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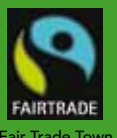


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Welcome Note

Welcome to the 20th edition of Aylesbury Town Matters. It's hard to believe four years have passed since we published our first edition. In each Town Matters we try to improve on the previous one and to provide information that would be of interest to all residents of Aylesbury.

The magazine, like all services provided by the Town Council, has come on in leaps and bounds over the past few years and we will be carrying out many projects in the forthcoming months that will hopefully benefit the town and its residents.

One of the projects that will be undertaken is a series of ward surveys which will look at parts of the town in great detail. The Town Council will also be asking residents for their views on a number of subjects in the coming months and these will always be taken into consideration.

We are always open to suggestions and articles from community or sports groups which promote their activities in the town. As the magazine is delivered to 29,000 houses in the town you can be sure that your message will reach its target.

If you don't live in Aylesbury or you want to send a copy of the magazine to someone you can download copies of all 20 magazines from the Town Council's website: www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Keith Turner
Town Clerk

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After successfully embracing Twitter, Aylesbury Town Council is now on Facebook too! 'Like' our page to keep track of all the latest news, events and photographs from the town, or why not take the opportunity to post details of an event or project of your own? Our followers are steadily growing for both Twitter and Facebook so it's a great opportunity to connect with other Aylesbury residents and Councillors. You can even provide feedback on the service you've received from us.

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If you don't have a Twitter or Facebook account, you can keep track of us on our handy feed page on our website. Don't forget that you can also find all the contact details for Aylesbury Town Council staff and Councillors on the 'Contact us' page of our website.

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Increase in our Floral Displays... possibly

This year most councils will be more stretched for money than ever before due to the economic downturn. The determination of most councils not to increase council tax this year while absorbing the projected 3 - 4% increases in overall costs puts further pressure on existing services.

Aylesbury Town Council wants to continue to improve the look of the town and not just the town centre. Working with Bucks County Council over the last two years many areas have been cleared of vegetation and trees pollarded that had not been touched for a considerable time. However in this economic climate the Town Council cannot promise to put in place further improvements unless we can identify economies elsewhere.

Our plans for Aylesbury Town this year include:

- Planting more daffodil bulbs in verges alongside the main roads into the town
- Planting more daffodil bulbs in appropriate places in other areas of the town
- Carrying out a small project in the Haydon Hill area
- A clearance and replanting of an area in Southcourt
- Improving the floral displays situated on the 'Welcome to Aylesbury' signs
- Replacing the perennials and shrubs in flower beds around the Hub (inner relief road) killed off by two hard winters
- Tree planting.

If you know of an area that could do with some attention please contact Keith Turner on 01296 425678 or email: k.turner@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Keith Turner



What's Gone and What's On...

Spring into 2011 with a trip to Aylesbury!

As we reflect on the events of the last of the cold winter days, we also preview an exciting season of events to come during spring in the town of Aylesbury.

December's festive events programme started in Aylesbury with a magical evening at St Mary's Church for the Mayor's Carol Service (see Mayor's Activities on page 19). Then in early December Aylesbury was taken back in time for a Christmas Fair, Victorian style (see opposite page).

Plenty of last minute shopping ideas were to be had at the Christmas special market with musical accompaniment in Market Square, and the festive season really got going with Carolfest (see opposite page).

Aylesbury eased gently into 2011 with the return of the music at lunchtime concerts at St Mary's Church every Thursday, some excellent exhibitions at Bucks County Museum, and February half term really got busy with High Rope Fun in Kingsbury.

In March there's plenty to see and do including numerous events at the Queens Park Centre, Bucks County Museum and Aylesbury's Waterside Theatre. In April, don't miss St George's Fun Day on Saturday 23rd with all sorts of entertainment and activities in Kingsbury, and in May the ever popular Robot Wars takes place on the 8th in the Town Centre.

Later on in May a new Aylesbury Town Council event takes place in the Market Square: the Village Green Fair, which will have all sorts of fête themed activities and attractions.

Take a look at the 'What's On March – May 2011' guide for more details of what's happening in Aylesbury or see our website: www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk
For up to the minute news, why not follow us on Twitter or Facebook (see page 2)?

**FREE
EVENTS**



Victorian Christmas Fair

On Sunday 12th September Aylesbury's Market Square was transformed into a bustling Victorian marketplace for Aylesbury Town Council's Victorian Christmas Fair.

Street entertainment including 'Fanny-By-Gaslight' the stilt walking flower seller and Nathaniel Howell, the Penny-Farthing riding Gentleman Juggler wowed the crowds, who were also enthralled by the Magical Mr Alexander's Travelling Show.

The Gaiety Engine's 'Last Victorian Freak Show' provided plenty of belly laughs and great tales of the time were told by Victorian storytellers.

There was also lots of make-and-do activity on offer including pine cone decorating, beeswax candle making and mask making.

Visitors were fascinated by the wonders of the liquorice maker and the Victorian optical illusions, and were also given the chance to purchase some last minute Christmas presents from one of the many stands on offer.



Carolfest

During the evening of Thursday December 16th amid a delicate shower of snow, people congregated in Market Square for the town's largest carol singing experience! Organised by Aylesbury Town Council in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Aylesbury, Carolfest saw people young and old take part in collectively singing a variety of traditional carols. The public were accompanied and led by the wonderful Aylesbury Choral Society as well as Aylesbury's Caduceus Brass Quintet.

The Farmers' Bar at the King's Head provided mulled wine and mince pies, and the Rotary Club of Aylesbury provided hot soup and festive turkey rolls – plus balloon models were available from Mr and Mrs Twister!

The highlight of the evening was the appearance of a very special red-robed guest. Father Christmas was well received as he handed out small presents to the children, bringing the evening to a satisfying close.



Hilary Trahair



Celebrity interview... Lynda Bellingham

Most of us remember her as the Oxo mum, preparing wholesome meals for middle England's stereotypical nuclear family. But, with stints on Doctor Who playing a Time Lady, The Bill as an arch villain and headlining the recent Calendar Girls tour, Lynda Bellingham has a rich and diverse acting career. That's not forgetting of course her candid Loose Women contributions. Did we mention she also used to live in Aylesbury? After slipping behind the limelight at the Waterside Theatre between performances, Aylesbury Town Council had a quick chat with the town's leading actress.

Born in Canada, but adopted as a young baby, she was brought up in Britain. Her family settled on a farm in Aston Abbots where her connection with Aylesbury was to develop during her formative years. Although they weren't local to the area, Lynda remembers her family making every effort to integrate into the community. 'When Wing airport was threatened, as a former pilot my father had an authoritative knowledge of planes, noise, and pollution which the village relied on,' she recalled, 'he became a stalwart of our village.'

While a pupil at Aylesbury High School, she earned herself pocket-money working at the Odeon on Cambridge Street. Selling ice cream to cinema

audiences, she had to battle hoards of children clamouring to steal nuts off the top of Cornettos, some of whom were sadly successful. This cinema, which used to be an old theatre hall, has long since closed. This is just one of many changes to the town Lynda remembers. The Regent Café, now Desire, in Kingsbury is another example, 'I worked out that I spent two and a half thousand hours of my life in the Regent Café – a real 60s place' she says with understated certainty.

She remembers the sights and sounds of her youth in the town fondly, reciting tales of evenings spent socialising in the Dark Lantern which had a reputation for quenching the thirst of Aylesbury's more colourful characters. But, like the Odeon, things have long since changed.

Remembering old friends she used to bump into on a daily basis in Aylesbury, and observing the distinct changes that have happened, Lynda feels that over the years there has been a decline in communities, nationally as well as locally. 'While I've been on tour, I've seen a range of towns across the country. Only a few have managed to maintain the concept of community,' she explains, adding 'I know it's hard in this day and age, but it needn't have been like that.' Lynda was pleased to learn of Aylesbury Town Council's events programme, which aims to get people into the town enjoying themselves together in order to foster community spirit.

But communities can be based around issues, not just locations, and charity work has been a strong component of Lynda's off screen work for some time. 'It started twenty five years ago with Barnardo's,' she said, going on to explain how she went to find her birth mother when she was pregnant and doctors were asking about the possibility of inherited conditions. 'Barnardo's has changed a lot,' she explains. 'Everyone thinks of children's homes, but they deal with a wide range of issues affecting children including exploitation – it's frightening really,' she commented after describing a recent visit to a Barnardo's sponsored shelter.

Her other supported charity is the Alzheimer's Society, which helps older people who are suffering the effect of dementia. Sadly, this is a condition Lynda has seen up close after it was diagnosed in her mother. This work ties into a much broader philosophy about old age which she feels, prompted by the recession, needs a rethink. 'We did burning our bras, we did the pill; we are now the first post revolution generation facing old age, and for many this is a very frightening time.' She believes that older people are undervalued; they



can still lead rich lives contributing to society and the economy. Referring to her recent stage performances, 'I'm terribly sad when women come to me after the show and tell me "I'm just waiting to die".'

At least though, the message contained within Calendar Girls is one of inspiration, 'If you imagine those ladies from Yorkshire, the brave original Calendar Girls who took a leap of faith – it was a huge thing and people were aghast at first! That the concept was so accepted is a warming fact, especially since none of them were under 40.' Their deeds have now raised an impressive £3 million for leukaemia research.

“It’s just got a lot of heart - Tim Firth who wrote Calendar Girls managed the perfect balance between laughing and crying, he’s run through the gamut of emotions.”

For Aylesbury's new Waterside Theatre, Lynda has been a big seller, with virtually every show completely selling out. The capacity audience, filling row after row, testify to Lynda's star performances, the heart of the Calendar Girls story and of course the draw of the Waterside. 'Oh, it's beautiful,' Lynda replies, when asked her opinion on Aylesbury's new theatre, 'I know some are divided, but I think the architect has done a fantastic job. Parking is a bit of an issue though.'

Aylesbury Town Council would like to thank Lynda for taking time from her busy schedule of performances to chat with us. We can't wait to see her next star performance!

Daniel Parslow

Leading the
fight against
dementia
**Alzheimer's
Society**

Believe in
children
Barnardo's

Charity Work

Lynda is an ambassador for Barnardo's and the Alzheimer's Society. Both organisations have a local presence. To find out more about the valuable work they do, please visit the following websites: www.alzheimers.org.uk
www.barnardos.org.uk

Q & A with Lynda

- Q:** What three items would you take on a desert island?
LB: *iPod, bath and a knife!*
- Q:** Tea or Coffee?
LB: *Tea*
- Q:** Chocolate Chip or Milk Digestive?
LB: *Milk Digestive*
- Q:** You're hosting a dinner party and can invite anyone living or dead. Who do you invite?
LB: *Shakespeare and Dali Lama*
- Q:** If you could visit any period in time, where would you go?
LB: *The 40s and 50s, provided of course money wasn't an issue!*

Lost & Found: Lynda Bellingham's Story

If you've seen her on Loose Women, you'll know that Lynda is not one to hold her punches. The same honesty that has endeared her to the nation on television reads through the pages of her autobiography.

You can read more about her early years in Aylesbury along with a personal account of the struggles she has faced on and off of the screen. You should be able to find her book in any good retailer or log onto her website: www.lyndabellingham.com

Where have all the jobs gone?

We live in an age where much of the UK's manufacturing is now done elsewhere in the world and many skills that were indigenous to this country have now been lost. As time moves on and with the increased use of technology, skills that were valued 30 or 40 years ago become worthless. And so it has always been.

When researching local history or genealogy on many occasions you may come across an occupation, trade or profession that is unusual to say the least but after more research makes sense.

Aylesbury was a market town and therefore supported trades as diverse as brewing, tanning, watch making, shoe making, basket making, silk spinning and of course traders in almost anything. These are some of the descriptions of the town's occupants throughout the ages – many of which most of us would not like to be employed doing in this day and age.



Graham Webster, Mayor of Aylesbury seems to be confused; was he a loom operator or ale-conner in his previous life?



An irate Celtic Frobisher is angry at the Romans for tripling her workload.



Ratoners will always be needed in every town... if only the rats were as cute and fluffy as this one!



Due to budget cuts, publicity for Aylesbury Town Matters takes more of a traditional form this year... announcement by Jongleur

The Ale-Conner

For those who like a tippie, the job of Ale-Conner may seem an attractive form of employment. As an officer of the local Court-Leet, they were entrusted with testing the quality and measure of ales sold in pubs. With 85 pubs in Aylesbury at its peak, you'd need to have a strong thirst to get through them all! One can't imagine the NHS would be happy with a resurgence of Ale-Connery in 2011.

Abigail	<i>Lady's maid</i>	Powder Monkey	<i>Boys who supplied ship cannons with gunpowder below deck</i>
Ale-Conner	<i>Official who tested the quality and measures served in pubs</i>	Quarrel Picker	<i>Glazier</i>
Ankle Beater	<i>Young person who helped drive cattle to market</i>	Ratoner	<i>Rat catcher</i>
Boot Catcher	<i>Servant at an inn that removed travellers' boots</i>	Resurrection Man	<i>Provided surgeons with fresh cadavers with which to learn their craft</i>
Bozzler	<i>Parish Constable</i>	Rodman	<i>Surveyor's assistant</i>
Bridewell Keeper	<i>In charge of the lock-up or jail</i>	Saltpetre man	<i>Collected urine and dung used in the manufacture of saltpetre</i>
Bunter	<i>Female rag and bone collector</i>	Searcher of the Dead	<i>Sought plague victims</i>
Bog Iron Hunter	<i>Searched for Iron Ore in bogs and marshes</i>	Secret Springer	<i>Watch spring maker</i>
Cartomancer	<i>Fortune teller using cards</i>	Sexton	<i>Church caretaker – sometimes dug graves and rang the church bells</i>
Chapeler	<i>Hat maker</i>	Smoke Doctor	<i>Specialist in the construction or repair of chimneys</i>
Costermonger	<i>Peddler of fruits & vegetables</i>	Tapster	<i>Barman/woman</i>
Clapman	<i>Town Crier</i>	Town Husband	<i>Collected dues from the fathers of illegitimate children of the parish for their upkeep</i>
Clod Hopper	<i>Ploughman</i>	Treadmill Operator	<i>Trudged atop a giant mill wheel treadmill to push it round</i>
Donkey Man	<i>Passenger carriage driver</i>	Upright Worker	<i>Chimney sweep</i>
Eyer	<i>Made holes in sewing needles</i>	Vamper	<i>Made the upper part of a boot or shoe covering the instep and sometimes extending over the toe</i>
Feather Wife	<i>Woman that cleans feathers for sale</i>	Webster	<i>Operator of looms</i>
Fagetter	<i>Firewood seller</i>	Yatman	<i>Gatekeeper</i>
Flauner	<i>Confectioner</i>		
Frobisher	<i>Cleaned and polished metal</i>		
Gabeler	<i>Tax collector</i>		
Gelder	<i>Animal castrator</i>		
Gong Farmer	<i>Emptied privies and cesspits</i>		
Greensmith	<i>Worker in copper</i>		
Hobblor	<i>Towed canal boats</i>		
Jongleur	<i>Travelling minstrel</i>		
Knocker Upper	<i>Woke people up</i>		
Knock Knobler	<i>Dog catcher</i>		
Layer	<i>Paper mill worker</i>		
Leech Collector	<i>Waded through rivers to collect the leeches which attached to him</i>		
Lungs	<i>Alchemist's assistant who fanned the fire</i>		
Mud Lark	<i>River bed scavenger</i>		
Mule Scavenger	<i>Children who would crawl under fabric mills to collect cotton and fluff</i>		
Mountebank	<i>Seller of fake medicines</i>		
Night Soilman	<i>Emptied cesspits, ashpits and outside toilets</i>		
Nob Thatcher	<i>Wig maker</i>		
Osler	<i>Bird catcher</i>		
Ponderator	<i>Weights & measures inspector</i>		

Searcher of the Dead

'Bring out your dead!' they would cry as they trudged the streets to collect the bodies of the deceased. One would assume that during the Great Plague such employment would be lucrative due to a lack of competition from those fearful of the obvious occupational hazards. However at four pence a body, due to the sheer number of deaths, towns couldn't afford to pay their searchers of the dead a living wage.

Do you know any more? If you or your relatives had an interesting job in days gone by be sure to drop us a line and tell us more.

Keith Turner & Daniel Parslow

Community News & Events

Do you need an extra pair of hands?



Most people, no matter what their age, want to live independently in their own homes. When you are in your 70s or 80s that home can be full of memories and your own memorabilia, and you want to stay there. However sometimes it can be

difficult to manage the house, the garden, the cleaning, washing and cooking, or even just the loneliness.

That's where the friendly and helpful people at Age Concern Bucks may help. Pick and mix the support you need.

Handyperson – for the simple DIY jobs around the house that need doing.

Painting & Decorating – fixed price quotation for the work you want done.

House Cleaning – this service will provide cleaners as regularly as you want.

Neat Feet – if you struggle to cut your toenails on a regular basis, we can.

One 2 One Computer Lessons – in your own home and tailor-made just for you.

Befriending – if you are feeling lonely we have volunteers to pay a weekly visit.

Ring 01296 431911 weekdays
Age Concern Buckinghamshire,
145 Meadowcroft, Aylesbury, HP19 9HH
www.ageconcernbucks.org.uk



Registered Charity 204798



Sam sets a new World Record!

Local lad, Sam Ridgeway, who has been a previous recipient of an Aylesbury Town Council grant, has broken his second world record throwing the hammer.

At an exciting event in the Northwood Stadium in Stoke-on-Trent on the 20th November 2010, Sam was entered in the Under 19 Male Hammer Pentathlon having broken the World Record for the Under 17 event last year.

A nervous first round with the 3kg hammer began with two no throws so Sam was forced to put out a 'safe' third attempt to ensure his continuation in the competition. It was still a considerable throw however at over 63 metres.

His longest throw of the day followed in round two with 65.39 metres in the 4kg hammer event and he continued with 61 metres with the 5kg and 53 metres in the 6kg competition. Still requiring a good throw in the fifth round Sam threw the 7.25kg hammer out 49.84 metres just 17cm short of his personal best with the men's weight.

So with a combined total distance from the five events of 294.82 metres, the record, which had been set by an athlete in Ireland in 2006, was broken and Sam now has his second World Record!

Contact us: We value your feedback and invite you to contact us with your comments on the content of this magazine or suggestions for content for the next issue using the following details:

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Aylesbury Rounders STAR Centre

Come and join us for your chance to get fit, have fun and play the traditional game of rounders!

Come along to Bucks CC Sports and Social club on Wednesday evenings from the 18th May 2011 for your chance to learn how to play rounders or just enjoy a social atmosphere and a way of keeping fit. The Aylesbury STAR Centre is suitable for both children and adults.

Children's sessions (aged 14 and younger) are from 6.30pm - 7.30pm every Wednesday (£1.00 per session)

Adults sessions are from 7.30pm - 8.30pm (£2.00 per session)

Get Active Learning Disabled session 7.30pm - 8.30pm (£2.00 per session)

Whether you are new to rounders or have played before this is a fantastic opportunity to have fun, make friends and learn some new skills. The Aylesbury Rounders STAR Centre is a programme organised by the Mandeville School Sport Partnership, Bucks CC Sport and Social Club, Aylesbury Vale District Council and the Bucks & Milton Keynes Sport Partnership.

For more information please contact the Aylesbury Rounders STAR Centre and speak to Zoe on 01296 585195.

AVDC: Training for the voluntary and community sectors

Aylesbury Vale District Council now offers its in-house training courses to people in voluntary and community organisations. Most of the courses are held in Aylesbury. The full training directory is available online, or on request, but some of the courses offered are:

- Coping at the sharp end
- Customer satisfaction
- Deaf awareness
- Develop your team
- Effective recruitment and selection skills
- Essential child protection
- Handling difficult face-to-face interviews
- Hidden disabilities
- Make the most of meetings
- Managing conflict
- Presentation skills

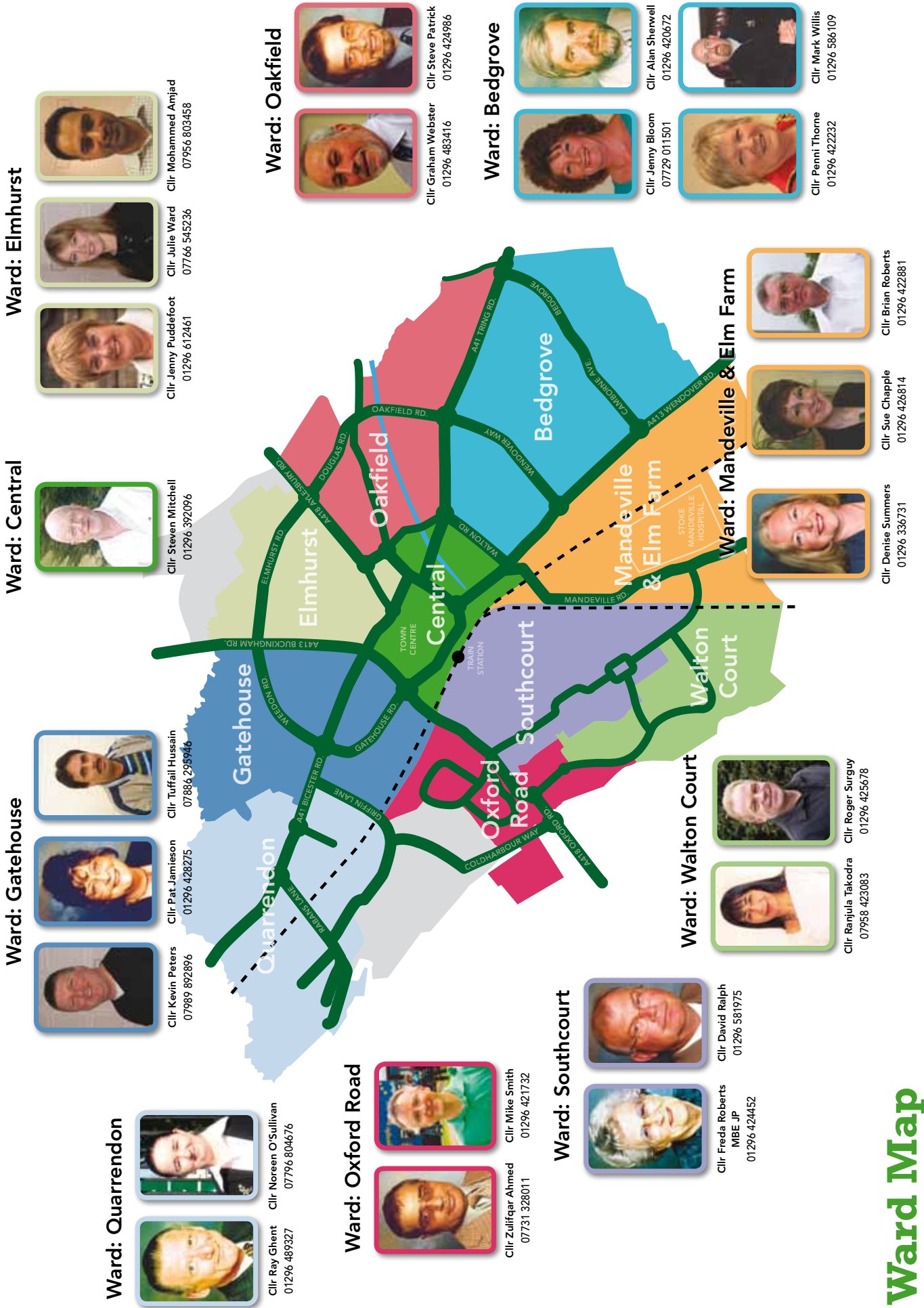
Courses cost £80 for the full day, or £40 for a half day. The courses offer excellent value for money, but every penny counts, so AVDC are offering a reduced price late cancellation rate at £35 and £15 respectively.

For more information, visit:
www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/training,
email: vhoare@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk
or telephone 01296 585029



Indian Cultural Society's Diwali Dinner Dance

Indian Cultural Society Aylesbury celebrated its annual Diwali Dinner and Dance event on 20th November 2010. This evening, celebrating the festival of lights, was attended by people from diverse backgrounds in the community. Guests included Mayor Graham Webster, past Mayor Ranjula Takodra, Mr David Liddington, MP and Mrs Liddington. For more information about the Indian Cultural Society, feel free to visit their website: <http://icsaylesbury.com/>





Did you know there are three Councils based in Aylesbury?



**AYLESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL**

Aylesbury Town Council is the council closest to the residents in the parish of Aylesbury. The Town Council is here to be a voice for the residents by representing their views on issues affecting them. Aylesbury Town Council maintains responsibility for the management of the seven local allotment sites, the Tring Road Cemetery and the Office of the Mayor. The Town Council supports the local economy by putting on a programme of events throughout the year to encourage community participation and for the entertainment of residents and visitors.

**For more information phone: 01296 425 678
or visit: www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk**

Aylesbury Vale District Council deal with issues covering the whole of Aylesbury Vale and has a very regulatory remit. Aylesbury Vale District Council is responsible for the collection of the Council Tax and Business Rates as well as household waste disposal, local planning and building regulations and public car parks. Aylesbury Vale District Council deal with licensing (public houses, taxis and so on) and inspect and regulate commercial food premises.

**For more information phone: 01296 585 858
or visit: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk**



Bucks County Council is the top tier of local government and provides services on a county-wide basis. Bucks County Council deal with issues such as highways, emergency planning, education, adult learning, social services, waste disposal (not household waste), libraries, the County Museum, trading standards, registrar of births, deaths and marriages, as well as the local/historical studies centre.

**For more information phone: 01296 395 000
or visit: www.buckscc.gov.uk**

Aylesbury Emergency Planning

Aylesbury Town Council represents a population of nearly 60,000 who are housed in upwards of 24,000 homes within the civil parish. We live in a major population centre which is the focal point for commerce and industry in the Vale area. These are no small facts and, should the worst happen, we need to know what we as a local government body, and together as a community, can do to help.

In modern Britain we are privileged enough to have standing, professional emergency services who will respond in a crisis. Emergency planning isn't intended to offer a replacement for these professionals. However, there could be situations in which they are stretched beyond capacity or otherwise engaged.

“Emergency planning aims to provide a contingency for an emergency situation in the parish of Aylesbury where there is a delayed, interrupted or unavailable response from the established emergency services.”

Nobody likes thinking about the idea of a major emergency in Aylesbury. However, Aylesbury Town Council is taking steps to ensure that if it does happen we know what to do for the best. We are in the process of emergency planning to produce sensible courses of action should the worst happen. This is as a result of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 which places a responsibility on all local authorities to plan responses to an emergency situation.



While we're thinking hard about what we can do, we also need to know what you can do. In an emergency, we all need to work together, especially in a situation where the established professional emergency services are delayed or unavailable. Do you have a particular skill or resource which would be of use? Are you a trained first aider? Have you had experience planning and responding to emergencies?

Along with our planning procedures, we are forming community response teams to help in an emergency. If you think you can help in any way, do not hesitate to contact Aylesbury Town Council and we can discuss the matter further. Volunteering could help save lives.

**For more information, please check the Emergency Planning section of our website:
www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk**

Daniel Parslow

Preparing For Emergencies at Home

Right now you can help yourself react in a sensible manner in an emergency. The steps below offer some guidance to help you plan at home, keeping calm and organised should there be an emergency.

- Read the Government advice. Go to www.direct.gov.uk and search for 'Dealing with emergencies'
- Keep a list of important emergency contacts, such as relatives and the doctor, in a safe place at home
- Make an emergency box containing practical items like a first aid kit, torch, radio, spare batteries, pens, paper, and medicines
- Find out how to turn off the gas, water and electricity at home
- Find out what procedures are in place at work and at your child's school
- Make sure you are aware of your local parish, district, and county emergency plans. Look at the relevant websites:
www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk
www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk
www.buckscc.gov.uk
- Once you've planned for emergencies at home, talk to all your family to make sure they know too.

Aylesbury Town Council - In the Red with Diesel

In times of economic uncertainty, every penny counts. Everyone wants to stay in the black, not the red – everyone except Aylesbury Town Council. However, this is one situation where being in the red is a shrewd cost saving move, not an expense; we've made the switch to red diesel!

In the UK all fuel sold attracts duty – a tax paid to central government. Everyone notices the effect of fuel duty following the annual budget when changes are reflected in fluctuating pump prices. However, fuel duty is not universal and different types of fuel attract different levels of duty depending on their future use.

Red diesel is intended primarily for off-road agricultural or construction uses and as such attracts a much lower duty. It's just like regular diesel you get from the pump, except a chemical solvent dye is added into the fuel to distinguish it from its higher duty counterpart.

How To Make Red Diesel

- Plants and animals, which died millions of years ago, are subjected to intense pressure and heat underground turning their remains into crude oil.
- Also known as petroleum, crude oil is extracted from the earth using oil rigs and pumping wells before being barrelled up and transported around the world to refineries using massive oil tankers and long pipelines.
- The refineries then fractionally distil the crude oil under incredibly high temperature and pressure. Lighter fractions of the distilled crude oil boil off first, with heavier fractions taking longer. Petrol evaporates at around 150°C while diesel requires temperatures around 300°C. Heavier fractions are often chemically cracked into other useful products such as paraffin wax and lubricating oils.
- A red solvent dye is added as a chemical marker to the red diesel allowing the government to distinguish it from regular white diesel and attach appropriate fuel duties.
- The red diesel is transported to various distributors across the world who then sell it on to consumers like Aylesbury Town Council, putting it to use in their equipment and machinery.

In January 2011, Aylesbury Town Council swapped expensive white diesel, for economic red diesel. With over half of our vehicle fleet eligible to fill up on red, it makes sound fiscal sense. The annual fuel bill has been cut almost in half saving us hundreds of pounds.



Matt from Pace FuelCare Watlington, and Daniel from Aylesbury Town Council, discuss the benefits of Red Diesel.

Robert Taft, Outdoor Supervisor for Aylesbury Town Council, was very pleased with the change, 'Coming from an agricultural background, I knew using the red diesel in our fleet was the right thing to do,' he commented, concluding, 'the final results will be very positive for the people of Aylesbury.'

Aylesbury Town Council's Project Officer, Daniel Parslow, who led the research, was in agreement, adding, 'This is one step in a much larger energy procurement plan. With increasing uncertainty in the fuel market anything we can do to cut costs and promote stability for us is a sound move. Our next stage will be bio-diesel, and we're very excited.'

Bio-Diesel

Using a relatively simple chemical process controlled by specialised equipment, used cooking oil can be transformed into fuel usable in diesel engines. Self produced bio-diesel is clean, green and cheaper than diesel from the pump. It forms the next step in Aylesbury Town Council's energy management plans. This is where we need your help. If you are an organisation or business who produces waste vegetable oil, we'd like to hear from you. By supplying Aylesbury Town Council with your old cooking oil, you'd be helping us to save the environment, and the tax payer. Please email: d.parslow@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk if you can help.

Daniel Parslow

Special 20th Edition Word Search

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We hope you enjoyed completing the word search from the last issue – do let us know what you thought of it!

This time, to celebrate the fact that this issue is our 20th edition, all the words in the special 20th edition word search have come from articles in previous issues... all of which can be found on our website.

Or, if you get stuck, we've provided the answers to the clues upside down on page 20 – you'll still have to find them though.

Good luck and have fun!

Issue 1: RAF Halton celebrate 50 years since being granted the _____ of Aylesbury.

Issue 2: This bouncing club is awarded an ATC grant of £1,000.

Issue 3: The poor of Aylesbury made lace and rope in this place in the 1640s.

Issue 4: The 250th anniversary of the election of this well known dignitary as the Member of Parliament to Aylesbury is celebrated.

Issue 5: Often described as where 'a relaxed atmosphere prevails' this well known historical Aylesbury public house is reviewed.

Issue 6: The surname of the well-known local children's author who has an annual town festival named after them.

Issue 7: A tribute to this recently demolished popular public building is published.

Issue 8: An extension of this important Aylesbury burial ground is planned.

Issue 9: Young Fred Clark sets off for a 500 mile bike ride from Aylesbury to this place, Aylesbury's twin town.

Issue 10: The animal most associated with Aylesbury is celebrated.

Issue 11: These public vegetable patches form an important part of the town's Britain in Bloom entry.

Issue 12: Aylesbury's Christmas lighting, which just keeps getting better!

Issue 13: This new Bourg Walk provides an opportunity for people to travel carbon free across the town.

Issue 14: This legendary new music club is reborn!

Issue 15: _____ on the Cobbles, Aylesbury's well known weekend of music, is one of the biggest events of the year.

Issue 16: One of the most prominent features in Market Square, this tribute to the fallen was built in the 1920s.

Issue 17: Known as "Rock and Roll's Greatest Failure", this local musician has released a second book.

Issue 18: The famous footballer 'Rio' stood pride of place on Exchange Street roundabout (before he was stolen) – but what was he made of?

Issue 19: This Red Bull F1 local racer told his story.

Issue 20: Local celebrity Lynda Bellingham tells all about her experiences performing in what brand new theatre?

Introducing The Greys

As you can see Aylesbury Town Matters now has a comic strip called "The Greys", created by two long-term local residents, Mark Crutch and Vince Mealing. This comic began life way back in 1994 as a means to learn more about creating art using a computer. It ran to about a dozen finished strips, but wasn't released to the public.

In November 2008 The Greys was resurrected as a webcomic. A few months was spent updating some of the older strips, and drawing some

new ones. Finally in May 2009 the webcomic went live, with a new strip posted at least every fortnight since then.

The online comics are sci-fi themed, but with a mixture of jokes to appeal to all tastes. For the strips in Town Matters, however, Mark and Vince are specifically aiming their jokes at some of the sights and sounds that will be familiar to Aylesbury residents. "Because our main characters are aliens", explains Mark, "we can use them to look at

our everyday surroundings with an unfamiliar eye. The Greys can have a different outlook on commonplace things that we otherwise take for granted."

There's more to The Greys than most comic strips, however. The drawings are released under a "Creative Commons" license, which allows them to be freely used, copied, translated and modified for personal use. "We don't just produce a printed picture," said Vince, "we also share the file that was used to create that picture. Anyone can visit our website and download the original artwork files for our comics."

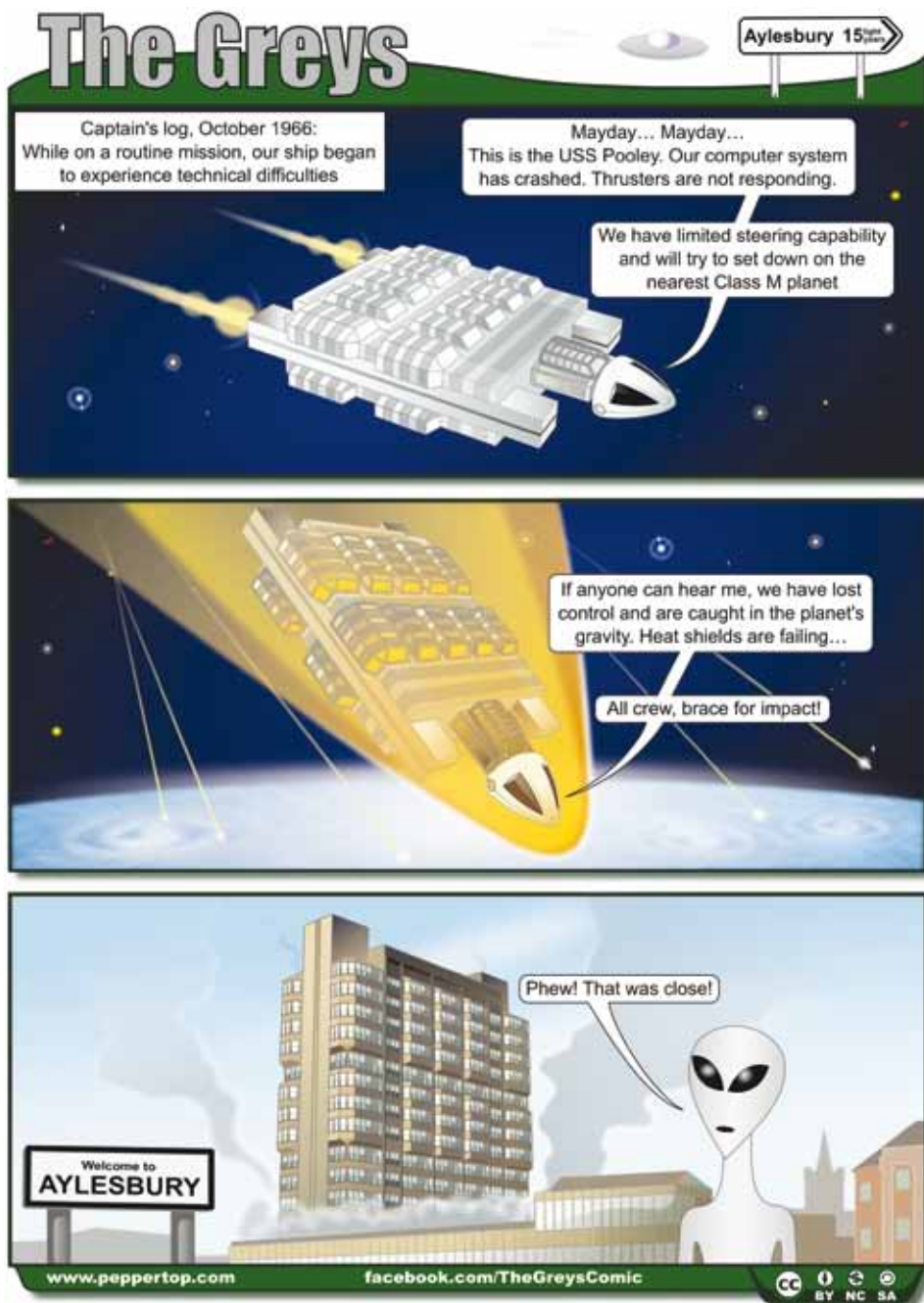
"We're keen for people to experiment with their computers," Mark continued. "Too many people spend a small fortune on a machine, then just use it for Facebook and email. A computer – even a cheap or old one – can be a wonderful creative tool. If people can download our comics, pick them apart and learn from them, perhaps some of those people might go on to create comics or other drawings of their own."

In support of this egalitarian approach to computing, The Greys is created using an "Open Source" graphics program called "Inkscape" which can be downloaded free of charge from www.inkscape.org

The Inkscape file for the Town Matters comics – and for all the other strips – can be downloaded from Mark and Vince's website at www.peppertop.com

Facebook users can also sign up to be notified when new strips are posted on the website at facebook.com/TheGreysComic

Hilary Trahair



Aylesbury Town Council – Reaching Every Corner of Aylesbury

In 2008 the decision was made by the Town Council to set up their own Outside Team and since then they have been active all year round in every part of Aylesbury. They have worked on jobs such as: removing graffiti, crown lifting, pollarding and other tree work, bulb planting, repairing verges, cutting back vegetation and hedges, replacing setts, weed killing, clearing pathways, removing illegal signs, removing rubbish, snow clearing, gritting, repairing, replacing and installing new litter and dog bins. It all helps to keep the town clean and tidy.

These are just a selection of roads where work has been undertaken:

Bicester Road, Middle Road, Grasmere, Northumberland Avenue, Camborne Avenue, Belgrave Road, Tyne Road, Eleanor Gardens, Oxford Road, Russell Avenue, Griffin Lane, Churchill Avenue, Hardy Close, Penn Road, High Street, Lembrook Walk, Paterson Road, Derwent Road, Hilton Avenue, Hardy Close, Buckingham Street, Mill Way, Bateman Drive, Orwell Drive, Bedwyn Walk, Ellen Road, Wendover Road, Plym Close, Rowland Way, Prebendal Farm, Parton Road, Vale Park Drive, Carnation Way, David Close, Cubb Field, Meadowcroft, Rothesay Close, Old Brewery Close, Fowler Road, Jackson Road, Croft Road, Market Square, Northern Road, Douglas Road, Harvey Road, Oakfield Road, Turnfurlong, College Walk, Middle Road, Roberts Way, Walton Way, Old Stoke Road, Wendover Way, Whitehill, Holman Street, Fleet Street, Roblin Close, Grenville Street, Holly Drive, Vicarage Road, Winterton Drive, Ailward Road, Carey Close, Chestnut Crescent, Bowler Road, Pearson Close, Hampden Gardens, Picasso Place, Melbourne Close, Walton Green, King Edward Avenue, Keats Close, Autumn Close, Oak Green, Highbridge Walk, Lavric Road, Bodiam Close, Hannon Road, Mandeville Road, Hastoe Park, Stonebridge Road, Rose Avenue, Briar Close, Castle Street.



The Town Council has also undertaken larger projects including installing a new pond, renovating Walton Pond and major clearance work in Southcourt and Stocklake.

As the Town Council had a small amount of money left from the 2010-11 budget we are installing grit bins in Meadowcroft, Rickfords Hill, Highbridge Walk, Walton Road, Turnfurlong, Broughton Avenue, Limes Avenue and Dalesford Road.

It's a small team but we believe they are making a positive difference to our town.

Keith Turner



Mayoral Engagements

It's been a busy countdown to Christmas and first few months of 2011 for the Mayor of Aylesbury, Graham Webster as he takes on a variety of appointments to represent the town.

Known for having an established sense of humour, the Mayor hit it off with a fellow comedian at the unveiling of Ronnie Barker's statue at the Waterside Theatre. Then, later in October the Mayor was required to draw on his extensive experience of working with young people to become a judge and mentor at the Grange Primary School Enterprise Day, which aimed to facilitate a smooth transition for young pupils between primary and secondary school.

It was then time for the Mayor to let his hair down (so to speak) as he opened the new Salsa & Jive Club at the Slug and Lettuce with a free lesson from the instructor. The Mayor's natural rhythm shined through and by the end of the lesson he was throwing some fabulous Salsa shapes!

It was in a more solemn mood however that the Mayor attended the Aylesbury Town Council remembrance and wreath laying ceremony in Market Square on the 11th November at 11.00am. Later on that day in the first ceremony of its kind, the Mayor and others paid tribute to those who died in Aylesbury's hospitals during WWII at the memorial at Tring Road Cemetery.

The countdown to Christmas truly started with the Mayor's Carol service in early December. Following a lantern procession and carol singing outside the King's Head pub, Town Councillors, schoolchildren and other officials congregated in a full-to-capacity St Mary's Church and enjoyed a magical evening of carols and readings followed by mulled wine and mince pies.



Photos by Maurice Cousins

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's the Mayor!

Graham Webster and Fr David Cloake are planning to take part in a 10,000ft tandem skydive on 23rd April 2011 to help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of The Lymphoma Association (one of the 2010-11 Mayor's charities). The Lymphoma Association is looking for at least 25 extra people to also take part in the skydive, so if you are interested please contact the fundraising team on 01296 619419 or email: fundraising@lymphomas.org.uk. For more information about the charity please visit: www.lymphomas25.org.uk



As well as The Lymphoma Association Graham will be raising money for the other Mayor's Charity PACE. To sponsor Graham please see www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Would you like to invite the Mayor to a function or a fundraising event? Please contact the Mayor's Assistant on 01296 425678 or email: mayorsassistant@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Hilary Trahair

Aylesbury Town Grants awarded November 2010

Aylesbury Vale Youth Theatre

£1,000 was awarded towards the cost of costumes, hiring of lighting, technical equipment and publicity costs. They staged two productions 'The Birthday Party' and 'Little Women' in the summer last year. Youngsters aged between 16-21 years were given the opportunity to take part in acting, stage management, lighting, set building and other activities during the summer holidays.

Buckinghamshire Army Cadet League

Two units based in Aylesbury will benefit from a grant of £376.19 which will go towards two Nike Football team kits.

CHAT

CHAT were awarded £387.50 for their annual Christmas Party for children with special needs, who attend the Sue Nicholls Centre with their families. Colonel Custard once again provided the entertainment and a good time was had by all.

Queens Park Arts Centre

The centre received £2000 towards staging a Pottery Festival in May 2011 which will promote ceramics. There will be talks, demonstrations, competitions, exhibitions and sessions where children and adults can take part in glazing and sculpting. For further details please visit: www.qpc.org

Youth Concern

A grant of £2000 was received towards running their outreach project 'Reach Out' and in-house Music Studio 'Safe and Sound'. The aim of the organisation is to promote the educational and emotional welfare and advancement of young people, especially those at risk in Aylesbury.

Islah

£1,743.68 was granted to develop a weekly local women's support network group. They will run cookery, sewing and aerobic classes and the group will be open to everyone in the community.



Aylesbury Homeless Action Group are presented with a cheque for £2,000 by Aylesbury Town Councillors



Aylesbury Town Councillors present a cheque of £500 to Monday Contact Club



Aylesbury Town Councillors present a cheque for £387.50 to CHAT

If you belong to a non-profit-making organization which provides a service for a section of the community, or are a dedicated young sportsperson based in Aylesbury, you may qualify for a grant. Please contact Pat Phillips on 01296 425 678 or email: p.phillips@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk for more information. Alternatively, information and application forms are available on our website.

Answers to Word Search - Issue 1: Freedom Issue 2: Trampoline Issue 3: Workhouse Issue 4: John Wilkes Issue 5: Kings Head Issue 6: Dahl Issue 7: Civic Centre Issue 8: Cemetery Issue 9: Bour en Bresse Issue 10: Duck Issue 11: Allotments Issue 12: Illuminations Issue 13: Bridge Issue 14: Friars Issue 15: Hobbie Issue 16: War Memorial Issue 17: John Otway Issue 18: Topiary Issue 19: Mark Webber Issue 20: Waterside

Aylesbury Town Correspondence



As the lowest tier of local government, Aylesbury Town Council takes pride in the fact that we are the closest to the community which we serve. We highly value any opinions or comments you may have and actively pursue dialogue with residents of the parish. Details of how to contact us are at the foot of the page. Here's what you've been saying since the last edition:

Complements to the Outdoor Team

Dear Robert and Team,
Many thanks for removing the rogue Sycamore tree on my Mum & Dad's tree in the garden of rest. Every time I visit the cemetery I notice more work that has been carried out to maintain and improve the grounds. This is very much appreciated. Carry on the good work.

Best wishes,
Mrs Sylvia Gamm

Dear Aylesbury Town Council,
I would like to congratulate Aylesbury Town Council for their efforts in improving the appearance of the town over the last few years. The flower displays in particular are a joy and the Tring Road cemetery has been transformed into a really lovely last resting place and somewhere just to take a walk around; more like a park! My only complaint is not enough seating along the High Street and none at all if you need to sit and rest a moment in Hale Leys without having to buy a coffee. Also thank you for your magazine Aylesbury Town Matters, love the history of Aylesbury articles which are always an interesting read. Keep up the good work.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs P Hunt

Ed: Thanks to Mrs Gamm and Mrs Hunt for their comments, the outdoor team are very proud of their work and are pleased to hear that their efforts have not gone unmissed. Sadly, we don't have any direct control over seating arrangements in the High Street or Hale Leys, but we'll be sure to raise the issue.

Badminton Fever Continues

I'm so pleased to say that since the article went out in the last Aylesbury Town Matters magazine, I've had so many emails and phone calls from people looking for badminton opportunities around Aylesbury. Thank you for all your genuine enthusiasm for badminton! Last night I visited the last of our 'Back to Badminton' sessions at The Green Park Centre. I was really inspired by an older gentleman who hasn't played for years. He

came along with a wooden racquet! Despite his lack of experience he really enjoyed himself and looks forward to each session.

Mrs Nina Bridge
Badminton England Bucks & Ox Regional Officer

Ed: With two badminton players at the ATC offices, we're really happy that Mrs Bridge has been kept busy with people wanting to take up the sport. Badminton is great fun and good for you too. If you'd like to know more email: ninabridge@badmintonengland.co.uk

Sports should be enjoyed by everyone, so if you're a sporting club or organisation, don't hesitate to get in contact with us and ATC will try to help!

Notes & Messages

Mrs Marta Kolodziej, Secretary for Aylesbury Vale Volleyball Club was pleased to see last month's article on volleyball in Aylesbury. If you've missed out, be sure to check out the archive on the website so you can read about it too.

Mr Brian Garson-Pilbeam is a local beekeeper who is concerned about the plight of bees in the UK and the subsequent impact on the food chain. If you would like to know more about bees or perhaps beekeeping, contact us and we can pass on your details.

From the Internet

@FrDavidCloak was pleased with the Mayor's Carol Service event organised by ATC and glad his sermon went down well. @stevenlambert1 questioned BCC's delay for allowing ATC to help clear the pavements of snow, while @neilkurz wasn't sure what was going on with the road closures. All the while @AylesburySting was overjoyed to learn the Town Guide is now available online!

We're up to 33 likes on Facebook and 52 followers on Twitter! This is a great way to contact us so why not find us online? [@aylesburytc](https://www.facebook.com/aylesburytc) or www.facebook.com/aylesburytc



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Or email: info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



What's On in Aylesbury

March

	World of Toys (until 26 March)	Exhibition	FREE	See website	County Museum
1	Lenny Henry in Cradle to Rave	Comedy/Music		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
2	Baskets and Basketry in the Collections	Gallery Talk	FREE	12.30pm - 1.00pm	County Museum
3	Joe Brown	Concert		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
3	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
3	World Book Day	Family	FREE		Aylesbury Library
4	Open Day	Education	FREE	2.00pm - 6.00pm	Aylesbury College
4	In the Flesh - The Pink Floyd Show	Concert		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
4	Joni Mitchell Project	Concert	£11/£9	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
5	Open Day	Education	FREE	10.00am - 2.00pm	Aylesbury College
5	World Book Night	Family	FREE		Aylesbury Library
5	Lady Chatterley's Lover	Play	£13.50/£11.50	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
6	Micky Flanagan	Comedy		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
8	Chatterbox Childrens' Reading Group	Ages 10-12	FREE	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Aylesbury Library
9	Clare Leighton in Buckinghamshire	Gallery Talk	FREE	12.30pm - 1.00pm	County Museum
10	Storytime	Family	FREE	10.30am	Aylesbury Library
10	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
11	Lost Minute + Gravity Blue	Concert	£6/£7	7.30pm	Queens Park Centre
11	Enigma	Concert		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
12	Open Mic Night	Comedy/Music	£2/£3/£5	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
12	That'll be the Day	Rock Concert		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
14-19	British Tourism Week	Shopping	FREE	10.00am - 4.30pm	Tourist Information Centre
16	Duke of Burgundy Butterfly in Bucks	Gallery Talk	FREE	12.30pm - 1.00pm	County Museum
17	Little Signers Club	Baby	FREE	10.30am	Aylesbury Library
17	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
18	Virgil and the Accelerators	Blues Concert	£11/£9	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
18	Shakespeare for Kidz - a Midsummer Night's Dream - Play			10.30am & 1.30pm	Waterside Theatre
19	Devine Waters	Folk Concert	£10/£8	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
21	Sally Morgan - Psychic Sally	Psychic		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
22	Farmers' Market	Shopping	FREE	9.00am - 2.00pm	Market Square
22	Chatterbox Childrens' Reading Group	Ages 7-10	FREE	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Aylesbury Library
23	Beneath Medieval Feet - decorated floor tiles - Gallery Talk		FREE	12.30pm - 1.00pm	County Museum
23	Solid Silver 60s	Concert		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
24	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
24	Romeo and Juliet	Ballet		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
25	Sleeping Beauty	Ballet		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
26	Interfaith Conference	Talk	FREE	10.00am - 1.00pm	Oculus, Gatehouse
26	Dayglo Fishermen	Concert	£10/£8	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
26	Air Ambulance Collection	Charity	FREE	8.00am - 4.30pm	Friars Square
26	The Nutcracker	Ballet		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
27	Quiz Night	Quiz	£10	7.00pm	Queens Park Centre
28	Spamalot (until 2nd April)	Musical			Waterside Theatre
30	Just a Buttercup?	Gallery Talk	FREE	12.30pm - 1.00pm	County Museum
31	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church

April

1	Comedy Club - Shazia Mirza	Comedy	£11/£13	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
2	Open Mic Night	Acoustic	£2/£5/£3	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
3	Wheelie Bin Challenge	Competition	FREE	from 12.00pm	Market Square
4-9	Footloose	Musical			Waterside Theatre
5	Chatterbox Childrens' Reading Group	Ages 10-12	FREE	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Aylesbury Library
7	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
8	Newman and Chathasaigh	Folk/Jazz Concert	£10/£8	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
9	D-SLR Photography Course	Workshop		9.30am - 4.00pm	Town Hall
9	Your Paintings Revealed (until 9 July)	Exhibition	FREE	See website	County Museum
9	Kevin Dempsey & Joe Broughton	Jazz Concert	£11/£9	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
10	Chippendales	Adult		8.00pm	Waterside Theatre
11	Flawless	Dance		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre



What's On in Aylesbury

April (continued)

12-16	Horrible Histories	Family			Waterside Theatre
13	Easter Attack Craft Workshop	Family	FREE	10.00am - 4.00pm	Friars Square
14	Storytime	Family	FREE	10.30am	Aylesbury Library
14	Easter Treasure Hunt	Family	FREE	11.00am - 3.00pm	High Street
14	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
16	Spring Fashion Show	Family	FREE	11.00am - 3.00pm	Friars Square
17	St George's Day Parade and Service	Family	FREE	3.00pm (Service)	Town Centre
18-23	Blues Brothers	Musical			Waterside Theatre
19	Chatterbox Childrens' Reading Group	Ages 7-10	FREE	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Aylesbury Library
21	Little Signers Club	Baby	FREE	10.30am	Aylesbury Library
21	Inflatable Fun	Family	FREE	11.00am - 3.00pm	Market Square
21	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
22-23	Alice and the Easter Bunny	Family	FREE	11.00am - 3.00pm	Friars Square
24	St George's Fun Day Celebrations	Family	FREE	11.00am - 4.00pm	Kingsbury
25-30	Yes Prime Minister	Play			Waterside Theatre
26	Easter Special Farmers' Market	Shopping	FREE	9.00am - 2.00pm	Market Square
28	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
29	Royal Wedding Celebrations	Family	FREE		Town Centre
29	Storm Warning	Blues Concert	£9.50/£8.50	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
30	Tai-Chi Demonstration	Sport	FREE	10.00am - 3.00pm	Friars Square
30	John Otway and Wild Willy Barrett	Concert	£14/£12	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre

May

1	Free Bowls and Tennis (until 30 Sept.)	Sport	FREE	11.00am - 7.00pm	Vale Park
2-3	Shaolin Warriors	Dance			Waterside Theatre
3	Chatterbox Childrens' Reading Group	Ages 10-12	FREE	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Aylesbury Library
5	Storytime	Family	FREE	10.30am	Aylesbury Library
5	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
6	When will I be Famous?	Comedy	£12/£10	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
7	Quiz Night	Competition	£10	7.00pm	Queens Park Centre
7-8	Peppa Pig	Family			Waterside Theatre
8	Pottery Festival	Workshop		11.00am - 4.00pm	Queens Park Centre
8	Robot Wars	Family	FREE	11.00am - 3.00pm	Kingsbury
12	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
13	Al Murray - Barrel of Fun	Comedy		8.00pm	Waterside Theatre
13	Katie Buckhaven	Folk Concert	£11/£9	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
14	Milton Jones	Comedy		8.00pm	Waterside Theatre
14	Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde	Play	£12/£10	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
14-20	Adult Learners Week	Education	FREE	Call 0845 045 4040 for details	
16	Snooker Legends	Sport		7.00pm	Waterside Theatre
17	ELO Experience	Concert		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
17	Specialty Antique and Collectables Market	Shopping	FREE	11.00am - 2.00pm	Market Square
17	Chatterbox Childrens' Reading Group	Ages 7-10	FREE	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Aylesbury Library
19	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
20	The Blue Bishops	Rock Concert	£10/£8	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
21	Jane McDonald	Concert		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
22	Village Green Fair	Family	FREE	11.00am - 4.00pm	Market Square
22	Dylan Moran - Yeah Yeah	Comedy		8.00pm	Waterside Theatre
23-24	Naked Truth	Musical			Waterside Theatre
24	Farmers' Market	Shopping	FREE	9.00am - 2.00pm	Market Square
25	Gleemania	Concert		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
26	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
27	Motown's Greatest Hits	Concert		7.30pm	Waterside Theatre

For further details of any of these events, please contact:

St Mary's Church - 01296 437641 Queens Park Centre, incorporating the Limelight Theatre - 01296 424332 • Aylesbury Waterside Theatre Tickets - 0844 871 7627

Friars Square Shopping Centre - 01296 483169 • Hale Leys Shopping Centre - 01296 429800 • See also: www.aylesburyvibe.info

Buckinghamshire County Museum - 01296 331441 • See also: www.buckscc.gov.uk/museum

Aylesbury Town Council - 01296 425678 www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

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AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Village Green Fair

All the fun of a Village Fête... with a green twist!

**FREE
FAMILY
ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday 22nd May 2011, 11.00am - 4.00pm
in Market Square, Aylesbury**

As well as traditional Fête games and attractions the Village Green Fair wants to help you and your family reduce emissions, save money and be more healthy all at the same time! There'll be a great selection of recycled, home made and energy saving products on offer plus free advice about reusing those unwanted items and getting the most out of your energy bill.

There'll be plenty to keep youngsters happy including skittles, a tombola and face painting plus lots to make and take away including beeswax candles and masks. The day will also be accompanied by music performed by a local band.

If you are a business who would like to learn more about being involved, please get in touch with Hilary Trahair on 01296 425678 or h.trahair@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



For more information contact us on 01296 425678
or see www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



St George's Day Celebrations

**Sunday 17th April 2011, St George's Day Parade
and Service, starts around 2.00pm**

Join representatives from the Scout Association as they parade through the town in celebration of their Patron Saint before taking part in a service at 3.00pm in St Mary's Church.

**Saturday 23rd April 2011, St George's Fun Day,
11.00am - 4.00pm, Kingsbury**

Come and help celebrate the day of England's dragon-slaying Patron Saint with plenty of George Cross flag waving, activities, entertainment, and traditional music. There'll be something for everyone, and it's free to attend!

For more details please visit www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk or why not follow us on Twitter or Facebook?

