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## Mayoral Awards *Do you know someone outstanding?*



Cllr. Mrs Penni Thorne

Every year the Aylesbury Town Mayor makes a series of awards in recognition of outstanding individuals or groups. The awards are given for service to Aylesbury Town Residents, or to a person or persons who have performed an unusual act of bravery, or for an outstanding achievement, a commitment to public service or an act beyond the call of duty for fellow citizens of the town in general.

If you know of anyone who, you feel, deserves special recognition, Mayor Cllr Mrs Penni Thorne would love to hear from you. If you do wish to make a nomination, please contact Mayoral Assistant Mrs Celia McCrea on 01296 425678 and she will be delighted to talk you through the process.

Margaret Wagstaffe, Town Clerk

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Aylesbury. Photo by Roger King.

## Welcome Note

Welcome to the 11th issue of 'Aylesbury Town Matters'. Christmas and New Year will soon be here and Aylesbury is getting into the seasonal swing. Between them, the Town Council, the Town Centre Partnership and the District Council have put together a programme of free events that should provide some entertainment and festive sparkle for all our residents, and we hope you will come along and join in the fun. (See *What's On*, centre page and back page for further details).

It has been a very busy year for the Town Council. Our efforts to make the town as attractive as possible have been rewarded with a stream of letters and emails from residents and visitors alike, telling us how uplifting people found our hanging baskets, troughs, roundabouts and other floral offerings. Economies of scale and a superb 'good-will' deal with our suppliers, 'Windowflowers', made these displays possible. In these gloomy days of economic worry, it is good to have blossoms everywhere to give us feel-good opportunities when we are out and about.

In this issue we have taken a look back over 2008. We have included a selection of pictures from our entry to the Royal Horticultural Society's annual 'Britain in Bloom' competition, to show everyone why we have been awarded the prestigious 'Silver Gilt' certificate. There are illustrations showing the most attractive of our roundabout displays. These show why, when in competition with lovely towns like Banbury, Marlow, Henley and Windsor, we were awarded the title of 'Best Roundabouts' for a town of our size, in the whole of the South East of England. We have also included a retrospective of some of the events held in the town this spring, summer and autumn by the Town Council.

As always, we enjoy receiving your feedback, so please keep those letters, emails and phone calls coming.

Residents of Aylesbury can rest assured that their Town Council will continue to work on their behalf throughout 2009 to make Aylesbury a brilliant place to live, work or visit. And finally, members and staff of the Town Council would like to wish all our residents and visitors a very happy holiday and a prosperous New Year.

Cllr Steve Patrick  
Leader of the Council

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

## ATC Grants - September 2008

**Aylesbury Hospital Radio** entertains the patients and staff at Stoke Mandeville Hospital as well as informing them of events in and outside the hospital. The staff collect music requests daily, give updates on local and national news and provide a good lifeline for the staff and patients on the wards. £2,000 was granted towards the cost of moving premises and providing new equipment.

**The Healthy Living Centre** promotes the health and wellbeing of the people living in the Southcourt and Walton Court area. They were awarded £940 towards replacing and installing a new stove and range. Equipping a community café with the appropriate kitchen equipment will enable the promotion of a healthy diet, provide a venue to reduce social isolation and support activities in the café such as young peoples' drop-in, breast feeding support and older peoples' services.



Cllr Mark Willis with Youth Concern.  
Photo taken by Keith Turner

A cheque for £1,000 was presented to **Youth Concern** by Cllr Mark Willis, Chairman of Aylesbury Town Council's Grants Committee. Funding was requested towards providing a programme of free positive activities during the summer holidays, a Rock Festival Project and Young Peoples' Art Exhibition.

The Uptown Coffee Bar is a Drop-In Centre for young people between the ages of 13 and 25 years. They deal with between 50 and 90 youngsters in a less formal atmosphere offering counselling and help with complex issues. They have recently moved from their old position in the Market Square to a building near Whitehill Surgery on the Oxford Road.

Cllr Willis said "This grant has helped the Uptown Coffee Bar to provide creative activities for its patrons.

It provides help and support to some of the town's most vulnerable young people and the Town Council are happy to support its vital work."



Cllr Mrs Denise Summers presents a cheque to 1st Aylesbury Scout Group. Photo taken by Barry Keen

On August 22nd Cllr Mrs Denise Summers presented a cheque for £1,142 to **1st Aylesbury Scout Group** at their Scout hut in Osier Way. The funding was needed to help towards installing a new kitchen. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will learn how to cook simple meals and eat healthily in a safe and clean environment.

Cllr Mrs Denise Summers said "It was a wonderful opportunity to present the cheque to the Scouts and especially to see girl Scouts. They are all eagerly awaiting the new kitchen to enable them to get their cookery badges. They were very grateful to Aylesbury Town Council for the grant to enable them to start this project."

This year **Queens Park Arts Centre** staged a Vernon Scannell Poetry Event in October and were granted £1,500 by Aylesbury Town Council. The activities took place at the Centre and involved local schools.

Queens Park exists to provide, promote and develop participatory arts to the people of Aylesbury and surrounding areas. They encourage the widest participation in affordable arts, crafts, theatre, music, comedy and dance for the local community.

If you belong to a non-profit making organisation which provides a service for a section of the community, you may qualify for a grant.

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## 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. Aylesbury Town Council has entered the competition for the last three years and each time has received a higher award than the preceding year.

Last winter members and officers of Aylesbury Town Council planned floral displays and roadside upgrades for the summer displays. The outcome of their hard work was the most glorious display of flowers and shrubs ever seen in Aylesbury.

Throughout the spring and summer residents and visitors delivered a constant stream of comments of appreciation and enjoyment of the roundabout beds, planters, troughs and hanging baskets which brightened up the Town Centre.

**The outcome was a Silver Gilt award in the Regional Britain in Bloom Competition, and a Special Regional Award in recognition of our outstanding roundabouts, roadsides and verges.**

Some of this work was undertaken in partnership with Bucks County Council. Special mention should be made of their magnificent recycling plant at Rabans Lane, which is a superb amenity for residents of Aylesbury.

Over the following pages we take a look back at the summer floral displays which generated so much pleasure. The Town Council would like to thank the many sectors of our society which contributed to the overall effect. These include allotment holders, shops, offices, inns, local public bodies, and the people of Aylesbury.

We hope that next year even more residents, public authorities, and retail and commercial establishments will take part in making Aylesbury even more stunning than it has been in 2008.

**Margaret Wagstaffe  
Town Clerk**



All photos on the following pages taken by Keith Turner and Nathalie Thorne



## Seasons on Walton Street roundabout



Summer 2007

## Roundabouts and Roadsides

Most of the town's roundabouts attract sponsorship. All but six of the roundabouts are marketed by a commercial company commissioned by Bucks County Council. Six are maintained by ATC who also obtain commercial sponsorship to the extent that they are nearly covering the cost of maintenance. These six are planted for winter, spring and summer bedding and have all been improved this year.

The flagship is the Exchange Street roundabout which this year was planted with a floral tribute to the Aylesbury Duck. Approximately 60 roadside planters were installed around the inner relief road (now known as 'The Hub'). Additionally 60 metres of railing planters were installed around the Exchange Street roundabout. AVDC supplied 90 hanging baskets and the Town Council supplied another 291.

AVDC and ATC worked in partnership to recover roadside bedding owned by BCC on the High Street, Upper Hundreds Way, Cambridge and Friarage Road underpasses and Park Street. Upper Hundreds Way and Park Street were planted with 1,130 shrubs and herbaceous plants which it is hoped, will provide a spectacular display of colour year after year.



Autumn 2007



Winter 2007 / Spring 2008



Summer 2008





Broad Leys Public House



The Bricklayers Arms



The Aristocrat

## Commercial & Public Houses

Commercial and retail participation in Britain in Bloom is growing in Aylesbury. In 2007, 50 retailers sported hanging baskets outside their premises; this year the total rose to 150. New-build apartment blocks are being attractively landscaped and the premises of HBOS, Aylesbury's largest commercial employer, are surrounded by several acres of beautifully landscaped gardens, shrubberies and parkland. It all contributes to the general impression of Aylesbury as a green and tranquil town.



The Rockwood Public House



The Charter Restaurant



The Bell Public House



Buckingham Court Apartments



HBOS



Duck Farm Court



Florey Gardens



Friars Square Shopping Centre



Frankie & Benny's



HBOS

Planting by canal  
by Canal Society







Summer 2008



Summer 2007



Spring 2008



Winter 2007



AVDC planter in Kingsbury

## AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Leisure & Cultural Services is working towards implementing the long term renovation plan for Vale Park and thanks to significant external grant aid, much has changed in the Park over the last couple of years. A new play area was constructed in 2006 and in 2007 a grant of over £500,000 from Communities and Local Government (CLG) has been used to create a new bowls green and tennis, football and basketball courts along with new equipment for teenage play. There are seven major parks in Aylesbury, all under development, and a significant number of green open spaces. This year 3 new play areas and multi-use games areas were installed in three of these parks.





Water feature at Police Headquarters

## Public Floral Displays

Public floral displays made an important contribution to the appearance of the Town. Shown here are photographs of flowers and shrubs in Vale Park and Rickfords Hill; the water feature outside Police Headquarters, hanging baskets at the Town Hall and in the Market Square; planters at Harvey Road and gardens in pots, created by Aylesbury's youngest gardeners and displayed at the Cenotaph.



Roses on Rickfords Hill



Market Square - AVDC



Gardens in pots created by pupils of Aylesbury's Infant and Junior Schools



Harvey Road shops



Town Hall



## Residents' Front Gardens

Residents' front gardens are part of the Town's overall submission to Britain in Bloom and this year our inhabitants excelled themselves. A selection of very attractive displays is illustrated here. If your garden is not featured but you would like to take part in the Britain in Bloom competition next year, why not give the Town Council a ring on 01296 425678 and register your interest?



Broughton



St Mary's Square



Gyratory



Castle Street



Elm Farm



Oakfield



## Aylesbury Riverside Walk

Another aspect of Aylesbury's entry to Britain in Bloom is the variety of areas of bio-diversity around the town. One example is the Riverside Walk. The Riverside Walk provides a significant contribution to the Aylesbury Linear Park and hosts part of the Round Aylesbury Walk. The site covers approximately 18 hectares and runs alongside the River Thames. Until the 1980s the site was farmland and included areas of formal and informal recreation along with semi-rural habitats. Overall the site has been kept low-key in terms of formal facilities given its rural nature on the outskirts of the town.

Regular winter flooding provides good feeding grounds for wetland birds such as Snipe and Curlew. Biological surveys of the area have been carried out and in 2002 the rare Leisler's bat was recorded. A walk should provide the opportunity to spot the Guelder Rose, Field Maple, Oak, Black Poplar, Wayfaring Tree and Hazel; and birds that may be spotted include Snipe, Great Tit, Linnet, Reed Bunting, Blue Tit and the Song Thrush.

Mowing regimes include short mown amenity grass, short mown strips adjacent to paths, areas cut once or twice a year and areas which are not cut to allow the development of wetland or scrub. This year a significant programme was undertaken in the removal of ragwort, dock and thistle. Additionally thousands of bulbs have been planted – mainly fritillaries. Woodland management includes the gradual thinning of non-native species, coppicing of woodland, planting and gapping up and the creation of a Black Poplar woodland.

During 2007-8 a further 2,000 Black Poplar, Alder, Native Privet, Dogwood and Birch have been planted. Since 1991 ongoing community involvement has been a feature of this project with an annual programme of activities which includes practical conservation, bat watch and beetle search.

AVDC has planted over 100,000 bulbs, mainly daffodils and native bluebells in several biodiversity areas. A further 1,000 wildflowers including ox-eye daisy, ragged robin and birdsfoot trefoil have been planted this year. They also introduced 500 spring flowering trees, such as cherries.





Crown Leys allotments



Whaddon Chase allotments

## Allotments

Allotments form an important component of Aylesbury's submissions to Britain in Bloom. Aylesbury residents are enthusiastic allotment gardeners. They appreciate the healthy outdoor exercise and the benefits of chemical-free cultivation. On a sunny day a walk through one of the sites will reveal whole families of residents (including grannies, granddads, parents and children) of different nationalities happily toiling away, producing their own food. Amongst our plot holders, in addition to indigenous tenants, we have numerous Kashmiris, Pushtans, Italians, West Indians, North and South Africans, Czechs, Poles and Lithuanians. It is good to see immigrants, particularly the newer arrivals, engaging with the environment and being assimilated in this way. It is also extremely good to see that the women of some of the minorities, who generally remain within the household, feel confident enough to go to the sites and work there unescorted. The sense of camaraderie that allotment cultivation seems to engender is very much in evidence. Social pleasantries are the order of the day and surplus produce is exchanged. New varieties of seeds and plants are discussed over mugs of tea and there is a general sense of contentment and well-being. However, when the 'Aylesbury in Bloom' allotment competition comes round each year, it is then every man (or woman) for himself!

The Council currently has a programme of expanding its allotments stock and reclaiming land to create more plots for residents. In 2002 ATC took over 500 allotment plots on six sites from AVDC. Since then another 100 have been created. Of the present 600 plots owned by the Town Council, 200 are 10 pole in size. Extending to roughly 100 sq metres, these plots are generally considered to be too large for modern allotment holders. The Council is systematically converting 10 pole plots to 5 pole, or roughly 50 sq metres per tenant. This means that within the next five years the Council will have 700 plots to let.

The Town Council is additionally in the process of taking over the Bierton Road Allotments site. This offers 80 plots, a number of which are unoccupied. Bierton Road plots are all 10 pole, and will gradually be converted to 5 pole, thus creating another 80 allotments. This will increase the Town Council offer to 860 plots, which is considerably above the national average.





For details of events at Bucks County Museum Tel: 01296 331441, The King's Head Tel: 01296 718812,  
The Civic Centre Tel: 01296 486009, Limelight Theatre Queens Park Art Centre Tel: 01296 424332

## DECEMBER 2008

|   |   |   |                           |
|---|---|---|---------------------------|
| 3   | Christmas Party Night   | Civic Centre  | 7.30pm                    |
| 4   | A Town and Country Christmas<br>Carols for Everyone               | King's Head / National Trust<br>Civic Centre                    | 4.00pm - 9.00pm<br>7.30pm |
| 5   | Robert Fowler   | Queens Park Centre  | 8.00pm                    |
| 5   | Comedy Club   | Civic Centre  | 8.00pm                    |
| 6   | Open Mic Night  | Queens Park Centre  | 8.00pm                    |
| 7   | Christmas Gift and Craft Fayre*<br>Lantern Procession*            | Market Square   | 11.00am - 4.00pm          |
| Procession and Mayoral party leaves the Town Council offices around 5.15pm. Carols are sung in the King's Head and then procession moves to St. Mary's Church for a service at 6.00pm |   |   |                           |
| 11 - 4 Jan  | Cinderella Pantomime  | Civic Centre  | Various times             |
| 12  | Gig Night - The Trawlers  | Queens Park Centre  | 7.30pm                    |
| 13  | QPC Christmas Quiz Night  | Queens Park Centre  | 7.30pm                    |
| 18  | Christmas CarolFest*<br>with Aylesbury Festival Choir             | Market Square   | 6.30pm                    |
| 19  | Riotous Brothers  | Queens Park Centre  | 8.00pm                    |
| 20  | Limelight Christmas Party<br>Vilvaldi Four Seasons by Candlelight | Queens Park Centre<br>St Mary's Church (tickets: 0844 567 7950) | 8.00pm<br>7.30pm          |
| 20 - 21   | Victorian Ice Spectacular*  | Kingsbury   | 11.00am - 4.00pm          |
| 23  | Christmas Market / Farmers' Market*                               | Market Square   | 9.00am - 2.00pm           |
| 31  | Masquerella New Year's Eve Party                                  | Civic Centre  | 8.30pm - 2.00am           |

## JANUARY 2009

|    |   |                           |        |
|----|---|---------------------------|--------|
| 23 | Stephen K Amos                              | Civic Centre              | 8.00pm |
| 24 | Newton Faulkner<br>New Look, New You Event* | Civic Centre<br>Kingsbury | 8.00pm |
| 30 | Sally Morgan                                | Civic Centre              | 8.00pm |

## FEBRUARY 2009

|    |   |              |        |
|----|---|--------------|--------|
| 12 | Elvis: An American Trilogy                    | Civic Centre | 8.00pm |
| 14 | Valentine Event*                              | Kingsbury    |        |
| 20 | Half Term Event* - climbing wall, bungee etc. | Kingsbury    |        |

## MARCH 2009

|         |                         |   |  |
|---------|-------------------------|---|--|
| 7       | Circus Event            | Kingsbury   |  |
| 21 - 22 | Kingsbury Dance Weekend | Kingsbury (Saturday - Rock n Roll and Sunday - Country) |  |

\* FREE EVENTS FOR ALL THE FAMILY





## Aylesbury Festival '08

5th - 20th July '08

All photos courtesy of Ray Ghent







## Bucks County Show - 28th August '08

The Aylesbury Town Council stand at the County Show was a grander affair than in previous years. Cream teas served by Aylesbury College were much appreciated and Cllr Mrs Jenny Bloom provided a range of herb seedlings for children to choose and pot up.





## Proms in the Park - September '08



Despite some inclement weather, over 300 people of all ages turned out to watch and listen to a great performance from the Aylesbury Community Concert Band under the controlling baton of Duncan Stubbs with soloists Jill Neenan (Soprano) and Richard Stark (Baritone).





### Charter Day - Tudor Fayre - 14th September '08

The annual celebration of the award of a Charter to Aylesbury was celebrated with our traditional Tudor Fayre. The weather was good, the entertainment was excellent and visitors to the event thoroughly enjoyed the street theatre, the artistes and range of 'mediaeval' stalls.





## 20 years of Jigsaw Theatre

Jigsaw was founded twenty years ago by a group of disabled people who had briefly savoured the limelight at school and college and wanted to do more. They found that there were no opportunities for them to get involved in mainstream performing arts. So with help from local arts funders they created their own!

Jigsaw has started a tradition of workshops in acting, backstage management and workshop leading courses designed for disabled practitioners of any severity and intends to continue for many years to come. These workshops have been brought to many day centres throughout Buckinghamshire.

The founders had no idea that it would carry on for 20 years and during that time they would put together so many creative productions. The support and enthusiasm generated by the group was so much greater than expected. About two hundred people, involved from the beginning, have carried the project forward. Gill Gerhardi, Jigsaw's Artistic Director said: "We are all amazed, enthralled and enthused by our massive achievement. We have had a wonderful time throughout those 20 years and when we asked our current actors how they would best like to describe their time with Jigsaw they replied 'fun, fun, fun!' They love it all, which is really good to know, and good for all the funders, facilitators and past actors to know."

Jigsaw now has 10 trustees who administer the theatre's work and who are very happy to volunteer their support. If you are interested in joining a course, facilitating, or taking part in any way, please contact Ali May on 01844 296192 for further information.

*Jigsaw's productions to date: The Stuff That Dreams Are Made Of, Not What You Expected, The Tempest, The King's New Clothes, A Russian Tale, That's the Way to do it!!, Disco Cinderella, Summer Nights, The Show Must Go On, Ducks in Paradise, With and Without, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Skin Deep, Face2Face, Face2Face the Movie, WHO CARES?, Park Life – now touring.*



## St Mary's Community Christmas Lunch

St Mary's Church in Aylesbury has hosted a Christmas Day lunch for nearly twenty years, and this year will be no different. Once again chefs from Waddesdon Manor will be preparing a two course traditional Christmas meal complete with all the trimmings. The lunch is free and is open to everyone regardless of age or religious belief. In the run up to Christmas, and on the day a team of volunteers will be organising fundraising events, entertainment, presents and of course the food.

If you are interested in volunteering, making a donation or attending the lunch please visit the website: [www.freechristmasdinner.com](http://www.freechristmasdinner.com), telephone Kim on 01296 437776 or email: [aylesbury.stmary@virgin.net](mailto:aylesbury.stmary@virgin.net) for further information.

## YOUTH CONCERN (AYLESBURY) SAYS 'THANK YOU'

We are delighted to let you all know we have finally moved into our fantastic new premises.

Youth Concern (Aylesbury)  
Uptown Coffee Bar  
Whitehill Lane  
Aylesbury HP19 8FL  
Tel: 01296 431183

A big thank you to all of you volunteers and funders that have made the move possible.

Fran Borg-Wheeler, CEO says "We can continue to support local young people but now have the opportunity to expand the facilities and the services we offer. To find out more about what we do, or if you know any young people that need some support, please give us a ring, we look forward to hearing from you."

## Mayoral Engagements - August and September 2008

It has been a busy season for Aylesbury's Mayor and Deputy Mayor. On 10th August the Mayor, Cllr Mrs Penni Thorne, visited Aylesbury Cricket Club to support a Community Fun Day. On 16th August the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs Ranjula Takodra, attended a charity Garden Party held by the Town Mayor of Leighton Buzzard. Mayor Penni Thorne took part in a service of Licensing by the Bishop of Buckingham to welcome the new priest-in-charge, Father Martin Kuhrt, at the Church of The Holy Spirit, Bedgrove on the 4th September. On 7th September Cllr Thorne was present at The High Sheriff's Concert in Milton Keynes Theatre. On the 11th September she also attended the Graduation Parade at RAF Halton, Aylesbury Women's Aid AGM and the Senior School Prize Giving Ceremony at Aylesbury Grammar School.



On 14 September the Mayor took part in the Battle of Britain Sunday Remembrance Ceremony at Banbury Town Hall and on 15th September the Deputy Mayor went to the Short Cuts Film Festival at the Odeon Cinema.

The first meeting of the RSPB, New Season, Prebendal Farm Community Centre was held on 22nd September and the Mayor took part. She and Cllr Mrs Roberts officiated at the Aylesbury Town Council Allotments Prize Giving ceremony which was held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall on 24th September. On 26th September Cllr Mrs Penni Thorne was present at the Home-Start AGM which was held in the Judges Lodgings, Aylesbury. On 27th September she attended the Annual Reception given by the Chairman of Coldharbour Parish Council at Fairford Leys Centre.

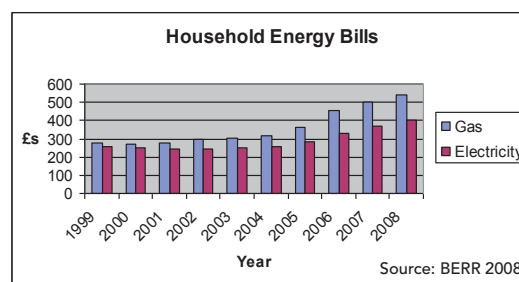
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**Acknowledgement** - I would like to thank the members and staff of Aylesbury Town Council for their help in the production of this magazine.

Margaret Wagstaffe, Town Clerk

## Trim your Heating Bills

In July 2008, the UK's largest domestic energy supplier warned that gas bills could rise by up to 35% in 2008. This continues the upward trend in household gas and electricity costs since 2005. **Can we do anything to slow down these rising energy costs?** As space and water heating account for around 60% of the energy used in the average home, this is a good place to start.



Follow these 5 tips to trim your heating bills:

1. Use your programmer to switch the heating and hot water on and off and set your thermostat at between 18° and 21° C. Every 1° C above this increases your heating bill by 10%.
2. Avoid using the immersion heater to heat water. The relatively high unit cost of electricity makes it more cost-effective to use your gas boiler for this.
3. Switch supplier or switch tariff. If you have Economy 7, time your washing machine and dishwasher to exploit the cheaper night-time electricity tariff.
4. Make the most of each use of a given appliance. Wash clothes and dishes when you have a full load ready to go. Switch things off when not in use.
5. Insulate your home. Energy Saving Trust now estimates annual savings of £160 from installing cavity wall insulation. This is currently free to over 70s.

For further free, impartial energy saving advice, call the Energy Saving Trust advice centre on 0800 512 012.





## Christmas Opening Hours for Friars Square and Hale Leys

Sunday trading every week 10.30am to 4.30pm

Late night shopping every **Thursday** until **8.00pm** from **13 November** up to Christmas  
(check individual stores for Christmas Eve closing)

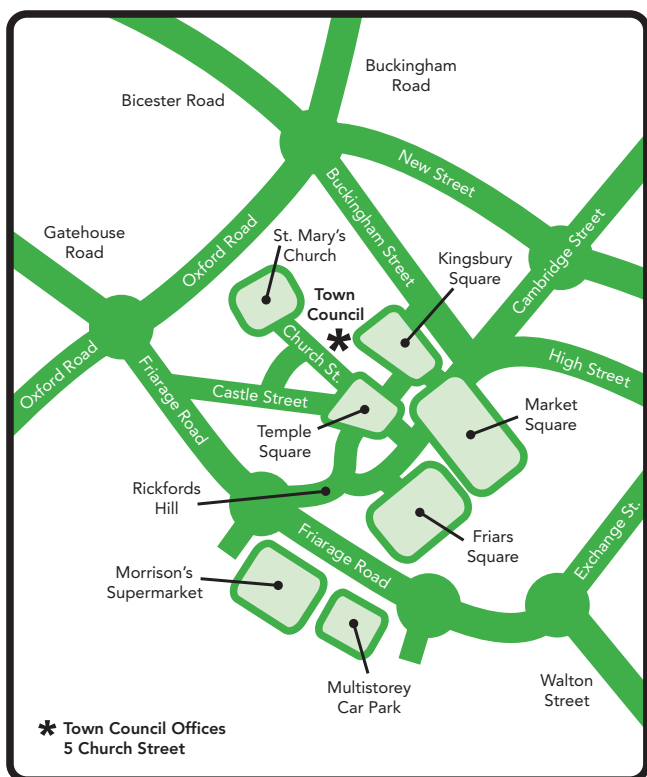
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|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Monday 8 - Wednesday 10 December | 9.00am - 7.00pm  |
| Thursday 11 December             | 9.00am - 8.00pm  |
| Friday 12 December               | 9.00am - 7.00pm  |
| Monday 15 - Friday 19 December   | 9.00am - 8.00pm  |
| Monday 22 - Tuesday 23 December  | 9.00am - 8.00pm  |
| Christmas Eve 24 December        | 9.00am - 4.30pm  |
| Christmas Day 25 December        | Closed           |
| Boxing Day                       | 10.00am - 5.00pm |
| New Year's Day                   | 10.00am - 5.00pm |

Some individual stores times may differ.

For assistance getting around Aylesbury contact Shopmobility 01296 336725.

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## Where to find the Town Council

Members of the public are always welcome at the Town Council offices, however, as we are located through an archway, some people have found us difficult to locate.

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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Ward: Bedgrove



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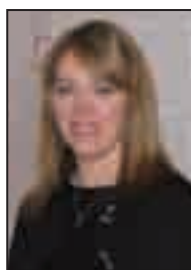
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Mayor's Carol Concert, last year, in Kingsbury Square  
Photo taken by Keith Turner

## Carols in Aylesbury

If you enjoy Christmas, don't miss...

**Sunday 7th December 2008**

Lantern Procession and Carol Singing. Procession led by Town Mayor leaves the Town Hall in Church Street at about 5.15pm. Carols are sung by torchlight in the King's Head and after, at 6.00pm, at St Mary's Church.

**Thursday December 18th 2008**

Christmas CarolFest. Carols, mince pies and mulled wine with the Aylesbury Festival Choir in the Market Square, at 6.30pm.

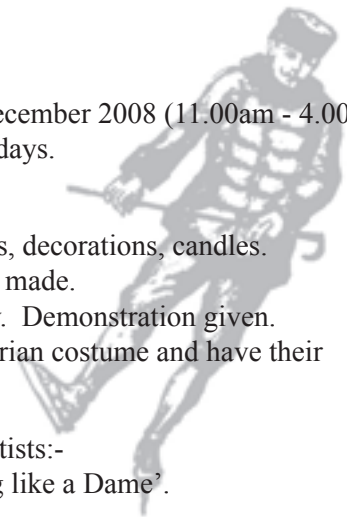
## Victorian Extravaganza

This event is taking place in Kingsbury on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st December 2008 (11.00am - 4.00pm).  
An artificial ice rink will be there over the two days.

On Sunday there will be Victorian stalls:-

- **Decoupage** – making and selling period boxes, hand-made cards, decorations, candles.
- **Furniture** – Discover how period furniture was made.
- **Jet Working** – This became a very popular material for jewellery. Demonstration given.
- **Photographer** – Members of the public will be able to dress in Victorian costume and have their photographs taken for a small fee.

Also, on Sunday, there will be two walkabout artists:-  
The Snow Queen and Snow Elf and 'There Ain't Nothing like a Dame'.



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