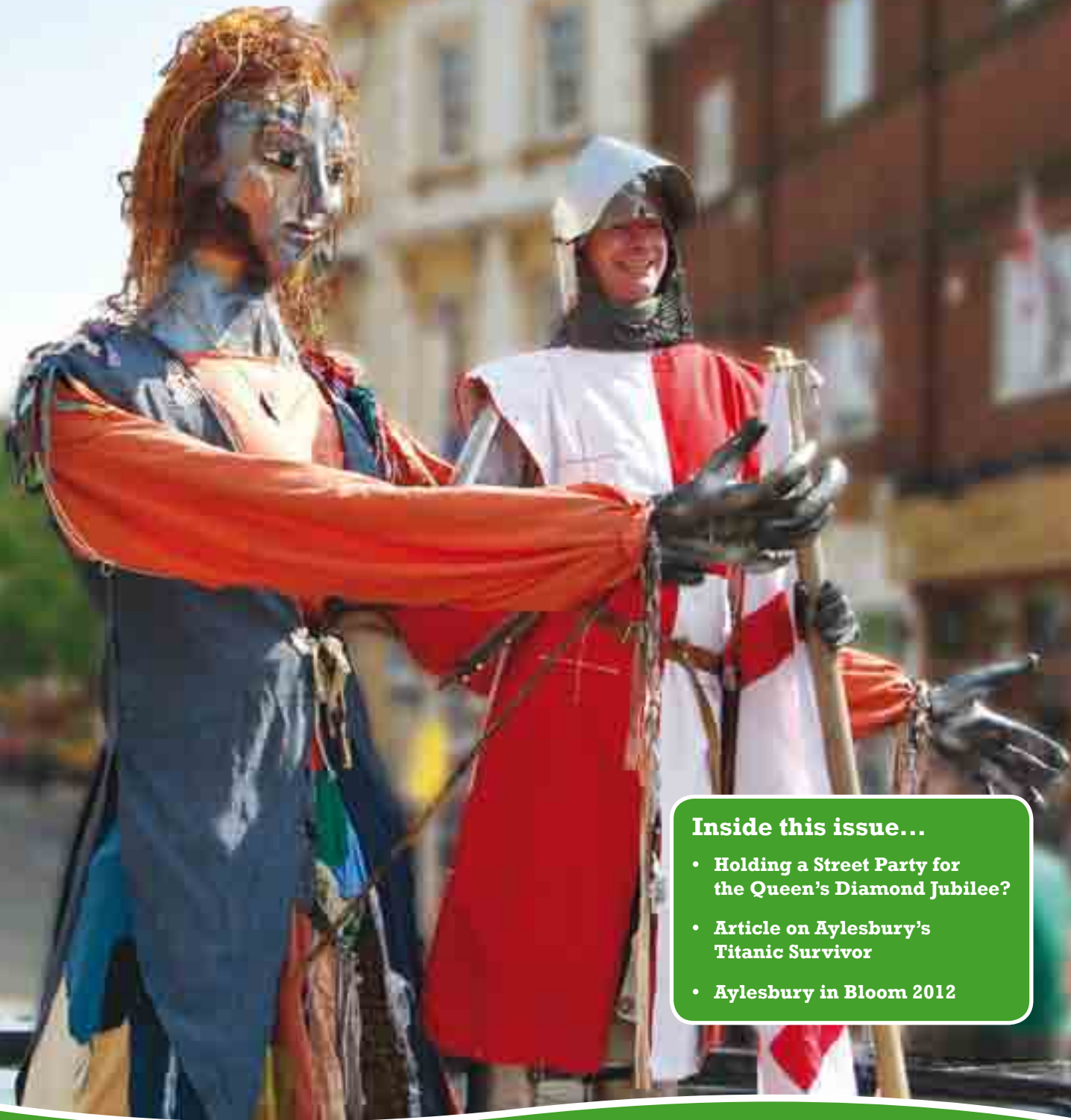


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Serving the people of Aylesbury



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Welcome Note

Welcome to the 24th issue of Aylesbury Town Matters, the first one in 2012. For those with green fingers now is the time to think about entering the free annual Aylesbury-in-Bloom competition. There are lots of categories for residents, businesses and schools. Why not have a go, there were some highly surprised and delighted winners at the award ceremony last year!

The Town Council will again be promoting Aylesbury's entry in this year's Britain-in-Bloom contest. Can we go one step better and achieve a Gold award? We will try with our eye catching floral displays around the town. But we need your help. What can you do towards improving the environment and the look of the town? Is there a grot spot that can be tackled by the local community? Are you a business looking to make your frontage attractive? If you have any ideas, thoughts, or questions let us know.

Inside this issue you can read about the excellent progress of the Town Council's bio-diesel project, our allotment service and the Victorian Christmas and Carolfest events held last year. Preparations are in hand to celebrate St George's Day and later in the year the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Will you be organising a street party? Let us know.

Many events and organisations depend upon volunteers to make things happen. Fortunately Aylesbury has a wealth of excellent residents to call upon. We feature a range of such activities, from the Aylesbury Twinning Society, the Aylesbury Alzheimer's Society and work experiences for our young people to the work of two local youth charities chosen for support this year by the Mayor Cllr Jenny Puddefoot.

This year is the centenary of the sinking of the Titanic. What is the connection with Aylesbury? Read the article and find out!

We hope this edition of the magazine is interesting and useful. Your feedback on this and any other Aylesbury matter is very much appreciated.

Cllr Steve Patrick
Leader of the Council

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

Allotments

Aylesbury Town Council manages 7 allotment sites in Aylesbury: Ardenham Lane, Berton, Bedgrove, Crown Leys, Old Stoke Road, Tring Road and Whaddon Chase – as shown on the map.

Even though we have a total of 635 allotment plots we still have a substantial waiting list of 133! To help manage the waiting list we have put in place some procedures. We will make obtaining an allotment as fair and as quick as possible by:

- Allowing only one waiting list entry per household/one allotment plot per household
- Allowing a choice of a five or ten (maximum) pole plot
- Encouraging the sharing of plots between family and friends.

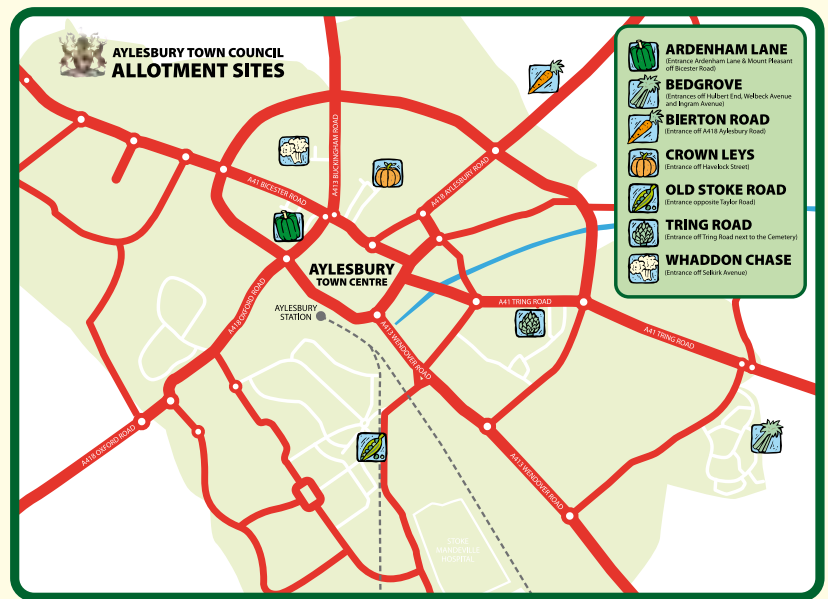
The boom in the waiting list which we have noticed in the last 2 years has been due to a variety of contributing factors; the economic climate has seen a return to something of the post-war spirit when growing food for the family was common; people are becoming environmentally conscious and understand such issues as the link between food transport, packaging and environmental pollution; the popular gardening shows have increased the popularity of vegetable growing in particular.

Owning an allotment plot appears to be more fashionable now than owning a pair of Jimmy Choos!

Although we are thrilled the gardening shows have increased the interest, there is a slight concern that they mislead people into thinking allotment gardening is easy.

Unless you're willing to hire a team of 20 and some industrial machinery there are only two things that will get you the allotment garden you want; hard work and patience.

Even though we offer two sizes of allotment plots (5 poles and 10 poles), a 5 pole plot is still a large piece of land and we tend to recommend this size to "beginners".



Aylesbury Town Council has noticed the struggle that some new allotment tenants have in knowing where to start when taking ownership of a plot. So to make it easy we now let plots in a workable condition, and request a plot deposit.

This is so that when the time comes for an allotment holder to hang up their wellies and hand in their keys, we can re-let the plot to another keen gardener in a manageable condition. So far this seems to be working well. We are giving the new tenants the right start and the full opportunity of owning an allotment.

We have an outdoor Allotment Work Team who you may have seen in our sites around the town. They will be busy ploughing allotment plots, rotovating, installing sheds, cutting sides, carrying out plot inspections and letting plots. These are just a few of the day-to-day tasks the outdoor gang manage on a daily basis to keep the allotment sites in tip-top condition.

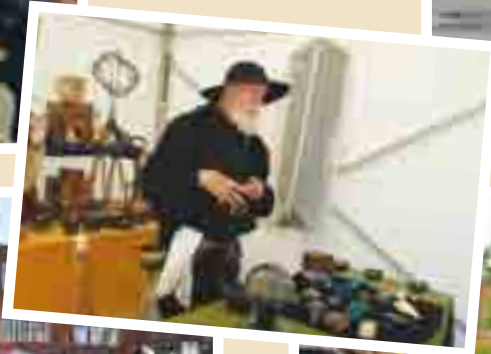
As we have a dedicated work force for the allotment sites this enables us to offer help and services to our allotment holders who can in turn make the most out of their allotment plot. The services we offer include free spraying of weeds, plot rotovation, supplying and installing sheds and many more!

Kayleigh Wiltshire

If you are interested in becoming an allotment holder and wish to be put on the waiting list then please give me a call on 01296 425678 or email me on: k.wiltshire@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

What's on this Season...

**FREE
EVENTS**



April brings us to the beginning of our annual events calendar and it starts with a wonderful weekend full of activity and colour in celebration of St George! On Saturday 21st April we start with our St George's Fun Day, so bring along your family to experience a whole host of entertainment, including a stilt walking knight, dancing, music and of course Twistina the amazing balloon modeller!

We then move swiftly on to the St George's Day Parade on Sunday 22nd April, which will include the local Scouts marching up to St Mary's Church accompanied by Amersham Marching Band. Come and join the procession for an event full of spirit and to support your local Scout group! (For more information see the back cover).

Look out for the **Free Events Guide 2012** which lists over 100 free events that take place in the Town Centre! There are never too many FREE family events!

Why not make the most of **Father's Day** and come along to our **Roman Fun Day on Sunday 17th June!** Keep your eyes peeled for more information in our June issue of Aylesbury Town Matters.

Photos by Alan Norchi, Russ Naylor and Maurice Cousins.

Aylesbury Town Council Magazine

Winter Review

As we drifted into December the town's atmosphere was bursting with Christmas and on 15th December it was expressed through Carolfest. Crowds gathered to celebrate all things jolly and have a sing-a-long to some of the most popular carols, accompanied by Aylesbury Choral Society and Caduceus Brass. Father Christmas was also present to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and listen to what children wanted to find under their Christmas trees!

December was a rather busy month for everyone, especially the Town Council who organised a fun filled Victorian Christmas Fair in the Market Square on 18th December. Families from across Aylesbury came to enjoy a variety of music, crafts and performances, including Mr Alexander and his Travelling Show. The day was a great success and people of all ages turned up to make the most of the Christmas spirit!





English and French outside Bourg Town Hall. Photo by D. Mummery

2011 was a busy time for the Twinning Association with a wine tasting in the Bedgrove Community Centre in April, a summer social in July and a cycle tour from Aylesbury to Bourg-en-Bresse in September.

We had five French celebrities join us for the gathering in Bedgrove – it turned out to be more than wine tasting – and the evening was most successful*. It was followed by a visit to Waddesdon Manor where the authorities there accorded our guests (including our Mayor) wonderful hospitality that was rounded off with lunch in their restaurant.

The cyclists enjoyed their stay in Bourg where they were hosted and entertained. Many of them have developed friendships over the years of exchanges and especially after the French cyclists came to Aylesbury in 2009.

We have been updating our information on the Bucks County Council information website to provide a wider promotion of our organisation and some of its benefits.

However, it is not all good news. Unfortunately, some of our committee members have moved, and some have changed jobs. The result is that we have been without a full committee since last autumn. We are in need of new committee members and especially a secretary to join our two keen teachers. There is no requirement to speak French, although that would be an advantage. Before we can arrange for future programmes, it is essential that we have a full committee, if only to bounce ideas off each other.

I would like to invite anybody with an interest in joining us to contact me by phone (07854 127703) or through the Town Hall, for more information regarding the twinning or joining our team.

David J Mummery

*due in no small part by the support given to us by Neil Smith of Budgens in Jansel Square.

Bucks Home Library Service Volunteers booked in for Awards

The volunteers who keep Buckinghamshire's house-bound readers supplied with books were recently recognised for their efforts at the WRVS Awards ceremony. Thirteen volunteers were presented with a certificate by Cllr Martin Phillips, Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, to mark at least a decade of delivering books.

Several volunteers have been delivering books and spoken word to house-bound readers for over 10 years. Kari Dorme has been visiting the same lady since 1997 and has followed her around the county when she moved homes. Mary Wiles had been visiting a centenarian lady and arranged for a letter of congratulations from Sir Alex Ferguson, as she's a big fan of Manchester United.

The Home Library Service is run in partnership between WRVS and Bucks County Council. WRVS volunteers choose and deliver library material and spend time having a chat and cup of tea. Currently we have 458 clients being delivered to by 263 volunteers and the service provides a lifeline. Leonie (90) says "I can't manage without my books - I spend hours here alone" and Olivia says "I want you to know that this service is invaluable to people like me".

The Home Library Service is just one of the ways that WRVS are delivering practical support through the power of volunteering, so that older people can live the life they want.

The evening celebration was rounded off with a quiz and refreshments.

**If you would like to know more about the Home Library Service please contact:
Hazel Clarke, WRVS Manager for Bucks Home Library Service Tel: 0845 2303232 or email: homelibraryservice@buckscc.gov.uk**



AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL



*Are you holding
a Street Party for
the Queen's
Diamond Jubilee?*

**Aylesbury Town Council
can help you!**

For anyone organising their own street party*
in the parish of Aylesbury Town, we will
provide **FREE OF CHARGE:**

- The brilliant Twistina, balloon modeller extraordinaire!
- Other wonderful acts to keep the whole family entertained including magicians, jugglers and facepainting.
- A meet and greet by the Mayor of Aylesbury.
- Photos from the day of your street party – yours to keep!

...and you won't need to spend a penny!

*Terms and Conditions apply.

**Contact the Events team on 01296 425678 or
email Donna on d.trichardt@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk
and ask to apply for 'Street Party Entertainment'**

This year is looking to be exciting and jam packed with a range of events including the very special Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June. For this event we have decided to do a Travelling Road Show to visit your street parties! If you are interested in having our entertainers at your party please get in contact with Alan Norchi or Donna Trichardt in the Events team. We're looking forward to joining in your festivities!

Rotary paves the way for Cooking Success



All the winners with the Mayor and judges. Photos taken by Roger King

Aylesbury Mayor Cllr Jenny Puddefoot had a tasty time on a Saturday morning in November at the Hardings' Restaurant, Aylesbury College when she was able to see six young student chefs preparing a dozen delicious dishes.

The Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds Young Chef competition is now in its nineteenth year and it has proved a stepping stone for budding youngsters on their way to becoming chefs.

At the start of the 1992/93 Rotary year Aylesbury Hundreds' retiring President asked his Vocational Committee chairman to organise a catering competition for the local secondary schools similar to the BBC's MasterChef programme, which at that time was hosted by Gary Rhodes. One year later the Club, with the help of the catering department at Aylesbury College, drafted a set of rules by consulting with schools and set up their first competition in the spring of 1994.

In 1997 the local Rotary District Vocational Committee sent copies of these papers to the national Rotary organisation suggesting they should form the basis of a Celebration of Achievement. From these small beginnings in Aylesbury this competition has grown into a national event supported by sponsorship from major companies in the catering trade.

Many local youngsters have gone on to find fame. In 2007 a local Aylesbury Hundreds winner, Anna Farrell from John Colet School, Wendover, was crowned National Rotary Young Chef.

This year's Young Chef Competition, in November 2011, saw six young Food Technology students between the ages of 11 and 16 selected from an entry of eleven; three from Aylesbury High School, two from the John Colet School and one from the Sir Henry Floyd School.

Once again, Daniel Richardson, Head Chef of Hartwell House Hotel was Head Judge, a role that he and his predecessors have held for nineteen of these events, together with Fred Reader, a Senior Catering Lecturer at the College, and Nigel Rumsey of Rumsey's Chocolatier Restaurants. Daniel incidentally has helped at least six former winners to employment opportunities.

The students commenced by setting out their tables in the dining area, and then proceeded to prepare their dishes. They had two hours to produce two courses each, with the cost of the major ingredients not exceeding £10.00.



Judging was difficult, but the winner was Kira Graham, aged 13, from the John Colet School, for her pan-fried venison followed by brandy snap baskets, lemon curd and crème fraiche.

In second place was Charlie Aggett, aged 16, from the Sir Henry Floyd School for his pan-fried duck breasts with honey and coriander sauce followed by pear and thyme tarte tatin.

Finally in third place was Georgia Price, aged 13, from the John Colet School for her roasted honey and chilli duck followed by chocolate and hazelnut mousse.

The highly commended fourth place went to Julia Rushmore, aged 11, from Aylesbury High School.

Mayor Cllr Mrs Jenny Puddefoot presented certificates to all six entrants, and prizes to the top four. Kira Graham's prize was lunch for herself and family at the Hartwell House Hotel. Charlie Aggett won a voucher for himself and family at Hardings Restaurant. Georgia Price won a place on a chocolatier course at Rumsey's School in Stone, and Julia Rushmore received a set of kitchen knives.

The Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds is now planning this year's twentieth competition. If anyone is interested in finding out more about Rotary in Aylesbury then contact Jon Mullins on 01296 431806 or email: mullinsjon@hotmail.com

Roger King & Brian Billingham



Rhoda Abbott Williams – Aylesbury's Titanic Survivor

This April 2012 marks the centenary of the sinking of the Titanic on the 15 April 1912. An internet search revealed a connection with Aylesbury.

Rhoda Hunt was born in Aylesbury, on January 15, 1873, the daughter of Joseph Hunt, a farm labourer, and his wife Sarah Green Hunt, who were living at Ludgershall.

In 1881 as recorded in the census she was living with her mother and two siblings as lodgers in Willesden, and in 1891 aged 17, living in Chelsea where her mother is described as a widow working as a laundress, while Rhoda is working as a seamstress.

In the early 1890s Rhoda met George Stanton Abbott. He was a 25 year-old Englishman looking forward to making a name for himself in the United States as a boxer. The two married in England and Rhoda followed her husband to America in 1894. They made their home in Providence, Rhode Island.

They had two sons, Rossmore and Eugene. The marriage failed and the couple separated in 1911. Rhoda worked as a seamstress to support her young sons but in early 1911 she determined that life would be easier if she returned to her widowed mother in St. Albans. She and her sons made the voyage to England on the Olympic.

Once in England the boys were homesick and Rhoda decided to return to Providence. She booked a passage to America and they boarded the Titanic as 3rd Class passengers at Southampton on Wednesday April 10, 1912.

In the late hours of April 14 1912, Rhoda was awakened by the impact with the iceberg. Becoming alarmed she sent her son Eugene to investigate. He returned telling of passengers putting on lifebelts and Rhoda wasted no time getting dressed. She made her way to the after-deck by the time the second boat was lowered and waited with her sons to find a place in a lifeboat. No men were allowed and she knew her beloved sons would be left behind. As her turn came to enter the boat she clasped her sons to her body and they stepped back.

The Titanic took her final plunge. Mrs Abbott and her two sons jumped from the deck. She surfaced, the boys did not. They were lost. They were 14 and 16 years old. When Rhoda had gone under a second time, she seemed to have been blown out of the

water by the explosion of a boiler, resulting in burns to her thighs. Somehow she scrambled to Collapsible Lifeboat C where the other occupants pulled her on board. Mrs Rhoda Abbott was the only female survivor pulled out of the water.

Rhoda was taken to New York on the Carpathia and was one of the last survivors to leave hospital. Eventually she returned to Providence where she relied on help from church members and friends to rebuild her life.

Rhoda had known previously Mr George Charles Williams, who had been a source of comfort when her marriage began to fall apart. Rhoda was nearly 40 when she married George. In February of the following year George made a trip back to London. Rhoda, still afraid of the water, opted not to join him. But by 1923 her fear had subsided enough to allow her to accompany her husband on a trip back to England. They later returned to the United States on board the President Arthur.

In August of 1928 Rhoda Abbott Williams made her last voyage across the Atlantic Ocean when George needed to return to England to finalise the settlement of his father's estate. Rhoda enjoyed spending time with her sister and niece and seeing old friends. But then disaster struck again. In late 1928 George Williams suffered a severe stroke and was partially paralysed, making a return to Florida impossible. He died in 1938.

Rhoda made plans to return to America with her husband's ashes. The declaration of war prevented her departure. She continued a solitary existence throughout the World War II years but by the end of hostilities her own health began to fail. Plagued by hypertension she suffered cardiac failure and died at home in 1946.

The Titanic sailed from Southampton with 2,224 passengers and crew and sank four days later. Rhoda was one of only 710 to survive.

(There are many sources of information telling the story of the Titanic. The research for this article was drawn mainly from www.encyclopedia-titanica.org and www.cheddarbay.com). Thanks also to Rachel Simon and Lisa Edwards – Buckinghamshire Local Studies.

Cllr Steven Mitchell and Alan Norchi

Community News & Events

Vacancy for an Allotment Volunteer Youth Concern (Aylesbury)

Registered Charity No. 277935



Our drop-in centre offers young people a safe, relaxed environment to meet and access advice, support and guidance. Our resources include an in-house music studio, counselling provision and an IT suite as well as practical support for homeless young people.

Youth Concern (Aylesbury) is currently looking for someone with an interest in horticulture to help out on the allotment, with and without the young people. With your knowledge of gardening as well as your patience and listening skills, you will be able to help develop the young peoples' self esteem and gardening skills, inspiring them to have a sense of pride in their allotment.

We are looking for someone with a good working knowledge and enthusiasm for gardening and who is able to work on their own initiative. A friendly, non-judgemental attitude is essential. Experience of young people would be desirable but is not essential.

In return we can offer you an opportunity to work in a small friendly team, enhance your CV and have great job satisfaction. A commitment of 4 hrs/wk minimum for six months starting in March 2012 is required for this position. **If you are interested, please contact: fran@uptown.org.uk with your CV.**



Adult Courses 2012 at The Queen's Park Centre, Aylesbury

Memory Quilt with Cate Bowley

Tuesday 10 - Wednesday 11 April 2012, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Make a small (A4-A3 size) "quilt" using photos and nostalgic fabrics. You will be dying / printing fabric to use alongside of your photos (printed on fabric) to evoke a memory of people, garden, holidays etc.

For more information email: cate.bowley@talktalk.net £60 / £50 members (excl. materials)

Drawing for the Petrified with Renaissance Arts

Tuesday 10 April 2012, 10.00am - 4.00pm

If you want to draw well but think that you have no talent then come along to this one day course where we will decode the secrets of the creative process and how to tune into the artistic and intuitive side of the brain. Showing you how simple mediation exercises and fun and easy right brain tasks can heighten your awareness of shape, colour and form making, helping you see more clearly and intuitively in a remarkable short space of time, giving you the pleasure and satisfaction of being a competent artist.

To book your place call Elinor on 07554 435 563 or email:

hello@artsretreatfrance.com £44 (incl. art materials) / £39 (excl. materials)

Acrylics Painting Course with Brenda Hurley

Wednesday 11 - Friday 13 April 2012, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Explore the theme of spring looking at the exciting greens of the new season against the soft light of spring days. Using this theme and photographs as reference (provided by tutor) you will explore composition and create light and bright acrylic paintings. £85 / £75 members (excl. materials)

For more information please visit: www.brendahurley.com





The popular award winning community website www.whatsinaylesbury.co.uk has now evolved into www.whatsinmycommunity.com

This new website has been designed to allow everyone in Aylesbury to connect, discuss, and comment, on anything and everything happening, not only in the town, but within other communities where they have perhaps previously lived or have family and friends.

"We are really excited about the launch" said Abby Davey, one of the founders of whatsinmycommunity.com. "We talked to a lot of individuals and groups before creating the website, so we know there is a real need for it. Our hope is to engage with everyone and by sharing thoughts and ideas, bring about positive change within communities".

With over 1,500 towns, cities and boroughs to choose from throughout the UK, whatsinmycommunity.com are sure you will enjoy getting to know like minded people in your own town. The website is a way of catching up with events and people in other places through such features as the community time line, groups forums and community TV.

Abby Davey explained that "a good example of how the site works would be in the way charities and neighbourhood projects can, by using our volunteering section, find people willing to help their cause. Businesses through the same mechanism can identify projects they would like to support. In this way everyone in the community can get involved and by giving a little, achieve a lot!"

Whether you're an individual, group, or business interested in making a change in your community, we invite you to join whatsinmycommunity.com today and get connected!

If you want to know more you can contact them on 0845 269 20 87 or email: customersupport@whatsinmycommunity.com



For better
mental health

Buckinghamshire Mind

Buckinghamshire Mind is a charity working to support and represent people with mental health needs in the local community.

We do this through providing good quality services including counselling for adults, support with employment and finding work, services for older people, counselling for children and young people and through a range of opportunities and activities for groups and individuals.

We work to provide a voice for people with mental health needs, to fight the stigma associated with mental health conditions, to raise awareness of good mental health and we campaign to influence policy and decision making locally.

We all know that we are living in difficult times and that there is more and more pressure on all of us. This means that the need for mental health support and for awareness of what keeps us well is more important than ever. You can help to make a difference to the lives of people living with mental health conditions by making a donation, by becoming better informed or by joining our amazing group of over 150 volunteers who support our work.

If you are interested in supporting us then please contact our Head Office on **01296 437328** and speak to us. We'd love to hear from you.

If you feel you need support, advice or information on mental health issues then please give us a call too. We have an ever increasing number of ways in which we can support you and are always keen to offer more. For more information please visit our website: www.bucksmind.org.uk



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Aylesbury Town Council: Serving the People of Aylesbury

As the lowest tier of local government, Aylesbury Town Council takes pride in the fact that we are closest to the people we serve. We put the utmost care and attention into the work we do and the people of Aylesbury have come to expect the highest quality services from the Town Council.

Representation - The Council's primary task is representation. Twenty five councillors were elected by the people of Aylesbury. Their role is to ensure that all sections of society are considered when decisions are made and to make sure that individuals' voices are heard.

Mayoralty - The Mayor, chair of the Town Council, represents the Town and its people at civic events. The Mayor is an elected councillor chosen by their peers on the council. Duties are diverse and Mayors use the opportunity to establish closer links with the community and raise money for charity.

Outdoor Staff - Via an agreement with Buckinghamshire County Council our outdoor staff undertake a number of improvements to the town, including path clearing, hedge cutting and pollarding and crown lifting of trees.

Tring Road Cemetery - Management of the Cemetery is one of our highest priorities. All year round effort goes into ensuring that your loved ones have an appropriate and dignified place to be laid to rest.

Allotments - With 7 popular sites across Aylesbury, the Town Council is committed to helping residents grow their own healthy fruit and vegetables. The Crown Leys site was recently described as a 'gem' by the Britain-in-Bloom judges. The ever increasing waiting list is testament to the care and attention we provide.

Grants - Grants permit the Town Council to assist a wide range of Aylesbury based individuals and groups and help sections of the community which would not normally get assistance from other sources. Previous awards have gone to Queens Park Arts Centre, Aylesbury Homeless Action Group, Buckinghamshire Cadet League and a number of young up and coming sports men and women amongst others.

Events - The ever developing events programme provides residents with a fun and vibrant town. It also stimulates the local economy with its proven track record of encouraging people into the town. We try to cater for a wide range of interests while creating a buzz. Highlights include the Proms in the Park and children's favourite Aylesbury-on-Sea.

Planning & Licensing - Aylesbury Town Council is legally empowered to make observations about planning and licensing applications. While our observations are not binding, they do carry weight with the Planning Authority and are an important feature of local planning.

Special Projects - In support of these activities, Aylesbury Town Council undertakes a number of special projects. These initiatives are varied and diverse with the environment a key concern. The annual Britain-in-Bloom and supporting Aylesbury-in-Bloom competitions are prominent, while another project is the production of bio-diesel (see article on page 16).

If you would like to know more about any of the services please call us on 01296 425678 or visit our website: www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Calling all budding growers in Aylesbury!



Now's your chance to get recognition for your efforts in the garden with the 2012 Aylesbury-in-Bloom Competition.

A **FREE** competition open to all residents, organisations and schools in the Parish of Aylesbury Town, with many different categories to suit all gardens and gardeners, young and old! Judged by some of the best gardening professionals in the town.

Application forms are available at Aylesbury Town Council offices, or at World's End Garden Centre. Alternatively you can email Donna at: d.trichardt@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Applications close on 31st May 2012 - so be quick!



For more information contact us on 01296 425678



A Special Work Experience Project for the Town Council



*This project, on the different types of road crossings, was completed on behalf of the Town Council by students **James Gamble** and **Ben Baruch**, who aspire to be journalists.*

We hope it will help readers to keep safe as they cross our busy roads.

Crossing the road is an everyday, mundane task. However, very few of us know the differences between crossing types in our own town. In Aylesbury, we have Pelican, Toucan, Zebra and Puffin crossings, as well as the new Shared Space crossing on Friarage Road (A41) near Friars Square. But what is the difference between a Pelican and Puffin crossing? It's important that both pedestrians and motorists understand and acknowledge what to do at the various crossings.

ZEBRA CROSSING:

This is the most basic crossing and is marked by black and white painted strips across the road and flashing amber beacons. Motorists must give way to pedestrians on the crossings, however pedestrians should remain on the kerbside until it is clear that the motorists are giving way; therefore making it safe to cross.

PELICAN CROSSING:

Pelican crossings are also very common as they are those that have a set of red/amber/green lights facing the motorists and a red/green man facing the pedestrian. They are operated by a pedestrian push button, which once pressed will cause the lights facing the motorists to turn from green to a solid amber, and then to red. Once red, motorists must stop. At this point, the 'man' facing the pedestrians will turn green, indicating for them to cross the road. After a set period of time the green man begins to flash, indicating that pedestrians should not start to cross, although there is still enough time for those on the crossing to finish their journey safely. Shortly, the man opposite pedestrians will turn red and the lights facing motorists will turn from red, to a flashing orange (at which point motorists can proceed with caution) and then to green.

PUFFIN CROSSING:

The process at Puffin crossings is very similar to that at Pelican crossings. The main difference is the time given to pedestrians to cross. At a Puffin crossing the lights are controlled by cameras which detect the presence of pedestrians crossing the road, unlike at Pelican crossings, where a timer determines the point at which the lights change. The other difference is that whereas the pedestrian signal lights are mounted on the opposite side of the road at Pelican crossings, Puffin crossings have the signals mounted on the near side. This allows pedestrians to have both the signals and approaching traffic in sight at the same time, making it easier to cross if a gap in the traffic appears.

TOUCAN CROSSING:

Cyclists should be aware that The Highway Code states that cyclists cannot use Zebra, Pelican and Puffin crossings. Therefore, cyclists should look for crossings which have a bicycle displayed on the pedestrian signal, as well as a wider crossing space, possibly with a separate path for cyclists. The process at Toucan crossings is very similar to that at Pelican and Puffin crossings, the only difference being that there isn't a flashing orange light for motorists, rather a solid orange light. Toucan crossings use either the set timer (as at Pelican crossings) or the detection system (as at Puffin crossings).

PEGASUS CROSSING:

Similar to a Toucan crossing, Pegasus crossings allow for people on horseback to cross the road as they cannot cross at Zebra, Pelican and Puffin crossings. The signal at a Pegasus crossing has an image of a person on horseback and the button is raised higher than usual to allow for a mounted person to press the button.

Despite the apparent simplicity of crossing the road, there are a surprising number of injuries at crossings in Buckinghamshire. According to the Thames Valley Police, 'there have been a total of 92 personal injury collisions involving a pedestrian casualty on a Zebra, Pelican or Puffin crossing' in only a 36 month period (between 01/10/2008 to 30/09/2011). This shows that despite the safe design of the crossings, accidents still happen. Of these 92 injuries, 22 were serious and one was fatal. By making sure you're clear about how the crossings differ, you are dramatically reducing the chance of being involved in an accident.

Town Council Fleet Running on Waste Cooking Oil



For the last year readers of Aylesbury Town Matters will have been kept informed of progress on our bio-diesel project. This project was inspired by the council's desire to prioritise environmental initiatives and to save money.

During this time we have researched the technology, assessed the health and safety implications, sought local supplies of waste oil and prepared for the installation of processing equipment. Now the initial stages of the project have been completed and we are very pleased to announce that bio-diesel is being used in all Town Council vehicles.

In January of this year members of the Town Council's Outdoor Team attended training in bio-diesel processing. With the equipment already installed the crew were able to return and begin making fuel from waste vegetable oil. This oil has been collected from several local restaurants that would otherwise have paid to dispose of it. Through a process of filtering and the addition of additives the waste oil becomes clean and clear; indeed, according to one member of the crew it smells and tastes quite palatable. The vehicles themselves required no modification and the processed

fuel is immediately available for refilling our tanks.

After a lot of detailed research and work by the Officers of the Council and the Outdoor Team, the goal of cheaper, cleaner fuel has been realised. The cost savings to the Council are significant and the investments made will have been paid back in a short period of time.

The Town Council is delighted and proud of this initiative. We hope we can develop it further with the help of local businesses. We hope too that you'll be glad to see our vehicles at work around the town, knowing that the fuel on which they run is clean, green and cheap.

The Council's Outdoor Supervisor, Robert Taft, has been building relationships with several local businesses for our mutual benefit and we are still keen to hear from you if you have waste oil you would like Robert and his team to collect. Please contact Alan Norchi at our offices in Church Street, on 01296 425678, or by email: a.norchi@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

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- Water butt stand
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Donna's Delicious Pasta

Serves: 2

INGREDIENTS:

- 200g fusilli pasta
- 2 tbsp light mayonnaise (or full fat!)
- 1 tsp garlic salt
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- Sprinkle of black pepper
- 1 tin sweetcorn or peas (or frozen)
- Grated mature cheddar/parmesan

METHOD:

- Bring a saucepan of water to boil, put your pasta in and cook for 10-12 minutes.
- Drain the pasta and pop it back into the saucepan.
- Put 2 tbsp of mayonnaise in and mix together until all pasta is coated.
- Then add your sweetcorn (or peas), tsp of smoked paprika and garlic salt and mix thoroughly.
- Spoon into a bowl, sprinkle black pepper over the top, add cheese and enjoy!

You could have a choice of vegetables as a side dish or mixed with the pasta dish.

For a meaty dish you could add chicken pieces or smoked bacon!

*Perfect for students
with empty pockets!*

Become a Community Food Champion

Are you passionate about growing your own food?
Do you like to buy local produce and cook from fresh?
Are you worried about the effect that food waste has on the environment?

We are looking for champions in the local community to spread the message about valuing our food. In return you will receive support and training and also a chance to bid for funding for a community food scheme or Love Food Hate Waste event.

For more information please see www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk or email foodchampions@buckscc.gov.uk

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LOVE FOOD Hate Waste

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Love to compost?

Become a Master Composter

If you enjoy home composting, come and join our network of composting volunteers and help spread the word in Buckinghamshire.

We need people like you to share your experience and give advice and encouragement to people in the area who haven't yet realised the benefits of home composting.

All you need is **enthusiasm** and an interest in home composting and recycling. Getting involved is **fun**, very **rewarding** and we'll give you lots of **support**, help and **training** too.

Get in touch now and find out more about becoming a Master Composter. Call our Waste Reduction Project Officer on 01296 387797 or email composting@buckscc.gov.uk

The Buckinghamshire Master Composter Program is run by Buckinghamshire Local Authorities in conjunction with Garden Organic. Its aim is to encourage people in the county to compost as much of their waste as possible at home, to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, protect the environment and help keep council tax down.

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New Poetry Booklet to raise funds for Dementia Services

On Tuesday 13 December 2011 at 6.00pm a group of local volunteers from Buckinghamshire launched a new poetry booklet, 'Gloriously Us', to raise funds for dementia services. The introduction to the booklet has been written by award-winning writer, Joanne Harris.

Supported by staff from the Society's Aylesbury office, the volunteers have held a number of successful poetry workshops within the dementia community and the booklet showcases the results of these sessions, along with photographs taken by a local carer. It is available in printed form and also as an eBook via Amazon and Smashwords. All profits will go to Alzheimer's Society.

Margaret Morgan-Owen, volunteer and long-term carer, said, "We initially held a poetry reading session and were surprised at how popular it was, so we decided to try a workshop to encourage people living with dementia to express themselves. The great thing about that workshop was the release of emotion; we laughed a lot and really enjoyed playing with words. Then people came forward with their poems, some of whom had never written before, and we thought it would be fantastic to produce this fundraising book."



If I forget

*When I grow older,
My hair might turn grey.
Wrinkle might add character,
My memory might go away.*

*If my memory should leave me,
Remember I still love you.
Don't feel guilty if you can't cope,
Put me in a home, if you need to.*

*Come and visit me,
When you can.
My dear husband I'll always be your lady,
In my heart you'll always be my man.*

*Children of mine,
Carry on and enjoy your life.
As you also get older,
You might have a husband or wife.*

*You might have children of your own,
Spend time with them and have fun.
Build up wonderful memories,
Be a good Mum and Dad.*

*I've had fun through my life,
Building memories, now history.
Being good, laughing and caring,
Spending time with my family.*

*Somewhere inside there will still be me,
Sadly old age isn't how it's supposed to be.
I love you all, husband and children of mine,
Come visit, share time and remember me.*

Patrica Hill

For further information on the book, have a look at the website: www.gloriouslyus.wordpress.com or contact the volunteers by emailing: gloriouslyus@hotmail.co.uk.

Order forms are also available from the Aylesbury office of Alzheimer's Society.

DIARY DATES

DROP IN

Every Wednesday we open our office in Fairford Leys between 9.00am and 12.00 noon for anyone who wishes to pop by for a chat and coffee. This is especially for those with a diagnosis and carers who would like to talk through any concerns or worries they may have. No appointment necessary.

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

An opportunity for social interaction for people with dementia, their carers, family and friends.

Lady of Lourdes Community Hall, Bedgrove
10.30am - 12.00 noon
6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March

LUNCH CLUB

A meeting for people with dementia and their carers to enjoy friendship over lunch in various pubs and restaurants in the north of the county. Last Thursday of each month 12.00 noon - 2.30pm. **Please call the office for details, 01296 331722.**

LIFE AFTER CARING

Social groups, lead by volunteers, for former carers, meeting 12.30pm for 1.00pm at various venues in Aylesbury. Third Wednesday of each month. **Contact Michael Brunt 01296 481709 or Barbara Turner 01296 428937.**

The Mayor's Charities



YOUTH CONCERN (AYLESBURY) has been supporting vulnerable young people for more than 30 years through its Drop-In Centre, the Uptown Coffee Bar.

Our main aims are to "support the enhancement of emotional and educational welfare of young people in Aylesbury Vale". Simply put, we offer individual holistic support to young people to meet their individual need, within a relaxed non-judgmental environment.

In our Drop-In Centre, young people can access information, advice and guidance from experienced staff. In addition, we provide a counselling service and numerous other facilities. For homeless young people we provide free hot meals, laundry and shower. We will also be launching an emergency host accommodation project in April 2012 called Nightstop.

Young people often come to us with complex issues including mental health, homelessness, learning difficulties and unemployment.

We see much to feel encouraged about, working with Aylesbury's young people! They show great resilience, hope and determination in the face of sometimes seemingly insurmountable adversity. We learn from each young person we support and feel privileged to be able to help the next generation through these challenging times.



If anyone would like to apply to become a volunteer, please email: info@uptown.org.uk. If you would like to support Youth Concern (Aylesbury's) work, please text YCAY01 followed by £ and the amount you wish to donate to 70070: e.g Text: YCAY01 £5 to 70070.

(All texts are free and the donation will be taken from your call credit or added to your monthly bill.)

AYLESBURY YOUTH ACTION (AYA) is an independent voluntary organisation, registered as a charity. It was established in 1971 through the vision and cooperation of school head teachers and others in the community.

The aim of AYA is to improve the life chances of young people aged 14-25 and enable them to make a positive contribution to their community. We do this through promoting youth volunteering and running a variety of projects to try to cater for all interests, allowing for different levels of commitment.

The young people are encouraged to put forward their own ideas and suggestions about the work of AYA. This is now more relevant than ever, as it is widely recognised that youth volunteering helps young people make decisions and choices.

Examples of projects that the young volunteers help on include: a club for children who have been victims of domestic violence and holiday schemes for young people with disabilities. At the heart of AYA is the Youth Action Team (YAT) which is a group of experienced young volunteers who develop new projects and promote volunteering to other young people.



For more information on the help we provide please visit: www.aylesburyyouthaction.co.uk. We also believe in the importance of recognising and celebrating the achievements of our volunteers. We provide them with AYA certificates as well as nationally recognised certificates which can be used on their CVs.

Aylesbury Town Grants awarded March 2012



Cllr Ranjula Takodra and Cllr Pat Jamieson presenting a cheque for £1500 to Aylesbury Youth Action to help run a Youth Club for 15-19 year olds



The Mayor Cllr Jenny Puddefoot, Cllr Matt Launchbury and Deputy Mayor Cllr Ranjula Takodra presenting a cheque for £200 to Turnfurlong Junior School to help fund the purchase of a green house

The Monday Contact Club - granted £500

The grant awarded will go towards the funding of two outings for the group as most of them need a significant amount of help and support to go anywhere. An outing to Oak Green took place in December and an outing to Amersham Organ Museum will take place in March 2012. The Monday Contact Club is based at The Methodist Community Centre and has been running for 18 months with an equal amount of men and women who attend.

Matrix Netball - granted £2000

The grant awarded will go towards kit, training equipment, resources, courses, tournament entries and supporting under 18s/single mothers. The club was started in May 2011 and is held at Aylesbury College every other week for training sessions.

Young Addaction - granted £1687.50

The grant will go towards assisting in the delivery of a Film Club which will be held every Friday Night at the Jonathan Page Centre in Aylesbury. The club is free for people aged 12-18 years old. The club was set up to help reduce issues of Anti-Social Behaviour and provide a safe environment.

Rajendra Takodra - granted £1500

The grant awarded will go towards music instruments and hiring a location. Rajendra will be teaching Indian Classical and Folk Music at Queens Park Arts Centre and The Multi-Cultural Centre once a week.

SPACE - granted £1335.00

The grant will go towards funding a counsellor to undertake short term work with clients who would benefit from this sort of help. SPACE is based in St Mary's Church and there are 3 drop-ins a week.

Bucks County Museum - granted £1000

The grant awarded will go towards a 12 month activity programme in 2012. A pilot was held in the October half term in 2011 and worked out to be a success so the Museum has decided to go ahead with the project.

Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds - granted £1277

The grant went towards taking Pebble Brook School pupils to the Waterside Theatre to see the Pantomime in December 2011 and towards a Technology Tournament for students of Aylesbury schools at key stages 3-5 (secondary school). It was held at Aylesbury College in February 2012.

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 425678** or email: **d.trichardt@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk** for more information. Alternatively, information and application forms are available on our website.

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:

Aylesbury Town Council, Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP20 2QP T: 01296 425678

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



Here's what you have to say:

Thank you to Cemetery Staff

Dear Mr Turner,

I wanted to write to express my gratitude to the men who tend to the grounds in Aylesbury Cemetery, Chris and the two Steves.

My husband passed away and is interred in the cemetery to which I am a regular visitor.

During my visits the men are always very respectful and caring to myself and others who have suffered bereavement.

In an age when we often have to deal with people doing the absolute minimum required of them it is heartening that respect and good manners are still part of some people's makeup.

The balance between courtesy for those who have suffered loss and accomplishing the tasks they must complete can't be easy in such a difficult environment. I know it must be an added burden to achieve the work to be done in a timely manner whilst also ensuring proper care and respect for the graves. The men manage to achieve this as it should also be said that the grounds always look to be properly cared for and in excellent condition.

There is also the added comfort from my perspective and, I suspect many others, that seeing them around the place gives an added sense of security and safety as they always acknowledge me when I visit.

I do hope you will pass on my thanks to them and acknowledge their good work done in a friendly and respectful manner.

Yours faithfully,

D Penson

Tweet, Tweet! We're up to 259 twitter followers, Why not join in the fun? It's a great way to see what the Town Council is up to: [@aylesburytc](https://twitter.com/aylesburytc)

Getting in Contact:

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The Editor, Aylesbury Town Council, Town Hall,
5 Church Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP20 2QP
Or email: info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Thank you from Air Ambulance Trust

Dear Rob,

Thank you very much for organising the open allotments on behalf of TVACAA. It was a big shame after all your hard work and effort that the weather was so appalling.

You raised a total of £83.15 for the charity, which is fantastic. Well done! Any form of advertising or public awareness is good for The Air Ambulance.

The Air Ambulance Trust does not receive any monies from the Government, nor from the Lottery Funding, it relies on generous people like you and your friends to keep it flying, so thank you again for all your hard work.

Kind regards,

M Finch
Open Garden Scheme



War Memorial in St Mary's churchyard

ATM 23 Competition Answer

The image from the top of the War Memorial in St Mary's churchyard was the close up featured in ATM 23's competition.

Congratulations to **Mrs Terry Bloxham** whose sharp eyes picked out the location. Tickets to the Limelight Theatre are on their way to you!

Thank you to everyone who entered – we were genuinely impressed with the number of you who got the answer right.

Please note, we reserve the right to edit and shorten any letters, emails or tweets sent to us to meet printing requirements.

What's on in Aylesbury



MARCH

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| 1 | Music at Lunchtime | Concert | | 12.45pm - 1.45pm | St Mary's Church |
| 2 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 2 | Hendrix Gets The Horne | Music | £8 - £10 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 3 | Open Mic Night | Music | £2 - £4 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 4 | Farmers' Market | Market | FREE | 10.00am - 2.00pm | Winslow |
| 5 | Behind the Scenes at the Museum (Halton) | Tour | £10 | 2.00pm - 4.00pm | Museum Resource Centre |
| 6 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 7 | Bucks Woodlands | Talk | FREE | 12.30pm - 12.50pm | Bucks County Museum |
| 7 | Reading Group with a Difference | Activity | FREE | 2.30pm - 3.30pm | Aylesbury Library |
| 8 | Music at Lunchtime | Concert | | 12.45pm - 1.45pm | St Mary's Church |
| 9 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 9/10 | Brilliant Traces | Theatre | £6 - £8 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 10 | Victorian Embroidery Workshop | Activity | £5 adult/£3 child | 10.30am - 12.30pm/1.30pm - 3.30pm | Bucks County Museum |
| 13 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 14 | Marlow and the Thames | Talk | FREE | 12.30pm - 12.50pm | Bucks County Museum |
| 15 | Tour of 100 Pictures | Exhibition | £7.50 | 10.30am - 12.00pm/2.00pm - 3.30pm | Bucks County Museum |
| 15 | Music at Lunchtime | Concert | | 12.45pm - 1.45pm | St Mary's Church |
| 16 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 16 | Phil Cool | Comedy | £15 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 17 | Victorian Paper Beads Workshop | Activity | £5 adult/£3 child | 10.30am - 12.30pm/1.30pm - 3.30pm | Bucks County Museum |
| 17 | The Devine Family | Music | £8 - £10 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 20 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 21 | Roman and Celtic Gods | Talk | FREE | 12.30pm - 12.50pm | Bucks County Museum |
| 22 | Music at Lunchtime | Concert | | 12.45pm - 1.45pm | St Mary's Church |
| 23 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 23 | Clare Free | Music | £8 - £10 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 24 | Victorian Lavender Sachets Workshop | Activity | £5 adult/£3 child | 10.30am - 12.30pm/1.30pm - 3.30pm | Bucks County Museum |
| 24 | Gig Night Featuring Other Colours | Music | £5 - £6 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 27 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 27 | Farmers' Market | Market | FREE | 9.00am - 2.00pm | Market Square |
| 28 | William and Harriet Callow | Talk | FREE | 12.30pm - 12.50pm | Bucks County Museum |
| 29 | Music at Lunchtime | Concert | | 12.45pm - 1.45pm | St Mary's Church |
| 30 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |

APRIL

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|----|---------------------------------|----------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Farmers' Market | Market | FREE | 10.00am - 2.00pm | Winslow |
| 3 | Portrait Plates | Activity | £2.50 per child | 10.00am - 12.00pm/1.00pm - 3.00pm | Bucks County Museum |
| 3 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 4 | Story Sacks | Activity | £2.50 per child | 10.00am - 12.00pm/1.00pm - 3.00pm | Bucks County Museum |
| 4 | Reading Group with a Difference | Activity | FREE | 2.30pm - 3.30pm | Aylesbury Library |
| 5 | Landscape ('Glass') Windows | Activity | £2.50 per child | 10.00am - 12.00pm/1.00pm - 3.00pm | Bucks County Museum |
| 5 | Music at Lunchtime | Concert | | 12.45pm - 1.45pm | St Mary's Church |
| 6 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 10 | Painting the Past: Romans | Activity | £2.50 per child | 10.00am - 12.00pm/1.00pm - 3.00pm | Bucks County Museum |
| 10 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 11 | Painting the Past: Tudor | Activity | £2.50 per child | 10.00am - 12.00pm/1.00pm - 3.00pm | Bucks County Museum |
| 12 | Painting the Past: Victorian | Activity | £2.50 per child | 10.00am - 12.00pm/1.00pm - 3.00pm | Bucks County Museum |
| 12 | Music at Lunchtime | Concert | | 12.45pm - 1.45pm | St Mary's Church |
| 13 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 13 | Fish & Chip Quiz Night | Activity | £10 (inc) | 7.30pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 14 | John Otway | Music | £10 - £12 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |

For further details of any of these events, please contact: St Mary's Church - 01296 437641 • Aylesbury Waterside Theatre Tickets - 0844 871 7627
 Queens Park Centre, incorporating the Limelight Theatre - 01296 424332 • Friars Square Shopping Centre - 01296 483169 • Aylesbury Library - 0845 2303232
 Hale Leys Shopping Centre - 01296 429800 • Buckinghamshire County Museum - 01296 331441 • See also: www.buckscc.gov.uk/museum
 Aylesbury Town Council - 01296 425678 www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



What's on in Aylesbury

APRIL (continued)

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| 17 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 19 | Music at Lunchtime | Concert | | 12.45pm - 1.45pm | St Mary's Church |
| 20 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 20 | Storm Warning | Music | £7.50 - £10 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 21 | St George's Day Celebrations | Family | FREE | 11.00am - 4.00pm | Kingsbury |
| 21 | Like A Virgin | Theatre | £9 - £11 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 22 | St George's Scout Parade and Service | Civic | FREE | Parade 2.15pm/Service 3.00pm | Market Sq/St Mary's/Kingsbury |
| 24 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 24 | Farmers' Market | Market | FREE | 9.00am - 2.00pm | Market Square |
| 26 | Music at Lunchtime | Concert | | 12.45pm - 1.45pm | St Mary's Church |
| 27 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 27 | Patrick Monahan | Comedy | £15 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 28 | Dan Cassidy & James Hickman | Music | £8 - £10 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |

MAY

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| 1 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 1 | Reading Group with a Difference | Activity | FREE | 2.30pm - 3.30pm | Aylesbury Library |
| 3 | Music at Lunchtime | Concert | | 12.45pm - 1.45pm | St Mary's Church |
| 4 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 5 | Open Mic Night | Activity | £2 - £4 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 6 | Farmers' Market | Market | FREE | 10.00am - 2.00pm | Winslow |
| 8 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 10 | Music at Lunchtime | Concert | | 12.45pm - 1.45pm | St Mary's Church |
| 11 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 11/12 | Gasping | Theatre | £6 - £8 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 15 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 17 | Music at Lunchtime | Concert | | 12.45pm - 1.45pm | St Mary's Church |
| 18 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 18 | Virgil & The Accelerators | Music | £9 - £11 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 19 | Open Day | Activity | FREE | 11.00am - 3.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 22 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 22 | Farmers' Market | Market | FREE | 9.00am - 2.00pm | Market Square |
| 24 | Music at Lunchtime | Concert | | 12.45pm - 1.45pm | St Mary's Church |
| 25 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 25 | Thom Tuck | Comedy | £8 - £10 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 26 | The Songs of James Taylor | Music | £8 - £10 | 8.00pm | Limelight Theatre |
| 29 | Bounce and Rhyme | Activity | FREE (Ticketed) | 10.30am - 11.00am | Aylesbury Library |
| 31 | Music at Lunchtime | Concert | | 12.45pm - 1.45pm | St Mary's Church |

ST MARY THE VIRGIN – AYLESBURY - LETTING FEES 2012

Use of Church for Concert:

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| Rehearsal or set-up time | £40.00 per hour |
| Public time | £65.00 per hour |

Use of Church for Private Event or Public Meeting:

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| Rehearsal or set-up time | £35.00 per hour |
| Public time | £60.00 per hour |

Use of Church for Meeting:

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| Chapter House – Commercial | £30.00 per hour |
| Chapter House – Charity | £20.00 per hour |
| Upper rooms | £15.00 per hour |

Additional Facilities:

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| Use of grand piano or digital piano | £40.00 | Tuning of piano | £45.00 |
| Use of electronic organ | £35.00 | Use of kitchen | £15.00 |
| Supplying tea & coffee | £0.50 per person | | |

Caretaker extra hours for resetting, set-up and making ready for Sunday services £12.00 per hour.

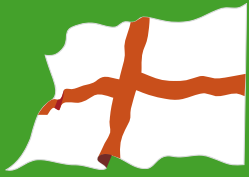
St Mary's can also arrange to supply flowers, entertainment or buffets for your events.

Any additional facilities to be agreed with the Education & Events Co-ordinator, the Parish Administrator, the Director of Music and the Rector.

Please note that the fees listed do not cover subsequent PRS fees relevant to a particular event.

Contact **Kim Hopping, Education & Events Co-ordinator**
St Mary the Virgin, Aylesbury 01296 437641





AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL



St George's Day Celebrations

Saturday 21st April 2012

St George's Fun Day

11.00am - 4.00pm

Kingsbury

Come and help celebrate the day of **England's Patron Saint** with fun activities, dancing, theatre and traditional music. There'll be something for everyone, and it's **free to attend**.

Sunday 22nd April 2012

St George's Day Parade

& Service

Join representatives from the Scout Association as they parade through the town in celebration of St George, the Patron Saint of Scouts, before taking part in a service at **3.00pm in St Mary's Church**. The Parade starts at around **2.30pm in Market Square**.

For more details call 01296 425678 or please visit

www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

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