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Roald Dahl Festival 2013 'Magnificent Animal Menagerie'

Saturday 6th July 2013

This year's Roald Dahl Festival will be on Saturday 6 July in Aylesbury Town Centre and promises to be a splendiferous event with lots to see.

The famous Roald Dahl Parade will leave St Mary's Church and enter into the Market Square at about 11.00am. As ever it will be full of spectacular giant puppets and original Roald Dahl themed art work created and presented by hundreds of school children from across the Vale.

This year's theme is all about the curious and amazing animals that live in Roald Dahl books such as the Mugawumps, the Enormous Crocodile and that ever favourite character The Roly Poly Bird. And there will be lots of fantabulous noise as the Parade roars through the streets of Aylesbury with samba and brass bands.

There is nothing like this anywhere in the world. It is a unique Roald Dahl event and not to be missed!

For more information go to
www.aylesburyvalcdc.gov.uk/dahl



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Welcome Note

“ It's flaming June, or at least I hope so. Good weather or not the Town Council is very busy at this time of year as most of our functions as a Local Authority are performed outside and all around the town.

Our principal responsibilities include running the seven allotment sites, the cemetery, co-ordinating the town's floral arrangements and organising many of the free town centre events. In addition we'll be working on a number of projects for our Britain in Bloom competition entry. So, you can imagine that it's full steam ahead for the office staff and the Outdoor Team.

Inside this issue you'll find information about much of this activity, including information posters on all the forthcoming events. It will soon be time for **Aylesbury on Sea** and dare I say it, the sun always shines for this day; one of the most popular of our free events. Bring the children to play in the sand pits and ride on a donkey. **The Roald Dahl Parade** will take place in July and look out too for the return of **Hobble on the Cobbles** in August, and the **Proms in the Park** a week later. These two exciting events begin and end a week of entertainment in the town centre. **Aylesbury Alive**, organised by the Town Centre Partnership, will bring more music and food events to the town centre and we're all looking forward to what should be a fun and festive end to the summer holidays.

We have an update of all our plans for Britain in Bloom and we very much hope you'll get involved and help us to improve the town and brighten up the bare spaces. As usual we include lots of information from some of the town's community groups and charities. There are services provided that you might make use of, and charities you might like to support in some way.

The Mayor has come to the end of her year in office and there's a review of a wonderful year visiting and supporting many of the town's valuable community groups. There is also a page to tell you what each of the three Councils in Aylesbury do. Always useful we think.

And finally, the Town Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Keith Gray as the new Town Clerk. Keith joined us last year as Acting Clerk during a period of transition and the Council looks forward to working with him.

We hope you enjoy the summer, and this edition of Aylesbury Town Matters. ”

Cllr Mike Smith
Leader of the Council

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Environment



In the last edition of Town Matters we told you about the projects we were planning for this year's Britain in Bloom competition, and for the general enhancement of the town environment. By the time this edition reaches you much of our planting will be in bloom and giving life and colour to Aylesbury.

We hope too that this vibrancy will have made Aylesbury a popular place for wildlife. The planting arrangements have included many species of flowers and herbs that can sustain the insects through the summer. In turn this will provide food for the birds and bats, giving them the protein they need to feed their young and gain strength.



At the time of writing this we have only just emerged from our very long winter and the temperatures are just about on the rise. The wildlife has struggled and really needs our help to get going. I do know that my resident blackbirds have produced a clutch of chicks because they are taking as many sultanas as I can give them.

So remember to put out the bird feeders and top up the birdbath.

Current projects:



Cemetery

We identified a patch of grass in the Tring Road cemetery and prepared it for the planting of wildflowers. In April we sowed some mixed seed of meadow flowers and herbs and by now there will be a variety of colour and the buzzing of bees and hover flies. We've put a bench in this area and we're sure it will be a lovely place to sit, find some peace and enjoy the display.



Thanks to Jim Webster of Bumblebedzz – a valuable member of our volunteer team (www.bumblebedzz.co.uk) "Our humble bumble's are the great unsung heroes of British nature".

Walton Pond

Our Outdoor Team have done us proud, once again using their skills to make two curved oak benches for the pond area. The wood was surplus stock from earlier projects and we think this is a fine use for the timber. We hope you'll enjoy a rest on them as you're walking past. The pond itself has been cleaned and tidied and planted with water lilies. The old water pump has been moved to a more prominent position.



California Brook

The Town Council joined Aylesbury College staff and students for a clean-up of the Brook in April. This project was timed to coincide with Earth Day and a community wide effort

involving supportive individuals, AVDC environmental teams and the local fire service saw the Brook restored to the clean and attractive feature it should always be. (www.earthday.org)

Park Street

With the help of keen volunteers and professional gardeners Wendy and Jim Curtis, we have continued work on the flower beds opposite Aqua Vale swimming pool in Park Street.

Last year Wendy and our Outdoor Team prepared the ground and waged battle with the bindweed. New plants went in and they will develop this summer. In the spring we planted more flowers and continued to think carefully about how to attract the wildlife.



Wendy Curtis - a treasured volunteer

Tring Road – Wynn Jones Centre

The businesses based in this estate have joined the Town Council and our volunteers in a plan to restore the beds fronting on to the Tring Road. Hedges, shrubs and flowers have been planted and you'll soon notice the difference.

This is just a selection of the projects taking place throughout the town. There is much more going on.

We are delighted to be supporting some of our local schools, but we do know that almost every school in Aylesbury is involved in gardening. It is always a pleasure to see the wonderful spaces created by staff and students. Many of them entered our Aylesbury in Bloom Competition and we're looking forward to the day we visit them all.

We are also working along the canal side, and with some residential and nursing homes. We are always identifying green spaces and grass banks to tidy and plant up.



Throughout the spring and summer we'll be busy making the town attractive and colourful.



Baskets, Tubs and Troughs

After the success of last summer's floral arrangements in the town centre we were keen to maintain the standard and vitality for this year. By now the summer installation will be close to completion. As always we've been working with our AVDC partners to bring beautiful colour to our town centre.

You might remember that last year Aylesbury was awarded the winning prize for floral arrangements in the regional Britain in Bloom competition. We all hope that everyone will enjoy the flowers just as much this year.



We do hope you have a warm and enjoyable summer.

Alan Norchi

What can you do?

YOU CAN grab your gloves and a trowel and join us for a bit of planting. We'd be very glad to hear from you.

YOU CAN get together with neighbours and think about starting your own project. (Contact us for some advice and any support we can give you).

YOU CAN attract the bees to your garden by planting the right flowers; pleasure for you, vital sustenance for them, and pollination for all of us.

YOU CAN think carefully about the decisions you make. Are you considering paving over your gardens to make space for your cars? This growing phenomenon is depriving wildlife from essential urban habitat and food sources. If you have to pave your garden then do try and leave some soil beds and flowers around the edges.



What a shame!

FINALLY, please dispose of your litter carefully and recycle what you can; and encourage others to do the same. If the Local Authorities are able to spend less time cleaning litter, resources become

available for other important tasks.

AND Aylesbury Town will be an attractive place for those of us working and living here, and for those who come to visit our shops and attractions.

Peregrines in the Town Centre – they're back!



The pair of Peregrine Falcons that successfully reared two chicks in 2012 have returned for 2013. The pair were first seen around the town at the start of the year and began to use the platform at County Hall in February. The web cameras were updated and now stream live footage of images from the platform.

On the 25 March an image of the birds first egg was captured. Ten days later on 5 April a second egg was laid. By St George's Day it will be known whether the eggs are viable as they should hatch around this time. If they do it will only take 42 days for the birds to become big enough to fledge.

Everyone can watch the birds progress on the AVDC website at the following link:
<http://biodiversity.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk>

This project is supported by volunteers and the web streaming facility is paid for by kind donations from the general public and other organisations.

If you would like to help or contribute to this project please contact Paul Holton, AVDC Biodiversity Officer, on 01296 427972.

Aylesbury Open Gardens

Sunday 30 June 2013
2.00pm - 6.00pm



Four mature town gardens will be opening this year in Aylesbury under the **National Gardens Scheme on Sunday 30 June, 2.00pm to 6.00pm**. Each garden displays the individuality of its owner and their passions.

2 Spenser Road - Tranquil cottage style garden with many ornamental trees raised from seed. Victorian greenhouse with original features containing a collection of pelargoniums and tender plants. Vegetable garden featuring raised beds. Homemade teas and plants for sale.

110 Tring Road - Established suburban garden with mature trees, variety of perennial plants, rose bed and gazebo, pond, alpine raised bed and troughs and vegetable parterre. Won Aylesbury in Bloom 2010 'Best Formal Garden'. *Wheelchair access.*

7 Wendover Way - Well designed garden with established pond and seating area. A gravel path meanders through arbours and mixed grasses. *Wheelchair access.*

16 Milton Road - Mature town garden featuring oriental and Mediterranean patios and pergolas with grape vines and clematis, woodland fernery and wildlife pond. Numerous hanging baskets and tubs add colour and a display of hostas add rich foliage.

Combined entrance fee is £4, children free.

All proceeds go to various national charities including MacMillan, Help the Hospices, carerstrust, and Marie Curie. Last year £116,000 was raised in Berks and Bucks for charity through Open Gardens.

Roger King



Aylesbury's not all about ducks...

The town's history runs deeper than that.

This summer Aylesbury Town Council and the Aylesbury Society are re-launching **The Aylesbury Heritage Walk**. A fascinating self-guided walk that gives you an insight into the town's architectural history spanning many centuries.

The name Aylesbury, or 'Aigle's Burgh' meaning hill town or fort, can be traced back to the Iron Age. Indeed, excavations in the Old Town in 1985 found the remains of an Iron Age hill fort dating back to 650BC. Today, still a market town at heart, Aylesbury has developed around the original Market Square, Temple Square, Kingsbury and St Mary's Church to become a large, commercially vibrant town with over 67,000 inhabitants.

The Aylesbury Heritage Walk starts on the steps of County Hall in Market Square and guides you around the Conservation Area, revealing aspects of the town's past which are still evident today. **Did you know that public hangings took place from the Court building? Or that Oliver Cromwell stayed at The King's Head in 1651?**

The walk also brings us up to date with more recent developments, including the building of County Tower, completed in 1966, and the development of enclosed town centre shopping arcades. Packed with facts and interesting finds, the walk is an easy route that can be followed in about an hour. However, if the sun is shining and the weather is great, why not make a day of it by stopping off at the King's Head for lunch or the Bucks County Museum to see the latest exhibition.

The booklet to accompany the walk costs just £1 and can be purchased from the Tourist Information Centre in the King's Head Passage, Market Square, Aylesbury HP20 2RW.





Bucks & Milton Keynes Sports Partnership

Bucks Sport launch NEW Coach Bursary

Are you interested in becoming a sports coach? Are you already a sports coach and looking to take another coaching course? If so, Bucks Sport can help! We are launching a bursary that will fund up to £250 to help you pay for the coaching course of your choice. Anyone living, or at least prepared to do some coaching in Bucks or Milton Keynes, is eligible to apply for a bursary. We will also welcome block applications from local sports clubs. So if you or somebody you know is interested in applying, please contact Ben Fisher at: bfisher@buckssport.org or on 01296 585580.

Get benefits and want to get Leisure discounts?

Apply for a Passport to Leisure Discount Card to get up to **50% discount** for a variety of leisure activities in Aylesbury Vale. Discounts are available for adults, children and young people including:

**Leisure centres • Sports • Children's activities
Dance classes and arts activities • Days out**

To apply for a card you must live in the Aylesbury Vale District area and be in receipt of specified benefits. To check which benefits are eligible, to download an application form or to find out what discounts are available call **01296 585301** or visit: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/passport. Terms and conditions apply.



Improving Aylesbury's Skate Park

Aylesbury Vale District Council is looking to replace Vale Park's skate park in 2014/15 with a more modern multi-wheeled sports facility, which will be better suited to the increasing wide range of wheeled propellants (eg skate boards, scooters, roller blades and BMXs) and also include elements for varying levels of user experience.

In order to improve the success of this project the Council wants to set up a 'User Group' which will help to inform the design brief, which will in turn be forwarded to companies interested in tendering for the design and build contract.

If you or someone you know are an existing user of the skate park or have experience of using such facilities and would like to be involved in the design process, please contact Joe Houston (Senior Community Spaces Officer) by emailing: jhouston@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk



Get Active in Aylesbury

Everyone Active encourages people to be active for 30 minutes a day 5 times a week. At the Aqua Vale Leisure Centre in Aylesbury being active can mean anything from taking part in a group exercise class to enjoying one of our Swim for All sessions. Being active should be fun and part of your everyday routine.

Award-winning swimming lesson programmes that cater for ages from 6 months upwards are offered at Aqua Vale Leisure Centre. If you are older and find water less than inviting adults swimming lessons are offered as well.

As part of the new investment, new equipment has been installed at the leisure centre including PowerPlates, Trixter bikes, X Cube and Watt bikes. Also offered is a constantly changing group exercise programme to suit every level of experience.

And if you can't get to the Leisure Centres then why not log on to Everyone Active Online at www.everyoneactive.com and download workouts to do at home.

Aylesbury Town Council Grants



Aylesbury Town Council (ATC) grant aid scheme gives people the opportunity to bring their ideas for social action projects to life.

However, we need help in reaching out to the local organisations in your area. Promoting the ATC grant scheme will help those groups, societies, and clubs in need of funding to find us.

The concept is simple. If you are involved in a charitable or voluntary organisation working for the benefit of people in Aylesbury you may be able to apply for a grant from the Town Council.

How? We're offering grants of up to £2,000 to turn your ideas into reality, and get your projects off the ground.

We've already helped many organisations to fund their projects and activities. We are very glad to support the community groups that make such a difference to so many peoples' lives. These groups are largely dependent on volunteers and we should all be grateful to them.

Whether they run sports clubs for your children, lunch clubs for your elderly parents or indeed any of the groups you might find in the pages of this magazine, these individuals have transformed communities for the better and their work continues every day.

Tell us about your ideas and apply for a grant! If you are attached to a group who might not know about our grants then make a note to inform them.

You will find all the information you need on our website. Or you can contact our Grants Administrator, Belle Daytonn at the office on 01296 425678 or if you prefer email her at: b.daytonn@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

We look forward to hearing from you

A selection of grants awarded during 2012/13

Queens Park Arts Centre	£2,000
Guide Association of Bucks	£750
Sanctuary Care	£2,000
Bucks Arch Society	£300
Mastor Axes Foundation	£2,000
Calibre	£1,500
PFRA	£300
AOTRA	£1,500
Thursday Morning Club	£320
Pauline Humm	£400
IAS Cricket Club	£1,500
Action Jigsaw	£750
Aylesbury Rollers Bowls Club	£2,000
ENRYCH	£1,334
Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ	£1,000
CHAT	£576
The Monday Group	£435
Thames Valley Police	£1,000
Southcourt/Walton Court Community Project	£1,200
AVDC	£600
Prebendal Farm Residents' Association	£2,000
Aylesbury & District CAB	£2,000
Addaction	£1,900
SPACE	£1,600
Aylesbury Youth Action	£2,000
Southcourt Baptist Church	£656
Community Unity Projects	£1,200
Aylesbury Vale Advocates	£1,000



Aylesbury Town Council Grants

Recently we have awarded grants of £1600 to SPACE and £300 to CHAT.



Photo courtesy of Derek Pelling, Bucks Herald

At SPACE we provide support and care to people going through difficult times and a safe place where they can offload as needed. People seek help because of social isolation, relationship breakdown, stress, mental health problems, bereavement, unemployment, low self esteem or any combination of these factors.



We are based at St Mary's Church in the centre of Aylesbury where we run three drop-in groups for coffee and a chat on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.30am to 12.00 noon and on Sundays from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

In addition to listening to people's concerns in the group, we are also able to provide some short term confidential counselling, or we may signpost people on to other appropriate agencies.

On Tuesdays we offer head and shoulder massage during the weekly drop-in. We also provide some creative workshops, where beneficiaries can learn new skills, have fun, enjoy the opportunity to socialise and gain confidence.

We have recently started a new drop-in group on Thursdays at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Southcourt.

For further information contact SPACE on 01296 432769 or email: aylesbury.space@btconnect.com website: www.aylesburyspace.co.uk



CHAT provides help for families with children who have ongoing health needs.

The grant from the Town Council was awarded for the opening of CHAT's first charity shop in Cambridge Street, Aylesbury. It will help to fund their shop signage and promotional material.

The shop will be selling good quality used items, specialising in children's designer clothing. They will also need to recruit volunteers and employ staff.

CHAT would like to say thank you to everybody who has donated goods. They are however still in need of donations and your offerings will be very gratefully received. Amongst the items required are good quality children's, ladies and men's clothing, books, toys, bric a brac and soft home furnishings.

All proceeds from the shop will go towards providing short-term respite care packages for families.

If you or anyone you know has some spare time and could help for a few hours a week in the shop they would love to hear from you.

For more information on the services CHAT can offer please visit their website at: www.chat-charity.org.uk



Pictured are Cllr Tuffail Hussein, Anthea Cass and Janet Stiles

Community News & Events



**Are you involved in a local community group or charity in Aylesbury?
Would you like to promote your work and events?**

This magazine is delivered to every household in Aylesbury Town. For more information call Alan on 01296 425678 or alternatively email us at: info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk. There is no charge for community groups and charities.

Quarrendon Youth Centre

Quarrendon Youth Centre will be reopening its doors after Easter with two youth clubs for young people in the area. The new management committee have been working hard to ensure the centre is ready to re-open, with a new access gate being fitted, new paint on the walls and new equipment for the youth club use.

There will be two youth clubs running on a Tuesday and a Thursday. The Tuesday club will cater for young people in years 7 – 9, running from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. The Thursday session is for young people in years 10 and 11 and will run from 7.00pm – 9.30pm.

The management committee have appointed two youth workers to run the clubs but are looking for members of the community to volunteer at the session. If you would like to become a volunteer then the relevant training will be provided by Action4Youth.

If you would like to be involved but not in the running of the sessions, the management committee would also welcome people who want to bring their ideas to their monthly meeting.

The centre will also be available to hire on evenings the youth club is not running, weekends and during the holidays.



**For more information contact
Richard on 07772 737416 or email:
quarrendonyouthclub@hotmail.co.uk**

Want to promote your group on these pages?

There is no charge for community groups
and charities.

Contact Alan on 01296 425678 or email:
info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Southcourt & Walton Court Community Project

HALF TERM & SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 - 11 YEARS

at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Southcourt
9.30am to 12.00 noon
with optional lunch club until 1.00pm.

Children can enjoy arts & crafts, games, free play, trips
to local areas and special events and much more!!!
So bring your children along to have fun and
make new friends!!

**£2.50 FOR THE FIRST CHILD
£1.80 FOR SIBLINGS**

Passport to Leisure cardholders 50p discount.
Optional lunch club £1 for first child & 70p for siblings

**Please call Julie on 01296 435844 or visit:
www.southcourtwaltoncourtproject.btck.co.uk
email: scwccp@hotmail.com for details**



Mediation Buckinghamshire offers a way of improving relationships and resolving differences between neighbours, business customers, work colleagues and family members. It gives everyone an equal chance to voice their concerns and to listen to what others are saying, before deciding together what should be done to put things right and start again on a new footing.

We offer, free of charge to Buckinghamshire Residents:

Community Mediation (neighbour issues including noise, inconsiderate parking, children & teenage behaviour)

Room to Talk (inter-generational family mediation)

Youth Offending (Restorative Justice)

We also offer fee paying work for High Hedges, Workplace & Civil Mediation.

For more details of the services we offer visit our website at: www.mediationbucks.org.uk or contact us by telephone on 01494 520827 or email: mediation@mediationbucks.org.uk

Aylesbury Freemasons

Members at the Masonic Centre in Ripon Street, Aylesbury, are helping hundreds of Thames Valley people hit by multiple sclerosis. The illness attacks the central nervous system, making patients virtually prisoners in their own bodies.

The eleven lodges and six chapters in Aylesbury have made regular contributions to the Bucks Masonic Centenary Fund, enabling it to donate £15,000 to the newly-built **Chilterns MS Centre** in Oakwood Close, Wendover, recently opened by actor Sir David Jason.

Now, thanks to the unit, some 600 patients throughout Bucks and the adjoining counties are receiving practical support to face up to the disease's tragic consequences.

The donation has paid for vital equipment to enable a new building to become operational immediately, without having to wait months to raise money for the badly-needed kit, which includes communications devices, training-room furniture, a fully-equipped kitchen, and landscape gardening for the surrounding area.

Deputy Head of Aylesbury and Bucks Freemasons, Clifford Drake says: "I thank every one of the Aylesbury Freemasons who has made this work possible. They have lived up magnificently to our ideals of friendship, decency and charity."

The centre's chief executive, Jo Woolf, says: "The support of Aylesbury Freemasons for such a wide range of equipment is invaluable and has enabled us to achieve so much so soon for so many."

The Freemasons are also backing a charity helping disabled kids and their families in Bucks. They have handed over £1,500 to the **Children, Health and Therapy** group at the Sue Nicholls Centre in Berton Road, Aylesbury. The cash will be used to provide respite care and equipment for youngsters with a variety of complex health needs.



It was presented to the charity by Rev Timothy L'Estrange (pictured). He heads the Thames Valley group of The Red Cross of Constantine, a masonic order for Christians in Berks, Bucks, and Oxon.

Father L'Estrange says: "Freemasonry is all about friendship, charity, and decency, so we were happy to support such a vital service which provides a lifeline to disabled kids and their families throughout the region."

More on how Freemasons help the community at www.buckspgl.org



www.aylesburyproject.org

Reuse Store Now Open

Yvonne, Pam and Neil are delighted to announce that Aylesbury Project CIC has opened its new Reuse Store at:

Aylesbury Project CIC
12 March Place
Gatehouse Industrial Area
Aylesbury HP19 8UG

Opening Hours: Mon – Fri 9.30am – 4.30pm

Please come and join our new venture!

Lifetime membership is £15 - £20;
reusable materials £15 per trolley.

Come in and see our amazing range of reusable materials; which are ideal for arts and crafts projects and creative play!

Promoting Social Inclusion

- Work experience for Learning Disabled adults in a safe workshop environment
- Places for up to 75 adults per week with a range of learning disabilities
- Only 1 in 5 of adults with learning disabilities work, and only 1 in 3 receive any form of education or training (Source: Mencap).

Improving the Environment

- Committed to imaginative ways of keeping reusable items out of waste landfill sites
- Free collection for local businesses who donate items, saving on storage space and disposal costs.

Helping the Community

- Community groups can access arts and crafts resources at low cost in our Reuse Store
- Refurbished items available for resale.

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Community News & Events



It's not just Jam and Jerusalem

Did you know that Aylesbury Town has its own WI? Traditionally Women's Institutes were a rural affair but not any longer. Two years ago, following the performance of 'Calendar Girls' at The Waterside theatre, a group of enthusiastic women formed a new WI based in Aylesbury Town Centre. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Quaker's Conference room on Rickford's Hill, Aylesbury.

We have a varied programme and have enjoyed many interesting speakers during our first two years ranging from Tai Chi to Red Kites, Hallmarking to Environmental Health issues. We make visits to local places of interest and have a thriving Theatre and Rambling group.

We are part of the Mercia group, four other local WIs, with whom we join for two extra meetings each year, for a chance to widen our contacts, enjoy different speakers and meet other WI members. We are affiliated to Bucks Federation of WIs and benefit from participating in county events and have the opportunity to attend courses at the beautiful WI training establishment of Denman College near Abingdon.

Although we are renowned for our cake and jam making, we get involved in other issues. This year's resolution concerns the demise of the traditional town centre and high street. Aylesbury Town WI is seeking to work together with Aylesbury Town Council and Town Centre Partnership to help make a difference on this issue.

Our next 2013 meetings will be:

June 20th: A guided walk around Old Aylesbury with Roger King of The Aylesbury Society.

July 18th: The Honey Bee - a Perfect Pollinator; talk by Mid-Bucks Beekeeper's Association.

We are a diverse women's group welcoming all ages 18 to 118 with no political or religious affiliations. Our meeting room has disabled access.

Want to know more? Then please contact us by email: aylesburytownwi@hotmail.co.uk, visit the Bucks WI website: www.bucksfwi.org.uk, or call Marilyn Jackson, President on **01296 428869** or Jenny Burton, Secretary on **01296 615709**.

Alternatively just turn up at one of our meetings, you will find a very warm welcome. The WI is a great way to meet people, make new friends and learn new skills – **why not give it a try?**



Men in Sheds Aylesbury started in November 2012 to give men who have experienced life-changing events such as bereavement, physical or mental ill health, redundancy or retirement a place to meet, be productive and get involved in their local community.

The 'Shed' is located at Queens Park Arts Centre and provides a safe, supportive and friendly setting where men can socialise, learn new skills and also hone their existing skills by working together on community projects and ventures that raise funds for the Shed. It's a place for regular contact with like-minded men and access to a workshop-type space with tools, machinery, work benches and raw materials to undertake a variety of projects. The men also have access to advice and information about health issues, illness prevention and how to make more effective use of available health services.



While we welcome men of all ages, our target group is older men. Our members come from a variety of backgrounds so there is a good mix of life experience, knowledge, skills and abilities. The fitter, more able and skilled members are mentors to those in need of additional support.

All members are encouraged to put forward their ideas for projects and they are discussed and decided upon by the membership. The first projects we carried out were around carpentry, online computing, photography and electronics. We have now added metalwork, weaving, computer tech-support and electrical testing and repairs.

We would like to give more men the opportunity to benefit from taking part in our Shed so we are always trying to raise funds. We sell the products we make and we undertake bespoke commissions, invite subscriptions, sponsorship and donations (both monetary and in-kind, from businesses and individuals).

If you would like to commission our Shed to carry out a bespoke project, please get in touch. We also welcome donations of raw materials, equipment or expertise. Help us to encourage the Men in Sheds to carry on using the skills acquired from a lifetime of work.

For further information, please contact:

Samantha Hardy at Community Impact Bucks
Tel: 01844 348 831 Mobile: 07990 756742
email: Samantha@communityimpactbucks.org.uk
website: www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk





BucksVision is a local visual impairment society for anyone in the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes area who is experiencing serious sight loss. With a team of dedicated staff and volunteers, BucksVision provides help and guidance through all stages of sight loss.

An Introduction Day to BucksVision provides details about all of the support and advice available. Subscribers have continuous access to telephone support and contact with qualified rehabilitation officers. A regular newsletter full of the latest news and events is available, and there are several clubs and activity groups to join.

BucksVision currently has a resource centre located in Aylesbury. The centre has a range of equipment available to visually impaired people.

**To find out more visit: www.bucksvision.co.uk or
email: reception@bucksvision.co.uk**

Aylesbury (Head Office & Resource Centre)
143 Meadowcroft, Aylesbury
Bucks. HP19 9HH
Telephone: **01296 487556**



A Personal Experience

“My dear neighbour died last week. Vera was 92 and full of energy and spirit almost right up to the moment of her death. Indeed she had just come downstairs for breakfast when her body suddenly and finally stopped working.

Of course to have come down the stairs she would have had to have gone up them, and this she did every day, along with cooking her dinner, doing her ironing, cleaning her house and hanging her washing.

Despite her frailty Vera was determined to remain at home and independent. With just a little help from family and friends she continued to manage her life without much trouble. If it were not for two particular handicaps she would have really thrived until the very moment of her passing; she suffered increasing deafness and more acutely she struggled with very poor eyesight, and with this she did need some support.

BucksVision played an important role in Vera's life. For the last seven years she attended the club they ran every week. Here she received advice and encouragement from staff and volunteers for which I know she was thankful. Almost as important was the space they created to be with the friends she made there. Dinner

was provided and best of all, holidays were organised. I can recall dropping her off a couple of years ago to meet the coach. They were off to the coast for a few days and she was very happy about it.

The status of our elderly is increasingly topical. Vera was lucky to have found BucksVision and the other local charities that could help her. But sadly some elderly people are hard to reach. Sitting quietly and uncomplaining in their isolation they remain ignorant of resources, or for whatever reason become unable to access them.

Perhaps you have someone like Vera living close to you. If you do then you could make a difference by knocking on their door to see if you can help. Or you could get involved at BucksVision where your efforts will be rewarded with the jolly atmosphere I know Vera enjoyed.

It's worth adding that Vera loved Aylesbury. In part that's because of the good people that she met who made her continued independence possible, and provided her with a social life until the end.”

Alan Norchi



Aylesbury Town Council Ward Map

Ward: Gatehouse



Cllr Stuart Jarvis
07958 083519



Cllr Pat Jamieson
01296 428275



Cllr Tuffail Hussain
07886 295946

Ward: Central



Cllr Steven Mitchell
01296 392096



Cllr Barbara Russel
01296 431314

Ward: Elmhurst



Cllr Jenny Puddefoot
01296 612461



Cllr Iain Bozier
07941 164477



Cllr Mohammed Amjad
07956 803458

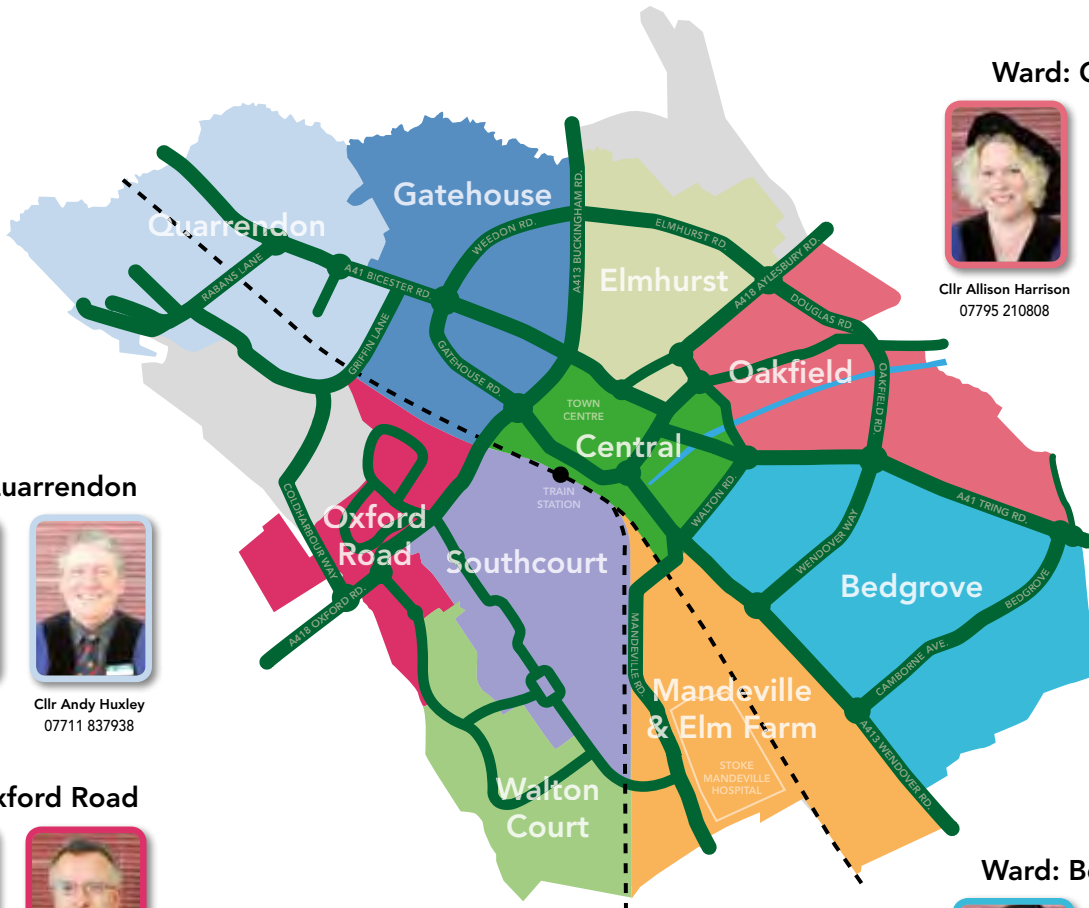
Ward: Oakfield



Cllr Allison Harrison
07795 210808



Cllr Steve Patrick
01296 424986



Ward: Quarrendon



Cllr Chris Adams
07986 543211



Cllr Andy Huxley
07711 837938

Ward: Oxford Road



Cllr Zulifqar 'Tom' Ahmed
07731 328011



Cllr Mike Smith
01296 484299

Ward: Southcourt



Cllr Michael Beall
01296 431499



Cllr Matthew Launchbury
07837 604284

Ward: Walton Court



Cllr Ranjula Takodra MBE
07958 423083



Cllr Loui Cirillo
07767 478696

Ward: Bedgrove



Cllr Jenny Bloom
07729 011501



Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts
07595 178660

Ward: Mandeville & Elm Farm



Cllr Denise Summers
01296 424903



Cllr Sue Chapple
01296 426814



Cllr Brian Roberts
01296 422881



Cllr Penni Thorne
01296 422232



Cllr Mark Winn
01296 393304



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 is responsible for:

- The Office of the Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- The management of the seven local allotment sites
- The Tring Road cemetery
- A programme of events throughout the year
- The award of grants to local groups and charities
- The free quarterly magazine, Aylesbury Town Matters
- Britain in Bloom (a partnership project) and Aylesbury in Bloom

Call: 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. AVDC is responsible for:

- The collection of Council Tax and business rates
- Household recycling and waste disposal
- Local planning and building regulations
- Public car parks
- Licensing and Environmental Health
- Leisure Services (including Aqua Vale and all parks)
- Award of grants to local groups and charities

Call: 01296 585 858 or visit: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

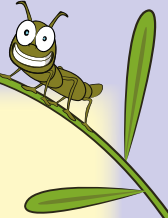
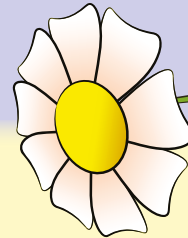


Bucks County Council is the top tier of local government and provides services on a county-wide basis. Bucks County Council is responsible for:

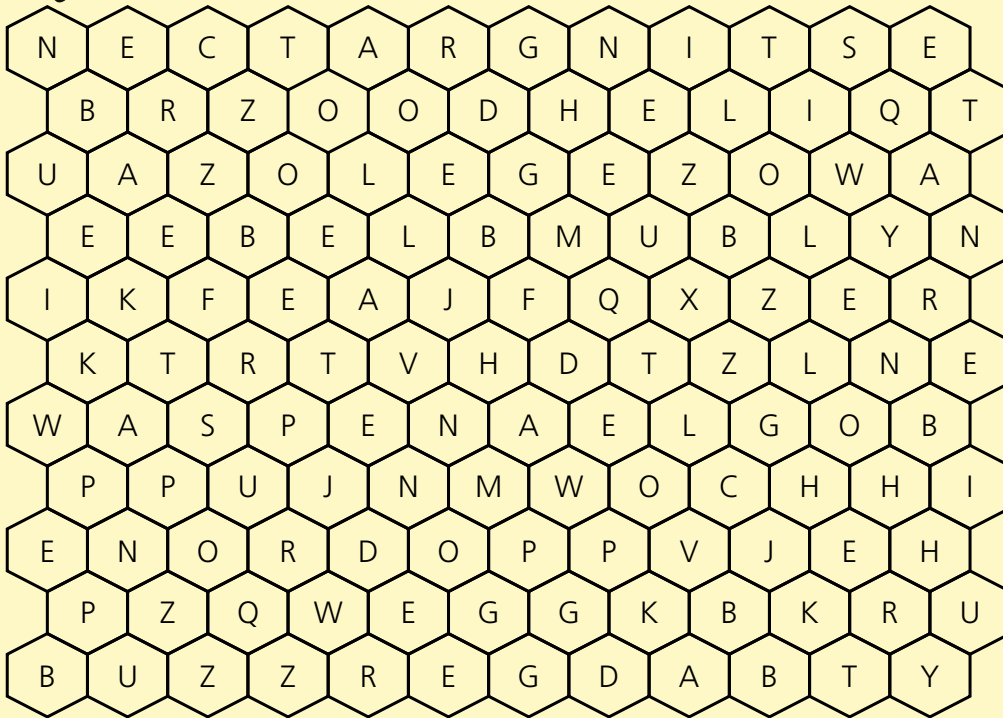
- Highways
- Education and Libraries
- Social Services
- Trading Standards
- Registrar of births, deaths and marriages
- Waste disposal (excluding household waste)

Call: 01296 395 000 or visit: www.buckscc.gov.uk

Fun Page



Bumblebee Word Search

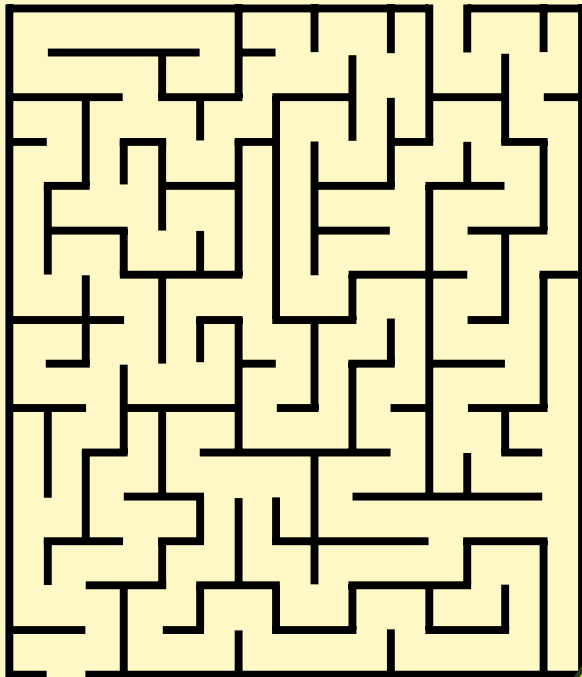


The words to find are:

- bumblebee
- wasp
- pod
- lavender
- queen
- drone
- honey
- badger
- hibernate
- bed
- nectar
- egg
- sting
- buzz

Bumblebee Maze

Can you help Mr Bumble find his lunch?

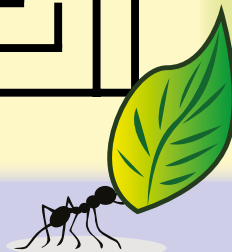


Bees Knees

Can you solve these anagrams?

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| A bumblebee's favourite plant | Never lad |
| Father bee | Mumble br |
| Favourite colour | Re pulp |
| Where a bee stores its lunch | Hey on top |
| Who does most of the jobs | Err wok |
| A bumblebee's main job | Tall opinion |

Answers: lavender, Mr Bumble, purple, honey pot, worker, pollination



Aylesbury on Sea

Sunday 7th
July 2013



11.00am - 4.00pm Kingsbury Square

With donkey rides, seaside games, sandpits, smiley train rides, candy floss, ice cream, magic and much, much more.

See you there for a day of seaside fun!

www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Town Mayor's Update



Cllr Ranjula Takodra MBE finished her year as Mayor of Aylesbury in May.

This was the second time that she had the privilege of being the Mayor of Aylesbury, the previous being from 2009/10.

Ranjula has enjoyed her term of office enormously: "I have been very proud to serve Aylesbury, especially in what has been a very significant and memorable year for us all."

Looking back over the year, Ranjula has been privileged to be a part of such an exciting year; from the Jubilee celebrations in May and June, visiting residential homes, local schools, and of course attending a number of street parties across the town with the Aylesbury Town Council Jubilee party minibus.

There was more excitement to come as the Olympic Torch Relay came to Aylesbury. The whole town got into the Olympic and Paralympic spirit, with celebrations throughout the town and at Stoke Mandeville Stadium.

Ranjula has worked to a demanding schedule of civic engagements. She has attended over 200 events,

including open days, AGMs, official openings, award ceremonies, charity functions and anniversaries over the past year, both in and out of the town. "I have enjoyed them all," she said, "and I hope I have in some way contributed to them all."

Ranjula commented:

"I am proud that Aylesbury Town Council has been at the forefront of making a real difference to the Town. I feel very honored to be a member of the Council and to have been the elected Mayor for the past year."

Ranjula has great affection for Aylesbury, "To be an Indian woman and to be accepted by the wider community, and to be an ambassador for this magnificent town which I have made my home and which has been so good to me, is one of the proudest achievements of my life."

Sue Carpenter

If you would like to invite the Mayor to attend an event you are holding, please contact the Mayor's Assistant Sue Carpenter at the Mayor's Office by calling 01296 425678 or email: s.carpenter@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Meet your Councillors

In this and future editions of ATM you will be able to meet your Councillors and learn something about who they are, what they like and what the office of Councillor means to them. Here we meet Cllr Mrs Pat Jamieson and Cllr Tuffail Hussein who is Chair of the Grants Committee.

Cllr Mrs Pat Jamieson - Gatehouse Ward



I came to Aylesbury in 1978 and I spent the whole of the summer holidays discovering "old Aylesbury" because I had grown up in a post-war "New Town".

I loved the old buildings, the statues and even the cobbles. I also discovered a story about the railings around Dr Ceeley's house (now the County Museum). In the days before telephones if the doctor was needed someone was sent round to his house. Unfortunately, to get his attention they knocked on the dining room window. Hence the iron railings were erected to stop this annoying practice. Next time you're in Church Street try to stretch through the railings to knock on the window.

I taught at Ashmead School for sixteen years before retiring to look after my husband. When he died I discovered how many good friends I had. One invited me to be a Room Steward for the National Trust. So I worked on the weekends at Claydon House. Another friend dropped a complete bombshell; "Would you like to stand for the Town Council?" I gulped, thought about it and said 'yes'.

I have met so many interesting people as a Councillor and so many things have happened. Teachers always say that they could write a book about their experiences but after meeting the people of Aylesbury I could write a library.

On Friday lunchtimes I join another group of very interesting people: the Open Door Community Church runs a lunch club for senior citizens. So dear readers, if you live near the Quarrendon Community Centre join me on a Friday and meet some lovely people.

I am also a keen gardener and take a great interest in the Britain in Bloom competition. So come on all you green fingered people of Aylesbury. Help the Town Council to make this year's entry another successful one.

Cllr Tuffail Hussein - Gatehouse Ward



I have lived in Aylesbury since 1971 and attended the local schools. My first job on leaving school was at Hazell, Watson and Viney Ltd, and my next job was as at CBS, working in quality control.

Unfortunately I was made redundant from CBS and decided to set up my own business. I am currently self-employed as manager of my taxi company. I have five children, at school or university.

First elected to the Town Council in 2003 I have been a member since then and have represented the residents of the Gatehouse Ward.

I am currently Chairman of the Council's Grants Committee; a role that I enjoy very much as it involves supporting residents and their projects that benefit our community. In this position I have also had the privilege of visiting various other residents in Aylesbury and to have an input on their grant funded projects. I enjoy giving my free time back to the community.

My hobby is playing cricket. I have played for several clubs in the area including Aylesbury Town CC and I'd like to keep playing for as long as possible.

Sport is something I am passionate about and I continue to try and enhance sporting facilities around the town.

I like to be involved in a variety of projects. In the early days of the Town Council our roles were more diverse and I was involved in many issues, including homelessness which is something that still concerns me.

These days our roles are more defined and specialist. In addition to my involvement in the Grants Committee I am also deeply interested in educational issues and care passionately about our schools.

ATC News & Events

Have you noticed that the Aylesbury Town Council website has had a face lift? The new style website was launched in March.

If you haven't checked it out yet please visit www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk, where you will find all of the information you need about our services, as well as the latest news and details of our forthcoming events.



You will also find our new Community Noticeboard, so if you're organising a not for profit event, or run a community service in Aylesbury, we want to hear from you.

We've also embraced social media, with Facebook and Twitter follower numbers increasing each day. Join us to find out about the most up to date news and events from Aylesbury Town Council and other local friends. It's also a great way to keep in touch, and another way for you to tell us what you're up to.



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Do you like this month's front cover?

We came across this particular picture hanging in a wooden frame in the Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall, and we loved it so much we had to share it with you.

It was devised and drawn by Charles & Barbara Ashton Waller in 1951. The attention to detail really brings Aylesbury to life as it was – a growing market town.

This fantastic map of Aylesbury is now available in print. Your own high quality version of the full map, measuring approximately 12 x 16 inches, costs just £5 and can be purchased from the Tourist Information Centre and Bucks County Museum.

You can also order it for collection from the Town Hall by calling Alan or Barbara on 01296 425678.

Community News

Spare Room Campaign

Depaul UK has launched a Spare Room Campaign in response to the dramatic rise in youth homelessness. The campaign sees Depaul UK team up with local charities across the country to call on the 7.5 million households nationwide who have a spare room to consider making it available to a young homeless person.

Martin Houghton-Brown, Chief Executive of Depaul UK, said: "The number of young people sleeping rough is accelerating year on year, forcing more and more to sleep in unsafe places, vulnerable to exploitation and harm. These are tough times with homelessness increasing for under-25s as unemployment, increasing rents and cuts to local youth services are leaving many with nowhere to turn.

"Nightstop is a safety net to vulnerable young people at times of greatest need, when they are forced to leave home, most often due to family breakdown, and have no idea where to go. Last year, our network of Nightstops helped over 5,000 vulnerable young people and kept them from sleeping rough, sofa surfing, or in unsuitable accommodation and at risk of abuse. The use of spare rooms makes a huge positive difference to young people in crisis."



The Nightstop scheme sees volunteer hosts provide a room, evening meal and listening ear to a young homeless person for one night or for up to two weeks. Once engaged with Nightstop, staff can then work with the young person in partnership with local agencies to help them address issues that caused them to become homeless, providing family mediation and securing longer-term settled accommodation.

Fran Borg-Wheeler, CEO of Youth Concern (Aylesbury) & Co-ordinator of Aylesbury Nightstop said, "There has never been a more important time for local people to sign up to help Aylesbury Vale's most vulnerable young people. Please contact us at: fran@youthconcern.org.uk for more info about how you can support us."

Sir Trevor McDonald, President of Depaul UK, said: "Nightstop is a community response to a problem which is all too common in our community. This unique service is made possible by the generosity of inspirational people with a spare room and a desire to make a difference in a young person's life." A new film promoting Nightstop, featuring Sir Trevor, can be viewed at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5OmsFeEc38&feature=youtu.be

Recipes

A non-alcoholic cocktail or 'mocktail' as we call them



Strawberry Cooler:

cranberry juice, apple juice, strawberry puree, fresh lime juice, ginger beer

Hull the strawberries and muddle with the fresh lime juice.

Add the cranberry and apple juice and shake in a cocktail shaker with ice.

Strain and serve long over crushed ice, top up with ginger beer and garnish with fresh mint.

...and a fully charged cocktail



Cosmopolitan:

Vodka, Cointreau, cranberry juice and fresh lime juice in equal measures, shaken with ice and strained into a martini glass.

Add a twist of orange rind for decoration.

David Berry opened the **The Temple Street Wine Bar** in June 2012. Ever since, this comfortable spot has been welcoming customers with delicious food, superb wines and special cocktails.

Whether you're in the mood for a sandwich, a sharing platter with friends or a three course meal there is something for everyone. You'll love the cosy ambiance and the service.

To see what they have to offer and to view the latest menus visit www.templestreetwinebar.co.uk

Aylesbury Town Council encourages you to THINK LOCAL

There are many food producers in the Vale and in the wider area of Buckinghamshire. You will find good quality, high standards and great flavours throughout the region.

www.food-on-our-doorstep.org.uk
www.local-food.net




Aylesbury Town Council invites your comments and correspondence.

If you have thoughts about the town we'd like you to express them through this magazine. What do you think of the events that take place in the town centre? How do you feel about the town in general? Do you have fresh ideas? What bothers you? We'd like to know.

You can send an email marked 'ATM Letters' to:
info@aylesburytowncouncil.co.uk
or write to us at:

Aylesbury Town Matters Correspondence
Aylesbury Town Council, 5 Church Street
Aylesbury, Bucks. HP20 2QP

Tweet, Tweet! We're up to 707 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) 



Hire the Chamber

At the Town Hall, Aylesbury Town Council deliberates and discusses policy in the chamber. All full Council and Committee meetings are held here. When not in use during office hours, the Chamber is available to hire for meetings and presentations. There are facilities for refreshments and a projector is available if required.

All the information you will need, and the booking forms to complete, are available on our website (click the button on the home page) www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk.

We have preferential rates for not-for-profit groups but the Chamber is also available to businesses and individuals.

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Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership



Aylesbury SHOWCASE





Proms In The Park

Classic British anthems performed by
Aylesbury Concert Band and soloist Alison Langer

Saturday 31 August 2013
Vale Park, Aylesbury

Concert begins 7.15pm Picnic from 6.30pm

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