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AYLESBURY ON SEA



What a fantastic day, with so many FREE things to see and do - traditional donkey rides, penny arcades, skittle alley, vintage games and a land train; to a teacups ride, bouncy castle and a massive fresh popcorn drum - what do I do first?

Then the live music, stilt walkers, one-man band and Punch & Judy shows to enjoy as well. I've just enough time to have my face painted and create something in the craft tent or even get a balloon sculpture.

Aylesbury on Sea is great, wish you were here!!



Aylesbury on Sea
Kingsbury

Sunday 5th July

11am - 4pm

FREE



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Welcome Note

“ Welcome to the summer issue of Aylesbury Town Matters. Within the magazine you will find lots of details about our diverse calendar of events, the Aylesbury in Bloom competitions, grants, allotments and recent Mayor's engagements along with information about our local community.

Are you proud of your garden? Then we would like to hear from you. Our annual garden competition for Aylesbury in Bloom, is taking place again this summer and there is still time to enter. Registration closes on 19 June and the judging takes place in July and August. All types of gardens can enter – residential, communal or commercial; large or small; traditional or contemporary, so get in the garden and get your application to us. We are also running an Aylesbury in Bloom Photography competition. You will find all of the details about both competitions, and much more in the magazine and on our website.

Our summer events calendar is full of variety, colour, fun and entertainment. We have introduced some new events including Aylesbury's first Soapbox Derby taking place on Father's Day, we are all very excited about this great family day out and look forward to meeting you in White Hill Park. Then there is the traditional Aylesbury on Sea on Sunday 5 July, another jam packed day of free family fun and laughter.

2015 sees us host Live in the Park, a day of continuous live music, traditional fun fair rides and refreshments. This is part of the free Parklife Weekend when you can also enjoy Church in the Park, Fun in the Park along with Proms in the Park. This unique free weekend finishes with a spectacular firework display. All of the details about these events are on page 5 and our website.

Due to the elections taking place, as we go to print, we are unable to include a map of the Town Council wards and the councillors. This will be included again from September onwards and an updated version will be available from our website shortly after the elections. The map will also include contact details for all of your Town Councillors.

To stay up to date with what we do, you can subscribe to our bi-monthly e-newsletter, please email your contact details to: info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter, just look for **aylesburytc**

We hope that you have a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing you at our events. ”

Keith Gray
Town Clerk

Aylesbury Town Council is twinned with Bourg-en-Bresse.



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Summer Events

With courage, chivalry and charitable gestures (the 3C's of St George) in abundance, all those who attended our **ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION** event had a day filled with fire breathing, sword fighting, castle bouncing, arrow shooting, rose making, dragon fighting, fun and laughter, with many children completing the 3C's challenge to be just like St George.

Over 200 Scouts paraded with flags and the fantastic Amersham Marching band to St Mary's Church for their affirmation service.

Sunday 21 June, sees Aylesbury's first **SOAPBOX DERBY** taking place in White Hill Park from 11.00am until 4.00pm. Come and join in the fun, not only will there be the thrilling soapbox races with trophies and medals awarded to the fastest teams and best looking karts. We will also have a bouncy castle, sumo suits, sports and games along with crafts, face painting and music – all this fun and excitement is brought to you by Aylesbury Town Council for **FREE**.

Parking at White Hill Park is reserved for participants of the race, please could visitors use town centre car parks.

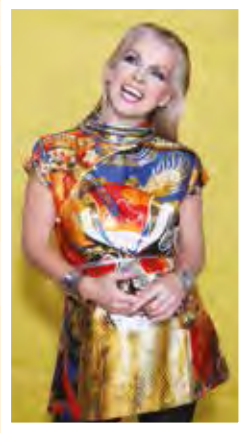
AYLESBURY ON SEA returns to Kingsbury with a retro theme on **Sunday 5 July** from 11.00am until 4.00pm with five hours of free seaside frolics.

Come and play in the sand and enjoy all the fun that this vintage seaside event has to offer, all for **FREE**. With traditional donkey rides, penny arcades, skittle alley, vintage games and land train; to a tea-cups ride, bouncy castle and a fresh pop-corn drum, there is plenty to do.

You will also be entertained with live music, stilt walkers, a one-man band and Punch & Judy shows and if all of that is not enough you can have your face painted or create something in our arts and craft tent or even get a balloon sculpture. With so much to see and do you'll be messaging your friends saying, "Wish you were here".



The summer is rounded off with **PARKLIFE**, which runs over the August bank holiday weekend and is jam packed with free music, fun, entertainment and fireworks in Vale Park. Aylesbury Town Council work in partnership with Aylesbury Church Network to provide you with four free events over two days.



LIVE IN THE PARK is on **Saturday 29 August** from 12 noon until 9.30pm when 80's pop phenomenon **TOYAH** will be headlining the free music festival. She will be on stage after eight and a half hours of continuous live music, featuring many local bands and musicians, including Platform Soul, the ultimate soul, disco and dance band.

Not only will there be continuous live music but you will also find a selection of traditional fun fair rides plus the mega slide for the family to enjoy for free. Bars and numerous catering stalls will also be available throughout the day to purchase refreshments.

CHURCH IN THE PARK **Sunday 30 August**, 10.30am until 12 noon. Aylesbury Church Network host an open air church service for the whole community, giving the message to encourage and inspire, with guest speaker Kiran Paul, a pastor from India.

FUN IN THE PARK **Sunday 30 August**, 12 noon until 4.00pm. Once again Aylesbury Church Network brings you the annual Fun in the Park. When churches from around Aylesbury congregate together in Vale Park to provide free fun and entertainment for all the people of Aylesbury, creating a fantastic free day out for everyone. Just like previous years there will be inflatables, games, arts, crafts and the very popular BBQ. Come down for the day and enjoy all that's on offer.

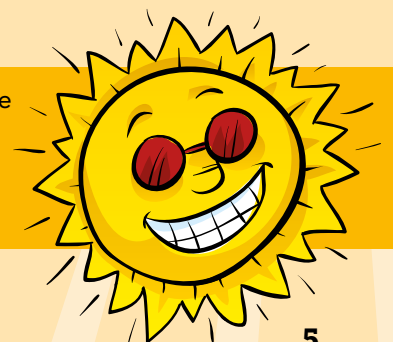
PROMS IN THE PARK **Sunday 30 August**, 6.30pm picnics/7.15pm concert/9.30pm fireworks. Aylesbury Concert Band take to the stage for a Great British tradition, entertaining you with a mix of contemporary and traditional orchestral pieces, accompanied by a talented soloist, details of which are still to be confirmed. Bring your family, friends, a picnic, a rug and plenty of union jack flags – to enjoy a spectacular musical evening in the late summer sun. The finale of the concert and the entire Parklife weekend will be a fantastic firework display.

Come and visit us at the **BUCKS COUNTY SHOW** on **Thursday 27 August**, pop in for refreshments, live music and children's entertainments. It's a great opportunity to learn about Aylesbury Town Council, its councillors, staff and all the services we offer.



For up to date information and news about all of our events please 'like' our Facebook page or visit www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council-events

If you have any comments or suggestions we would like to hear from you. Please email Ruth on: r.mayhew@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Gardening Tips and Advice

From Maureen Pateman, a keen gardener and judge during the 2014 garden competition

In planning your flower beds try not to create a 'dot' effect but, where possible, use plants in multiples of three which gives far more impact. Pale colours of blue, pink and lilac harmonise well as do the hot colours of yellow, red and orange. The use of white can give a bed a lift.

Try to mix heights and textures, traditionally shorter plants will be at the front of a border with taller ones at the back. An interesting effect can be achieved by planting a few spiky or feathery plants such as tall grasses and maidenhead or asparagus fern amongst them.

With the ever increasing price of plants in the garden centres it makes sense to grow your own as much as possible. Bedding plants create instant impact but do only last one season making them very expensive. Perennial plants can be germinated indoors in pots and will last for many years whilst cuttings of shrubs can be inserted in a spare piece of ground with a little sand at the base, usually in the autumn. Even roses can be propagated in this way.

Interesting and quirky items can give a garden character. In last year's gardens we saw a bath planted up with small plants, a shed painted to resemble a beach hut and a small bridge over a flower bed. As long as there are not too many of them, items such as a sundial, a large unusually shaped pot or an old wooden ladder supporting climbing plants will all catch the eye. A free standing trellis can be used to divide a garden up and also give some height.

Scent is very important in a garden, a good way to appreciate it is by using large pots or raised beds made of broken crazy paving or wood. Strongly scented herbs such as red sage, various thymes (which could be anything from apple to pineapple) and rosemary can be used in cooking whilst pinks, lavender and lemon balm give enormous pleasure. For reliability and colour geraniums never fail, try the more unusual angel or regal pelargoniums or those with scented leaves.



At the heart of your garden is the soil. The healthier this is and the more worms you have is the most

important factor in the quality of the plants you grow. The excellent chicken pellets (or the powdered, smelly chicken manure) can be used everywhere: flower and vegetable beds, around roses, shrubs and hedges.



Bees love all the more open, single flowers, not doubles where access is difficult, late flowering plants such as michaelmas daisies (asters) and sedums (ice plant) are useful for late in the season.

Buddleias are the classic plants for butterflies, easy to keep under control if pruned in March. Shorter varieties are also now available.

Honeysuckle provides wonderfully perfumed flowers and shelter for birds; cotoneaster shrubs produce summer flowers and berries for thrushes and blackbirds in the winter.

Don't be too tidy, there is no need to cut back plants until early spring when new growth is stirring. This will provide shelter for small creatures over winter and sights such as goldfinches and small birds feeding on the seed heads of lavender, oregano and verbena. Ivy, if not allowed to become too rampant, feeds birds and insects and provides shelter for overwintering butterflies. Do try and find a corner for a logpile.

Even the smallest pond will house frogs and newts providing fish are not introduced, but do try for a minimum depth of 18".

The more wildlife you encourage in your garden the more alive and satisfying it will be; don't forget to have a comfortable seating area to enjoy it.



AYLESBURY in BLOOM 2015



Annual Garden Competition 2015!

Get recognised for your efforts in the garden with our annual Garden Competition

Free to enter, the competition is open to all residents, schools, businesses and community groups in the Parish of Aylesbury Town.

Categories range from Best Wildlife Garden, Best Edible Garden, Best Communal Garden, Best Wildlife/Nature Garden, Best Container Garden, Best Front and Back Garden to Best Commercial Planting/Premises.

For more information and to enter please visit our website for application forms, judging criteria and terms and conditions or call us on **01296 425678**.

Judging will take place in July and August.



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Aylesbury in Bloom 2015 Photo Competition



After the success of our first "Aylesbury in Bloom" photo competition last year we are delighted that Snappy Snaps and Friars Square are once again supporting us with this year's competition.

So if you are a keen photographer and love taking close up or panoramic pictures then get snap happy. The competition is open to residents in Aylesbury who can submit up to two pictures in each of the following categories:

- Close up picture of flowers, trees, bees and butterflies
- An "In Bloom" picture of a garden, park, waterway, roundabout or green space within the Parish of Aylesbury

To enter the competition just submit your photos together with your contact details by no later than 17 July to: info@snappysnaps-aylesbury.co.uk. Entry is FREE. All pictures will be displayed in Friars Square between 27 July – 2 September 2015 and the public will once again be asked to vote for their favourite one.

The winner will receive their photo on an **A1 Canvas print worth £100 from Snappy Snaps** and the runner up will receive their picture in a frame during the awards ceremony in September. *By submitting your photos you agree that Aylesbury Town Council can use photos in its publicity, exhibitions and in merchandise for fundraising. Credit will be given to the photographers.*



Britain in Bloom 2015

Over the last nine years Aylesbury Town Council has entered the regional "Britain in Bloom" competition, achieving great results by winning Silver and Silver Gilt awards as well as regional awards such as "Best Horticultural Display" and "More for Less".

All year round the council works together in partnership with the District and County Council, Transport for Bucks, local businesses, the Town Centre Partnership along with many community groups and volunteers to achieve these results.

"Aylesbury in Bloom" is an all year round campaign which is the basis for the annual judging day by the regional Thames & Chiltern in Bloom judges.

For this year the Communities Committee has decided not to enter the regional competition due to the many building works going on in town which would lose the town valuable points. Instead we will be continuing to work with all our partners and community groups on the various projects and areas laying the basis for the "Gold" medal which we are yet to achieve.

So keep an eye out for more wildflower patches coming up throughout Aylesbury and the different projects underway with the Scouts by the Railway Station, the sensory hedge and flowers planted by students from Harding House at Anchor Lane, the flower bed maintained by the Town WI at Exchange Street car park and many more.

To follow the Aylesbury in Bloom campaign visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/AylesburyInBloom



GARDEN COMPETITION 2015

For Residents, Schools, Businesses and Organisations in the Parish of Aylesbury Town.
Entries Close 19 June, judging will take place during July & August 2015

Contact Name: _____

School/Organisation: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Postcode: _____

I am a Resident School Organisation/Business

Categories

Please tick the categories you wish to enter (multiple categories can be chosen)

For more details of the criteria for each category, please visit

www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk or contact the office on 01296 425 678



Residents

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

Schools

- Best Edible Garden
- Best Wildlife/Nature Garden
- Best Recreational/Learning Garden
- Best Garden in a Pot

Organisation/Business

- Best Commercial Planting/Premises
- Best Communal Garden

Preferred Month for your garden to be judged? July August

Please return the completed form by 19 June 2015 to Aylesbury In Bloom,
Aylesbury Town Council, Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP or email
completed forms to j.heberer@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk (scanned forms are acceptable).





**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 the Parish of Aylesbury. For more information call Judith on **01296 425678** or email: j.heberer@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk. There is no charge for community groups and charities.



Sixth Aylesbury Midnight Walk

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity (FNHC) is gearing up for Saturday 11 July's Midnight Walk – with a new 'Glo4Flo' theme, enticing ladies to light up the night sky for the local Hospice and sign up for the event now in its sixth year.

Since the event started in 2010, it has helped to raise over £300,000 to support palliative care services for both adults and children, and organisers hope to smash this year's £50k target: "The trend to do an electric or neon-themed event is really big at the moment, so we thought it would be great to introduce something different this year, which would appeal to walkers and visually look fantastic!" said Sam Heggie, FNHC PR & Marketing Manager.

Two route options are once again available to take on either the 6 or 13 mile (half marathon) challenge, with top training tips to get you limbered up well in advance of the event available to download online and included in every walker pack once registered.

You can register to take part by visiting: www.gemstonewalk.co.uk or contact the Fundraising Team on **01296 429975**.

Entry costs £17pp to include event registration, a special walker pack and pink t-shirt, refreshments and well-deserved breakfast on completion of the challenge and a souvenir medal.

Keep updated with the Midnight Walk news via the dedicated Facebook page [#gemstonemidnightwalk](https://www.facebook.com/gemstonemidnightwalk) or Twitter page [@gemstonewalk](https://twitter.com/gemstonewalk)



Could you Volunteer to Reduce Loneliness?

Five million vulnerable adults state that TV is their main form of company... with your help, we can change this.

The Volunteer Hub is running a major campaign over the next month to recruit volunteers for local groups and clubs in Buckinghamshire who provide social activities for older and vulnerable adults.

There are some wonderful services in Bucks but some are running at full capacity – with your help, more volunteers can increase services and help reduce loneliness.

Local groups and clubs need volunteers to help with lunches, fun activities, befriending, driving and more!

If you have a spare hour or two, would like to benefit others and join a friendly group, change your life and become a volunteer!

For information about volunteering opportunities in Bucks, please contact the Volunteer Hub by email: gillian@communityimpactbucks.org.uk or on **0300 1111 250** to find you a suitable role.



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.

Community News & Events

Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership Events in June, July and August

Summer is in the air, and a packed calendar of events are coming to Aylesbury town centre!

June sees Aylesbury's first **Booklovers event**, which joins the popular Tuesday Vintage & Craft Bazaar on 16 June from 9.00am until 2.00pm. This will be the perfect opportunity to pick up a new read for your summer holidays, swap recommendations of favourite books, and find a new home for your own pre-loved books.

Our popular **#AylesburyThursdays** return, with a free event in the town centre on every Thursday of Bucks County Council holidays. This year's **#AylesburyThursdays** events are:

Thursday 23 July - Madcap Thursday

Can you out-jump your opponents and be the Last One Standing? Also, why not find out who can leap up and retrieve the highest items in the Energy Zone?

Thursday 30 July - Magical Thursday

Zany magical fun from Colonel Custard as he returns with his ever popular, award-winning magic shows. Performances are at 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 2.30pm.

Thursday 6 August - Zoomungous Thursday

Weird, wonderful, fluffy, scaly, shy, curious, little and large – which will be your favourite animal at the mini zoo? Also enjoy free crafts.

Thursday 13 August - Thrill-seeker Thursday

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to leap onto our giant stunt bag from seven metres above the ground, then see if you have the stealth to weave through the security laser field in The Vault and retrieve the booty.

Thursday 20 August - Speedway Thursday

Fulfil your need for speed on our giant six-lane Scalextric! Can you beat your friends' time on the racing simulators, or try your skills at the pit stop challenge? Free pottery painting also available.

Thursday 27 August - Bouncetastic Thursday

Enjoy some free bouncy fun and burn off that holiday energy on a wide range of bouncy activities, from gladiator dual to the bungee run and many more!



Shaping Brighter Futures

Adviza is a charity inspiring people to make better decisions that help them progress in learning and work. Our passion and our purpose is to deliver high quality support to young people and adults making important decisions in their lives.

In addition to the funded work that we deliver in schools and on behalf of the local authority as Connexions Buckinghamshire, we provide a selection of services that can be bought on an individual basis.

As a charity we depend on this income but we also offer a bursary for those individuals who cannot access our funded work and cannot afford to pay (eligibility criteria applies).

Are you:

- a young person – not sure of which career to choose?
- a parent wanting to support your child to make an informed choice about their future?
- a graduate, looking for employment or a career path?
- an adult facing redundancy or looking to change careers?

Adviza is holding an event to showcase our services at **More+ Broughton Community Café**



Thursday 25 June 2015

4.30pm – 7.00pm

36 Parton Road, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP20 1NG

More+ is also a not for profit charity and serve delicious home made cakes and beverages at the café.

Why not come along to More+ on Thursday 25 June and talk to an Adviza Careers Adviser about your requirements? Discount is available for specific services at this event.

Visit our website www.adviza.org.uk or ring us for a chat. Call Megan on **07827 947315** or Sue on **07891 052319**.

Relay for Life Aylesbury Launches for 2015!

The 24-hour Relay, where teams have to keep one team member on the walking track throughout the event, day and night, will be held at **Aylesbury Rugby Club on 4 July**.

The 2015 fundraising target is £95,000 and already 23 teams have signed up for the Aylesbury Relay, with 134 team members and 11 cancer survivors.

Chair of Relay for Life Aylesbury Paul Kirby says *"Last year we had 32 teams, more than 500 relayers and 52 survivors taking part, so to already have 23 teams signed up is simply incredible. As soon as one Relay is over we have teams asking for the date of the next one so they can start planning and fundraising. We are immensely proud of every one who takes part to help beat cancer sooner."*

Relay for Life is the largest non-profit fundraising event in the world, taking place in more than 20 countries. Money raised from UK events help to support Cancer Research UK whose ambition is that three in four people will survive their cancer in the next 20 years.

The Relay for Life is a fun day out with relayers donning fancy dress for many of the themed laps. There are stalls, music, food, a children's entertainer and activities for kids and, as night falls, a moving Candle of Hope ceremony to remember those who have lost their lives to cancer, and to honour those who are surviving. Walkers then continue to lap the track throughout the night – many wearing onesies or pyjamas – and lit up in the 'glow in the dark' lap!

To register for Relay for Life Aylesbury please see www.relayforlifeaylesbury.org, call 07910 100963 or email: relaypaulak@hotmail.com



How to Make a Living from Music

Friars Promoter and Honorary Freeman of Aylesbury David Stopps has spent the last three years writing the second edition of his book 'How to Make a Living from Music' which has now been published by the World Intellectual Property Organisation, based in Geneva, which is an agency of the United Nations.

The book is aimed at anyone who is interested in making a living from music and covers subjects such as the importance of copyright, recording, music publishing, touring, placing music in films, TV productions, video games and advertising, building a fanbase, artist management, sponsorship and branding, digital marketing and using social media.

The book is relevant to anyone living in the Western world but is also aimed at providing information for those living in developing countries. **It is available as a free PDF download from the WIPO website** (or can be purchased in dead tree form from WIPO in Geneva).



The World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) have engaged the author to present workshops around the world. David Stopps will be presenting workshops in Ecuador, Malaysia and Greece in the coming months.

In the recent past he has presented 'How to Make a Living from Music' workshops in Jamaica, Barbados, Bulgaria, Canada, Belgium, New Zealand, South Africa, The Netherlands, Kenya, Brazil, Thailand, Antigua, Mozambique, Tunisia, Namibia, The Philippines, Cote D'Ivoire and Indonesia.

Says David Stopps:

"Most of the second edition of the book was written in the Aylesbury Study Centre in the Buckinghamshire County Council's building in Walton Street. The rest was written in the Sala Borsa in Bologna and the State Library of Western Australia in Perth Australia."

Community News & Events



Free Family Fun Day Sunday 30th August 2015

For a decade now, the Aylesbury Church Network has been providing the 'family fun' part of the Parklife weekend in Vale Park, at the end of the summer holiday. Thousands come each year for barbecue food and family entertainment that is completely free, paid for by the generosity of the churches of Aylesbury.

Until last year the afternoon of activities took place on the Saturday of the weekend, but in 2014 we ran it on the Sunday afternoon, after the open air service of worship in the morning.

We are doing the same thing again this year on Sunday 30 August. The service will take place at 10.30am with a large choir on the stage helping to lead the singing. Our speaker will be Kiran Paul, a pastor from India who oversees sixty churches and who spends much of his time caring for widows and orphans. A group of us from Aylesbury visited his orphanage in Machilipatnam, Andhra Pradesh, where he cares for 180 children.

From 12 noon the barbecue stalls will be serving burgers and hotdogs and the entertainments will begin. As before, we will have inflatables, face-painting, fun games and competitions and all sorts of attractions – all totally free of charge! Do come along. There will be something for all generations to enjoy. As churches in Aylesbury we are delighted to partner with the Town Council and to be part of helping to make Aylesbury a happier place for everyone.

Rev Martin Kuhrt
Chairman of Aylesbury Church Network

Aylesbury Canal Society and Two Hundred Years of The Aylesbury Arm

The Aylesbury Canal Society is hosting a double celebration on 19 September of their move to a new home at Circus Field Basin and the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Aylesbury Arm.

The Society started life in 1970 as the Aylesbury Cruising Club with the aim of safeguarding the Town Basin and to encourage the use and improvement of the Aylesbury Arm.

The Society remained at the end of the Arm for over 40 years, with its clubhouse in an adapted prefabricated building originating in the 1940s and no permanent boatyard facilities.

The creation of the large Waterside development on the Society's old site has prompted the move to a new home at Circus Field Basin.



Photo courtesy of Chris Walton

The Aylesbury Arm was completed in 1815 linking Aylesbury with the Grand Union Canal near Marsworth. Originally planned to carry on to the Thames at Abingdon opposition from landowners was so strong the route west of Aylesbury failed but the existing Arm survived as a commercial route through to the 1950s when it went into decline.

Town Basin was rescued by Ran Meinertzhagen, founder of the Aylesbury Boat Company, when he acquired the lease from British Waterways and the IWA National Rally was held there in 1961.

The Aylesbury Boat Company was closed in 1969 but the efforts of Ran Meinertzhagen and the Aylesbury Canal Society have ensured the continued existence of one of the loveliest sections of the Inland Waterways.

Town Hall Facilities

The Town Council hires out the Council Chamber for meetings and other similar events, full details can be found here: www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/the-chamber. In addition there are several small commercial offices on the second floor of the Town Hall which are rented out, ideal accommodation for small companies. Presently there is an office available (18.2 sq m) which is available for tenancy. Anyone potentially interested in leasing this part-furnished office is asked to contact the Town Council on **01296 425678**.



Volunteer Trustees Required

Buckinghamshire Mind has been providing mental health services to the people of Buckinghamshire for over 100 years.

We provide Counselling, Activity Groups, Befriending, Employment Support, Older People's Services, Mental Health Training and Community Support.

Do you have the skills, knowledge and experience to help lead Buckinghamshire's foremost mental health charity? If you believe that you could help take the charity forward please email: lorraine.evans@bucksmind.org.uk who will arrange for an information pack to be sent to you.

We particularly welcome applications from people who have lived experience of mental health problems.

Tel: 01296 437328 www.bucksmind.org.uk

Aylesbury Poppy Appeal



The Chairman, Committee and Aylesbury Branch members of the Royal British Legion would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the people of Aylesbury and surrounding villages for their generosity during the Poppy Appeal.

At the time of writing the total raised since the launch of the 2014/15 appeal at the end of October 2014 is **£60,441.10**. Collections will be continuing until the end of September 2015 at various venues throughout the Buckinghamshire area and we are hopeful that the final figure will have increased.

All the funds raised go to help and support serving personnel, veterans and their families in many different ways. We are always ready to welcome new members to our branch with or without a service record and also people to assist with the collections during the two weeks prior to Remembrance Sunday.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month (except January and August) at The Railway Club, California, Aylesbury, HP21 8HH at 7.30pm. For further information please call Barbara Grant on 01296 426765.



Celebrating Volunteer Week at the Chilterns MS Centre

Volunteers' Week is an annual celebration of the contribution millions of volunteers make across the UK. At the Chilterns MS Centre in Wendover we will be celebrating from 1st to 7th June to thank over 100 volunteers that save us £100,000 each year!



The Centre is an independent charity that treats more than 400 people with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in the local community by providing services such as physiotherapy, hydrotherapy and acupuncture. We rely

on volunteers in many areas from fundraising and our café to reception and the operation of our hyperbaric oxygen chamber.

The Centre was founded 30 years ago to deliver hyperbaric oxygen treatment (HBOT) as benefits to MS sufferers are an improvement in fatigue levels, balance and mobility and a reduction in numbness and tremors.

One hundred percent oxygen is breathed through a mask in the pressurised atmosphere of the hyperbaric chamber, which helps to increase the availability of oxygen to the tissues via the blood stream. HBOT is also an accepted treatment for other medical conditions.

Although MS patients are our priority our facility is also used by people suffering from conditions such as allergies, broken bones and for cancer recovery.

We have a fantastic pool of volunteers to deliver this treatment; we simply couldn't provide the 230 or so sessions that we deliver every month without them. This service is entirely volunteer operated and we are celebrating their contribution and that of all our volunteers in June.

Contact us: info@chilternsmcentre.org or on 01296 696133. Facebook **Chilterns MSCentre** Twitter **@chilternsMS** www.chilternsmcentre.org

Audio Version of **Aylesbury Town Matters** now available **NEW**

We have teamed up with Aylesbury Talking Newspaper Association, a group of dedicated volunteers who currently read, record and distribute the content of The Bucks Herald to anyone in the Vale who requires an audio version. **As of 2015 our quarterly Parish magazine is also available in audio format.**

ATNA will be recording the magazine and distributing it on a USB stick on the same day as distribution starts of the hard copy. The audio version will be sent to the ATNA's current subscribers who live within the Parish of Aylesbury. If you wish to receive the magazine in audio format then please contact Christine at ATNA direct on **01296 428861** or email: **aylesburytn@yahoo.co.uk** who will make the necessary arrangements for you.

Aylesbury Town Matters is also available as a pdf download from our website or you can subscribe to our e-newsletter. Please email: **j.heberer@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk**

Aylesbury Farmers' Market

On the last Tuesday of every month, browse the stalls of locally produced food at our popular Farmers' Market from 9.00am to 2.00pm.

Regular stalls include home-made pies, cakes and brownies, honey, home-cooked ready meals, fruits and vegetables, olives, jams and chutneys. The Farmers' Market shares the Market Square with the Vintage & Craft Bazaar, so why not browse the stalls and make a day of it?

Farmers' Market dates:

30 June - Love Aylesbury Market Photo Exhibition - see the winning entries, runners up and many views and interpretations of Aylesbury's historic market!

28 July - Birthday Party - enjoy some free birthday cake and free street entertainment

25 August - A Magical End To The Summer with street magic to entertain you

29 September - Love British Food as part of British Food Fortnight

27 October - Go Batty with free craft activities for kids and face painting from just £2.50



Business Sponsorship Scheme Launched

Youth Concern in Aylesbury is looking for 35 businesses to join the charity's new sponsorship scheme, promoted by the Bucks Herald.

"We're asking businesses to pledge at least £10 a month, because a small amount of money goes a long way" says Fran, CEO of Youth Concern.

"Over the past year, we have provided practical and emotional support to 460 vulnerable young people, most of which face multiple disadvantages such as homelessness, abuse, neglect, poverty, bereavement, mental health and substance misuse".

Youth Concern provided:

- 94 young people facing homelessness with emergency accommodation
- 300 hours of counselling to young people in emotional distress
- 50 young people with substance misuse prevention support sessions
- 400 Music Studio sessions, developing skills and raising aspirations
- 50 young people with employment support, 27 of whom moved into work or education

A young person's story:

"I feel the support I received from Youth Concern was excellent – it helped me focus on a future and changed my life for the better".

Andrew had recently become homeless, had been in prison and had mental health issues. Tragically, he suffered the bereavement of his 18 month old daughter and turned to drugs as an escape.

With the help of free, intensive support from Youth Concern, Andrew is re-building his life. He now has secure accommodation, is in full-time work and has stopped using drugs.

If you are interested in joining our Corporate Friends Scheme, please email Fran at: **fran@youthconcern.org.uk** for more information or ring her on **07730 666608**.

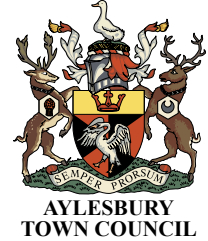


Council Services

Who do I talk to about? ...

AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Office of the Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- Management of the seven allotment sites
- Tring Road Cemetery
- Devolved Services – grass cutting, tree works etc.
- 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 along with other free events
- Award of grants to local groups and charities
- 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

AVDC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- 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

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

Roald Dahl Festival 2015

Saturday 4 July, 11.00am to 3.00pm
Aylesbury town centre

This scrumdiddlyumptious family favourite always brings thousands of children, families and visitors to Aylesbury town centre. The festival celebrates world-renowned author Roald Dahl, and includes an eye-popping parade by local children of characters from Dahl's best-known books. This year's theme is *The Twits*, the twisted tale of the world's most disgusting couple, whose love of awful practical jokes ends up turning their lives upside down – literally!



Roald Dahl wrote his most famous books while living in Buckinghamshire, and this is the 13th year that Aylesbury Vale District Council and its pizz-zizzing partners, including Aylesbury Town Council, have come together with local children, schools and community groups from across the Vale to celebrate our most famous and beloved author.

As well as the spectacular parade, with larger than life puppets and costumed characters, there's also hands-on quirky craft activities, storytelling, live music, and inflatable fun for all the family to enjoy, whatever the weather. The parade starts at 11.00am and the fun continues all day to 3.00pm.



More info at: www.aylesburyvale.gov.uk/dahl or call 01296 585301 #RoaldDahlFest

What's On at Bucks County Museum



The Power of Two
Saturday 20 June
2.00pm – 3.00pm

A special musical concert to accompany the exhibition *Lutes, Lyres and Ukuleles* that showcases historical musical instruments created by musician and instrument maker, Zachary Taylor. Enjoy a musical pot pourri from the duo Farandol featuring Zachary Taylor and Alan Hamilton. Tickets £7.50. *Lutes, Lyres and Ukuleles* exhibition runs until 22 August.

Lorraine Izon Ceramic Artist
Muir Trust Artist in Residence
27 July – 21 August

Discover Lorraine Izon's unique ceramic sculptures where stylised bird forms come alive through intricate patterns and textures. The residency complements the new *Nature Detectives* exhibition at the County Museum. Visit Lorraine in her studio at the museum on the following Wednesdays: 29 July, 5, 12, 19 August, 1.00pm - 5.00pm and see her at work and make a tile for our community project. Free. No need to book.



Wildlife Sculpture Workshop
Saturday 8 August, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Join Lorraine Izon and learn a variety of hand building and decorating techniques to create your own wildlife sculpture in clay. Suitable for adults and young people. £25 per person including materials and firing costs. Call 01296 331441 to book.

Nature Detectives Exhibition
25 July – 31 October

Discover the secrets of Buckinghamshire's wildlife through the eyes of local experts who conserve it. Find out about Bucks mammals, birds, reptiles, insects and plants and the habitats they live. A fascinating exhibition suitable for nature detectives of all ages. Free entry.

For more information and to book tickets call 01296 331441. www.buckscountymuseum.org Twitter @bucksmuseum Facebook bucksmuseum

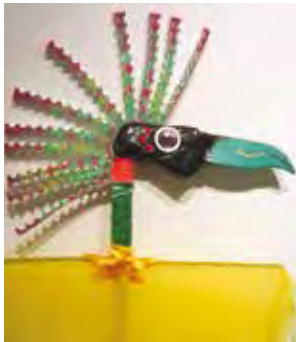
Bucks County Museum and Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP



Get Creative this Summer

Queens Park Arts Centre has announced details of their brilliant programme of summer holiday workshops, taking place throughout July and August.

There's plenty for kids to get stuck into – with twelve great one-day workshops on offer from artist Pippa North and experienced potter Elizabeth Browning – so there's no excuse not to get creative this summer!



Pottery workshops include classes inspired by Aylesbury Ducks, teddy-bear picnics, decorative masks, mushroom houses, exotic fish ornaments and even a chance to design and make your very own monster!

Pippa's sessions include 'Flower Fairy Summer Bower', 'Cats go Castaway', 'Bear in a Book' (inspired by Queens Park's WanderHouse project), 'Squirrel and the Treehouse', 'Hedgehogs Adventure' and a return of the ever-popular 'Big Birds'!

Each workshop costs £20 (£18 for members). If siblings wish to attend workshops together there's a £2 discount for the second child, and if you want to get really creative you can book five workshops and get the sixth one free!

There's plenty on offer for adults too, with an array of one and two-day workshops planned.

There's a chance to try out blacksmithing, raku firing for pottery, willow sculpture, applique and leatherwork, plus you can learn how to create your own blog, fashion a fabulous fascinator or even create a beautiful felted playscape. Prices for the adult courses vary.

For more information or to book a place, simply visit www.qpc.org or call the Centre on 01296 424332.

Bucks Open Studios to Celebrate 30th Year

Bucks Open Studios, the largest visual arts event in Buckinghamshire and one of the biggest in the country, has announced that 2015 will be its 30th year of free events across the county.



Jan Ruddock

Taking place from 6 - 21 June 2015, Bucks Open Studios will showcase an array of over 500 local artists and makers who will open up their studios to the public for a dazzling line-up of free demonstrations, hands-on workshops and exhibitions.

Talent on show includes painters, ceramicists, glass workers, basket weavers, metal workers, wood turners, jewellery makers, book makers, photographers, print makers and silk makers and organisers are hoping to top the 25,000 visits made by the public during the 2014 event.

To find out more about Bucks Open Studios 2015 and to find participating artists and venues please visit the website:

www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk

Bucks Open Studios at Bucks County Museum

Bucks Open Studio Fanfare Exhibition 23 May – 4 July

A glorious mix of paintings, ceramics, sculpture, jewellery and more showcasing the work of over 130 artists and makers taking part in this year's Bucks Open Studios.

A visit to this exhibition at the County Museum is a great way to explore the creative diversity of the county and identify artists that you can then visit in their studios during Bucks Open Studios (6 – 21 June). Work is for sale.

FREE ENTRY.

For more information visit:

www.buckscountymuseum.org or call 01296 331441. Twitter @bucksmuseum
Facebook [bucksmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/bucksmuseum)

Bucks County Museum and Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP



The Mayor's Year

As we put the excitement of the elections behind us, we look back at the year of office for Mayor Cllr Tuffail Hussain.

Cllr Hussain has been very proud and honoured to represent the people of Aylesbury and the Town Council as Town Mayor during 2014/15, throughout the region and abroad. He has attended over 200 events, which have all been very interesting and have varied enormously.

These events have ranged from attendance at several Civic Services as a guest of our neighbouring Parish and Town Councils, to having the opportunity to visit his home town, Sensa in Pakistan earlier this year to share with them his experience of growing up in Aylesbury to becoming a Councillor and Town Mayor.

He has had the opportunity of attending many events organised by a number of faith groups. The Mayor, along with Deputy Mayor Allison Harrison, were delighted to see so many new businesses set up in Aylesbury, and both had the honour of opening just a few within the town, such as Portugalia, Spicy Bites, the Entertainer and Bella Café.

The Mayor has attended many fundraising days, such as a fun day arranged by Mrs Barker and friends on behalf of the Child Bereavement Trust and had the privilege of meeting young Shay Kenny, whose parents work tirelessly to fundraise for their disabled son. He has also participated and supported many local fundraising activities for local charitable organisations and voluntary clubs that support our community.

Cllr Hussain has been delighted to visit and join for a cup of tea many care and residential homes, whose

residents, family and staff made him feel very welcome at their events and open days.

As well as leading the Town Council Civic Events and Receptions with invited Civic Dignitaries from Buckinghamshire and the surrounding areas, promoting the town, our Council and our heritage and traditions, he was also very privileged to represent the people of Aylesbury at the RAF Halton Freedom of Aylesbury Parade held in Market Square during early June. It is a very prestigious and important part of our history and relationship with RAF Halton.

We were delighted that our Twinning partners from Bourg-en-Bresse were able to visit us over three days during August. We were pleased to host a formal dinner in their honour. We found their visit informative and it gave us the opportunity to strengthen the relationships between our towns.

The Mayor has welcomed to the Mayor's Parlour many visitors from home and abroad, including students from Austria and France here on exchange visits with schools within our town.

This year he has been delighted to support CHAT as his chosen charity and delighted that thanks to the generosity of residents, from donations given at events, (Aylesbury on Sea and Proms in the Park), businesses and many more, the charity will receive over £5,000.

The Mayor would like to take this opportunity to thank all the individuals and organisations that have invited him to attend their events over the year, from those he could accept to those he had to give apologies, for a successful future.

Sue Carpenter, Mayor's Assistant

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.**

Enrych Buckinghamshire

Enrych Bucks is a local charity based in Aylesbury and is working to improve the quality of life for adults with physical and sensory disabilities. We and our members are very grateful for the continuing support and interest shown by Aylesbury Town Council.



We are always happy to hear from any adult with a physical or sensory disability; we'll work to partner you with a volunteer who shares your leisure or learning interest, or support you to take part in a group activity of your choosing. We make no charge for our services. If you are able to volunteer, we can promise you a rewarding friendship with somebody who shares your interests. We are also building a local community with our regular lunch time and evening social events for our members and volunteers. **Enrych received a grant of £2,000 from Aylesbury Town Council.**

If you'd like to join us, or find out more, visit our website: www.buckinghamshire.enrych.org.uk Facebook **Enrych Bucks** or contact Jenny on email: jenny.dorney-savage@enrych.org.uk or 07511 142268.

Business Against Crime



Aylesbury Business Against Crime, (ABAC), is a non-profit organisation. The scheme was set up to help reduce and prevent losses to both retail and business; to reduce the opportunity for offenders to commit crime, to reduce anti-social behaviour and to provide a safe and secure environment for those who live, work and shop in the Aylesbury area.

All members pay a membership subscription, which enables them to be part of the radio link. Members also have access to photograph albums and have signed the Data Protection Act as part of an information sharing agreement.

Members of the local business community volunteer to form a Board of Management which oversee all aspects of the crime scheme. The grant award will be utilised for facewatch software to improve the communication between members. By managing crime reduction and anti-social behaviour this helps Aylesbury to be a safer and more enjoyable area. **A grant of £450 has been awarded.**

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

Turnfurlong Infant School

The annual initiative for 2014-15 is the Celts. During the autumn term a Celtic roundhouse was built in the school grounds. The building was undertaken by 'Harts of Oak', a company that specialises in authentic construction using traditional materials and methods.

The children were involved throughout and particularly enjoyed 'chinking'. This is the process of forcing clumps of hay into gaps in the woven hazel walls.

Chinking



Wattle and daub

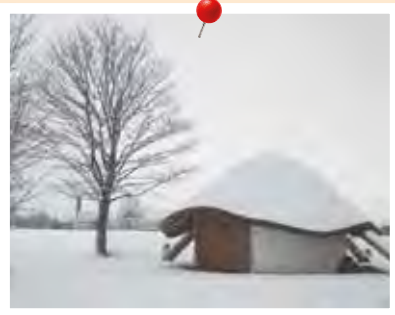
The annual initiative enables us to provide an exciting cross curricular approach to learning. Some of the aspects we have covered include finding out about life in Celtic times. We have thought about what a day in Celtic times would have been like. We have looked at festivals and celebrations and how they link to life today. Boudicca has featured as part of the 'famous people' element of the history curriculum. A particular success has been using the roundhouse as a base for outdoor learning and science.

Science and Nature Club

In the autumn term, we used the roundhouse as a base for our club activities. We collected leaves, twigs, cone and seed heads to create 3D sculptures.



In the following weeks the children made bug houses and hedgehog homes. The children discovered that triangular structures are the strongest for building construction. Triangular shaped homes would provide hedgehogs with a secure hiding place for the winter.



Finished roundhouse in the snow



Bearbrook and Elmhurst Schools

In March, forty children from Elmhurst and Bearbrook Schools sang as part of a 6500-strong choir at the 'Voice in a Million' concert at Wembley Arena. The show provides an opportunity for children from across the country to sing at Wembley Arena whilst highlighting the plight of children in care around the world and the issues and problems facing prospective adopters and raising money for children in poverty.

The choir sang fifteen numbers, including Best Day of My Life, Wings and Let It Go. These numbers were interspersed with songs from auditioned schools and the Voice in a Million Academy. The event's theme song 'I Want A Mum' provided a tearful moment for the adults in the arena as we were reminded of the purpose of the event.

To add to the excitement of the evening, the show was hosted by CBeebies presenters David and Carrie Grant and the concert featured a performance by Britain's Got Talent finalists Bars and Melody and singer Alesha Dixon. The biggest surprise was that Alesha Dixon recorded the new song 'Children United' with the children present in the arena and the single featuring the children is available to download from iTunes. To listen to the song, take a look at: <http://smarturl.it/ChildrenUnited>.

The children sang and danced their hearts out and were a credit to their schools and families. Despite the late night, the children and the adults who attended had a fantastic time and will take away the once-in-a-lifetime memory of singing at Wembley Arena.

St Joseph's Catholic Infant School

At St Joseph's Catholic Infant School, we are always looking to promote safer, healthier and more environmentally friendly journeys to and from our school.

St Joseph's is running a 'Walk Once A Week' scheme (or WoW for short!), with the help of the national charity Living Streets, Bucks County Council and our Eco-school council children.

Children record how they travel to school each day on classroom wall charts. At the end of each month, children who walked at least once every week will receive a badge.



The WoW scheme was launched at a special assembly on Tuesday 20 January where the children had the opportunity to meet Living Streets' mascot Strider.

Mrs Taylor, Headteacher, said, "We hope that as many people as possible will join in with this fun project so that families can enjoy all the benefits of walking to school!"

On 23 January 2015 we had a Fluorescent Friday Mufti Day to promote safer travel to school and children wore their own brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing to school. Our aim was to make children easier to be seen when they walk, especially at that time of year when the mornings and evenings are darker.

By wearing or carrying a fluorescent, reflective item on their journey to and from school, children can be more easily seen by drivers and this will keep them safer. Be Bright, Be Seen!

Mrs Susan McCabe and Mrs Lorna Robson
Office Manager/Travel Plan Co-ordinator



Spring Arrives at Booker Park School

Students and staff at Booker Park Special School, in Aylesbury, welcomed some exciting new additions to their school last month when five chicks hatched in class.

The children were thrilled to see the new chicks emerge from their eggs, which were kept in an incubator in Jackdaw class.

Class teacher Val Hanson brought the eggs into school to give the children first-hand experience of such an exciting event.

Val said, "It's been a hugely positive experience for the children in our class, and many others within the school who have all dropped in to see how the chicks are doing."

"Lessons have been focussed around the chicks, with students learning about a chicken's life cycle and researching which foods they do and don't enjoy. It has also given our students an insight into caring for others, allowing them a sense of responsibility for a living creature."





Aylesbury Sailing Club

Based at Weston Turville reservoir, Aylesbury Sailing Club is a local dinghy sailing club. Founded in 1955 the club promotes and encourages all aspects of sailing. We hold races every Sunday and Wednesday evenings during the summer months. These races, although competitive, are great fun for both seniors and juniors alike.

If you would like further information about the fun we have at Aylesbury Sailing Club why not visit our website: www.aylesburysailingclub.org.uk or drop in to the club any Sunday.

Aylesbury Vale Academy Year 11 Boys Football Team reach County Cup Final



It is well known that Year 11 is a busy year for students. Coursework deadlines, examination revision and then the added stress of actually sitting your exams. To make things even more challenging for themselves, in the background, in addition to all their academic studies, the Year 11 boys football team have been progressing quietly (although rather spectacularly) through their group stage of the District Football League.

Coached by Mr Bacon this team swept through their group round without a loss and only conceded 3 goals in 4 games (a rather stingy defence). This meant that we finished top of our group ahead of Cottesloe school, Royal Latin, Mandeville and Akeley Wood.

This set up a semi-final at home against the Aylesbury Grammar School which turned out to be a classic game and will be remembered by those watching it for years to come. After taking an early 2-0 lead we squandered this and only just got through to extra time with a last minute equalizer to make the scores 5-5.

In the first half of extra-time and an inspiring team talk from Mr Bacon we scored 3 quick goals to make it 8-5. The final score was 9-6 to Aylesbury Vale Academy (AVA). The final was beckoning.

The final took place at Waddesdon school against the Waddesdon school. AVA started well with 2



early attempts on goal but then Waddesdon clawed their way back into the game and started to become dominant forcing AVA to not play their typical game style.

An unfamiliar surface and a well organised opponent caused trouble for AVA and even one of Mr Bacon's stirring half-time talks could not save the day on this occasion and we lost the final 4-1.

Although devastated by this loss we would like to congratulate the boys in the team for their sustained hard work and effort they have put in over the past five years of their journey through the academy. There have been highlights and lowlights but, this will be a team to be remembered for many a year to come.

Mr Poland & Mr Bacon, PE Department



ATC invites your comments and correspondence

If you have thoughts about the town we'd like you to express them through this magazine. What do you think of the events that take place in the town centre? How do you feel about the town in general? Do you have fresh ideas? What bothers you? We'd like to know. You can send an email marked 'ATM Letters' to: info@aylesburytowncouncil.co.uk or write to us at: Aylesbury Town Matters Correspondence, Aylesbury Town Council, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP20 2QP

Activities for Young People



Aylesbury Sea Cadets Recruiting Now

On Wednesday 15 April, Aylesbury Sea Cadet Unit had its annual inspection by the Royal Navy – and passed with flying colours. The unit was awarded a Burgee putting it in the top 10% of units in the country and the first awarded to the unit for 48 years. **So why not come and join in the fun with like minded people and make new friends?**

Sea Cadets is a nationwide, professionally run organisation that provides a wide variety of activities with a nautical theme. We have been in the town since 1942 and meet twice a week on Monday and Wednesday evenings at our purpose converted premises in Bessemer Crescent.

Activities range from seamanship, radio communication, marching and shooting to cookery and sports. During the summer months we are active on the water with rowing and canoeing and power boating. There are opportunities for weekend courses at other local centres and adventure weekends as well.

Some bigger courses are run at national centres and these are all heavily subsidised by the organisation. We take part in lively local competitions and there is great friendly rivalry amongst both district and national units culminating in the annual award to the best unit in the country.

Once you have passed the initial training course you will be issued with a smart naval uniform free of charge and there are then opportunities to go to sea and master real navigation and seamanship in either our offshore power craft or why not learn the ropes on the brand new Sea Cadet sail training vessel TS Royalist?

If you are aged 10 to 16 and like the challenge of mastering new skills and meeting new friends, come and see what it is all about. Contact our Commanding Officer, Lt John Pike on **07768 652 630** or email: ltjrpikernr@gmail.com to book a place on our next recruiting evening and find out more.

Mobile Go-Kart fun for Aylesbury Youth!

Young people said that mobile go-karts would be a great idea to share with local youth groups and at community events. In February the Aylesbury Youth Forum partnered with Wendover Forum and purchased four brand new, shiny go-karts!

The go-karts are ridiculously fun to drive and work on grass and hard surfaces. They are battery powered and have 3 speeds that can be controlled allowing speeds of 6mph, 12mph and 21mph. They are designed for young people, but we have had a few people over 6ft get in and have a spin!



The one-off support was conditional on the Youth Forum raising some funds through hire so that they can be maintained. They have already

been booked for a number of community events in Aylesbury this summer. The Youth Forum have named the go-kart project "Wheel Spin" and created a webpage with booking details, photos and video: www.youthforum.co.uk/wheelspin

The Youth Forum exists to give a voice to young people and enable them to identify the needs in the community and address them. The Aylesbury Youth Forum are currently working on a research project which is asking young people and community members what the needs of young people are. You can take part and have your say by doing our online questionnaire: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/aylesbury-youth-needs-2015>

If you are aged between 13-19, you can join the Aylesbury Youth forum through linking with the Facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/AylesburyYouthForum> or get in touch on our website www.youthforum.co.uk/aylesbury

The Youth Forum would like to say a massive thank you to Bucks County Council and the Greater Aylesbury Local Area Forum (GALAF) for their support and funding. The Youth Forum is facilitated by Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ with the support of BCC and the GALAF.

Dave Rollins, Director
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