

# Aylesbury Town matters

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**Front cover image:**  
A flower sculpture arrangement by  
Beverley Russell as part of the display  
for St. Mary's Church Flower Festival  
by St. Mary's Bloomers.  
Photo by Keith Turner

## Welcome Note

Welcome to the tenth issue of Aylesbury Town Matters. As well as including an abridged version of the Town Council's Annual Report, the theme of this issue has been the heritage of Aylesbury, with articles included on the Aylesbury Duck and the Town Council's Armorial Arms.

This summer has seen the launch of the Aylesbury Festival, with many organisations coming together to hold events such as the Roald Dahl Festival and Aylesbury-on-Sea. Look out for reports on all of these events in this and the next issue of Aylesbury Town Matters. Events like these encourage us to engage with and appreciate our Town. Hopefully as the years go by we can continue and improve upon these celebrations, bringing the residents of Aylesbury and beyond together to enjoy themselves.

An article featured in Issue 9 of Aylesbury Town Matters prompted several phone calls from the public eager to update our knowledge and notify us of birds seen in and around Aylesbury. We welcome this input and encourage feedback from you, our readers. With your comments we can improve Aylesbury Town Matters and continue to be a publication that caters for all residents of Aylesbury.

**Cllr Steve Patrick**  
Leader of the Council



Ducks on White Hill,  
Aylesbury in 1901

Last year's Mayor,  
Cllr Mrs Jenny Puddefoot  
at the Green Fair with  
Aylesbury Ducks



Aylesbury Town Council is a member of English Historic Towns Forum and twinned with Bourg-en-Bresse.



Photo by Nathalie Thorne

## Aylesbury Ducks

Wherever I go, when I say I am from Aylesbury, people reply, 'Oh, ducks!' In the town itself, the Aylesbury Duck has lent its name to many public houses and locations. It is central to the heritage of the town.

In the early 1800s almost everybody who lived at the "Duck End" – where Mill Way now runs – bred Aylesbury Ducks. This pure breed is characterized by its pale pink beak, white plumage and bright yellow feet. The pale pink colour of the beak developed because of the grit that they were fed which is characteristic of the Aylesbury area. Sometimes similar ducks with yellow beaks are mistakenly named as Aylesbury ducks but these are in fact a commercial cross between the Aylesbury Duck and the Pekin Duck. Beatrice Potter's foolish but much loved 'Jemima Puddleduck' is based on the breed.

Wealthy people in London provided the main market for the duck trade in the 18th and early 19th centuries and so, before the train line was built in 1839, breeders walked their ducks 40 miles to London. They made overnight stops along the way at inns which had large yards built specifically to house the flocks. In the mornings, once the herders were rested, the ducks would be walked through a cold tarry solution and then sawdust. These 'shoes' protected their feet along the rough road to London.

After a severe outbreak of 'Duck Fever', fowl farming locally went into decline. Recently, however, farmers have made a determined effort to re-establish the breed, and several restaurants in Aylesbury and around the Buckinghamshire area now serve Aylesbury Duck.

**Nathalie Thorne**

This year we are holding Aylesbury Town Council's first Festival and we are celebrating our heritage with a 'duck' theme. We invited local schools and organisations to take part in a friendly competition to decorate a series of glass-fibre ducks.

Aylesbury College, Aylesbury Rugby Club Under 9s Team, Bedgrove Junior School, National Spinal Injuries Centre Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Oak Green School, Matrix Explorer Scouts, Wendover C of E Junior School and William Harding School all agreed to take part and have decorated their ducks in very individual designs.

The decorated duck sculptures are shown here taking the air in the garden of the County Museum, prior to being judged by the Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs P Thorne, on Saturday 12th July at 10.45 am in Kingsbury. After judging, the ducks will be displayed in various venues around the Town along with other artefacts to create a heritage trail.

**Lynn Webb**



Photos by Keith Turner and Nathalie Thorne

## Britain in Bloom

Every year the Royal Horticultural Society holds the 'Britain in Bloom' competition. This encourages towns and villages to take a critical look at their streets, parks and open spaces to see if they are at their best. It usually is the cue for a massive Spring spruce-up operation and this benefits everyone. It gets residents working together, engenders a sense of belonging and encourages feelings of pride in the locality.

Aylesbury is no exception. Early summer is one of the busiest periods for the Town Council. This is the time when plans for floral displays, which have been worked on in the winter, are actually put into action. All our local Councils make their own contributions. The District Council, for example, in addition to ensuring that the parks look glorious, also makes certain that the streets are weed free and clear of litter and graffiti. The County Council works with the Town Council to ensure roadside beds and borders appear tidy and cared for.

Aylesbury is looking really attractive and clean this summer – the flowers on the railings and the big planters, as well as the roundabouts, make people feel they are entering a town that takes pride in itself. It is good for residents and for the economy. The benefits were summed up by numerous visitors and one resident who wrote to the Town Council congratulating them on their achievements. Since this work has been done, one visitor said her family have twice come to Aylesbury to shop at the weekend, instead of Watford or High Wycombe as was previously their habit. She asked for the people responsible to be thanked and congratulated. The Town Council thanks everyone who has helped, and all who deserve credit.





Last year's Proms in the Park. Photo by Ray Ghent

## Forthcoming Events

**Keep these dates in your diary!** The summer may be almost over but the entertainment keeps on coming!

Celebrate in Vale Park on **Saturday 6th September** with **Parklife** during the day. Stay on for evening entertainment with Aylesbury's very own **Proms in the Park**.

Find out interesting facts about Aylesbury's Local Heritage and get the chance to look inside buildings that are normally closed to the public during the **Heritage Open Day on Saturday 13th September**.

Experience traditional Tudor life when the Tudor Fayre comes to Aylesbury Market Square on **Sunday 14th September** to celebrate **Charter Day**.

Bring the children along to **Farmyard Funtime in Kingsbury**, on **Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th October**. Your chance to meet, stroke and feed some baby animals from a local farm.

Celebrate Halloween in style with the **Ghouls and Villains** tour starting at 6.00pm at the Civic Centre on **October 31st**.

Get the Christmas period off to a dazzling start with the **Christmas Lights Switch On in Market Square** on **Thursday 20th November**, and don't forget to come and meet Father Christmas at his parade on **Sunday 23rd November**.

Nathalie Thorne



Singing Plague victim from last year's Tudor Fayre. Photo by Ray Ghent



Last year's Ghouls and Villains tour. Photo courtesy of Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership



Last year's Mayor, Cllr Jenny Puddefoot at the Tudor Fayre. Photo by Ray Ghent

## Freedom Parade



In 1908, the Royal Bucks Hussars came to Aylesbury – a unit of volunteer cavalry, with roots back to the independent Yeomanry troops formed in 1794. Known by several names, lastly the Buckinghamshire Yeomanry (Royal Buckinghamshire Hussars), the Hussar title was lost in the 1918 merger with the Berkshire Yeomanry.

The name was resurrected when, in 2005, the Aylesbury-based Territorial Army signal squadron was given the title 60 (Royal Buckinghamshire Hussars) Signal Squadron.

In 2006, 60 (Royal Buckinghamshire Hussars) Squadron, transferred to 36th (East Anglian) Signal Regiment, Royal Signals, and is located as follows: SHQ, Support and A Troop at Aylesbury, B and C Troop at Bedford.

The unit was formed as an Independent Squadron in July 1999 from E Company, 5th Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets (initially intended to form part of 72 Signal Regiment) and was regimented to 71 (Yeomanry) Signal Regiment in September 2002. Following the TA rebalancing of 2006, the Squadron transferred to 36 (Eastern) Signal Regiment.



*60 (Royal Bucks Hussars) Signal Squadron are given the **FREEDOM** of Aylesbury*



After 100 years, Aylesbury Town Council is delighted to have conferred the Freedom of the Town on the 60 (RBH) Signal Squadron at a ‘drumhead’ service in the Market Square. It underlines the importance given by the Town Council on creating and maintaining links within the community.

All coloured photos courtesy of Maurice Cousins



## Aylesbury Festival '08

As this edition goes to print the Aylesbury Festival has just begun. To help with the promotion of the event Waddesdon C of E School have designed over 50 flags, which can be seen in Friars Square. They are absolutely wonderful and show the amazing design capabilities of the pupils.

The Roald Dahl Festival in conjunction with AVDC opened the event and a great day was had by participants and onlookers alike.



Puppet from Roald Dahl Parade

On 6th July despite a change for the worse in the weather, sports clubs from Aylesbury attended 'Sport Sunday' to promote their organisations. All clubs reported a successful recruiting campaign, with the Aylesbury Ladies Hockey Club finding five new members. *See the next edition of Aylesbury Town Matters for a full report on the Aylesbury Festival '08.*



Waddesdon C of E School in Friars Square Shopping Centre

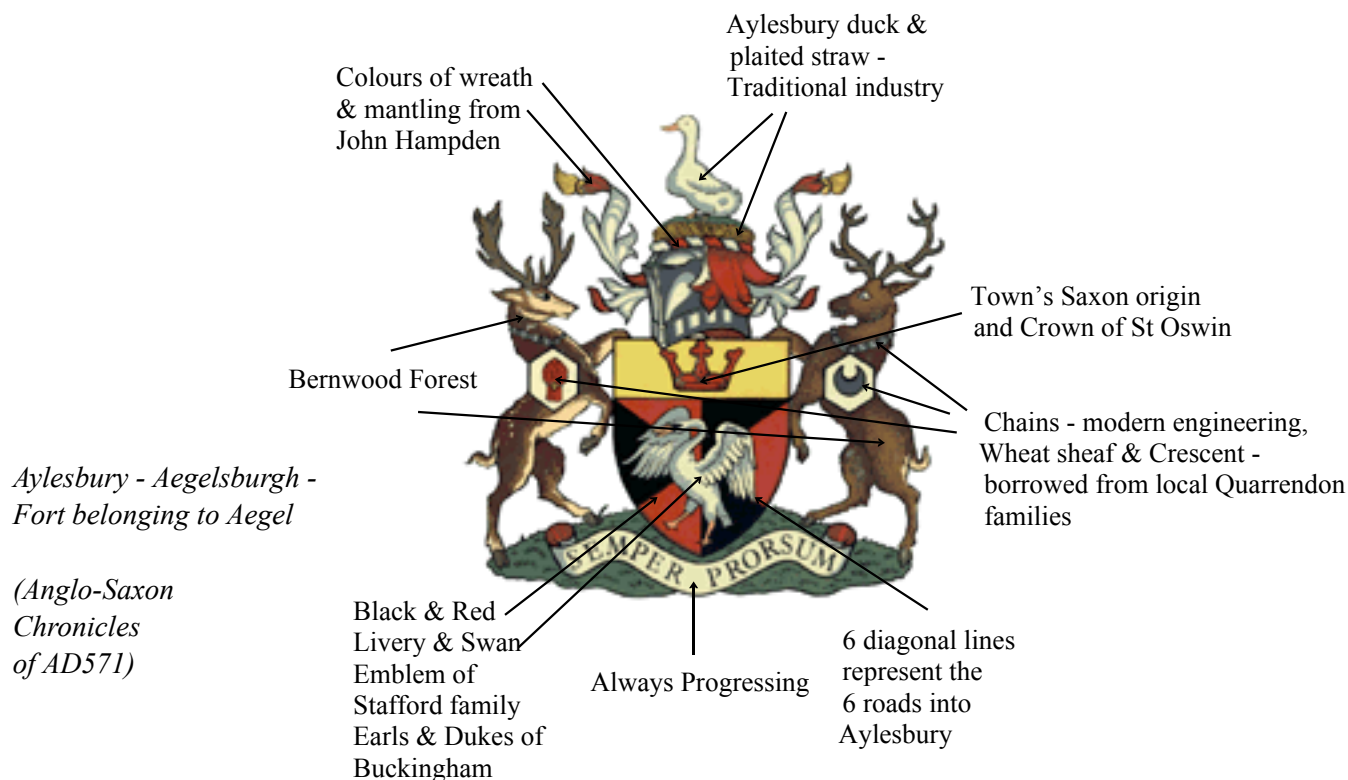


Dancers in Roald Dahl Parade

All Roald Dahl photos courtesy of Maurice Cousins. All other photos courtesy of Ray Ghent

## Aylesbury Town Council Crest

*Designed in 1964 by H.L. Tomlinson Esq. M.A. FHS*



### Quarrendon School

Quarrendon School was officially opened on 13 June 1958 by the Duke of Edinburgh, so it has just entered its 50th year. The school has a proud history and has achieved a great deal over the past half century. It was recently named as the sixth most improved school in the country.

To mark this Golden Anniversary, the Governors and Friends of Quarrendon School will be organising 50 events to celebrate this landmark and make this year a memorable and enjoyable one for everyone connected with the school. The year will end with a Golden Anniversary Celebration Party on 13 June 2009 for all past and current pupils and staff of the school.

Events lined up include an Auction of Promises on 17 October 2008, a Night with Elvis on 29 January 2009 and a 50 Years of Fashion show in May 2009. The Golden Year Organising Committee are looking for help in the planning and organising of these events and would welcome sponsors and support from anyone who has had a connection with the school during the last 50 years.

So far nearly 400 people have contacted the organising committee, from all over the country and as far away as Canada, the USA and South Africa to register an interest in attending the reunion next June. If you or any of your family went to Quarrendon School or if you taught at the school in the last 50 years, the Organising Committee would love to hear from you.

You can contact the committee to register for the reunion, offer help or find out more through the Quarrendon Reunion on Friends Reunited, the Quarrendon 50th Anniversary Group on Facebook, by phone on 07503 473987 or by email at: [kim.quarrendon50@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kim.quarrendon50@hotmail.co.uk)



## Mayoral Events

During May, June and July the Mayor and Deputy Mayor have been attending many functions. This year has been the year for 50th anniversaries, with the 2nd Brownies and the Soroptimists both celebrating. The Mayor attended the Bicentenary of the Napier Company. The Town Mayor's Parlour has also recently had visits from students from Austria and Malawi.

The Mayor has attended several events for her chosen charity, Wheelpower, such as the Tour-de-Vale Bike Ride; the Wheelchair Rugby Championships, where the Mayor presented the winners' medals; and the Archery Grand Prix. In May the TA centre at Viney House was re-dedicated, and in June the Mayor joined in a celebration of 90 years of RAF Halton. On 22nd June the Mayor gave the Freedom of the Town, which allows the troops to march through the town with "bayonets fixed and flags flying", to 60 Squadron Royal Bucks Hussars.

The High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire held a garden party at Stowe House, and Station Commander Richard Gammage held a dinner party at RAF Halton. In addition the Mayor, with County Cllr Val Letheren, officially launched a partnership agreement between ATC and Bucks County Council.

Your Deputy Mayor has also had a busy schedule in the past few months. She has been invited to visit the Chiltern Hills Vintage Vehicle Rally, and also received a visit from the MacMillan Over 40s Bike Ride. The Deputy Mayor attended the Breathe Easy Charity event held in Market Square in late June. She was also able to visit St Edward's School Summer Fayre and the Future Inspirations Fun Day at Alfred Rose Park.

### Nathalie Thorne

Other functions the Mayor attended include:

**AGMs:** BACO; Scouts; Youth Focus Award

**Ceremonies:** Scouts; Aylesbury Business Excellence Awards

**Civic Services:** Fairford Leys Parish Council; Milton Keynes Town Council; Mayor Making at Bicester Town Council; Ellen Margaret De Fraigne Competition; Young Calibre Audio Library Day; Campaign for Change Presentation; Judging at Aylesbury High School.



The Mayor and County Cllr Val Letheren celebrate the signing of the ATC/BCC Partnership Contract  
Photo by Nathalie Thorne



Mayor, Cllr Penni Thorne with students from Malawi  
Photo by Nathalie Thorne



The Mayor re-dedicating the TA Centre at Viney House  
Photo courtesy of Bucks Herald



Cllr Ranjula Takodra with Over 40s Bike Ride  
Photo by Keith Turner



Our Deputy Mayor at the Breathe Easy Charity Event

## Aylesbury's New Police Station!

On Tuesday 8th October 1935 the new Aylesbury police station and constabulary headquarters in Exchange Street were opened by Sir Walter Carlile, Chairman of the Bucks Standing Joint Committee. In his opening address he paid 'a high and well deserved tribute to the efficiency of the County police and said the problem Colonel T R P Warren, the Chief Constable, had tackled had been a stiff one but the work done spoke for itself.'

After the opening ceremony the guests were able to witness the despatching of a message by the aid of the teleprinter from Sir Walter Carlile to the whole of the police in the county, in which he said that in no county in England did there exist a Police Force more united, more efficient, more happy and contented or more loyal to its best traditions.



*The above drawing was specially prepared for The Bucks Herald illustrating the new Aylesbury police station and constabulary headquarters at the junction of Walton Street and Exchange Street Aylesbury.*

The buildings were erected at a total cost of £14,461 by Messrs Webster & Cannon the well-known and reputable Aylesbury based builders and at that time one of the largest in southern England. The design was by C H Riley, the County Architect who had also designed the 1929 County Offices in Walton Street, so it was not surprising that they harmonized. The buildings provided the police with modern and up-to-date facilities including a low-pressure heating and hot water system, which served both main buildings, quite revolutionary at the time, and a major feature of 5 telephone lines connected to the local exchange. The Bucks Herald at the time said 'they provide the police with modern and up-to-date buildings equipped with all the latest and scientific apparatus where police administration can be conducted in an efficient manner.' The complex comprised of the county constabulary headquarters and recreation club; Aylesbury local Police Station, with attached Inspector's house and accommodation for four single constables; and Superintendent's house. It is also interesting to note that the level of the ground floors of the new buildings were identical with those of the basement of the County Offices so that it would be possible to link up the two buildings if required at any time in the future.

The buildings today are now redundant and surplus to police needs. The site is up for sale and could be demolished to make way for a new office development adding yet another sad loss of Aylesbury's 1930's heritage.

**Roger King**



Current ATA members

## Aylesbury Twinning Association

David Mummery, one-time Chairman of the Wendover Twinning Association, has accepted the chair of the newly reformed Aylesbury Twinning Association (ATA). He has a nucleus of a team consisting of Claudia Brackenbury, Sheila Page, Tim Crapper, Jackie Jarvis and the support of the Town Councillors. ATA are actively looking for just a few more people to join the team and if you are interested please email David or Claudia at: [aylesburytwinning@googlemail.com](mailto:aylesburytwinning@googlemail.com)

ATA was born in 2000, but for various reasons, went into decline in 2006. The new committee is now putting in place foundations to ensure that this time a vibrant and sustainable organisation is created that will bring together Aylesbury and Bourg-en-Bresse and potentially other towns around the world.

Membership of the Association is open to anyone in the area, including clubs and societies. Some schools already participate in exchanges with their counterparts from France, and we are looking for clubs and societies that would be interested in participating in cultural, economic, friendship and other activities. Knowledge of the French language is not important – just the desire to enjoy life to the full.

Bourg-en-Bresse can be accessed from Geneva and Lyon airports and travel there can easily be undertaken in less than a day with the fast train service from St Pancras. It used to be a small market town but has grown to become average-sized with a strong rural culture and a trading tradition. It is well-known for its tradition of the Bressan art of cooking, particularly chickens. It publishes an English guide to the town and its surroundings.

In April 2008 the Town Mayor at the time, Cllr Mrs Jenny Puddefoot, visited Bourg-en-Bresse with the Town Clerk to welcome 19 year-old Fred Clarke who cycled 500 miles between Aylesbury and Bourg-en-Bresse for charity. Whilst there, positive initial links were made in order to rekindle the town twinning.

## Clean and tidy: removing the rubbish



Visitors to Aylesbury often comment on how very clean the town is. The general absence of litter and graffiti contributes to our pride of place and feeling of satisfaction with our Town. Aylesbury Town Council, Aylesbury Vale District Council and Bucks County Council share the credit for our sparklingly clean Town. Figures for 2007/08 show that during the year we recycled 13,350.44 tons of rubbish, or 21.32% of the total;

- We composted 685.46 tons of green and food waste, or 1.15% of the total.
- By sweeping the streets we removed 1273.01 tons of rubbish.
- We collected 360.03 tons from litter bins, and we retrieved 422.69 tons of material that had been fly-tipped.
- The Town Council supplies about 500 litter and dog bins.

We are particularly proud of the fact that we collect 56 tons of dog mess each year. Five years ago, before we began our big drive to clean up the town, all this mess was deposited in the streets. The fact that it is now deposited in bins and collected twice a week is a significant contribution to public health.

### Local Bird Update

After our feature on local birds seen around Aylesbury in the last issue of Aylesbury Town Matters, we had several phone calls from Aylesbury residents eager to update our records.

Mrs White from Long Crendon called to say that many of the birds mentioned in the article under the list headings of 'occasionally' or 'rarely seen' came quite often to her garden, including Magpies, Jays, Jackdaws and Rooks. Even more exciting was her news that birds such as Bullfinches, Greater-Spotted Woodpeckers and Green Woodpeckers regularly visit her garden.

As an amendment to the last article, we would like to state that the Red Kite should have been under the 'regularly seen' category.

Nathalie Thorne



For details of events at Bucks County Museum Tel: 01296 331441, The King's Head Tel: 01296 7188

## SEPTEMBER

5	Sleeping Dogs	Queens Park Centre	
5	Comedy Club	Civic Centre	8.00pm
6	Open Mic Night	Queens Park Centre	
6	Parklife	Vale Park	Afternoon
6	Proms in the Park	Vale Park	7.30pm
12	Aylesbury Comedy Club	Queens Park Centre	
13	Heritage Open Day	Town Centre/Cemetery	10.30am - 4.00pm
14	Charter Day – Tudor Fayre	Market Square	11.00am - 4.00pm
19	The Blues Pack	Queens Park Centre	
20	Jason Manford	Civic Centre	8.00pm
20	Magic Dave	Civic Centre	
20	At-Ma	Queens Park Centre	
26	Jigsaw Theatre Group	Queens Park Centre	
27	Foals	Civic Centre	
27	Tiny Tin Lady	Queens Park Centre	
28	Little Toby Walker	Queens Park Centre	

## OCTOBER

3	Arada Guitar Duo	Queens Park Centre	
4	An Evening with The Blowers	Civic Centre	8.00pm
4	Rockin' on Heaven's Door	Civic Centre	8.00pm
4	Open Mic Night	Queens Park Centre	
3	Comedy Club	Civic Centre	8.00pm
10	Georgia Mancio & her quartet	Queens Park Centre	
11	Flanders & Swann	Queens Park Centre	
16	The Motown Show	Civic Centre	8.00pm
17	Carvin Jones Band (USA)	Queens Park Centre	
18	Freddie Starr	Civic Centre	8.00pm
18	Noisy Oyster & the Da Silva Marionette Circus Troupe	Civic Centre	2.00pm
18	JUMP	Queens Park Centre	
19	Sunday Special Workshops	Queens Park Centre	
12	Richard Digance	Civic Centre	8.00pm
20	Wrestling	Civic Centre	7.30pm
21	Farmers' Market & Activities	Market Square	9.00am - 2.00pm
24	Gig Night	Queens Park Centre	

# THEATRE EVENTS

## December 2008

Panorama of Aylesbury. Photo courtesy of Ray Ghent

12, The Civic Centre Tel: 01296 486009, Limelight Theatre Queens Park Art Centre Tel: 01296 424332

25	4 Poofs and a Piano	Civic Centre	8.00pm
25	Farmyard Funtime	Kingsbury	11.00am - 4.00pm
26	Farmyard Funtime	Kingsbury	11.00am - 4.00pm
28	Vienna Festival Ballet – Tchaikovsky Gala	Civic Centre	7.30pm
29	A Smart Attack of Art with CBeebies Mike Amatt	Civic Centre	
31	Ghouls and Villains	Civic Centre	(meet) 6.00pm

### NOVEMBER

1	Open Mic Night	Queens Park Centre	
1	Halloween Club Night	Civic Centre	8.30pm
4	Carols for Everyone	Civic Centre	
7	Comedy Club	Civic Centre	8.00pm
8	Art & Craft Fair	Queens Park Centre	
9	Kate Rusby	Civic Centre	7.30pm
14	Antje Duvokot	Queens Park Centre	
15	Belly Dancing Showcase	Queens Park Centre	
20	Dominic Kirwan	Civic Centre	8.00pm
20	Christmas Lights Switch On	Market Square	5.30pm - 7.30pm
21	Aynsley Lister Band	Queens Park Centre	
22	European Arts Co.	Queens Park Centre	
23	Father Christmas Parade		
28	Aylesbury Comedy Club	Queens Park Centre	
29	Redladder Theatre Co.	Queens Park Centre	
30	Table Top Sale	Queens Park Centre	

### DECEMBER

5	Robert Fowler	Queens Park Centre	
5	Comedy Club	Civic Centre	
6	Open Mic Night	Queens Park Centre	
11 - 4th Jan	Cinderella	Civic Centre	Various times
12	Gig Night	Queens Park Centre	
13	QPC Christmas Gig	Queens Park Centre	
18	Christmas Carol Fest	Market Square	6.30pm
19	Ritous Brothers	Queens Park	
20	Limelight Christmas Party	Queens Park Centre	
13 - 14	Ice skating	Kingsbury	10.00am - 4.00pm
31	New Year's Eve Night Club	Civic Centre	



## ATC's grants awarded in June/July 2008

Deputy Mayor, Cllr Ranjula Takodra awards £1000 to SPACE of St Mary's Church. Photo taken by Keith Turner

**Young Deaf Activities Club** was set up to empower socially isolated profoundly deaf children and young people to communicate by sign language. Funding was requested towards running Easter & Summer Play-schemes. ATC awarded £1,750.

**Young Carers** are holding a Fun Day & BBQ at Halton Camp for carers and their families. Funding was needed towards face painters, people with circus skills, bouncy castles and catering. £1,050 was granted.

The newly formed **IAS Cricket Club** requested funding towards purchasing new kit, playing field expenses and fees for leagues. The Club will benefit mainly youngsters from Southcourt, Walton Court and Hawkslade Estate. £1,393 was awarded.

A new kitchen is to be installed at the **1st Aylesbury Scout Group** hut. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will learn how to eat healthily and cook simple meals in a safe and clean environment. £1,142 was granted.

**Youth Concern – The Uptown Coffee Bar** is a drop-in centre for young people between the ages of 13 - 25 years. They cater for 50 - 90 youngsters in an informal atmosphere, offering friendship and counselling. A grant was needed towards providing a programme of free positive activities during the summer holidays. £1,000 was awarded.

**Youth for Christ** - After last year's success they are again staging a one day cricket event for all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Youth for Christ run six Youth Cafés within Aylesbury and up to 600 young people attend. £500 was awarded.



Deputy Mayor, Cllr Ranjula Takodra awards Future Inspirations a grant of £1000



Cllr Mark Willis awards Aylesbury & Buckingham Alzheimer's Society a grant of £1000

*Photographs are of grants awarded and reported in the last issue (Issue 9) of Aylesbury Town Matters.*

## Aylesbury Town Council 2007/8

### Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended : 31 March 2008

31st March 2007		31st March 2008
	<b>Income Summary</b>	
640,811	Precept	666,059
<u>640,811</u>	Sub Total	<u>666,059</u>
	<b>Operating Income</b>	
12,250	Administration	42,713
	Office expenses	44,290
	Capital Reserves	907,273
6,808	Allotments	7,402
	Environment	5,725
1,000	Roundabouts	6,254
29	Events Sub-Committee	0
	Cemetery	156,068
<u>660,898</u>	Total Income	<u>1,835,784</u>
	<b>Running Costs</b>	
124,581	Administration	235,593
94,719	Office Expenses	141,661
39,834	Mayoral Expenses	29,408
1,019	Functions	1,208
0	Capital Reserves	897,832
22,748	Grants	29,697
69,604	Allotments	63,648
57,217	Environment	110,019
0	Miscellaneous	38
14,458	Roundabouts	11,701
74,291	Events	71,593
29,910	Partnership Projects	31,646
20,925	Planning	17,001
82,168	Cemetery Management	193,394
<u>631,475</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>1,834,438</u>
	<b>General Fund Analysis</b>	
£152,576	Opening Balance	181,999
660,898	Plus : Income for Year	1,835,784
<u>813,474</u>		<u>2,017,783</u>
631,475	Less : Expenditure for Year	1,834,438
<u>181,999</u>		<u>183,345</u>
£0	Transfers TO / FROM Reserves	0
<u>181,999</u>	Closing Balance	<u>183,345</u>

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL, 01 APRIL 2007 TO 31 MARCH 2008**

**THE TOWN MAYOR:** Cllr Mrs Jenny Puddefoot was elected Town Mayor for the Municipal year 2007/2008. During her year of office it is estimated that she attended approximately 230 events, functions etc.

**MEETINGS:** All meetings of the Town Council and its Committees and Sub-Committees are open to the public. Dates and times are advertised, on the Town Council's website and displayed in the Library and on local notice boards. Members of the public are invited to address Councillors at the beginning of meetings. The Town Council meets monthly, on the second Thursday of each month.

**COMMITTEES:** Grants, (Chair, Cllr Willis); Personnel & Appointments (Chair, Cllr Mrs Thorne); Planning & Licensing (Chair, Cllr Mitchell); Committee structures and membership are reviewed annually.

**WORKING GROUPS:** Allotments (Cllr Mrs F Roberts); Environment (Cllr Willis); Events (Cllr Ghent); Finance (Cllr Smith); Speakers (Cllr Patrick); Transfer & Maintenance of Assets (Cllr Patrick). Each Group reports frequently to full Council. The Council reviews the membership of Groups annually. Council, Committees and Working Groups held between them about 200 meetings in the course of the year.

**ADMINISTRATION:** The Town Council's office is located in the Town Hall at 5, Church Street, Aylesbury and is staffed by Margaret Wagstaffe, Town Clerk & Resp. Finance Officer; Shirley Francis, Deputy Town Clerk; Keith Turner, Development Officer; David Cooper, Cemetery Manager; Roger King, Senior Administrator; Pat Phillips, Celia McCreay, and Lynn Webb, Administrative Assistants; Kayleigh Wiltshire, Trainee Admin. Assistant. Additionally, for outdoor maintenance, the Council employs Graham Robinson; Alan Hill; Robert Taft; Chris Barlow; Steve Self; Paul Neal. During the year due to re-organisation and implementation of improved procedures it was possible to reduce office staff hours by 15%. Also usage of office space was reduced by 15% and space released rented out for £6,500 pa.

**TOWN COUNCIL FINANCES:** The Town Council receives the majority of its funding from the Council Tax, with the remainder coming from allotment rents; devolved services and some commercial sponsorship. In the financial year 2007 – 2008 the Town Council's precept was £640,811. The total Council Tax for a 'D' band

household was £1,377pa. Of this, £975 was given to Bucks County Council; £121 was retained by Aylesbury Vale District Council; £52 was kept by AVDC for Aylesbury 'Special Expenses' (ie, parks, leisure and sports centres and facilities etc); £53 went to Bucks and Milton Keynes Fire Authority and £139 went to Thames Valley Police. **An average of £37 from each household was given to Aylesbury Town Council.** The Town Council's income and expenditure is approved by full Council each month. The Town Council retains an independent Internal Auditor (as required by current legislation). An annual external audit is also conducted by Hacker Young, Chartered Accountants (appointed by the Audit Commission). A Precept of £953,404 will be raised for the financial year 2008/2009.

### **COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR**

**ALLOTMENTS:** All allotment contracts, rules and regulations have been audited and updated where necessary and the administration of such improved. Throughout the year the Council has continued to improve all sites. Groups from other Councils have visited Aylesbury Allotments in order to see best practice in operation. The process of re-mapping and re-marking plots continues. Risk Assessments and Health and Safety audits have been undertaken of all sites and remedial work carried out where required. Managed biodiversity has been introduced to all six sites with bat and bird boxes put up where appropriate. Peripheries of sites are maintained on a three year cycle which provides the maximum facility for wild life. Occupancy levels of plots remain high. In practice, (once currently non-viable plots are removed from the equation) all allotment sites are more or less full, with a waiting list in the region of 150. It is estimated that approximately 30 additional plots could be put into commission if remedial work was carried out. This could include the installation of raised beds where the ground is unworkable. With great regret the Council had to advise 50% of the plot holders on the Tring Road site that their current plots would be rescinded due to the need to extend the Aylesbury Cemetery. It is still not clear what Bucks C.C. will agree to in terms of carrying out an archaeological dig of the area and the timing of such.

**EVENTS:** Footfall research has clearly demonstrated that events double and sometimes treble the number of people visiting the Town centre at weekends. This helps support the retail economy and keep the Town vibrant. 2007/08



saw a further increase in activities provided by Aylesbury Town Council through the Events Working Group. St. George's Day was celebrated in April with traditional English entertainments, such as Maypole dancing, a re-enactment of St George battling with the dragon etc. Next day the Scouts paraded through the Town to St Mary's Church where they renewed their 'Promise'. The Royal Green Jackets were amalgamated with The Rifles Regiment and to celebrate this The Royal Green Jackets, in conjunction with the Town Council organised the Parade and Church Service to commemorate this event. This took place on Sunday, 17th June. On 8th July a 'garden party' was held in the grounds of Prebendal House to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the election to Parliament of John Wilkes as MP for Aylesbury. On 15th July the Town Council held its 'Aylesbury-on-Sea' event. Samia Smith, star of Coronation Street was a very popular attraction. In September, the Town Council exhibited at Bucks County Show. Proms in the Park took place on 1st September and was a partnership venture with AVDC's Park Life. Heritage Day was held on Saturday, 8th September in which Tring Road Cemetery and Chapel were open to the public. A heritage tour of the Old Town of Aylesbury was led by Keith Turner. The following day Aylesbury's annual Charter Day celebrations were held in Market Square. The increasingly popular Ghouls & Villains entertainment was held on Wednesday, 31st October. The annual Carol Concert took place in Market Square on Thursday, 20th December. The evening was 'compered' by Mix 96. Donations went to Stoke Mandeville Hospital and the Florence Nightingale Hospice. A Charity Concert, candlelit procession and Christmas Carols rounded off the year's activities.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The Group worked alongside Transfer & Maintenance of Assets to agree a strategy for greening the Town Hall. Double-glazed windows have been fitted, new 90%+ efficient boilers have been installed and 60 photovoltaic solar energy cells mounted on the roof of the Town Hall. These cells produce sufficient electricity for the Town Hall building. Surplus electricity will be exported to the national grid, earning Aylesbury Ratepayers approximately £1000 pa. Funding for the photovoltaic solar energy cells came partly through a Government grant and partly from a seven year interest free loan from Bucks County Council. These are internal measures which have little immediate impact on the people of the Town we serve, but which will save on revenue in the long run and will reduce the carbon footprint of the Town. On Sunday, 13th April Aylesbury Town Council held its first Green Fair ever in the Market Square. This was a good opportunity for anyone wanting to learn about new sustainable buildings technology, energy conservation and carbon footprint reduction. Aylesbury Town Council

mounted an exhibition with displays which covered a wide range of alternative technologies, renewable resources and 'low carbon footprint' products. During the year floral displays around the Town Centre and further afield were increased significantly. The Town Council believes that the Town Centre should be as attractive as possible in a period of economic difficulty and with the on-going rebuilding of the Town. The highlight of the annual Aylesbury in Bloom competition was the entry of planted pots from local infant schools. These were displayed around the War Memorial. The Town entered 'Britain in Bloom' for the second year running. Once again a silver award was achieved. The Royal Horticultural Society's national 'Bloomin' Marvellous' discretionary award was given to Aylesbury's 'Riverside Walk'. In September ATC organised a spring bulb project to plant bulbs at the entrances to the Town. ATC has ongoing outreach programs with local schools and other groups, and a number of projects have been undertaken to educate youngsters about their environment and the care of it. An improvement plan is being produced by a pond expert, for Walton Pond and will be put into action by the end of 2008. A Community Speedwatch Initiative has been launched, and the appropriate equipment has been purchased by the Town Council. Under the scheme, local groups can use this equipment to assess the speed of cars in their area. A major step forward in joint working arrangements with the County Council has been achieved this year.

**FINANCE:** The original 2007/08 budget passed by Council in January 2007 provided for income and expenditure for the year to be broadly equal. Since then, a number of significant changes to the finances have occurred as a result of the following events and decisions. Firstly the transfer of the Cemetery from AVDC to ATC in June 2007. Prior to the transfer information about running costs and revenues was not fully available. Secondly the decision of Council to buy the building at 5 Church Street and become the landlord to its other tenants. There is no doubt that in the long term this will save the council significant sums of money. In the first year, however, as well as generating some new rental income for the council there were costs involved with the initial purchase. Thirdly, the agreement to enter a partnership with Bucks CC for the better maintenance of highways and open spaces in the Town. A revised budget was passed by Council in August 2007, anticipating a final expenditure around £72,000 ahead of income at 31 March 2008. The actual outcome was £73,000 ahead of income. This shows that the Town Council rapidly adjusted to the financial implications of its new responsibilities and was able to budget accurately for its new service commitments. With the Cemetery transfer came a substantial transfer of

balances from AVDC, a significant part of which has been invested in improvements to the Cemetery and provision for the expected demands on it from all sections of our community over the next few years

**GRANTS:** During 2007 – 2008 £30,000 was distributed to various groups and organisations in Aylesbury. Details of these grants have appeared in Aylesbury Town Matters each quarter. A full list can be obtained from the Town Council.

**PERSONNEL & APPOINTMENTS:** The committee met regularly over the year to oversee the current staff complement of 15 and requisite remuneration. The complement of office staff has remained static during the year, although two staff have changed their hours and one member was recruited to fill a vacancy. Additional labour has been taken on to cope with services devolved to the Town Council by BCC. The Council offers two trainee positions: one administrative and one on the outdoor maintenance team. These positions have a set training programme. Other staff members are offered training relevant to their needs. Appraisals are carried out annually and staff are given an opportunity to discuss any issues with a senior member of staff. The Council's personnel policies have been reviewed and updated to comply with statutory requirements and to ensure the Council's needs are met. Policies are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that the Council is up to date with regulations.

**PLANNING:** The Planning and Licensing Committee met 24 times, considered over 600 planning applications and responded to all general consultations from AVDC, AVA and BCC. During the year the Council participated in public consultation by AVDC on the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy and Aylesbury Allocated Sites. ATC comments have in many cases led to better decisions being made. The Committee commented on planning applications for major developments at the Gatehouse Quarter, Prebendal House, Aston Clinton Road Business Park, a second site adjacent to Stoke Mandeville Hospital, various phases of Weedon Hill, and sites on the Oxford Road – Big Hand Mo's, and former Territorial Army land. The Committee continues to be particularly watchful of developments for infill and back garden land; poorly-designed conversions of single houses into flats and/or bed-sits and proposals with shortcomings regarding health and safety, building regulations and environmental health. We have continued to object to unsympathetic proposals for alterations to buildings in the Town conservation area, inappropriate signage and to the further proliferation of take-aways in or near the centre, particularly where the loss of shop premises was involved. We made detailed, mainly critical comments on the Warner Estates proposals for the

Waterside development following two presentations to the Town Council. Similar views of the proposals were expressed by the Old Town Residents Association, the Aylesbury Society, and many residents of the Town; and this has resulted in a rethink by the developer and AVDC. Regarding licensing, the number of applications is now very few. The Committee objected to the extension of licensing hours to 3am at a number of premises, but were unsuccessful, and longer hours were granted.

#### **REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**2007 – 2008:** When created in 2002 this Council spent time clarifying its aims and objectives as a local authority. Members believe that local services are best, most efficiently, sensitively and cost effectively delivered by local people. I am pleased to report that we have already reached many of our goals. A new 'Vision Day' is to be held in June 2008 to take stock of our current situation and to set new targets. We have specifically achieved our aim of giving good value for money to our ratepayers. This year the Town Council can report, yet again, that it has received an excellent report from the Audit Commission. The Council's performance in all its areas of activity has been faultless. Another of our stated aims was to acquire assets and deliver services. Last year we purchased the Town Hall and took ownership and management of the Cemetery.

In order to facilitate the continued expansion of its portfolio, at a Meeting of the full Council held Thursday 10 January 2008 Aylesbury Town Council decided its budget for the financial year April 2008 to April 2009. The increased cost to a 'D' band householder will be 20p per week. The extra 20p will permit the Town Council to double the total grants available for the local community, supporting the volunteers who look after the very young, the elderly, the disabled and the disadvantaged. This extra funding will pay for a programme to enhance the quality of street furniture, particularly in Kingsbury and the Market Square. The Town Council is increasing its funding for Britain in Bloom to improve the quantity and quality of floral displays around the Town. In a jointly funded programme with Bucks County Council, more landscaping and environment work will be undertaken to renovate the Centre, and flower beds and shrubberies and gardens will all be spruced up. This should help to encourage shoppers and visitors from elsewhere to continue to come to Aylesbury at a time when they might easily be put off, due to extensive parts of Town being under reconstruction. The Town Council plays a very full part in supporting the local economy to protect services, jobs and property values, and in ensuring that Aylesbury is seen to be a great place to be.

**TRANSFER OF ASSETS:** In May 2007 ATC was advised that the building it rented was being auctioned on 21st May. At that time ATC had signed a full repairing lease until 2020 and was paying £33,000 per annum, with rent reviews every five years. The rest of the building was leased out to a number of businesses and was generating a further £25,884 per annum. At the Annual meeting of the Town Council dated 11th May it was agreed that the Town Clerk pursue the purchase of the building. Potential for borrowing at commercial rates and through the Public Works Loan Board was explored and surveyors were instructed to provide basic building and valuation reports. In tandem a business case was developed including a survey of the local office and commercial property market. Potential cashflows and costs were evaluated. A special Council was convened and agreed that the Town Clerk could negotiate the purchase of the premises up to a price of £750,000. The owners agreed this purchase price and withdrew from auction. A down payment of £35,000 was paid and a loan of £715,000 obtained from the Public Works Loan Board at a fixed rate of 5% over 30.5 years. Purchase costs amounted to £37,000, mainly made up of £30,000 stamp duty. It is estimated that ATC will save costs to ratepayers of approximately £1 million over the period of the loan.

Since purchase ATC accommodation has been reorganised and an additional office let to tenants for a further £6,500 per annum. The Council chamber has been remodelled and the building brought up to current building regulation standards. It now provides a more usable space which is being utilised by a number of local organisations. Most of the work on the building was carried out by the Council's Direct Labour force at times when the men were unable to work outdoors because of seriously adverse weather. Also much of the material used (for example, timber, light fittings etc) was recycled. This was therefore a very cost-effective exercise.

**Cemetery:** ATC acquired Aylesbury Cemetery from AVDC on June 1st 2007. Since that date significant improvements have been made. These have included the installation of a permanent yard with attendant storage, the building of new mausoleum, the introduction of columbaria, new fencing and planting, new notice boards, new waste bins etc. Shortly after the transfer of the Cemetery from AVDC it was found that the remaining area of unused land which AVDC had stated would afford eight years burial space was in fact traversed by a watercourse which meant much of it could not be used for burials. This reduced future capacity to four years. ATC decided to call into use land adjoining the Cemetery which had been purchased during the 1930s by the then Borough Council specifically to provide room for an extension. The land

had been used in the interim as non-statutory allotments. Some resistance to the change of use was offered by tenants but eventually a way forward was negotiated.

#### **OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS: Litter and Dog Hygiene Bins; Notice Boards.**

The Town Council has maintained its funding programme for the installation, repair and servicing of dog hygiene bins through the Town. Members recognised the continuing need for this facility and the Town Council currently provides about 500 litter and dog hygiene bins. During the year a fresh inventory was taken of litter bins in the Town Centre and the Council has replaced all but a few bins within the Aylesbury "Hub" with good quality 'Heritage' bins which are felt to be more in keeping with the historic market Town tradition of Aylesbury. Additional green bins have been installed in new sites where requested and existing damaged litter bins replaced. The Town Council has 11 notice boards, one in each Ward at the following locations: Haydon Hill Community Centre; Quarrendon & Meadowcroft Community Centre; Alfred Rose Community Centre; Parton Road Shops (right hand side, approached from Tring Road) Bedgrove Community Centre; Harvey Road shops; Southcourt Community Centre; Walton Court Community Centre; Prebendal Road Community Centre; Rowland Way. The notice board for Aylesbury Central is currently un-sited and a new location for the board is being pursued. The notice boards have two separate, lockable, sides: local organisations are able to publicise their events, etc on the one side and the Town Council utilises the other for Notices, etc. An inspection revealed that all the notice-boards had suffered considerable wear and tear. These have now all been replaced with notice boards manufactured from recycled plastic. New boards have been erected on all allotment sites. These are used mainly for allotment information but also to publicise ATC events.

**FUTURE PLANS:** The Town Council is now fully equipped to deliver a range of environmental and community services and to this end the Council has been in discussion with Bucks CC and AVDC concerning future devolution of services to the Town Council. This process is expected to accelerate during 2008-2009. The Council has adopted an Environmental Policy to resonate with the aspirations of the Principal Councils in making Aylesbury a greener and healthier place to live. The Council has obtained Quality Status for enhanced credence and to increase the Townspeople's awareness of and confidence in its work and worth.

Apart from that, as before, every opportunity will be taken to seek representation on, and consultative rights

with, other bodies and potential partners to better enable the Town Council to achieve and sustain its objectives. The Council will act to ensure that the Townspeople's wishes are respected in the implementation of the Local Development Framework and the Strategic Plans which govern the continuing development of Aylesbury. The Council will continue to encourage and buttress the efforts of voluntary and community groups in their contribution to the quality of life for Aylesbury's diverse population.

Members will seek to promote the Town at every opportunity. They will encourage the local economy by holding public events and festivities in the Town Centre. They will contribute financially to the street entertainment provided by Aylesbury Vale District Council. They will underpin the success of all events by publicising the work of the Town Centre Management Partnership, through their quarterly magazine and their website, and through attracting visitors to the Town by the creation of an official Town Guide.

Aylesbury will once again be entered in the "Thames and Chilterns in Bloom" regional heat of the Royal Horticultural society's "Britain in Bloom" annual competition. This is to continue to develop civic pride and enhance Aylesbury's attractiveness to visitors and potential investors, and increase the enjoyment for residents of their Town.

The Council will celebrate the diversity of Aylesbury's Townspeople and will continue to work towards harmonious integration and equal opportunities for all.

Finally the Council will continue their efforts to enhance the contentment and quality of life in all its aspects for all residents through helping the work of the Principal Councils in their efforts to drive regeneration and sustainable development in Aylesbury.

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Margaret Wagstaffe, Town Clerk



## Make the most of your energy

If you have little or no insulation in your home, up to 40p in every £1 of heat you pay for could be escaping before you feel warm. Being energy efficient can cut as much as £250 off your annual energy bill and reduce your household's carbon dioxide emissions by around two tonnes. Here's how you can start saving:

### 1. Look for the logo

Buy Energy Saving Recommended electrical appliances. These are amongst the most efficient in their class. Using them could save you up to £37 a year.

### 2. Switch to energy saving light bulbs

Energy saving light bulbs last around 10 times longer and come in a range of styles. Each bulb you fit will save up to £60 on electricity over the bulb's lifetime.

### 3. Fit loft insulation

Installing 275mm of loft insulation could reduce your heating bills by a healthy £110 a year. This remains one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to save energy.

### 4. Insulate wall cavities

Around 33% of the heat lost in an uninsulated house escapes through the walls. Each year cavity wall insulation will trim your heating bills by about £90.

### 5. Give your home an energy health check

Still not sure which are your home's weak spots? Why not complete a Home Energy Check.

For more free, impartial advice call the Energy Saving Trust's local advice centre free on **0800 512 012**. Act on CO<sub>2</sub> and start saving today.



## Support Aylesbury Town Centre

Aylesbury, like everywhere else, is feeling the pinch as a result of the down-turn in the global economy. However, residents can do their bit to support the Town by shopping in Aylesbury.

By spending your money in Aylesbury rather than another town, you will drive up demand for goods, which will result in higher turnover, leading to more employment and our current retail businesses will thrive.

A vibrant town will encourage new businesses and more visitors.



The Town Council has been working extremely hard during the past three years to make the Town Centre an attractive place to visit by putting on a variety of free events that will attract all members of the community.

The Council has also installed a number of flowering tubs on road islands and troughs on railings. It has increased the number of hanging baskets and landscaped and improved flowering beds on roundabouts in and around the town. Litter bins have been introduced in the centre of town, replacing the old ones with a new, high-quality heritage design, in order to make it an attractive and tidy place to visit.

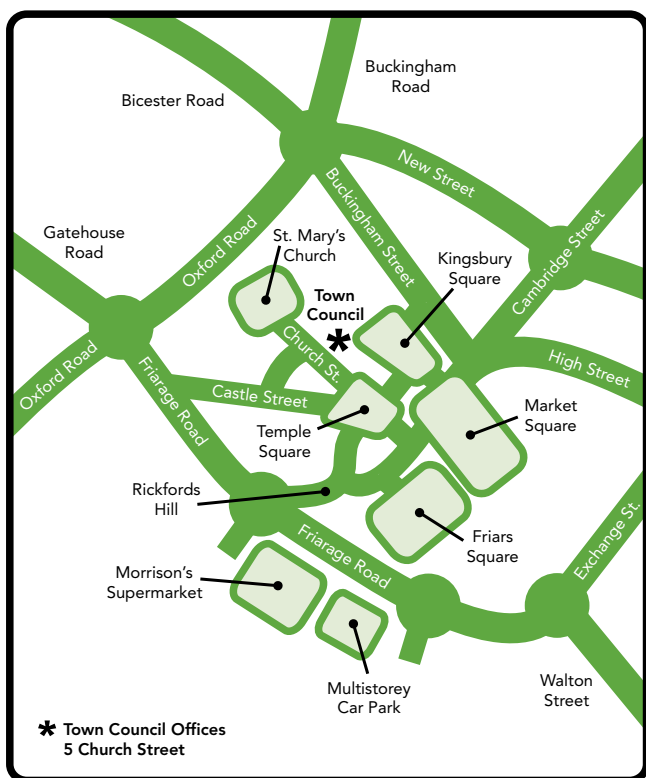
Also the Town Council is asking residents to be patient while the new Southcourt Bridge is being erected. This will cause disruptions, but when completed it will bring many improvements and easier access to the town.

Before you plan your shopping trip to another town, please consider shopping in your home town first. Aylesbury needs your support if it is to thrive.

**Shirley Francis**  
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If you would like to come in and see us, go to Church Street in the Old Town. Bucks County Museum is our next door neighbour, at number 3 Church Street. We are through the archway at number 5 Church Street and once you have walked through the archway our door is directly facing you.

If you have an issue or problem you would like to discuss, do please call in to see us. You will be very welcome!

**Margaret Wagstaffe**

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