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Welcome Note

“ A warm welcome to our latest issue of Aylesbury Town Matters – and I do hope it is just as warm outside as we head into the summer season, with thoughts of holidays and relaxation in mind for many of you.

If you're staying local, once again we will be bringing the seaside to Kingsbury on the 6th July. **Aylesbury on Sea** is one of our most popular events, enjoyed by young and old alike.

Another big annual crowd-puller to the town centre is **Hobble on the Cobbles**, taking place on the 24th August. There will be some amazing musical talent on show throughout the day covering a wide range of genres. And, like many of our Town Council events, Hobble is completely free of charge! We also have **Father's Day, Proms in the Park** and **Parklife** coming up. You can find more information on page 4.

On the subject of great music, I hope you've found time to visit the Friars exhibition at the County Museum in Church Street. If not there's still time, it runs until the 5th July and is well worth a visit. I've already been twice and have spent many hours taking in the impressive displays, marking the unbelievably huge part our town has played in the careers of some of the biggest names in rock and pop music over a 45 year period. More details on page 13.

My fellow Councillors and I have once again noted how many of you take pride in ensuring every part of our town is filled with colour, brightness and life during the summer months. Your gardens, allotments, hanging baskets and window boxes are in full bloom; and more than ever before we also see community-minded groups and individuals making big efforts to tidy up grot spots and beautify many other areas that might otherwise look neglected. We are hopeful this will lead us to our best ever result when the Britain in Bloom judges visit us later in the summer.

If you see a grot spot near you and would like to do something about it, perhaps getting together with your neighbours or a group of friends, give us a call on 425678 and let us know. We'll check out any ownership issues before you start work, and would be delighted to publicise your efforts with some 'before and after' photos in this magazine. We may even get some of our Councillors to help out! Your efforts will also count towards our Britain in Bloom entry.

Remember, this is not just the Town Council's magazine, we are always keen to devote space in our pages to other local organisations, events and people that are making a positive difference to our town. If you've got something to tell us about that you think the town would like to hear, feel free to get in touch with us using the contact details on page 14. ”

Very best wishes to you all,

Councillor Mike Smith
Leader of Aylesbury Town Council

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ATC News

Summer Events

From music to markets and festivals to fairs, you can be sure that there's always something interesting happening in Aylesbury.

Throughout the year the Town Council works closely with Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership and Aylesbury Vale District Council to provide entertainment for residents and visitors alike. On Sunday 15th June we begin the summer's programme of events with a free day of **Father's Day Fun** in Aylesbury's Market Square. The whole family can enjoy a day packed with fantastic activities – from sports and fun inflatables, to face painting and balloon modelling.

Saturday 5th July brings a spectacular parade for the young people and children of Aylesbury Vale, who will be coming together to create amazing artwork to perform in front of thousands of spectators. The **Roald Dahl Festival** is a fantastic way to showcase artistic talent and celebrate the international writer in a vibrant and colourful parade that's held each year.

The following day, Sunday 6th July, the joy of the seaside comes to Kingsbury with **Aylesbury on Sea**. One of Aylesbury Town Council's biggest and best town centre events, the day will be packed full of activities and games, including bouncy castles, donkey rides, balloon modelling, face painting and pirates! Fun for the whole family.

Summer in Aylesbury just wouldn't be summer without live music in the town centre. **Hobble on the Cobbles** returns on Sunday 24th August. Buckinghamshire's largest free all-day music festival showcases some of the very best local talent, including a very special headline act. Hobble caters for a wide range of musical styles and genres to suit all tastes, from heavy rock to hip-hop to acoustic pop.

Bring your friends, family and a picnic for a flag-waving finale to the summer. **Proms in the Park**, on Saturday 30th August, is Aylesbury Town Council's answer to The Last Night of the Proms. You'll be in great company for the event, which gets bigger and better each year. Sit back and relax and enjoy stellar performances from the Aylesbury Concert Band and our wonderful soloists.

Drawing the summer to a close, Aylesbury Town Council host an evening of **live music in Vale Park** on Sunday 31st August. Three fantastic local bands take to the main stage, including The Dung Beatles and Bustin' Loose, who return for the second year running. The final weekend of August also brings us **Parklife**, a weekend programme of entertainment in Vale Park for all the family including sports, music, arts and crafts. Various activities and entertainment are brought to you by Aylesbury Church Network, Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership and Aylesbury Town Council.

And that's not all...

Fun-filled thrills and spills are **free on Thursdays** (excluding Bank Holidays) during school holidays. Bring the kids along for an excitingly different day out from 11.00am – 3.00pm each Thursday, as Aylesbury plays host to a wide array of visitors and brings the opportunity for kids to try something new, whether it is dry-land jet-skiing, treasure hunting or (simulated) bomb disposal. Brought to you by Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership.

To find out more about these and other local events visit www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk or www.visitbuckinghamshire.org



Britain in Bloom



Every year Aylesbury enters into the Royal Horticultural Society – Britain in Bloom competition, and this year is no different.

During the last few years Aylesbury has achieved great results by winning Silver and Silver Gilt awards. But now is the time to go for 'Gold'.

Many people think that Britain in Bloom is just about flowers and floral displays, and are surprised to hear that it's also about community involvement and environmental responsibility. 'In Bloom' communities tackle everything from litter and graffiti, conservation and recycling, through to dealing with social exclusion, anti-social behaviour and improving pride of place.

There are lots of ways that residents can get involved, either as individuals or as part of a school, business, social, family or community group. Activities include weeding, litter picks, graffiti removal, pruning, planting green areas and communal gardens.

You can also help our local campaign by keeping your house and business frontage clean and tidy, swept and free of litter and weeds. The cleanliness of the street scene is vital to the visual impact of the town, and the Britain in Bloom judges will be looking at that during their tour of Aylesbury in July. We are up against some strong competition from other small cities in the region but together as One Community we can achieve our goal and win Gold.

How does Britain in Bloom work?



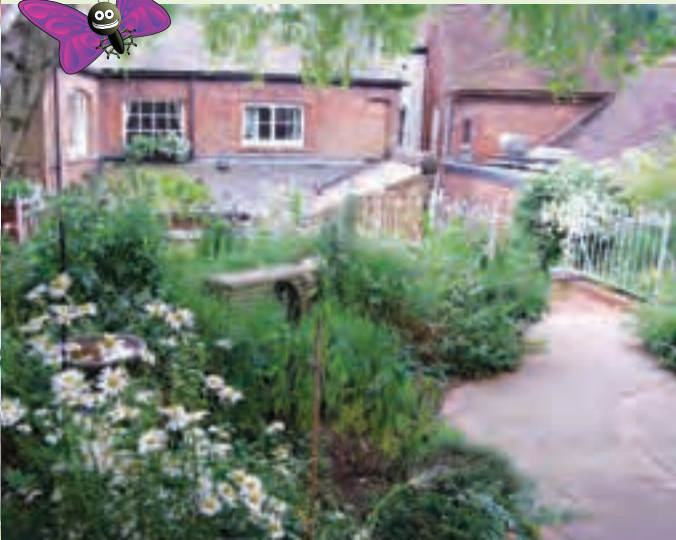
It is an all year round campaign and not just for the spring to summer period. Our local campaign stands under the 'Aylesbury in Bloom' umbrella, illustrated by a new logo.

With our campaign we enter the regional RHS Chiltern & Thames Valley in Bloom competition and have judges coming to see projects and areas in the Parish of Aylesbury. They will be looking at projects undertaken by local schools, residents, volunteer groups, as well as the overall street picture and open spaces.

Based on their tour of Aylesbury and a presentation they will then decide which award we will receive. We will find out the result in September. The regional judges can then nominate towns, cities and villages in their region to go forward to the National Britain in Bloom competition to represent the region.

Aylesbury Town Council is working in partnership with Aylesbury Town Centre Management, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Buckinghamshire County Council and Bucks Legacy to achieve a Gold medal. Not only will our town look lovely but winning Gold also has some great benefits in attracting more visitors to the town, which will benefit the local economy.

Judith Heberer

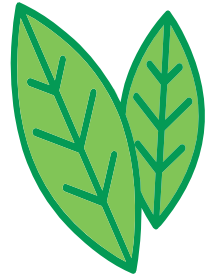




AYLESBURY IN BLOOM 2014

APPLICATION FORM:

For Residents, Schools and other Organisations
in the Parish of Aylesbury Town.
Entries Close 16 June. Judging will take place during
July 2014



Contact Name:

School/Organisation Name (if applicable):

Tel No.: Mobile No.:

Email address:

House name/Number:

Street Name:

Town: Postcode:



I am a: (please tick) Resident School Business, club or other organisation

Categories: Please tick the categories you wish to enter. For more details of the criteria for each category, please contact Judith Heberer on 01296 425 678.

Residents

- Best Front Garden
- Best Back Garden
- Best Edible Garden
- Best Communal Garden
- Best Wildlife /Nature Garden
- Best Container Garden
- Best Young Gardener

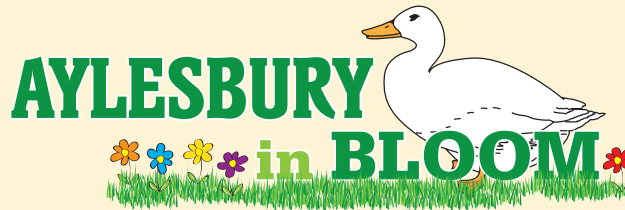
Schools:

- Best Edible Garden
- Best Wildlife / Nature Area
- Best Recreational/Learning Garden
- Best Garden in a Pot (*Free Pots and compost provided, contact us for more details.*)

Businesses, Club or other Organisation

- Best Commercial Planting and Premises
- Best Communal Garden

Please return the form by 16th June 2014 to Aylesbury In Bloom, Aylesbury Town Council.
Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP or email completed forms to
j.heberer@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk (scanned forms are acceptable).



‘Growing for Gold and Remembering’ is our motto for this year’s Aylesbury in Bloom campaign.

Plans are already in place to commemorate the anniversary of the First World War in our floral displays and to conserve wildlife by growing pollinator plants for bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects. Look out for the stunning displays which will be planted in June on some of our roundabouts and grass areas in and around the town centre.

What has happened so far?

This year’s campaign kicked off on April 16th and May 10th, where you may have seen us in Aylesbury’s Market Square. We told visitors, residents and shoppers more about our local garden competition and the overall Aylesbury in Bloom campaign and showed them what projects were completed last year. This year we are looking for as many entries as possible in the local garden competition which offers a category for everyone, so please take the time to enter by completing our entry form on the opposite page.

Once again we are working with Mr Bumble and are creating bumblebee sanctuaries throughout Aylesbury. You may have noticed the green area by the subway on Anchor Lane, which students from Harding House School planted with wildflowers and pollinator plants to attract more bees, butterflies and pollinating insects. This is just one of many areas around our town where local groups have planted and greened areas during the last year, and we will report back on even more projects in forthcoming magazines.

Aylesbury in Bloom is not just a summer campaign but an all year round campaign, so if you are already part of a group that arranges litter picks, clean ups, planting etc. please do get in touch, as we want to show your great work and achievements to the judges who will be arriving in July.

We have also created a new Facebook page to keep you updated on the various activities and projects. Please visit: www.facebook.com/AylesburyinBloom.

The RHS has also created a scheme called ‘It’s Your Neighbourhood’ and this year we have our first entry from Aylesbury...

Last autumn we told you about Bearbrook Place, where the residents started a community garden. The garden is a great success and work is underway to expand on last year’s vegetable bed, create a bumblebee sanctuary, and much more. Bearbrook Place has entered in the It’s Your Neighbourhood competition and we wish them all the very best and good luck. We can’t wait to report back on their achievement.

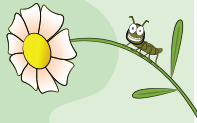
We are hoping to have many more ‘Neighbourhood’ entries over the coming years, so please do get in touch with Judith Heberer at Aylesbury Town Council if you would like to find out more. It only takes one or two willing and energetic individuals to start a project and to contribute with their engagement to the wider community.

We all have one common goal which is to make Aylesbury a greener and better place to live, where residents, businesses and community groups take responsibility for their environment, surroundings and one another!

Judith Heberer



Aylesbury Open Gardens



Sunday 29th June 2014
2.00pm - 6.00pm

Four mature town gardens will be opening this year in Aylesbury under the National Gardens Scheme. 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. Home-made teas and plants for sale.

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.

7 Wendover Way

Modern cottage garden substantially landscaped in 2010 and is designed for year round interest. A wide variety of shrubs and perennials. Water feature, pergola, ornaments and summerhouse.

185 Tring Road

1930s 140ft cottage-style garden completely redesigned in 2007 and tweaked constantly since. Large koi pond and wildlife pond, various beds, shrubs, rose bed, pergolas and patios, lawned area with many seating points and various specimen exotics. Front garden is hedged with a wisteria climbing the front wall. Wheelchair access.

Combined entrance fee is £4, children free. All proceeds go to various national charities including MacMillan Cancer Support, Help the Hospices, Carers Trust, Marie Curie Cancer Care and five other national charities.



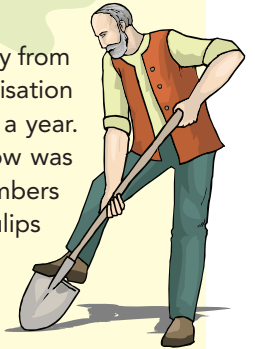
Photo by Roger King

Last year £138,800 was raised in Berks & Bucks for charity through open gardens.

Aylesbury Gardening Society

Aylesbury Gardening Society was established in 1880, but until 1965 was known as the Aylesbury Borough Allotment and Gardens Protection Society. But, even before this, in the 1920s and 30s there was the Aylesbury Floral and Horticultural Society.

However, this was a different Society from the one we know today. This organisation arranged several 'special' shows in a year. For example in April 1829, the show was for Auriculas, Polyanthuses, Cucumbers and Apples, and in May it was Tulips and Anemones.



There were further shows in June and August, finishing in October with an 'Apple' Show. The shows were accompanied by a dinner, speeches and usually singing. As might be guessed, these were shows for the local gentry and the exhibits most probably prepared by paid gardeners.

Much more could be written about this Society but, to the present time, the Aylesbury Gardening Society is here to serve Aylesbury and surrounding areas. We operate a Trading Store, based on the Old Stoke Road Allotment Site. It is open between 9.00am and 12.00 noon on Sundays, and on Thursday evenings in the spring.

There is a wide range of garden requisites available – the ones you would expect, such as Growmore, Blood, Fish and Bone Meal, etc., and the less well known such as Magnesium Sulphate (more commonly known as Epsom Salts, for treating roses, tomatoes, etc).

We also carry a wide range of other sundries such as potting compost, netting, fleece, string, gloves, Phostrogen, Weedol; in fact over 250 items. Our prices are competitive and you will be served by fellow gardeners with whom you can discuss any problem (or just the time of day, if you wish).

We also run a number of events during the year and hold our Annual Show in September. We have a website: www.aylesburygardeningociety.co.uk where you can find full details or why not pay us a visit at the Trading Store and, if you like what you see, join us.



**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 Judith on 01296 425678 or email: j.heberer@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk. There is no charge for community groups and charities.

Aylesbury Vale Community Chest

Aylesbury Vale Community Chest, a partnership fund between AVDC and Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust, has awarded over £3m in funding through more than 550 grants to voluntary and community groups in Aylesbury Vale since its launch in 2007. The ten-year fund is now in its eighth year.

A recent project grant to Haddenham Cycle Training CIC has provided 'Bikeability' cycle safety courses at Elmhurst and Thomas Hickman Schools.



£480,000 has been agreed in revenue grants to twelve local charities over the next three years, 2014-17, contributing to nearly £4m of local service delivery. With more than 340 volunteers giving around a thousand hours of their time every week to support these twelve organisations, the benefit to local people is even greater. Aylesbury town-based recipients include Aylesbury & District Citizens' Advice Bureau, Aylesbury Homeless Action Group and Home-Start Aylesbury.

Project applications up to £25,000 are reviewed by the Grants Panel three times a year. The next closing date is **11th July 2014**. Microgrant applications for up to £1,000 are considered each month.

For more information visit:
www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/communitygrants
email: srothwell@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk
or telephone: 01296 585634



Girls Fitness Classes



In the run up to exams students no doubt feel the pressure, but nothing de-stresses the mind faster than physical activity so make sure they build it into their timetable.

Aylesbury Vale District Council are running a girls' fitness class at Stoke Mandeville Stadium on Monday evenings during term time for girls aged 13 to 16 years.

The sessions include a mix of dance based cardio, boxing/kick boxing, stretching and toning exercises in a fun and friendly environment. Classes are £3 per week, just turn up! See the website for details: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/girlsfitness



Love Parks Week

Aylesbury will be celebrating Love Parks Week this summer. Taking place between 25 July and 3 August, families will be able to take part in a range of sports, arts and play activities for free. Look out for activities in the parks across Aylesbury and Buckingham. www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/doit

Play in the Park

6 August, 11.00am to 4.00pm, Vale Park
Play in the Park is an exciting day of activities and entertainment for children aged three to twelve that celebrates National Play Day. Make it a family day out but bring some money as some activities and food stalls will charge.
www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/play



 **Buckinghamshire**
for better mental health | Celebrating 100 years | 1914 - 2014



Music Quiz

in aid of Buckinghamshire Mind

Saturday 21st June 2014
at 7.30pm

Hawkslade Community Centre, Orwell Drive
Aylesbury HP21 9YL

Teams of 8 people
£10 per person including fish and chip supper*
Bring your own drinks.

Raffle and tombola

To book your place call Lorraine on 01296 429135
or email: lorraine.evans@bucksmind.org.uk

Last year's quiz sold out, so please book early!

*Choice of cod, fishcake, sausage, chicken & mushroom pie
or veggie burger – all served with chips

Mix96 Street of the Week

Every Tuesday, Darren & Katy from the Mix96 Breakfast Show have been out and about across Aylesbury. They'll be popping into local businesses, chatting to residents and asking about the big issues on your street.

In the last few months they have visited Kingsbury Square, Buckingham Street, Walton Road and Parton Road. Look out for them in a street near you! You can listen on 96.2FM or online at: www.mix96.co.uk



Summer Playscheme

Jonathan Page Play Centre in Meadowcroft, Aylesbury will be running its usual playscheme offering flexible childcare throughout the school summer holidays. Taking place between 24 July and 4 September, themes will include cooking week, under the sea, rainbow madness, water washout, the seaside/holidays and find a friend.

For more information go to:
www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/jppc

Days Out in Aylesbury

This summer don't forget to explore the variety of things to do on your doorstep. The whole family can spend a day in Aylesbury, starting out at the **Roald Dahl Children's Gallery**, discovering the world of Dahl characters and stories. Take the kids to one of the many cafés in the town and if it's a bright and sunny day you can sit outside.

The afternoon can be as action packed as you like – take the kids to **Aqua Vale Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre** or if you prefer to save money you can always get out the bikes and cycle around the **Riverside Walk**.

If you want a cultural day out your first port of call should be the **Aylesbury Visitor Information Centre** to pick up a Heritage Walk brochure (£1) which will take you around historic Aylesbury. At the heart of the old town is the **Bucks County Museum** where you can discover the county's rich heritage of art, history, archaeology wildlife and geology together with exciting exhibitions and events. Eat in the museum's café or maybe at The Temple Street Wine Bar just a few minutes' walk away.

After lunch wander along the 200 year old **Grand Union Canal** past timeless boats into the countryside, or creative types may want to take a pottery, paint or craft class at the **Queens Park Arts Centre**. In the evening catch an entertaining show of spectacular theatre at the **Waterside Theatre**.

For more ideas about Days Out on your Doorstep visit www.visitbuckinghamshire.org

Peregrine Falcons

Aylesbury's Peregrine falcons returned to the County Council building and laid an egg on 21 March.

The platform situated on the building was completely renewed with funds donated by SERCO. Works were completed by February and once the scaffold was down to the eighth floor the birds who have been around all winter began to use the structure again.

If the pair successfully rear chicks, AVDC and the local Wildlife Trust BBOWT will be hosting some 'watch' events where residents can witness the world's fastest animal and hopefully catch a glimpse of young birds. Keep an eye in the skies.

Watch live web-streaming at
www.aylesburyperegrine.org.uk/pcam
part funded by Bucks Bird Club.



Cancer Research UK - Relay for Life

Now in its 6th year in Aylesbury, Relay for Life is a fantastic family/community event which raises vital funds for Cancer Research UK. It raised over £76,000 last year which helps ensure that Cancer Research UK continues its work to improve diagnosis, treatments and outcomes for cancer patients.

Relay for Life is a team event whereby teams of friends, family and colleagues come together and fundraise in the months leading up to the Relay weekend. This year, Relay for Life Aylesbury will take place at the newly renovated Aylesbury Rugby Club in Weston Turville from midday Saturday 5th July to midday Sunday 6th July. Teams come together for the 24-hour walking event, walking right through the night "because cancer never sleeps, so neither do we". As darkness falls on the Saturday night there is a very moving **Candle of Hope** ceremony where we take the time to celebrate the successes of those fighting the disease and remembering those we have loved and lost. The candles then light our path through the night until dawn rises.

The relayers are entertained over the weekend with a vibrant mix of stalls, live bands, competitions and fancy dress laps, which creates that carnival atmosphere to help make it such a special and memorable event.

Planning is underway for our 2014 event and our teams are already putting their thoughts to how they can raise more money than ever before. So why not be part of this brilliant community event and check out our website on: www.relayforlifeaylesbury.org which shows you how you can get involved, or text the Relay mobile on **07851 719297** or call **01844 290362** and we will call you to talk to you about Relay for Life.

Come and share this great experience with your friends and family as well as raising money for such a valuable charity. Together we can beat cancer.



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for Aylesbury Constituency

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Plan a tea date for this Summer

This spring and summer will see pots of tea, cakes baked and lots of bunting, ready for the **2014 Great PACE Tea Party Campaign** and we want you to join in the fun too.

Holding a tea party is a fabulous opportunity for our supporters to get baking and raise vital funds for PACE. Holding your own tea party couldn't be easier, you can choose any theme and day you like, whether you have a few close friends over, host a garden party or hold a themed event.

PACE will be on hand to support you every step of the way. All you need to do is pick a date and sign up some bakers – as easy as that, and why not print a few quizzes and make some bunting from our fundraising pack.

For your free fundraising pack, giving you lots of helpful hints and tips, please contact via email: Victoria.martin@thepacecentre.org or call **01296 616974** www.thepacecentre.org

Happy
Baking!





Florence Nightingale Midnight Walk

Plans for a fifth Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity (FNHC) Gemstone Midnight Walk have been announced, as the ever-popular ladies' night-time challenge returns on **Saturday 12th July** in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Florence Nightingale Hospice – with 25 silver places for MEN!

There are even more new twists to this year's walk, including changes to the previous route and splashes of silver throughout the night in celebration of our Silver Jubilee year, as well as the trademark bunny ears!

The last four Midnight Walks have raised over £250,000 for the Florence Nightingale Hospice, and it is hoped that this year's event will tip that figure over the £300,000 mark. Last July, hundreds of flashing bunny ears lit up the Oxford Road as 754 ladies (a record turnout) strode out from Aylesbury College to undertake this formidable challenge in aid of the local Hospice.



FNHC Development & Events lead Karen Shardlow, is keen to see that number increase once again. "We're really looking forward to seeing how well our lucky few men can do alongside so many women – bunny ears compulsory of course!" She added: "This will be the first time male walkers have been invited to participate in this event, and they will be asked to commit to a special sponsorship target of £500."

Registration for the event costs just £15, and includes access to a 10 week training plan, t-shirt, medal and a well-deserved hot and cold breakfast on completion of the walk. The event will be hosted by Mix96 breakfast presenter Katy Butler, with entertainment provided on the night by local acts, plus a high energy warm-up, courtesy of Joanna Beardsmore-Dilks of Rosemary Conley Diet and Fitness Club Aylesbury.

If you would like to register or find out more about Florence Nightingale's Gemstone Midnight Walk visit: www.gemstonewalk.co.uk, call **01296 429975** or visit: www.fnhospice.org.uk



Mayor of Aylesbury Launches New Designer Nursing Home

Local charity and award-winning care services provider, The Fremantle Trust, opened its new, innovative care and nursing home, Fremantle Court, recently with a ribbon cutting ceremony led by the Mayor of Aylesbury.

As a former nurse himself at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Mayor Hunter-Watts was asked by The Fremantle Trust to lead the ceremony, as his passion about the importance of quality care is strongly supported by the values of the Trust.

"I am honoured and delighted to formally open this beautiful home" said Mayor Hunter-Watts. He added "It's wonderful! I've worked in many nursing and many care homes, and immediately when you come here you can tell there's been thought put into the design, and that makes a huge difference."

Fremantle Court has been designed to provide a happy, comfortable, desirable and safe place for people who have a wide range of care needs and require support with everyday living. Its philosophy is to provide care and support that recognises the uniqueness of each individual. Its services are, therefore, designed to reflect individual needs in a sensitive and 'person-centred' way.

Fremantle Court's manager, Jan Lovett said: "My staff and I will be doing everything we can to ensure that the people who come to live at Fremantle Court are able to continue to live the kind of lifestyle they wish to live. Our aim is to enhance the lives of each and every resident."

The Fremantle Court has also recently launched its own virtual tour of the Fremantle Court interior, which may be viewed at: www.fremantletrust.org For more information or to arrange a visit, please visit: www.fremantletrust.org or contact Family Liaison Manager, Cathy Charles on **07867 455 899** or **01296 737371**.



Aylesbury Markets

Take a wander in Aylesbury's Market Square and look at the transformation. The Town Centre Management team at Aylesbury Vale District Council have been working very hard on improving the markets for both traders and customers alike.

Aylesbury Markets operate every **Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday** and **Saturday** and are located in the beautiful Market Square. Markets are a great British tradition, bringing many economic and social benefits to local communities.

A range of new brighter stalls are being installed which are more robust so will be able to cope better in adverse wind. To further support traders a new payment system has been introduced to help make payment options even easier.



Customers can continue to buy with confidence as the markets join the national **Real Deal** scheme.

This scheme ensures the markets are free of counterfeit and other illegal goods, so that you can shop and legitimate dealers can trade in safety and with confidence.

Browse for hidden gems in the new **Vintage & Craft Bazaar** operating every Tuesday from 9.00am until 2.00pm. Do you have hidden treasures you would like to know more about or to sell? Bring them to the weekly bazaar and talk to our experienced, knowledgeable traders. Every Wednesday a '**deal of the day**' is to be found on each stall – get your bargains on the flower stall, fruit and vegetable stalls, bag stall and many more.

As for new traders there are special discounts with reduced trading fees for the first month to help get you established. There is also a dedicated market team working on your behalf, providing a range of entertainment to attract new customers.

The popular **Farmers' Market** on every last Tuesday of the month is your chance to buy local fresh produce direct from the farmers. The producers enjoy nothing more than talking about how their produce is grown, reared and prepared.

Want to find out more about your local market see: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/business #AylesburyMarket

Great Exhibitions at Bucks County Museum

FRIARS AYLESBURY



Don't miss the final weeks of this stunning exhibition which brings back so many memories of the famous Aylesbury music club.

See rare posters, unique rock photographs and memorabilia and amazing items on loan from artists, including the 1970s drum kit belonging to Nick Mason of Pink Floyd, Mike Rutherford of Genesis' famous double necked guitar, one of Toyah's costumes, a 1962 Stratocaster belonging to Edgar Broughton, Howard Jones' 1982 synthesiser rig, jazz musician Lol Coxhill's saxophones and a Rickenbacker bass belonging to Pete Dinklage of Marillion.

Also on display is a piece of David Bowie's shirt saved from the David Bowie and Spiders from Mars gig in 1972. **Admission: adults £4, students/ES40 £2, under 16s free. Ends 5 July.**

WORLD WAR ONE EXHIBITION

A commemorative exhibition to mark the centenary of the outbreak of World War One opens on **26 July** and focuses on the lives of ten



Buckinghamshire men and women involved in the war effort.

Evocative artefacts connected with named soldiers from varying ranks will be displayed, including two artists, John Nash and Alexander Jamieson, and a land girl.

The exhibition will also include original WWI recruitment posters and displays by community organisations to raise awareness of other WWI-related projects across Bucks. **Free admission.**

For more information and other events visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/museum or call 01296 331441. Buckinghamshire County Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP.

Community News & Events

Aylesbury Old Town Residents' Association

In 1987, John Morrison, Trustee ex-officio of Thomas Hickman's Charity, convened a meeting to consider ways in which all the people living around St Mary's might get to know their neighbours better. The idea was enthusiastically taken up, a committee of volunteers was chosen to take the idea forward and the Aylesbury Old Town Residents' Association (AOTRA) was born and has flourished ever since.

One of the defining characteristics of the neighbourhood around St Mary's was evident: a friendly street pattern that, like most of the buildings, originated before the motor-car was invented. The feeling of town-centre neighbourliness has been reinforced by the so-called "inner relief road" devised in the 1960s by the Highway Authority which encircled the old town centre, so it was decided that the Association should include everybody who had their homes within that ring road.



In order to ensure inclusiveness, AOTRA was not made a card-carrying, subscription based association, but reliance was put on voluntary gifts, whether of time, money, or services. Amazingly that has proved enough to sustain AOTRA for over 25 years.

It welcomes new residents into the neighbourhood, whether as tenants, landlords, licensed occupiers or home-owners. There is a regular newsletter through every accessible letterbox, social events (or more formal meetings when required) and an annual meeting to review the past year, seek ideas on the way forward, and elect a committee for the year ahead. The Association now belongs to the National



Association of Residents' Associations (NORA) and is a corporate member of the Aylesbury Society.

For 21 years, AOTRA has organised 'Secret Gardens' for old town residents and their guests to enjoy, generating many thousands of pounds for local charities as well. This year, the plan is to celebrate this 'coming of age' by a simple garden party for all the past 'Secret Gardeners' and their neighbours.

The proliferation of snowdrops, daffodils, and other spring flowers in St Mary's churchyard is the result of AOTRA's collaboration with the church wardens and AVDC's contractors; and the plan is to pursue our annual churchyard tidy-up by putting forward proposals for its future care, which enables the long-term maintenance of the established tree-avenues.

Currently, the Committee's work also includes efforts to clarify the modified parking permit scheme for residents and their visitors, pursuing changes proposed when AVDC was responsible, in order to alleviate the shortage of space for accommodating vehicles on-street.

AOTRA is also trying to clarify confusion surrounding the town centre pedestrian area signs and other traffic matters – heavy lorries, illegal parking on pavements, and non-observance of the 20mph zone, for example. Members will be participating in the forthcoming Town Centre Plan working groups run by AVDC.



ATC 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**

Pippa North and the WanderHouse



As Artist in Residence at Queens Park Arts Centre, Aylesbury, Pippa North has been busy developing the WanderHouse – a fantastic mobile arts and crafts resource for children and young people. Comprised of numerous ‘story objects’ the WanderHouse is designed to travel into the community, to be shared with and to inspire young people. This unique project is funded by a national trust, in memory of Amanda Burton, and by Arts Council England. Helen Jauregui caught up with Pippa to find out about the inspiration behind the project.

Creating the WanderHouse was a collaborative process, during which you consulted with young people through workshops; and then along with Queens Park artists and tutors you responded to their interests and ideas. Was this an exciting process, as so many different people were involved?

It was fascinating working with the children as they were from many different age groups and backgrounds and they each had their own needs and focuses as individuals. Our community at Queens Park Arts Centre has been so generous in responding to the project. At its core it is all about collaboration and shared experience. As such I also worked with the Southcourt Children’s Centre and Bucks Young Carers, who came to Queens Park Arts Centre to take part in multi-sensory workshops, which included working with clay, water and paints and which built on the children’s ideas from there.

You use the term ‘story objects’ to describe the creations contained within the WanderHouse – can you explain the thinking behind this?

Through my experience of working with young people in the past, I have often used stories as a starting point to inspire and support literacy projects. Conceptually, this links to the WanderHouse and the fact that each object provided has a special significance, story or inspiration behind its creation. The WanderHouse refers not just to the fact that the house can physically wander from space to space, but also, that it allows

thoughts, ideas and emotions to wander and this is another link to imagination and story-telling. It’s not just about ‘wandering’ in a physical sense.

Inspiring cross-curricular engagement, it is also a place maker, with accessible materials which are sourced locally from sustainable or recycled materials. This is really important to me because the impact on the environment is a major consideration in my work.

Many of the objects within the WanderHouse are in miniature form – why was this important?

It was partly out of necessity. I wanted to create high levels of concentration and intensity, and using small objects that children can hold in their hands was exciting. It’s wonderful to have the opportunity to set up a magical landscape and alternative, small worlds. The WanderHouse is all about small world building and I don’t think we ever grow out of our enjoyment of that – men, women, children... we are all enchanted by miniature worlds. These worlds can take you and transport you anywhere – the possibilities are endless and this is what the WanderHouse can provide.

Has the WanderHouse project been inspired by fairy tales or mythology?

In a way, yes, I use stories as a starting point, and I am also influenced by mythology, folklore, architecture and the environment. Two of the tales I’m particularly interested in are the Baba Yaga (Slavic origins) and Hansel and Gretel. However, my influences are endless, and what underpins my investigation as an artist is how we can share the world, how we can share resources and how we can share each other.

The WanderHouse is a type of social sculpture which allows the internal to be made external in order to make a difference in our communities.



The objects in the WanderHouse have evolved from many different places and experience, there were so many different people working to create objects and using so many processes, that this naturally led into an incredibly original and diverse installation. Many children don’t have the opportunity to handle handcrafted, beautifully made objects and such wonderful materials, so I can’t wait to take the WanderHouse out into the community to share it with more young people.



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 Niknam Hussain
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Cllr Mohammed Amjad
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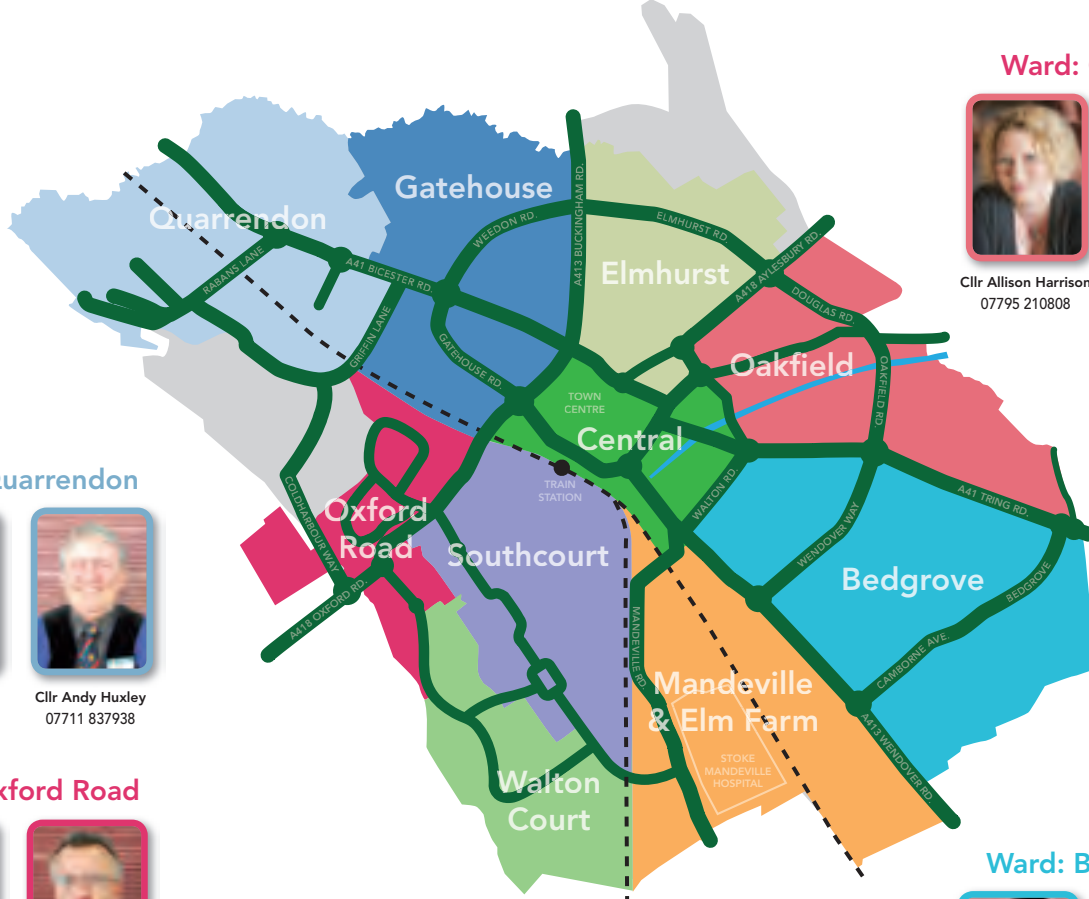
Ward: Oakfield



Cllr Allison Harrison
07795 210808



Cllr Mark Willis
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Ward: Quarrendon



Cllr Chris Adams
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Cllr Andy Huxley
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Ward: Oxford Road



Cllr Zulifqar 'Tom' Ahmed
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Cllr Mike Smith
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Ward: Southcourt



Cllr Michael Beall
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Cllr Matthew Launchbury
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Ward: Walton Court



Cllr Ranjula Takodra MBE
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Cllr Loui Cirillo
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Ward: Mandeville & Elm Farm



Cllr Denise Summers
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Cllr Sue Chapple
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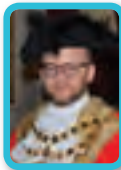


Cllr Brian Roberts
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Ward: Bedgrove



Cllr Jenny Bloom
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Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts
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Cllr Penni Thorne
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Cllr Mark Winn
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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



Town Mayor's Update

Over the past few months, I have been particularly inspired by my visits to some of our local schools and colleges. There are pressures on young people today which didn't exist when I was young, and it also seems to me that academic expectations are much higher for everyone. It's easy to suppose that our older brains are just as agile as they once were; my visit to the **Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds Interschool Technology Tournament** at Aylesbury College proved to be quite a corrective! This annual event helps develop skills in design and in the use of materials, and also promotes co-operation and teamwork. Groups of pupils from our local schools compete to solve an engineering challenge using simple materials and tools. The challenge – to retrieve a ball from a small box and deposit it in a marked place – seemed simple, but I wouldn't have had the first idea how to solve it. Fortunately, I was only presenting the prizes!

In March, I attended the **House Music Competition at Aylesbury High School**, and was astonished by the talent and enthusiasm of the students. The various teams had designed and directed their own musical programmes, each based around a coherent theme, and often involving their own compositions. The standards of performance were of the highest, and the dedication involved truly admirable.

But although the young have things to cope with today which they never had to experience in the past, there are perhaps fewer of the practical and emotional barriers which used to limit us back then. It was clear from the music the students were writing and performing at AHS that they had access to a vast range of musical forms and ideas to inspire them.

We should also take pride in the work of our primary schools. At the end of March, I officially opened a new library at **Elmhurst School**, and what a wonderful space

it was. A book is like a little extra pair of wings, and the more you can attach and not discard, the richer life becomes. The children themselves were clearly so proud of their library and when they showed me around the school I was struck by how happily they were working, how much they were learning and by how well their lively minds were being developed – by parent volunteers as well as by the dedicated staff.

But learning never stops, and I am myself about to embark on an Open University course (when my term comes to an end). As Mayor, I was invited to visit the OU in Milton Keynes, and gained a new insight into its global reach and ambitions for the future. The OU welcomed its first students in 1971 and now has almost a quarter of a million of them. But there exists a hunger for knowledge and personal development far wider even than that, and the development of new technologies – especially online – is providing new challenges and wonderful new opportunities.

Much of what the Mayor does over the course of a year has, I like to hope, an educative role. By celebrating events like Commonwealth Day and by attending memorial events, artistic performances or citizenship ceremonies, a Mayor can help keep these things in public mind.

The work of our schools and colleges is perhaps the most important of all in ensuring that history and beauty are an enduring part of our local identity. So far as I have seen, our children are taught to respect our history and value beautiful things. Isn't that wonderful?



Mayor Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts

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

Aylesbury Town Council Grants

If you are involved in a charitable or voluntary organisation in Aylesbury you could apply for a match funded grant from Aylesbury Town Council. Grants can be awarded to support a project, event or service. We are also keen to support young people in sport. Grants are available to help outstanding individuals fulfil their sporting potential. **To find out more visit our website or call 01296 425678.**



Sports Grant – Joseph Walker

Joseph Walker was awarded a grant of £1,000 in order to help this talented swimmer realise his potential. Joseph swims for Aylesbury & District Swimming Club, which was founded in 1934, and is coached by head coach Andrew Willis as well as other volunteer coaches. Joseph has been at the club since he was 9 years old, and last year reached the South East Regional Championships and won a silver medal in the 100m backstroke.

Joseph says: "The grant has enabled me to obtain the training and equipment required to strive to reach the National Championships later in the year. I have been lucky enough to have some coaching from World Record Holder and Olympian Liam Tancock, who came to our swimming club for the afternoon. I had a very successful County Championships this year, achieving eight Regional Qualifying times. I hope to have a successful Regional Championships again in May."

Enrych Bucks

Enrych Bucks is a local charity dedicated to improving the quality of life for adults with physical and sensory disabilities. Enrych enables them to take up a new learning or leisure interest of their own choice. They arrange to partner each person with a volunteer who shares their interest, check out and train the volunteers, and support the partnership until it is fully established.

Enrych also run social events like the pub lunch shown in the photo, and make no charge for their support. **Enrych are very grateful for the financial support of Aylesbury Town Council who awarded a grant of £1,800.**

If you have a disability and think that Enrych might help you, please get in touch with Jenny on **07511 142268**. Equally, if you might be able to spare an hour or so a week to change the life of a person with a disability, please get in touch. You can also email: jenny.dorney-kingdom@enrych.org.uk



Elmhurst Youth Project

Elmhurst Youth Project has been running for almost three years at the Alfred Rose Community Centre in Elmhurst. The youth club is run by volunteers for children aged 11 - 16 on a Wednesday from 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

Aylesbury Town Council have awarded a grant of £2,000 to the project. The money will go towards theatre visits to give the children an insight into art and culture.

They will also be buying new equipment for sport and arts and crafts to encourage team work and social skills.

Should you wish to apply for a grant please contact our Grants Administrator, Belle Daytonn on 01296 425678 or if you prefer email: b.daytonn@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Schools

Welcome to our schools page! This page is your platform to tell us your news. We'd love to hear all about your school clubs, exciting events, special achievements and future plans. This issue features John Colet Secondary School in Wendover and Thomas Hickman School in Aylesbury. If you'd like to be featured next time, please get in touch with Judith on **01296 425678** or email: j.heberer@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Annual John Colet School Quiz

The John Colet School held their annual Year 5 Primary Liaison quiz, on Thursday 6 March. The event is now in its fifth year and once again was a huge success. Competitors faced questions from ten different categories including Sport, History, Science and Maths. In a close run contest it was Aston Clinton Junior School who walked away with the quiz crown. The four team members, Aran, Jack, Millie and Emma, were thrilled, particularly as this is the first time Aston Clinton Junior School has won. Emma said "We are so surprised to win – I think the team have different strengths so that helped. Everyone at school will be so proud." Turnfurlong Junior School were awarded second place, with Bedgrove Junior School in third.



A group of Year 8 John Colet students marked all the papers, recorded the totals and played host to the visiting pupils and staff, serving refreshments and putting nervous contestants at their ease. Julie Caplan Primary Liaison Officer, said: "The quiz is always very popular, the local junior schools are keen to be involved. The continued success of the quiz is testament to the hard work and dedication of the John Colet students. The Primary Liaison scheme means local primary school pupils enjoy extra curricular activities in a fun and educational way."

The quiz is part of the Primary Liaison Scheme, whereby John Colet students give their time to help local primary school pupils by organising various activities, or visiting primary schools to help with literacy and reading. Other events have included a Maths Day for Year 6, a Drama workshop for Year 4 and a Year 5 Movie Making Club.

Family Hub at Thomas Hickman School

The Family Hub opened just over a year ago. Its aim is to provide educational, health and wellbeing support to the families of Thomas Hickman School. The Hub is run by Rosie Best, who is also a family support worker: "I provide coaching for parents and families and support on a range of family issues, learning and work. My role is to help families in whatever way I can, or by putting them in contact with relevant members of our team or external agencies." From Monday to Friday the Hub runs courses and workshops, most of which are free. Courses include:

- Literacy and numeracy support for parents and their children
- Little Signers – helps language development for 0 - 5 year olds
- ESOL – teaching English as an additional language
- IT skills course
- The Incredible Years – a full 12 week parenting course
- Healthy eating on a budget
- Teddy bears picnic – reading support
- Festive crafts
- Sing and Rhyme for 0 - 5 year olds
- Health visitor once a month
- Blood pressure, diabetes and eye checks
- NHS oral hygiene awareness
- Interview workshops
- National careers and job centre support
- Dance fitness



There is also a Family Information Service once a month with a wide range of support, from fun activities over the holidays to money matters. Parents can also drop in with general queries, to book a course or just have a friendly chat Monday to Thursday 8.40am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 4.00pm, and on Friday 8.40am – 9.00am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm. The centre can offer support to parents with preschool children whose catchment school is Thomas Hickman and who will be coming to the school.

Parents can contact Rosie by calling **01296 485683** or emailing: best.rosie@thomashickman.bucks.sch.uk



Anyone for Tennis?



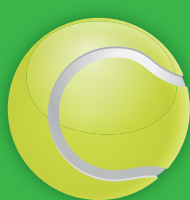
Aylesbury Tennis Squash & Racketball Club is a friendly and welcoming club that offers racket sports for all standards. The club welcome new memberships and also offers pay and play facilities or short term memberships for anyone wishing to try any racket sport and give the club a go.

Club facilities include four squash courts (one being glass-backed), ten tennis courts (including seven with artificial grass) and all are floodlit. The club has a professional tennis coach and associated shop. The coach is available for individual lessons, and also offers an extensive range of organised group tennis coaching, including Junior Tennis squads for 3 years and upwards and Holiday Camps throughout the summer holidays.

England squash and racketball qualified squash coaches are available for lessons and hold junior sessions on Saturday mornings. Both the tennis section and squash/racketball section enter teams in the mens, ladies and junior county leagues.

The club has quality changing facilities, and a modern clubhouse with a friendly and vibrant bar, which is open every evening and weekend, and which features satellite television, free wi-fi access, and a function room that can cater for up to 120 people.

For more information contact James or Craig on **01296 398230**, email: gm@aylesburytennisandsquash.com or visit www.aylesburytennisandsquash.com



Great British Tennis Weekend

AVDC will be celebrating the **Great British Tennis Weekend** in partnership with Aylesbury Tennis Squash & Racketball Club on **Sunday 29 June** at Vale Park, HP21 1DX. There will be **FREE** tennis activities from 1.00pm to 4.00pm including cardio tennis, family tennis sessions, mini tennis and court games. For more information visit www.aylesburyvalecd.gov.uk/sports

Last Man Stands Cricket

In May, a new social cricket league The Last Man Stands League was launched in Aylesbury.

Last Man Stands, is a brilliant and exciting format of the game of cricket which is played throughout the world, with over 40,000 players signed up. With increased support from the England Cricket Board and an ever-growing number of players, Last Man Stands is evolving from a niche form of the game based primarily in London, to a viable, country-wide alternative to weekend cricket.

Matches take place at Aylesbury Town Cricket Club and Alfred Rose Park at the newly installed artificial wicket on Monday and Tuesday evenings, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

For information please email: Steve@lastmanstands.co.uk or to book the artificial cricket wicket please contact John O'Connor (Grounds Maintenance) on **01296 397231**.



Activities for Young People



Youth Forum Members after presenting their research findings at a Local Area Forum meeting.

Youth Forum Minibus

The Aylesbury and Wendover Youth Forum have teamed up to get a new community minibus! The idea for the project came from a Youth Forum meeting where young people from a variety of youth groups realised the need. Activities and services for young people is a local area priority, and the Youth Forum were given a £4000 devolved budget from the Greater Aylesbury Local Area Forum.

Through partnering with other groups and also fundraising through the Youth Bank and the Buckinghamshire Transport Fund, the young people now have been able to purchase a brand new minibus for the area. The Youth Forum have researched how other areas have successfully run a community minibus scheme. The vehicle will be available to the various youth groups, and is also available to other formal community groups in the area. The Youth Forum have created a webpage to advertise the minibus project and this is at www.youthforum.co.uk/minibus.

Create Your Own Music Video



Southcourt Studios are offering young musicians an opportunity to record a free music video. The opportunity has been made possible thanks to a grant received from the Aylesbury Arts Council.

If you live in the Aylesbury area and would like an opportunity to create a professional music video, all you need to do is contact the studio manager through the website and

book a session. The studio has already produced a number of videos and these can be found online via the studio website.

Many young people already record their own music at home on their computer or mobile phone, but will not



have experienced a professional studio setting. Some of the videos we have created have been for singers who do not play a musical instrument and we have arranged for musicians to accompany them. Find out more and get in touch at www.southcourtstudios.com.



Have your say today!

The local Youth Forums are currently conducting a survey in to the needs of youth and community. The Youth Forum would like to collect responses from all age groups. You can also find the survey online at: www.youthforum.co.uk/research2014.

The results will be published in October 2014 and available online and also printed.



The youth forum will also be conducting video interviews, so if you would like to be involved, please email us at: team@youthforuym.co.uk to arrange an appointment. There will also be a number of community

events where you will have the opportunity to share your views!

Activities for Young People

Young People & Mobile Phones

We live in an age of technology, and young people are often the first to discover something new and interesting. In the last decade mobile phones have developed into smartphones and they have a lot to offer...

The Charity AVYFC runs a number of youth projects in Aylesbury and they gave the young people an opportunity to share what they actually do on their mobile phones. Young people were asked what mobile phone applications they use and also asked if they could describe them for Aylesbury Town Matters readers. The young people agreed that some of the readers might find it interesting to know what is popular and also possible on a mobile phone today.

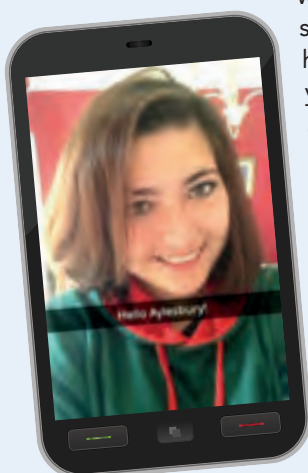
Young people do use their mobile phones for making phone calls and sending text messages, but now they can also use them as a camera, music player and computer to access the internet. Having a mobile phone has almost become a necessity and with all the gadgets it is no wonder that young people enjoy using them.

One young person said that they are often told that they are being unsociable when they are on their phone. They said that they may be being unsociable with the people around them, but through the phone they are actually linked in with a much wider social community!

The quotes below describe two mobile phone applications that have been popular in 2014.

What is SnapChat? by Emma from Aylesbury

"In a nutshell, SnapChat is a conversation with pictures. It is difficult to show emotion in a normal text message, and for example, sarcasm could be misconstrued. However, with SnapChat you take and send a picture to a friend and have a short message, which you can choose to show for 1-10 seconds.



When you send a SnapChat, you normally take a picture of yourself (also known as a selfie!). When you send messages to your closest friends, you generally pull absolutely hideous faces, often with multiple chins! Photos tend to be more posed and gradually get nicer when you send them to the

guy or girl you really like.

SnapChat can be used with most smart phones, however it is better suited to those with front cameras... Trust me it can be very awkward on a bus or out and about and having to turn the phone around and try and take a picture of yourself!"



Many of us will have heard the word 'selfie'. It actually became the Oxford Dictionary word of the year in 2013... *selfie noun, informal (also selfy; plural selfies) "a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam and uploaded to a social media website."*

What is a Popular Game?

by Madeleine from Aylesbury

"Jetpack Joyride is a game for Apple devices and Android made by Halfbrick Studios. It involves playing as a character, Barry, who flies in a jetpack through a never-ending laboratory. You have to avoid hitting missiles and zappers, gain coins, spin tokens and hit power-ups. Power-ups will turn your jetpack into one of many vehicles, such as Mr Cuddles the dragon and Freaky Teleporter. As you play you receive different missions such as 'have a near miss with 5 missiles' or 'reach 400m without getting any coins'.

This game is very addictive because it makes you want to reach all the missions and gain coins so that you can buy different jetpacks, vehicle upgrades, clothing for Barry, utilities and gadgets. It's fun to play alongside people and compare scores and to share your score with others through Facebook or Twitter."

If you can't beat them, join them!

AVYFC are a local youth charity hoping to launch their own mobile phone application this year that will help young people find out about activities that are running in the area.

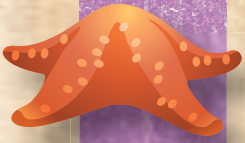
They currently advertise activities on Facebook and Twitter and their youth café website which can be viewed at: www.youthcafe.info/events. This includes information on community events, the mobile skate park and other activities. If you would like to volunteer and help AVYFC develop their mobile phone application – please get in touch via: www.avyfc.org.uk

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SUNDAY 6th JULY



Aylesbury on Sea



For one day only this summer we transport a whole host of traditional seaside fun to **Kingsbury** for a day of **FREE Family Fun**.

From **11am to 4pm** the day will be full of activities and games, including bouncy castles, donkey rides, balloon modelling, face painting and pirates! There'll be music from Bitterroot and Caduceus Brass Quintet, and plenty of sand, buckets and spades to make fantastic sandcastles with.

"Oh I do like to be beside the seaside"

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