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Chairman's Notes

There seems to be a lot to catch up on after the summer and my last update in Park News.

Within Buckingham Park we have started the process of replacing the benches along the greenways. They are now over 10 years old, many have already failed, and the remainder are unlikely to last much beyond this winter. We are also taking the opportunity to review the placement.

After many requests from community groups and residents we have installed a Defibrillator to the front of the Community Centre. It will be accessible in an emergency by calling 999 who will provide the code to open the box.

As noted in the last edition of Park News Buckinghamshire Council have adopted Colonel Grantham Way and most of Prince Rupert Drive (excluding the section in phase 3 from Malford Crescent round to where the footpath emerges from Rede Close). This means that faulty streetlights and pot holes should now be reported to Buckinghamshire Council using Fixmystreet. There have been no updates on the progress of adoption of other areas of Buckingham Park but we chase regularly for information and push the need for adoption.

Like many communities we are experiencing a problem with disposable vapes. Not only are they being sold to underage users they are also being disposed of irresponsibly. If you use disposable vapes please dispose of them at home or in bins.

We are getting a significant number of complains about dogs off their lead around the children's playgrounds. Please keep dogs on leads around these areas and be sensitive to residents who are not comfortable around dogs. Ideally use the meadow area by the river if your dog enjoys time off of a lead.

The empty shop unit on Jubilee Square has been empty for a few months following the closure of Barnardos. Many residents have speculated or asked me about the future use of the unit. While nothing definite has been confirmed (as I write this update) the Parish Council was recently asked to support a proposal to open a café. We were happy to support such a proposal as many feel that a café in a on the square would be a great addition to our community. I am hoping we will hear more on this possible development soon.



The summer also saw the first of two Boundary changes in relation to how Buckingham Park is represented in Parliament and at Buckinghamshire Council. The first change took place at the end of July when we moved from the Buckingham Constituency to be part of a reshaped Aylesbury Constituency. The second change will be for Buckinghamshire Council where we will become part of a new Ward which will cover Berryfields, Buckingham Park and Watermead. This will come into effect at the next local elections in May 2025.

Some time ago Buckinghamshire Council announced that Buckingham Park would be included in a trial for Demand Responsive Public Transport (what many might know better as a dial-a ride type service). This was to be a solution to help residents get to the new Surgery in Berryfields, and elsewhere, and was much anticipated. Unfortunately, the selected operator withdrew from the scheme and Buckinghamshire Council had to go out to tender again. This process is ongoing though I was told this week that Buckinghamshire Council hope to have the tender concluded before Christmas. I really hope this can be resolved and the service delivered as it seems to be a success where it has already been launched in High Wycombe.

I would like thank Cllr's Andre Beukes and Christine Donohoe, who recently stood down from the Parish Council, for their time and work for the community. I am also pleased to welcome James Baxter who joined the Parish Council in September. We currently have two vacancies on the Council so if you are interested in supporting our community and help to run the Parish Council please contact myself or our Clerk Keith Gray for more information.

Cllr Anders Christensen | Chairman

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Parish Events

Since the last parish magazine the council has run two events for the local community, last year's Christmas event was a big success where we welcomed the local Rock Choir, Hope Baptist Church and of course Santa and his reindeer. We then turned our

focus towards the summer fair and were thrilled to see everyone for one of our most successful events ever. A big thank you to all of our suppliers and the brilliant Ashley Webber for hosting the event. Coming up we have our Christmas event hosted at

the Community Centre, this year will be slightly different with a Christmas party hosted by children's entertainer Krisgar followed by carols and the chance to meet Santa directly after. For more details see the full page advert on page five.

Council Bins

The parish council has seen a large increase of household food waste being dumped in public bins and would like to remind residents that these bins are for general public use only. Dumping of household waste causes a knock on effect to the community as it either blocks or fills the bins up before its regular collection date meaning members of the public are not able to use the bins along with an increase of litter as rubbish placed on top of the waste is prone to being blown by the wind into the streets. We have also seen evidence of food from apps such as Olio or TooGoodToGo appear in council bins so another reminder to residents using these services to be responsible.



Bus Shelters

The parish council is taking steps to manage and maintain the current bus shelter and consider installing a new shelter elsewhere in Buckingham Park. Further discussions will take place on this proposal.

Community Defibrillator

The parish council have now invested in a community defibrillator along with an outside cabinet to store the device year round ensuring its available every hour of the day. To open the cabinet in an emergency call 999 and quote your location for them to be able to provide the code, alternatively the community Centre staff can open the cabinet should they need to. Research has shown that deploying a defibrillator within 3-5 minutes of collapse can produce survival rates as high as 50 - 70%, to locate public use defibs across the country visit www.defibfinder.uk.



Dog Mess

We still have a problem with dog owners not cleaning up after their dog mess. The main park is full of dog mess, and it is disgusting for the maintenance workers as it clings to the grass cutters and sprays up towards the driver of the ride-on mower. It is also not pleasant for children to have to play in a park full of dog mess. It is an offence not to clear up after your dog, so please respect your community and clear up after your dog.



ARC Events Fostering Community Togetherness and Celebrating Milestones Through Inclusive Gatherings

In the heart of Aylesbury, three community champions Aniket, Rahul, and Chirag, embarked on an extraordinary journey that would kindle a fresh chapter in their local community's narrative. Little did they anticipate that their impromptu adventure would sow the seeds for ARC Events, an initiative dedicated to nurturing community unity through inclusive and memorable events.

Situated in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, ARC Events has emerged as a catalyst for communal harmony, forging strong bonds with local parish councils, businesses, and brands to foster cohesion and invigorate the local economy. Their maiden endeavor sought to rekindle the spirits of local businesses affected by the pandemic. This led to the Desi Christmas Bazaar at Buckingham Park Community Centre in December 2022, an overwhelming success that not only brought the community together (over 500 guests) but also graced by the Honorable Mayor of Aylesbury, Cllr Tim Dixon.

The steadfast support of the Buckingham Park Community Centre, led by the tireless efforts of Luke and Jane, played an instrumental role in the event's triumphant execution. ARC Events' unwavering commitment to precision and meticulous planning ensured a seamless event.

In Feb 2023, ARC Events etched a unique memory into the hearts of Aylesbury's romantics by hosting a Valentine's Barn Dance, seamlessly blending traditional elements like the fiddle, flute, and accordion with modern musical motifs. This collaborative venture with BroadBand Barn Dance included an exclusive food stall and a professional photographer to capture those cherished moments. This was followed by Bollywood DJ Night, a mesmerizing evening of Bollywood music and DJ Rutvik hosting the evening.

ARC Events places paramount importance on thematic cohesiveness, crafting unforgettable experiences with an

acute attention to detail as their guiding principle.

Additionally, ARC Events received an invitation from Sue Ruston, the head of the Affinity Badminton Academy, to organize a badminton tournament-come-festival. This endeavor was nothing short of a triumph, garnering attention from Badminton England, the national governing body. The event, graced by England players Zach Russ and Lizzie Tolman, united sports enthusiasts from Buckinghamshire and beyond.

Planning a sports event with match draws involving nine counties and close to 200 players, spanning grassroots to league settings, was no small feat. ARC Events rose to the challenge with over six months of meticulous planning and collaboration with esteemed stakeholders like Badminton England, Stoke Mandeville Stadium, and Serco. The result was a sporting extravaganza, complete with trophies, certificates, giveaways, and a tech-savvy approach that included online registration, media consent, and live game scores.

As ARC Events approaches its first anniversary in December, they are gearing up to recreate the magic of the Christmas Bazaar in 2023, anticipating even wider participation from neighboring counties

ARC Events transcends being a mere event management company; it serves as a beacon of community spirit and unity. Their meticulous planning, unwavering attention to detail, and steadfast partnerships have paved the way for the success of their events, making a significant impact on the local economy and nurturing a profound sense of togetherness within the community. ARC Events eagerly anticipates welcoming participants and enthusiasts from all walks of life, further strengthening the bonds that make Aylesbury a vibrant and inclusive community.

Best wishes, Team ARC Events



*Dear Children of Buckingham Park,
Santa Invites you to a*



CHRISTMAS PARTY

WEDNESDAY 13/12/23
5pm - 7:30pm

Buckingham Park Community Centre
HP19 9DZ

*With lots of fun, singing,
dancing, magic and live
entertainment*

4+
(siblings welcome)



**FREE
EVENT**



However Santa needs you to let us
know you're coming so visit the
website below or scan the qr code to
reserve a seat

www.ticketsource.co.uk/buckingham-park-community-centre/t-gadj-qod



Community Groups

Aylesbury Aces meet twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Buckingham Park Community Centre, Jubilee Square, Aylesbury HP19 9DZ our Sessions start at 7.25 pm and finish around 10.30pm. Our aim is to provide Duplicate bridge with an emphasis on enjoyment in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. We are delighted to welcome new players and do our very best to provide a host to partner visiting individuals. If you are a bit rusty you might like to try our Wednesday morning session of relaxed bridge with teaching reminders. (10am at The Oaks Coffee Shop HP21 7NQ) We also run a course for people who would like to learn how to play bridge.

St Peter's Greenway

Last year the brand new footpath between Buckingham Park and Berryfields was opened, providing an essential link between the two estates through the farmers' fields and away from the busy traffic of Martin Dalby Way. In February of this year residents from Buckingham park along with the 12th Aylesbury Scout Group and the Buckingham Park Smiles football team all headed to the path to help plant flowers, hedges and trees to decorate the greenway for years to come. They were guided by local community champion Lucy Jones who gave up her own time to arrange delivery of the shrubs and saplings and even donated her own tools for people to dig with. The two planting dates were an excellent showcase of community spirit and I'm sure plenty of families will enjoy walking past their hard work over the years to come. Now two seasons later and with a chance to bloom the new path was a runner up in the Buckinghamshire Design Awards for Travel and Transport.



Kandeez Dance Ltd has is now under new management. The new owners Carla Lucas & Hannah Andrews are looking forward to lots of events coming up including Ballet, Tap, Modern & Disco and R'n'R exams. Awards evenings being held at Buckingham park CC, a Christmas party for the kids & our summer show on July 6th at the Waterside Theatre. Kandeez dance run classes on a Monday & Wednesday at Buckingham Park Community Centre in street, Acro, Lyrical, Musical Theatre & Commercial.

Buckingham Park Foodbank

Over the course of the previous twelve months the foodbank has seen firsthand the impact of the rising cost of living on local residents. Over twice as many people on average are using the foodbank at the community Centre on Mondays 1:30pm – 3pm than a year ago. Despite tough times for a lot of families this year its then even more impressive that the local donation point in the community Centre has collected 207kg of food alone. If you or anyone you know are struggling please reach out to the foodbank as the volunteers are more than happy to help in any which way they can, even if its just for a coffee and a chat.

This year in partnership with The Exchange church they have hosted multiple free events at the community Centre and this is continuing in December with a free Christmas Dinner on the 22nd of December 4pm – 7pm. Please come along and join in the festivities and alternatively reach out if you wanted to help volunteer on the day



SPIRITS & SPARKLES GALORE.....
FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF 'DESI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2022'

ARC EVENTS PRESENTS
LIFTING COMMUNITY SPIRITS

Christmas Bazaar

Free Entry event once again...

Join us with your family & friends, to experience lip-smacking food, gifts, arts & crafts, activities, attractive handicrafts and a "feeling lucky" **TOMBOLA**.

DECEMBER 2ND 2023 *Save THE DATE*

BUCKINGHAM PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE
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- Buckingham Park Community Centre
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- BT Fault Line
0800 800151
- Buckingham Lodge
0300 123 7243
- Clerk to Buckingham Park Parish
Council
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- McCoys Fish & Chips
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- Buckingham Park CofE Primary School
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- Barnardo's Shop
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01296 315000
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emergency crime. You can also report a
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is a risk of serious damage to property.
- Childline
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101
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- Train Times
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MEETINGS DIARY

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

Tuesday 5th December 2023 Tuesday 6th February 2024

Tuesday 5th March 2024 Tuesday 2nd April 2024

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.

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Buckingham Park Events 2023



Thank You for joining us at our events over the past year, we look forward to seeing you again soon.

