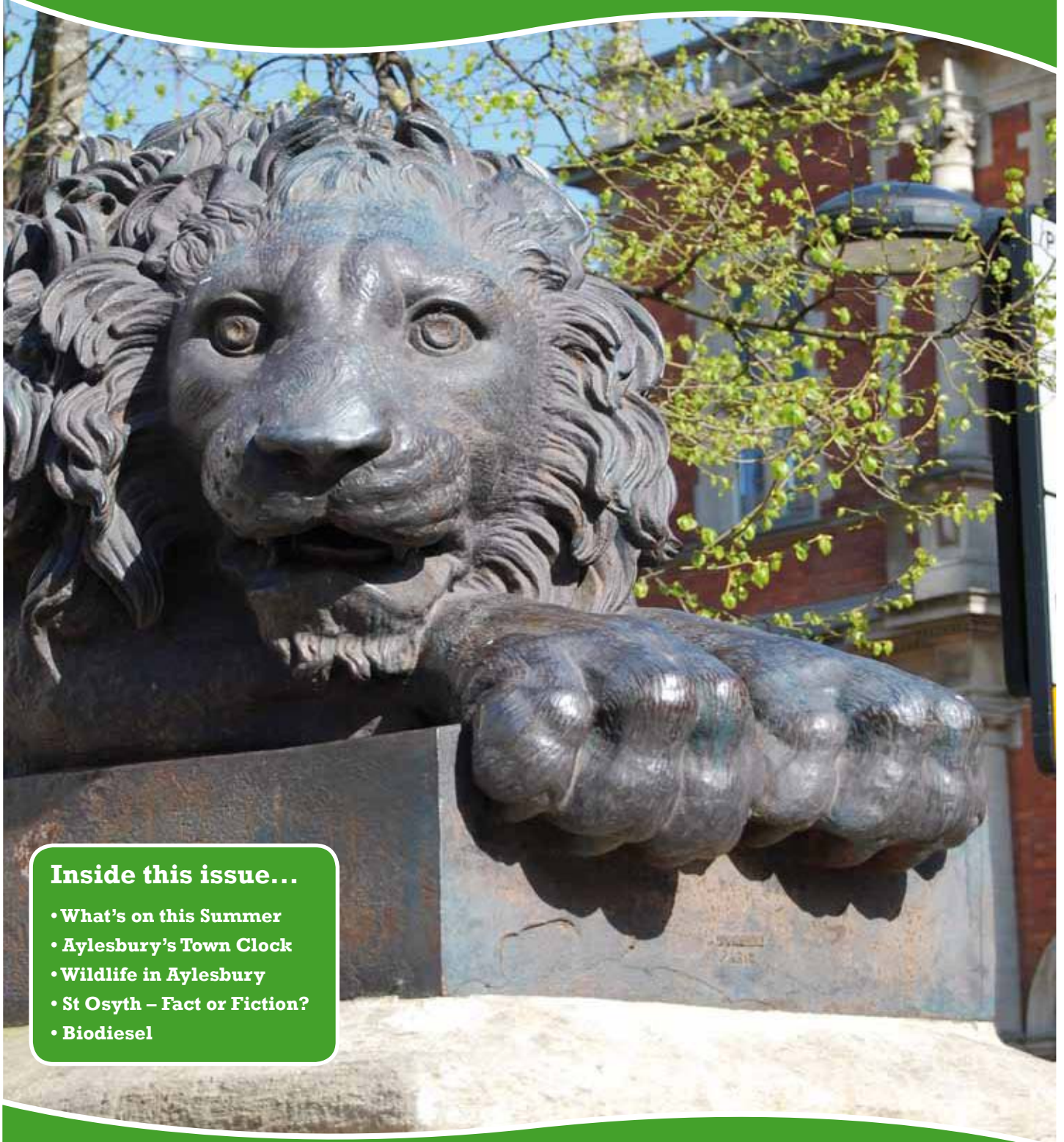


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Welcome Note

Part of the Localism Bill permits local communities to have more say in how their town or village is developed (or not) in future years. This could mean significant changes in how developments are agreed and move from a reactive to a proactive approach. Currently this is being trialled by the government in 17 areas around the country. Decentralisation Minister Greg Clark said "Neighbourhood planning will help reverse [the current position] by giving communities the ability to shape development in their area rather than be dictated to."

A requirement of this is for each area to produce, in our case, a Town Plan. The Town Council has to produce a plan for the whole town – it cannot 'cherry pick' particular areas. However as Aylesbury is so large we will have to break up the town into areas before bringing all comments into one document.

The Town Council wants to encourage all residents to have their say in putting together the Town Plan and have already had initial meetings with the Aylesbury Society and the Aylesbury Old Town Residents Association. From initial discussions it would seem that the main issues are:

- New housing developments within the town boundaries. In practice opportunities are limited. Most of the large developments are likely to be in the parishes surrounding Aylesbury.
- The impact that the developments in surrounding parishes will have on Aylesbury Town itself.
- The retention or re-use of what has been or continues to be used as industrial land.
- The development of the town centre.

The plan is very much in its infancy but any comments would be welcome from individual residents, resident groups or businesses.

Keith Turner
Town Clerk

E-News

In our continuing quest to go cyber, Aylesbury Town Council has recently set up a brand new e-newsletter! All the latest news, events and goings-on in Aylesbury town, as well as highlights from the latest issues of this very magazine will be included in the monthly e-news, which will be delivered directly to subscriber's inboxes. It's free and easy to subscribe and anyone can do it – just visit the Aylesbury Town Council website. Don't forget to check out our Facebook and Twitter pages too!

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By the time this magazine is delivered you will have elected a whole new set of Town Councillors for Aylesbury! To find out which Councillors represent your ward, and to get their contact details, make sure you visit the 'Councillors' page of the Aylesbury Town Council website.

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Britain in Bloom Update

Small but Active

Although Aylesbury Town Council is small in comparison with other councils it is committed to making Aylesbury an attractive and clean town in which to live, work and shop.

Over the Autumn, Winter and Spring the Council installed more grit bins, carried out snow clearance, planted thousands of bulbs, crown lifted and pollarded many trees, cut back hedges, replaced setts around Walton Pond and installed a new bench, installed new and replaced many litter and dog bins, began the renovation of the area in front of the County Council offices, continued upgrading the cemetery environment, repaired some of the Victorian cemetery monuments and progressed the cemetery extension.

The council also contacted Tesco concerning the derelict land behind their superstore at Tring Road. Although planning permission for houses was refused a few years ago the company still wishes to retain ownership of the land but do not appear to have any immediate plans for reuse.

Brooks and Rivers

One of the problems the town has is keeping the small rivers that run through Aylesbury such as Bearbrook and California Brook clear of rubbish. When a brook or river flows across land, no one owns the water. However, if a single landowner owns the land on both sides of a section of river, that landowner owns the bed of that section of the river.

It gets more complicated where there is a different landowner on each bank. In that case it is presumed that the boundary between them is mid-river. In Aylesbury the Environment Agency is responsible for flood alleviation and on a reasonably regular basis clear the six barriers situated around the town of rubbish. However in many cases it has proven very difficult to establish who owns the banks of these streams. So much so that the Town Council has now embarked on a project to resolve this issue. We'll keep you posted.

Take a peek inside some of Aylesbury's private gardens...

Four mature town gardens will be opening this year in Aylesbury under the National Gardens Scheme on Sunday 26th June from 2.00pm to 6.00pm. It's £4 entry (children free) and all proceeds go towards various national charities including Marie Curie Cancer Care & Crossroads. Gardens opening up this year are:

13 Walton Dene – Winner of Best Front and Best Vegetable Garden in Aylesbury in Bloom 2010, this garden combines a mixture of alpiners, perennials, shrubs, ferns and exotics. Wheelchair access available.

2 Spenser Road – Homemade teas will be available at this tranquil cottage style garden with a Victorian greenhouse, containing many ornamental trees, pelargoniums and tender plants.

110 Tring Road – Winner of Best Formal Garden in Aylesbury in Bloom 2010, this is an established suburban garden with mature trees, perennials, rose bed and gazebo, pond and alpine raised beds. Wheelchair access available.

90 Walton Way – This is an interesting town garden featuring large, well stocked ornamental fish ponds and a wildlife pond.



What's on this Summer...

There's so much to do in Aylesbury this summer you will be spoilt for choice! The best bit is that most events are free, and there'll be a wide range of activities to suit every family member.

Throughout the summer music will be the order of the day with the free **Aylesbury Summer Sunday Music** series from June – September, and Aylesbury Street Festival brings an eclectic music mix to the town every Saturday throughout August. Aylesbury also goes all exotic in June with the return of the popular **Tunisian Market** organised by the Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership.

Take a trip back in time on **Fathers' Day at Aylesbury Town Council's free Roman Family Fun Day** on the 19th June in Market Square. Give your dad a chance to find out what it was like to be a Roman Soldier with help from 'Titus the Centurion', or get stuck in to mosaic making, Roman writing or leather stamping. Then why not discover some genuine Roman artefacts at the County Museum around the corner – **all for free!**

July starts with a bang with the ever-popular **Roald Dahl Festival** on the 2nd, this year themed 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. The Roald Dahl Festival also kicks off the new and improved 'Aylesbury Festival' (see opposite page).

One of the un-missable highlights of July is '**Aylesbury-on-Sea**' in **Kingsbury** on the 10th, organised by Aylesbury Town Council, where all things seaside come to the landlocked town for the day. This year will be extra special as it will include a public participation World Record attempt, donkey rides around the square, stilt walking entertainment, sandpits, deckchairs, fairground rides and much, much more – **all for free!**



Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership will be holding a **free event every Thursday of the holidays** in the town centre, and in July (22nd - 24th) you can get involved with different sports for the **London 2012 Open Weekend**. In August you can enjoy some '**Crazy Bears**' fun in Friars Square on the 12th, or go magical with the Town Centre Partnership's '**Hogwarts Experience**' in Kingsbury on the 18th.

As you can see, there's plenty to keep your family busy during the holidays! There's too much to mention on this page so make sure you take a look at the 'What's on' Guide in the back of this magazine to find out what else is on in Aylesbury this summer.

Plus don't forget to check our website at: www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk for updates, or why not sign up to our brand new e-newsletter for information straight to your inbox?





Aylesbury 2011

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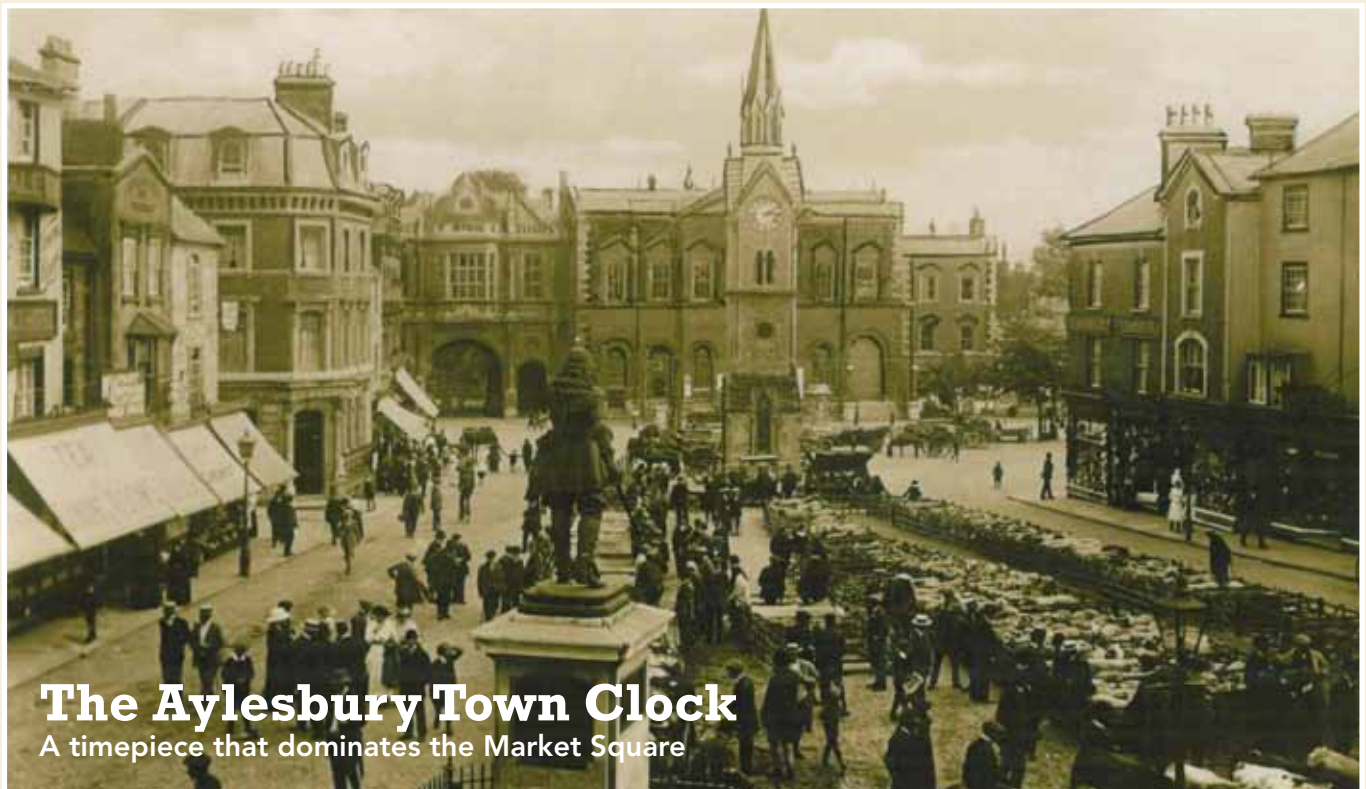
Aylesbury's brand new festival!

This summer the air in Aylesbury will be thick with music as the town also welcomes the brand new 'Aylesbury Festival' between the 2nd and 17th July.

This high profile event brings over 70 concerts, workshops and events to Aylesbury including musicians from as far away as Africa and Slovenia. As part of the Festival a number of workshops and community participation projects will be taking place, including the first 'Aylesbury Gospel Choir' which anyone can be involved with.

The Festival incorporates some great family events too, including the Roald Dahl Festival and Aylesbury-on-Sea, and is rounded off with the popular 'Music Festival' organised by Aylesbury Showcase, where local bands featuring 'Girls who Rock' will come together with the British Guitar Academy for a weekend of popular music in the town centre.

There's something for everyone, and many of the events are free, so why not see what's on? More information about the Festival including a programme can be found on www.aylesburyfestival.com.



The Aylesbury Town Clock

A timepiece that dominates the Market Square

It could be said that the Town Clock is the focal point of the town and yet while frequently referred to in passing, it blends into the background, seldom looked at in detail. Its four faces look out across the Market Square and the spire and weathervane gives it a medieval character thanks to its early Victorian Gothic architecture. The clock tower is an oddity for another reason; whereas most municipal clocks of the period were built for the celebration of one or other of Queen Victoria's many Jubilees, this clock tower was not.

Aylesbury had a town clock from a very early period which was mounted on the original Market House building. Appearing to have been built in the reign of Henry VIII, it was demolished in 1802 and with this the town clock was removed. The succeeding Market House was built by the Marquis of Buckingham, when he purchased the Manor of Aylesbury.

Apparently the new building was built on the basis that a clock would be part of the building but this did not occur. This Market House was eventually demolished in 1866 after the building of the Corn Exchange (the Arches) in 1864.

The name Tindal will chime with many local residents. When Acton Tindal purchased the Manor of Aylesbury from the Duke of Buckingham's trustees in 1849 one of his first acts was to pursue the re-introduction of a town clock in the Market Square and to this extent purchased the original town clock for £200. The ability to tell the time is common place today but go back

125 years and carrying a watch was a status symbol. Meetings were held to determine where the clock could be sited and how to raise the money for its installation. Sites such as the Corn Exchange and County Hall were discussed and dismissed for various reasons.

In October 1875 a meeting was held and a Clock Tower committee was formed with a chairman of Henry Watson and a committee of local notables. It was decided that the only way to provide a clock was to build a clock tower and a D. Brandon of Berkeley Square London, who was also the architect of the Aylesbury Royal Bucks Hospital and the Corn Exchange was appointed architect and a Mr Cooper of Aylesbury the builder.

£778 was raised by public prescription, to which was added the proceeds of the sale of the late Market House. This brought the total to £882.

The honour of laying the foundation stone in 1876 went to Mrs Henrietta Euphemia Tindal, wife of Acton Tindal, the Clerk of the Peace for Buckinghamshire and of course Lord of Aylesbury Manor.

While the clock tower was under construction Robert Gibbs, a reporter on the Aylesbury News and Advertiser, climbed up the scaffolding beside the workmen and began pointing the locally quarried stonework himself. This must have left the public somewhat bemused at this gentlemen of the press

getting his hands dirty. A commemorative dinner was given by town's folk to honour Mr and Mrs Tindal upon completion.

The ownership of the Town Clock was passed on the 25th June 1877 to the local Board of Health and thence to the Borough Council on its formation. In 1974 when the Borough Council was abolished and Aylesbury Vale District was formed this Council became responsible for the Town Clock.



The oil painting of Acton Tindal, above, appears to have once been the property of Aylesbury Borough Council. It would seem that this painting was part of a large set of paintings that were distributed to standing Councillors and other dignitaries in 1974 when the Council was abolished. Nine of the paintings were reclaimed by the Aylesbury Charter Trustees and now hang in the Royal Bucks Hospital.



Close up of the trowel and the end of the gavel.

The initials on the end of the gavel are H. E. T. which were Acton Tindal's wife's initials.

The silver trowel, which was used for the ceremonial laying of the foundation stone in 1876, forms part of the collection of memorabilia held by Aylesbury Town Council on behalf of the residents of Aylesbury.



An Ode to the Clock Tower

Aylesbury Town Matters readers, we need your help! For some time a brief poem titled, An Ode to the Clock Tower, adorned the long Clock Tower ladder heading up into the clockworks. This fragment of verse was inscribed on a simple piece of notepaper in a common blue biro. The talented wordsmith's identity is, to this day, unknown as it was written anonymously. Sadly, someone of wayward virtue has since seen fit to deprive the town of this beautiful arrangement of words. **Can you remember this poem? Did you write those words yourself? If this rings a bell, please do chime up and contact us. We'd love to track it down and add another tale to the history of the town's Clock Tower.**

Kevin Peters and Keith Turner

Clock Tower Facts and Information

- The Clock Tower is constructed from locally quarried stone and was designed in the Victorian Gothic, also known as Gothic Revival, style.
- For our town's intrepid explorers and map savvy visitors the Clock Tower's grid reference is: SP 819 137.
- Horse troughs used to surround the clock tower however these have long since been demolished.
- Acton Tindal, key advocate of the Clock Tower, was buried upon his death in the Tring Road Cemetery which you can still visit.
- For more on Acton Tindal, be sure to read Issue 18 of Aylesbury Town Matters which can be found on our website: www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Community News & Events

Greater Aylesbury Local Area Forum

Did you know there is a forum in Aylesbury where you can come along and find out more about council and other services?

BCC, AVDC, Town Council, Police and Fire representatives attend the Greater Aylesbury Local Area Forum and discuss matters of importance to residents. At the last meeting on 28th March, items covered included HS2, the Berryfields development and parking enforcement in Aylesbury.

The County Council allocates a number of budgets to the Forum, for use in the Greater Aylesbury area. Last year's budgets were used to enable a number of successful projects to be undertaken. Here are just a few examples of the work achieved through the Forum's local priorities budget:

- The Zap Carbon project in Bedgrove, where residents were able to compete against each other to win prizes for reduced energy consumption
- Funding towards a residential trip for young volunteers working with other young people at youth cafés in Southcourt and Quarrendon
- A 'shared garden' project in conjunction with Aylesbury Town Council, where residents with larger gardens allow another resident to take over part of the garden and both benefit from shared produce

The local priorities for the Forum are decided by local organisations/residents and other partners identifying particular issues and then agreeing which issues are most important to the local area. The priorities are being refreshed at the June meeting so, if you would like to be involved and say what you think is needed in Aylesbury, please feel free to come along.

Residents can also ask questions during question time, so if you do have a question about service provision or want to find out more, please come along to the next meeting on 13th June, starting at 6.30pm at the Council Chamber, Aylesbury Town Council.

For further details please call 01296 383409 or email: locality-services@buckscc.gov.uk

Free Hearing Service available in Aylesbury



Nu-Sight Opticians – a Kodak Lens Vision Centre in Aylesbury – has employed a team of hearing aid audiologists who will run a FREE Digital Hearing Service surgery at the Vision Centre in Cambridge Street every Wednesday. Patients can drop in for free hearing tests,

discuss hearing care solutions and view demonstrations of the very latest aids.

Nicky Mills from Digital Hearing Service explains: "With one in seven people in the UK having some degree of hearing loss yet very few being checked, we are delighted to be able to offer this service in Aylesbury."

For more information, or to book your hearing or vision test, drop into Nu-Sight Opticians, 30 Cambridge Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1RS or call 01296 398941.

Aylesbury Fairtrade Initiative has a New Blog!

Aylesbury Fairtrade Initiative (AFTI) is a community group which promotes Fair Trade in the Aylesbury Vale area and works towards maintaining Aylesbury's status as a Fairtrade Town. They have recently launched a new blog, where visitors can check the Fair Trade Directory for Aylesbury to find out which local shops and businesses use, sell and/or serve Fair Trade products, or where businesses can find out how to go about using Fair Trade products. The blog is up and running and can be found at: <http://aylesburyfairtrade.wordpress.com/>





Aylesbury Lions Club

The Aylesbury Lions Club is part of Lions International, one of the world's largest voluntary organisations, which has clubs in 192 countries. The Aylesbury Club currently has 16 members, men and women, who enjoy working together to help the local community through fundraising and other voluntary work.

Annual events include a barbecue, a china shy and a concert, and at Christmas the Lions Club provides a roasted chestnut stall in the Market Square and makes up Christmas parcels for local people in need. Club members also join in social activities, including an annual dinner/dance. The club's regular business meeting is held at 8.00pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Aylesbury Town Council Chamber.

For more information make sure you look at: www.aylesburylions.org.uk, or for an informal chat about club membership, telephone John on 01844 291039.

Allotment Open Day in aid of Air Ambulance

If you've ever wondered what goes into running an allotment, head down to the Allotment Open Day on **16th July**. As well as the chance to have a good look at some well run allotments, you'll be helping to raise money for the Air Ambulance while you do so.

You'll get the chance to chat to some of the allotment holders about what green-fingered advice they have, and there'll be information from the local horticultural society to give you some ideas about growing. You'll also be able to find out more about the Air Ambulance and what work your donation will be going towards. **The suggested donation is £3.50 per person and the event will take place from 10.00am until 4.00pm at Old Stoke Road Allotments, Aylesbury. For more information please contact us on 01296 425678.**



Oxford Philomusica

Oxford Philomusica, which has been appointed Orchestra in Association at the new Aylesbury Waterside Theatre, gave its inaugural concert on Friday 11th March. Opening with Rossini's Overture to The Barber of Seville, the evening's popular programme featured BBC Young Musician of the Year Award winning violinist, Jennifer Pike. The High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire hosted a VIP reception to welcome Oxford Philomusica to the magnificent venue.

Firmly committed to education and community work, Oxford Philomusica ran a hands-on workshop for nearly 30 children from several local schools after they had enjoyed the final hour of the orchestra's afternoon rehearsal. The Orchestra was founded in 1998 and has achieved considerable success since then, not least in its appointment as the first Orchestra in Residence at the University of Oxford.

For more details visit: <http://oxfordphil.com>

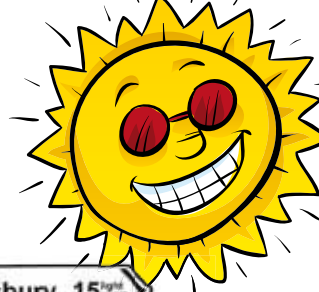
Help for Chiltern's cats

Chiltern Cats Protection is here to both help and rehome cats in the Chiltern area (including HP5-6, 16-23 & 27). The charity can also give additional help to the public in the form of neutering vouchers for households with a low income, and are always available to have a friendly chat offering free advice and information about cat ownership and care.



There are always lots of cats and kittens who need loving homes (*like Toast a 14 year-old in the photo*) so if you're thinking about adopting a cat please do call on 01296 680397.

For more information follow Chiltern Cats Protection on Twitter (@CPCChiltern) or visit: www.chiltern.cats.org.uk



Summer Fun...

The Greys

Aylesbury 15 light years

Captain's Log, October 1966, supplemental:
After crash-landing on this strange planet,
we have begun to explore our new home.



Market Square

The inhabitants don't seem to be
very technologically advanced...

...although they have built a space rocket

That will never take off
— the countdown is
going the wrong way!



www.peppertop.com

facebook.com/TheGreysComic



Spot the Difference

Can you spot 7 differences between the two photos below of our Apothecary taken during our Charter Day celebrations last year? You can find the answers on page 14.



Ladies... get fit for the summer AND help a good cause

Curves Smart



Curves is a ladies only fitness and weight loss centre. The health benefits of exercise are numerous and a Curves workout has been designed as a complete cardiovascular and strength training session. With it you can:

- alleviate stress and lower blood pressure
- maintain bone density and fight osteoporosis
- help control blood sugar levels
- keep the heart muscle strong and healthy
- reduce body fat percentage

A common complaint of women is that they just don't have time to exercise – nor can they face going to a 'traditional' gym. The Curves 30-minute complete workout provides the solution as you move around the circuit, changing machines and rest stations every 30 seconds.

It's simple, fun and effective – the Aylesbury Curves members last year lost 2750 inches and 1250 lbs. In fact, our members tell us they started coming because they 'should' but they keep coming back because they 'want' to.

Curves is suitable for women of all ages, all sizes and all levels of fitness as the machines automatically adjust to each person's level of effort and ability. And it's not all hard work – you can even chat while burning 300-500 calories a visit.

Why not come for a visit and try us for a free week with the voucher below?

Get One Week
FREE*

*or exchange on first visit for special discount

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Bucks HP20 1SA
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LADIES... ★

★ Florence Nightingale Hospice's ★ Gemstone Walk needs you!

Calling all ladies... it's time to get those trainers dusted off and start limbering up for the 2011 Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's 'Gemstone Midnight Walk' taking place on Saturday 16th July 2011. ★

Last year's event, which saw 500 ladies of all ages pounding the streets at midnight, raised over £60k for the Charity, which provides comprehensive care and support through in-patient and at-home services for local families affected by life-limiting illness. It is hoped that the 2011 event will be even bigger and better, and with Health and Fitness Expert Rosemary Conley CBE in support the Charity hopes to sign up over 750 walkers to break the 2010 record!

The walk consists of either a 6 or 12 mile walk around Aylesbury, starting from Aylesbury College, suitable for participants aged 11 (when accompanied by an adult) and up.

If you would like to take part in a team, with a group of friends or as an individual, contact 01296 429975, email info@gemstonewalk.co.uk or visit www.gemstonewalk.co.uk to fill out a registration form. Places are limited, so early registration is advised.



For more information about the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity visit www.fnhospice.org.uk



Aylesbury Town Council: 2007-2011

Back Row: Mr Tom Spurrier (Mace Bearer), Cllr Jenny Bloom, Cllr Brian Roberts, Cllr Steve Patrick (Leader of the Council), Cllr David Ralph, Fr Shane Wood (Parish Priest), Cllr Alan Sherwell, Cllr Steven Mitchell, Cllr Tuffail Hussain **Middle Row:** Cllr Tom Ahmed, Cllr Ray Ghent, Cllr Jenny Puddifoot, Mr Keith Turner (Town Clerk), Cllr Ranjula Takodra MBE (Outgoing Mayor), Judge Christopher Tyrer DL (Chief Recorder), Cllr Pat Jamieson, Cllr Mike Smith, Cllr Sue Chapple **Front Row:** Cllr Julie Ward (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Graham Webster (Mayor of Aylesbury), Cllr Penni Thorne **Not Pictured:** Cllr Kevin Peters, Cllr Mohammed Amjad, Cllr Mark Willis, Cllr Denise Summers, Cllr Roger Surguy, Cllr Freda Roberts MBE JP, Cllr Noreen O'Sullivan

By the time this issue of Town Matters hits your doorstep, the 5th May local elections will be a distant memory. The impact of the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition government on local election battles will be analysed in depth. We may have even decided upon a new system to elect our Westminster representatives. Most pertinently to Aylesbury residents, you will have elected into public office a new Town Council. At this point, we take time to reflect upon the Aylesbury Town Council of 2007-2011.

This last four year term was a marked period of growth and expansion for Aylesbury Town Council. Early in 2007 the Tring Road Cemetery was handed over from the District Council. In need of some repair, the site has undergone extensive work to improve facilities for visitors under the Town Council's stewardship. In 2010 the site was further extended with an intricate plan put in place for drainage, transport and progressive use.

This was accompanied by a thorough renovation of the town's seven allotment sites. The facilities have quickly been brought up to standard and their quality is attested to by the ever increasing waiting lists.

The Town Hall was also subject to improvements. This renovation allowed us to offer out the much improved facilities to other users. Schools, business and community groups now frequently make use of the public's asset. All the while, solar panels feed in clean, green electricity.

The Town Council have also been prominently involved

in community improvement projects. Many of these would not have been possible were it not for the hard work of our outdoor team. They were established in 2008, primarily to manage the cemetery and allotments, with their role widening considerably since then. The regeneration of Walton Pond and the California Brook and Riverside Walk clean ups are notable large scale improvements that they have been involved in.

Retaining the environmental theme, Aylesbury Town Council has instigated regular floral displays in the town centre. Providing an eye pleasing background, which peaks in the summer, these flowers form a central pillar of our Britain in Bloom entry.

Town Matters, our flagship magazine, has also gone from strength to strength. We now have to order 29,000 copies which cover the 60,000 strong population of Aylesbury. We strive to include a diversity of content for the magazine to meet the broadest range of interests. Each edition has been an improvement on the last.

The yearly events calendar has continued to expand, with Charter Day, Aylesbury-on-Sea and Proms in the Park now essential dates to include in the diary. These events, free to visit, have increasingly drawn people into Aylesbury with growing numbers of individuals staying to make use of the town and its facilities.

Now though, we look to the future. In the next edition of Town Matters we will introduce you to the next Town Council with its faces old and new.

Keith Turner



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 beekeepers need your help

As many of us will know, our local honey bees are under increasing strain. During the 2009/10 winter Buckinghamshire suffered a loss of 36% of its bee colonies. Indeed, many local bee keepers are in fear that this second hard winter will have left us with even fewer surviving colonies.

Bees are essential to our society. A wry smile was brought to my face when I heard a CNN report warning that Häagen-Dazs could lose 40% of its ice cream flavours with the continuing demise of the honey bee in America. I suspect that the planet would be in a much more dire state than just losing our variety in ice cream flavours.

Bees are important pollinators and ensure our gardens and farms are as beautiful and productive as they can be. Without them our lives would be dramatically less colourful, short of the fruit and vegetables they help to give us. The Bumble Bee Conservation Trust estimates their worth to be €14.2 billion – no small sum.

Despite the doom and gloom stories, I am cheered by the fact that many people still wish to become bee keepers. Our local Association courses are always very busy. But you can still help. There are a number of new and experienced beekeepers around the greater Aylesbury area who are looking for sites where they might place a hive. The sites generally need to be secure, safe and away from the general public. There are keepers who are looking to place single colonies or full apiaries.

If you think you can help, please feel free to call 07581 619132 or email: optimistic1bryan@hotmail.com

**Bryan Garson-Pilbeam
Chairman, Buckinghamshire Bee Breeders Group**

PS. Don't forget, one of the best ways to support the local bee population is to buy your honey from local producers. It tastes much better, is higher quality than the honey available in the supermarkets and hasn't been transported from around the planet.



Birds of a feather don't flock together

Our feathered friends have been rather active within the parish in recent months. At the time of writing we have just been told that a pair of Peregrine Falcons are nesting on a specially built platform on top of the Bucks County Council offices in the town.

Red Kites can be seen on a daily basis circling in the sky above most parts of the town looking for carrion although they will take a wide variety of prey including earthworms, small mammals and amphibians. Occasionally they are mobbed by crows who look very much smaller than the kites. In fact, although a Red Kite's wingspan is nearly two metres, the bird itself has a relatively small body weight of approx. 2-3 lbs.

A couple of years ago when conducting the Britain in Bloom judging around the Riverside Walk the AVDC Biodiversity Officer who was explaining to the judges what work had been undertaken in the past year suddenly lost interest and became very animated. He had just heard the call of the secretive Grasshopper Warbler, identified by a mechanical sounding song. They had been lost from many areas by the 1980s and red listed by the RSPB due to population declines and concerns over their future. We have heard similar reports recently.

As anyone can attest who has a fishpond in their back garden, herons are not put off by a mainly urban environment. It seems that birds are learning, due to the loss of their natural territory, to adapt to urban living. Occasionally though they need a helping hand from man. Indeed, recent drainage developments at the Old Stoke Road Allotments have encouraged a population of Kingfishers to the site. We can all help support urban birdlife if only by making a small part of our garden bird friendly.

Answers to Spot the Difference the jar has been changed from white to red, text has changed on poster, flame is missing from candle in lantern, man has lost his glasses, collar has a piece missing, chain is missing on scales and stirrer is missing from pot.

Bat boxes on the Riverside Walk

On a cold January morning, Aylesbury Town Council donned its trusty wellies and teaming up with the North Bucks Bat Group, waded through the icy flood waters of the Riverside Walk. Aylesbury Town Council had donated three bat boxes to the local conservation group and were working together to find suitable trees along the river to site them.

The bat boxes were constructed from a special material known as woodcrete. This is a mixture of sawdust and concrete which provides a draft free environment with a stable temperature for any bats that choose to make the structure their home. Studies have indicated that bats, if given a choice, generally prefer woodcrete over other materials for roosting.

While the boxes make attractive homes, they have to be sited with consideration. "We have to be careful where they are placed," said Matt from the North Bucks Bat Group, "the bats need an unobstructed flight to the boxes. Sadly, we also need to make sure that vandals don't have easy access either."



Matt, Hilary and loyal dog Dylan, brave the icy cold January flood waters of the Riverside Walk to find a prospective home for some of Aylesbury's bat population.



The Leisler's Bat is one of the species which ATC & the NBBG hope will take to the bat boxes. © Hugh Clark / Bat Conservation Trust.

The boxes are designed for larger bat species such as the Noctule. Often, bats will adopt them as a permanent roost. While the boxes are of course designed for bats, small birds such as starlings have been known to briefly adopt them when they are vacant. There have already been reports of a bird using one of the Riverside Walk boxes this year.

At present, no bats have taken to the boxes, but this is not yet a cause for alarm. Matt added, "Bats have barely woken up from hibernation yet. They will most likely be adopted in the Autumn ready for the mating season." He is hoping for Noctules, Soprano Pipistrelles and with luck Leisler's which have previously been recorded in the area.

Bats are remarkable creatures. Echolocation is their primary sense, ultrasonic sonar which they use to travel and feel, however they possess excellent eyesight too. They are also the only mammals which are capable of sustained flight. While there are over 900 recognised species, they are divided into two groups: microbats which eat insects, and megabats which have a diet of fruit. Notoriously the vampire bat feeds on the blood of cattle, however these species are only native to the Americas, not Aylesbury!

To find out more about bats and how you can help these amazing but vulnerable animals, visit the Bat Conservation Trust's website. Here you can become a member and discover the many ways you can get involved to do your bit for bats: www.bats.org.uk

If you want to see what local bat projects are taking place, and possibly lend your support, head towards the North Bucks Bat Group who will be happy to tell you more: www.northbucksbatgroup.org.uk

St Osyth – an Aylesbury Saint

Fact or Fiction? A nun that was beheaded by the Vikings and the papal order to have her body removed.

Osyth was the daughter of Frithwald, sub King of the Mercians, and Wilburga, the daughter of pagan King Penda. Born in Quarrendon (circa 650 AD), where a holy spring was supposedly situated, her aunts were St Edith and St Edburga of Bicester. On one visit to Edburga the girl fell from a bridge and drowned, miraculously reviving three days later. The aunts must have had a profound impact on Osyth as she soon indicated her ambition to take the veil and become an abbess.



St Osyth's House formally the Prebendal Farm contains fragments of a 16th century building. The main building is circa 1650 – 1700.

However, she was of noble birth and her father wanted Osyth to marry King Sighere of Essex. Around 665 AD dynastic duty prevailed. Having finally provided Sighere with an heir, Osyth successfully managed to prevail on two local bishops to allow her to take holy orders, thereby becoming a nun.

In 700 AD the Vikings raided the Essex coast and demanded that the

Abbess Osyth worship their gods. She refused and was beheaded on the orders of Viking chief Hubba. The decapitated body then picked up its head, walked with it at arms length a third of a mile to the Church of St Peter and St Paul and knocked at the church doors. This was the first of many miracles attributed to her.

Osyth's distraught parents shipped the body back in a lead chest from Chich to Aylesbury and laid it to rest in the Lady's Chapel of St Mary's Church. It was said that at each resting place on the way to Aylesbury a spring sprang. King Canute later renamed Chich, which was part of her marriage dowry, St Osyth – ironic since he was also a King of the Danes.

St Osyth managed to gain quite a following with unauthorised pilgrimages to her shrine causing problems for the church authorities. She was canonised and her feast day of 7th October was celebrated in Aylesbury. John Wycliffe, parish priest for Luggershall, was a firebrand preacher who challenged

ecclesiastical authority in secular matters, even equating the Pope with the antichrist. His followers, the Lollards, saw St Osyth as Queen of the Martyrs.

The veneration of her remains must have been an important focal point for this sect. Given that these unauthorised pilgrimages would inevitably deprive the Church of revenue for the more traditional pilgrimages and the perceived threat posed by the Lollards, it was perhaps inevitable that action would be taken.

Enter Rodrigo Lanzol Borja or Pope Alexander VI, the Borgia Pope of infamous renown elected by alleged bribery in 1492 with four mule loads of silver to one influential cardinal alone. Giovanni di Lorenzo de' Medici (later Pope Leo X) sharply criticized the election and issued a warning: "Now we are in the power of a wolf, the most rapacious perhaps that this world has ever seen. And if we do not flee, he will inevitably devour us all".

During the Middle Ages saints abounded and there was a saint for most occasions and circumstances. St Osyth's feast day, October 7th, was shared with 13 other saints. St Osyth was also the patron saint for women "who have lost their keys".

Under Alexander VI orders in a Papal decree issued in 1500 the body of St Osyth was disinterred and moved to a secret location. Given the sensitivity of the operation it must have taken place in the dead of night with armed guards in attendance. Her aunt St Edburga was disinterred the same year, and transported to Flanders. Logically, the Church would most likely have taken these two saints together at the same time to the same location.

The exact whereabouts of her body must still then remain a mystery which only a dedicated search of the Vatican records for this period could possibly reveal. One arm bone is said to exist in the Chapel Royal Windsor where a number of other saint's bones are placed underneath the high altar.

Very little remains in Aylesbury to remind us of St Osyth. All we can see is a house named St Osyth's in Parsons Fee and St Osyth's Well in Berton. **Any local historians would be welcome to contact us with more.**

Kevin Peters



Photos from left to right: Winning 'Best Hat' competition at Brain Tumour Research; Making new friends at Bucks Goat Centre; Becoming purple - all kindly done by the Barber Shop Group; Meeting the locals at World's End allotment site

My year as Mayor of Aylesbury by Cllr Graham Webster

When asked what I've done and where I've been during this year, my only response can be 'Where haven't I been?' My year as Mayor of Aylesbury has been full to say the least, but every minute has been enjoyable. There are almost too many highlights to mention, but here are just a few of the best ones.

Youth in Aylesbury

I have been honoured with many invites to various shows, assemblies, fairs and fundraisers organised by, involved with and for the young people of Aylesbury. I've been very impressed with the energy, enthusiasm and good manners shown by pupils in all the schools whenever I have visited, and with some of the innovative ideas bouncing around Aylesbury pupils' heads we can certainly expect to see a few entrepreneurs in the town in the future!

I am also very impressed to say that the five scouts who have been working with me as Mayor throughout the year have all been chosen to go to the World Scouting Jamboree in Sweden.

Charity and Fundraising

Before becoming Mayor, I had no idea of the sheer number of charities based in and around Aylesbury. As well as my official Mayor's Charities, Lymphoma and PACE (for whom I have – on various occasions – jumped out of a plane, dyed my hair and beard purple, stacked shelves in Sainsbury's, launched two cycle races and walked through the woods) I've been part of many other charities, including Aylesbury Homeless Action Group, Carers UK, Age UK, Red Cross, Samaritans and Brain Tumour Research, at whose 'Wear a Hat Day' I won the prize for best hat!

I would urge any Aylesbury resident to get out there and take part in some of the many fundraising activities going on in the town. You can find out about Aylesbury's various charities at www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Businesses in Aylesbury

I have had the pleasure of opening and being involved with many new businesses in Aylesbury, including two Wetherspoon's pubs, Meena's Beauty Salon, the play centre at Elmhurst Junior School, the new World's End Allotment sites and a new Sainsbury's.

Having started the lives of so many businesses I feel very positive about the future of Aylesbury's business community.

Civic Occasions

There have been many occasions throughout the year when I have been proud to be part of our town's tradition and heritage. A good example would be the Freedom Parade in September – beforehand I welcomed two new recruits to RAF Halton, one being the New Station Commander Group Captain Chris Elliott, and another being George the Goat, the new Station Mascot, with whom I got on famously!

On the day I enjoyed greeting the Duchess of Gloucester to Aylesbury and meeting a number of fresh faced cadets from around the county.

This, and the numerous other civic and ceremonial events in Aylesbury and in neighbouring towns I have attended have made me proud to represent our town.

Aylesbury Town Grants awarded March 2011



CLRs Pat Jamieson and Ranjula Takodra present Youth Concern with a cheque for £2,000 to be used for their 'Reach Out' Project. Photo courtesy of the Bucks Herald.

Aylesbury Multiple Sclerosis Branch

£800 was awarded to Aylesbury Multiple Sclerosis to fund a newsletter which goes out quarterly to everyone in Aylesbury with Multiple Sclerosis. The newsletter will supply information, contact details and interesting articles.

Aylesbury Pakistanis Cricket Club

Aylesbury Town Council granted £912.50 to Aylesbury Pakistanis Cricket Club. The club has been running for 4 years and has 26 members in total – 15 adults and 11 youngsters. The funding will be going towards new cricket equipment, such as cricket balls, shin pads and helmets.

Age Concern

£2000 was awarded to Age Concern to help launch a Good Neighbour Scheme in the Walton Court and Southcourt area. This scheme gives support to people who are elderly, disabled, have mobility problems or are visually impaired. Transport is offered to the doctors, shopping or just help with walking the dog.

Aylesbury Area Disabled Club

£250 was awarded to help fund their annual sporting games which are held in June. The day long games are held in a hired sports hall with the majority of the funding supporting a raffle and contestant refreshments.

Young Carers Bucks

£600 has been awarded to Young Carers Bucks to create a new 'Welcome Pack'. The aim is to make the pack more appealing and colourful to young members, with cartoons and comic strips incorporated as well as factual information, such as details of any upcoming group activities.

Aylesbury Tennis & Squash Club

£1000 was awarded to support Year 3 of the Tennis and Squash programme. Put on for children around the Walton Court and Southcourt areas, 65 children a week benefit from this programme.

Aylesbury Youth Action

£1500 was awarded to help celebrate their 40th anniversary. A '40 year book' was commissioned and a Garden Party at the Grammar School was held with the hope of bringing together all volunteers from AYA's history.

Aylesbury Credit Union

£1000 has been granted to Aylesbury Credit Union to help fund publicity. The organisation hopes to raise awareness in the local community about the Union and what it has to offer.

If you belong to a non-profit-making organisation 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 Donna Trichardt on 01296 425 678 or email: d.trichardt@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk for more information. Alternatively, information and application forms are available on our website.



Town Council staff and councillors wish Pat (centre of the photo at the front) all the best for the future.

A warm farewell to Pat

It is with a heavy heart that Aylesbury Town Council must bid farewell to one of its most dedicated public servants. On Thursday 31st March, Pat Phillips gracefully finished her six year period with the council. Pat now holds the office record as the longest serving member of staff since the council started.

Pat was responsible for organising the work of two of the most demanding and difficult standing committees: Planning and Grants. All planning applications within the town are passed through the Town Council for scrutiny, and it was Pat's tiresome task to ensure that all applications were presented to the planning committee in perfect order. This job saw the intricate plans for the Waterside development and numerous changes to shop fronts in the town centre land heavily on her desk.

Grants were another time consuming, but very rewarding, committee she held responsibility for. Since its establishment, Aylesbury Town Council has generously awarded grants to residents and groups for specific projects or activities. Pat ensured that all applications were correctly presented for the committee to deliberate, and oversaw the entire process. Many hundreds of people across the town have benefited from Pat's work; from talented young sportswomen and men able to afford new equipment and PCSO's with new bikes, to helping the homeless keep warm in winter.

Staff and Councillors alike gathered at the Town Hall on her last day to bid her farewell. Pat is looking forward to enjoying her retirement and plans to catch up with old friends and work in the garden. Graham Webster, last year's Mayor of Aylesbury, was singing her praise. "It's sad to see Pat leave us after all her diligent service to the town. Aylesbury Town Council won't be the same without her. We all wish her the very best for the years ahead."

Daniel Parslow

Scouts make use of Grant

Matrix Explorer Scout Unit would like to thank Aylesbury Town Council for the grant of £750 they were awarded towards the garden the unit are creating in the grounds of 9th Aylesbury Scout Headquarters.

The 9th Aylesbury Scout Group obtained planning permission last year to fence in the area of land to the side of their building as they had a big problem with people fly tipping. The Explorer Scouts came up with the idea of turning this area into a pleasant garden that all the community groups that use the building can enjoy.

As well as creating something nice from an eyesore the Explorer Scouts also learnt some key skills which counted towards their Scout and Duke of Edinburgh Awards. First they had to draw up plans for the garden and get these approved by the Scout Group, then they had to cost these out and draw up a budget and work out how they could fund it.

A small team put together a presentation and entered the iHelp competition organised by the Buckinghamshire Freemasons where they won another £750. With a further £1000 donated by McCormick UK Ltd, the Explorer Scouts now had enough money to get the garden rolling. Last year they did a lot of the groundwork, put up fencing and created one of the beds from which they had a really good crop of tomatoes. This year they have put in a further two beds for planting, composting bins and are starting work on a decking area.

The Explorer Scouts have really enjoyed the work and, as well as a good crop of flowers and vegetables this summer, we are also hoping for a good crop of Duke of Edinburgh Awards!

Hilary Walker
District Explorer Scout Administrator





Biodiesel

After nearly a year in planning, extensive technical research and in-depth consultation, Aylesbury Town Council is proud to announce the next step in its energy procurement plan: we're going to produce biodiesel.

Far from the world of costly refineries on vast industrial complexes, biodiesel can be produced on a comparatively small scale by home users. Using a reasonably simple chemical process managed by specialist equipment, old cooking oil can be transformed into fuel usable in diesel engines.

Aylesbury Town Council, with support from the Greater Aylesbury Local Area Forum, have identified a number of practical benefits from this project. After the initial investment, biodiesel will work out at around 51 pence per litre – a considerable saving over regular white diesel purchased from the pump. Tied in with our recent switch to red diesel, these savings total thousands of pounds per year.

On top of this are clear environmental incentives too. Biodiesel recycles a product which otherwise would have been wasted. Carbon emissions are also reduced in comparison to regular white diesel too. We'll also be much more self-sufficient, reducing our dependency on the existing fossil fuel refinement and distribution infrastructure.

The Science of Biodiesel

Constructed in 1897, the first prototype of the diesel engine was run on peanut oil. This is an example of a biofuel – a fuel derived from living, or recently living, organisms. Rudolf Diesel designed his engine

to produce kinetic energy from any oil-based product using high pressure and compressed air.

Modern diesel engines, evolving from this original design, have an engineered dependence on diesel produced from crude oil distillation. Biodiesel is a biofuel on which modern diesel engines can run, usually without modification.

Used cooking oil must undergo transesterification before it can be used as biodiesel. This uses an alcohol, such as methanol, to react with the oil. Heat is used as a catalyst to make the reaction speed up. The finished biodiesel is usually used in ratio with standard diesel to prevent gelling in colder weather.

How Can You Help?

This project needs your help for success. Aylesbury Town Council would like a supply of vegetable oil to turn into biodiesel. This could be used cooking oil you've prepared meals with, or it could be unused wholesale oil you'd like to donate. Either way we can use it to make biodiesel.

If you are a local business who uses or can supply us with cooking oil please get in touch. We'll take away some of your waste oil free of charge, while you help reduce our fuel expenses and carbon footprint.

For more details or to offer help, please email: d.parslow@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

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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email: k.turner@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk Acknowledgement – I would like to thank the Members and Staff of Aylesbury Town Council for their help in the production of this magazine. Keith Turner, Town Clerk

Aylesbury Town Correspondence



Last edition's correspondence page caused quite a stir within the parish boundaries. Buoyed with enthusiasm, you've been contacting us like never before. We really listen to what you have to say. Here's a selection of your latest comments:

Where have all the jobs gone? (Issue 20)

Dear Editor,

While researching my family tree, which stretches back to the 1800s in Aylesbury, I came across some other jobs you can add to the list. Interesting jobs from my family history include: Lacemaker, Canal Boatman, Straw Plaiter & Cropper, Coco Nibs Sorter (at the milk factory which later became Nestlé's), Gas Lamp-Lighter, Tanners Labourer, Coachman and Printers Layman!

Regards
Mr B Strand

PS. My first job in 1955 was an Articled Clerk to a local accountant – another job title that's also long gone!

Ed: Genealogy is a popular past time. If you have any interesting stories about your ancestors who lived in Aylesbury, chocolate related or not, please let us know.

The case for wind farms

Dear Town Matters,

With your carbon competition in Bedgrove highlighting environmental and energy issues, I would like to reopen the discussion for wind turbines. I believe there was a consultation for a wind turbine in Bedgrove which lacked residential support. However, recent technological developments allow the storage of energy using compressed air. Given the ever-increasing price of fossil fuels, wind turbines are becoming a more reliable and cheaper option. Change must happen as soon as possible while we still have comparatively cheap mobile energy available in relatively large quantities.

Many thanks
Mr R Murison

Ed: While some people are sceptical about the arguments surrounding climate change it is clear that many in the parish are concerned about the future. We hope that Mr Murison and others will be pleased about our Biodiesel initiative (previous page) which will decrease our carbon footprint, save taxpayers' money and reduce our reliance on traditional fossil fuels.

Flowers and bulbs in the Parish

Dear Aylesbury Town Matters,

I noticed that the proposed bulb planting was completed today in the verge at Haydon Road, Aylesbury. Many thanks for your kind help in getting that done. I look forward to a nice display.

Kind regards
Mr R Milligan

Dear Aylesbury Town Council,

I just wanted to say thank you for the beautiful flowers around Aylesbury this year! The display of colour is such a pleasure to see each morning on my drive to work. Everywhere seems to have wonderful looking hanging baskets. I am sure there are many who have enjoyed them as much as me.

Thank you
Mrs A Maggs

Ed: The floral displays form a central part of our Britain in Bloom entry and we're really pleased that people appreciate the hard work that goes into them. Be sure to keep an eye on the Exchange Street Roundabout near County Hall which is one of our feature plantings.

Notes & Messages

We've been inundated by comments about our cost saving red diesel move (Issue 20). Mr Smith was happy to hear that we're saving money, but thinks the rules for red diesel should be made fairer to rural and commercial users.



Meanwhile, Waterbeach Parish Council in Cambridgeshire phoned for help with their own red diesel policy. We must admit it is all a bit complicated!

The Transition Town Aylesbury Movement are keen to get involved with our Garden Sharing Project.

Mark Crutch, co-author of The Greys which debuted last edition, told us that inclusion in the magazine has resulted in a substantial boost in visitors to the website, plus an Italian translation – bellissima!

In Person

Neil Kurz, from local estate agent Neil Douglas, dropped in to discuss emergency planning. While Mr Jones dropped by to pick up a couple of back issues from the Town Matters archive.

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What's On in Aylesbury

June

until 25	Your Paintings Revealed	Exhibition	FREE	Normal opening hours	Bucks County Museum
1	Behind the Scenes Tours (until Dec)	Family	FREE	Various	Waterside Theatre
6 - 11	Thriller Live	Musical	from £20	Various	Waterside Theatre
9	Storytime & Crafts	Family	FREE	10.30am	Aylesbury Library
9	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
9	Aylesbury College Open Day	Education	FREE	3.30pm - 7.30pm	Aylesbury College
9 - 11	Tunisian Market	Shopping	FREE	9.00am - 5.30pm	Kingsbury
10	AW Comedy Club	Comedy	£12.50	8.00pm	Waterside Theatre
10 - 11	PROOF by David Auburn	Play	£6/£8	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
12	Summer Sunday Music	Family	FREE	11.30am - 2.00pm	Market Square
13	Joe Longthorne	Concert	from £19	7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
14	Chatterbooks Children's Reading Group	Ages 7-10	FREE	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Aylesbury Library
16	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
16 - 18	Dinnerladies - Second Helpings	Comedy	from £21.50	2.30pm & 7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
17	Woody Mann	Blues Concert	£10/£12	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
18	Jump	Rock Concert	£9/£11	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
19	Roman Family Fun Day	Family	FREE	11.00am - 4.00pm	Market Square
19	Summer Sunday Music	Family	FREE	11.30am - 2.00pm	Kingsbury
19	Let's Hang On	Concert	from £18.50	7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
22	Jim Davidson	Adult Comedy	£21.75	8.00pm	Waterside Theatre
23	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
24	Greg Davies	Comedy	£17.50	9.00pm	Waterside Theatre
25	Armed Forces Day	Family	from £1	from 11.00am	Waterside Theatre
25	Ceilidh Fundraiser with Amber Willow	Dance	£10	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
26	Summer Sunday Music	Family	FREE	11.30am - 2.00pm	Market Square
26	Aylesbury Open Gardens	Charity	£4	2.00pm - 6.00pm	See page 3
28	Farmers' Market	Shopping	FREE	9.00am - 2.00pm	Market Square
28	Chatterbooks Children's Reading Group	Ages 10-12	FREE	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Aylesbury Library
28 - 2 Jul	Mr Stink by David Walliams	Family	from £15.75	Various	Waterside Theatre
28 - 8 Jul	Henry Floyd Grammar School Exhibition	Exhibition	TBC	Normal opening hours	Queens Park Centre
30	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church

July

Jul - Aug	Summer Reading Challenge	Family	FREE	Various	Aylesbury Library
2	Artathon - Art Marathon	Charity	£1	8.00am - 12.00 noon	Queens Park Centre
2	Road Dahl Festival	Family	FREE	from 11.00am	Town Centre
2	The Cosmic Sausages Band	Family	FREE	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Kingsbury
2	I Fagiolini Vocal Workshop	Workshop	£8/£10	2.30pm	Aylesbury High School
2	Magpie Lane	Folk Concert	£10/£12	8.00pm	St Mary's Church
2	Abdelkader Saadoun & Band	World Music	£10/£12	8.00pm	Methodist Church
2	Festival Club (also 8th, 9th and 15th, 16th)	Music	FREE	9.30pm	King's Head
3	Summer Sunday Music - Musicals	Family	FREE	11.30am - 2.00pm	Kingsbury
3	Red Hot Summer Sizzler!	Workshop	FREE	from 12.30pm	Aylesbury Music Centre
3	Linos Wengara Magaya	World Music	£8/£10	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
4	She'Koyokh	Concert	£10/£12	7.30pm	Methodist Church
5	London Sound Opera - The Young Mozart	Concert	£10/£12	7.30pm	Methodist Church
6	Piano Music at St Mary's	Concert	£8.50/£10	12.00 noon	St Mary's Church
6	London Community Gospel Choir	Concert	£14/£18	7.30pm	Methodist Church
7	Storytime & Crafts	Family	FREE	10.30am	Aylesbury Library
7	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	12.45pm	St Mary's Church
7	A Couple of Chanteuse and an Ivory Tickler	Concert	£10/£12	8.00pm	St Mary's Church
8	Gig Night: Speakeasy	Concert	TBC	7.30pm	Queens Park Centre
8	Opera Playhouse - Bum Notes and Sliding Scales	Concert	£3	7.30pm	The Oculus
8	Aylesbury Youth Orchestra	Concert	TBC	7.30pm	Methodist Church
8	Roy Bailey	Folk Concert	£10/£12	8.00pm	St Mary's Church
8	AW Comedy Club	Comedy	£12.50	8.00pm	Waterside Theatre
9	Mariachi el Mexicano	Family	FREE	2.00pm	Kingsbury
9	Bond Night with Virtual Blue	Musical	£6/£8	8.00pm	Queens Park Centre
9	Zum Tango	World Music	£12/£14	8.00pm	St Mary's Church
9	Festine	Concert	£10/£12	8.00pm	Methodist Church
10	Aylesbury-on-Sea	Family	FREE	11.00am - 4.00pm	Kingsbury
10	Summer Sunday Music - Reggae	Family	FREE	11.30am - 2.00pm	Market Square
10	The Rt Mme Rhoonda Tanny	Concert	£8/£10	7.30pm	The Oculus
10	Festine	Concert	TBC	7.30pm	St Mary's Church
10	Jimmy Carr	Adult Comedy	£27.75	8.00pm	Waterside Theatre



What's On in Aylesbury

July (continued)

11-13 & 15	Aylesbury International String Quartet Competition	Various	Various	Methodist Church
11	Duke Quartet	Concert	TBC	St Mary's Church
11 - 16	Agatha Christie's Verdict	Play	from £16.50	Waterside Theatre
12	Chatterbooks Children's Reading Group	Ages 7-10	FREE	Aylesbury Library
12	I Fagiolini	Concert	£12/£15	Aylesbury High School
12	Ian Shaw	Jazz Concert	£12	St Mary's Church
13	London Sound Ensemble	Concert	£12/£14	St Mary's Church
14	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	St Mary's Church
14	Mandeville School Driving Inspiration	Concert	TBC	Methodist Church
14	Martin Carthy	Folk Concert	£12/£14	Methodist Church
14	John Flinders & Rebecca Holt Piano	Concert	£8/£10	Aylesbury Music Centre
14	Alex Wilson Superstar	Jazz Concert	£10/£12	St Mary's Church
15	Jesus Christ Superstar	Opera	TBC	Queens Park Centre
16	Allotment Open Day - Air Ambulance Fundraiser	Charity	£3.50	Old Stoke Road Allotment
16	Interfaith Sports and Family Fun	Family	FREE	Alfred Rose Park
16 - 17	Guitar Academy/Girls Who Rock	Concert	FREE	Kingsbury
16	Aylesbury Concert Band	Concert	£6.50/£8	Methodist Church
16	Chris Wood	Folk Concert	£12/£14	St Mary's Church
17	Last Night of the Proms	Concert	£14/£16	St Mary's Church
21	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	St Mary's Church
23	Aylesbury Street Music Festival	Family	FREE	Market Square
23	Our Sporting Life Part 1 (until September)	Exhibition	FREE	Bucks County Museum
23 - 24	London 2012 Open Weekend	Sports	FREE	Kingsbury and Market Square
24	Summer Sunday Music	Family	FREE	Market Square
25 -11 Aug	Friends of the Earth Photography Exhibition	Exhibition	TBC	Queens Park Centre
26	Farmers' Market Birthday Celebration	Shopping	FREE	Market Square
26	Chatterbooks Children's Reading Group	Ages 10-12	FREE	Aylesbury Library
28	Mermaids and Pirates Extravaganza	Family	FREE	Kingsbury
28	Music at Lunchtime	Concert	£3	St Mary's Church
29	Children's Craft Workshop	Family	FREE	Friars Square
30	Aylesbury Street Music Festival	Family	FREE	Market Square
31	Summer Sunday Music	Family	FREE	Kingsbury

August

1	Roary The Racing Car	Family	from £12.75	1.00pm	Waterside Theatre
1	Open Mic Night	Acoustic	£2/£3/£5	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Queens Park Centre
1 until Dec	Samurai Warriors	Exhibition	FREE	Normal opening hours	Bucks County Museum
3	Play in the Park	Family	FREE	11.00am - 3.00pm	Vale Park
4	Animal Fun Time	Family	FREE	11.00am - 3.00pm	Market Square
5	Big Top Circus Show and Activities	Family	FREE	10.00am - 4.00pm	Friars Square
6	Aylesbury Street Music Festival	Family	FREE	11.30am & 1.00pm	Market Square
6 - 7	Rock Around The Clock	Musical	from £14.50	2.30pm & 7.30pm	Waterside Theatre
7	Summer Sunday Music	Family	FREE	11.30am - 2.00pm	Market Square
9	Chatterbooks Children's Reading Group	Ages 7-10	FREE	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Aylesbury Library
11	Storytime & Crafts	Family	FREE	10.30am	Aylesbury Library
11	Summer Speedway	Games	FREE	11.00am - 3.00pm	Kingsbury
12	Crazy Bears Show	Family	FREE	11.30am, 1.00 & 2.30pm	Friars Square
13	Aylesbury Street Music Festival	Family	FREE	11.30am & 1.00pm	Market Square
14	Summer Sunday Music	Family	FREE	11.30am - 2.00pm	Kingsbury
18	Hogwarts Experience	Family	FREE	11.00am - 3.00pm	Kingsbury
19	George and Peppa Pig	Family	FREE	11.00am	Friars Square
20	Aylesbury Street Music Festival	Family	FREE	11.30am & 1.00pm	Market Square
21	Summer Sunday Music	Family	FREE	11.30am - 2.00pm	Market Square
23	Farmers' Market Summer Special	Shopping	FREE	9.00am - 2.00pm	Market Square
25	Wet 'n' Wild Simulators	Family	FREE	11.00am - 3.00pm	Market Square
27	Aylesbury Street Music Festival	Family	FREE	11.30am & 1.00pm	Market Square
28	Summer Sunday Music	Family	FREE	11.30am - 2.00pm	Kingsbury

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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**FREE
EVENT**

ROMAN FAMILY FUN DAY

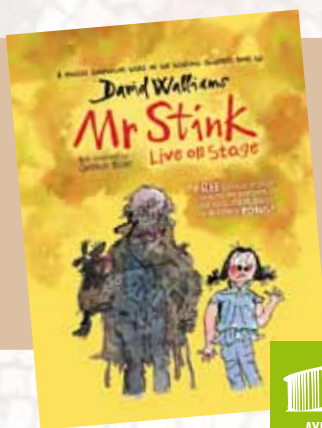
Sunday 19th June 2011 11.00am - 4.00pm

*Take your family back in time on Fathers' Day
for our toga-tastic Romans' Day!*

This free, fun-filled Romans' Day returns with activities galore in its second year and with so much to do, you'll go home feeling like a Roman!

Come and meet 'Titus the Centurion' who will tell you all about being a Roman soldier, and may even let you try on some of his armour. You'll be able to write a very special Fathers' Day card using Roman writing and a reed pen, have a go at mosaic making and much more – all accompanied by a fanfare of Roman trumpeters.

Why not make a day of it? There's plenty of free stuff going on elsewhere in the town including a Romans exhibition at the Bucks County Museum and Summer Sunday music in Kingsbury from 11.30am until 2.00pm.



Win Waterside Theatre Tickets!

We've teamed up with Aylesbury Waterside Theatre to offer you the chance to win four tickets to David Walliam's play, Mr. Stink on 28th June! All you have to do is come along to our stand on Romans' Fun Day and enter your details – it's free!



For more information visit www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk
or call 01296 425 678

