

# AYLESBURY TOWN

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# Town Centre Events

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## **Thursday 20 November** **Christmas Light Switch-on from 5.30pm**

Exciting family event providing **FREE** entertainment from 5.30pm with music and fun with the Mix96 Roadshow. Entertainment continues through the evening with local bands and a great firework display.

The lights will be switched on at 6.50pm followed by the firework show. There will also be a small fun fair and the opportunity to do some late night shopping until 8.00pm.

## **Tuesday 25 November** **Farmers' Market Christmas Gift Special**

Our local traders arrive to impress you with their range of homemade produce and to find a special foodie gift for a loved one.

## **Sunday 30 November** **Santa Arrives - parade start time 10.30am**

A firm family favourite. Santa and all his friends parade through the town from the Upper High Street, around Market Square and into Friars Square and his grotto. Children can visit the grotto right up until Christmas Eve.

The Market Square will have a range of activities until 3.00pm. Come and welcome Santa to town, enjoy the activities and start your Christmas shopping!

## **Sunday 7 December** **Christmas Craft & Gift Speciality Market** **Aylesbury town centre, 11.00am until 3.00pm**

An ideal opportunity to buy that extra special present from the wide range of gifts and crafts on offer whilst enjoying the live jazz music and street food.

## **Sunday 14 December** **Christmas Fair** **Market Square, 11.00am - 4.00pm**

A spectacular day of **FREE** entertainment for all the family. Magicians, live music, crystal ball jugglers, stilt walkers, balloon modelling, face painting, arts and crafts, hot punch, roast chestnuts, fairground rides and a Christmas photo-booth.

## **Carolfest** **Market Square, 6.00pm - 7.00pm**

Join the Wingrave Singers, Caduceus Brass Quintet and children from Bierton Combined School for an evening of traditional carols on the cobbles.

## **Aylesbury Vintage and Craft Bazaar**

Every Tuesday from now until Christmas come and browse our new Vintage and Craft bazaar. Looking for that unusual gift? Come and be inspired by our knowledgeable traders.

## **Aylesbury Market** **Every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday** **also Mon 22, Tues 23 and Wed 24 December**

Aylesbury market offers an array of interesting presents. You can find a wide range of items including watches, bracelets, beautiful scarfs, phone accessories, Italian foods, an inspiring choice of handbags and purses and fresh food to name but a few!

## **Late Night Shopping** **Aylesbury town centre every Thursday** **from 20 November until Christmas**

Remember there is **FREE PARKING** on Thursdays from 4.30pm (starting 20 November) in AVDC Aylesbury town centre car parks.



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## Welcome Note

“ Once again Aylesbury Town Council was delighted to put on a feast of music during the late summer, starting with ‘Hobble on the Cobbles’ headlined by Toploader; though there was no moonlight, there was a lot of dancing that evening! They were supported by 20+ excellent local bands and solo acts, all of which entertained a big crowd throughout the day.

The following weekend our ever-popular ‘Proms in the Park’ played to its largest ever audience – and all of you were in fine voice, on a fine evening. Then we had another good crowd out for the second year of ‘Parklife’ with three top quality local bands belting out hits from the 60s to the present day, and it didn’t take long before large sections of the crowd were dancing along!

The Council’s constant efforts to make our town look more welcoming and attractive reached a new peak this year, with the wildflower displays adding a dramatic touch to several gateways into town. Along with the planters and hanging baskets along many primary roads, our efforts bring in high praise from the public and repeat visits from many who come here to shop or enjoy our events.

Something you may not realise is that as well as our staff and Councillors, we have many individuals and groups volunteering, giving their time and energy towards putting on our events and working on the environmental features that make our town so attractive. I’d like to take this opportunity to give them all our heartfelt thanks, from the Council and the many residents who enjoy the benefits of all the hard work they put in.

It was wonderful to welcome a delegation from our twin town of Bourg-en-Bresse in France, for a visit at the end of August. They had a varied taste of Aylesbury life which included a visit to the Bucks County Show and seeing our Crown Court in action during a real case. I am sure this will build stronger bonds between our two towns and lead to both business and tourism opportunities. More details of the twinning arrangements can be found online at:

[www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/aylesbury-twinning-update](http://www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/aylesbury-twinning-update)

Looking forward to the festive season, we have even more entertainment lined up to build the mood of celebration, details of these are on pages 4-5.

Please feel free to get in touch with us at any time with your suggestions or comments on our activities. ”

Very best wishes to you all.

**Councillor Mike Smith**  
Leader of Aylesbury Town Council

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



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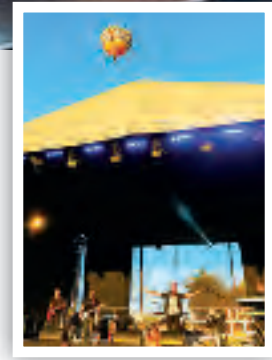
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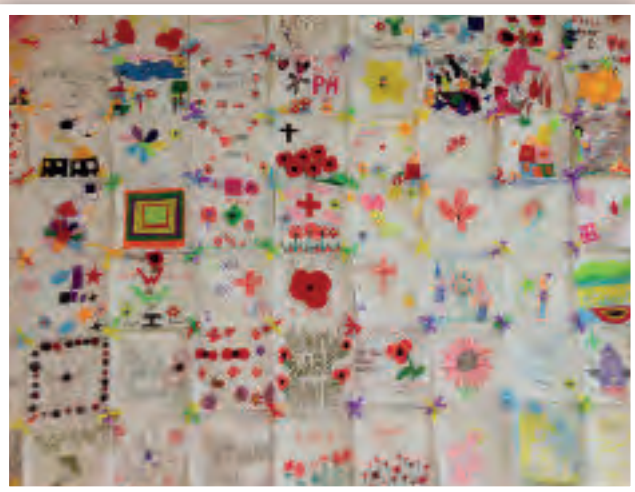
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## ATC News

**When the town's folk of Aylesbury get together, they sure know how to have fun. The Events Team at Aylesbury Town Council have thoroughly enjoyed bringing you a wide variety of events, entertainment and fun filled days this summer.**



We started on a reflective note at our **In Flanders Fields** event which marked the start of a WW1 Exhibition at Bucks County Museum. Young and old all gathered together to reflect on harsher times in our history, honouring those that have sacrificed their lives by creating a magnificent wall hanging and poppy display for the museum.



The end of August brought you **Hobble on the Cobbles** and what a day that was. Two venues, four stages, twenty one local bands and performers, three Mix96 street stars, one mega slide, eighteen photographers, one marriage proposal (with acceptance) and around 5,000+ happy, dancing, music fans of all ages. Bopping to classic covers from The Dung Beatles and rocking with El Bronson whose wild style got the crowds of Kingsbury on their feet.

New and original music from many local bands graced the main stage in Market Square until five year old Jack Manders wowed the entire crowd with his talented drum solo. He set the stage for the classic noughties band, Toploader, who weren't quite 'Dancing in the Moonlight', as the sun was still setting.

This year's Hobble was a great success largely due to the vast array of musical talent we have right here on our own doorstep and we look forward to bringing you even more free live music next year.



Just one week later the musicians were back out in force, this time with a totally different style as the Aylesbury Concert Band with soloist Alison Langer took to the impressive stage in Vale Park for our annual **Proms in the Park**. Once again Aylesburians were out in force with picnics, rugs and Union Jack flags in abundance. Arrangements from Disney's Frozen to Holst's Jupiter had music lovers of all ages singing together enjoying the late summer sun.

Poetry from The Community Unity Project and classic war time songs performed by the LuLaLas gave an opportunity to reflect during the interval.

**ParkLife** was once again brought to you in association with Aylesbury Church Network providing a free family day-out packed to the brim with bouncy castles, craft, games and food.

Live music was back on the agenda with three more local bands entertaining the crowds. Bustin' Loose were thrilled with their very own slow motion fly-by.

No Horrible History at our terrific **Tudor Fayre**, this year held at Bucks County Museum, which was the perfect setting for the historians who were informing and entertaining all of our visitors. From beautiful birds of prey and intricate calligraphers to sword fighters and dancing school children, this really was a stunning sunny day steeped in history.



## Christmas Fair and Carolfest

With Christmas fast approaching, not only does it bring excitement and joy but it can also bring stress and tension. We have the perfect solution to a frantic shopping trip – join us from 11.00am till 4.00pm on Sunday 14th December in Market Square, Aylesbury, for our Christmas Fair – a spectacular day of free entertainment for all the family.

With magicians and live music; crystal ball jugglers and stilt walkers; balloon modelling and face painting; arts and crafts; hot punch and roast chestnuts; fairground rides and a Christmas photo-booth – all of this completely free and right by the shops.

In the evening join us for traditional carols on the cobbles at the annual Carolfest from 6.00pm until 7.00pm. Join the Wingrave Singers, Caduceus Brass Quintet and children from Bierton Combined School with your very best singing voices to really put you in the festive spirit.



Our events are always evolving, so please 'like' our Facebook page to keep up to date with all the latest news and developments.

**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 at: [r.mayhew@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:r.mayhew@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk)**

# Environment



**The annual Aylesbury Town Council (ATC) Allotments Awards were held in October at the new venue of Viney House.** From what was a very wet start to the year, the weather improved greatly and provided an almost perfect growing season for tenants.

We are very grateful to this year's judges, Alderman Ray James (Allotment Warden – Crown Leys), Steve Webb (ATC Outdoor Manager), and Spencer Whitfield (an independent judge) for spending two busy days visiting all the sites and for picking our prize winners. The criteria for judging extended beyond simply considering

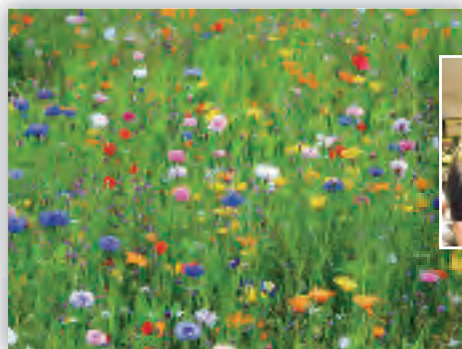
the general appearance of a plot. They included the desirability for varied planting (a mixture of vegetables, fruits and flowers) and also considered factors such as composting and cleanliness. The judges awarded prizes to the best three plots at each site, with additional prizes for Best Newcomer and Overall Winner.

The presentations were given by Mayor Cllr Tuffail Hussain, with the 1st prize winners receiving an engraved shield and all those awarded prizes received a certificate and vouchers kindly donated by the Aylesbury Gardening Society.

## Aylesbury in Bloom Photo Competition



**1st**



**2nd**

The latest addition to our **Aylesbury in Bloom** campaign is a photo competition which was initiated in co-operation with Snappy Snaps, Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership and Friars Square. Residents were asked to submit 'in Bloom' pictures of a garden, park, flowers, roundabouts, canal and wildlife areas within Aylesbury, which were then exhibited in Friars Square for the public to vote on their favourite picture. We are pleased to announce that the first prize winner is George Lait and the second prize went to Eloise Dunne. **Congratulations to George and Eloise for being the winners of our first ever Aylesbury in Bloom Photo Competition.**



**Matrix Explorer Scouts Clear Town Brook**



**In September the Matrix Explorer Scouts put on their wellies, waders and working gloves and got stuck in clearing the brook beside the Railway Station.**

Explorer Scouts are aged between 14 and 18 and Matrix Explorer Scout Unit, based in Aylesbury, has about seventy members, both male and female. As their contribution to Aylesbury in Bloom and the community, the Explorer Scouts had agreed to clear the area which is a gateway to the town when visitors arrive at Aylesbury station. The area was a grot spot overgrown with vegetation, tree saplings and strewn with litter.

Together with the Town Council, Environmental Agency and Chiltern Railways the Scouts looked at how the area could be best cleared to look welcoming and at the same time be mindful of the wildlife in and around the brook.

The amount of litter picked out of the shrubs left everyone speechless. There is a bin right beside the brook yet most people seem to throw it in the greenery.

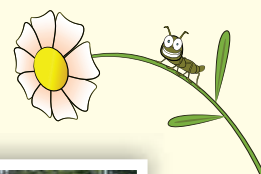
Young people often get bad press and the unit members are very conscious of this and are anxious to show the general public that not all young people should be tarred with the same brush!

This project, working in conjunction with Aylesbury Town Council and the Environment Agency, contributes towards their environment partnership award and puts them very much in the public eye. Many people spoke to them while they were hard at work and expressed appreciation for what they were doing.

If you want to find out more about Scouting in general or in your area please go to [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) and click on 'Get Involved'.

The Scouts will continue to look after this area going forward and will also start keeping a record of the wildlife and invertebrate which can be found in this area and to feed the information back to the Environment Agency.

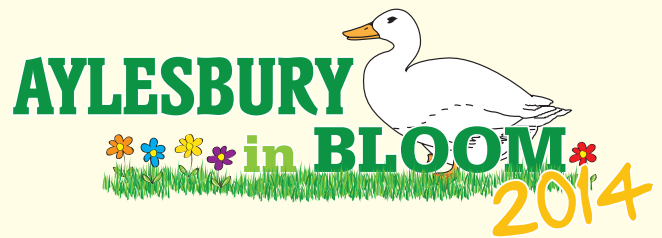
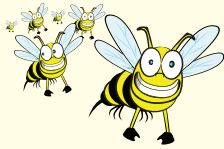
Cllr Allison Harrison, Chair of Communities Committee says: "Aylesbury Town Council would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work and for giving up their time. We are looking forward to continuing to work with Matrix Explorer Scouts on this area".



Before the clear up day ©Aylesbury Town Council

After the clear up day ©Aylesbury Town Council

# Environment



**This year Aylesbury Town Council entered the town in the regional Britain in Bloom competition 'Thames and Chilterns in Bloom'.**

Britain in Bloom is the largest horticultural event in Europe, which has been in existence since 1963. Since 2002 the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) has been organising the campaign. Over 1,000 communities of various sizes enter the competition. Groups (Towns, Villages, Cities, etc) are assessed for their achievement in three core pillars: Horticultural Excellence, Environmental Responsibility and Community Participation.

The awards have been based on the Royal Horticultural Society's medal standards of Gold, Silver Gilt, Silver and Bronze.

Whilst floral displays play an important part in the contest, the main aim of the campaign is to encourage and celebrate local communities improving their local environments. It is a popular campaign, estimated to involve more than 200,000 volunteers in cleaning up and greening up their local area.

Aylesbury is no different and whilst the local campaign is organised and arranged by Aylesbury Town Council we work together in close partnership with Aylesbury Vale District Council, Buckinghamshire County Council, Town Centre Partnership, Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust, Aylesbury Gardening Society, Bucks Legacy, as well as volunteer groups such as Aylesbury WI, Aylesbury Youth Action, Harding House School, individual volunteers as well as local companies and companies which have a link to Aylesbury.

Aylesbury in Bloom is an all year round campaign and the Town Council works on projects all year round. This year saw us concentrate on wildflower meadows to create urban habitats for pollinating insects.

You may well have seen the Tring Road roundabout or the area by Old Stoke Road and by Anchor Lane subway, which was planted by students from Harding House School to commemorate, remember, pollinate and 'Grow for Gold'.

Kier Homes spent a day with the Outdoor Team clearing up an overgrown area on the corner of Vale Park Drive and Park Street and in the process cleared out beds, TV, a washing machine and more rubbish.

The Town WI cleared weeds by the Arches and planted the area making it a colourful and bright entry into Market Square.







Everyone's hard work to date, has been rewarded by the Thames and Chiltern in Bloom Association at this year's Awards Presentation in Henley. Aylesbury has been awarded **'Silver Gilt'**. In the category of Small Cities Aylesbury competed against Bracknell who also achieved a Silver Gilt medal.

In addition the judges have also awarded Aylesbury the regional award for **'Best Horticultural Award'** for presenting the horticultural displays. The Town Council would like to thank everyone for their involvement and support and is looking forward to building on this year's successful campaign and to achieve even more in 2015.

In 2006, the RHS introduced the Neighbourhood Awards – now the 'It's Your Neighbourhood (IYN)' campaign – a grassroots sister campaign to 'in Bloom', supporting smaller, volunteer-led community groups focused on improving their immediate environment.

The Town Council is very proud that for the first time Aylesbury had three IYN entries, **Hanover Court**, **Bearbrook Place** and **Quaker's Friends Meeting House**, all three received their certificates at the ceremony too with Hanover Court achieving Level 4 of 5 Levels, already.

*"We are hoping to have more IYN entries next year", says Cllr Allison Harrison, Chair of the Communities Committee "Britain in Bloom is an important campaign and we have seen the difference it can make to our local community. Not only does it brighten up the town but it also helps with building pride in place and community engagement. This is a fantastic result and we would like to thank everyone for their involvement".*



**Are there any areas near you which need to be tidied up, planted up or cleared?**

**Please do get in touch with us and let us know.** We work in partnership with VAHT, AVDC, Bucks County Council, Town Centre Partnership and many other organisations and are happy to help where we can.

Here is an example how easily a grot spot can be transformed with little costs involved. What was previously a litter area is now a new flower bed for residents to enjoy thanks to Town Cllr Andy Huxley.

Before



After



### Bedgrove Road Safety Campaign

Bedgrove Councillors have launched a safety poster campaign for the roads in their ward. After several serious accidents in Bedgrove, including an elderly man, a toddler seriously injured and a five year old injured when crossing between two parked cars it was agreed with Aylesbury Town Council that a road safety campaign should be launched in the area.

With nine schools in and around Bedgrove, the highest concentration in Buckinghamshire and the country, the Councillors felt that by asking local school children to help design posters for the safety campaign on issues such as speeding, inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving it would help them learn about road safety whilst helping the whole community. The winning designs will become the signs that you will see appearing on Bedgrove roads in a few months, similar to schemes elsewhere in the county which were supported by Sir Jackie Stewart.

Cllr Mark Winn said, *"Children have such great imaginations and we are sure that the designs they come up with will be a hit with the public. I have seen some poor behaviour by drivers across Bedgrove and it is important that we change people's behaviour before we end up with a tragic accident."*

The campaign which is being sponsored by Aylesbury Town Council, with the backing of all four Town Councillors Mark Winn, Tom Hunter-Watts, Jenny Bloom and Penni Thorne and Aylesbury South East County Councillor Brian Roberts. All children in the Bedgrove schools of all ages are taking part and designing posters with two winners chosen from each school. As we go to press the posters are still in design stage. The awards ceremony is taking place in November and is hosted by the Aylesbury Mayor and local Member of Parliament David Lidington. We will be featuring the winning designs in the next issue in March.

### Cllr Mark Willis

I'm delighted to be back on Aylesbury Town Council representing Oakfield, but very sad to win the seat after the loss of the then town Mayor Steve Patrick.

So a bit about me, I'm from north London and left home and school at 17 to work for the Met Office, during 10 years with them I worked in many different locations including the Falklands. We moved to Aylesbury from Ramsgate as I had been posted to RAF Northolt, after 10 years and with a young family I changed jobs and have been driving trains for London Underground on the District then Metropolitan line ever since.

I'm a BIG sports fan – I've supported Arsenal since being taken to Highbury in 1986 by my dad, and a BIG rugby fan supporting England and Wasps. I played rugby at school in the front row and love the atmosphere, sportsmanship and friendliness of such a tough sport. I enjoy cricket too but am utterly useless at it, but any sport that has a break for lunch is okay with me.

Over the last few years I've had a few health issues, so I've taken up the gym at Stoke Mandeville Stadium where the support is excellent as well as the facilities. I have also joined a running club and when possible take part and volunteer at Aylesbury Parkrun. I've undertaken several charity runs and have raised nearly £1,000 this year.



### 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](mailto:info@aylesburytowncouncil.co.uk) or write to us at: **Aylesbury Town Matters Correspondence, Aylesbury Town Council, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP20 2QP**



**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](mailto:j.heberer@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk). There is no charge for community groups and charities.



## Aylesbury Talking Newspaper Association

This is a group of dedicated volunteers who read, record and distribute the contents of The Bucks Herald to anyone who lives, or has lived, in the Vale of Aylesbury and has impaired vision for whatever reason and would like to keep in touch with local news.

The readers are supported by volunteers, administrators, committee members and fund raisers who make this possible.

We provide the weekly news on a USB stick, and the means to play it if required. The recordings are posted either on the day of publication or the day after to ensure that the news is up to date. The postage is free of charge.

The recipients have only to return the sticks to us when it has been listened to so that they can receive the next week's edition.

As a registered charity we have no fixed lines of funding so we have to seek income from various sources such as collection days within Aylesbury, attendance at charity fairs and similar events; donations from recipients (we make no charge for the service) and the goodwill of various local organisations.

We would like to be put in touch with anyone who would appreciate this service and also anyone who would like to help in any way either with the reading, administration or fundraising.

For further information please contact Alan on 07563 628247, Tony on 01296 421780 or Christine on 01296 428861. Alternatively, email: [aylesburytn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:aylesburytn@yahoo.co.uk)



Charity Number 1139423

## Good News for Volunteers!

There is increasing evidence that volunteering is good for health and wellbeing. Age UK Bucks has plenty of opportunities for volunteers to undertake roles that help the local community. These are:

**Befriending Plus** - Befrienders visit an older person in their local community, once a week for about one hour.

**Welfare Benefits** - Advisors help someone to apply for benefits that they may be entitled to – such as attendance allowance or pension credits. This would require a visit to the individual to help them through the process.

**Memory Advice** - This provides support to individuals or their carers who have problems with their memory. Volunteers would be completing specific time limited pieces of work and be linked with a Memory Care Advisor for support.

Work could include helping someone who has memory loss by discussing their concerns they might have, or helping them to access services that may help.

**Information and Advice** - The Information and Advice service is run from our office in Aylesbury and we offer confidential information and advice to people who ring in – this can be anything from someone wanting information about holiday insurance to talking through residential care options.

**Shop** - Volunteers to assist in the local shop.

For all these roles we offer training and support and would love to hear from you if you would like more information or would like to help. Please call 01296 431911.

# Community News & Events

## WW1 'Lights Out'

At their Annual Camp at Penally, Tenby, on 4 August 2014, Buckinghamshire (The Rifles) Army Cadet Force commemorated the start of the First World War. The Cadets paraded at the Penally Trenches that were used for training prior to deployment to Flanders.

The Cadets took part in this reflection for the 'Lights out – One Million Candles to Remember' National Event along with others at Royal British Legion Branches and other events around the country. The Cadets held the candlelight vigil from 22:00 - 23:00hrs on 4 August 2014.



Above:  
Cadets of the Battalion waiting in the Trenches for Commemorative Service to start

Left:  
Flanders Fields  
100 years on



Following our 'Lights Out' parade in the Penally practice trenches and a more formal ceremony – Cadets Imran Abeid of 19th Platoon (I Company) and Cadet Recce Painton of 4th Platoon Aylesbury (E Company) placed our commemorative wreath at the entrance of Penally Training camp, Tenby.

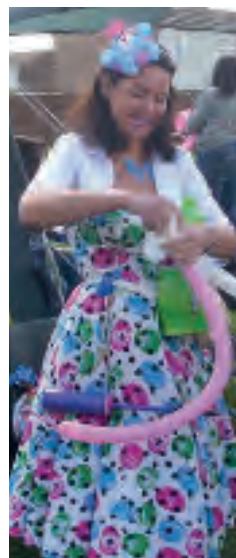
## Prebendal Farm Fun Day

On Saturday 23 August a Fun Day was held on the green on Somerville Way. The idea was originally suggested by one of the Southcourt PCSOs and this was taken up by the Chair of the Residents' Association. The day was organised by the Prebendal Farm Residents' Association.

Among the participants were Colonel Custard who baffled people with his card tricks; Miss Ballooniverse who entertained the children by making spectacular shapes out of balloons; Liz McKenzie who did face painting; Aylesbury Woodcraft Folk who had a craft stall where people could make kites; The LuLaLas who performed music from the 50s and 60s and Fun4Kidz who provided a bouncy castle.



There was also an ice cream van provided by Mr Whippy and a barbecue organised by the local community church which meets at the community centre. The food for the barbecue had been provided by Morrison's and Tesco Broadfields had donated a £15 Tesco gift voucher. A grant of £2,000 had been received from Aylesbury Town Council.



About 100 people turned up. Aylesbury Town Cllr Mike Smith and Aylesbury Vale District Cllr Steven Lambert were also present to meet and converse with the local residents and to find out what their concerns were.

The weather was fine and sunny which helped to contribute to the success of the day. Feedback from those who attended was positive and has spurred interest for a similar event in the future.

## TEDx Aylesbury

x = independently organized TED event

A local group of enthusiastic volunteers is bringing 'Ideas Worth Spreading' to Aylesbury at the inaugural TEDxAylesbury event on 25 April 2015 at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury.

TED Talks have become a phenomenon, attracting a billion views on the internet. From science to art, psychology to design, TED Talks inspire, enlighten and entertain.

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TED has created a program called TEDx to help share ideas in communities around the world. TEDx is a programme of local, self-organised events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience.

Our event is called TEDxAylesbury (where x=independently organized TED event).

At TEDxAylesbury, TED talks, video and live speakers will combine to spark deep discussion and connection in small groups. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx programme, but individual TEDx events, including ours, are self-organised. This independent TEDx event is operated under license from TED.

The theme of TEDxAylesbury is 'Misfits and Pioneers'. We will have a broad mix of topics, including some of the best aspects of Aylesbury and beyond, including well-known speakers and those who would not normally find a platform but who have something worth hearing.

TEDxAylesbury is looking to partner with local businesses and organisations who are keen to make the event a success and promote their business to our audience. If your organisation would like to participate, email: [devi@tedxaylesbury.com](mailto:devi@tedxaylesbury.com).

To find out more or book tickets please go to our website at: [www.tedxaylesbury.com](http://www.tedxaylesbury.com).



## Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity Christmas Wrapping

From Monday 15 December right up until midday on Christmas Eve, volunteers from Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity will be outside House of Fraser in Friars Square Shopping Centre, manning its popular Christmas gift-wrapping stall for those last-minute presents. If you need your presents beautifully wrapped, come and let FNHC wrap it for you in return for a donation to the Hospice.

## Early Bunny sign-up offer for 6th Gemstone Midnight Walk!

Join Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity on Saturday 31 January, 9.30am - 4.30pm for the official launch of the sixth Gemstone Midnight Walk in Friars Square Shopping Centre. Come along and claim your 'early bunny registration offer' of £13.00! (available until the end of Jan). For more information visit our website:

[www.gemstonewalk.co.uk](http://www.gemstonewalk.co.uk)



## Phone Payments

Do you make council tax or business rates payments to AVDC over the phone? We have recently improved this service and the phone number has changed to 0330 088 9563. The calls are still charged at local rates but may vary depending on your mobile provider. Payments can also be made online at: [www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/pay](http://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/pay)

# Community News & Events



## Cards for Good Causes

Cards for Good Causes will be opening its shop for the twenty-seventh year at **Buckingham Street Methodist Church** on **Wednesday 29 October** until **17 December**.

Staffed by local volunteers from the charities and the church it is open from 10.00am to 4.00pm, six days a week.

Christmas cards for thirty-six national and local charities are sold, not only are Christmas cards an important source of funding for charities they also help to raise awareness of their work. It is hoped that the public will support these good causes. **If you require further information please contact Cliff Darlington on 01296 423418.**



## Safe Savings & Affordable Loans from your Local Credit Union

Aylesbury Vale Community Bank is part of Swan Credit Union, which spans Aylesbury, Milton Keynes and Thame. We are different to high street banks as we are a not-for-profit cooperative owned and run by our members.

Anyone who lives or works in Aylesbury Vale can join for free and start saving and apply for affordable loans. Savings are fully protected by the government backed deposit protection scheme (Financial Services Compensation Scheme). Join free online at [www.aylesburyvalecommunitybank.org.uk](http://www.aylesburyvalecommunitybank.org.uk) or give us a call on **03030 300147** (open every working day) to find out about our great value loans and to save with us.

**Child Benefit Loan** - Need a little bit of help now with costs of a new baby or towards costs of the new school year? Apply to borrow between £250 and £500 with your local credit union and pay only £12.00 per week. Open a savings account with us, agree a savings and loan repayment plan, and have your Child Benefit paid directly to Swan Credit Union.

You can apply for a loan immediately and your funds will be available for withdrawal as soon as your first benefit payment has been received. Interest is charged at 3% per month (APR42.6%). Every new borrower and saver will receive a £10 savings bonus.



## RAFA – Aylesbury & Halton Branch

The Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA) provides confidential, professional and fair services to members of the wider RAF family from the youngest recruit to the oldest veteran and their families.

The kind of welfare support provided by the RAF Association is wide-ranging: everything from providing home visits and respite care breaks, to offering advice and, in some circumstances, financial assistance in times of difficulty.

Simply, we are here to make sure that members of the RAF family past and present are never left alone or in need.

You do not need to be a member to receive our help. With a UK-wide caseworker network of over 540 volunteer Honorary Welfare Officers undertaking almost 13,000 welfare visits annually, help ranges from simply providing conversation and friendship to preparing and submitting application forms for financial assistance.

We assist around fifty RAF veterans or their widows/widowers to lead safe, independent lives in our sheltered and supported housing and we distribute more than £1.78m in welfare grants to serving and ex-serving personnel.

RAFA is the largest single service membership organisation and the longest standing registered service charity that provides welfare support to the RAF family – providing friendship, help and support to current and former members of the Royal Air Force and their dependants.

To find out more, visit the Branch that is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

The first Wednesday of each month is devoted to providing a varied entertainments programme for our members.

**For more information telephone Steve Worth, our Welfare Officer (01296 623405) or David Mummery (01296 580714).**

## Exhibitions & Events at Bucks County Museum

Drop into Bucks County Museum over the Christmas period and discover fascinating exhibitions and displays for all ages, including a major exhibition on World War One.



Take part in our special Christmas programme including events for adults and activities for under 5s. Enjoy the Christmas trees around the Museum's historic buildings, browse the gift shop for unusual presents and stocking fillers and enjoy a coffee in the Garden Café.

### A Box of Delights, 6 – 20 December

Indulge yourself in two weeks of delicious events for adults in the run up to Christmas at the County Museum. Enjoy sessions on Christmas food and the geology of wine. Discover Christmas plants and flowers and how Christmas is depicted in books. Seasonal refreshments will be served at each event. For ticket prices, times and booking please contact the Museum.



### Christmas Craft Activities for Under 5s, 15 – 19 December

Come and be creative with your toddler in the relaxed atmosphere of the Museum. Enjoy Christmas stories, crafts, music and coffee for the grown ups (extra charge for refreshments). No need to book, just drop in 10.00am - 12.00 noon or 1.00pm - 3.00pm daily. Cost £2.50 per child.

### A Portrait of Studio Ceramics

Photographs of potters by Ben Boswell and their pots from the Museum's collection. This wonderful exhibition in the Museum's Georgian Room features unique photographs of major potters taken in their studios. The photographs are displayed alongside examples of their work from the Museum's exceptional collection of studio ceramics. Eleven potters are exhibited including Michael Cardew, Lucie Rie, Janet Leach and Ewen Henderson. **Exhibition runs until January 2015 and entry is free.**

### Duty and Service: Bucks Lives in the Great War

Duty and Service looks at the two sides of the Great War: the image as portrayed through a remarkable set of original recruitment posters and the reality as experienced by Bucks men and women at home and abroad.



The exhibition focuses on the personal stories of local people and the part they played in the war, including Sidney Taylor, William Fall, Lionel and Guy Crouch, Oscar Viney and Charles Coy, all of whom fought in the war and were from the Aylesbury area.

On display are many personal items including trench letters and log book, medals, a battlefield cross, Women's Land Army uniform and embroidery stitched by convalescing soldiers at Chequers. **Exhibition runs until 14 March 2015 and is free entry.**

As part of the exhibition there is a talk at the County Museum on *Infantry Training at Halton 1914-15* on 31 January, 2.00pm – 3.00pm, by Francis Hanford, Curator of the Trenchard Museum, RAF Halton. Tickets £5.00. Book in advance.

Exhibition supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Friends and Patrons of the County Museum.

For more information and other events at the County Museum visit [www.buckscc.gov.uk/museum](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/museum) or call 01296 331441. You can also like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Bucks County Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury. Buckinghamshire HP20 2QP



# 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  
01296 485847



Cllr Mohammed Amjad  
07956 803458

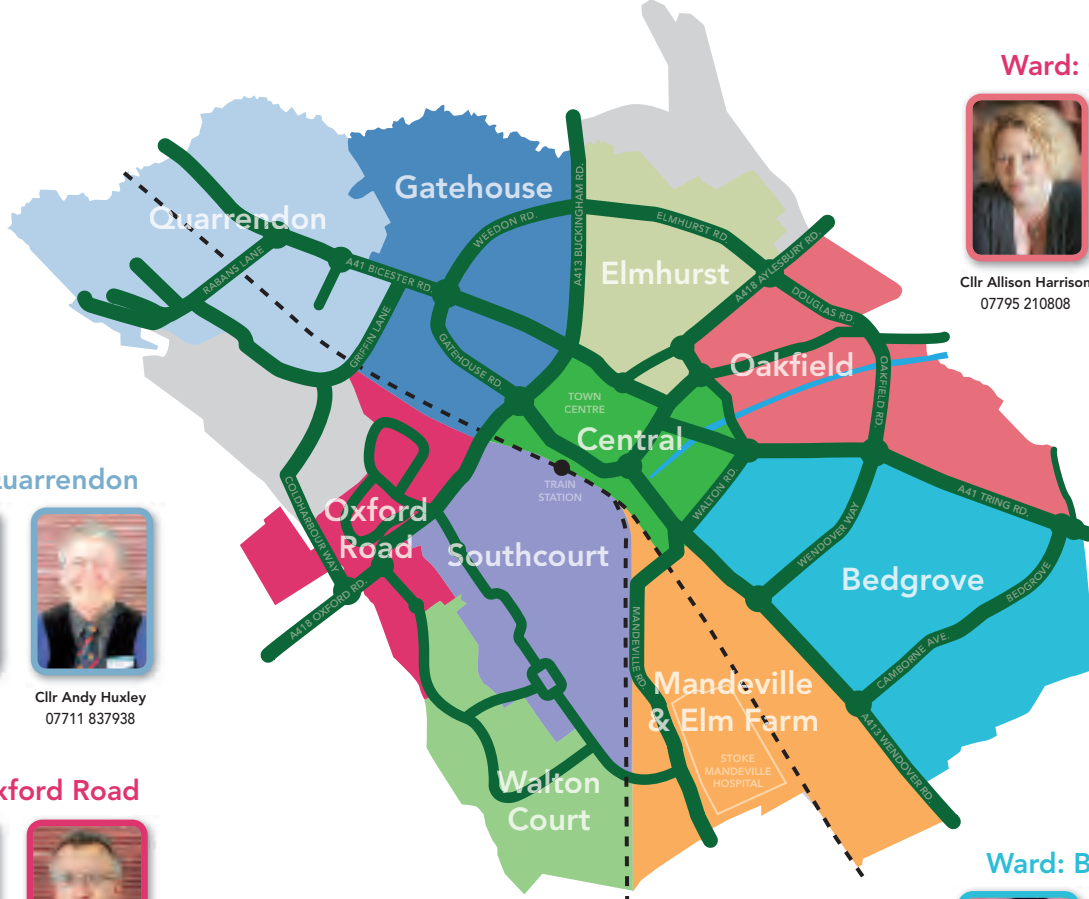
## Ward: Oakfield



Cllr Allison Harrison  
07795 210808



Cllr Mark Willis  
07723 091637



## Ward: Quarrendon



Cllr Chris Adams  
07986 543211



Cllr Andy Huxley  
07711 837938

## Ward: Oxford Road



Cllr Zulifqar 'Tom' Ahmed  
07731 328011



Cllr Mike Smith  
07854 178012

## Ward: Southcourt



Cllr Matthew Launchbury  
07837 604284

## Ward: Walton Court



Cllr Ranjula Takodra MBE  
07958 423083



Cllr Loui Cirillo  
07767 478696

## Ward: Bedgrove



Cllr Jenny Bloom  
07729 011501



Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts  
07595 178660

## Ward: Mandeville & Elm Farm



Cllr Denise Summers  
01296 424903



Cllr Sue Chapple  
01296 426814



Cllr Brian Roberts  
01296 422881

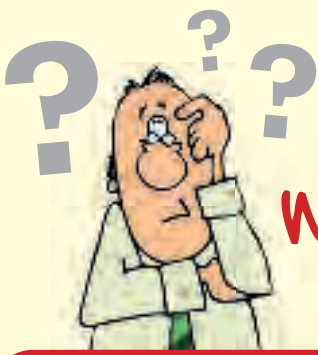


Cllr Penni Thorne  
01296 422232



Cllr Mark Winn  
01296 393304



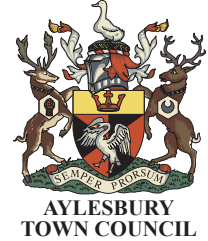


## Council Services

### Who do I talk to about? ...

#### AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- The Office of the Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- The management of the seven allotment sites
- The Tring Road cemetery
- Tree works
- Support Twinning of Aylesbury with Bourg-en-Bresse
- A programme of events throughout the year such as Hobble on the Cobbles, Proms in the Park, Aylesbury on Sea, Christmas and Summer events and other free events
- 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 (hanging baskets, planters, floral beds, roundabouts and more)



**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.

Call: **01296 425 678** or visit: [www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk)

#### 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



**Aylesbury Vale District Council** deal with issues covering the whole of Aylesbury Vale and has a very regulatory remit. Call: **01296 585 858** or visit: [www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk)

#### 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)



**Bucks County Council** is the top tier of local government and provides services on a county-wide basis. Call: **01296 395 000** or visit: [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk)

# ATC News

## Town Mayor's Update

Aylesbury Town Mayor Cllr Tuffail Hussain has had a busy few months as we reflect on the events and occasions he has been honoured to be a part of during the summer and early autumn months.

The good weather in August brought out many people to our outdoor events, such as Hobble, Proms and Parklife which kept us busy during the weekends.

During the week, we were delighted to receive Austrian school children visiting the Mayor's Parlour with their teacher Eleonora Schleifenor. A great morning was had, as they met the Mayor and tried on the mayoral robes with lots of photo opportunities.

The Mayor was delighted to be involved with a number of businesses opening in and around the town with the opening of the new **More+ Community Café** in Parton Road, which is run by Broughton Community Church and their volunteers, providing a social place to relax and meet friends old and new with delicious homemade cakes and pastries.

**Portugalia** in Cambridge Street opened its doors, a family run business selling delicious pastries and groceries and is also a fine delicatessen with Portuguese flavours.

**Bella Café**, one of the newest establishments to open has added some colour to the High Street, with the owners having recently moved to Aylesbury.

Tuffail was delighted to attend a number of school events over the months, including **Aylesbury Grammar School Prize Giving**, **Thomas Hickman** celebrating their Macmillan Cake Break morning, **St Edward's School 50th Anniversary** and the **Bearbrook and Elmhurst Early Years Excellence Hub**.

A number of visitors came to the Mayor's Parlour and Town Hall on the Heritage Open Day, where we had the opportunity to discuss and show the paintings and silverware on display. We met many local residents and were also delighted that a number of visitors came from outside the town, such as High Wycombe and London.

The Mayor was also delighted to support his chosen charity **CHAT** during the months. Helping organise a volleyball match which raised £1,055, they were also grateful for the donations received from **Pitstop Car Hand Wash** and **The Game Club** running the Vehicle Vintage Rally.

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](mailto: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.**

## Community First Responders

Community First Responders (CFRs) are volunteers who are recruited and trained by the South Central Ambulance Service. They work from home and are available to be deployed by the Ambulance Emergency Operations Centre to anyone who suffers a sudden life threatening medical condition.

It has been established that victims of heart attack, stroke, serious bleeding, breathing difficulties etc. will enjoy a better medical outcome if they receive skilled attention within a few minutes of falling ill. Each CFR is equipped with an emergency intervention kit including oxygen therapy equipment and a defibrillator for use in cardiac arrest situations. CFRs are available to the Emergency Operations Centre to be deployed to incidents in their community so that each patient receives immediate attention and stabilisation before an ambulance arrives.

CFRs are now in place all over the South Central Ambulance region and form a vital link in emergency care for members of the community. CFRs are under the direct control of the Ambulance Service but are funded by public donation with fundraising organised by the CFRs themselves. The CFR service operates as a registered charity through the South Central Ambulance Service League of Friends.

Aylesbury has its own CFR group covering the population of the town and neighbouring villages. The group's CFRs currently use their own cars for day to day operations but it is planned to raise money to buy a fully equipped marked car that will be shared by the group members and therefore constantly available to the local population. It will cost £16,000 to buy and mark the car and a further £2,000 to fit communication equipment. **Aylesbury Town Council supported this project with a grant of £2,000.**



## Spinal Injuries Association

The Spinal Injuries Association (SIA) is a user-led charity that helps spinal cord injuries (SCI) people and their families from the moment they are injured and for the rest of their lives. SIA achieve this through their services, campaigns and training, which aim to take SCI people on a journey from injury to independence.

In Aylesbury the Peer Support Officers, Jackie Bailey and John Leonard provide the support. Both have been living with SCI for many years and have a vast amount of experience to share. This includes returning to work, starting a family and raising their children after sustaining an injury. They also have practical experiences such as travelling and driving.

Jackie and John work all across Aylesbury ensuring that SCI people have the best quality of life. They are in the best position to support people through this difficult time, because they have been through the rehabilitation process themselves. The service addresses these issues by offering: emotional support; practical advice on how to manage their paralysis; advice on how to get back into employment, education, training, volunteering, as well as offering post-discharge visits once someone has returned home.

SCI currently provide a pathway support to thirty-seven SCI members living in Aylesbury. They have the opportunity to attend SIA training sessions at Stoke Mandeville Hospital on a variety of subjects, such as choosing a wheelchair and housing. When attending their annual check-ups at the hospital post-discharge the members can access support from Jackie or John at any time. **Grant awarded £2,000.**

**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](mailto:b.daytonn@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk)**

# Twinning



Top left: Gérard Lora-Tonnet, Martine Desbenoit, Cllr Allison Harrison, Deputy Town Clerk Mark Broughton, Front: Guillaume Lacroix, Town Mayor Cllr Tuffail Hussain

**Aylesbury Town Council are proud to be twinned with the agricultural town of Bourg-en-Bresse in Eastern France, north of Lyon and at the base of the Jura Mountains.**

The award winning Bourg Walk Bridge, built in 2009, which links the town centre with Southcourt, was so named to honour the twinning of the two towns.

In August this year, five delegates from Bourg-en-Bresse arrived safely in our blooming town for three days filled with tours, meetings and presentations. Our visitors included Guillaume Lacroix, the Deputy Mayor for culture and International Relations, Gérard Lora-Tonnet and Martine Desbenoit both Municipal Councillors and Marie Vincent, International Relations Manager.

They were escorted around our town by Cllr Tuffail Hussain, Aylesbury Town Mayor; Mr Keith Gray JP, Aylesbury Town Clerk and Cllrs Mike Smith, Allison Harrison and Tom Hunter-Watts.



A welcome dinner was hosted by the Town Mayor, held in the historic and stunning Judge's Lodgings which was attended by councillors, business people and dignitaries including Lord Lieutenant Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher and Mr Joe Barclay the High Sheriff, providing an opportunity for the towns to develop working and social relationships with each other.



A major part of the visit was centred around The Bucks County Show where agricultural business links were established and progressed. Our French visitors enjoyed walking the showground, taking in all of the wonderful sights and sounds that this long standing show has to offer. Our visitors also had the honour of awarding some of the prestigious prizes during the show.

The Hon Recorder of Aylesbury, HH Judge Sheridan gave a guided tour of the Crown Court and invited the delegation to sit in on a court procedure before experiencing the prisoner transportation van.

The twinning of the two towns has many benefits and the Twinning Association are very keen for our entire community to be involved with this unique connection to France. So if your business or community group would like to get involved in anyway then please contact the Aylesbury Twinning Association for more information on 01296 425678.

## Healthy Living Centre Carnival



The Healthy Living Centre are bringing a carnival to Aylesbury next year. Between now and then we'll be getting involved in many mini-workshops that will help create a buzz around the carnival and will hopefully get the community involved.

So far we have run a carnival themed day where children got to make carnival masks and got their faces painted. We have also made loads of connections with residents, community groups and businesses and officially set up a carnival steering group.

**We would LOVE to HEAR from YOU!** There are many ways for everyone at any age to get involved. Either through being a part of our steering group or helping out in the mini workshops or even just coming up with your own ideas and feedback.

Please contact The Healthy Living Centre on **01296 334562** [www.healthylivingcentre.com](http://www.healthylivingcentre.com)

## 'The Girl Downstairs'

The Girl Downstairs is the long-awaited second novel by Aylesbury author **Tony Flower**. This entertaining romp follows the misadventures of a renowned investigative journalist, whose characteristic professionalism is called into question when he goes to the rescue of a lady who is screaming in the flat downstairs. The mayhem that follows, as they emerge terrified from Amsterdam's Red Light District, is exacerbated by the disappearance of a couple of particularly shady characters. A strong supporting cast enhances this thrilling, genre hopping tale of love, lust, murder and redemption, told with poignancy and plenty of humour.



"Those who submitted favourable reviews for my first novel, That Bloody Book, should take some of the blame for encouraging me to have another go and for unleashing this monster" said Tony. "I hope I've achieved the right balance between bawdy humour, action and sensitivity and I think the bungling

heroes are redeemed by their intentions. It's certainly been a lot of fun to write."

The Girl Downstairs is available from Amazon in Kindle and paperback. For more information visit: [www.tonyflower.net](http://www.tonyflower.net)



## Shop for Local Unique Gifts this Christmas

It may seem surprising, but the Aylesbury Visitor Information Centre is more than just a service for tourists. Tucked away just off the Market Square, in the King's Head, the centre is a hidden gem for residents in search of unique, special Christmas gifts.

A beautiful selection of themed gifts are available, perfect as a special present or a treat for yourself. Local charity Christmas cards and handmade local scene Christmas cards are on sale, as well as Christmas stamps.

The centre is the only area stockist for local luxury toiletries range The Littlecote Soap Co., who's beautifully packaged natural handmade products are a great gift for loved ones who enjoy a bit of luxury or have sensitive skin. Prices start from just £3.

There is an ever-changing choice of local artists' work including pottery, paintings, local cards and wooden crafts, as well as stunning locally made jewellery from £6 to £35. Plus for the foodies out there, a host of chutneys, pickles and preserves made locally in and around North Marston from £2.50.



For these, and even more, unique gifts, as well as a host of other services including National Express tickets, local event tickets and theatre tokens, pop in and chat to June, Georgie and Niamh who

are always happy to help, and have a relaxing shopping experience this Christmas.

# Activities for Young People

## Youth Charity plans a Christmas Fundraising Event!



This Christmas, young people from the Aylesbury area are planning a 10 mile 'fancy dress' walk around Aylesbury to raise funds to support the charity Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ (AVYFC). AVYFC has grown significantly in the last 10 years and now needs to start running 'fun' fundraising events!

One of our goals is to link the young people in to the community, so we often support local Town Council events including Father's Day, Aylesbury on Sea, Christmas events and clean-up days.

We have six locations marked out on our walk and at each of the stops, there will be planned activities for everyone involved from carol singing, creating Christmas decorations, nativity drama sketches, team challenges and probably some mince pie eating too!

The young people and the team who work for the charity regularly visit fast food restaurants in the area, so one of the stops will most likely be there!

This is the first fundraising event we have done on a large scale and we hope everyone will donate a small amount or sponsor one of the young people that they know. We have created a webpage where you can find out all about the walk: [www.avyfc.org.uk/walk2014](http://www.avyfc.org.uk/walk2014). We are also promoting the walk using Twitter and Facebook.

**One way to donate is to send a text message – you can text a donation of £1, £2, £5 or £10! We can also claim gift-aid once you've texted. Just text the words: WALK12 £10 (or any other amount) to the number: 70070**

Dave Rollins, Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ  
Registered Charity 1055282

## Celebrating 35 Years of Youth Concern (Aylesbury)



Youth Concern (Aylesbury) is proud to be celebrating 35 years supporting 'at risk' young people in your community. We want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to Aylesbury Town Council and all our partners who have supported the charity in our vision to transform the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged young people.

Many of you will have heard of our Drop-in Centre, the Uptown Coffee Bar, now situated in Whitehill Lane. In the past six months, 460 young people, aged 13-25, have accessed support and guidance through the drop-in. In addition, our young people's services include:

- Aylesbury Nightstop – an emergency host accommodation project for Young People aged 16-25 who are facing a homeless crisis
- Person-Centred Counselling Department
- Substance Misuse Engagement Project
- Learning Mentor Scheme for Young People at risk of exclusion from school
- In-House high-spec. Multi-Media Studio

Our work relies on support from the local community and there are lots of ways you can get involved. **By volunteering** - we have vacancies for Drop-in volunteers, Nightstop Hosts, Fundraising/Events Volunteer, Corporate Networker and Trustee Hon. Secretary.

**By donating** – simply text YCAY01 + the amount you want to donate to 70070 (e.g. YCAY01 £5) £10 feeds five hungry young people and £25 houses a homeless young person for the night.

To celebrate our 35th birthday, we also have an exciting opportunity for 35 businesses to partner with us. For more details contact Fran on email: [Fran@youthconcern.org.uk](mailto:Fran@youthconcern.org.uk) or on 07730 666608.

## DASH (Disability Arts, Sport & Health)

DASH is a programme of sports and arts clubs for young people over 12 years old with a disability to enjoy some physical activity and be social with friends.

**THURSDAY CLUB** - runs at Booker Park school from 5.00pm to 7.00pm and participants take part in one hour of sports activities and one hour of swimming.

**DOORWAYS** - is an integrated dance group that runs at Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre on Wednesdays from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. Participants create dance and movement pieces and have performed at Activate Dance Festival and at the Roald Dahl Festival.

Further details can be found at: [www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/dash](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/dash)



# Activities for Young People

## National Citizen Service

2014 saw the fourth year of the National Citizen Service (NCS) programme, a flagship Government initiative. About 300 young people, aged 16 and 17, from Buckinghamshire spent four weeks of their summer holidays taking part in a programme that was challenging, fun and developed their skills and confidence.

The four week programme culminated in them planning and spending 30 hours carrying out a social action project. Twenty of these young people working together as a group based in Aylesbury wanted to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust which was a cause they felt passionately about.

They decided on a fundraising barbecue but needed a suitable venue to hold it so also took on the challenge of rejuvenating the garden and surrounding area at 9th Aylesbury Scout HQ on Oakfield Road.

This was a massive project but the group weren't daunted and they spent many hours walking around Aylesbury talking to local businesses about their ideas to obtain the materials they needed to renovate the garden and raise as much money as they could for their chosen charity.

It was hard work but the results were worth it. The finished garden looks lovely and is a wonderful area that all those that use the building can enjoy and the barbecue was a great success, raising over £350 for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

The young people should be very proud of their efforts. They have learnt a great deal about themselves, learnt a variety of new skills and have made some new friends along the way.

Local companies who should be thanked are Ashco, Askeys, John O' Connor, North End Nurseries, Three Counties Timber and Building Supplies, Aylesbury Buildbase, Practicality Brown Limited, Kings Langley Building Supplies, A Cobb Butchers, Tilbury's Butchers, Consult Pharmacy and Body Beautiful.

Individuals such as Wendy and Paul Richardson and Natalie Payne should be thanked as well. We would also like to thank the Aylesbury Town Council for recognising the benefits of such local community projects.

The National Citizen Scheme is organised locally by Action4Youth and more information can be found on [www.action4youth.org/ncs\\_organisations.asp](http://www.action4youth.org/ncs_organisations.asp)



# Christmas Fair & Carolfest



Sunday 14th December, Market Square

Christmas Fair 11am - 4pm  
Carolfest 6pm - 7pm

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.

[www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk)

