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# Chairman's Note

The community centre hosted its 6th annual Halloween party on the 30th of October and, as previous years, it was well attended and the children had a great time. We also have our Christmas carol event on the 16th of December which has also been a well-attended event in the past and we hope as many of you can join us for some festive cheer.



Community events are at the heart of what the Parish Council do and I am grateful for all the hard work Jan Turner and the staff at the community centre to make them happen.

Negotiations for the Parish Council to take on greater responsibility, for managing the green spaces and playgrounds, are at an advanced stage and should happen quickly once all the areas have been completed to an acceptable standard and signed off by Aylesbury Vale District Council.

**Anders Christensen**

# Parish Councillor Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies on the Parish council which we are looking fill.

We are looking for two residents to become Parish Councillors. The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month, except August, at 8PM and councillors are required to attend.

The Parish Council is made up of 8 residents who volunteer to run the council. The meetings are only the formal part of our activities. We also look to councillors to bring ideas and help shape our community and spend a few hours helping to make Buckingham Park a better place to live.

If you would like to know more or would like to apply to become Parish Councillor please contact our clerk, Keith Gray, via keith.gray6@btopenworld.com

## 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 2017**

**£ 35 quarter page (portrait)      £ 60 half page**  
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# Unitary What?

**There may well be a big change coming to our councils. Currently, we have separate County and District Councils. Working out which council does what and who is responsible for getting issues sorted out can be difficult.**

There is therefore a proposal to simplify things and have a single council. Typically, rather than have one plan, the two councils have launched separate plans and are promoting their own plan over the other. A finer example of why we need a single council to replace both could not be found.

## What does this mean to you?

Residents won't get a say on which plan, if either, gets adopted. The decision will be made by the Government. However, judging by the County Council plan which has been publically launched, residents would see a single point of contact for all council matters, a significant devolution of property and management of local facilities to Parish Councils, and a reduction in council tax. There is also the small matter of saving roughly £50m over the first 5 years which is badly needed to provide services by councils that have been financially crippled by Government cuts.

## What Happens Next?

The County Council has launched its proposal and the District will launch its vision for a smaller, Aylesbury Vale unitary authority in January. The minister responsible is likely to decide which proposal is favoured at the end of January 2017. If we are to have a new, single council, it should start to operate in 2019.

Not the most exciting article but this is a change that will affect all of us and is happening without many people being aware of it.

## SCHOOL ADMISSION PROCESS

**The School Admission Process for September 2017 is now open. Please make your application on the Bucks County Council website.**

Remember that you must apply for a school place, even if you already have children in the school, or a child in the nursery.

For further information about the admission process, please visit the Bucks County Council website:

**<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/education/schools/admissions-and-moving-school/admission-to-primary-schools/>**

## OFSTED REGISTERED CHILDMINDER

**My name is Diana Johnston and I live on Buckingham Park in a lovely spacious house with a dedicated playroom.**

I have vacancies for both before and after school childcare.

The school I drop off and pick up from is Buckingham Park Primary.

If you would like to have further information then please contact me and I will be able to send you an introduction about myself and my setting.

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# 12th Aylesbury (1st Buckingham Park)



The Scout Group has been classed as a satellite for many years now of the 9th Aylesbury down on Oakfield Road and whilst they have supported and maintained Scouting in the area for us the grand plan has always been that the group should stand on its own by end of 2016. On this note it gives me great please in letting you all know that we have completed this in terms of registering with Gilwell Park (Scouting HQ), picked our own scarf colours which helps identify us as a separate group with the district now known as "12th Aylesbury (1st Buckingham Park).

Since this Happened around Easter the Beavers have been working hard and some have attended their first sleepover, with many more planned, they are all working toward their Chief Scout Bronze Awards which is the highest award in the Beaver section. The Beavers is currently full however if you are interested we suggest you get you Young Person down on the waiting list by contacting our Group Scout Leader.

The Cubs have started strongly and are remaining to keep an active program, they are planning an activity day at a local activity centre, been on walks and researched about Para-Olympians. Along with many other challenges and development of new skills they are also working towards their Chief Scout Silver Awards. The Cubs section is currently at capacity mainly due to the meeting venue however as with the Beavers, get you name down to enable your young person the best chance of getting in early.

We are looking towards opening up a Scout section as well in the not do distant future so as well as looking for another location, and storage options for the group we are looking for Adults with or without experience willing to give something back to the community and consider being a Scout Leader or Assistant for the group, can we please ask you contact our Group Scout Leader to find out more about what might be involved in helping out.

Please keep an eye out for the Scouts and if you are willing to help in anyway or know friends interested in getting their young People involved then get in touch, Scouting is for all ages and everyone.

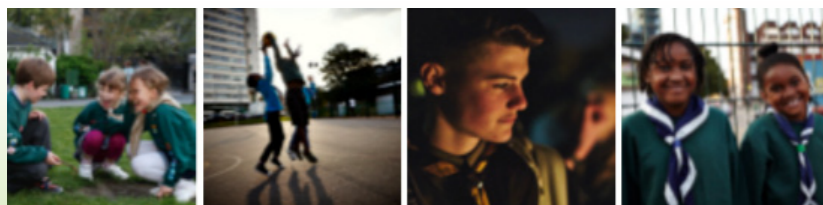
Yours in Scouting

**Iain Stanley, Queens Scout**

**Acting Group Scout Leader**

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[www.12thaylesbury-scouts.org.uk](http://www.12thaylesbury-scouts.org.uk)



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COMMUNITY CENTRE

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MULLED WINE  
**AND**  
FATHER CHRISTMAS

6pm - 8pm

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2016





BUCKINGHAM PARK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER 2016

1.00PM – 4.00PM

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, GAMES, STALLS,  
REFRESHMENTS AND PERFORMANCES

## Get onboard



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- Frequent buses running up to every 15 minutes on weekdays and 20 minutes on Saturdays
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(\* 2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children)

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](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/travelinfo)



## School News

This year has been really busy at Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School. Our School continues to grow and we have now grown to over 400 pupils. It is very exciting to see our school developing year on year. Here are some of the highlights since the last edition of Park News:

### Year 5 Visit to Green Park

In September, our Year 5 class enjoyed a residential visit. The children and staff visited Green Park in Aston Clinton for two days, with an overnight stay. The children were able to explore the vast areas of park and woodland, and also enjoyed a ropes course, archery, team challenges and climbing.

The evening activity was a special team 'quiz' which involved some children getting messy with flour and others getting wet with water. Great fun was had by all!

### Year 4 Sleepover

In November, our Year 4 children had the excitement of staying in school overnight. Evening activities, all based around the theme of teamwork, included pyramid construction, 'blind' obstacle course, giant skip and tower building.

The children turned their classrooms into 'bedrooms' and enjoyed breakfast together in the morning.

### Energize at the Waterside Theatre

Buckingham Park pupils in Years 4 and 5 (90 children) participated in Energize at the Waterside Theatre at the beginning of November and they were amazing!

The children performed 'Play on Words' alongside children from other local schools. 'Play on Words' is the story of school children discovering the joy of poetry.

Energize is a festival provided by the Bucks Area Education Alliance. The festival started over 20 years ago at the Swan Theatre in High Wycombe. Energize is now at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury so that the children of Aylesbury Town can share in the magic of taking part in the performing arts on a professional stage.

The festival is a combination of individual school performances, couples with the collaboration of many schools coming together to create a larger piece of work incorporating dance, music and drama.

Our children and staff all worked really hard in preparation for the performance and their loud applause was very well deserved!

### School Admission

If your child will be four years old on 31 August 2017, then you will need to make an application for a school place by 16 January 2017.

Our next admission meeting will be held on Friday 6 January at 9.00am, where there will be an opportunity to hear from the headteacher and tour the school. You do not need to book to attend this event, simply come along to our main school entrance in time for the presentation at 9.00am.

The online admissions portal, available at [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk) is now open for online applications.

### Celebrating Christmas

Our youngest children will be telling the story of Christmas through drama and song on four occasions. Parents and staff are very proud of the children who work hard to perform so well and to remind us all of the true meaning of this special season.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the School Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3 December.



# Defrosting vehicles reminder – Buckingham Park

The Aylesbury Vale Neighbourhood Policing Teams are reminding residents not to give opportunist criminals easy access to your vehicle in cold weather.

It is tempting to start your vehicle and leave it unattended while it is defrosting. When it is cold outside it might seem attractive to wait in the warm, maybe while you finish your breakfast, drink your coffee or pick up forgotten items before heading to work.

This can be the ideal time for thieves to steal your vehicle (which at this point is nicely defrosted). It only takes a moment and the first you might know about it is when you leave for work or the school run and discover your car is gone.

Even if you have locked your car it only takes seconds for someone to break a window and get in. It is also highly unlikely that your insurance company would pay out under these circumstances.

Be on your guard if you pop back into the house. Don't leave doors insecure while you pick up last minute items and don't leave vehicle keys where they could easily be picked up by someone reaching inside the door.

If you see anyone acting suspiciously around parked vehicles please call in through to the police on the 24 hour number 101. If you suspect a crime is actually happening at that moment please dial on 999.



## The Exchange Church invites you to a **Christmas Tree Party** at Buckingham Park Primary School



Join us to celebrate with crafts, music, refreshments and help us decorate a Christmas Tree!

**Sunday 11 December**  
**10:30am**

[www.exchange.uk.net](http://www.exchange.uk.net)

The Exchange  
God changing lives

## The Exchange Church invites you to **Christmas Carols** at Buckingham Park Primary School



Join us for a festive blend of carols and refreshments

**Sunday 18 December**  
**4pm**

[www.exchange.uk.net](http://www.exchange.uk.net)

The Exchange  
God changing lives



## 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  
School  
01296 415687

Buckingham Pharmacy  
01296 332901

Barnardo's Shop  
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Express Tanning & Beauty  
01296 393311

Budgens  
01296 485137

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Gas - Emergency  
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NHS Out of Hours Service  
111

Stoke Mandeville Hospital  
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a non-emergency crime at your local police  
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Always call 999 in an emergency. It is  
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is a risk of serious damage to property.

Childline  
0800 1111  
101

Thames Water  
0800 714614

Train Times  
08457484950

## Community Concerns Who should I contact?

Using the social networking site Facebook to report concerns and issues around Buckingham Park may seem the best way to share and find the right information, however our local Aylesbury Policing Team advise using the following telephone numbers/email provided by AVDC website.

If it's a criminal matter? Report the incident to Thames Valley Police on 101, or 999 if it is an emergency.

If you have information about a crime, but would like to report it anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 1111.

If it's a hate crime (racial/homophobic/disablist incident) report the incident to Thames Valley Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

If you or the person responsible for the Anti Social Behaviour is a tenant then contact your housing provider who will have a specialist officer who will deal with ASB matters.

If you are a tenant of the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust contact your neighbourhood manager on 01296 732600.

If you or the person responsible is a home owner / occupier contact the Public Safety Team on 01296 396093 or 396094.

If the problem is due to excessive, persistent noise or public health issues contact Environmental Health team on 01296 585605.

If you want to report an abandoned vehicle please note the make, colour and registration number along with the location, then call 01296 585076.

To report graffiti - Email [contractservices@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](mailto:contractservices@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk) with details of the content, location, date and time you noticed it, if it's on private property, AVDC can make the owner aware and request them to remove it.

To report a concern about the safety of a child you may want to contact Social Services on 01296 383999 or out of hours the Social Services Care Line on 0800 137915.

If you have anything that you would like to report to the taxi licensing team, an incident you witnessed, a poor journey, a driver using a mobile, then please report it [https://eforms.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/ShowForm.asp?fm\\_fid=140](https://eforms.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/ShowForm.asp?fm_fid=140)

## Meetings Diary

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

**3rd January 2017**

**7th February 2017**

**7th March 2017**

**4th April 2017**

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](http://www.buckinghampark-pc.gov.uk)

## Berryfields Medical Centre

Berryfields Medical Centre have a new Practice Manager. Her name is Ruth Franklin. She started a few months ago.

We are looking to change the way we do appointments and all patients will be allocated a named GP who will deal with most of their patient's queries. Please be 'patient' as we implement the changes.

Every patient will be sent out information ( in the new year) to explain exactly how this is going to work and hopefully this will improve the waiting time to get an appointment with the appropriate clinician.

No news on where our permanent building is going to be yet but we will let everyone know as soon as we have news.



### Developers Eyes

are the contractor appointed by  
**Taylor Wimpey**  
to oversee the completion of  
Buckingham Park.

If you have concerns about broken  
street lights, large pot holes,  
broken equipment on the playgrounds  
or delays to the completion of the roads  
please contact Developers Eyes:

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[stacey.poole@developereyes.com](mailto:stacey.poole@developereyes.com)

## Carols at the Community Centre 16th December | 6pm-8pm



**Father Christmas**  
**Reindeer**  
**Mulled wine**  
**Mince pies**

# Buckingham Park



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Bus Route  
Silver Rider 1  
Bus Stop

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Acres Way.....A4                  | Musket Path.....C4            | Skipper Close.....B3       |
| 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.....B2      |
| Berry Hill Path.....C4/C5         | Palfreyman Street.....C4/D4   | Wardens Path.....C3        |
| Bridge Leys Meadow.....B3/C3      | Peacock Lane.....B1/B2        | Wedon Path.....C5          |
| Brimstone Lane.....D3/D4          | Petronel Road.....C4-D5       | Well Meadow.....A4         |
| Bursars Path.....C5               | Pluto Way.....B4              | Wilmott Close.....C4/C5    |
| Carbine Path.....C2               | Prince Rupert Drive.....B3-D5 | Wood White Drive.....C1/C2 |
| Chalkhill Blue Close.....C2       | Purnell Walk.....A3           | Wykeham Path.....D4        |
| Chancellors Road.....C3           | Red Admiral Street.....B1/B2  |                            |
| Charles Pym Road.....C4/D4        | Rede Close.....C1/C2          |                            |
| Chaunder Drive.....C1/C2          | Ringlet Way.....B2-B3         |                            |
| Clivedon Way.....C4               | Rodnall Close.....B4          |                            |
| Clouded Yellow Path.....B1/C1     | Ryans Path.....C4             |                            |
| Colonel Grantham Avenue.....B4/C4 | Skinner Road.....C1           |                            |
| Colanley Crescent.....B3          |                               |                            |
| Culpepper Close.....C4            |                               |                            |
| Daunt Close.....C3/D3             |                               |                            |
| Founders Path.....B3              |                               |                            |
| Hayter Close.....B1               |                               |                            |
| Holly Blue Mews.....B4            |                               |                            |
| Howards Hill Green.....B4         |                               |                            |
| Hyton Square.....A4               |                               |                            |
| Lewis Close.....C4-B5             |                               |                            |
| Leys Close.....A4                 |                               |                            |
| Malford Crescent.....C2/C3        |                               |                            |

