff. We look forward to welcoming their residents when they open in the New Year. Construction has caused some issues, notably when deliveries have been made between 7.45am and 9am. The site manager has worked to minimise these occurrences and has responded quickly when we have raised problems with him.

The link road to Berryfields opened shortly after our last edition. Concern has been raised in relation to the 50mph speed limit which many think is excessive. Transport for Buckinghamshire has informed me that a consultation to lower the speed limit to 40mph is underway although the time scale is unclear. It is also important to note that the link road remains the responsibility of the developer, Kier, until adoption and will therefore not be automatically gritted during the winter. Please take extra care when using it in cold weather.

I would like to thank Jan and the staff at the Community Centre for hosting the Halloween party. Once again it was a sold out event and the parents and children who came along had a great time.

What does 2015 hold in store for Buckingham Park? The construction of the final houses should take place and we will be ever closer to becoming a completed development. This is assuming the Government Inspector does not overturn the decision of AVDC and grant permission for an additional 220 houses just to the North of us. Hopefully we will finally have our park and play area. The Parish Council will come to the end of its first term at the May elections and councillors will need to stand for election if they wish to be reappointed. Lots to look forward to and there will be more great events at the Community Centre.

Hope you have a great Christmas

Anders Christensen



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£ 35 Quarter page (portrait)

£ 60 half page

£100 full page A4

£120 full page A4 (back cover)

Fees must be pre-paid at the Community Centre office with cheques made payable to "Buckingham Park Parish Council".

Use of Paths when the River Floods

If recent years are anything to go by then the River Thames is likely to flood across the footpaths alongside the river over the next few months. When this happens, pedestrians, cyclist, and dog walkers tend to move up onto the footpath and roads in front of people's homes.

Please note that the footpath between Chaundler Drive and Beeston Lane is not a public footpath. It is privately owned by the residents so please respect their land and do not use it.

If using the other roads and paths such as Chaundler Drive, Malford Crescent, Founders Path, Battle Meadow, Bursars Path, Charles Pym Road and Wykeham Path please do not cycle at excessive speed or let your dogs foul in front of peoples homes.

Planning Update

Planning Permission has been granted for a crematorium in Watermead at the site where the Rivera Restaurant is currently located. Despite many objections submitted to AVDC the planning committee decided that there were no technical grounds for refusing planning permission and the final decision has been delegated to planning officers. This means that planning permission has been granted for two crematoriums in Aylesbury and we surely do not need both but it is now up to each developer to decide if they want to go ahead.

The Government Inspector will report back by the 26th of January in relation to the planning application for 220 houses just to the North of Buckingham Park. The Parish Council objected to the application both in principal and due to what we perceive to be poor design and layout. We will provide an update via our Facebook page as soon as we know the outcome.

The Public Enquiry in relation application to build 1500 houses to the East of Watermead is currently in progress. Again, we will provide an update as soon as we get an update.

Residents Open Forum Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Open Forum meeting we held at the end of October. Over 50 residents attended. It was a great opportunity to provide an update in relation to Buckingham Park and hear what issues and priorities residents want for our community. While many issues relate to the ongoing construction of Buckingham Park and adoption we were able to take away several action points which we are already working on.

The next open forum meeting will be on the 17th of February 2015 at the Community Centre at 7pm

Driving when Icy

Like other residential areas in Buckinghamshire we are not on a gritting route. The Parish Council has provided a number of gritting bins around Buckingham Park. Please help by spreading grit on roads and public footpaths when it is icy to make it safer for all of us.

Also, please be careful on the new link road as that will not be on the Counties gritting route until it becomes adopted. As it passes over a flood plain and marshy ground it is susceptible to ice.



Members of the Parish Council

Back Row, Left to Right: Tony Poth, Jonathan Crowhurst, Hina Pancholi, Samantha Pullen, Peter Agoro
Front Row, Left to Right: Keith Gray - Clerk, Anders Christensen (Chair), Alison Looker (Vice Chair), Adrian Cooper

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Recruiting Now

Buckingham Lodge care home

Are you looking for a role that not only is personally rewarding but also means you can make a difference to someone's life? If you feel you have the right attitude and skills to contribute to our team then we want to hear from you.

Buckingham Lodge is a contemporary residential care home set in modern and comfortable surroundings. Meticulously finished to a very high standard, Buckingham Lodge offers first class care and facilities with en-suite rooms for up to 64 residents, in a light, spacious and elegant setting.

We are looking at the following roles to fill, day and night shifts and part-time and full-time hours.

Activities Coordinator	Housekeeper
Head Housekeeper	Deputy Chef
Handyperson	Catering Assistant
Team Leader	Receptionist
Care Assistant	

We are looking to hold interviews at the end of January / start of February at the Buckingham Park Community Centre.



Recruiting
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To apply for the roles please visit

www.anchor.org.uk/careers

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to email Janine.holt@anchor.org.uk or Sakshi.Sharma@anchor.org.uk

What's on

BUCKINGHAM PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE TIMETABLE

DAY	TIME	HIRER/ACTIVITY
Monday	08:15 - 12:45	Big Top Pre-school
	10.00 - 12.00	Sing & Sign (10-11 6 mths - 14 mths/ 11-12 6 wks - 6 mths)
	16.30 - 18.30	Computer Café
	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)
	20.30 - 21.30	Kandeez Intermediate Tap Adult 18+
	18.00 - 22.00	Benson James Wellness Services
Tuesday	08:15 - 14:15	Big Top Pre-school
	09:30 - 11:30	Body Works Pilates (Back 6th Jan)
	10:15 - 11:45	Baby Massage/ Post Natal Group
	13:30 - 15:00	Weigh, Stay & Play
	16:00 - 17:30	ZKS Martial Arts
	17:45 - 19:00	Beavers
	19:15 - 20:30	Cubs
	19:00 - 23:00	Ace Bridge
	18:00 - 22:00	Benson James Wellness Services
Wednesday	08:15 - 14:30	Big Top Pre-school
	09:15 - 09:45	Kandeez School of Dance - Melody Bear Baby Ballet (18 mths - 3yrs)
	09:45 - 10:15	Kandeez School of Dance - Boogie Babies (18 mths - 3yrs)
	13:45 - 15:00	Soundstastic 13.45-14.15 Babies only/ 14.20-15.00 0-4yrs
	16.30 - 18.30	Computer Café
	16:30 - 17:40	BP Football training
	18:00 - 22:30	Respect Martial Arts Academy
	18:00 - 21:00	Buckingham Park Youth Club
	18:00 - 21:00	Buckingham Park Youth Club
Thursday	08:15 - 14:30	Big Top Pre-school
	09:30 - 11:00	Buckingham Park Toddler Group
	17:30 - 22:00	Oasis Community Church
	16.30 - 22.00	Affinity Badminton Club
	17.45 - 18.45	Kaso Studios - Zumba
	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 - 21:00	Hope Baptist Church Youth Group
	18:30 - 22:30	Respect Martial Arts Academy
Saturday	09:30 - 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
Sunday	08:30 - 13:00	Deeper Life Church
	08:30 - 13:00	The Oasis Community Church
	08:30 - 13:00	Church of Christ
	13:30 - 17:00	Hope Baptist Church
	13:30 - 23:00	Available for Private Hire

2015 Parish Council Meeting Dates

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Community Centre.

6th January 2015

3rd February, 2015

3rd March, 2015

7th April, 2015 - Annual Parish Meeting

18th May, 2015 - First Meeting of the newly
Elected Council

NO MEETING SCHEDULED IN JUNE

7th July, 2015

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

1st September, 2015

6th October, 2015

3rd November, 2015

1st December, 2015

Please contact Mr Keith Gray (Clerk) for
any all information relating to meetings
of the Parish Council.

John Bercow MP Visits Buckingham Park



John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, and our local MP visited Buckingham Park School and our Community Centre on the 12th of December. Representatives from the Parish council met with him to explain how our community is developing. We also took the opportunity to ask him to help us with getting our infrastructure delivered and the issues surrounding adoption. John is keen to help in any way he can and we look forward to working with him in the New Year.



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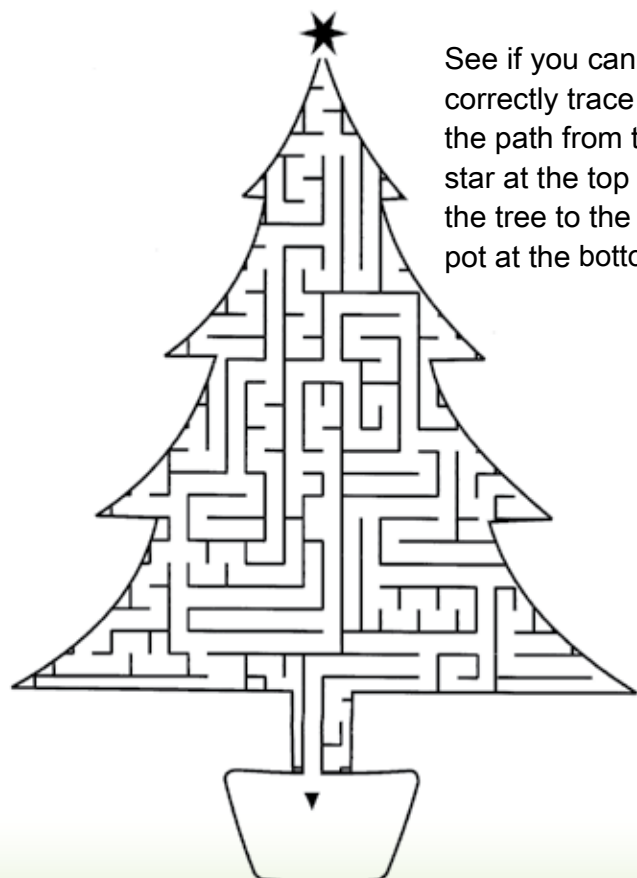


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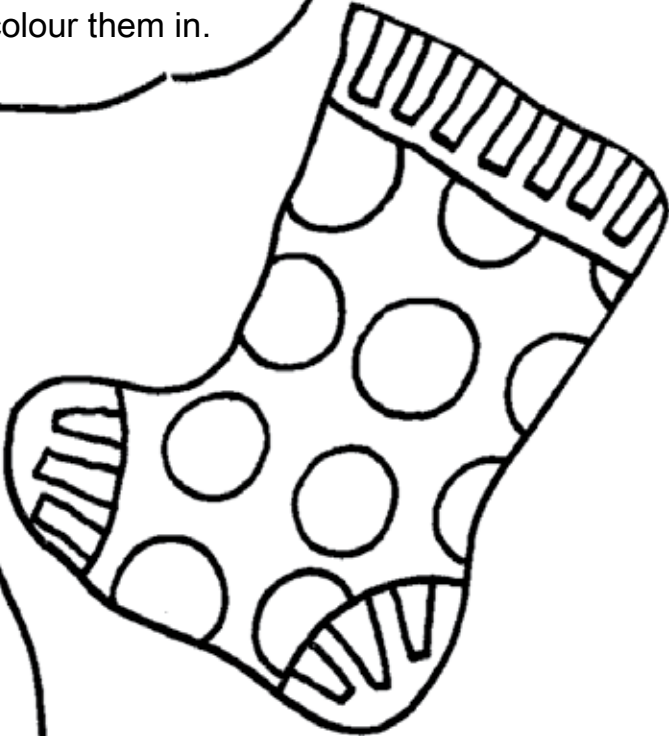
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| FATHER CHRISTMAS | PRESENTS |
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| HAPPY | SHEPHERDS |
| HOLIDAY | SNOW |
| HOLLY | STABLE |
| JESUS | STAR |
| JOSEPH | TREE |
| KINGS | TURKEY |



See if you can correctly trace the path from the star at the top of the tree to the pot at the bottom



Can you draw a pattern on this stocking? Then colour them in.



A Message from Thames Valley Police



**THAMES VALLEY
POLICE**

To the residents of Buckingham Park - we at Thames Valley Police would like you to have a safe happy and fun Christmas this year. With this in mind here are a few tips to avoid suffering from crime in this festive time.

When buying products on-line

If you shop, bank or make transactions online, please consider the crime prevention advice below to make sure that your personal details are protected from fraudsters and computer hackers:

- Is your web browser security set to the highest level? Examples of web browsers are Internet Explorer, Firefox, Mozilla.
- Use the latest version of a web browser for added security. Use automatic updates to keep your computer and web browser security up-to-date.
- Is there a padlock symbol at the bottom of the web browser and 'https' at the start of the web address? If they are not there, don't enter any bank or card details.
- If you are concerned, telephone the company to ask about its online encryption.
- Print out electronic receipts and keep them in a safe place.
- Check bank and card statements to make sure that the details match.
- Never give out your Personal Identification Number (PIN) to anyone - this includes anyone who claims to be from your bank.
- Your bank will never ask you to re-enter your account information. They will never ask you to send your PIN number in an email.
- For more information, visit the Financial Fraud Action UK website. Financial Fraud Action UK is a banking group that works with police and retailers to help prevent credit card fraud.

If you are a victim of internet fraud, report it by calling your bank or credit card company directly. They will verify the crime and report it to Action Fraud. This reduces bureaucracy and speeds up investigations.

Bank Safe Online

Bank Safe Online is the UK banking industry's initiative to help online banking customers to stay safe online. For more information, visit the Bank Safe Online website

Personal safety

- When Christmas shopping be aware of how much you are carrying with you - iPods, digital cameras, mobile phones, and extra cash to buy presents means you could be the ideal target for thieves.
- When you are out and about at Christmas don't leave your bag unattended, keep your purse safe in an internal pocket and don't carry your pin number with you.
- Don't leave your drink unattended. It takes a matter of seconds for someone to tamper with your drink.
- Have you ever considered getting a personal safety alarm? Don't allow threats of crime intimidate you into never going anywhere alone, just be aware of what's going on around you and be confident that you can keep safe.
- Plan your journey home. If you use a taxi, ensure it is registered. If you have to walk home, try and walk with a friend, stick to well lit and busy streets, and make sure someone knows the route you are taking.

Theft from vehicles

- Make sure nothing is left on display in your car. Even small belongings such as clothing or small change can be tempting to a thief. Never think leaving items in the boot is safe either, who is to say someone didn't see you leave them there?
- The bill if your car is broken into:
Excess for insurance: £50+, or paying to have the window fixed - £200
Stolen presents: £250
Having your car valeted to remove glass: £15
Left feeling annoyed, stupid and embarrassed, not mentioning present-less. It's not worth it! Lock your vehicle, leaving nothing of value inside, to ensure a crime free enjoyable Christmas!
- Help drive thieves crackers this Christmas by giving extra thought to your personal and vehicle security. When considering where to park, look for a well lit, busy area. For additional security look out for the Park Mark security approved car parks.
- Never leave your keys in the ignition while your vehicle is unattended, even for a few minutes. Opportunistic thieves will often steal cars that have been left with the engine running to defrost the windows.
- Car crime accounts for more than a quarter of all reported crime in the UK, so always take precautions and lock your car, making sure windows are closed, even if you're away from your vehicle for just a few minutes. Additional security such as adding a steering lock is also recommended.

Burglary

- Property mark presents and valuables with your postcode, house number or name, then register on Immobilise (the national property register). Make a note of all model numbers and serial numbers of all electrical items.
- Keep presents out of view – placing presents in plain view of windows will only draw attention to your house and its contents.
- Be cautious when using social media such as Facebook – do you really want to advertise that your home is empty by showing you are somewhere else or having a countdown to your holiday?
- Invest in a timer to open and close your curtains or turn on your lights, or better yet, ask a family member or neighbour to pop in and do it at random times of the day so a potential thief does not see an exact pattern.
- Dispose of boxes and rubbish discreetly. Leaving boxes outside will give away the fact that you have new and valuable items in the house.
- On behalf of Thames Valley Police we would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous Christmas and New Year!

**Kind Regards, The Aylesbury North
Police Neighbourhood Team**

Let's celebrate our Cultural Diversity in Buckingham Park

Cultural Evening

We are planning an event in March 2015 to celebrate Cultural Diversity at Buckingham Park Community Centre. This is an enjoyable way to come together and learn from each other about different traditions and ways of life from around the world.

We would love to invite all sorts of talents from different age groups, be it a traditional

dance, song, poems, comedy or talking about a festival from your ethnic origin - it can be a solo or group item.

If you have a specific culinary skills and are interested in contributing specific food items for the evening, that would be appreciated too.

Please contact Hina Pancholi on 01296 583739 if you are able to contribute with any of the above or have more ideas.

Scouting at Buckingham Park

9th Aylesbury Scout Group has been in Buckingham Park for many years now. Previously situated in the portacabin and now in the excellent Community Centre. We offer quality Scouting for boys & girls in both our Beaver Colony (ages 6 to 8) and our Cub Pack (ages 8 to 10½). The Scouting ethos is, to quote our Chief Scout Bear Grylls, "Every child deserves an adventure!" and we aim to provide both adventurous activities and also practical skills for both Scouting and the world around them today. BUT without Adult support we cannot deliver as much as we'd like. We currently have vacancies for Adult Leaders, as well as Children, in both our Beaver & Cub sections.

Adult Leaders are trained in a modular system that is world recognised as one of the best as regards working with young people. You are assigned a mentor as well as a local training advisor PLUS the expertise of all the other Leaders within the Group & District. The aim is to be fully qualified, as a Leader, within two years. All applications are initially subject to a DBS check (formally known as

CRB) which enables you to work safely with the Children in your care. You are then helped along the training road with specific "modules" targeted at your particular role in Scouting. There are regular progress meetings and support, as previously stated, is only a telephone call or email away.

Scouting is a voluntary organisation and at local level no one is paid, other than for expenses, for their time. We are 108 years old in 2015 and want to see another 100 years but need YOUR support to enable us to get there.

Should you be interested in joining in the adventure with us then please don't hesitate to contact me, Andrew Rixon, for an informal chat, on any of the following:-

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t: 01296 383580 m: 07861 433044

Or alternately feel free to look at the Scout Associations website **www.scouts.org.uk**

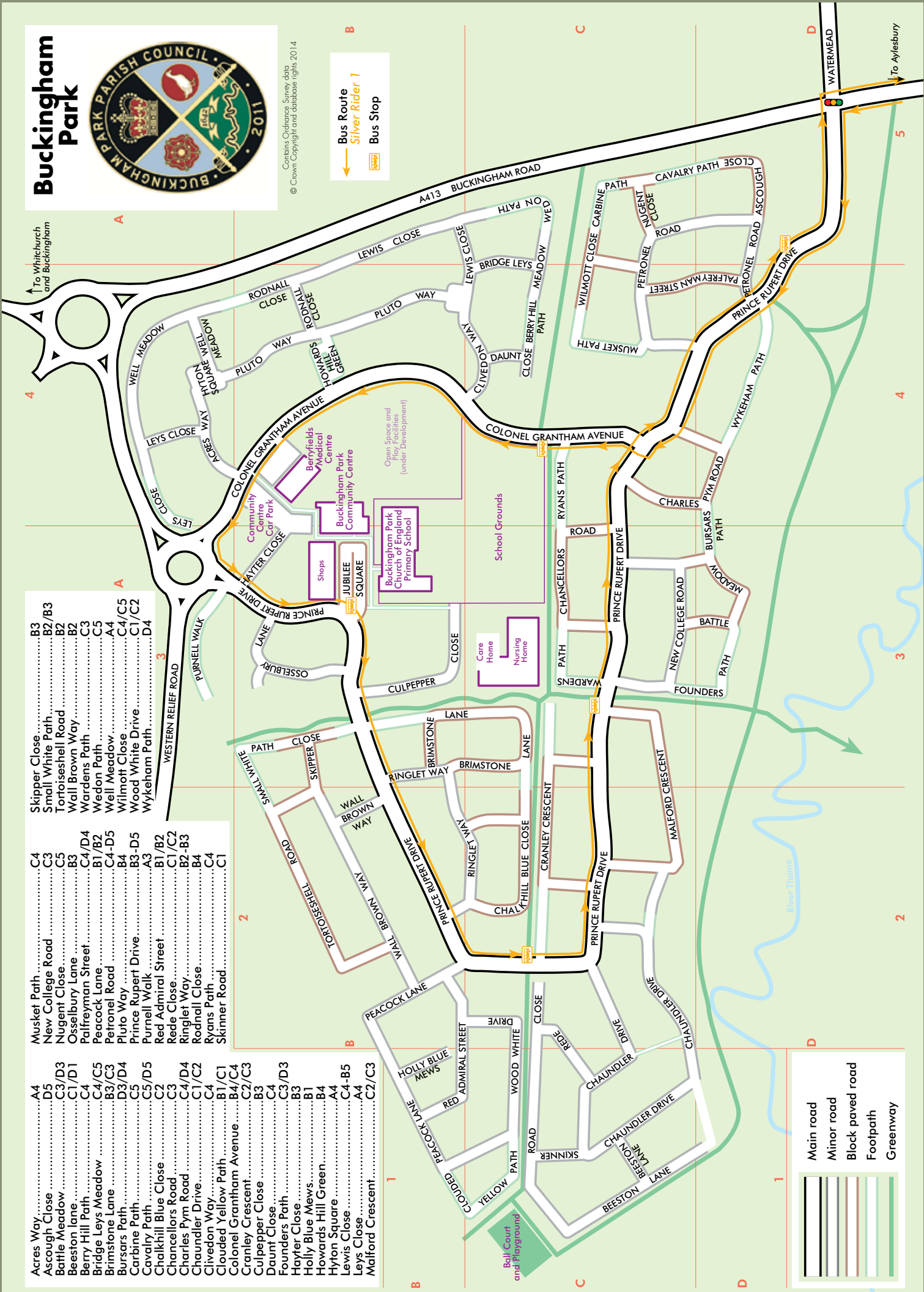
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| Ascough Close.....D5 | New College Road.....C3 | Small White Path.....B2/B3 |
| Battle Meadow.....C1/D1 | Nugent Close.....C5 | Tortoiseshell Road.....B2 |
| Beeston Lane.....C4 | Osselbury Lane.....B3 | Wall Brown Way.....C3 |
| Berry Hill Path.....C4/D4 | Palfreyman Street.....B1/B2 | Wardens Path.....C5 |
| Bridge Leys Meadow.....B3/C3 | Peacock Lane.....C4-D5 | Wedon Path.....A4 |
| Brimstone Lane.....D3/D4 | Pluto Way.....B4 | Well Meadow.....C4/C5 |
| Bursars Path.....C5/D5 | Prince Rupert Drive.....B3-D5 | Wilmott Close.....C1/C2 |
| Cavalry Path.....C2 | Purnell Walk.....A3 | Wood White Drive.....D4 |
| Chalkhill Blue Close.....C3 | Red Admiral Street.....B1/B2 | Wykeham Path.....D4 |
| Chancellors Road.....C3 | Rede Close.....C1/C2 | |
| Charles Pym Road.....C4/D4 | Ringlet Way.....B2-B3 | |
| Chaunder 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 | | |
| Hvton Square.....A4 | | |
| Lewis Close.....C4-B5 | | |
| Leys Close.....A4 | | |
| Malford Crescent.....C2/C3 | | |



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	Footpath
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