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Welcome Note

“ Welcome to the latest issue of **Aylesbury Town Matters**. Following the elections in May we have welcomed a number of new Councillors to the Town Council, in all four of our political party groups. All of our new faces have already made a very positive and confident contribution to the workings of the Council, and I'm sure will help us achieve our aims for the town over the next four years. Details and how to contact them are on page 16.

We also introduce our new Mayor, Cllr Allison Harrison, on page 20. You can read about some of the things Allison has already done in a packed and energetic start to her year of office with a programme of engagements covering many facets of our wonderful town and the people who make it so special.

It was a huge pleasure to see so many people at our summer events, particularly the record high numbers at 'Aylesbury on Sea' in July, and the many hundreds who turned out to see the high-octane thrills (and spills!) in our first ever 'Soapbox Derby' in June. A great time was had by all, as our photo galleries on pages 4 - 5 clearly show!

Our events programme continues throughout the year of course, and you'll want to keep space in your diaries for our Tudor Fayre, Halloween event and Walking Play. We also give you a sneak preview of what the Town Council will be doing to add extra sparkle to Aylesbury life in the run-up to Christmas.

Summer is a time of growth and colour, and that has certainly been the case for many of you brightening our lives with some amazing and imaginative gardening and other work that makes the town more beautiful. On pages 6 - 7 we update you on the schools putting such huge efforts into this and rightly earning such praise from the judges in our garden competition.

The Town Council have done our bit, not only with our own flower displays as always, but also taking over local grass verge cutting from the County Council this year. We're absolutely delighted to have received so much praise from the public for our small but hugely dedicated outdoor team who take real pride in the quality and efficiency of their work.

Very best wishes to you all. And don't forget, public feedback is really important to us – so do phone, write in or email us with any comments on what we do, or ideas you might have for improving the town for all who live, work and visit here. ”

Councillor Mike Smith
Leader of Aylesbury Town Council

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ATC News



Soapbox Derby

A massive congratulations to all of the teams who took part, along with the crowds of spectators and supporters, who all made Aylesbury's first Soapbox Derby a great success and fantastic day out for everyone. The time, effort, skill and commitment which was put into the twenty-one spectacular karts was clear to see.

The capacity line-up, included entries from children as young as five to a team of Men in a Shed. Visitors on the day voted for their favourite kart, their clear winner was the **Bees Knees** kart designed, built and raced by Jim Webster. Special commendation has to go to 15 year old Tom Wylam from Haddenham, whose **Wiggle Auto Racing** kart, built with his dad and sister Amelia, 12, won the fastest combined time for an amateur kart, just 3.8 seconds behind the winning corporate kart from **Lentus Composites**.



If you are interested in taking part next year, please email: info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk to receive the registration details when they are confirmed in early 2016.

Aylesbury on Sea

This annual event, held on the first Sunday of July in Kingsbury, had many local residents flocking to our very own "seaside town". With sand, donkey rides, land train, Punch & Judy, a host of entertainers and lots of fun and games, the only thing that was missing was the actual sea – but what we did have was a sea of laughing faces enjoying the free day of traditional family fun. For more pictures please visit: www.facebook.com/aylesburytc



As this magazine is going to press, we are looking forward to lots of live music and family entertainment at **Parklife Weekend** which will include performances from Platform Soul, TOYAH and many others at Live in the Park on Saturday 29th August. The next day sees the impressive forty-five piece, Aylesbury Concert Band performing traditional Proms and original compositions in front of a field of Union Jacks and picnics, before a magnificent firework display wraps-up the weekend. Pictures will be on our Facebook page and in the next issue of the magazine.

This brings us into the Autumn and Winter season of events with a **Tudor Fayre**, **Halloween Fun**, **Walking Play**, **Festive Family Fun** and **Carolfest**.

Tudor Fayre

At the **Tudor Fayre** on Sunday 13th September in Bucks County Museum come and meet a menagerie of historians including a Naval commander, silk woman, spice merchant, alchemist, jester, swords men and maybe have a selfie with King Henry VIII. Have a go at candle making, finger embroidery and traditional archery, as well as helping to make a traditional wattle and daub wall.

If that's not enough there will also be arts and crafts, birds of prey, traditional Tudor music, dancing and stories to be heard. Taking place during **Heritage Open Days**, this promises to be a day out not to be missed.



Halloween

If you would rather **Halloween** be more about smiles than slime and delights rather than frights, then come and join us from 3.00pm until 6.30pm in Market Square on Thursday 29th October. This year sees the popular return of Aylesbury's very own Panto-ween, filled with all the traditions of pantomime with lashings of Halloween fun.

In addition to lots of games, magic, crafts and activities, there will be a competition and prizes for the best Halloween Fancy Dress and Best Carved Pumpkin, with judging at 5.00pm by the clock tower. If pumpkin carving isn't your thing come and learn some tricks and skills from our expert pumpkin carver.

In the annual **Walking Play**, around the old town of Aylesbury, a mystery will unravel as you follow characters who are trying to uncover dark secrets and hidden truths about Aylesbury's dark, secret past. Will you discover the conspiracy our town is trying to protect? Expect the unexpected.

Tickets are limited and cost just £4.50 available from the Visitor Information Centre and Bucks County Museum, going on sale at the end of September. Performances at 6.00pm and 8.00pm on **Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th November**.



December Dates to Save

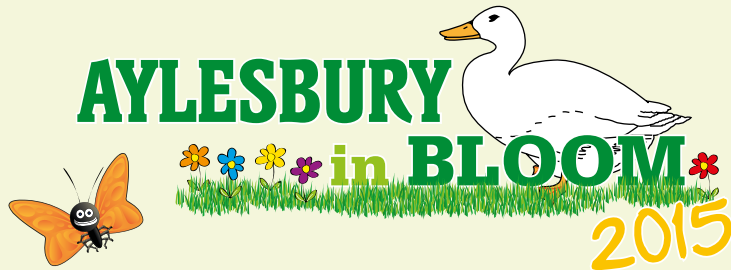
Sunday 13th December, **Festive Family Fun** in Friars & Market Squares – 11.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday 13th December, **Carolfest** in St Mary's Church – 6.00pm. A very relaxed and fun way to get into the festive spirit – with mince pies and hot chocolate served in the church whilst you enjoy traditional carols lead by a choir.

For more information and details please visit www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council-events or www.facebook.com/aylesburytc where you can subscribe to all of our event up-dates.

If you have any comments or feedback about any of our events please email: info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Environment



During the first week of July our three judges spent two days visiting ten schools across Aylesbury who had entered this year's Aylesbury in Bloom garden competition.

At each school they were greeted by enthusiastic children who all love gardening and who were very proud to show off their garden patch. Judging the schools' competition is especially enjoyable and rewarding but also the most difficult one. All gardens are great and every year our judges find it harder and harder to decide who wins which category.

It is reassuring to know though that there are so many children interested in gardening, and of course, so many teachers, parents and grandparents working hard to nurture that interest.

The emphasis has changed a little over the years from simple floral gardening towards planting for wildlife and for food. During the visits the judges saw and even tasted some great produce and it was noted that edible gardening has been on the increase and ties in well with lessons. A lot of thought is also given about what to plant for pollinating insects and wildlife areas are created.

The best thing about visiting the schools is knowing that the pupils have learnt so much and that they'll carry that knowledge through their lives. As a council we very much hope that they will always be gardeners, that they'll continue to make our towns and villages very attractive places and that they'll be important people in helping to conserve the environment and support the wildlife.

At an awards presentation held just before the summer break, the pupils and their teachers were rewarded for their hard work. All participating schools were invited by Aylesbury Town Council and the Aylesbury Gardening Society to receive their awards for the garden competition and Potato Growing Challenge, which was organised by the gardening society.

Ken Keasley, Chairman of the Aylesbury Gardening Society together with the president of the Society, Mr Ray James and Town Mayor Cllr Allison Harrison awarded the schools with their certificates and trophies for the Potato Growing Challenge. **Winner of the Ann Miles Shield for Heaviest Combined Weight of Potatoes** was awarded to Turnfurlong Infant School.

Edible Garden has been a great category this year and the judges particularly commented on the big onions they have seen in various school gardens. The judges had the following to say about the 1st prize winner:

"Beautifully kept and very enthusiastic children. Fantastic selection of veg and fruit, good use of flowers in the beds to distract pests."

The 1st place was awarded to **Turnfurlong Infant School**. The 2nd place in the Edible Garden category was awarded to **Haydon Abbey Combined School**.



The next category awarded was **Best Wildlife/Nature Garden**. It is so important to look after our wildlife these days so it is great to see that so many schools entered this category.

The 1st place winner achieved nearly full marks from all judges and impressed them with their knowledge and enthusiasm. This garden has everything wildlife could wish for from bird feeders, butterfly bar to a five star bug hotel. The winner was **Haydon Abbey Combined School**. The 2nd place for Best Wildlife Garden was awarded to **Turnfurlong Junior School**.

In the **Best Recreational/Learning Garden** category the judges were looking for incorporation of different areas or sections into the garden design to facilitate learning, a high visual appeal, use of the garden for outside school events, use of plants and other features with different visual and sensory appeal to facilitate and encourage exploration and imagination amongst pupils. For our 1st place winner the judges had the following to say:

"Very hands on, very eyes on. Good lavender. Very enthusiastic about their garden, explained what everything was, scented flowers, big sunflowers and a storage area for books."

The winner was **Stocklake Park School**. The 2nd place went to **Turnfurlong Junior School**.

The last category was **Best Garden in a Pot**. A hotly contested category which was entered by most schools. The judges saw everything from a flower pot to sinks filled with flowers or edible produce. Flower pots are a great way to encourage children to grow and these days there is no limit to the imagination as to what can be used as a pot to plant in.

The 1st prize winner really did let their imagination run wild and used everything and anything that can be used as a container to plant flowers. They also put a lot of effort into decorating the pots using recycled material. If you ever wonder what else one can do with a traffic cone or a toilet or wellie boot then have a look at the 1st place winner's garden. The 1st prize went to **Harding House School**. The 2nd place was awarded to **William Harding Combined School**.



of the highest markings against the criteria. The "Spade" for Best Garden Overall went to **Haydon Abbey Combined School**.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the teachers at the schools who teach about gardening, growing, sowing, planting and who nurture the pupils' enthusiasm for gardening.

Congratulations again to all schools! They are all winners and we are already looking forward to coming back again next year and seeing how their gardens have progressed and grown over the year.



Every year Special Awards and Commendations are awarded. The Commendation for **Wildlife Gardening** went to **St Edward's School**. Commendation for **Enthusiasm for Growth & Development** was awarded to **Bedgrove Junior School**. The Commendation for **Edible Gardening** was awarded to **Pebble Brook School**.

The special award for **Most Colourful Pots** wasn't an easy one to decide as everyone made such a great effort. It was therefore a great pleasure to congratulate **Broughton Infant School** on their achievement.

Not every school has had gardening clubs in the past or even an area where they could plant or grow anything so it is great to see new entrants each year. This year's new entrant took an innovative approach to pot gardening and impressed the judges with the wellies they planted and lined up against a wall to brighten it up and the vast variety of flower containers they planted. The **Best Start Up** award went to **Harding House**.

Last year we introduced the "Spade" for **Best Garden Overall**. As we have already mentioned all gardens are absolutely wonderful and everyone did an amazing job. The winner of this award impressed the judges a lot with their enthusiasm and knowledge and they received one

Schools Potato Challenge

For the second year Aylesbury Gardening Society has organised the Potato Challenge for schools by providing bags, compost and three potatoes of different varieties.

The fourteen entrants responded well to the challenge and the winner was **Turnfurlong Infants School** with a total weight of 3.410kg – this school also received the award for the heaviest single bag – 1.320kg of Kestrel.



Second in the competition was **Pebble Brook School** and third was **Bedgrove Junior School**. The Ann Miles Trophy and other awards

were presented by the Society's president Mr Ray James at a joint event with the Aylesbury Town Council.

Community News & Events



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

This magazine is delivered to every household in 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.

Date for your diary!

Wear It Pink Day



**Saturday 3rd October,
11.00am – 3.00pm**

The High Street turns pink again this October, as shops and shoppers join forces to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Come along and join in the fun, and raise money for this very worthwhile cause.

New Look Marie Curie Launches Local Fundraising Group

The charity has undergone a re-generation, to reflect the fact that their iconic nurses provide care and support for anyone struggling with terminal illness, and not just those with cancer.



From left to right, Suzi Harris, Maureen Tucker, Joan Birrell and Pauline Armstrong

The newly-formed Aylesbury Fundraising Group are hoping to swell their ranks with anyone who is keen to give their time to a variety of fundraising events for the charity.

Wendover Wyevale Garden Centre are supporting Marie Curie as their 'charity of the

year' and the group gathered there a couple of months ago in order to publicise their group.

If you would like further information about the local fundraising group, please contact Hazel Bendon, Community Fundraiser, 01604 258758 or email: hazel.bendon@mariecurie.org.uk



BucksVision

BucksVision is your local charity that provides support and services to blind and partially sighted people in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.

Founded in 1911, we have over 100 years experience of providing continuous support and a network of social and activity clubs across Buckinghamshire which offer peer led activities and advice.

In June 2014, BucksVision formed an Association with Action for Blind People/RNIB. Action/RNIB is a national sight loss charity and we share many of the same aims, with a focus on improving the lives of people who are visually impaired.

Under the guidance of our new Chief Executive, Steve Naylor, we look forward to the development and growth of new and existing services. By 2050 the number of people with sight loss in the UK could be nearly four million.

Therefore, it is our objective to engage and support those who are experiencing sight loss through a wide range of services such as our *Living with Sight Loss* courses, *Befriending* and our *Hospital Information Service*. This is an exciting time for anyone involved with our charity.

There is always an opportunity for anyone to join our fantastic team of volunteers, and to become a vital part of BucksVision's commitment to sight loss prevention and support.

To find out more about BucksVision, please call us 01296 487 556, email us: reception@bucksvision.co.uk or visit us: www.BucksVision.co.uk





Aylesbury Town WI (ATWI) have had an extremely busy Centenary Year following on from the Baton's arrival at the Waterside Theatre. Its departure by canal barge from the theatre, was not only to the accompaniment of a Jazz Band and early 1900 Bargee Ladies but with St George in full regalia together with the Town Mayor. I am sure lots of Aylesbury residents also noted the tree outside the theatre decorated with pom poms.

We were delighted that the Town Council have congratulated the WI's 100th birthday by depicting it in flowers and grass on the Waterside Theatre roundabout. It looks delightful and ATWI were extremely proud that the display was planted in time for our Annual Meeting which saw ladies from all over Buckinghamshire attending the event.

ATWI have enjoyed many different meetings so far in 2015 from visiting Arla, being absorbed by a talk on the Silk Route to an evening of Tai Chi. We also attended Buckinghamshire Federation of WI's Garden Party at Waddesdon Manor. Two of our members also enjoyed a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

We are looking forward to joining with three other local WIs for a Centenary Evening Dinner at Quanton Railway Museum on the 18th September. If there are any WI ladies who wish to join us there are a few tickets left as I write. Please contact me below for details.

Last but by no means least Buckinghamshire County Museum is also joining in the birthday celebrations with a special exhibition of the History of Buckinghamshire WIs from 10th October until February 2016. There will be a special talk by Anne Stamper, National Archivist. Please watch the local press for more information.

If you would like more information about Aylesbury Town WI please email: aylesburytownwi@gmail.com or ring Jenny Burton 01296 615709.

Festive Events



Join us for the **Annual Lights Switch On** in the town centre from 5.30pm on Thursday 19 November, and for **Santa's Parade** on Sunday 29 November from 10.45am. Look out for some new and exciting, weird and wonderful faces at these family favourites! The **Christmas Craft & Gift Fair** also returns to Market Square on Sunday 6 December from 11.00am - 3.00pm. See: www.facebook.com/aylesburyvale for more details of the above events.

Buckinghamshire Family Information Service

The Buckinghamshire Family Information Service (BFIS) is a free and impartial information service dedicated to helping children and young people aged 0 - 19 (or up to 25 for children with a disability), parents, carers and professionals working with families.

We provide information on all sorts of topics relating to family life such as childcare and early years, Children's Centres, family related activities, events, leisure and services across Buckinghamshire, including Early Help and the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer. We are asked many questions – some we can answer straight away and others that need to be researched further. In all cases, our commitment is: "If we don't know the answer, we will find someone who does".

You can contact us in the following ways:

Web: www.bucksfamilyinfo.org

Phone: 0845 688 4944 or 01296 383065. Calls to our 0845 numbers cost a 7p per minute service charge plus your telephone company's network access charge

Email: familyinfo@buckscc.gov.uk

Social Media: Facebook www.facebook.com/Buckinghamshire.Family.Information.Service and Twitter @Bucks_FIS

In Person: at County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UZ

Looking for a venue?

AVDC Community Centres

AVDC manages five community centres across Aylesbury, all with ground floor access for disabled visitors. Available for one-off bookings, such as parties or celebrations.

Two-hour booking slots now available, Monday to Friday, daytime only.

At the time of going to press, there are a few regular slots available in the daytime or evening at Hawkslade, Prebendal and Southcourt Community Centres in Aylesbury, all at great prices.

Check out the website for a virtual tour of your local centre: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/communitycentres.

For booking enquiries, email: sthompson@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk or phone 01296 585187 during office hours.

Community News & Events

What's new in Southcourt?

Cycling Project

Cllr Peter Agoro is working with residents on a project to encourage young people and supporting adults to learn basic cycling skills.

Primarily aimed at young people, it will help them to be safer on the roads, participate in safe off the road adventure riding and also teach them key life skills through group participation.

Peter said "This is a brilliant idea to engage young people in an activity that they would love to do whilst adding positive values to the experience. I can't wait to get started."

Peter is currently working with Dan who lives in Southcourt who is an experienced cyclist and someone that wants to give back to the community. As things with the project progress, we'll keep you updated.

Autism Aylesbury

Imagine everything being overwhelming and feeling like everyone else is speaking a different language, even in your home town. Everyday noises – sirens, babies screaming and roadworks can all become stressful, not to mention the problem of having to exchange words and looks with other, everyday people.

Life with autism is not easy. It is a spectrum condition which means each person will be affected in a different way. While autism can have a profound effect on an individual, with the right support people on the spectrum can live full lives, some balancing family life with paid work.

Autism/Asperger syndrome can have wonderful positives, such as astonishing attention to detail and a great memory for facts or being creative. However, apparently unexpected occurrences can cause huge problems for people on the spectrum. Changes in routine, such as a bus being late or a road being closed can cause high levels of anxiety and sometimes result in a meltdown.

Verbal exchanges with others can be difficult, as autistic people can struggle to understand non-verbal cues such as facial expressions or tone of voice.

Over the next year we hope to work with local people, services and businesses to see how we can make Aylesbury autism friendly. But we are going to need help. For more information please contact Felicity Amswych on fliessams@yahoo.co.uk or Ian King at AylesburyVale@nas.org.uk.

Nature Detectives



Discover the where, what, how and who of Bucks wildlife at Bucks County Museum until 31 October.

A fascinating exhibition exploring the surprising variety of animals and plants that can be found in Bucks. Find out the answers to amazing facts including the number of different kinds of bat that live in Bucks, the difference between a buzzard and red kite, Bucks biggest moth, smallest mammal and why the glow-worm glows.

Over 150 birds and mammals will be on display with a host of insects, plants and fungi for you to get up close to. The museum is also working with over 30 local wildlife groups and projects so that you have all the latest information about the wildlife in the county. Find out how these groups are recording, conserving and promoting our wonderful animals and plants. Suitable for nature detectives of all ages. Free entry.

For more details call: **01296 331441** or visit: www.buckscountymuseum.org

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



Art & Craft Fair

Queens Park Arts Centre is to host its next Art & Craft Fair on Saturday 7th November. Some of the region's best arts and crafts will be available to view and buy, including jewellery, glass, textiles, cards, paintings and ceramics – a whole range of unique handmade items – perfect for Christmas presents or even a treat to yourself!

The annual fair attracts hundreds of visitors every year and this year's event is the first to be organised by the Centre's Creative Coordinator, Amanda Wheaton. As well as the array of exhibitors, the event also offers creative activities for children throughout the day, free parking and homemade refreshments in the Coffee Bar.

The Queens Park Arts Centre Art & Craft Fair takes place on Saturday 7th November between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Entry costs £2 / £1 concessions and members. Under 14s go free.

For more information call **01296 424332** or email: amanda@qpc.org





Open Days in Aylesbury

Heritage Open Days in Aylesbury keeps getting bigger every year and is enjoyed by many residents and visitors. Nationally, Heritage Open Days is now wholly supported by the National Trust, with funding from players of the People's Postcode Lottery.



It is England's biggest festival of history. Hundreds of the country's finest and most fascinating buildings open their doors to the public for free. The majority of these buildings are not normally open to the public, and those that normally open, put on special free events.

There are a variety of events in Aylesbury across the weekend of 12th and 13th September, ranging from tours of the Tring Road Cemetery, the Old Town of Aylesbury to an Aylesbury Timescapes Exhibition in the Old County Hall to a Tudor Fayre at Bucks County Museum.

The Judges Lodgings will be open for tours (pre-booked) as well as the offices of Horwood & James, the Mayor's Parlour and many more.

Participating organisations this year include Aylesbury Town Council, The Aylesbury Society, Buckinghamshire County Museum, Quakers, The Literary Club, The Thomas Hickman Charity, Bucks County Council, Horwood & James, Town Centre Partnership and St. Mary's Church.

At the time of going to print the programme is being fine-tuned so please visit: www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/heritageopendays for more information.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to Heritage Open Days 2015.

Aylesbury Old Town Residents' Association (AOTRA)

In June AOTRA staged a Big Lunch in St Mary's Churchyard (in collaboration with local churches and charities) and Secret Gardens. The Big Lunch was supported by the National Lottery and Aylesbury Town Council and by local sponsors which enabled musical entertainment to be enjoyed by the audience of picnickers in St. Mary's Churchyard.

Later in June the Secret Gardens event featured a dozen locations in the Old Town which opened gardens to invited guests, whose purchases of maps raised £700 for charity.

In July AOTRA and other volunteers participated in the annual churchyard tidy up generating another mountain of cuttings.

More events are planned for later in the year, including presence at Heritage Open Days, and the Big Draw event in October, which is a day for artists to use the Old Town for inspiration.

The AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 10th November in the Aylesbury Town Council Chamber.

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Community News & Events

St Mary's Church

Come and visit the beautiful 12th century St Mary's Church on St Mary's Square at the heart of Aylesbury's old town. The church is the oldest building in Aylesbury and is steeped in history, with a magnificent High Altar, stunning stained glass windows and a stone font that is more than 850 years old.

On most days of the week there are guides on hand to welcome you and give a free tour of the church building – and why not then stay and have lunch or coffee and cake at our Refectory Café, open to the public 6 days a week 10.30am - 2.30pm weekdays and 11.00am - 1.30pm on Saturday.



The café is a wonderful place to relax in tranquil surroundings, soak up the history and enjoy excellent meals and snacks, including homemade soups and cakes.

Church services are 8.00am and 10.00am on Sundays. The 10.00am service has Sunday School groups

in age ranges up to 15 years and on the first Sunday of the month the service is for all ages with an interactive sermon involving children and young people.

Weekday services are at 12.00 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a Sing and Play group 10.00am - 11.30am on Fridays and a lunchtime classical music concert every Thursday starting at 12.45pm.

You will always receive a warm welcome at St Mary's!

To find out about other services, events and concerts happening at St Mary's sign up for our weekly newsletter – fill in the form at: www.aylesburychurches.org/st-mary-the-virgin/notices

Visit the ATC website to keep up to date with local events:
www.aylesburytowncouncil.org.uk



The Cinnamon Trust Volunteer Appeal

Registered Charity Number 1134680

The Cinnamon Trust is the only specialist national charity for the terminally ill and people in their later years and their much loved, much needed companion animals. We urgently need dog walking volunteers in Aylesbury for a lovely 12 year old Border Collie who would love to go for a good walk.

What happens if illness, injury or just the fact that we all get older affects our ability to look after our four legged companions? Elderly or ill pet owners become very worried about their ability to care for their pets feeling that their only option is to rehome them, this is where our national network of dedicated volunteers step in to offer support enabling them to stay together.

We'll walk the dog for a housebound owner, we'll foster pets when owners need hospital care, we'll fetch the cat food, even clean out the bird cage or litter trays.

We always need new volunteers even if you can only spare an hour a week we would love to hear from you.

If anyone can help please call during office hours: **01736 758707** or email: volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk

Please also check out our website for more details: www.cinnamon.org.uk

Looking for meeting room hire?

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.

To check availability of the Council Chamber please contact the Town Council on **01296 425678**.



Young People Matter to Aylesbury

Twelve companies were set up during 2014/2015 comprising of 130 students. Through setting up and running their own real live companies, Year 12 students aged 16 -17 are 'Learning by Doing'. They gain valuable experience and FBI (Federation of British Industry) endorsed employability skills that they will use throughout their lives.

Two schools from Aylesbury Vale made it through to the County Finals, Royal Latin (Reverie) and Sir Henry Floyd (Spectrum). Royal Latin were the winners and went forward to represent Buckinghamshire at the South Central Final, where they picked up awards for Creativity and Best Company Report, recognition awards were also given to Jane Street and Sam Lever for their outstanding support.

The Local Area Board, supported by local businesses, starts the year with Kick Start on the 30th September in Aylesbury College. The seminar will take young people through the information they require to start their company. The contributions from local business people who play the role of "Meet the Experts" is vital, it allows young people to question business leaders face to face to understand the various roles that make up a company. The ultimate aim of each company is to be profitable, learning the functions of all the roles in the company is key to that success.

The companies get an opportunity to try out their skills at the Charity Fair in Friars Square in late December, a great opportunity to meet the public and experience at first hand the skills required to sell.

"Each year brings new and exciting untapped entrepreneurial talent and as a Board we feel privileged to play a part in their developmental journey." Laura Hook, Chairman

This would not be possible without the support of our volunteers from Aylesbury's businesses and the dedication of the teachers involved. With so many small businesses in Aylesbury run by people who have a link to a school in Aylesbury Vale, Young Enterprise actively encourages more businesses to become involved so that we can reach more young people.

For more details visit: www.young-enterprise.org.uk



Aylesbury Lions Club

The Aylesbury Lions is a friendly club which meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Town Council Chamber. Committees meet during the month and we aim to keep all meetings informal and a pleasure to attend.

We raise funds in a number of ways including can collections, sideshows at local events and a number of giant Easter Egg raffles. Our annual concert will again be held in St. Mary's Church in September when the Vale Symphonic Wind Band will be playing.

We help local groups including Aylesbury Youth Concern, PACE, Hearing Dogs, Florence Nightingale Hospice, The Chilterns MS Centre and BucksVision. We also collect on behalf of the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal and the Tesco Big Diabetes Collection.

In 2014 we launched our "Message in a Wallet Scheme" and so far over 3,000 have been issued. Personal medical details are placed in a plastic folder which is kept in a purse or wallet ready for use by paramedics if a person is taken ill. Copies are available from your GP or local pharmacy.

Christmas is a busy time for us. A can collection provides funds to make up Christmas parcels to deliver to less fortunate residents.

We also give food to The Vineyard Food Bank, the Salvation Army and the Women's Refuge. We support Aylesbury Town Council at their Carolfest and provide chestnuts.

Socialising is important to us and every other month we try to hold a social event for members and friends. We have a few vacancies for new members and we would love to hear from interested people.

For further information visit our website: www.aylesburylions.org.uk or ring Ron Syratt our Membership Officer on **01296 484492**.





Sports Grants

Community Grants

Match Funding

Apply Now

Grants Meetings
25 November 2015
20 January 2016

AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS INFORMAL Q&A DAY

- Interested in applying for a grant?
- Applied but not received funding?

An informal Q&A session has been arranged for those that are interested in applying for a grant or have applied for funding but were not successful on **Thursday 17th September 2015, 2.00pm – 4.00pm** in the Council Chamber, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 1QP.

If you would like any more information, please contact the Town Council office on **01296 425678** (Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm) or email: b.daytonn@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

**AYLESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL**

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Meet your Councillors

In this, and future editions of ATM, you will be able to meet your Councillors and learn something about who they are, what they like and what the office of Councillor means to them. We start with new Councillors Richard Lloyd and Peter Agoro.



Cllr Richard Lloyd

As a new Town Councillor I'm keen to let people know a bit more about me having recently been elected to represent Mandeville and Elm Farm, the ward in which I live with my wife and two young children (4 and 2).

I've always taken a keen interest in the local community and now having children and utilising local services such as the hospital, schools and children centres, I want to be in a position to ensure that those services are maintained and improved for other individuals and families in the area.

I moved to Aylesbury in 2002 and was made very welcome and settled quickly into the town. I now work from home as a Software Consultant and this not only keeps me out of the morning commute but also allows me to pursue sporting endeavours such as running and cycling around my working hours. I have run three marathons over the years and cycled two of the last three Tour de Vales.

I am hoping to cycle Alpe d'Huez in the next couple of years, the Chilterns being a great place to train and to explore with the children.

Away from my own sporting attempts I support QPR and am a keen cricket fan. The kids take priority though and we spend many a weekend or camping holidays in the woods searching for Tupperware using high tech gadgetry or Geocaching as it's better known.

Please do contact me via my Councillor page, if I can be of any assistance via the ATC website.



Cllr Peter Agoro

Aylesbury is a great place to live in. Originally being born and bred in East London, the year 2013 presented a new kind of adventure for myself and my wife. This was the year we moved down (or in this case) up from London, and Aylesbury became home. What really stuck out to me within the first few weeks of settling down here was the strong sense of community and diversity that Aylesbury presented. There was generally always something to do. We had youth clubs for young people, daily social events for our senior citizens, cultural networking events for our ethnic communities and weekend fun for families. My thoughts were (in an East London tone), 'this isn't gonna be half bad at all!' Community is where it was at, and I was encouraged to get involved.

Fast forward to this year and our first baby son, I am very involved within different communities in Aylesbury aimed at engagement and transformation. I work with young people in various youth projects (youth group and football academy), faith groups in and around Aylesbury, cultural groups, senior citizens and families too. I've definitely made a lot of new friends!

My love for community and the positive transformation of it, resulted in me becoming an Aylesbury Town Councillor and recently, the new Chairman of the Communities Committee. Aylesbury Town Council have contributed so much to the town and I, in my capacity as a Councillor, will continue to work alongside fellow Councillors and colleagues to continue in this. **If you wish to contact me you can do so via email on: pagoro9@gmail.com**



Aylesbury Town Council Ward Map

Ward: Gatehouse



Cllr Anders Christensen
07834 995690



Cllr Tuffail Hussain
07832 913171



Cllr Graham Moore
07886 369565

Ward: Central



Cllr Barbara Russel
01296 431314



Cllr Edward Sims
07580 703275

Ward: Elmhurst



Cllr Susan Morgan
07799 074411



Cllr Jenny Puddefoot
01296 612461

Ward: Coppice Way



Cllr Mark White
07447 907798

Ward: Oakfield



Cllr Allison Harrison
07795 210808



Cllr Mark Willis
07723 091637

Ward: Quarrendon



Cllr Chris Adams
07968 444222



Cllr Andy Huxley
07711 837938

Ward: Oxford Road



Cllr Stuart Jarvis
07958 083519



Cllr Mike Smith
07854 178012

Ward: Southcourt



Cllr Peter Agoro
07548 952762



Cllr Mark Bateman
07858 973643

Ward: Walton Court



Cllr Ranjula Takodra MBE
07958 423083

Ward: Hawkslade



Cllr Brian Adams
07855 299999

Ward: Walton



Cllr Bill Chapple OBE
07702 031712

Ward: Mandeville & Elm Farm



Cllr Sue Chapple
01296 426814



Cllr Richard Lloyd
07887 685345



Cllr Denise Summers
01296 424903

Ward: Bedgrove



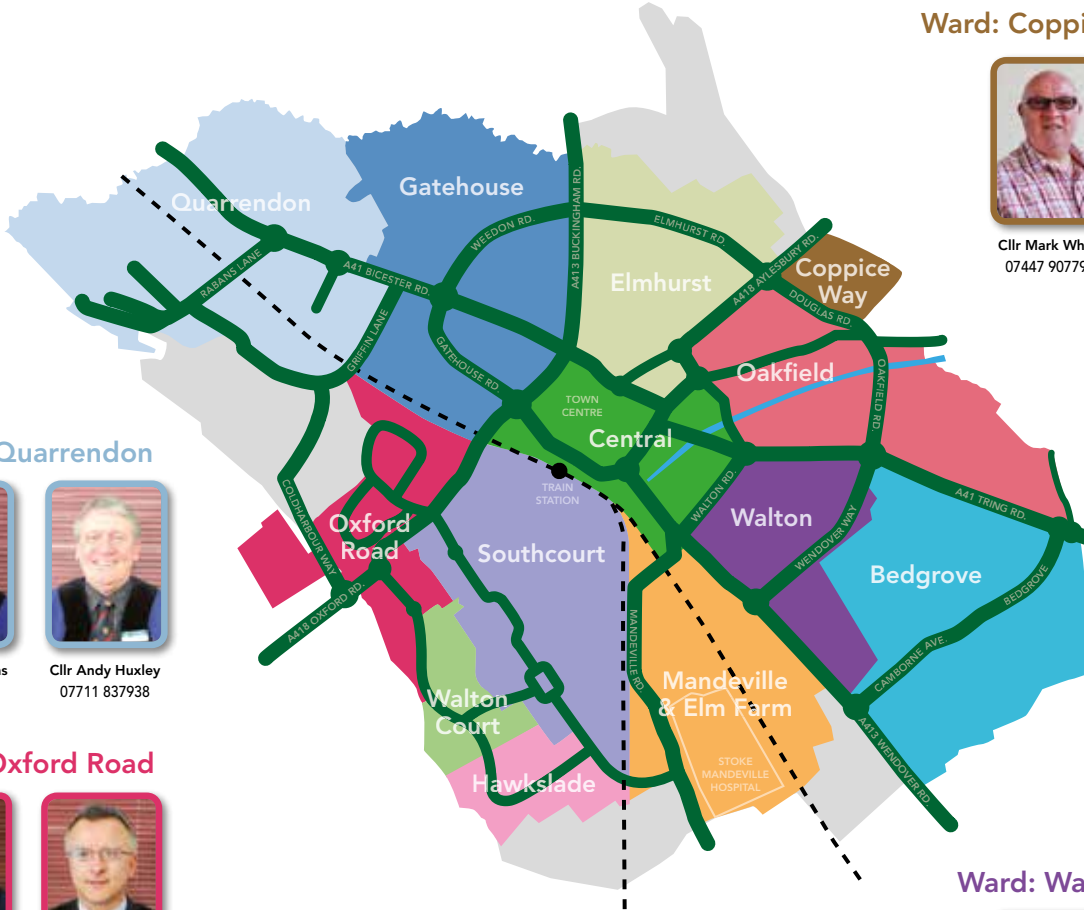
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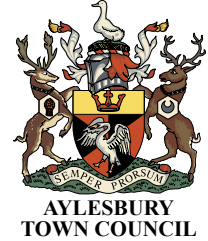


Council Services

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



Musical Theatre Choir Aylesbury

Aylesbury based singing teacher, musician and composer Ashley Turner is starting a new choir giving its members a chance to sing and explore Musical Theatre. Aptly named Musical Theatre Choir, Aylesbury it's set to be a fantastic opportunity. Ashley speaks about it below.

What is MTC Aylesbury?

Musical Theatre Choir, Aylesbury is an exciting new choir, which meets and rehearses in Aylesbury. We focus on musical theatre singing and fun! You will also learn a little singing technique in order to maintain a healthy, fully working voice. Led by me, Ashley Turner.

Who can come and join MTC Aylesbury?

Absolutely everyone, as long as you're aged 16 and above you're more than welcome to come and join, men and women, adults of all ages. There is no audition to be part of our choir and you don't have to read music. The music will be taught by ear, which is a really fun way of learning it.

What do I need to do if I want to join MTC Aylesbury or have any questions?

You can send us an email, phone us, Facebook or Tweet us. **We're offering an exclusive deal just for Aylesbury Town Matters magazine readers.** Book your place and receive your first four weeks half price. Just quote ATMAT2015. Normal price of £5.50 per session goes down to just £2.25.

MTC Aylesbury rehearse at Queens Park Arts Centre, Aylesbury, weekly on Wednesday evenings. 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

To contact Ashley at MTC Aylesbury you can email: musicaltheatrechoir@gmail.com, phone **07969 104275**, or find them on Facebook and Twitter **@MTCAylesbury #singon**

Exciting Challenges for Aylesbury Choral Society

Following the challenge of singing Brahms Requiem in German last May, the autumn term sees Aylesbury Choral Society adding to their repertoire by tackling Martin How's **Advent Cantata**. Rehearsals are every Tuesday at 7.30pm starting 8th September at The Church on Fairford Leys. The concert is at St Mary's Church on Saturday December 5th.



In January 2016 we will revisit Verdi's Requiem, which the choir last performed in May 2005 culminating with two concerts alongside Uxbridge Choral Society next May, at Thame Leisure Centre and in Hayes, Middlesex. This ambitious programme is being led by our Musical Director Jeff Stewart (pictured above) who holds the same post at Uxbridge.

Currently we have over 90 singers in our choir and we'd like to swell these numbers to enable us to continue taking on the great classical choral repertoire and more modern pieces.

Works by twentieth century composers such as Leonard Bernstein, Benjamin Britten, John Rutter and William Walton have all featured in the Society's recent concerts, alongside choral favourites by Bach, Handel, Haydn, Mozart and others.

We love to sing. We are from all walks of life, we are young and not so young, but all share the same passion for choral music. If you would like to join us please telephone the Society's Membership Secretary, Moira, on **01296 748131**, or email: moira.membership@gmail.com

For further information, visit: www.aylesburychoral.org.uk or pop in to Fairford Leys on a Tuesday evening... you will always be made welcome!

Aylesbury Gardening Society

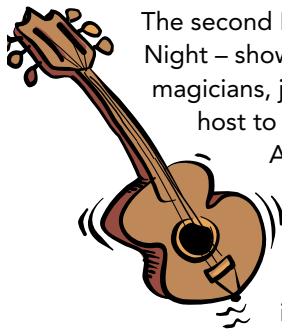
will be holding its **Annual Produce Show** on Saturday 19th September at Aylesbury Grammar School. Visitors are very welcome from 2.30pm. For full details see the website at: www.aylesburygardeningociety.co.uk





Aylesbury Folk Club

There's a new home for folk music in September as Queens Park Arts Centre launches the brand new Aylesbury Folk Club. Hosted by resident folk artists Amanda Diamond and Eddy Richards, the club will meet every Friday at Queens Park from 8.00pm. The meetings will alternate between bi-weekly 'Folk in the Annexe' sessions and gatherings at the Limelight Theatre. The Annexe sessions (running the first and third Friday of the month) will offer folk enthusiasts a chance to enjoy some great live music from local performers, chat to like-minded people, grab a drink from the pop-up bar or even get up and perform!



The second Friday of each month sees the club move into the Limelight Theatre for an Open Mic Night – showcasing the best local performers. It's not just about music though, poets, comedians, magicians, jugglers and all are welcome. Finally, the fourth Friday of the month will see the club play host to some of the best folk performers in the country with a concert at the Limelight Theatre.

Acts lined up for the autumn season include Gilmore & Roberts, Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer and Greg Russell & Ciaran Algar.

The club launches at Queens Park Arts Centre on Friday 11th September at 8.00pm – entry is £4.50 for spectators, £2.50 for performers and £3.50 for under 16s. For more information about Aylesbury Folk Club, email Amanda Diamond at: amanda@qpc.org

NCAA Kids Club Arts & Craft Workshop

Nigerian Community Association Aylesbury CIC is very much interested in investing knowledge in children.

One of our two visions in impacting knowledge to children is in Arts and Crafts; the other is extra educational training for less advantaged children who are struggling to catch-up with both Primary and Secondary school curriculum.

Arts and Craft is a creative tool which helps the children in the following areas:

- improves performance of children
- imagination and self-expression
- increases creativity amongst children and physiological effects as well
- helps with visual learning, individual craftsmanship and also helps children to observe, describe, analyse and interpret things easily with a good relationship to life.

As NCAA is still in its infant stage, we seek support and donations to continue this project. For more information, kindly get in touch via email: info@nigeriancommunityaylesbury.org.uk and/or mobile phone: 07506 941310

Bucks County Museum

**Ceramic Artist Lorraine Izon
Muir Trust Residency Exhibition**

5 September – 3 October 2015

See the delightful sculptures created by ceramic artist Lorraine Izon as this year's Muir Trust Artist in Residence at Bucks County Museum, featuring local wildlife recorded in her nature diaries. Free entry.



Off the Wall Art Fair

14 November – 12 December 2015

Don't miss this popular and vibrant selling show of oils, watercolours, prints, sculpture and ceramics that takes place at the museum every two years.

A range of art will be on offer to suit all pockets and you can buy and take away on day of purchase in time for Christmas. Organised by the Friends and Patrons of Bucks County Museum.

For more details call: 01296 331441 or visit:

www.buckscountymuseum.org

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

ATC News

Town Mayor's Update

MAYOR MAKING 2015

Former Mayor Cllr Tuffail Hussain came to the end of his term at the Mayor Making Inauguration on the 5th June at Aylesbury College and handed over the Chain of Office to Cllr Allison Harrison. Cllr Barbara Russel was elected Deputy Mayor. The event was attended by many local charity organisations, businesses and associations as well as representatives from the Cadet Forces and neighbouring Town Mayors and Dignitaries and our own recently elected Town Councillors.



During the evening, Cllr Hussain was delighted to hand over the Mayor's Charity cheque to CHAT (Children Health and Therapy) for £5,476.61. Anthea Cass, on behalf of the Charity thanked everyone for their support in the donations they had given over the year, whether it was coins in collection tins at Town Council events or cheque donations from local businesses and organisations. The amount raised will go towards helping so many families in Aylesbury.



THE NEW MAYOR TAKES OFFICE

Allison has already had the privilege of attending many local community events, fundraisers and has had the opportunity to visit a number of neighbouring towns in just the few months since she has been in office.

Some of these visits have included an invitation to attend community events such as 'The Big Lunch' project, in which the aim is to get as many people as possible across the whole of the UK to have lunch with their neighbours annually on the first Sunday in June in a simple act of community, friendship and fun. Inspired Aylesbury resident Felicity Amswych from Elm Farm organised a lunch for her neighbours, which Allison was delighted to attend, whilst the Deputy Mayor also attended the same event held by the Aylesbury Old Town Residents' Association at St Mary's Church.

Allison has been pleased to visit, support and meet a variety of people, those that give their time to fundraising events, such as school PTA's organising school summer fayres, local Church organisations and those residents giving their time to running clubs and societies. One visit included the Matt Fiddes Martial Arts group at their Annual Celebration held at the Prebendal Farm Community Centre where she had the opportunity to learn a few moves from the students (pictured with Spencer Powell and Amar Deep, both 2nd Dan Black Belts) and supporting the volunteers and leaders of Bucks Scouts who recently held their AGM and prize giving.

Over a busy weekend in July, the Mayor was thrilled to attend and join the ever popular Roald Dahl parade that made its way through the town during a very warm and sunny Saturday morning, that afternoon she made her way to Aylesbury Rugby Club to support the walkers completing the 24 hour Relay for Life in support of

Cancer Research where she was warmly welcomed by all completing the challenge and was honoured to be able to join in and walk (and dance) with those taking part. Another walk completed recently, was joining the hundreds of ladies taking part in the Florence Nightingale Midnight Walk. An amazing event and a very different view of the town at 3.00am with over 600 flashing bunny ears strolling through. The Mayor congratulates all those that took part in these events, whether walking, marshalling, providing refreshments to those in the 'Back Office' providing administration support, in helping raise the awareness and valuable funds for these fantastic charities.

The visits that the Mayor has had the pleasure in attending so far reflect highly on her chosen charity for the year, supporting Community Unity Projects, based in Meadowcroft.

Allison said "There are so many worthy charities in Aylesbury that it was a very difficult decision but CUP are delivering vital services to many groups in the area from a lunch club for our elderly residents, creative arts for young people and support for parents of children with Autism and Aspergers. They really do embrace everyone in the community. I was particularly impressed with the founders Richard and Shoshana Willetts whose enthusiasm and smiles never fade as they continuously find new projects to support the community and improve the lives of their neighbours. We have been busy setting dates for charity events and I look forward to working closely with CUP over the next year."

The Mayor is looking forward to visiting and supporting many local business and community events over the coming months.

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



Harding House

Students from Harding House, in Aylesbury, have been working on an exciting film project and attended their own world premiere in May.

Harding House is the post 16 site of Stocklake Park School and has eighteen Year 12 and 13 students with a variety of special educational needs.

'Cyber Safe Sam' was the title of the film which followed a theme about cyber safety. Students were involved in all elements of the process including story boarding, filming, acting, directing and editing. They all then attended an exclusive world premiere screening of the film at the Xscape Cinema in Milton Keynes.

The project was run by 'Into Film' a film education charity that puts film at the heart of the educational and personal development of children and young people aged 5-19. Harding House students were delighted to take part in a free ground breaking new project with multi award winning film maker Chris Bradley. Class teacher Hannah said: "The students were delighted to see themselves on screen, it was a wonderful experience."

Stocklake Park

Stocklake Park students brought added colour to Vale Park during their annual fancy dress sponsored walk. Eighty students and staff took part in the walk to raise money to fund their School Dog project. Everyone completed one circuit of the park, which was a huge achievement for many of the students. The walk raised a total of £285.



Elmhurst Graded 'Good' with an 'Outstanding' Early Years Foundation Stage

What do Ofsted (June 2015) say about Elmhurst?

'Teaching is good across the school and supports the learning of all pupils.'

'The school provides pupils with a wide and interesting range of subjects and topics so that they enjoy their learning.'

'Pupils make good progress in reading, writing and mathematics. They are well prepared for the next step in their education.'

'Children in the Nursery and Reception classes make excellent progress.'

'Pupils are proud of their school and show respect to staff and each other.'

'Pupils' positive attitudes help them to learn.'

'Pupils feel safe in all parts of the school and understand how to keep themselves safe.'



The full Ofsted report is available to view on both the Ofsted website and on our school website: www.elmhurst.bucks.sch.uk

Elmhurst Open Morning Tuesday 20th October 2015

We would like to invite you to attend our Open Morning on Tuesday 20th October between 9.15am and 11.00am – no appointment necessary; just turn up on the day. Our Year 6 pupils will take you on a tour of the school giving you the opportunity to see the learning that takes place from Reception through to Year 6.

Two Year Olds

Within our Outstanding Early Years Foundation Stage we have spaces available for funded two year olds from September 2015. If you are eligible for funding and are interested in joining our Nursery then please pop in to see us at the school office or call us on **01296 481380** (the school office re-opens on 2nd September).

Rachel Lee, Headteacher



Aylesbury Hockey Club

Established in the 1940's, Aylesbury Hockey Club has been providing the opportunity for people of all ages to take up and enjoy the sport of hockey for nearly 70 years. Currently running five men, four ladies and one mixed team, the club also provides coaching and competitive hockey for Juniors aged from 6 to 18 and with our oldest playing member in his 70's it is no exaggeration to say that the club caters for all age groups.



The League season runs from October to Easter, with friendly matches arranged for September. We also run a successful Annual Mixed Summer League over a ten week period from early May to mid July. Now in its 8th year, this competition brings together members from all sections in the club combining players of all abilities and ages.

Our Annual Club Day takes place this year on the 6th September and is a great opportunity for people to come along and find out more about the club, taking up hockey or coming back to the sport after some time away. We'll be running a BBQ and providing refreshments on the day and we'll have coaches available to teach newcomers some of the basic skills of the game. Club training will resume in September and also takes place at Aylesbury Vale Academy.

We are always on the look out for more members so please visit www.aylesburyhc.com for more details.



Aylesbury Parkrun

More than 2,000 Aylesbury residents aged 4 to 84 have joined forces to run more than 25,000 miles over the past 18 months – all in the name of fun and fitness – and anyone can join them whenever they want to.

Each Saturday at 9.00am, people of all ages and abilities have been gathering at the Meadowcroft Open Space to take part in Aylesbury parkrun, a free 5km run. The event is a timed recreational run – not a race – coordinated entirely by local volunteers. A junior parkrun has also launched recently, with youngsters aged 4 - 14 completing a two-kilometre course at 9.00am every Sunday.

Participants who want their time recorded so they can track their improvement simply register on the parkrun website (www.parkrun.org.uk/aylesbury), print a personalised barcode and take this to the event. That barcode is then valid at any of the 600 parkrun events around the world that take place each Saturday, while children can also use their barcode at any junior parkrun on Sundays.

Regional ambassador for parkrun Glen Turner said: *"The aim of parkrun is to break down as many barriers as possible to allow local people to take part in regular exercise in a fun, informal and supportive environment. Many of our participants are not able to run the whole way when they start, but over time it is great to see people running more, walking less and revelling in that enormous sense of achievement. After all, parkrun is for everyone – from beginners to Olympians – and everyone in between."*



Activities for Young People

Half Term Events



'Go Batty' at the Farmers' Market with face painting and free pottery painting for kids from 9.00am until 2.00pm, on **Tuesday 27 October**.

#AylesburyThursdays return for half term, as free bungee-bouncing brilliance and climbing wall capers come to Aylesbury town centre! **Thursday 29 October**, 11.00am until 2.00pm.



National Citizen Service

Nearly 150 young people aged 16-17 years old from Aylesbury Vale have participated in the National Citizen Service (NCS) programme this summer with Action4Youth.

The NCS programme provides young people with the chance to challenge themselves, develop team work, leadership and communication skills, through a range of outdoor adventure activities. Then, with the support of the highly experienced team at Action4Youth, they plan and deliver a social action project that makes a real difference to their local community.

This summer young people have worked in partnership with Helen and Douglas House, Sparkles, Berryfields Children's Centre, The Horse Trust, Aylesbury Homeless Action Group and many other local organisations to deliver social action projects that will benefit them and the local community.

Throughout this process they have built new friendships, developed independence skills by living away from home and given up their time to help others.

NCS aims to be about excitement and adventure, fun and friendship. Young people can add to their CV and learn skills that will improve their chances of going to university, college or getting a job.

The next NCS programme will be taking place during October half term and is for year 12 students only. If you are interested in taking part in the autumn programme please contact Emily Davis on: Emily.davis@action4youth.org or 0845 600 9731.

southcourt studios



Saturday 5th September 2015,
Aylesbury Waterside Theatre

7pm (doors 6pm). Tickets are £5 in advance,
£8 on the door (booking fees apply online).
Age 12+

Visit southcourtstudios.com/botb for more info



i. DARE
WILL YOU?



AYLESBURY DISTRICT
NEED YOUR HELP.

You can be a leader.

If you can spare an evening,
or the occasional weekend or
skills to be a committee member
please get in contact with our
District Commissioner.

dc@aylesburyscouts.org.uk
07720 770536

i. INSPIRE
CAN YOU?





Tudor Fayre

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 11am UNTIL 4pm
BUCKS COUNTY MUSEUM

✿ **ENJOY** Tudor stories, music and dancing ✿ **MEET** King Henry VIII, a naval commander, spice merchant, silk woman, Pete the Fool, an alchemist, amazing birds of prey and swords men ✿ **TAKE PART IN** archery, finger embroidery, candle making and making a traditional wattle and daub wall.



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