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Welcome Note

“ Welcome to Issue 42 of our Aylesbury Town Matters magazine. As I am writing this I am thinking that we are already over half way through the year and so much has happened in the last few months.

A new Mayor was elected in May and the Mayor Making took place later in the month. Cllr Barbara Russel is the new Town Mayor and she is well supported by Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts who has been elected as her Deputy. I and the Council wish them both a successful and enjoyable year.

We have already had a great array of events, such as the Soapbox Derby, which was enjoyed by many. Have a look at the fantastic karts on page 4. Aylesbury on Sea had a visit from a giant whale, which swam into Aylesbury and spent the day in the County Museum telling stories of pirates and mermaids.

Looking forward, we have Parklife coming up over the August Bank Holiday weekend closely followed by two days of Heritage Open Days in September and our Tudor Fayre. No matter if you are a music lover, enjoy arts and crafts or history, there is something for everyone. You will find more information in this magazine about all of the forthcoming events.

We have enjoyed working alongside AVDC, BCC and BuDs to bring you an all-inclusive community event to celebrate the lighting of the Paralympic Heritage Flame. The event will take place in Vale Park on Friday 2nd September.

Aylesbury Town Council will be at the Bucks County Show so why not come by our marquee to enjoy tea, cakes and biscuits, and speak with some of our councillors to find out more about the Council and Aylesbury.

On 1st August we took over the Jonathan Page Play Centre. The centre provides an After School Club and Holiday Playscheme for children between the ages of 4 - 12 years inclusive. We are very much looking forward to continuing to provide this valuable service to our community.

In November we will be commemorating those who have given their life in service by laying a wreath at the War Memorial in Tring Road Cemetery at 2.00pm on Friday 11th. The Mayor will also be joining in the wreath laying in Aylesbury Market Square at 10.45am on Sunday 13th. Everyone is welcome to attend the wreath laying ceremonies.

Lastly I would like to congratulate all of the schools who took part in this year's Garden Competition. I have heard nothing but praise from the judges who viewed the gardens. On page 8 you can see the gardens and also the winners.

Enjoy the Summer and we look forward to seeing many of you at our forthcoming events. ”

With best wishes
Councillor Mike Smith
 Leader of Aylesbury Town Council

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Autumn Events

We might not have had the summer sun this year, but we have certainly had a jam packed few months of free family fun and entertainment, with travelling roadshows to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday, the fast and furious Soapbox Derby and the ever popular Aylesbury on Sea.

The **Roadshows** visited twelve different locations across the parish and attended street parties, community events and residential homes – adding a touch of party magic to each and every event.



In its second year, the **Soapbox Derby** on Father's Day was a huge success, with over 1000 spectators cheering the 23 karts over the line. With broken wheels, a bump or two, eggs being laid on route (yes, really) and a pink shark, the watching families had a feast of thrills and spills to laugh and cheer at.

DJ Dan Blaze gave out loads of free family passes to Rogue Bowling, who were with us on the day to assist with the important task of timing all of the races.

Congratulations to all of the teams who took part, building and racing their lean, mean, gravity machines.

RESULTS

Junior: 1st Rois Rollers, 2nd Lightening Fast Division, 3rd Rebel Racing

Senior: 1st Purple Pig, 2nd Wiggle Auto Racing, 3rd The Racing Raiders

Best Looking Kart: as voted for by the public on the day 1st Extreme Boomers, 2nd Bees Knees, 3rd TT Rats

To register your interest to take part next year, please email r.mayhew@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Giants of the Sea visited **Aylesbury on Sea** this year, with a giant 50ft whale beaching herself in the museum gardens, where shoals of children gathered inside her vast belly, listening to tales of the deep.

The giant lobsters and crocodile slide entertained the crowds in Kingsbury, alongside traditional donkey rides, brass band, magic shows, mini-wheel, sand pits, face painting, balloon modelling and an array of seaside games.

We were also joined by the scientists of Cambridge University who educated and enthralled visitors, explaining and demonstrating the theory behind many different everyday scientific wonders that we all take for granted.



Parklife Weekend 2016
FREE events in Vale Park

Sat 27 Aug
 Live in the Park
Sun 28 Aug
 Church in the Park
 Footie & Music in the Park
 Proms in the Park

FREE

As we go to press, the bands, entertainers, fun fair rides, musicians, bars and caterers are all preparing for an entire weekend of FREE live music and family entertainment at the **Parklife** weekend.

Excitement is also building for a lively and fun new event that we are providing alongside AVDC, BuDS and Mix96. On Friday 2nd September, we are bringing the community together in Vale Park to celebrate (in carnival style) the lighting of the **Paralympic Flame**, which will include an accessible fun fair and spectacular firework display. For all of the information and details please visit [f FlameCelebration](#).

11th September is **Tudor Fayre** day at Bucks County Museum, an opportunity to step back in time to when King Henry VIII ruled, jesters played the fool and all of your ailments were cured by herbs and a woman who claimed she knew everything. More details on back page.

The **Halloween Fun** starts early this year, with a host of ghoulish games, fiendish fun and eerie entertainment, in Market Square from 3pm until 6pm, on Thursday 27th October. With the fancy dress and pumpkin carving competitions at 5pm. The ever popular, Panto-ween will be making its annual appearance and this year you must keep your eyes peeled for an extra special guest!!



For up-to-date news and information on all of our events, please visit [f AylesburyTC](#) and subscribe to our event alerts.

If you would like to be involved, volunteer or comment about any events, please email r.mayhew@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Aylesbury Mosque Summer Planting

Every year in the summer the Aylesbury Mosque is surrounded by beautiful hanging baskets and this year is no different. The only change is that this year the children planted all of the baskets during an activity afternoon. They all had a spectacular time.

The activity revolved around team building. The children had to work together to determine how they should approach the task and then reported back on their experience after all baskets were ready to be hung up.

It was a welcome break from the traditional teaching mediums and by the end of it, the children wanted to know if they could do the gardens next! So watch this space.



Aylesbury Flower Club

Aylesbury Flower Club was founded in 1957 and has been meeting at Aylesbury Grammar School from the outset. We are a group of ladies and men who appreciate flowers and floral design.



Meetings are on the last Monday of each month at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start and ends 9.00pm - 9.30pm. We are usually in the main hall at Aylesbury Grammar School, Walton Road, Aylesbury, HP21 7RP but occasionally, when that room is in use, we can be found

in the lecture theatre around the back. There is ample free parking onsite.

Each month we have a different demonstrator who comes along to entertain us with stories, quips and instruction while she/he does five or six varying designs which are raffled. Tea/coffee is available to buy beforehand and there is a fundraising stall with books/plants/bring and buy/cakes or seasonal fayre depending on the month.

We run about three coach outings to suitable venues and hold a Christmas meal in December.

Visitors are always welcome at a cost of £6 per session or members pay a yearly subscription of £35. The November meeting is £7.50 for members, £10 visitors and includes free refreshments as this is our Christmas demonstration with a national demonstrator.

Please contact Val Truby (secretary) on **01296 489425** or email valerie.truby@ntlworld.com for more details.

Aylesbury Gardening Society

Aylesbury Gardening Society is holding its 69th Annual Produce Show in the main hall at Aylesbury Grammar School on Saturday 17th September.

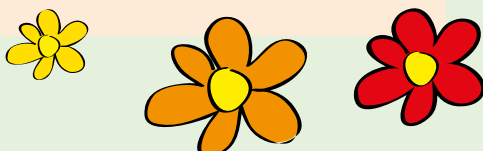


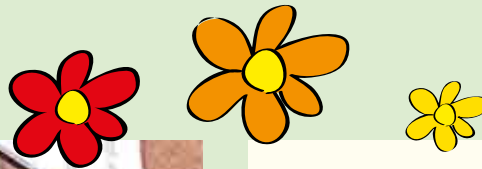
There are many sections in the show and include vegetables (twenty six different classes), flowers and shrubs, floral art, fruit, cacti, domestic, photography and a special section for juniors which has nine different classes.

If you would like to put an entry in the show, schedules are available at our Trading Store on the Old Stoke Road Allotment site or from the Show Secretary, Mr Chris Gray (telephone **01296 488160**).

However, we would be delighted if you just come along and have a look: admission is free from 2.30pm. Light refreshments will be available.

For further information about the Society please visit our website aylesburygardeningociety.co.uk





Did you know...?

Throughout the summer months there are over 500 hanging baskets installed by the Town Council, Aylesbury Vale District Council and local businesses and many visitors and locals comment on the colourful floral displays.



The RSPB Aylesbury Group runs a number of car and coach trips to local and more distant sites, primarily to look for birds. This spring, six members visited Blows Down just outside Dunstable which comprises a chalk escarpment and a large old chalk pit, affords outstanding panoramic views and is notable for attracting migrating birds.

The trip located three Ring Ouzels – two males and a female – very similar to blackbirds but with a large white half-moon on the male's breast and a duller one on the female; they migrate to the north and west to breed on rocky hillsides. Other birds seen included many Skylarks, Meadow Pipits, Chiffchaffs, Willow Warblers and a glimpse of a Redstart.

A recent coach trip visited Minsmere in March, (site of the recent BBC Springwatch); such trips are subsidised and cost £10 per person plus any entry fees. We didn't see as much as the BBC did(!), but there was a variety of ducks and waders present and birds seen by most included Goosanders, Avocets, Black-tailed Godwits, Snipe, Marsh Harriers, Redshank and a fortunate few saw Bittern and Jack Snipe. There were also sightings of Red Deer, Muntjac and in the sea, a Seal.

www.rspb.org.uk/groups/aylesbury

Come Get Inspired... Go Green Your Home!

The pioneering owners of three of the UK's most eco-friendly SuperHomes will host free Open Days this September in Aylesbury (Thursday 8th, Friday 9th, Sunday 11th), Thornborough (Saturday 10th) and Steeple Claydon (Sunday 11th). SuperHomes are older homes refurbished by their owners for greater comfort, lower bills and fewer carbon emissions – at least 60% less!

Most SuperHomes have superior insulation; many have alternative heating sources and some produce their own energy. Robert Smart has renovated his 1930s property in Thornborough, adding wood stoves and underfloor heating. Colin White has upgraded his 1970s house in Aylesbury, installing sun pipes to import more natural light. Both homes benefit from solar PV and solar water heating systems, modern boilers and extra insulation. Keith and Kathryn Searle in Steeple Claydon heat their 1970s end of terrace house with an air source heat pump and have made many changes including adding internal wall insulation.

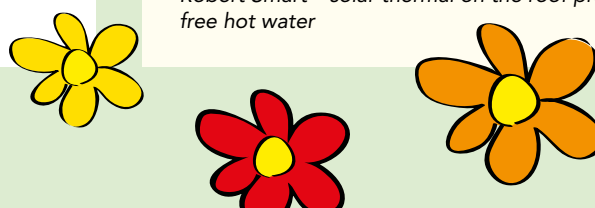
Visitors can expect to come away with plenty of energy saving ideas for their own home. Tours and Q&A sessions will let you quiz the owners, so you can discover what worked and get frank feedback on anything that didn't.

Over fifty refurbished Victorian, Edwardian and post-war properties will open across the UK this September. These events are promoted by the National Energy Foundation in partnership with Heritage Open Days. To find out more or to pre-book a place on a free tour, visit

www.superhomes.org.uk



Robert Smart – solar thermal on the roof provides free hot water



Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition Awards

Every year Aylesbury Town Council organises a School Garden Competition as part of our year round Aylesbury in Bloom campaign and this year was no different.

On a nice sunny day in early July volunteer judges Janet and Sandra visited the schools to see their wonderful gardens. Both judges commented on how impressed they were with the children's enthusiasm, their knowledge of wildlife and how to protect it and also the pride in their crops, ranging from potatoes to onions, sweetcorn, beans, courgettes, peas, strawberries, with many varieties in lots of schools.

The standard was exceptionally high this year and when it came to it often only half a point separated first, second and third place. In July 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 is organised by the Gardening Society.

Chairman of the Communities Committee Cllr Allison Harrison, Aylesbury Gardening Society Vice-Chairman, Chris Gray and President Ray James welcomed the pupils together with their teachers and parents.

It was a great evening and **Turnfurlong Junior School** received first prize and the Ann Miles Shield for Heaviest Combined Weight of Potatoes from the Aylesbury Gardening Society. Second place was awarded to **Broughton Infant School** and third place to **Oak Green School**.

The focus then moved on to the winners and runner ups of the various categories of the school garden competition.

Haydon Abbey Combined School won Best Edible Garden and Best Wildlife Nature Garden, **Turnfurlong Junior School** received first prize for Best Recreational &



Learning Garden and **Broughton Infant School** received first prize for Best Garden in a Pot. The Spade for Best Overall Garden went to **Turnfurlong Junior School**, who impressed the judges with their Wildlife and Recreational & Learning Garden and their enthusiasm.

Cllr Allison Harrison said: "It was lovely to see how excited all the children were when they received their awards for the hard work they had done and their enthusiasm for gardening. I would like to thank the teachers, parents and grandparents who encourage the children with their work and who give up their time to help at Gardening Clubs. I am already looking forward to next year to see how all the gardens have developed."



LIST OF ALL WINNERS:

Category	1st	2nd	3rd
Best Edible Garden	Haydon Abbey Combined School	Turnfurlong Junior School & Stocklake Park School	
Best Wildlife/Nature Garden	Haydon Abbey Combined School	Turnfurlong Junior School	Stocklake Park School
Best Recreational & Learning Garden	Turnfurlong Junior School	Stocklake Park School	Pebble Brook School
Best Garden in a Pot	Broughton Infant School	Stocklake Park School	Pebble Brook School (Boarding)
Best Overall Garden	Turnfurlong Junior School		

Jonathan Page *play* Centre

As we are about to go to print the last arrangements are being put into place to complete the transfer of the Jonathan Page Play Centre from Aylesbury Vale District Council to Aylesbury Town Council.

The centre offers an After School Club service and Holiday Playscheme. It is open to children aged 4 years to 12 years (inclusive) from all schools and is a great place to make new friends.

The Jonathan Page Play Centre in Meadowcroft was opened in February 2000 by the District Council and officially named in 2001. Jonathan Page worked as a playworker at Manor House Hospital working with children with Special Needs. He passed away in 1972 at the young age of 20.

The After School Club runs from 3.15pm to 6pm each weekday during term time and a Holiday Playscheme takes place during Half Term, Easter, Summer and Christmas Breaks and runs from 8am – 6.30pm Monday to Friday.

The experienced team at the Jonathan Page Play Centre take a keen interest in each child's development, providing fun activities which meet their social, physical, intellectual, creative and emotional needs. There's a new unusual activity every week, as well as monthly themes, and plenty of opportunity to play outside and explore nature.



A school collection service for the After School Club is available from Thomas Hickman School, Turnfurlong Junior and Infant School, Elmhurst School and Buckingham Park School.

If you would like to find out more about the After School Club service or Holiday Playscheme please contact the centre on **01296 336413** and our team will be happy to assist or visit www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/jppc

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2016 Spectacularly Spooky Half Term Fun*



Come and join the staff at Jonathan Page Play Centre for some Halloween fun during the October Half Term. Staff are busy planning lots of fun activities which include hand print spiders, web weaving, paper mummies, mask making, spooky houses and lots more. Within our large outdoor area we will be having ghost hunts, building a giant spider's web, pumpkin patch stomp, ghostly bowling, making a knock down pumpkin game and pin the spider on the web. There will be opportunities for children to enjoy both indoor and outdoor areas, including pool table, football table, role play corner, climbing frames and go-karts.

Freaky Frightening Fun Friday Dress Up Day

Children are welcome to join in with dress up day where there will be a prize for the best dressed child.


**Please note that all of the activities and games will be designed for the age group of children and the team will not be doing anything to frighten or scare the children.*

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.priest@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk
There is no charge for community groups and charities.

Buckinghamshire Healthcare 
NHS Trust

Would you like to help improve Cancer Services in Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust? We are a group of volunteer patient, relative and carer representatives who work with healthcare professionals on standardising and improving cancer services.

What is the Cancer Patient Partnership group all about?

The group has been involved in the development of the cancer services which has led to the implementation of a more patient focussed service by healthcare professionals. Our group meet alternately at Stoke Mandeville and Wycombe Hospitals every three months at lunchtime, to discuss the work and achievements of the group in improving and monitoring cancer services across Bucks.

Examples:

- Observing Cancer Clinics and recommending changes
- Advising on patient information leaflets to ensure user friendly
- Participating in the annual review of services
- Monitor the quality of patient services
- Responding to patient's survey outcomes
- Consulting with patients, relatives, or carers regarding cancer service waiting times, and pharmacy services.

Interested - what next?

You can be involved as little or as much as you would like, and you do not need to have any medical background, as discussions are in 'laymans' terms. Patients, relatives and carers who have been involved with ANY type of cancer, who would like to know more, without obligation, are invited to contact us for further information on: **01296 316954**.

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

Donate your unwanted tools for a good cause!



The Aylesbury Lions Club want to collect small hand tools, sewing machines and carpentry tools to pass to the Workaid charity. (No garden tools, no large power tools.)

Please bring them to the Aylesbury Lions Club charity stall (by the town clock) Market Square, Aylesbury on Saturday 15th October 2016, any time from 9.00am – 4.00pm.

The Aylesbury Lions Club is part of Lions International, one of the world's largest voluntary organisations, which has clubs in 192 countries. Lions Club members work together to help their local communities through fundraising and other voluntary work.

Further information about the Aylesbury Lions Club can be found on our website www.aylesburylions.org.uk

Great Wall Marathon

Earlier this year Richard Bazely won a competition with Capri Sun to run the Great Wall Marathon for Alzheimer's Research.



Even though Richard had an early start he knew that the sun would become an issue in this race. Only a short stretch of the route is flat and thereafter

it is uphill for miles and later on lots of steps. As the steps are not all the same height they provided an extra challenge. The views from the wall and the scenery were spectacular.

It was a tough race but he thoroughly enjoyed it and with people from 70 countries he made many new friends from diverse backgrounds.

All in all Richard raised £935 for Alzheimer's Research.

Community Iftar

In July Aylesbury Mosque held a large Community Iftar (breaking of the fast) event at the Mosque.

The evening was a tremendous success with around 150 individuals attending including the Police Superintendent who had fasted for the day.



Other invited guests included the High Sheriff, council leaders, local MP, RAF Station Commander and members of local churches and faith organisations.

Everyone felt at home and it was a spectacular evening and an opportunity to introduce everyone to the role of the Mosque and the management team and to discuss how everyone can work together more closely and effectively.

The Mosque has already planned follow-up meetings with many of its partners and is hoping to run similar events in the future.

ATC invites your comments and correspondence... we'd love to hear from you!



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 Council, Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 2QP.

Please do give us your name and contact details so that we can reply to you.

Want to keep up-to-date with local news and events? Visit our website or follow us on Twitter & Facebook



Since their formation over a hundred years ago, the WI has been renowned for its campaigns.

We have lobbied parliament and fought for women's rights. We have done this through our annual resolution process whereby any member may suggest a resolution to be put forward to the local Federation and then cascaded to the National Federation of WIs (NFWI).

One or two resolutions are then chosen by the membership and discussed and voted upon in each WI locally and endorsed at the Annual Meeting of the NFWI.

In 1920 the Resolution was: That it is advisable to have women's organisations, such as the Womens' Institutes, represented on parish councils, district councils and sub-committees, to deal with health and housing.

The 1943 Resolution suggested that men and women should receive equal pay for equal work and in 1972 they urged the government to make it mandatory rather than permissive for all local authorities to provide a full free Family Planning Service.

Most have been important milestones in making women's lives better especially the one that urged underwear manufacturers to use higher quality elastic in their knickers to prevent them falling down!

This year two resolutions were passed at the NFWI Annual Meeting in Brighton. One was to urge supermarkets to tackle food waste and food poverty. When thousands rely on food banks, we need to persuade supermarkets to review their stance on surpluses. The second was aimed at improving hospital care for patients with dementia.

If you are interested in campaigning for issues close to your heart then the WI may be for you. You will be made very welcome and meet new friends.

Find out about our current and past mandates at www.theWI.org.uk/campaigns.

For further details of Aylesbury Town WI email aylesburytownwi@gmail.com.

Community News & Events



PACE 2016 Children's Challenge

Join children, families and the team at PACE for the 2016 Children's Challenge! Our spectacular biennial event takes place on Thursday 10th November, 1.00pm - 3.00pm. It's a fun afternoon of Paralympic-themed activities, events and challenges designed to showcase and celebrate the amazing things that the children at PACE achieve with the help of people like you.

The Children's Challenge is also one of our biggest fundraising events and you can help to raise £60,000 to support our services and help to transform the lives of children with cerebral palsy and related motor disabilities. We think our children are heroes. And you can be a hero too!

Sign up to do your own challenge and help PACE raise funds. Your challenge can be anything: physical or mental; solo or with friends or colleagues. To register your interest or request a fundraising pack contact us on **01296 614287** or email info@thepacecentre.org

Not sure what you could do? For example, if you love the challenge of conquering mountains and the reward of spectacular views, we still have places left for our mighty 'Snowdon Sunset' trek on Saturday 10th September. Conquer all 3,560ft of Wales' mightiest peak and raise vital funds for the children at PACE.

To find out more information please visit www.thepacecentre.org or call Leah Lewis on **01296 616974**.



Please join the children and us. We guarantee you a heart-warming and inspiring time!

Don't forget to make a note in your diary of our Halloween and Tudor Fayre events. See the posters on the inside front and back cover.

Call to bring out your Local Volunteer Heroes



Too many dedicated volunteers in Buckinghamshire are going unappreciated, says Lord Lieutenant Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher.

With just one successful nomination for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) last year and none this year, Sir Henry says voluntary organisations in the county are just not getting the recognition they deserve from Her Majesty.

"We have a great tradition of voluntary service in Buckinghamshire," said Sir Henry, the Monarch's representative in the county. "I've met a huge number of committed volunteers without whom life in the county would be very much the poorer."

"I can only deduce from the absence of nominations that our dedicated volunteers are too busy getting on with the job! So I'm asking Buckinghamshire to bring them out so that we have an opportunity to honour them."

Last year the Chesham charity Workaid was the only Buckinghamshire volunteer organisation to receive the QAVS.

Their volunteers, who refurbish tools and equipment for vocational training projects in Africa enabling vulnerable and disadvantaged people to learn and improve skills, were recognised for their outstanding work in the community.

In previous years Buckingham Citizens' Advice Bureau and Wycombe Homeless Connection have been presented with the QAVS.

CAB's Chief Officer Ian Payne said: *"It was an amazing boost. Our volunteers gained an immense amount of pride and pleasure in receiving the award, all the more so because it was seen as a team award. Without doubt it made it easier to recruit volunteers."*

Sir Henry said that with more than 60,000 volunteers, and nearly 4,000 voluntary and community organisations, Buckinghamshire has a healthy culture of service to the community.

Nominations for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service can be made at www.gov.uk/queens-award-for-voluntary-service

Submit your nomination by midnight on 16 September 2016 to make sure your group is considered for the 2017 awards.



Chilterns MS Centre 'Walk the MS Mile' returns in 2016

Walk the MS Mile did such an excellent job of raising awareness of – and funds for – the Chilterns MS Centre, they will be doing it again this September!

As part of celebrating 30 years of providing support to people with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in Bucks and surrounding counties, the Centre launched **Walk the MS Mile** in September 2015. They organised 30 one mile sponsored walks, each day of the month, in 30 different locations. The event surpassed everyone's expectations by raising a staggering £70,000!

Walk the MS Mile is returning this year with five events, starting in Thame on 20th September then onto Berkhamsted, Marlow, Buckingham and finishing in Aylesbury on Saturday 24th September. The first four represent the distance people travel from the north, south, east and west to go for physio, hydro and complementary therapies to treat the symptoms of MS, and Aylesbury is the largest town close to the Wendover Centre.



Aylesbury resident Lois Macbeth will be walking her local MS mile to raise money for what she describes as 'a wonderful place full of really friendly staff and brilliant volunteers' that has helped her for 21 years since her diagnosis.

The sponsored walks received generous support from companies last year and this year Cartmell & Co Solicitors are sponsoring the Thame and Aylesbury miles. They pride themselves on going that 'extra mile' for their clients and are delighted to help the Centre that makes a real difference to the quality of life for people with MS in the local community.

Don't forget Heritage Open Days on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September. See page 17.

NCAA Free NHS Check Project

Nigerian Community Association Aylesbury (NCAA) recently accomplished their **Health is Wealth** project in Aylesbury. Project Health is Wealth is a complete physical, mental and social well-being health check. It gives a better understanding of:

- What excess we have in our bodies and how to get rid of this
- What we lack and how to enrich our body with it
- Help to prevent diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, stroke and dementia to mention a few.

In collaboration with ToHealth organisation, members of NCAA attended a free NHS health check on 9th July. This has helped in the areas of awareness and education on living healthy and how to prevent getting affected by diseases that could have been prevented by being proactive. Prevention is better than cure. ToHealth work with local authorities to provide health check services to their communities by supplementing health checks carried out through GP surgeries.

Prior to this, NCAA had an online well-attended discussion on health. This was facilitated by medical doctors and other health professionals within the community.

As a Community Interest Company, we strive to continue to help and support people including but not limited to, people of Nigerian heritage and their families by providing education, training through workshops, meetings and seminars and to develop relationships with other similar groups within the wider community, in order to strengthen and improve their skills in their current surroundings and build confidence within the local community, Aylesbury. For more information visit www.nigeriancommunityaylesbury.org.uk



Community News & Events

Christmas Events in the Town Centre to make you go Wow!

Michelle Collins will switch on Aylesbury's Christmas lights on Thursday 17 November, as part of a fun-packed evening of entertainment in the town.



The Christmas lights switch-on event, hosted by Mix 96, will take place between 5.30pm and 7.30pm in the Market Square along with a funfair in Kingsbury. The lights will be switched on at 7.00pm and will be followed by a firework display. There will also be a host of live music acts performing throughout the event.

The following Sunday, there will be an opportunity for families to welcome Santa and his friends to Aylesbury on Sunday 27 November. Cheer the parade of colourful characters including giant penguins, real donkeys, Elsa, Anna and Olaf, elves and of course Santa, with local theatre, drama and a host of other local groups as they sing and dance their way through the town. The parade starts at 10.45am from the upper High Street, through Market Square and with Santa then entering Friars Square Shopping Centre.

After the parade there will be a host of activities across the town including go-karts, mini fun fair, free donkey rides and a giant inflatable. Why not start your Christmas shopping on the day with the town hosting an array of national and local shops.

On Sunday 4 December the town is delighted to be hosting its annual Christmas Gift and Craft market. From 11.00am in Market Square until 3.00pm you will find a wide range of unusual and unique presents and be accompanied by live music as you browse.

These events are brought to you by the Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership – a team of local businesses, Councils and organisations working hard to improve Aylesbury.

It's fun and exciting in Aylesbury Town Centre this Christmas.



(Information correct at time of going to press)

Carers Bucks Young Carers Bucks

Raising money to help Young Carers in Buckinghamshire

On 16th and 17th July, a team from Carers Bucks, the charity which supports unpaid carers in Bucks, ran and walked a combined distance of 100 kilometres along The Ridgeway, Britain's oldest path, as part of the 'Race to the Stones' Challenge 2016.



The team raised over £3,320 for Young Carers Bucks, which supports children

and young people aged 6-18 years old who care for a family member who has a physical or mental illness, a disability or alcohol or substance related problems.

All the money raised will go towards helping support young carers, as young as 6 years in Buckinghamshire, including the 'Young Carers in Schools' programme which offers schools guidance and practical tools to identify and support young pupils who have a caring responsibility.

Sally Mansi, Service Manager for Young Carers Bucks, whose son Gavin was part of the team said, "I really want to say a big thank you to our Race to the Stones team for taking on this challenge and to the local companies who have sponsored us."

For further information contact Carers Bucks on **0300 777 2722** or visit **www.youngcarersbucks.org**

Mayor's Charity of the Year

Space offers support to people who are going through relationship difficulties, depression, bereavement, unemployment, mental



health problems, loneliness, or any combination of these issues. They provide counselling services and therapeutic care during their drop-in sessions.

Space has been established for nearly 20 years, supporting the community of Aylesbury with volunteers helping in the day to day running and organising fundraising to support those in need. To find out more about Space, visit **aylesburyspace.co.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 if you are eligible visit our website or call 01296 425678.**

Bucks Army Cadet Force League

A cheque for £2000 was presented to the Bucks Army Cadet Force League by members of Aylesbury Town Council's Grants Committee.

The grant went towards providing adventurous training equipment for Buckinghamshire (The Rifles) Army Cadet Force, and cadets from 4 (Aylesbury) Platoon attended June's council meeting to thank Councillors and to exhibit some of the equipment contributed to.

The Bucks ACF League is a registered charity providing support and assistance to the County's Army Cadets, by funding equipment to support training, financial support for exchange and remembrance trips, and financial help for individual cadets for the costs of going to annual camp.



Elmhurst Youth Project

Elmhurst Youth Project is a small friendly youth club that runs during term time for young people aged 11 - 16 years.

Run entirely by volunteers we offer a varied programme of events throughout the year giving members the opportunity to try a new skill or experience. To provide our members with these opportunities and experiences, we rely on generous donations, such as that received from Aylesbury Town Council, in order to continue to provide fun and stimulating activities for our members.

The grant we have received will be used to update some of our equipment and offer our members some cultural and adventurous activities both during our weekly meeting as well as trips out. To find out more about what we do and when we meet please visit www.elmhurstyouthclub.co.uk

Grandparents Groups

Thanks to Aylesbury Town Council for awarding a grant to the Grandparents Groups, which was used for the grandparents and grandchildren to go on a visit in June to the Green Dragon Rare Breeds Farm and Eco Centre. In September Zoolab will visit the group with a selection of animals, so the grandchildren can have a hands on experience of holding animals and learning about them.

A number of grandparents look after their grandchildren and this grant enables them to have quality time together, enjoying themselves and learning together. There are two Grandparents Groups in Aylesbury. On Monday the Grandparents Group meet at Spurgens Children Centre, Narbeth Drive. The Tuesday group meet at the Bearbrook and Elmhurst Early Years Excellence Hub, Dunsham Lane. For more information about the groups please contact the centres.



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

Autumn Arts & Craft Fair

Queens Park Arts Centre's annual Art & Craft Fair takes place on Saturday 5th November from 10am to 4pm. The fair – coordinated by Amanda Wheaton – has become a hugely popular event since it launched in 2003, with hundreds of people attending each year. There'll be a wide range of the region's best art and craft to view and buy, including cards, textiles, ceramics, jewellery, glass and painting & drawing – perfect for Christmas presents or even a special treat to self. There'll also be creative craft activities for children running throughout the day, homemade cakes on sale in the Coffee Bar and maybe even a visit from Santa himself!

Entry costs £2/£1 members and concessions. Under 14s go free and there's free parking available. All proceeds from the Fair go towards the Centre's ongoing fundraising campaign. For more information visit www.qpc.org, email info@qpc.org or call **01296 424332**.



What's on at Bucks County Museum

ROALD DAHL 100 EVENTS

Celebrate Roald Dahl's 100th anniversary with a visit to the County Museum to see Roald Dahl's Buckinghamshire. Using the County Museum's vibrant collections and images from the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre archives, visitors of all ages can discover the people and places that inspired Roald Dahl's fabulous stories in an enchanting woodland setting. **Free admission.**

Over October half term create your own creepy creatures inspired by Roald Dahl's Dirty Beasts. Drop in between 10.00am and 12 noon or 1.00pm and 3.00pm from **24 October to 28 October**. £3 per child.

Aylesbury is also home to the fantastic Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, where hands on exhibits based on Roald Dahl's much-loved children's stories make finding out fun – you can investigate mini-beasts inside the Giant Peach, explore sound with the BFG and crawl along Fantastic Mr Fox's tunnel. Admission charge.

ART FOR THE AUTUMN

MAKING AN IMPRESSION PRINT EXHIBITION 8 October – 5 November

A wonderful exhibition of stunning and affordable hand pulled prints by members of the Beds, Bucks & Herts Print Society. On display are a rich variety

of prints made by printmaking techniques including woodblock, linocut, screenprint, collograph, solarprint and drypoint. Look out for Meet the Artist sessions and a dry point printing drop in workshop. All work is for sale. **Free admission.**

BRITISH NEO-ROMANTIC ART - THE NICOLAS AND FRANCES MCDOWALL COLLECTION 19 November 2016 – 28 January 2017

Over 60 works drawn from a private collection looking at the inspirations, development and later



influences of British neo-romanticism. Featuring paintings, watercolours, drawings and prints from major artists including Graham Sutherland, John

Piper, Paul Nash, Alan Reynolds, Ceri Richards, John Craxton, John Minton, Robin Tanner and many others. The works explore themes concerned with nature and humanity and embodies the poetic and passionate spirit of the neo-romantics. **Free admission.**

Bucks County Museum and Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP
For information and opening times call **01296 331441** or visit www.buckscountymuseum.org

Aylesbury Festival Choir

Our next term starts on 1st September at 7.00pm and we meet at Bedgrove Junior School, Ingram Avenue, Aylesbury HP21 9DN. Our November concert has the provisional title of 'From Bach to Rutter' and covers a wide range of music from 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring' to the 'Vicar of Dibley' theme music by Howard Goodall. During the summer, our committee has been interviewing candidates for the vacant position of Music Director and four people have been chosen to audition. Non-members are welcome to come and sing with us but would not be entitled to vote. This is an exciting time for us as a new conductor brings fresh ideas and we, as a group, are always ready to take on any challenge. New members, particularly men, are always welcome. No auditions or requirement to read music, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information visit www.aylesburyfestivalchoir.net





Celebrating 60 years of the Freedom of Entry for RAF Halton

Back in June 2014, Aylesbury celebrated with RAF Halton their 'exercising its right' to march through the town with 'bayonets fixed, drums beating, bands playing and colours flying'.

Her Majesty the Queen's Colour from RAF Halton paraded and, supported by the Central Band of the Royal Air Force was reviewed by the Mayor of Aylesbury and a Dakota from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight delighted all with a fly past.

We would not be able to hold this celebration and pageantry with RAF Halton, every four years, if it wasn't for Aylesbury Borough Council, whom in 1956, bestowed the Honour at a Council meeting on the 13th February. The resolution was made by Councillors and past Mayors, Arthur James Sage and Mrs Olive Patterson.

Cllr Sage said "That in recognition of the most friendly association which has always existed between the Borough Council, the people of Aylesbury, and the men and women of the Royal Air Force stationed at RAF Halton, the Council do confer upon the Officer Commanding and all ranks of the Royal Air Force for the time being and from time to time stations at Halton the privilege, honour and distinction henceforth and forever of marching through the streets of Aylesbury upon all ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, colours flying, drums beating and bands playing". The Freedom of entry is the highest honour that a Borough can bestow.

Our grateful thanks to: Mr D Larkin of RAF Halton Trenchard Museum, Mr J Ritchie and Mr Downs

So, at 3.00pm on Tuesday 24th April 1956 it is said that over 2000 people and a BBC film crew lined the streets of Aylesbury to watch 600 airmen and women march up the High Street and into Market Square, past a fanfare of trumpets to salute the Mayor of Aylesbury, Cllr Fewkes, the Town Clerk, Mr Harold Crookes and Air Commodore G.N.E Tindal-Carill-Worsley, the Station Commander and other dignitaries attending. The freedom scroll was read out by the Town Clerk and presented by Mayor Cllr Fewkes to the Air Commodore.

The procession was led by the Apprentices Pipe Band along with the station's goat mascot 'Corporal Lewis III'. The parade consisted of four air squadrons, ten flights of Airmen and Apprentices and one flight of Airwomen, No. 1 School of Technical Training, No. 1 School of Cookery, and Record office detachment. Non-combat personnel were also in attendance, made up of Airmen from the Princess Mary RAF Hospital, Dental Training and RAF Institute of Pathology and Tropical Medicine Nursing sisters from the RAF Hospital. Many of these apprentices still keep in touch today. For many it was not only transitional training, but a role where life-long friendships developed.

Aylesbury Town Council have the privilege of continuing this honour and arrangements are already in place, with the support of RAF Halton, to mark not only the Freedom of Aylesbury but celebrating the 100th year Anniversary of the RAF, in Market Square in 2018.

Heritage Open Days in Aylesbury

Once again Aylesbury organisations will be opening their buildings to the public over **Heritage Open Days 2016**. Heritage Open Days 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. On **Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September**, we will be celebrating Aylesbury's Heritage with open buildings, tours of the Tring Road Cemetery, the Old Town of Aylesbury, Judges Lodgings and many more.

The Aylesbury Timescapes Exhibition will take place in the Old County Hall with a second set of pictures created by local historian and photographer Karl Vaughan. For the full programme, how to book for the tours and opening times visit www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/heritageopendays





Aylesbury Town Council Ward Map

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Cllr Allison Harrison
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Ward: Quarrendon



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Ward: Oxford Road



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Ward: Southcourt



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Ward: Walton



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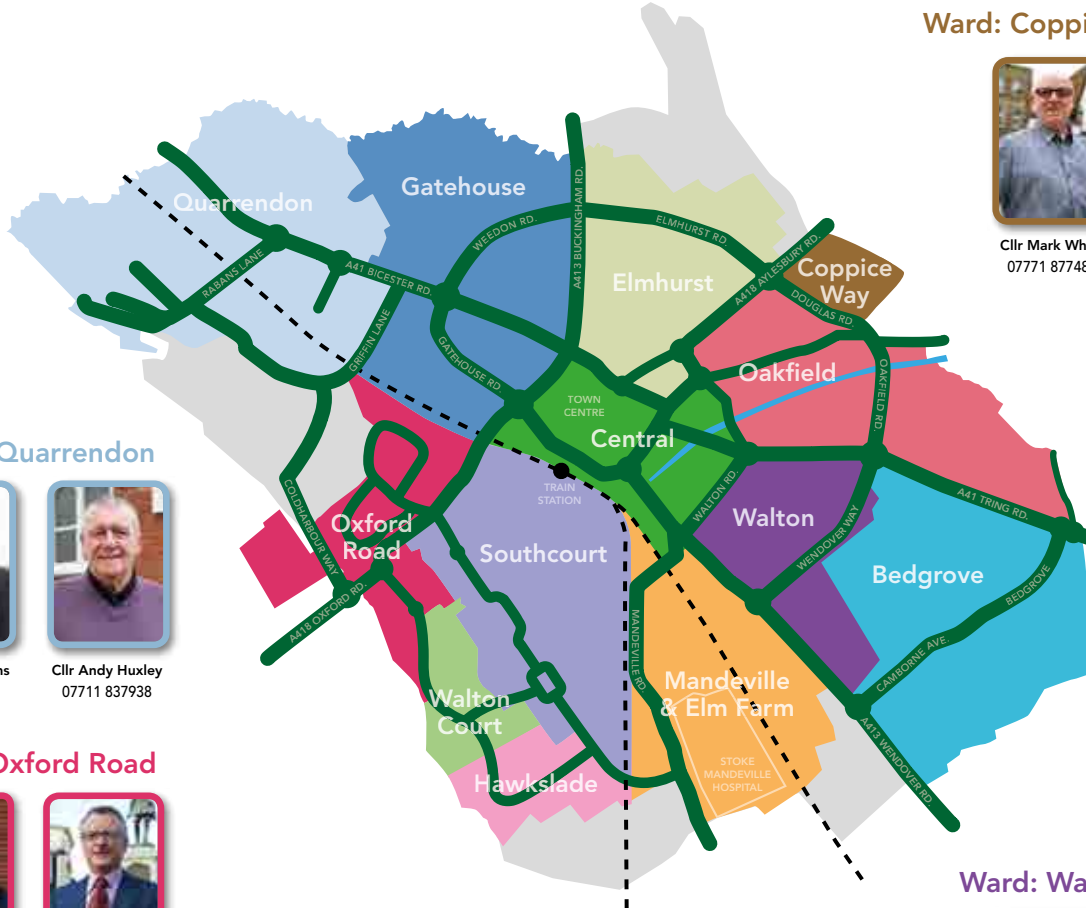
Cllr Jenny Bloom
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Who do I talk to about? ...

AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Office of the Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- Management of the seven allotment sites
- Management of Tring Road Cemetery
- Devolved Services – grass cutting of urban highway grass verges
- Support Twinning of Aylesbury with Bourg-en-Bresse
- A programme of events throughout the year such as Parklife, Tudor Fayre, 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
- Jonathan Page Play Centre
- 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
- Grass cutting of open spaces and parks



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)
- Grass cutting of rural highways/grass verges



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Call: **01296 395 000** or visit: www.buckscc.gov.uk



Town Mayor's Update

MAYOR MAKING 2016

Former Town Mayor Cllr Allison Harrison came to the end of her term at the Mayor Making Inauguration held on the 21st May at Aylesbury College. The Chain of Office was handed over to Cllr Barbara Russel, who was duly elected at the Town Council meeting held on the 12th May and Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts elected as her Deputy.

Mayor Making was attended by many local charity organisations, businesses and associations as well as representatives from the services and armed forces as well as neighbouring town mayors and dignitaries.

During the evening, Cllr Harrison was overjoyed to hand over the Mayor's charity cheque to Community Unity Projects for £6,449.58 with an additional £1,015 being raised on the evening, in which draw tickets were sold to win a single diamond which was very generously donated by Aylesbury Bullion Company. Shoshana and Richard Willetts, on behalf of the charity thanked everyone for their overwhelming support in the donations and contributions they had given over the year, whether it was coins in the collection tins at Town Council events or cheque donations from local businesses and organisations. The amount raised would go towards helping so many projects the charity provide, as well as families and elderly in Aylesbury.

Amongst the presentations were the Honorary Freewomen awards presented to Mrs Freda Roberts MBE and Miss Ellen White. Allison also presented the Town Mayor's Awards. Many nominations were sent in and it was an enormous task for the panel of judges to



The recipients of the awards were Mrs Pauline Humm, Mrs Monika Yarnell, Mrs Linda Wells and Miss Felicity Amswych.

select the winners, it is humbling to know that there are so many people that show commitment and help others within our town.



THE NEW MAYOR TAKES OFFICE

Cllr Barbara Russel 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 Queen's Birthday Roadshow, which was organised by the Town Council for those celebrating the occasion with street parties. Despite a damp day, fun was had by all those involved. Barbara has been pleased to visit, support and meet a variety of people, those that give their time to fundraising events such as local church organisations and those residents giving their time to running clubs and societies.

On National Care Home day, Barbara was pleased to visit a couple of Care Homes and have the opportunity to meet with the residents and staff, and joining 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 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.

As part of the Mayoral year, Barbara had the very hard decision to select a charity or organisation to support during her year as Mayor. Her final decision was made at the end of June to support SPACE, based at St Mary's Church. The Mayor is looking forward to working with Space during her year of office. See page 14 for more details on the charity.

We have many activities and events to look forward to in the coming months. With the summer holidays, European Championships and Olympics all feeling like a distant memory, we welcome in the autumn and winter months.

In November, on **Remembrance Day**, being Friday 11th, we invite you to join us at 2.00pm at Aylesbury Tring Road Cemetery, where we will be laying a wreath on behalf of the town, for those that gave their lives for us. The Sunday Service of Remembrance in Market Square falls on Sunday 13th November.

Looking forward to December, the Christmas Festivities start, Mayor Cllr Russel would be delighted to welcome you all to her **Christmas Carol Service**, being held on Sunday 4th December at 5.30pm at St Mary's church.

We look forward to welcoming you to all the activities and events over the coming months.

Grateful thanks to Maurice Cousins and Derek Pelling for the photographs.



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 emailing s.carpenter@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



August is an exciting time for swimmers as not only is it the Rio Olympic Games it's also when the National Championships occur. Swimmers at Maxwell Swim Club, are excited as six are fast enough to be invited to the National Championships. Throughout May, a record number of Maxwell's swimmers competed in the regional finals, where entry times were faster than ever before, and raced to many podium finishes and personal bests.

Excellence, teamwork and enthusiasm are important for swimming and Maxwell place a strong focus on these as the core values of the club. Head coach Lisa Atkinson explains, "To compete at the highest level takes a combination of dedication and technique. The difference between winning and losing can come down to a mis-timed turn or a poor start. We therefore focus our training on developing technique and building well rounded athletes."

Teamwork is a strong component of the club as at times swimming can be a difficult sport. At Maxwell we believe a successful swimmer is a happy swimmer and this can be achieved with the support of your swimming family. Swimmers also take part in gym training, receive nutritional advice and are taught responsibility. Looking after all that swim kit is not mum and dad's job, so swimmers learn to take care of themselves and their equipment so to prepare for training and competition.

If you would like to get involved in competitive swimming please visit www.maxwellswimclub.org to request a trial, and it could be you swimming for gold.

Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre launches Walking Football

Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre, which is operated by Everyone Active in partnership with Aylesbury Vale District Council, has launched a new Walking Football sessions. Walking Football is a slow paced version of the game and is aimed at people with reduced mobility. It is an increasingly popular activity which is designed to help people keep an active lifestyle irrespective of their age and ability, as well as getting those back playing football who perhaps had to stop due to injury.

The new walking football classes are open to all ages and abilities and take place every Friday from 4.30pm - 5.30pm in the main sports hall. The sessions are in partnership with the FA and Berks & Bucks Football Association and will bring something new to Aylesbury.

"We are delighted to be offering the local population the chance to take part in a new and exciting activity, which is growing in popularity nationally" says Everyone Active General Manager Jodie Morris. "The Walking Football sessions will include skills development and instruction tailored to each individual's ability and will help to build confidence in a friendly environment."

The first session is free, with subsequent sessions priced at only £3.50 per person. To book or for more information please call Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre on **01296 488555**, email jodiemorris@everyoneactive.com or visit www.everyoneactive.com.



Holocaust Education

In April two boys from Pebble Brook School, James and Matthew, took part in the Holocaust Education Trust's 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project which involved two seminars in London and a day trip to Poland along with about 200 other sixth formers from the Thames Valley area.

The first seminar introduced a Holocaust survivor called Ziggy who told of his life and then the boys met the group of eighteen other students who they were to stay with for the duration of the project. The day trip to Poland was the best part of twenty two hours and took in a visit to Auschwitz and Birkenau which was both informative and emotional. A further seminar in London on a busy Marathon Day talked about their next steps if they are to become Ambassadors for the Holocaust Education Trust.

Back in school the boys did a presentation to Key Stage 4 which recounted their journey to Auschwitz and planned to ensure that on an annual basis the school holds a Holocaust Memorial Day assembly which will be their legacy from their experience.

This will be taken on by the Pebble Brook School FED and as part of his curriculum next term James is going to work with three younger students who are interested in the war to both pass on his knowledge and plan and present the assembly on January 27th.

Based on the premise that 'hearing is not like seeing', this four-part course explores the universal lessons of the Holocaust and its relevance for today. The LFA Project aims to increase knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust for young people and to clearly highlight what can happen if prejudice and racism become acceptable.

Very shortly both boys will be declared Holocaust Ambassadors.



Dragon Den's event supported by local Business People

A new year starts for the YE Company Programme in September. Year 12 students aged 16 – 17 will set up and run real live companies during the academic year. Through the programme they will gain endorsed employability skills that they will use throughout their lives.

In 2015/16 two schools from Aylesbury Vale got to the County Finals, Royal Latin (Coaster Crew) and Aylesbury Grammar (Healthy Heroes), with Healthy Heroes the winners. They proceeded to represent Buckinghamshire at the Regional finals, where they collected Awards for Creativity and Innovation in IT. A separate entry to the National Finals, were Furze Down School who were awarded the National Best Trade Stand in the Team Competition.

The Local Area Board supported by local businesses start the year with Kick Start on the 20th September, taking new students through the information they require to start their company.

In November, the Board will be running for the first time, a Dragon's Den format, supported by local business leaders who will be using their own money to award companies who come up with the best business concept.

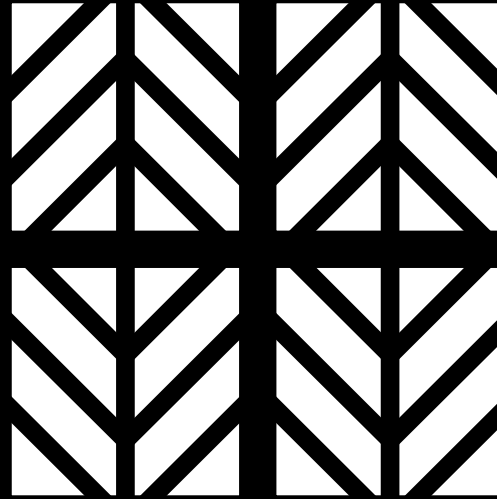
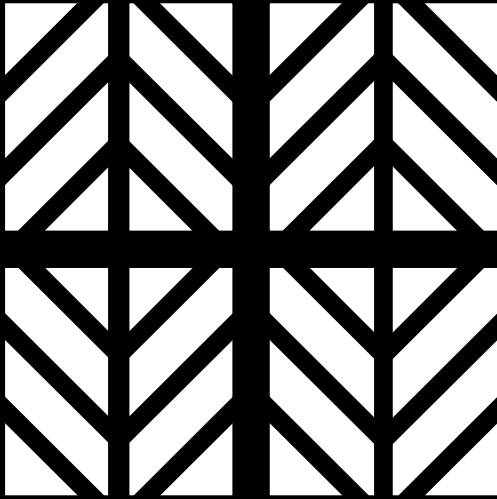
"As a Board we feel privileged to play a part in the developmental journey of these young entrepreneurs." Laura Hook, Chairman

This would not be possible without the support of our volunteers from Aylesbury's businesses and the dedication of the teachers involved.



Tudor Fayre

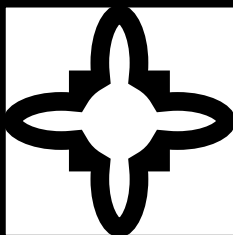
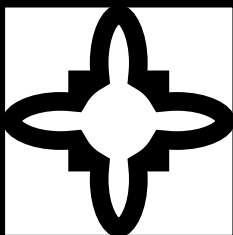
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SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER
11am – 4pm Bucks County Museum



* Step back to the times of the Tudors and mingle with King Henry VIII, Judge, Musicians, Court Jester, Falconer, Armourers, Builder, Tile Maker, Navigator, Spice Merchant, Seamstress, Medic and Queen Elizabeth I & Sir Walter Raleigh, for a day steeped in history and fun. *



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