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Congratulation to **Gracie** in **Kestrals** class who won this years Christmas drawing competition.

Contributions for the next Issue of The Bugle

should be sent to the Parish Clerk before

Monday
3rd February 2020

Submit Your Photo!

The Bugle Committee is always looking for seasonal photographs from around the village to place on the cover of the Bugle. If you would like to submit a photograph, please contact the Clerk at:

clerk@greatbarford.org.uk



Chair's Report



With the year nearly at its end, many of us will be looking forward to Christmas, the New Year, new challenges and new expectations. For the Parish Council, we will also be in a new office. As you probably know, we have been renting space from Davison & Co. in the old College Farm building at 59 High Street, but the owners have decided to convert the building into 4 flats, so both of us have had to move out to make way.

Fortunately, our landlord has constructed a new purpose built office suite at Green End Farm, at the other end of the village. This will house two offices, one of which we will rent for the Parish Council Clerks to use. I'm sure Joanne and Anne will find it cosier than the old place. The Clerk's phone number and email address remain the same, but the postal address and physical location will have changed. So a new year and a new office, but for us, it will be business as usual.

New address is: The Parish Council Office, Green End Farm, 108 Green End Road, Great Barford, Beds MK44 3HD

Those of you with you young children will have hopefully already discovered the additional swing and slide we have had installed in the Jubilee Play Area. They seem to be getting well used already, so don't miss out.



Chair's Report



The "unfinished" fence on New Road, at the entrance to Woodpecker Close has been tidied up with a short extension to stop cars parking on the green space. We engaged a local contractor who was able to complete the work, and match the original post and rail design.



The Remembrance Day parade and service was well attended as usual. After all the rain we've had recently, the day was fine and dry. The parade started as customary from outside the Post Office & Stores, and proceeded down the High Street to congregate around the Memorial Stone in the Garden of Remembrance. The bugler, net of poppies, there-but-not-there statue, local scouts and guides added to the traditional ceremony. This was followed by the service in All Saints Church. A popular event, packing out the Church and allowing many of us to pay our respects to those fallen in past conflicts. A poignant and valued event to honour our lost ones.

Elsewhere in this edition, you will find articles on traffic issues, with some new speed markings, and also an update on the Neighbourhood Plan process.

And to round up, we are aware some residents may still not have caught up with who your Councillors are after we were elected earlier this year, in May. So to help "put a face to a name", we have taken an initiative to start a series of "Councillor Profiles". These will start in this issue, and may be added to our website in due course. Now you know who we are, you can stop us for a chat when we are out and about.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Graham Pendrey. Chair, Parish Council

Borough Councillor Report

HOSPITAL MERGER

The Chief Executive of Bedford Hospital told a recent meeting of the Borough Council's Health Committee that the merger with Luton & Dunstable is set to be completed by April 2020. This follows the receipt of £99.5m from the Department for Health to upgrade facilities at Luton & Dunstable Hospital including a new intensive care block, delivery suite and operating theatres.

The merger, announced in autumn 2017, pledged to protect key services at Bedford Hospital including A & E, maternity and paediatrics. The meeting heard that some smaller services may be combined on a single site, but 95% of services would be unaffected.

PUTNOE WALK IN CENTRE

The Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (BCCG), the organisation responsible for organising NHS services locally, has stated its intention to renew the contract for the Putnoe Walk in Centre (WIC) for a further year to September 2021.

The Putnoe WIC (but not the main GP surgery) was threatened with closure last year after the decision to open the Urgent Treatment Centre, which has a 'walk in' element, on the Bedford Hospital site. It was ultimately agreed that the Putnoe WIC would remain open with reduced hours. The Council's Health Committee has heard that it continues to receive a high number of patients.

RURAL CRIME

Bedfordshire Police undertook a range of targeted activities as part of Rural Crime Week of Action in October. Actions addressed issues such as motoring offences, illegal fishing and fly-tipping. Bedfordshire Police has published a Rural Crime Handbook, primarily for businesses, setting out advice on how to make it more difficult for criminals to operate. Search '**Bedfordshire Rural Crime Handbook**' for more information.

WARD FUND

The Ward Fund allows councillors to support community schemes. Please do get in touch if you would like to discuss any potential projects. **The deadline is the 13th December.**



Borough Councillor Report

'SAFE AND WELL VISITS'

Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service provides Safe and Well Visits for the benefit of elderly and vulnerable people. These are designed to check over houses to identify safety hazards and provide advice to improve wellbeing and prevent crime. Email **safeandwell@bedsfire.com** if you know of someone who might benefit.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The admissions process remains open until the 15th January 2020 for children beginning primary school in September 2020. For more information search **'Bedford school admissions'** or call **01234 718120**.

We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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January 24th **March 20th** **May 15th**

TO BOOK YOUR TEAM, CONTACT LOUISE ON 870443

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee has been very busy of late. A working party was set up to organise and coordinate the recent Public Information event, and the follow up Consultation event, regarding the sites submitted for possible development.

There had been several recent leaflet drops, on-line information and a local presentation; these were nothing to do with the Parish Council, but were all initiatives undertaken by various agents/developers on behalf of the land owners they represent. As each of these were only promoting just the site the agent represented, there was no global overview of all the sites, or how they may be combined to provide the housing numbers that have been allocated in the Bedford Borough Council's Local Plan.

It was time to get all these representatives in one room, at the same time, so that you could appreciate how the various proposed visions compared. Also important, is how they could relate to what we need to achieve, to provide an additional 500 dwellings in the parish.

So the **"Meet the Developers"** information event was organised to showcase all their ideas in one place, and allowing you to ask those awkward questions that had not been possible up until then. The event went very well, with plenty to see and talk about. Attendance was better than expected, and enabled the current residents to visualise what may possibly be coming.

The follow up **"Consultation"** event also went well. This will provide the Neighbourhood Plan with some extremely valuable feedback on what people really think of the AECOM recommended three options, to combine a selection of different sites. We still need to take stock of all the comments, but they will guide us to establish how the various options can work to provide 500 houses in the best configuration, with minimum adverse impacts. Landscape views, increased traffic, safe walking & cycling routes and flooding are considered some of the prime factors we need to consider. Not forgetting that the character of our village is steeped in heritage, so the conservation areas need to be respected as well.

We, as residents of Great Barford, are creating our future, so it is important that any development is in the right place, is suitable, sustainable and provides a safe and pleasant environment we can all be proud of.

Quite recently a piece of land on the High Street has changed hands. The new owner is reviewing what to do with it, and has offered it for potential development to help meet the required local housing numbers. Although this opportunity has been presented very late in the Neighbourhood Plan process we are still giving it full consideration, and will review its suitability in line with how all the other sites have been assessed by both BBC and the independent consultant, AECOM. We have asked AECOM to assess this new site, but the process will take considerable time. So meanwhile, we will follow the methodology that has already been used to assess all the other sites, to start a self assessment. Using the same procedures will ensure all sites are being treated in an equivalent manner.

We have a Consultant who is helping us with all the Neighbourhood Plan documentation. We are working together, with the aim to have a draft ready in the first quarter of next year.

Traffic Calming

We are all aware of Great Barford being used as a rat-run during morning and evening rush hours. On-street parking, congestion, and speeding on the through routes are always hot topics. We are currently engaged with Bedford Borough Council Highways to review many of these issues.





Speed and traffic calming are being looked at, with the aim of pedestrian safety being paramount. You will probably already have noticed the new 30 mph Roundel road markings recently placed along New Road and at the south end of High Street.

We also intend to have some parking restrictions on the east side only of New Road, near the Village Green, by the River Bridge opposite The Anchor Pub. This will introduce "no waiting at any time" and "no loading at any time" parking restrictions, north over about 95m from the traffic lights. The proposals are intended to stop inconsiderate parking during the summer, when we see large numbers of visitors to the river. But it is particularly the canoe trailers left close to the traffic lights that have been causing safety concerns. Parking further along New Road, and opposite the river will continue unaffected.

There has been inconsiderate parking at the entrance to Willoughby Close, opposite the Post Office and Stores. Verge parking has been destroying the grass, so the Borough Council has installed some wooden bollards to stop this happening. Parking space is limited in this area, so please park responsibly when you pop into the shop.

On the subject of verge parking, the previous consultation for Willoughby Close and Huntsfield, provided some good comments, was generally well accepted and produced very few objections. So this "no verge parking" scheme will be implemented soon, leaving cars to park on the road, and the pavements free for pedestrians.

BBC has been asked to work on some feasibility studies for safer crossing points on High Street. To encourage sustainability and safe walking to school, it is important our old road layout is made as safe as possible. We can't knock down vision blocking buildings or realign the roads, but we can investigate traffic calming and safe crossing points.



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Who Will Be Eligible for Free TV Licences? In June 2020 free TV Licences for over 75's will end. If you are receiving Pension Credit you will automatically get a letter from the BBC telling you how to claim your free licence. If your weekly income is below £167.25 (single person) or £255.25 (couple) then contact your Village Agent and she will help you to apply for Pension Credit.

The Blue Badge Scheme is being Extended for Hidden Disabilities. Drivers and passengers with conditions such as dementia, autism or anxiety disorders are now included - although eligibility will be decided by Bedford Borough Council. If you think you might be eligible, contact your Village Agent.

Worried about Home Security? The Bobby Van will visit you to give you advice, and will also fit door chains, smoke alarms and Key Safes for people over 65.

Need Help to Fill in a Form? If you are struggling with paperwork, such as Blue Badge, Bus Pass, Council Tax Reduction, Housing Benefit and Attendance Allowance applications, our Village Agent can come and help you.

Any queries or worries – JUST ASK!

Contact your Village Agent on Freephone 0800 039 1234

(This is an answerphone service, so please be ready to leave your name, address & telephone number, & we will aim to call you back within 48 hours.)

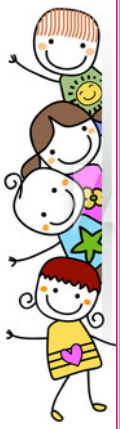
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25th November	Stretch & Balance
2nd December	Chair Yoga Dance
9th December	Chair Yoga Dance
16th December	Line Dancing
23rd December	NO SESSION
30th December	NO SESSION
6th January	Chair based Yoga
13th January	Chair based Yoga
20th January	Movement to Music
27th January	Movement to Music

Thursdays - 2 sessions
10.00am to 11.00am
& 11.15am to 12.15pm

Date	Activity
14th November	Chair based Pilates
21st November	Chair based Pilates
28th November	Chair based Pilates
5th December	Chair based Pilates
12th December	Chair based Pilates
19th December	Chair based Pilates
26th December	NO SESSION
2nd January	NO SESSION
9th January	Chair based Pilates
16th January	Chair based Pilates
23rd January	Chair based Pilates
30th January	Chair based Pilates

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26th November	Badminton & Table Tennis	Chair based Yoga
3rd December	Badminton & Table Tennis	Chair based Yoga
10th December	Indoor Archery & Table Tennis	Chair based Yoga
17th December	Indoor Archery & Table Tennis	Chair based Yoga
24th December	NO SESSION	NO SESSION
31st December	NO SESSION	NO SESSION
7th January	Volleyball & Table Tennis	Chair based Yoga
14th January	Volleyball & Table Tennis	Chair based Yoga
21st January	Indoor Kurling & Table Tennis	Chair based Yoga
28th January	Indoor Kurling & Table Tennis	Chair based Yoga




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Date	Sports Hall	Exercise Room
13th November	Kwik Cricket & Table Tennis	Chair based Pilates
20th November	Kwik Cricket & Table Tennis	Chair based Pilates
27th November	Indoor Archery & Table Tennis	Chair based Pilates
4th December	Indoor Archery & Table Tennis	Chair based Pilates
11th December	Rounders & Table Tennis	Chair based Pilates
18th December	Rounders & Table Tennis	Chair based Pilates
25th December	NO SESSION	NO SESSION
1st January	NO SESSION	NO SESSION
8th January	Badminton & Table Tennis	Chair based Pilates
15th January	Badminton & Table Tennis	Chair based Pilates
22nd January	Short Tennis & Table Tennis	Chair based Pilates
29th January	Short Tennis & Table Tennis	Chair based Pilates




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Meet the Councillors Part One

Noreen Byrne



I have lived in Great Barford for the past 13 years with my husband Terry. We have 6 grandchildren, all living some distance away; this keeps us busy! We also enjoy canoeing on our delightful river. My background is in the NHS, initially qualifying as a State Registered Nurse, working across both Primary and Secondary Care in senior management roles. Following my retirement from Bedford Hospital 7 years ago, I became a Parish Councillor and currently lead on NHS issues affecting the General Practice services within the village. I am a member of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee and Events Committee for the village. I instigated the 'Great Barford in Bloom' Project three years ago, aiming to plant 2,500 daffodil bulbs every year (funded by Bedford Borough Council) throughout the village.

David Garrard



Having lived in the village since 1966 I have seen a lot of change. During my residency I have lived in Brook Lane before moving to New Road.

I am now semi-retired and have time to focus on the issues affecting the village. I was elected on to the Parish Council this year and very grateful for your support. I have also become a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

I shall be actively supporting the parish on key issues such as the government's planning directive for an excessive number of houses to be built, also with traffic problems and speeding through the village.

Peter Ward

I am fairly new to the Parish life having lived in Great Barford for just over a year, however I have a long standing link with my wife, and in-laws having lived in the village for over 20 years. I have always been local having lived in Sandy for 21 years and then most recently St Neots for 9 years. I currently live in the new Hare Meadow estate with my wife, Tanya and young son, Oliver. I joined the Parish Council in order to be involved with the village and give something back to the local community. I am a keen follower of sports and enjoys football, I am an Arsenal supporter as well as attending regular rounds of the British Touring cars motorsport series. Sometimes I can be found taking to the stage in productions by the Kingfisher Players where I have been a member for 20 years and chairman for the past 5.



Meet the Councillors Part One

Ann Lovesey



I am committed to doing my best for the village, having lived here since 1966

I have been a Parish Councillor since 1976 and during that time seen great changes in the duties and responsibilities of parish councillors

I am a representative on the Bedfordshire Association of Town and Parish Councils having served as their Chairman for several years.

I am a Board Member of the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity

I taught in the Lower School age group for over 30 years, and was Deputy head at Great Barford Lower School for 15 of those years

I am a Governor at Great Barford Primary School

I am Churchwarden at the local parish church

In the past I have been very involved with the local Scout Group and the Jordan's Close camp site

I am a member of the committee for the Village Fun Day

I was very proud to have been awarded an MBE in the 2018 New Years Honours List for services to education and the local community

James Rudgley



Age: 71,
Status: Married,
Children: 3 (grown up),
G'children: 10,

Working life in Engineering and Equipment Service and retired as Director/Chairman of a company providing security products and services.

An active Parish Councilor for around 10 years, including a term as Chairman for 5 years. Current roles within the PC include Website, FaceBook maintenance and PC representative on the committee of the village Twinning Partnership.

Personal interests include Photography, Walking, Training my dog (ongoing).

Duncan Edgar



My name is Duncan Edgar. I've lived in the village since 2014. I joined the Parish Council in the summer of 2019.

I'm married with two grown up children, two grandchildren and a dog. We moved to Great Barford when we retired having lived and worked in the Essex/London area for all of our working lives. For me that meant teaching – 38 years' worth. Over the years I've taught all of the sciences, some psychology, some IT plus other subjects that I've long since forgotten. I ended my career as part of the management team in a large, successful, mixed comprehensive school.

Great Barford was a good move for us, the people are very friendly and the countryside is immediately accessible. I'd like it to stay like that.

bugle QUIZ!

1. In the bay of which city was the island prison of Alcatraz?
2. Which South American country is the only one where the language is Portuguese?
3. On which Lake District body of water was Donald Campbell killed in 1967?
4. What is next year in Roman numerals?
5. What does the DB in Aston Martin cars stand for?
6. Who was the first winner of 'I'm a celebrity...'
7. "Surely you don't mean that?'. "Stop calling me Shirley!". What film?
8. What is the capital of Chile?
9. What is the nearest planet to the sun?
10. Who was the leader of the "Gun Powder Plot"?
11. Where is the HQ of RSBP?
12. Which legendary american"frontiersman" died at the Alamo in 1836?

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20th JUNE 2020

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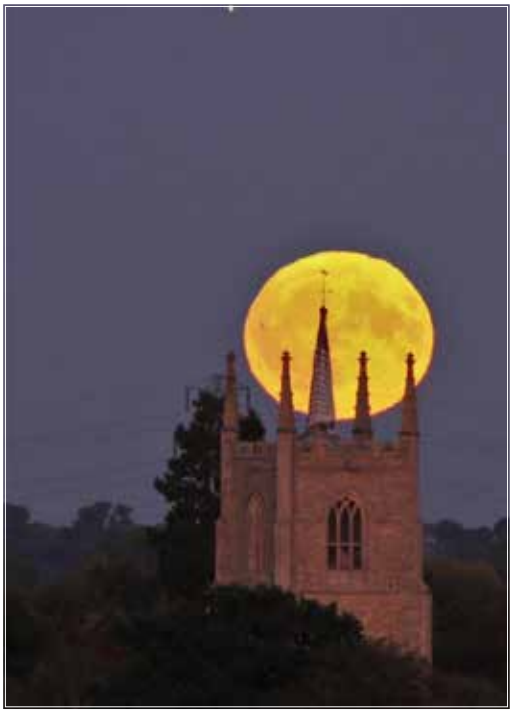
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Where am I?

In the previous issue, the arrow mark on the church was wrongly identified as the 1947 flood level. The church was not flooded during that event. The symbol is in fact an Ordnance Survey Height Control Symbol Bench Mark. This one has a reference height of 21.2104m above mean sea level, and was last verified in 1972. Its OS map reference is TL, Easting 1341, Northing 5171.



Ordnance Survey Bench Marks

Ordnance Survey Bench marks (BMs) are survey marks made by Ordnance Survey to record height above Ordnance Datum. If the exact height of one BM is known, the exact height of the next can be found by measuring the difference in heights.

Most commonly, the BMs are found on buildings or other semi-permanent features. Although the main network is no longer being updated and had little maintenance for 30 years, the record is still in existence and the markers will remain until they are eventually destroyed by redevelopment or erosion.

Bench marks are the visible manifestation of Ordnance Datum Newlyn (ODN), which is the national height system for mainland Great Britain and forms the reference frame for heights above mean sea level. ODN is realised on the ground by a network of approximately 190 fundamental bench marks (FBMs). From these FBMs tens of thousands of lower-order BMs were established.

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE OS WEBSITE PAGE:
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Litter Pick





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Christmas front over competition



by **Tilly** in Kestrals



by **Kitty** in Kestrals



by **Amelia** in Swans



by **Lana** in Swans

Christmas front over competition



by **Fatima** in Woodpeckers



by **Joshua** in Woodpeckers



by **Elaise** in Falcons



by **Bobby** in Woodpeckers

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If your child is starting school in September 2020,

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Great Barford Parish Council

would like to thank ALL of our regular

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for helping to keep the village nice and tidy



Great Barford Parish Council

will be leaving up the

FOOTBALL NETS



by the village hall for those who would like to use them.

Many thanks

as always to the volunteers who help plant an additional 2,500 daffodil bulbs around the village





Many thanks to our regular *quiz master* **for testing our 'brains'!**

Christmas front over competition



by **Skylar** in Penguins



by **Florence** in Penguins



by **Daniel** in Woodpeckers



by **Olivia** in Owls

Christmas front over competition



by **Freya** in Owls



by **Fraser** in Falcons



by **Sienna** in Puffins



by **Ben** in Puffins

Great Barford Bowls and Petanque Club

Some people in the area are not aware that the Bowls and Petanque Club in Great Barford is a hive of entertainment and activity for the community, a hireable resource for meetings/gatherings/etc. as well as an all-year-round sporting venue for Petanque and summer venue for Bowls. We are determined to be a thriving provider for the community and our present offerings continue except for a short Christmas break (see below).

So, before you start stuffing the turkey and your selves with all sorts of festive goodies you might want to sharpen your mind with some friendly games of whist, exercise your sense of humour with a friendly game of Carpet Bowls, learn a new pastime with social petanque, and improve your state of mind and body with Yoga and pilates. All at your friendly neighbourhood bowls club.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS **WHIST**
Every Wednesday from 7:30 pm to 10 pm. Whist is £2.00 which includes a tea/coffee and biscuit break and there is an optional raffle.

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS **SOCIAL PETANQUE**
Every Thursday from 2 pm to 3 pm. Have a go at this fun game. Full instruction/coaching will be given but the emphasis is enjoying a new experience. There's no cost so just come to play or just to watch.

THURSDAY EVENINGS **CARPET BOWLS**
Every Thursday from 7:30 pm to 10 pm. Carpet Bowls was devised as a fun version of indoor bowls suitable for playing in small halls. Come to play or just to watch. Cost £2.00 to include tea or coffee. The club bar is also open.

There is an open invitation to just turn up for the three activities above. Introduce yourselves and we will supply all equipment you need and include you in the games. There will be about three weeks break around Christmas.

Great Barford Bowls and Petanque Club

FRIDAY 06 DECEMBER 2019 **CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT**

Starting at 7.30 pm this is our ever-popular social evening with a fun but challenging quiz to suit all. *Entry is £5 per person* which includes supper of Turkey rolls, Trifle and Mince Pies. The club bar is open.



We hope that you will find something to interest you all.

For more information see our website at **www.greatbarfordbowlsclub.org.uk** and Facebook page **www.facebook.com/Great-Barford-Bowls-Club-927365523974564** or call **Beryl on 01767 449116.**

The car park address is in **Woodpecker Close, MK44 3BG** or there is pedestrian access through School Lane. Do note that our excellent pavilion is still available for hire for meetings etc. For details of charges and availability please contact our Booking Officer, Beryl on 01767 449116. The club's website also contains photographs of the pavilion and further information.

On behalf of the committee and members I wish to send our best wishes to Great Barford residents and surrounding areas for a Very Happy Christmas and New Year. In addition, we wish to send our thanks for all of your support during 2019. We would also like to express our thanks to Franklins Farm Butchers and The Black Cat Farm Shop for continuing to sponsor us for another year.

And I will leave you with this:

"You're late, John. The opposition were about to claim the match."
"Yes, well being a Saturday, the wife insisted I had to toss a coin to see if I should go shopping with her or play bowls."
"Okay, but why are you so late?"
"I had to toss it 15 times!"

Joe Lound-Keast



Great Barford Village Hall

For Bookings and to check availability:
www.greatbarfordvh.org

Alternatively please call:
Tel: 07974 816880

Great Barford boasts a superb modern village hall catering for up to 160 guests with ample free parking. The hall is located at the far end of the village in Fishers Close and is the ideal venue for weddings, business meetings, anniversaries and private parties.

Our well stocked bar and enthusiastic bar staff offer a warm welcome, great service and competitive prices, the bar is open every Friday evening for villagers and their guests to sample our hospitality.

If you are interested in making a private booking or checking availability for a regular group we would love to hear from you using either of the two contact opportunities above and we can always arrange a viewing and answer any questions you might have.

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PE19 1AG

01480 219 317

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Roads, footpaths, street light and general highway problems including signage, report to the Highways Helpdesk:

01234 718003
highways.helpdesk@bedford.gov.uk

Environmental concerns such as dog bins, street cleaning, flytipping, waste collection and graffiti contact:

01234 718060
callcentre@bedford.gov.uk

Dog Warden contact:

01234 718009
ehadmin@bedford.gov.uk

For any other issues please contact the Borough Council and they will advise you as to which department can help.
01234 267422

The Borough Council website provides very useful information on the specific services of the Borough Council and contact details:

www.bedford.gov.uk

If you see a faulty streetlight with a PC number please report it to the Parish Clerk.

For any faults or issues with the graveyard, village green, playing field, jubilee play area, allotments or areas of open space please contact the Parish Clerk.

If you are not sure who is responsible or if you need help or advice with reporting items please contact the Parish Clerk on:

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clerk@greatbarford.org.uk

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Can the Bobby Scheme help you?

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