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The newsletter for residents of Leighton Buzzard and Linslade

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REMEMBER:

Bank Holidays - 2 & 3 June





DID YOU KNOW?

On the first day in June the Town Council will be celebrating 10 years since taking

over the running of the Market.

See how we are marking this occasion with events being held on the market throughout May and June. More information can be found on page 7.



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EVENTS

Big Lunch Food Festival - 5 JUNE



The Big Lunch Food Festival returns to Leighton Buzzard High Street on Sunday 5 June (1100 hrs – 1600 hrs)

as part of the Queen's Jubilee
Celebrations. Featuring world foods
including shawarma & falafel from
Lebanon, burritos & fajitas from
Mexico and jollof rice & curries
from Ghana, the event brings
together something for all tastes
and palates. Alongside savoury
foods, a selection of sweet treats

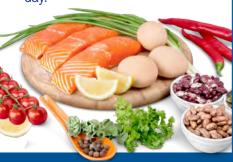


including freshly cooked doughnuts, bubble waffles, crepes

and ice cream will be available to purchase throughout the day.

If you're looking for inspiration for a summer menu, join Anne Harnan at our food demonstration area for tips and tricks on making healthy and delicious foods alongside making the most out of your weekly shop.

Along with the food stalls and demonstrations, the main stage is headlined by local band Tess & The Durbervilles supported by performances from TFG Cheerleading and Glee Club as well as the Revellers Steelband, Big in Brazil and Eve McGrath with the Strolling Gardeners keeping visitors entertained throughout the day.



Music in the Park 5 JUNE - 10 SEPT



Parson's Close Recreation

Ground will be filled with the sound of live music once again, when the Music in the Park concerts return to the Bandstand on Sunday afternoons.

The season begins on Sunday 5 June at 1500 hrs when Chiltern Hills Brass Band perform for us with South Beds Concert Band, Luton Concert Band and RAF Halton Voluntary Band performing on 12, 19 & 26 June respectively. Concerts start at 1500 hrs throughout the summer until Sunday 4 September.

On the evening of Saturday 10 September, Last Night of the Proms and Picnic in the Park returns to conclude the season of Music in the Park with a spectacular firework finale.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

It is anticipated that a normal schedule of face to face meetings will take place during May/June, but please check our website for any changes. Meetings take place at the White House commencing at 1930 hours unless otherwise stated. Meetings are open to the public subject to health and safety restrictions. Please see the Meetings page of the website for more details and a link to meeting agendas and reports.

MAY 2022

ivion	02	BANK HOLIDAY
Mon	09	Grants Sub Committee

Wed 11 Planning & Transport Committee

Mon 16 COUNCIL Annual Meeting (Astral Park)

Thur 19 Market Sub Committee (1030 hours)

Mon 23 South Side Working Party (1030 hours) - provisional

Thur 26 Older Persons Sub-Committee (1000 hours)

JUNE 2022

Mon	6	Grounds & Environmental Services
		Committee

Wed 8 Planning & Transport Committee

Mon 13 Cultural & Economic Services Committee

Thur 16 Partnership Committee

Mon 20 Policy & Finance Committee

Mon 27 COUNCIL

Wed 29 Planning & Transport Committee

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Library Theatre on Monday 21 March. You can read all about the questions asked on our website. Huge thanks to our friends at Community Voluntary Service (CVS) Bedfordshire and Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC) for attending to talk to people about volunteering and about support for voluntary groups. You can find out more about what both organisations do.

as well as which groups are currently looking for volunteer helpers from the websites listed.

For more information: www.bedsrcc.org.uk www.cvsbeds.org.uk





Mayor of Leighton-Linslade

At the time of writing, we have just finished the last charity fundraising event of the year, the

Spring Fair held at the refurbished Pages Park Pavilion. This was the last event to raise funds for my charities Home-Start Central Bedfordshire, CHUMS Charity, Macmillan Cancer Support and Freddie and Friends and I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in raising monies for these valuable causes.

I am looking forward to being able to present cheques to representatives of the charities at this year's Civic Service, taking place on Sunday 15 May at 1500 hours at All Saints Church. This event is open to all as a celebration of our wonderful local community. As part of the service I will also have the honour of presenting our

Supporting the Mayor's chosen charities

2022 Community Volunteer
Awards to Caryn Fripp and
Pam Brown. You can read
more about their volunteering
and what it has meant to
the community on the Town
Council's website. I will
also be grateful to have the
opportunity to thank everyone
who has supported me during
my time as Mayor.

On Monday 16 May, the Council will hold its Annual Meeting and will elect a Chair (Mayor) for 2022-23. The new Mayor will have the honour of lighting the beacon at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration on 2 June and will also be able to welcome visitors from our French and German twin towns for that weekend of free community events. You can find out more about the Platinum Jubilee weekend events in this edition and do keep an eye on the Town Council's website and social media for more details nearer the time.

Cllr. Farzana Kharawala

MACMILLAN CANCER SUBBORT







A joint initiative between Leighton-Linslade Town Council and Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre to provide Wednesday afternoon film shows for residents aged 55UP. Membership is free and entitles you to discounted tickets. Open to the parish of Leighton-Linslade. Films Showing in May & June: The Duke (18 May 2022) Operation Mincemeat (15 June 2022)

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MAY					
Sat 14 - Sat 28 May	Love Your Local Market Fortnight. Look out for social moposts: Visit: www.facebook.com/LeightonBuzzardMarke				
Sun 15	Mayor's Civic Service, All Saints Church LU7 1AE (1500				
Sat 21	Farmers & Producers Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1300 hrs)				
Sat 28	Handmade & Craft Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1500 hrs)				
Sun 29	Visiting Street Food Heroes Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1100 - 1600 hrs)				
JUNE					
Thurs 02	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (2130 onwards)				
Fri 03	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Rotary Event, High Street LU7 7DN & Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1000 - 1600 hrs) visit: www.leightonlinsladerotary.com				
Sat 04	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration on the Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1030 - 1400 hrs)				
Sun 05	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch Food Festival, High Street LU7 7DN (1100 - 1600 hrs)				
Sun 05	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)				
Sun 12	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)				
Sun 12	Visiting Vegan Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1030 - 1600 hrs)				
Sat 18	Farmers & Producers Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1300 hrs)				
Sun 19	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)				
Wed 22	Carnival's Picnic in the Park (0-5 year olds) Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1000 - 1400 hrs) visit: leightoncarnival.co.uk/				
Sat 25	Handmade & Craft Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1500 hrs)				
Sun 26	Visiting Street Food Heroes Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1100 - 1600 hrs)				
Sun 26	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)				

Young People Awards

Do you know a young person (12-19) who deserves some recognition for what they have achieved? Now in its third year, we're inviting nominations for the 2022 Young People Awards.

There are four categories to choose from: Overcoming Barriers | Personal Achievement Young People's Voice | Youth Volunteer

The closing date is: Thursday 30 June and all nominations will then be assessed by a panel, before award presentations in mid July.



Find out more and download a nomination form at: www.tactic-centre.co.uk

70 Glorious Years What's On ...





Celebrating Her Majesty The Queen

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Thursday 2 June from 2130 hours

Jubilee Beacon lighting and fireworks in Parson's Close Recreation Ground. The beacon lighting will take place at the time set by the Queen's Pageantmaster, at 2145 hours, preceded at 2140 hours by a bugler playing a unique bugle call "Majesty". A fireworks display will follow the beacon lighting.

Friday 3 June (1000hrs-1600hrs)

Jubilee Fayre in the High Street and Parson's Close Recreation Ground, organised by the Rotary Club of Leighton Linslade (replaces the usual May Day Favre).

Saturday 4 June (0830hrs-1500hrs)

Charter Market in the High Street with a visit from a 'very special' visitor.

Sunday 5 June (1100hrs-1500hrs)

The Big Lunch Food Festival in the High



The first Music in the Park band concert of the summer season. in Parson's Close Recreation Ground.



Players visit 7 characters that have come to life from **Buckingham Palace and are** visiting your location on a day out.

Why not try the Platinum Jubilee trail? Players, guided by Sir Barnaby Beacon, visit each character learning about a different decade in Her Majesty's 70 year reign.

rent Some Bank Holiday Fun! To play, find the vinyl decals in the windows of our town centre locations and scan the QR codes to see the characters come to life! If you collect all 7 stamps you'll be able to take a selfie with a digital prize badge.

The trail is available from 30 April to 12 June and is a great, free way for families to get outside, have some fun and engage with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Visit our website to find out more.



Visit the 'event page' and keep up to date with information about the trail.







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Introduction to Community Voluntary Service

Community Voluntary Service (CVS) is a voluntary and community sector support organisation. The following services are free for any voluntary organisation, community group, charity or social enterprise working in Bedfordshire and Luton;

Connecting:

• Sign up to CVS' information emails. Emails include useful funding updates, forthcoming training, events and meetings, and news relevant to local organisations. Subscribe using the form here: http://eepurl.com/cRRy2z.



· Directory of organisations - You can have an entry for your organisation on their directory of voluntary and community groups in Bedfordshire. Add your group: www.cvsbeds.org.uk/joindirectory. Or to view the directory. see: www.cvsbeds.org.uk/find.

Volunteering:

• Find Volunteers - CVS provides support for organisations to promote volunteering opportunities and recruit volunteers. You can register your opportunities and find contact details for our advisors here: www.cvsbeds.org.uk/find-volunteers.



Become a Volunteer – If you are looking to volunteer you can search via our Simply Connect Volunteer Recruitment database: www.cvsbeds.org.uk/volunteer.

Supporting:

· CVS offers help with getting funding, or with governance matters such as a constitution, policies and procedures, supporting management committees or registering as a charity. There is information on our website that might be helpful to you here: www.cvsbeds.org.uk/supporting/ which includes our resources page, with templates for useful documents and our information about funding sources, such as our "Funders In Bedfordshire" list, that can be accessed via: www.cvsbeds.org.uk/fundersinbedfordshire.





Additional Needs Group

TANG is for young people aged 11-25 yrs and meet weekly on Mondays, 1730 hrs -1915 hrs (term time), in Linslade Memorial Pavilion.

The group is dedicated to young people with additional needs. Group members have already helped to create a programme of activities that are enjoyable and important to them. For more information about TANG contact us on: 01525 373838-



55up

Are you 55 and over. vet still feel

you miss out on knowing who, what and when because information is shared on digital platforms but you're not confident or don't know how? Make the call to our free digital skills support helpline. The Town Council commissioned service aims to help older residents get connected. Anything from how to get onto the web and search for information, to sending an email. Whether it's a mobile smart phone, tablet or laptop computer, let us help you.

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As keen users of the bus service themselves, our Town Councillors along with our MP Andrew Selous, are keen to support Central Bedfordshire Council officer's work encouraging more use of the buses.

The recent agreement to create a safer, more enjoyable market means that buses no longer come down the High Street on market days (Saturday and Tuesday) however they are still in service. We hope the info below helps:



NEW BUS SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS - IN PLACE SINCE APRIL 2022

	Bus nos.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arriva Services	32, 33, 34, 35, D1, F70, F77	Access from High St.	Access from West Street on market days only	Access from High St.	Access from High St.	Access from High St.	Access from West Street on market days only	Access from High St.
Arriva Services	150	Access from High St.	Access from West Street on market days only	Access from High St.	Access from High St.	Access from High St	Access from West Street on market days only	Access from High St.
South Beds Dial-a-Ride	43 / 47	Access from High St.	Access from West Street on market days only	Access from High St.	Access from High St.	Access from High St	Access from West Street on market days only	Access from High St.
Star Travel Services	162 / 167	Access from High St.	Access from West Street on market days only	Access from High St.	Access from High St.	Access from High St.	Access from West Street on market days only	Access from High St.
Z&S Services	165	Access from High St.	Access from West Street on market days only	Access from High St.	Access from High St.	Access from High St.	Access from West Street on market days only	Access from High St.
Grant Palmer Services	36C	Operates from West Street on all days	Operates from West Street on all days	Operates from West Street on all days	Operates from West Street on all days	Operates from West Street on all days	Operates from West Street on all days	Operates from West Street on all days

Please contact individual bus operators for any further details of their services.



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Ii, Sustainable Suzi here: Slow down and be more flexible. At 18 yrs old the idea of passing my driving test was 'the' route to independence and adventure. Being able to drive has enabled me to navigate the world of work, social activity, volunteering, family needs and holidays with great independence and for a female, security. No lies, the idea of reducing the use of my car and increasing the use of buses or trains for everyday travel is a challenge for me, but I'm starting to do things differently. Reducing my car use doesn't come easy.

Given the experience we had with the

lack of petrol earlier in the year and the current cost of petrol now, I've started car sharing to work when it's convenient for both parties as well as calming my driving down. I'll get to where I need to be, but I don't need to drive frantically at 60mph. A slower speed reduces emissions. There will always be 'that' driver who wants to cut you up and race to their destination. Let them pass so what? Save your petrol and save the wear and tear on your car. Keep your tyres inflated and find out about the benefits of a slower speed at www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/ efficient-driving/



A thriving market for today and into the future...



On the first day of June this year it's the 10 year anniversary of the Town Council taking over the running of the Charter Market and to celebrate we are hosting a mammoth

month of events which showcase the best of the modern-day market.

The market, at the centre of Leighton Buzzard, is both an historic and modern feature of our town. Named in the Domesday Book of 1086, Leighton Buzzard had the biggest market in Bedfordshire and was owned by the King. Today it takes over the High Street and hosts on average, 30 stalls with up to 7 added 'casual' stalls, many of which are newcomers to the post-covid market. We also hold monthly speciality markets for both Farmers and Producers, and Handmade and Crafts.

Our celebrations coincide with the national NABMA campaign, 'Love your Local Market' which in turn, is extended this year to cover the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend, in addition to it's usual fortnight.



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What's On' the Market in May and June

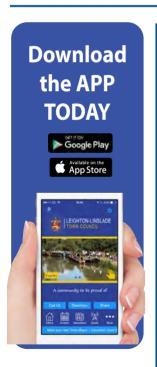
Sat 14 May – 05 June – Love Your Local Market celebrations of all things LB Market - Love Your Local Market national campaign #LYLM.

Sun 29 May & 26 June - Street Food Heroes, one of our celebrated visiting markets (in addition to other dates throughout the year).

Tues 31 May - 10th Anniversary Celebration Day - NABMA officials visiting to formally acknowledge our award as 'Britain's Best Council-run Market 2022' with special guests.

Sat 4 June - The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration market with a 'very special' guest.

Sun 12 June - The Vegan Market - another celebrated visitor (in addition to other dates throughout the year)





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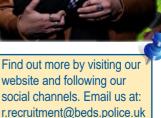
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"I feel a great sense of pride wearing my uniform and being able to help people at their most vulnerable. In this role I would also like to change some of the stigma people have against the police, especially among the younger generation.

I would also like to break the stigma attached with being a female officer from an under-represented background. There are a few moments whilst being a special that stand out for me. One of which was being on duty and providing extra police support when HM The Queen and HRH Prince Philip visited Dunstable and Whipsnade Zoo".

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