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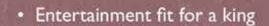
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Charter Day & Tudor Hayre



Sunday 14th September 2014 I I.00am - 4.00pm

Market Square & Buckinghamshire County Museum



- · Meet King Henry VIII and his foolish Jester
- · Dancing by Broughton Junior School
- · Live singing from the Lumina's
- Interactive manorial court
- Historical arts, crafts and entertainment
- Bring the whole family







ATC News & Events

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Welcome Note

Welcome to the latest edition of Aylesbury Town Matters – and I hope you have been enjoying the weather and the various events which the Town Council has arranged during the summer holiday period.

A great deal of energy and commitment goes into the arrangements for the various events that the Town Council provides for residents and visitors to the town and we are immensely proud to be able to do this for everyone. We are also appreciative of the volunteers who help us with the events and if you have any thoughts on how we can make things better or different then please do get in touch with us.

This year has been an extremely busy time for the Communities and Events team as they have led on the Britain in Bloom work, encouraging many people, businesses and schools to take part and spruce up their local areas.

We have been especially proud of our achievements in the planting of wild flowers on the Tring Road roundabout and other roads and we have plans for doing more of this. There are many pockets of land that are not in our control or management and we have been grateful for the close working arrangements with BCC and AVDC staff and councillors to do as much as we can to make Aylesbury a better place to live and work. It's a big task but we are committed to making it work and need the support of everyone to do this. If you are able to help us then please contact the town hall.

We have been pleased with the response from local businesses to get involved as well as Community Payback Scheme involvement. The clearing of litter and weeds can be a full-time job and the more people willing to help the better.

The Town Council has, for many years, been able to give grants to local charities and community groups and we have been able to help many groups continue to do their work by way of a grant. We encourage more groups to contact us and complete our application process for grant awards.

Proms in the Park, Parklife and Tudor Fayre are the next big events planned and we hope you will be able to attend and enjoy these splendid community get-togethers.

Very best wishes to you all,

Keith Gray Town Clerk

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



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What a fantastic, fun-filled summer of free family frolics we have just enjoyed.

Aylesbury on Sea saw the pirates taking over Kingsbury, but that didn't deter the crowds, we saw more families enjoying the seaside fun this year than ever before, with donkey rides, sand and our very own Aylesbury Rock.

Our commemorative WW1 event, **In Flanders Fields**, held at the Buckinghamshire County Museum, was a memorable day for all who attended – making poppies and talking with loved ones about all the brave people who served our country.

As we go to press, we are very excited by the eclectic mix of music that we have lined up for you during the last week of August. Toploader will be headlining at **Hobble on the Cobbles** on 24th August with twenty one other great, local bands and artists from SkaSouls and Goldheart Assembly to 'nbs' and Paul Adams.

The Aylesbury Concert Band will be performing sing along classics at **Proms in the Park** on 30th August – we hope that lots of you will bring your flags – and we've just confirmed that Aylesbury Brewhouse Company will be with us again with their locally brewed beer, and fireworks too!!

Last, but by no means least, we have even more live local music at **Park Life** on 31st August – The Dung Beatles, will be playing... The Beatles (of course), The Notations are a good time rock and blues band that will have you singing and dancing by your picnic and we will be rounding off our week of free summer music with the ever popular Bustin Loose.

Sunday 14 September : Charter Day & Tudor Fayre Market Square & Bucks County Museum 11.00am – 4.00pm

Thursday 30 October : Halloween Market Square, 3.30pm – 7.30pm

Sat 8 & Sun 9 November : Ghost Walk Keep an eye on our website for details

Sunday 14 December : Christmas Fair & Carolfest Market Square, 11.00am – 4.00pm Carolfest 6.00pm





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ATC News

Now we look forward to an autumn of events, as mixed and colourful as the leaves on the trees. Meet the vibrant red and gold King Henry VIII at our **Charter Day & Tudor Fayre** on Sunday 14th September, in tow will be his fire breathing, stilt walking court jester who loves to entertain the crowds with his antics. All the crafts, entertainment and interactive games are free of charge and in conjunction with Bucks County Museum.

Halloween brings out the darker side of our historic town – the ghosts, ghouls and villains – all with a generous helping of family fun and laughter. Join us for a free afternoon of monstrous mayhem with apple bobbing, ghoulish face painting and a host of spine tingling games and crafts to entertain all the 'little monsters' you might know. Come along to Market Square on Thursday 30th October from 3.30pm until 7.30pm. The spookiest fancy dress costume will win a prize.

Then on the evenings of Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November pound the dark cobbled streets of Aylesbury with our fully guided, fully interactive, street theatre walk meeting the **Villains of Aylesbury** – it will be a fright to remember. Tickets are just £4.50 and available from Aylesbury Tourist Information Office – the past two years have sold out quickly so get your tickets fast.

December usually brings sparkle into all of our lives – but Christmas shopping can be dull and stressful, so please join us at our annual **Christmas Fair** with lots of surprises in store – who knows what fun Father Christmas will organise for all the good boys and girls of Aylesbury this year? From snow shows and reindeers to elves and ice jugglers, the options are endless. Please join us on Sunday 14th December from 11.00am until 4.00pm in Market Square to see what joys have been left for your entertainment.

At 6.00pm on the same day enjoy traditional carols at our **Carolfest** in the historic Market Square accompanied by a local band and choir – with only 10 days until Christmas Eve, it's the perfect opportunity to warm up your vocal chords, stand side by side with your family and warm the cockles of your heart – we will help by serving roasted chestnuts too.

Plans for these events are always evolving, so please do 'like' our Facebook page to keep up to date with all the latest news and developments –

www.facebook.com/aylesburytowncouncil

Aylesbury Town Council, take pride and pleasure in bringing you a variety of events throughout the year. If you have any comments or suggestions we would love to hear from you. Please email Ruth on: r.mayhew@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Ruth Mayhew



Environment

We were kindly sent this fun poem 'The Recycling Rap' by Lesley Poon from Aylesbury.

Thank you Lesley!

The Recycling Rap

Got a big fat green one We were 5 when I requested it But 4 by the time it came.

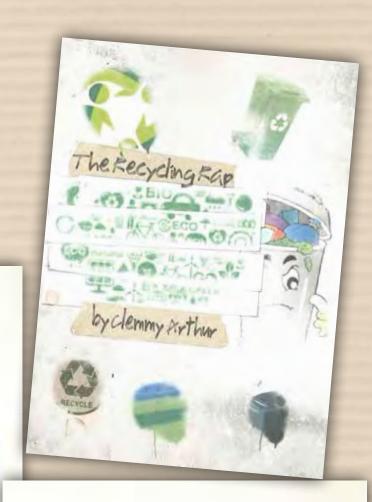
Still it's been very useful Cos we make a lot of rubbish And we fill it up all the same.

But of course now recycling Has brought me a blue lidded bin Our households really on the ball.

With a bin full of sorted stuff All washed and all squashed right up The very best cleanest bin of all.







Still I must put more effort into Crushing cans to fit more in And flattening cardboard really small.

But I'm grateful for recycling
And food too in my bucket bin
It's smelly but it's worth the effort too.

So do you do it in your home? It's really best for everyone And easy once you know what to do.

So please try hard to do your bit And make a big success of it And do it now so you can join in too.







This year so far has seen us build on the great work achieved over previous years and also pushed our campaign on to the next step.

Many of you may have read in our last issue that our objective was to reach 'Gold' in the regional Thames & Chiltern in Bloom competition. Well, the judges from the RHS have just been to look around Aylesbury and on 17 September we will find out the results. We will of course share these with you in our December issue.

In the meantime let me tell you what we have done over the last few months. One of our focuses was to create urban wildflower habitats and many residents and visitors have commented on the different wildflower pockets we have created around town. It is nice to know that they bring a smile to so many faces. A wooden stake was placed in the middle of each of these areas so that our volunteer 'Mr Bumble' can take rescued bumblebees to these areas so that they can create a new habitat.

We have worked with some great community groups such as **Aylesbury Town WI**, who planted up the area by Exchange Street car park, opposite the Judges Lodgings. We know many people have positively commented on it already. The ladies will be continuing to look after this area and ensure that it stays weed free and tidy.

Aylesbury Youth Action volunteers and Town Councillors helped us launch this year's campaign by planting sunflowers to celebrate 50 years of RHS Britain in Bloom and to grow for our own 'Gold'. You will see the sunflowers at the bottom of the High Street by the Tring Road roundabout.

Various litter picks have taken place throughout the town and it is always astounding how much litter is being picked up and rubbish is found.

A team from **Kier Homes** joined us for one day and together with our Outdoor Team they cleared shrubs and rubbish away from the corner of Vale Park Drive and Park Street. One could think someone was living in these shrubs judging by the rubbish they found. The area is an ongoing project area so watch the space.

Harding House School AYA
volunteers planted two flower
beds by Anchor Lane subway to
commemorate, remember, pollinate
and grow for gold. They selected the
flowers specifically to depict the overall
theme of the flower beds. The rosemary
is for remembrance, the white foxgloves
were planted in clusters of 28, 7 and 14,
which is the date WW1 broke out, the
golden thyme is to grow for gold and
the blue aquilegia and hardy geraniums
are for pollinating together with the
wildflowers.

The above are just some of the many activities which have taken place and we already have more planned for the next few months. Aylesbury in Bloom is an all year round campaign so if you wish to get involved in any way please do contact us.



Environment







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Garden Competitions

Every year we have our annual garden competition for schools, residents, businesses and organisations. Once again we had great participation and have seen more entries than in previous years in the 'Best Commercial Planting' category. The judging has now taken place for all groups and in September residents, businesses and organisations will find out the results.

The schools have already had their ceremony back in July before they finished for the holidays. All schools have done a fantastic job and the enthusiasm the children had was a joy to see. I know the judges found this a particular hard category to judge as everyone did so well. The school entries ranged from Edible Gardens to Wildlife Gardens, Pot Gardens and Recreational Gardens. **Here are some pictures from the competition.**











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.

You choose the projects to share £17,500

The Greater Aylesbury Local Area Forum has allocated £17,500 to local projects and wants residents to decide which ones they would choose to receive a share of this funding.

To vote go to www.choose4greateraylesbury.com. There you can find out more about each project and why they need funding, as well as vote for your choices.

If you don't have access to the internet, voting slips attached to ballot boxes have been placed in locations throughout Aylesbury and nearby parishes.

An event is also being held in Aylesbury's Market Square on Monday 15 September from 10.00am - 2.00pm where a range of activities will also be on offer for residents of all ages and where you can talk to the projects leaders and vote for your top choices.

All the projects meet local priorities, helping young people or our older and vulnerable residents.

So please get involved. It's a difficult decision to make but if you had £17,500 which projects would you choose?



Brian Roberts and Steve Lambert with ballot box and voting papers





Change your life – become a volunteer!

Not everyone has a family or friend support network that they can rely on for guidance and advice to help them through difficult times. Volunteers can help fill this gap by offering their free time and providing support to many vulnerable people.



In recognition of this, Community Impact Bucks' Volunteer Hub is running a major campaign in September to recruit volunteer befrienders for organisations in Buckinghamshire, a resource that is desperately required for many people in need.

There are many different befriending roles. You can volunteer one to one and provide company over a cup of tea, enjoy a mutual hobby or activity together or become a day centre befriender in a lively environment. Depending on your spare time and interests, a perfect role can be found to suit you.

By giving a few hours during school hours, after work, or at the weekend you could transform someone's life. Above all you'll get the satisfaction of knowing you've made a difference where it matters most.

For more information about volunteering in your area and how we can help you, call the Volunteer Hub on 0300 1111 250 or email: info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk

The Volunteer Hub actively recruits volunteers for charities and groups in Buckinghamshire who support older and vulnerable adults as part of Buckinghamshire's County Council's Prevention Matters programme.

BIGGEST CHANGE TO VOTER REGISTRATION IN 100 YEARS

A new voter registration system called Individual Electoral Registration (IER) came into force this summer, which means that instead of the head of the household being responsible for registering everyone who lives at an address, every individual is responsible for their own voter registration. All Aylesbury Vale residents should have received a letter to let them know about the change to the electoral register and explaining to each individual what to do next.

If your letter invited you to re-register or provide some additional personal information and you haven't done so, re-register now at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. Once your details have been checked, a letter or email will confirm that you are on the electoral register.

Remember residents who have moved house recently, are renting a property, new to the UK or busy studying, must also make sure they are registered on the new system.

It is important that you respond to your initiation to register, if you don't someone will visit your home. Not being registered can also have an impact on applications for mortgages or mobile phone contracts, since credit reference agencies use the register to validate applications.



Wear it Pink Day



Aylesbury High Street turns pink in aid of Cancer Research on Saturday 4 October. Come along (dressed in pink!) to have fun, enjoy live music and special

offers from retailers, and raise funds for this very worthy cause. 11.00am – 3.00pm.

Free Kids Half Term Fun

Join us for a week of spooky free fun in Aylesbury town centre this October half term, brought to you by Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership.

On **Tuesday 28 October**, Go Batty in the Market Square, with free pottery painting from 9.00am until 2.00pm – paint your own bats, spiders and skulls to take home! Mums and dads can browse the stalls at the Farmers' Market and the Vintage & Craft Bazaar too.



On Thursday 30 October, get active in Kingsbury from 11.00am to 3.00pm with a range of fun, free activities to warm the kids up during half term! See www.facebook. com/aylesburyvale for full details of the free activities on offer. Then on Halloween itself, join us on Aylesbury

Market from 11.00am to 3.00pm and say hello to our friendly vampire who will be keeping his teeth well away from his balloon models!



Look out for a range of events in the run up to Christmas. The Christmas Lights Switch On will be on Thursday 20 November

from 5.30pm to 7.20pm, then Santa arrives in Aylesbury on Sunday 30 November, bringing all his friends to parade through the town from 10.30am! Keep an eye on www.facebook.com/aylesburyvale for updated information nearer the time.





Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy

Ever noticed who those strange people giving out flip flops late at night are, or noticed someone wearing a Chaplain's uniform in the town centre?

We are an independent charity (no 1147949) formed by the local Christian community to serve the needs of those living in, working in and visiting our town. Since our launch our numbers have grown, with now ten Chaplains and twenty Street Angels regularly volunteering with us. All our volunteers are motivated by Christian principles of love and service, but fully respectful of and committed to serving people of all backgrounds, of all faiths or none.

Our Chaplains offer a 'listening ear' – a confidential and impartial service to those who are going through difficult times, or just want to meet with someone who has the time to listen. At the moment we have Chaplains in the town centre, Aylesbury College and at the Healthy Living Centre, Walton Court.

The Street Angels offer practical advice and support, as well as a listening ear if needed, to those out in the town late on Friday or Saturday nights. Each weekend a team of three will be out between 11.00pm and 3.30am on either a Friday or Saturday night (or both on 'payday' weekends).



They carry flip flops, sick bags, bottled water, lollipops, space blankets and woolly hats to give out to those who need them; they tidy up

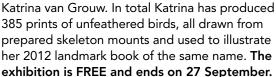
broken glass and bottles; they wait with people for taxis, and can help defuse potentially difficult situations by chatting with those in distress.

As a charity we couldn't function without the support of our volunteers and those individuals and organisations who have helped us in kind or financially. In June we celebrated our work in a service at St Mary's, Aylesbury and were delighted to welcome representatives from local councils (including the Town Mayor), our funders and supporters, our volunteers and their friends and families who were able to hear about our work.

Exhibitions at the County Museum

The Unfeathered Bird

This fascinating exhibition features highlights from an intriguing body of work by local artist and birdwatcher,



Katrina is running a special workshop on Saturday 27 September where you will discover a range of techniques to improve your observational drawing skills. For more information and to book please call 01296 331441. Tickets are £20.



Duty and Service: Bucks Lives in the Great War

This commemorative exhibition tells the stories of Bucks people involved in the war effort through objects, photographs,

letters and documents left behind. These evocative objects show the human face of the war for soldiers from varying ranks and regiments, as well as for Florence Fremantle, a local land girl, and artists John Nash and Alexander Jamieson. Other artefacts, such as the handwritten trench logs and letters home from Captain Lionel Crouch, capture his indomitable spirit despite the relentless discomfort of trench life. The contrast between the image and reality of war is explored through original WWI recruitment posters that used patriotism, national pride and a sense of family and civic duty to persuade men to enlist. The exhibition is FREE and runs until March 2015.

A series of special illustrated talks is being run to accompany the exhibition. Telephone 01296 331441 or visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/museum to find out more.

A Portrait of Studio Ceramics

Unique photographs by Ben Boswell of renowned potters alongside examples of their work from the Museum's extensive collection of British Studio Ceramics. Exhibition opens on 4 October. Free admission.

Buckinghamshire County Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP Tel: 01296 331441 www.buckscc.gov.uk/museum

Come and Join Us

OUR MISSION... To help young people between the ages of 12 and 18 develop both personally and physically by providing a large range of fun, exciting, challenging and adventurous opportunities. Aged 18 or over? Want to shape the future of young people? Then read on...



Above is Adult Instructor Sgt Dean Hammond (with Cam Cream), Cadet L/Cpl Emma Naylor, Cadet L/Cpl Gabriel Mikurenda and Cdt Eric Oumounabidji

The Army Cadet Force (ACF) is one of the UK's oldest, largest and most successful youth organisations. Consisting of more than 45,000 cadets in around 1,700 local detachments across the country, the ACF helps young people between the ages of 12 and 18 develop both personally and physically by providing a range of opportunities, challenges and activities. Central to the ACF are its 8,500 adult volunteers – enthusiastic and committed people who inspire youngsters to achieve their goals, whether its leaning how to canoe, reaching the next level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award or learning how to look after themselves at annual camp.

The ACF isn't part of the Army. It wears a uniform and operates the same rank structure, but its only linked to the Army via sponsorship. Although some cadets do eventually choose to pursue a career in the Armed Services, most do not and the ACF is not a military recruiting ground. It does, however, have a long and distinguished history of helping young individuals flourish as they prepare for all walks of life and encouraging an active involvement in the local

community. Young people who have been in the ACF tend to be more confident, reliable, independent, considerate and purposeful. It is watching the cadets grow and develop, and knowing that you have helped them along the way, which is most rewarding part of being in the ACF.

Being an adult volunteer brings a whole new dimension to your own life too. You don't need military experience, but whatever personal and professional skills you do already have, you will be able to put them to use in a completely new environment. Adults too have the chance to acquire a whole range of new skills with access to a vast range of courses.

Through our relationship with the Cadet Vocational Qualification Organisation (CVQO) your cadet experience can earn you a range of valuable vocational qualifications right up to degree level and beyond. If you can give up one or two evenings a week and want to do something productive and exciting with your free time, this could be exactly what you're looking for.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/BuckinghamshireArmyCadetForce

Heritage Open Days

11 - 14 September 2014



After the success of last year's Heritage Open Days in the town, we are pleased to let you know that the following places will be open to the public.



The County Museum and Judges Lodgings will be offering tours, the Quaker Meeting House (pictured) on Rickfords Hill can be visited, as well as the Town Hall (5 Church Street). Waddesdon Manor will have an Emergency Services Day

on Saturday 13th from 10.00am - 5.00pm. The **Museum** will also offer a two hour tour at Halton from 10.30am on Thursday 11th with curator staff sharing the numbers.

For more information on opening times and dates for all attractions in and around Aylesbury please visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk or contact the museum on 01296 331441

Buckinghamshire **Children** and **Young People's** Trust

Sure Start Children's Centres

Grandparent Groups

If you are a grandparent looking after grandchildren aged 0 to 5 years, why not join us to 'have fun, learn together and support each other'.

We meet:

- every Monday at the Children's Centre,
 Narbeth Drive from 9.30am to 11.00am
- every Tuesday at the Children's Centre,
 Dunsham Lane from 10.00am to 11.45am

A 50p donation towards the running of our group(s) is welcome and appreciated.

For more information please contact: Elmhurst Children's Centre on **01296 383207** Oakfield and Bedgrove Children's Centre on **01296 423542**.



Baptist Church

Limes Avenue, Aylesbury, HP21 7HE Off Tring Road, near Jansel Square, Bedgrove

Thursday 23rd October 2014 10.30 - 12.30

Looking Forward to Ageing

Visit over 20 information stalls from statutory & voluntary agencies

Drop in and stay as long as you would like to find out

⇒ opportunities to keep older people fit and active
 ⇒ available help to meet age-related needs

Useful information for older people, carers, and those with responsibility for ageing relatives & friends

FREE entry

FREE tea – coffee - light refreshments
Further information contact Shirley on 01296 630448









Theatre in the Villages



Look out for professional theatre performances across Buckinghamshire. Starting on 27 September, watch quality musicals, comedy, cabaret, children and magic shows as well as storytelling and theatre in intimate locations across the county.



An evening of musical songs takes place in Wingrave on 12 October, a gripping one man show A Warning to The Curious, a famous ghost story by M R James on 17 October in Weedon

and a stylish retelling of the classic tale Faust will be performed in Wendover on 18 October.

For more information or to find out where else Theatre in the Villages will be performing visit our website: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/arts



The Mucky Mudder

The Mucky Mudder is a brand new fundraising event for 2014 to really test your endurance!

Join us at 10.00am on **Sunday 16 November 2014** to jump on the latest craze and complete a 5 mile challenge tackling various obstacles, such as climbing walls, tunnels, and more. You're guaranteed to get muddy!



The event will take place at Green Park, Aston Clinton, and is open to anyone over the age of 16 (under 18s must have parental consent to take part).

Registration costs £30, which will cover the costs of putting on the event and includes your Mucky

Mudder t-shirt and water along the route. We encourage you to raise as much sponsorship money as you can to support Rennie Grove Hospice Care and our services.

If you're looking to take on a new challenge with a difference, this event is for you! The Mucky Mudder isn't a timed race, but is a test of strength and stamina and is promised to be tough but brilliant fun for all involved.

We are keen to encourage team entries, so ask your friends, family or colleagues to join you – taking part together is a great team building exercise.

For more information and to register, please visit www.renniegrove.org/muckymudder or call 01442 820740.

Date: Sunday 16 November 2014
Time: Registration is open from

8.00am – 9.45am and the event will start promptly at 10.00am

Location: Green Park, Stablebridge Road,

Aston Clinton, Bucks, HP22 5NE

Price: £30.00

Tel: 01442 820740

Email: muckymudder@renniegrove.org **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/muckymudder

Can you and a group of friends get together as a team to help fundraise for Marie Curie Cancer Care?

Marie Curie Cancer Care provides high-quality nursing, totally free, to give people with terminal cancer and other terminal illnesses the choice of dying at home surrounded by their families. Our vision is to have a Fundraising Group in every town across Buckinghamshire, enabling us to raise more money, which will support the increase of nursing services for the county.

As a charity we rely on volunteer Fundraising Groups to raise vital funds and awareness of the charity's work and we are looking to form a group in the Aylesbury Vale district.

If you are interested in finding out more or would like an informal chat about fundraising, please call Hazel Bendon the Buckinghamshire Community Fundraiser on 01604 258758 or email: hazel.bendon@mariecurie.org.uk





Kent House

Kent House is located in Aylesbury. It is a specialist residential continuing rehabilitation centre for people with acquired brain injury. It forms part of the nationwide network of rehabilitation support services provided by The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust (BIRT).

We have 24 residents varying in complexity due to their brain injury. Some live independently in bungalows and self-contained flats on site and others need full assistance. We work with them and their families to strive towards independence. Simple tasks we take for granted such as picking up a knife and fork or holding a conversation often has to be taught and relearnt all over again. We work with people of all ages and from all walks of life who are coping with a range of cognitive, physical and/or emotional symptoms following their severe brain injury.

To reflect the complexity of our clients we have a diverse team of dedicated workers. Our residents use the Guttman gym twice weekly and we also take them to the theatre.

Some of our residents have improved significantly enough they have part time jobs and several go to college and university. One would not think it but out of emotional and physical trauma comes something positive. The philosophy at Kent House is that all people with acquired brain injury have the potential to make progress no matter how severe their brain injury or how long ago it occurred.

With this in mind we need your help. We would like to ask you, if you would like to donate some of your time to enable our clients to achieve the most out of their lives. Would you be interested in driving our clients to the theatre, a footie match or church? If you're going that way! Do you have particular skills and passions such as singing, guitar playing, sports or art and crafts? Do you love gardening and are interested in pottering around in our garden with some of our clients?

We would love to have you on board as part of our fantastic team to perhaps share the things you do day to day, such as the crossword, reading the paper or playing board games? Do you have a pet who you would love to meet our clients? Whatever you can spare, even an hour a week would benefit our clients so much.

For more information see our website: www.thedtgroup.org or email: info@thedtgroup.org

Queens Park Arts Centre

Arts & Crafts Spectacular

The Queens Park Arts Centre Art & Craft Fair returns on Saturday 8th November with over 30 unique stalls exhibiting and selling a beautiful array of handmade items including jewellery, ceramics, textiles, paintings and cards – perfect for Christmas presents.



As well as live demonstrations from different artists, including a blacksmithing demonstration there will be lots of fun activities for children, refreshments on sale throughout the day

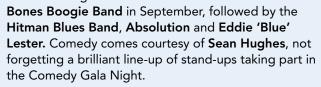
and free car parking. The fair runs from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Entry is £2 full price or £1 for members and concessions. Under 14s go free.

New Season at the Limelight

The Limelight Theatre at Queens Park, Aylesbury

opens its doors for the Autumn season this September, with local legends **John Otway** and **Wild Willy Barrett** (pictured) set to return for two shows in October.

There's folk music courtesy of Blackheart, Gawkey and Jim Causley and Lukas Drinkwater. The hugely popular Blues Nights return starting with the Bare



There's theatre from the **Patchwork Theatre Company**, who present a unique interpretation of The Three

Musketeers, and local performers will get their chance to take to the Limelight stage at one of the regular Open Mic Nights. The season concludes in December with the Queens Park Panto, **Dick Whittington and his Cat**, written and directed by Dan Clucas.

For full details on the Limelight's packed programme for shows, visit www.qpc.org

Oueens Park Unbound

Queens Park is proud to present a brand new in-house performing arts programme – Unbound Theatre. Working alongside local theatre companies and in-house talent with the aim to provide new opportunities in the fields of drama, writing and theatre studies, Unbound's new programme of workshops and theatrical productions is open to all, no matter what your level of experience.

The new programme kicks off with two weekly workshops starting in September. On Monday evenings there will be a Creative Writing course for all budding writers, whilst aspiring thespians can attend the Tuesday evening Drama course. There'll also be a chance to audition for Unbound's first full-length production later on in the year, with details due to be confirmed shortly.

Unbound will be launching with an evening of live drama workshops, new writing and theatrical performance on Saturday 6th September. Tickets cost £5 (or £4 for concessions) and there'll be a chance to meet the tutors at an informal reception after the show.

Anyone interested in the workshops or performances can visit www.qpc.org or contact Unbound's project co-ordinator Dario Knight at dario@qpc.org





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Council Services







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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

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- 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

ATC News

Town Mayor's Update

Mayor Making 2014

Former Mayor Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts came to the end of his term at the Mayor Making Inauguration on the 16 May at Aylesbury College and handed over the Chain of Office to Cllr Tuffail Hussain. Cllr Allison Harrison was elected Deputy Mayor. The event was attended by many local charity organisations, businesses and associations as well as representatives from the Cadet Forces and neighbouring Town Mayors and dignitaries.

Cllr Hunter-Watts was delighted to hand over the charity cheque to the Cancer Care and Haematology Unit based at Stoke Mandeville Hospital for £2,900. He also presented the Honorary Freeman of the Town Awards to Mr Emmerson Boyce and Mr David Stopps, and a certificate of thanks to Mr Brian Dipple of Mandeville School, in recognition of his personal and professional input in the arrangement of Community and Civic Events.



Aylesbury Town Mayor, Cllr Tuffail Hussain has had a busy few months following the inauguration in May. Attending many local fundraising events such as the Monday Contact Club, Community Networking groups such as the Aylesbury Afro Caribbean Circle, and visiting many residential homes around the town.

One of the highlights of his term of office so far has been the honour of receiving RAF Halton forces in the town at the Freedom of Aylesbury parade held on the first weekend of June. Cllr Hussain said he was 'very proud' to be part of the occasion and was honoured to carry out the inspection of the service men and women of RAF Halton.

Over the coming months the Mayor has a number of events to attend and is looking forward to welcoming forty one students from Austria to the parlour with the Deputy Mayor, attending many of the Town Council events such as Tudor Day, Halloween events and the Mayor's Christmas Carol Service which will be held at St Mary's Church on Sunday 7 December at 5.30pm (candle light procession at 5.00pm).

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

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. Sports Grants are available to help outstanding individuals fulfil their sporting potential. To find out more visit our website or call 01296 425678.

Relay for Life

Relayers, cancer survivors and committee members visited Aylesbury Town Council in May to be presented a grant cheque of £2,000. The organisers were delighted with the support from the Council which will be used to hire marquees, tables and chairs to make the day more comfortable for our honoured guests, cancer survivors. Relay for Life is now in its sixth year in Aylesbury and raises vital funds for Cancer Research UK and has so far raised £230k with a target of another £80k for this year's event.





MUGA Sports Project

Aylesbury Vale District Council and Aylesbury Town Council funded a MUGA sports project which ran for six weeks during April, May and June. Sports coaches ran free sessions in the MUGAs across Aylesbury to introduce children and young people to some different sports. Venues such as Elm Green hosted basketball, Meadowcroft hosted street hockey and Alfred Rose hosted cricket. These sports were used to encourage participants to be active and use the free facilities provided. The project was very successful with over 300 attendees and has lead to participants being sign posted to local clubs and organisations for further development. Grant awarded £1,800.

Something Better's Grand Day Out

The Something Better meeting at Southcourt Baptist Church is a group for older friends living within Aylesbury and the surrounding area. In August we are going on a 'Grand Day Out'. We are taking a coach and mini bus through the lovely Bucks and Beds countryside to a garden centre at Woburn Sands. After our two-course lunch at the garden centre we shall have the opportunity to look around and enjoy what



the centre has to offer. There's plenty of room in the coach storage to take on board the purchases made! Thank you to Aylesbury Town Council for their support and grant of £500 in helping to make this special day possible.



Charlotte Evans

Charlotte is a student at Aylesbury High School and is about to go into their 6th form to study her A levels. She said "I have been competing at national level since I was 11 years old. Last year I swam a 3 sec PB in the 200m backstroke (2.15.41) in the Women's Open in the British Championships. This year I qualified to swim at the Commonwealth Trials in Glasgow and finished ranked top 20 in Women's Open for both 100m and 200m Backstroke events. I really enjoy being able to compete at these amazing events, to race alongside Olympians. This year I have

competed in Barcelona and Glasgow and in the next few weeks will compete in the British Gas International Meet. It was lovely to meet some of Aylesbury's town councillors recently and for them to be so interested and supportive of my swimming, thank you." Grant awarded £1,000.

Should you wish to apply for a grant please contact our Grants Officer, 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 Turnfurlong Junior School in Bedgrove and Booker Park School. 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

Turnfurlong Junior School

I run the Gardening Club at Turnfurlong Junior School and have done so for the past three years. Having just received my copy of Aylesbury Town Matters I thought you might like to hear about our recent success.

We entered a competition run by the RHS which entailed the children designing and making a scarecrow to commemorate the First World War. After some research we found that a group of soldiers were taken prisoner by the Germans and began their own garden! They even managed to write to the RHS and receive seeds to plant. Well, we took that idea and designed our gardening soldier/prisoner of war. The names of these men was not known so the children named our scarecrow Arthur Smith – we thought this was a good old fashioned English name! We intend to set Arthur up sitting there reading a letter he is sending home.



As a result of all this we were chosen to take Arthur to the Hampton Court Flower Show on Monday 7th July (press day) to enter him into the National

Competition. We took twenty children from the Gardening Club with us and we are hopeful of success BUT we feel we have already won in that we had a day out in exquisite surroundings. Arthur was on show for the week and the public and the RHS will vote for the twenty two scarecrows from all over the country.

Marion Colyer



Booker Park School

Year 6 students from Booker Park School, in Aylesbury, enjoyed a special day out in June when they visited Legoland Windsor. This exciting outing was provided by The Rotary Club of Haddenham & District as part of the twenty year old initiative 'Rotary Kids Out Day'.

Booker Park School is a primary special school. It is a member of the Vale Federation of Special Schools, together with secondary school Stocklake Park and its post-16 site Harding House, both also within Aylesbury.



The Rotary Club of Haddenham & District has been taking Booker Park students to the popular Windsor attraction since 2009. This year thirty five students enjoyed the special day and were thrilled by the various rides. Students were accompanied by school staff along with Rotarians, all proudly wearing their special 'Kids Out' t-shirts and caps. A fantastic day was had by all.

Interested in a career in teaching? The Buckinghamshire Teaching School is looking to recruit trainee teachers starting September 2015. An information session will be held on Tuesday 23 September 2014 at The Grange School from 4.00pm - 6.00pm.

For more information on the school direct route into teaching please look on our website: www.bucksteachingschool.org.uk To book a place for the information session please call Nicola Ready on **01296 427221**.



Bowls Green to be replaced with Synthetic Turf Pitches

Plans to turn Aylesbury's Vale Park bowls green into five-a-side football pitches have been announced. Aylesbury Vale District Council has given the green light to the £160,000 project, which would see the underused facility replaced with two floodlit synthetic turf pitches. The bowls green is not attached to any clubs and is used only occasionally by individual bowlers and groups for casual games. However there are other bowls greens in close proximity in Aylesbury available for use for example Hazell Bowls Club.



The new pitches will be available to book for the majority of the year for local clubs, groups or teams via the Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre on (01296) 488555 from 1 September 2014. Everyone Active, who manage the council's leisure centres, will be responsible for the management and maintenance of the pitches. Work on the pitches is expected to start in September and will take up to ten weeks. All funds

for the project were secured through deals struck by the council under planning approval conditions for housing developments in Aylesbury.

Councillor Howard Mordue, Cabinet Member for Leisure, said: "The new pitches will offer year-round opportunities for both adults and young people to take part in sport. Not only will the facility help to increase participation in football and outdoor sport, it will aid the development of grassroots football in local clubs."

Weather not Playing Sport!

On Tuesday 25 March the weather was off-side for the long-awaited 'Grand Opening' of The Cottesloe School's new Sports Hub. But rain didn't stop play as the guests arrived for the special event, which included a tour of the brand new site, and buffet lunch. Special guest was Nigel Fox, Headteacher of the Cottesloe School for a number of years, until he retired in December 2012. Mr Fox was instrumental to the development of the hub, and was delighted to be invited to cut the ribbon for its official opening.

The main hall is designed to be used for a number of sports, several simultaneously, and during the event it was occupied by groups of Year 7 students who were busy learning football and basketball skills, with equipment and apparatus being easily stored and interchangeable. The six classrooms are equipped with interactive touch screens, and motion sensitive lighting has been fitted throughout, so energy wastage is minimised. Students were delighted with the facilities, and comments included "the building is so big and warm, and it doesn't matter about the weather because lots of classes can play sport at the same time", "it's fantastic - I wish I could live here!".

Headteacher Andy McBurnie said "The opportunities this will provide students and members of the local community will be tremendous. The School motto is 'Inspiring Achievement' and I believe this building will do exactly that." Mr Fox added "The Cottesloe School now has the sports hall that it deserves, and brings the facilities into the 21st century."

Aylesbury to give Mixed Ability Rugby a try

People of all abilities are being encouraged to join the first mixed ability rugby union team in Buckinghamshire. Aylesbury Rugby Club, Rugby Football Union and Aylesbury Vale District Council are introducing the new team, bringing players with and without disabilities together to make contact rugby more accessible. Coaching will be inclusive, safe, fun, energetic and enjoyable with players encouraged to build on their teamwork, support each other and achieve personal excellence.

The inspiration for the new side follows a meeting with the Bradford and Bingley Bumble Bee Barbarians.

This team was set up by a determined young man with cerebral palsy and learning disabilities, asserting the right of people with disabilities to take part in contact sport. With more teams being set up across the UK, there will be increasing opportunities for inclusive sides to compete on a regular basis.

Training sessions start on 20 September and will take place every Saturday from 1.00pm to 2.30pm at Aylesbury Rugby Club, HP22 5RN. Previous experience of rugby is not necessary, although participants do need to be 17 years or older. For more information, or to express an interest in being involved as a coach, volunteer or sponsor, please call Natalie Donhou Morley on 01296 585233 or email Tim Holmes at: timholmes@rfu.com

Activities for Young People

Local Youth Café builds a Skateboard Ramp!

A team of young people from Youth Café built their own skateboard ramp this summer in Southcourt.

Skateboarding, scooters, BMXing and roller-skating are currently really popular activities amongst young people. For the past few years, our charity has run a project called 'Skate Bucks', which has been taking mobile skate ramps out to youth groups in Aylesbury and beyond. (www.skatebucks.info)

The young people were quite keen to build their own ramp, so we approached B&Q Aylesbury to see if they could help support our project. B&Q very kindly supported us by offering a significant discount on all the materials that we needed!

It took us nearly a whole weekend to complete the ramp, from cutting the wood to the final touches including painting it with weather proofing treatment.

The young people really did an amazing job, learnt some new skills and had a brilliant time too. We have plans to build another ramp, so we are hoping to get more materials soon.



Father's Day Fun

On the 15 June Aylesbury Town Council organised a day of free activities for the family.

The weather turned out great and there was a real buzz in Market Square during the day! It was wonderful to see the young people enjoying the face painting and the fantastic balloon modelling by 'Twistina'.

Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ (AVYFC) and Fun4Kidz supplied a variety of activities and provided team and volunteers to support the event.

Fun4Kidz brought along some really incredible inflatables including a Bungee Run, Football Shootout and a Giant Mega slide for adults and children to try! They also brought along their new laser maze, which is a giant indoor laser tag game.



AVYFC provided sumo wrestling suits and a giant sports cage to play football and hockey. A team of young people from the Youth Cafés helped with the face painting and crafts as well as running games and enjoying the activities for themselves!

There was some real fast-paced, adrenaline-filled fun and the best thing was all of the activities were free!

Making a Difference in the Community

In July McDonald's restaurant planned a clear-up day in Aylesbury. AVYFC helped organise the day targeting areas identified by the Town Council.

We picked litter in various areas throughout Aylesbury.

Leanne Brown is a manager at McDonald's in Aylesbury and she organised the project. A number of her team are young people aged 16-19 and they have been involved with clear-up projects in the past. Leanne says: "It is great to see my team putting back into the community and showing everyone a different side to teenagers. It's also brilliant to work alongside the Youth Café team too, who usually spend a lot of time at our restaurant!"

To get involved with future social action work in the town, please contact the Town Council directly or the Youth Forum via www.youthforum.info.



Activities for Young People

An Interview with Alice



When did you move to Aylesbury?
I moved from Portugal to Aylesbury two years ago when I was age 16. When I came to England I didn't know anyone until I joined Aylesbury College.

What have you been studying at college?For the last two years I have been studying a BTEC in Sports at Aylesbury College.

When did you first get involved in the community? I met the youth café team at Aylesbury College as they run activities every Thursday for the students. Soon after meeting the café team, I started to help at other groups including Prebendal Farm Youth Café, which was near by. I was also really interested in skateboarding, so I started to help at skateboard events around Aylesbury. The Youth Café also sent me on a training day so that I could get a qualification to teach others how to skateboard!

Tell us about all the things you are now involved with?

In the last two years I have become involved with lots more. I am involved with the National Citizen Service (NCS), which is a project run by Action 4 Youth. I have also participated at Bucks County Council consultation days. I now help at loads of other community projects with the skate ramps and youth cafés too!



How has being involved as a volunteer helped you? I've got to know loads more about Aylesbury and all the surrounding areas too. It has helped me meet lots of new people. When I first joined the college, I had to start making new friends. I remember meeting Dave who is the youth café leader and telling him that "I speak good England". Having lived here for a while, I can now say that "I speak good English!"

What has been one of your highlights this year? Well, I've managed to get lots of qualifications through being involved, but my favourite is my qualification in teaching others how to skateboard! It has helped me teach loads of others how to skate and also helped

me improve my skills too. Most recently I applied for a job as a casual worker with AVDC and I have been accepted. This is so good as I am now able to get paid for helping AVDC with community projects too.

What is your goal for next year?

Next year, I hope to continue to volunteer and improve on my skateboarding. I also hope to encourage more people to get involved too. It's been so much fun and I've learned so many new skills and met loads of new friends too.

If you are a young person and interested in volunteering, why not come along to a local Youth Café or get in touch via our website at: www.youthforum.info. We are planning training days for new leaders in the Autumn which are free to attend. You can also find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/AylesburyYouthForum

Training for Young Leaders

If you are aged between 13 and 19 and would like to get involved in the community, then come along to the young leader training days starting in the Autumn term. There are four training days being delivered in September and October and you can find out times and dates at www.youthforum.info/training

Bucks County Council youth services are delivering the training that will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Southcourt on Friday afternoons. If you attend the leader training sessions, you will receive accreditations for your CV. You will also learn about activities and community projects in the area that you can get involved with including: Youth Café, Southcourt Studios, Youth Forum, Youth Bank and many more.

The training sessions are free and snacks and refreshments will be provided. In October half term, there will be a social outing organised for the young people who have attended the training.



Dave Rollins, Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ Registered Charity 1055282





Join us for a day filled with festive fun, music and entertainment. Then wrap up warm for an evening of your favourite carols in the picturesque Market Square.

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