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# Jonathan Page play Centre

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES

## SUMMER PLAYSCHME 24 July - 5 September 2017

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**PATTERNS**  
24 JULY



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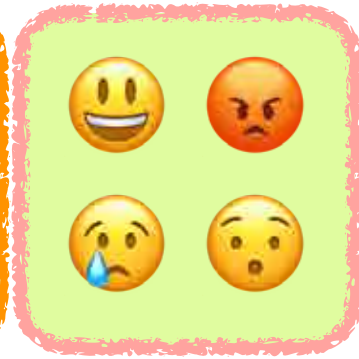
**COOKING**  
7 AUGUST



**ACTIVE**  
14 AUGUST



**RAINBOW**  
21 AUGUST



**FEELINGS & EMOTIONS**  
29 AUGUST

### HOURS AND PRICES (PER CHILD PER DAY)

8am-6.30pm £30    8am-3.30pm £22.50    8am-12.30pm £16    12.30pm-5pm £16

*Playscheme is for all children from the age of 4 up to their 13th birthday*

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## Welcome Note

“ It's a pleasure to be welcoming you to the 45th edition of Aylesbury Town Matters. As we go to press there are elections within the Town Council to determine the Leader of the Council along with a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor. I would like to express my thanks to all Councillors for their service to the people of Aylesbury and the town.

We continue to work hard to ensure you receive a high standard of service from the entire Town Council team, covering the Jonathan Page Play Centre, grass cutting, Tring Road cemetery, Devolved Services, allotments, Dementia awareness, community engagement, grants, Aylesbury in Bloom, Youth Town Council and an extensive programme of free events across the town. We welcome any comments you may have about the work we do and encourage you to contact us via the details below.

We are looking forward to a full, varied and exciting programme of events over the coming months, and have our fingers crossed for sunny days and look forward to welcoming you to the Soapbox Derby, Aylesbury on Sea, Live in the Park and Proms in the Park – more information about all of these events on page 4 and on our website.

It's an exciting time for the members of Aylesbury Youth Town Council – a group of seven young people who have put themselves forward to represent the young people of our town. For more information about each of the Councillors and details of how to be part of this exciting initiative, see pages 22 - 23.

At the opposite end of the age spectrum, we are continuing and developing our work to make Aylesbury a Dementia Friendly Town. It's an exciting time, with the launch of the Aylesbury Town Dementia Alliance, where we are advising local businesses to be dementia aware and encouraging them to make improvements within our community. More information on page 9.

Now is the time for local gardeners to nominate themselves in the Annual Garden competition, so if you have lovingly created a garden to be proud of, please do see the variety of categories available on page 6 and submit your application form, to be in with a chance of winning one of the great prizes.

The Grants Committee have had the pleasure of talking to and awarding grants to many local charities, community groups, sports people and organisations over the past year. They are keen to support more initiatives which help and benefit people within our community. If you are involved with a venture which could benefit from a grant please see page 16 for more information. ”

I wish you a happy Summer,

**Keith Gray**

Aylesbury is twinned with Bourg-en-Bresse **Town Clerk, Aylesbury Town Council**



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## Summer Events



As this magazine lands on your door mat there will be families all over the town putting the final touches to their homemade Soapbox karts as they prepare for the big **Soapbox Derby** race on **Sunday 18 June**.

Come along to Whitehill Park, from 11am, for a day filled with races, fun and laughter – have a go on the 85ft whopper inflatable assault course, challenge your kids on the bungee run or watch the little ones on the bouncy castle. With Street Art demonstrations from the guys at Queens Park Arts Centre along with arts, crafts and face-painting to get involved with. You can bring a picnic or enjoy the refreshments available to purchase on site.

Just two weeks after the Soapbox Derby, on **Sunday 2 July**, you can look forward to all of the fun of the seaside at **Aylesbury on Sea**. Where you will find donkey rides, Punch & Judy, a brass band, some wild and crazy day trippers and some even crazier cross channel swimmers. Have a go on the surf simulator, crazy golf, tea cup rides, skittle alley or penny arcades. You could also have your face painted or get a fab balloon model – all of this fantastic seaside fun is free of charge and takes place in Kingsbury from 11am until 4pm.

Then enjoy Aylesbury's very own mini-free-festival as **Parklife Weekend** returns over the late August Bank Holiday. Live in the Park (**Saturday 26 August, 12 noon – 9.30pm**) will be headlined by The Bon Jovi Experience. This impressive tribute band are described as "The best Bon Jovi tribute act" by Jon Bon Jovi himself and are the only tribute act to have performed live on stage with the original band. They will be joined by a host of local performers including Callow Saints, NBS and Gravity Blue amongst others. This year we are proud to announce the introduction of the Sportif Citroen Second Stage, a dedicated stage for local talented



musicians which will include amongst others, Lucy Mair, Ed Cusick and A Little Bit Country – allowing for a continuous 9.5 hours programme of live music. There will be fun fair rides, inflatables and family activities in the Community Involvement Area, also all for free. Local bars and food suppliers will be on site should you wish to purchase refreshments, or you can bring a picnic. Please note that glass is not permitted at Live in the Park.

The experts from UKAstronomy will be available at Stars in the Park from 10.15pm until 11.30pm to guide you around the night sky.

Aylesbury Church Network will be your hosts during the day (Sunday 27 August) with Church in the Park from 10.30am then Footie and Music in the Park from 12 noon. Please see their separate promotional material for more information.

Finally it's **Proms in the Park**, where you are invited to bring picnics, rugs, flags and your singing voices for this great British tradition, with a 45 piece concert band, soloists and a guest interval performance by The Queens Park Centre Jazz Band. A spectacular firework display will finish the entire weekend at around **9.30pm on Sunday 27 August**.



We are always striving to improve our events and have been working closely with BuDS (Buckinghamshire Disability Services) since early 2015 to ensure that they are accessible for all. If you would like to attend an event but are unsure if it is suitable for all members of your party, more information about access and additional amenities at each of our events, is available on the 'Events' page of our website. Please visit [www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) or please do drop us an email or give us a call.

If you would like to take part, volunteer, ask a question or comment in anyway about any of our events please do get in touch [r.mayhew@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:r.mayhew@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) 01296 425678









## The Great British Spring Clean

In March the Great British Spring Clean took place and thousands of volunteers all over the UK arranged a litter pick to tidy up their villages, towns and cities. TV wildlife presenter and children's favourite, Steve Backshall lent his support to the campaign, which was also backed by the key anti-litter charities including Keep Britain Tidy, Keep Wales Tidy, Keep Scotland Beautiful, Marine Conservation Society and Surfers Against Sewage.



Aylesbury was no different and schools, councillors and community organisations took part. In total over 100 bags were collected during March. A big thank you to Turnfurlong Infant School, Harding House School, Bucks UTC students, Haydon Hill Residents' Association, Aylesbury

Youth Action, local Scouts, Guides, local Town, District and County Councillors and residents who all did their bit for our community and environment.

More groups have planned litter picks within areas of Aylesbury town over the coming months. If you are interested and would also like to arrange a litter pick with your friends, neighbours, business or local groups than please contact us on **01296 425678** or email [j.priest@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:j.priest@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) and we can lend you our 'Litter Pick Kit' which comes with high viz jackets, litter pickers and rubbish bags. We will also arrange collection of the full bin bags.

The Great British Spring clean is set to become an annual event, as soon as the 2018 dates are known we will announce it on our website.



**AYLESBURY in BLOOM 2017**

Sponsored by **Michael ANTHONY**

**Annual Garden Competition 2017**

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

Free to enter, the competition is open to all residents in the Parish of Aylesbury Town.

All you have to do is complete the application form opposite and return it to Aylesbury Town Council offices in 5 Church Street. Alternatively call **01296 425678** or email: [info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk)

Judging will take place in June, July and August. For more details including Terms & Conditions and Judging Criteria please visit our website.

[www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk)  
01296 425678

## Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition 2017

The annual garden competition is now open for entries from residents, schools, organisations and businesses in the parish of Aylesbury town. Some entries have already been submitted and it promises to be an exciting year again. If you are still thinking about entering or haven't sent in your application form, please complete the form on the facing page and return to the offices at Town Hall or via email.

You can choose which categories you wish to enter and also during which month (June, July, August) you would like your judging to take place.

Categories include:

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



Participants can choose to enter multiple categories and with such a wide variety there is something for everyone's garden. For more information on judging criteria please visit our website.



## GARDEN COMPETITION 2017

For Residents, Schools, Businesses and Organisations in the Parish of Aylesbury Town.  
*Entries Close 16 June*, judging will take place during June, July & August 2017

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School/Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am a Resident  School  Organisation/Business

**Categories**  
 Please tick the categories you wish to enter (multiple categories can be chosen)  
 For terms and conditions and criteria for each category, please visit  
[www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) or contact the office on 01296 425 678

**Residents**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Front Garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Back Garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Edible Garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Wildlife/Nature Garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Container Garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Young Gardener

**Schools**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Edible Garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Wildlife/Nature Garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Recreational/Learning Garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Garden in a Pot

**Organisation/Business**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Commercial Planting/Premises
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Communal Garden

Preferred Month for your garden to be judged? June  July  August

Please return the completed form by 16 June 2017 to Aylesbury In Bloom,  
 Aylesbury Town Council, Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP or email  
 completed forms to [f.priest@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:f.priest@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) (scanned forms are acceptable).







## Buckinghamshire Owl and Raptor Group (BORG) – 'Give A Hoot'

**BORG evolved in 2012 from the Aylesbury Vale Barn Owl Project.** The group is completely independent and run entirely by volunteers who work throughout Buckinghamshire to protect and encourage box-dwelling birds of prey, specifically Barn Owls, Tawny Owls, Little Owls and Kestrels.

Barn Owls have been in decline in recent years as their natural habitats and nest-sites disappear, in order to help alleviate these issues the main focus of our work involves erecting, maintaining and monitoring nest-boxes at suitable sites throughout Aylesbury and the surrounding villages. All our monitoring results are sent to the British Trust for Ornithology to be included in the national database.

With the help of George, a captive-bred barn owl, volunteers are available to offer informative and entertaining talks to schools, youth groups and adult groups, as well as attendance at community events. We can also support and provide guidance to help landowners understand how to manage and maintain habitats which encourage occupation by owls and raptors.

Part of the group's on-going commitment to the raptors of Buckinghamshire involves working closely with Bucks County Council and other project partners to maintain the nest platform for the town's Peregrines and to monitor and record them.



As a voluntary organisation we rely heavily on sponsorship and donations. Through education, ringing, monitoring and by offering advice to landowners and the general public, BORG's band of enthusiastic, licensed volunteers will continue to work towards a better future for owls and other raptors in Buckinghamshire. If you would like to get involved, or support our work, please contact us via our website [www.giveahoot.org.uk](http://www.giveahoot.org.uk) for more information.

## Canal & River Trust

**Sunday 25th June, 10am - 4pm**  
**Aylesbury Canal & Park Activity Day**

The third Aylesbury Canal & Park Activity Day takes place at Oakfield Road Park (HP20 1LL). A FREE day of various sporting activities, try your hand at canoeing/kayaking or angling. A fun run will be held at midday plus multi-sports in the park. Refreshments provided by local Scout group. Some age restrictions apply. More information at [www.canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk)

**Tuesday 25th July, 11am - 4pm**  
**The Tring Anglers Aylesbury Arm Fishing Taster day**

All are welcome to try some fishing at Oakfield Road Park (HP20 1LL). Tackle and bait supplied, just bring a chair with you. It is a Canal & River Trust 'Go Fish' and National Fishing Month event. Contact details: Dick Pilkington, **01582 841985** or email [RPilki6002@aol.com](mailto:RPilki6002@aol.com)

**Second Saturday of the month, Aylesbury Towpath Taskforce**

Would you like to help keep the canal a clean and pleasant place to be? The Canal & River Trust's Aylesbury Towpath Taskforce meets every second Saturday of the month at Tesco, Tring Road at 10.30am. Everyone welcome to help with practical tasks. More information at [www.canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk)







The last few months have been very busy here at the centre. During After School Club we spoke about diversity and how everyone is different. We made presents for our mums to celebrate Mother's Day and we also learnt about space and had the opportunity to see and touch a real meteorite.

Easter Playscheme took place during the school holidays, which was packed with fun activities and games focusing on Easter and Spring. We made Easter garlands and egg wreaths, decorated Easter biscuits and played lots of games including 'Stuck in the Mud', a Bunny Hop Race and lots more.

During the second week of Playscheme we had a visit from Aylesbury's Town Mayor, Cllr Barbara Russel who judged our Easter bonnet competition. We each made our own Easter bonnet and the Mayor had to choose three winners, which wasn't an easy task as all of them were beautiful.



The team are already planning a fantastic programme of activities for the Summer Playscheme, as it is not long to go until the Summer holidays. Each week has a different topic, so it doesn't matter if your child wants to come for only one day, a week or for the whole holidays, there will always be something different to do each time.

In addition to all the planned activities and the many toys and games we have the children can also enjoy our secure outdoor area, which includes climbing frames for different age groups, a go-kart track, multi-use games area and outdoor learning lodge. Here is what is planned each week:

- 24 July – Patterns, 31 July – Under the Sea, 7 August – Cooking
- 14 August – Active, 21 August – Rainbow
- 29 August – Feelings and Emotions

To book sessions please visit our website [www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/jppc](http://www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/jppc) or visit our Facebook page and click on the 'Book Online' button.



If you would like to see our facilities and meet the team before you book please contact us on **01296 336413** and we will be happy to show you around the Jonathan Page Play Centre. Follow us on Facebook **@jppplaycentre**

## Dementia Awareness Week, 15 May 2017



Aylesbury Town Council has had a successful first year raising awareness of Dementia in our community. With over 300 Dementia Friends created in the town last year, our Dementia Champion, Benedicta Lasoye continues her quest to create more Dementia Friends in Aylesbury.

Some of the simple changes Dementia Friends in Aylesbury have made include:

- The front-line staff of Waitrose supermarket completed Dementia Friends Sessions
- Pupils from Broughton Junior School talking about how they will spend more time with grandparents and elderly neighbours
- The Nigerian Community of Aylesbury have now gained a clearer insight into Dementia which has helped break down some of the stigma in the black and minority ethnic community
- Local Cubs and Brownies visiting people who are in residential care
- Aylesbury Library displaying more books about how to support people who live with Dementia



Dementia Friends is now in its 4th year with over 1.9million people across the UK, who have pledged to reduce the stigma surrounding Dementia. If you would like to arrange a FREE information session please email [b.lasoye@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:b.lasoye@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) for further details.



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



## Walk the MS Mile is back!

Walk the MS Mile, is the Chilterns MS Centre's largest annual awareness and fundraising event. Since its inception in September 2015, it has raised £91,500 for the independent, Wendover-based charity and doubled the number of referrals received from people affected by multiple sclerosis (MS).

Everyone is welcome to take part in Walk the MS mile, a series of accessible one mile sponsored walks, taking place in five towns this year:

<b>Saturday 9 September</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Berkhamsted</b>
<b>Saturday 16 September</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Beaconsfield</b>
<b>Saturday 16 September</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>High Wycombe</b>
<b>Saturday 23 September</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Aylesbury</b>
<b>Saturday 23 September</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Marlow</b>

Many people with MS are unable to take part in physical sponsored challenges. Walking a mile – or using a walking frame or a motorised wheelchair – is something many people can and are pleased to do. Walk the MS Mile is filling a gap in the sponsored event market. Join us and be part of the event's success!

Register online at [www.walktheMSmile.org](http://www.walktheMSmile.org) from 1st June or register in person on Friday 16th June at our launch event in Aylesbury Market, 9.30am – 2.00pm with live coverage from Mix96!



## Could you help people to speak up and have their voices heard?

POhWER is a charity that offers a free, confidential and independent advocacy service to help support people to speak up and have a say in choices about their lives and to understand their rights.

People turn to POhWER for many reasons and each case is unique. They may have an illness or disability, be lacking in confidence or feel that they are in a vulnerable situation and that they need an independent person to provide support and ensure that their voices are heard.

POhWER can help by giving clear information, talking to professionals, attending meetings, making phone calls or writing letters on our client's behalf. This empowers clients to be in control of their lives. POhWER covers the whole of Buckinghamshire and are currently looking for volunteer advocates to join their team.

Volunteer advocates are good listeners, open minded, helpful, non-judgemental and respectful of the choices of others. They have excellent communication skills and a good mind for problem solving. They are able to volunteer for a few hours a week on a regular basis. Advocacy is a very rewarding challenge.

All volunteers are given full training and ongoing support to enable them to deliver the best possible service for our clients.

For further details or to apply please contact Katie Sleight Volunteer Co-Ordinator at [k.sleight@pohwer.net](mailto:k.sleight@pohwer.net)  
Call **0300 020 0092** or visit [www.pohwer.net](http://www.pohwer.net)

## Looking for meeting room hire?

### Town Hall Facilities

The Town Council hires out the Council Chamber and smaller meeting rooms for meetings and other similar events. Full details can be found on our website:

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

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





## Technology - My Mental Challenge

A TV remote control is hard enough for me  
'cos you need two clickers to watch our TV!  
You can get clicker fever and be button happy mad  
In days gone by that's happened to me Dad!

What's ----- yer password? Tried 'em all!  
None was the right one, I'm climbing up the wall!  
Adapters, extensions and cables galore!  
There's wires to fall over and plugs on the floor!

That's technology and I've been left behind  
but I can send an email and Google I can find!  
So take it or leave it technology to fear,  
improving daily the way we see and hear.

I don't download and I don't know how to scan,  
but if you've got a problem then Andrew's yer man  
Yes, he's built my tower and it's working really great  
I can play about happily from early doors to late.

I really can appreciate the modern way of life  
Yes, we do have worries and we do have strife  
But technology is helping us to feel inside  
that we're all one family and that's worldwide!

So if we can see a future where we're hand in hand  
and communicate together with a distant land  
then forever we'll be happy and we'll want to say  
that we're grateful for technology, Yes, Every day!

*Thank you to Clemmy Arthur for sending this in.*



Take part in the Pace Big Walk. There are three routes available: Dunstable Downs to Wendover (approx. 18 miles), Ivinghoe Beacon to Wendover (approx. 12 miles) and Wigginton to Wendover (approx. 6 miles). You will get snacks, refreshments, t-shirt, and a post walk celebration. Registration fee £20, fundraising target £100. **SIGN UP NOW.** Call Kelly on **01296 616973** or email [kelly.houghton@thepacecentre.org](mailto:kelly.houghton@thepacecentre.org)  
[www.thepacecentre.org](http://www.thepacecentre.org)

Correspondence @ www

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

Can you find eight  
people you  
want to spend the  
night with?



CANCER RESEARCH UK is  
urging everyone in Aylesbury to  
find at least eight people they want to spend the night  
with – but all for a seriously good cause.

The charity is encouraging friends, family and work  
colleagues to get together and enter Relay For Life,  
a unique celebration of life and hope which unites  
communities to help beat over 200 types of cancer.

Teams of between eight to fifteen people, of all ages,  
levels of fitness, and from all walks of life are needed to  
take part at the Nuffield Pavilion RAF Halton over the  
weekend of **Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd July 2017**  
commencing at 12 noon.

Participants are asked to raise as much money as possible  
in the months leading up to the Relay through a wide  
range of fundraising activities and securing donations  
from friends, families and work colleagues.

During the Relay itself, team members take it in turns  
to walk round a track while everyone else enjoys a wide  
range of fun activities on offer.



As dusk falls, the atmosphere  
quietyens as the Candle of  
Hope ceremony begins.  
The event is the most  
poignant part of Relay For  
Life when specially made  
Candle of Hope bags are  
filled with sand and lit up  
with candles around the  
Nuffield Pavilion track.

Money raised through Relay For Life funds the work  
of thousands of scientists, doctors and nurses who are  
dedicated to saving more lives by preventing, controlling  
and curing all cancers.

For more information about Relay For Life visit  
[www.cruk.org/relay](http://www.cruk.org/relay) or call **0871 641 2602**.



# Community News & Events



## Lions Clubs International celebrates 100 years

One hundred years ago Melvyn Jones an American businessman got together with a group of fellow businessmen and set up a movement, putting their talents together to improve the local community. This group proved to be very successful and the Lions organisation was formed. The concept spread rapidly and Lions Clubs International is now a worldwide organisation with clubs in over 200 countries and 1.4 million members. It provides help in a range of subjects including eyesight, deafness, health matters including inoculation, promoting clean water in poor countries and disaster relief.

It was thirty nine years ago that the Aylesbury Lions were formed, and they have a proud history of donations to charities both in this area and worldwide. The activities they perform have changed over the years. In their early years they were involved with the Annual May Fair and with the Talking Newspaper. They organised several Swimathons and a Horse Riding event in Wendover Woods. They have always had a keen interest in paraplegic sport.

Last year they donated a gazebo to British Wheelchair Athletics for use at their events at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. This year to mark the Lions Centenary a trophy will be presented for them to award to their Athlete of the Year.

This summer we will again be attending local events including the Haddenham Village Fete, the Fair in the Square at Fairford Leys and Play in the Park.

We are keen to recruit new members who can help us to continue our work in the area. For more information telephone **0845 833 7863** or visit **[www.aylesburylions.org.uk](http://www.aylesburylions.org.uk)**



## Town Council Meetings

All residents are invited to attend the monthly Town Council meetings, which take place every second Thursday of the month at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury.

Time is allocated at the beginning of the meeting for residents to raise any questions they have.



## Dates for your diary...



Heritage Open Days Aylesbury are taking place on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September. We will be celebrating Aylesbury's Heritage with open buildings

and tours. The full programme is currently being finalised and will be announced in July.

## Rare Tree planted to mark SeeAbility's opening in Aylesbury

Roger Jefcoate, CBE DL planted a Black Poplar, Britain's rarest native timber tree, to mark the opening of SeeAbility's supported living flats for people with sight loss and multiple disabilities. The tree will form part of a relaxing garden space that will be transformed by the addition of the tree.

Roger, who is an active supporter of SeeAbility, has been a passionate promoter of Black Poplar for four decades and has planted hundreds of trees throughout the country from saplings he has nurtured himself. This includes plantings in Royal Parks in London and Windsor as well as in Buckingham Palace and Sandringham, with the Queen and Prince Philip.

Lisa Hopkins, Chief Executive at SeeAbility said: "We are very grateful to Roger Jefcoate for his tremendous support and for the symbolic gift of a tree to celebrate the opening of our new service. We are creating a unique environment for people in Aylesbury to grow their skills and live life to the full."





## Become a My Guide Volunteer and make a difference in your community



A Bucks charity is looking for volunteers in the Aylesbury area to help its My Guide Service build greater confidence amongst people that are blind or partially sighted.

My Guide is a service that matches trained sighted guide volunteers with people in the community that are blind or partially sighted. This partnership then works together to build the confidence of the person with vision loss in getting out and about.

Suzanne Carr, My Guide Volunteering Officer at Guide Dogs says: "Every hour in the UK someone loses their vision and when they do their world can become a lot smaller, and something as simple as getting out and about can be really challenging.

*"Imagine suddenly losing your sight. How would you get to work, to the shops, so on? Our My Guide Service not only makes a huge difference to the person that is blind or partially sighted, but our volunteers learn useful skills, develop a greater understanding for what life is like as a person with vision loss and, can see exactly how they're contributing to their local community."*

Current service user and volunteer Nina and Paul both agree how the service has enriched their lives. "I am able to get out and about thanks to My Guide volunteer" says Nina.

The role involves providing sighted guiding, generally once a week for two to three hours. However, exact requirements can vary due to individual circumstances.

Volunteers must be 18 or over and have a DBS check. Full training and ongoing support is provided.

For further details visit: [www.guidedogs.org.uk/myguide](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk/myguide) or email: [Suzanne.carr@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:Suzanne.carr@guidedogs.org.uk)

## Aylesbury Town WI

Aylesbury Town WI meets on the third Thursday of each month. We are a friendly group of about forty members and would welcome new members. Why not come along?

Two of our planned events at our monthly meetings are June 15th: Bucks Owl and Raptor Group who will be speaking about their work and will be bringing a Barn Owl; September 21st: Spies, Lies and Double Cross Agents which is a talk on this subject. In addition to the planned activity there is always an opportunity to chat to other members while enjoying coffee/tea and cakes or biscuits.

We have a day trip to visit Highgrove House, the family residence of Charles, Prince of Wales and Camilla Duchess of Cornwall, later this year. There are weekly craft meetings and a lunchtime monthly meal is arranged.

Going to "The Girls Musical", based on Calendar Girls, showing at the Phoenix Theatre we all agreed was brilliant; at times we were crying and then the next minute laughing. We dressed in black and wore our pearls. One of the members made us all sunflowers which we wore with pride. Sharing the experience made the day so special.

Monthly meetings are held at 7.30pm at Granville Street Church, Granville Street, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 2JL.

If you would like to contact us first, telephone Dawn **07752 956349** or email [aylesburytownwi@gmail.com](mailto:aylesburytownwi@gmail.com)



*Pictured are Janice Langley, NFWI Chair, with three of our members taken at WI Fair at Alexander Palace*

## Aylesbury Visually Impaired Members Club

We are a group that is run entirely by volunteers, meeting at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Bedgrove fortnightly, between 1.30pm - 4.00pm. Wherever possible members are picked up from their home by a volunteer driver or taxi, arriving for an hour's entertainment, usually musical, with the occasional speaker, followed by sandwiches, crisps, cakes and a cup of tea. Then the member will have a free ticket for the raffle before being taken back home.



We also have a special Easter and Christmas tea, annual fish and chip lunch followed by a quiz, a Summer cream tea and a Christmas lunch at the Holiday Inn. Anyone with a sight problem is welcome to ring either, Beryl on **01296 424330** or Sue **01296 630740**.

# Community News & Events

## Calling all over 75s living in Aylesbury Vale – claim your free TV Licence now!

TV Licensing concessions are available. There are currently 6,309 individuals over the age of 75 years old in Aylesbury Vale who qualify for free TV Licensing.

If you are over 75 years old, you're entitled to a free TV Licence to cover your household. Although it is free, you do still need to apply for the licence. To find out how call **0300 790 6073** or visit **www.tvlicensing.co.uk**

### How do I apply for my free Over 75 Licence?

You can apply via the following ways:

- Visit **www.tvlicensing.co.uk/over75** and fill in a short form
- Call **0300 790 6073** and speak directly to one of our advisors
- Write to **TV Licensing, Bristol, BS98 1TL**, providing your name, address, date of birth and National Insurance number.

If you are not the current licence holder for your address and share your home with someone younger, you can still apply.

### Are there any other concessions available?

If you are registered blind or severely sight impaired you are entitled to a 50% reduction on your licence fee. If you are not eligible for a concession, it is important to know that there are lots of different ways to pay, which can help you to spread the cost of the £145.50 colour licence. These include monthly direct debit instalments to paying quarterly or in one lump sum.

There is also a payment card which allows you to spread the cost of the TV Licence into weekly, fortnightly or monthly cash payments. When you start paying, weekly instalments will be around £5.50 a week, and this will reduce after six months. To find your nearest PayPoint, visit **www.paypoint.co.uk/locator** or call **0300 790 6137**.

## Dates for your diary...

Come and see us at **Play in the Park on 2nd August** and **Live in the Park on 26th August** in Vale Park for some fun and creative activities.



**Jonathan Page play Centre**

## Lymphatic Cancer Awareness Week



On 11th September, Aylesbury-based cancer charity the Lymphoma Association will be launching its 2017 Lymphatic Cancer Awareness Week and needs your help to make this year's campaign the best yet.

Throughout the week there will be plenty of ways for people to get involved – from raising awareness to raising funds.

There are around 125,000 people in the UK living with lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system, and as the only UK charity dedicated to supporting people with lymphoma, their relatives and carers, we need your help in making sure they know they can come to us for specialist information and support.

Contact **fundraising@lymphomas.org.uk** for more details on how you can get involved.

## Lewin House 'On Song' for NAPA Challenge

Residents and members of the team at Aylesbury's Lewin House nursing home, run by local care provider and charity, The Fremantle Trust, warmed up their vocal chords as part of the National Activity Providers Association (NAPA) Sing-a-Song Challenge 2017.

Lewin House was one of a number of the Trust's care homes to take part in the event, which involved performing The Carpenters' hit 'Sing' at 3.00pm on Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. Pupils from Thomas Hickman School and Mayor, Cllr Barbara Russel, were invited to attend and everyone also took the opportunity to celebrate Dame Vera Lynn's 100th birthday by singing a selection of her songs.

Commenting on the initiative, Tina Fox Pearson, activity coordinator at Lewin House, said: "The NAPA Sing-a-Song was a lovely opportunity for everyone to come together and sing a meaningful song that is likely to have held personal memories for some. It was a great way of connecting people and a symbol of community, knowing that across the Trust other people were singing The Carpenters' iconic track at exactly the same time."

The Fremantle Trust has historically been involved with the NAPA Choir initiative to encourage collaboration through song. Singing is an enjoyable pastime for many as well as a powerful means of reminiscence for those living with dementia.

For more information about Lewin House nursing home, contact **01296 737371** or visit **www.fremantletrust.org**





## The Mayor's Year

Cllr Barbara Russel has been very proud and honoured to represent the people of Aylesbury and the Town Council as Aylesbury Town Mayor during 2016/17. She has attended over 200 events, which have all been very interesting and have varied enormously.

These events have ranged from attendance at Civic Services as a guest of our neighbouring Parish and Town Councils, attending the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire Justice Service, as well as leading the Town Council Civic Events and Receptions with invited Civic Dignitaries from Buckinghamshire and the surrounding areas, promoting the town, our Council and our heritage and traditions.

The Mayor, along with her Deputy, Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts, were delighted to see new businesses established in Aylesbury. They had the honour of opening a few within the town, such as Dunelm in Broadfields Retail Park, YoYo-Gurt and Stylers.

The opportunity was taken to attend many events organised by local groups, charities and organisations during the year, supporting many local fundraising activities that benefit our community.

The Mayor saw so much talent in our Aylesbury Schools, with our young people performing in music, dance and drama, such as the Energize Extravaganza held in November of last year at the Waterside Theatre, which saw over twenty local schools take part in performances over two days, working together and having the opportunity to be involved in the theatre and arts.

Cllr Russel has been delighted to visit many care and residential homes, whose residents, family and staff made her feel very welcome at their events and open days, from scarecrow competitions to beach days with a traditional fish and chips lunch!

At the Mayor's Parlour, many visitors from home and abroad, including students from Austria, France and Spain, here on exchange visits with schools within our town, have visited and learned about our heritage and history.

This year the Mayor has been delighted to support SPACE as her chosen charity and thanks to the generosity from donations given at events (Aylesbury on Sea and Proms in the Park etc.), contributions received and her own fundraising event, the charity will receive over £8,000 to help with their continued work and efforts for the residents who need this valued and important provision.

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



Sue Carpenter

If you would like to invite the Mayor to attend an event you are holding, please contact the Mayor's Assistant Sue Carpenter at the Mayor's Office by emailing [s.carpenter@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:s.carpenter@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) or calling 01296 425678.

# Aylesbury Town Council Grants

## Are you involved in a charitable or voluntary organisation working for the benefit of people in Aylesbury?

If so, you may be able to apply for a grant from Aylesbury Town Council. We award grants that will benefit the town and its communities. Grants can be awarded to fund projects or activities as well as projects working to improve public wellbeing. There are also grants to support young sports people competing at a national or international level, to help them achieve their full potential.

For information of how to apply for an Aylesbury Town Council Grant visit [www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) and email Jane Eden, Grants Officer [j.eden@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:j.eden@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) or call **01296 425678**.

The next Grants Committee meeting will take place on **Wednesday 21st June**. The deadline for grant applications to be considered at this meeting is **Friday 9th June** at 5pm.

Aylesbury Town Council Grant scheme has supported many worthwhile charities, organisations and clubs over the past year. The funds given really do make a difference to the community of Aylesbury and the residents that need the support and services, which these fantastic organisations provide.



### MASKS (Make A Special Kid Smile)

**MASKS** was awarded £1000 towards a project to raise awareness of special needs children within the community. The MASKS awareness programme aims to open discussion about special needs children within mainstream settings and our wider community. By going into schools MASKS are ensuring today's children; as future employers, decision makers and leaders will have the knowledge and understanding to help and protect those more vulnerable and recognise the role people with special needs have within our society. MASKS hopes to breakdown prejudice and show the potential of children with special needs through talks and presentations. This culminates in an exhibition of creative artworks being displayed at AVDC, The Gateway Centre on 19th June as part of the Bucks Open Studios. If you would like any more information or to be involved with MASKS please contact the projects co-ordinator, Sarah, on **07776 130421** or email [sarahjwestacott@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjwestacott@gmail.com)



### Aylesbury Multicultural Community Centre

**£800** was awarded to the **Aylesbury Multicultural Community Centre** to help towards the replacement of spotlights for LED lights and electric heaters with radiators. The Multicultural Centre offer a range of facilities and rooms for hire. For more information call **01296 429364** or visit [www.multiculturalcentre.co.uk](http://www.multiculturalcentre.co.uk)

### Alice Rolfe

**Alice Rolfe** was awarded **£1000** towards travel and equipment costs to enable her to continue her sporting achievement playing hockey for England.





## Bucks Open Studios 2017

**Bucks Open Studios, the largest visual arts event in Buckinghamshire, has announced that its 2017 event will be its biggest to date, following a record number of entries from artists and makers across the county.**

The annual artistic extravaganza, which is also one of the biggest Open Studios in the country, will include a record-breaking 335 entries made by 533 artists including glass workers, ceramicists, jewellery makers, photographers, painters and print makers.

The event will take place from the 10th to 25th June 2017 and will see the participants opening their studios to the public for a dazzling line-up of free demonstrations, workshops and exhibitions.

It's never too early to start planning your visits and you can see participating artists and locations on our website [www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk](http://www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk) You can also look out for the directories from early May which are available for free from libraries, art centres and galleries, and the yellow signs that start popping up from early June.



## What's on at Bucks County Museum

Drop in and discover fascinating exhibitions on your doorstep in Aylesbury Old Town

### 29 April – 8 July, HS2/Intervention

Exhibition of ground-breaking photographs by Mark King utilising powerful, state-of-the-art lasers to depict the planned HS2 route through the Chilterns. **FREE ENTRY.**



### 20 May – 17 June

#### Game of Thrones: The Hardhome Embroidery

Don't miss this stunning large scale embroidery, 3 metres high and 5 metres long, featuring a White Walker in one of the most intense battle scenes in TV history – the massacre of Hardhome. Following the success of the Magna Carta embroidery and the Embroiderers' Guild's role in its production, the UK representatives of the HBO Home Entertainment TV Network contacted the Guild with the view to creating a special artwork in stitch to form the backdrop to mark the release of the 'Game of Thrones' Series 5 DVD & Blue

Ray boxed set. The piece took about 5,000 hours to produce and involved a total of 140 volunteers. This may be the last chance to see the work in the UK. The exhibition will be accompanied by a display of beautifully painted miniature fantasy figures and vintage comics. **FREE ENTRY.**

### 22 July – 2 September, Bricks Britannia

Bricks Britannia is an exciting and educational exhibition documenting iconic moments in British history. Thirty fantastic and detailed models will be on display using over 150,000 LEGO® Bricks, including the 1:10 scale model of The Flying Scotsman with light, sound and smoke effects. A must for everyone who has ever played with LEGO® bricks. Admission charge.

### 1 July – 28 October

#### The Beautiful Stitch: textile treasures from the Embroiderers' Guild

A chance to see the best of the Guild's collections from the historic to the contemporary. **FREE ENTRY.**



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](http://www.buckscountymuseum.org)

## Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership Events

Aylesbury Thursday Children's events brought to you by Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership.

**1 June, 11am – 3pm, Colonel Custard** and his award winning amazing magic show come to Market Square. **FREE EVENT**

**27 July, 11am – 3pm, Challenge Your Friends**  
A range of fun activities, a pillow bash to a wakka tube, enjoy the bungee run and tame the demolition activity. £2.50 for up to 4 hours fun in Market Square.

**3 August, 11am – 3pm, High Adrenalin**  
Test your skill and strength on high energy activities. £2.50 for up to 4 hours fun in Market Square.



**10 August, 11am – 3pm Mobile Zoo**  
Visit the mobile zoo, creatures great and small, have fun on the bouncy castle and even try your hand at milking a cow (not a real one!) £2.50 for up to 4 hours fun in Kingsbury.

**17 August, 11am – 3pm, Lazy Hazy Summer Days**  
Arts and crafts, bouncy castle and slide, see how long you can ride the surf board before falling off. £2.50 for up to 4 hours fun in Kingsbury.

**24 August, 11am – 3pm, Bouncetastic**  
Fairytale bouncy castle to an obstacle course, laser quest to even more big bouncy castles. £2.50 for up to 4 hours fun in Market Square.

**31 August, 11am – 3pm, Speedway Fun Roller Cars**, F1 simulator, have a go at building a car against the clock. £2.50 for up to 4 hours fun in Kingsbury.

## Play in the Park returns

On Wednesday 2 August the Play Day extravaganza once again takes over Vale Park from 11am - 4pm. This fun-filled day is aimed at children under the age of 12 and offers a fantastic range of activities to keep the kids entertained.

See them scale the climbing wall, hone their skills on the Umbanda drums, or tackle the bouncy castles. Let their creative side run free in the arts and crafts tent and watch them learn a trick or two in the skate park. **ENTRY IS FREE** along with a number of activities, but some will be priced from £1 - £3. For more details visit the website [www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/pitp](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/pitp)



## Aylesbury Whizzfizzing Festival – inspired by Roald Dahl

From 11am to 4pm on Saturday 1st July, Aylesbury Whizzfizzing Festival inspired by Roald Dahl, will bring the town to life with a riot of colour and music as we celebrate children's literature. Our unique family arts event celebrates children's literature through visual art, music, words and huge carnival puppets.

This year's theme is **Fantastical Creatures** – incorporating mystical beasts, animals and monsters from Roald Dahl's books and other children's stories. The parade will start at 11am and feature giant puppets, costumes and live music, along with hundreds of local schoolchildren.

There are lots of exciting things to see and plenty to do all day long, whatever the weather! Join **CBeebies' Katy Ashworth** in her Concoction Kitchen and come along to workshops with famous children's authors including **Julian Clary**, who will be talking about their stories and showing how they draw their characters. Get hands-on with arts and crafts activities, join us for storytelling, enjoy live music and watch the fancy dress catwalk competition. There'll be street performers, an entire Dahl book being read aloud by authors, celebrities and VIPs, and a cinema showing Roald Dahl films.

Visit [www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/whizzfizz](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/whizzfizz) to find out more about the fantastical parade and other exciting activities.



## Walking Netball is coming to Aylesbury in May 2017

**Walking Netball has evolved from a growing demand for walking sports.** Often, one of netball's strengths is that people never forget playing the sport and the memories as well as the love for the game never leave.

Walking Netball is a slower version of the game; it is netball, but at a walking pace. The game has been designed so that anyone can play it regardless of age, ability or fitness level.

From those who have dropped out of the sport they love due to serious injury, to those who believed they had hung up their netball trainers many years ago, it really is for everyone.

Women the length of the country have begun playing the game of Walking Netball for the fun, laughter and camaraderie the social session brings, as much as the health benefits on offer. It can give those who feel isolated an outlet, provide an activity for those who don't deem themselves fit enough to run anymore and offers a stepping stone for those looking for a pathway back into netball.

The session will be delivered at Stoke Mandeville Stadium on Tuesdays from 6pm - 7pm, your first session will be free, with following sessions costing £4 (£3 for 1Life Members) per week. Grab a friend and come and give it a go.

For more information, please call or text Natalie on **07446 015994**.



## Maxwell make waves at County Championships

**Maxwell Swim Club's 2017 County Championship campaign proved to be their most successful in recent years.** From fourth in the Overall and Junior Championship in 2015, Maxwell climbed to third in the Overall Championship and to second in the Junior Championship.

In just two years, Maxwell had an additional eleven swimmers make the tough qualifying standards. In total 68 swimmers at the Championships made 133 finals; a 70% increase when compared to 2015.



Open Championship Medal winners were Billy Martin (silver) and Megan Pirrie (bronze). Maxwell's Junior Championship Medal winners were Matthew Burton (one gold, four silver and a bronze), Tom Selby (silver) and Millie Tomlin-Davies (two bronze). In the youngest age group 10 year old Alice Weston won fourteen golds, winning all the events she entered.

With a fantastic showing from younger members of the club, including a first and second in the Girls 11 - 12 years Freestyle Relay, first in the Girls 11 - 12 years Medley Relay, third in the Boys 11 - 12 years Freestyle Relay and in the Girls 13 - 14 years Medley Relay, things are certainly looking bright for the future of Maxwell.

Head Coach, Lisa Atkinson, noted that the performances at the younger end of the club in particular were *"Testament to the hard work of a great team of coaches working towards the same vision of improving the technique and skill elements of all strokes. The swimmers are entirely dedicated to improving themselves and reaching their potential, which is extremely exciting. Having the chance to guide these swimmers along the pathway is a great pleasure."*

If you would like to be a part of Maxwell's exciting future, you can request a trial at [www.maxwellswimclub.org](http://www.maxwellswimclub.org)





# 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  
07771 877488

## 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



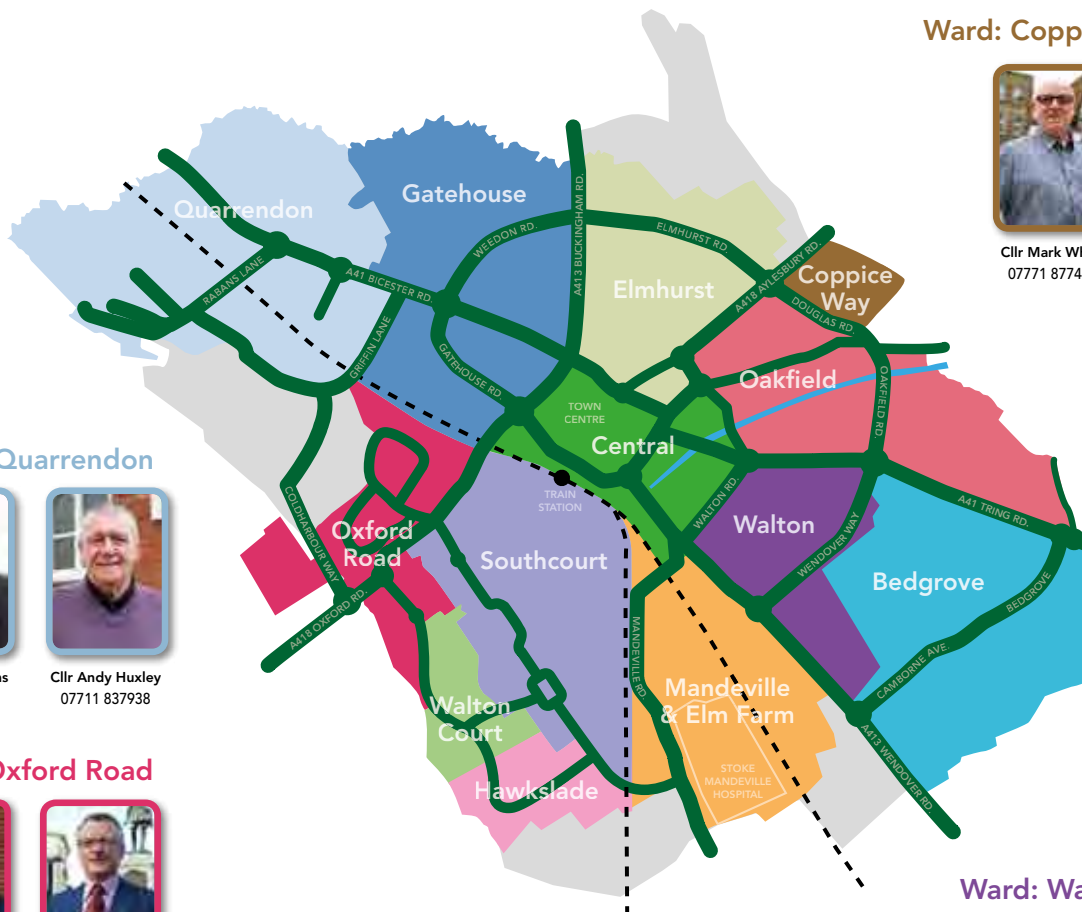
Cllr Jenny Bloom  
01296 434123



Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts  
07595 178660



Cllr Mark Winn  
01296 393304







## 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
- Aylesbury in Bloom (hanging baskets, planters, floral beds, roundabouts and more)



**Aylesbury Town Council** is the council closest to the residents in the parish of Aylesbury. The Town Council is here to be a voice for the residents by representing their views on issues affecting them.  
Call: **01296 425 678** or visit: [www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk)

### AVDC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- 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](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk)

### BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Highways
- Education and Libraries
- Social Services
- Trading Standards
- Registrar of births, deaths and marriages
- Waste disposal (excluding household waste)
- Grass cutting of rural highways/grass verges

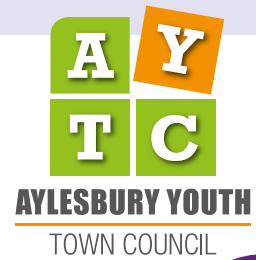


**Bucks County Council** is the top tier of local government and provides services on a county-wide basis.  
Call: **01296 395 000** or visit: [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk)

# Young People

## Introducing Aylesbury's Youth Town Councillors

In our previous edition, we introduced you briefly to our Youth Town Councillors. Since then our Youth Town Councillors have been busy at work, and it only seems fair that they tell you a little something about themselves and why they have chosen to be on Aylesbury's first Youth Town Council.



### ANN KOLETH

Youth Town Councillor



Hi, I'm Ann Koleth and I go to Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School. I have a passion for reading Agatha Christie's novels and debating.

My decision to join the Town Council came from the latter, as I have increasingly become aware that we as young people don't seem to have much of a voice on the social issues that are going to define our futures as a society. I want to be proactive in doing whatever I can for the youth of our community, through being a voice of change for them. I believe that having a strong sense of community is integral in the nurturing of young people, and during my time on the Aylesbury Youth Town Council, I hope to raise awareness of the issues within our community such as mental health and cyber bullying which many teens feel they don't have the support to effectively handle. I hope we will continue to raise an awareness of these issues through liaising with organisations that can go into schools to help students directly in addition to supporting fundraising events.

We have already begun this journey with our decision to support Bucks Mind as our charity of the year (see following page) and I hope we continue to receive the incredible support and encouragement that will enable us to go on to do bigger and better things for the community of Aylesbury!

### MORGAN LUDLOW

Youth Town Councillor



Hello! My name is Morgan Ludlow and I am grateful for this chance to introduce myself as a Youth Town Councillor, to you and the rest of our community. I enjoy many hobbies including cooking and photography, as well as walking my two dogs!

Being part of the Youth Town Council is important to me because I feel that I can represent other youths, like myself. Everyone deserves a chance for their views to be considered, and I feel that being a part of this project will help me achieve my goal of making a difference in our community, and giving more people my age the ability to be heard.

### JAMES HANSON

Youth Town Councillor, Chairman



My name is James, I have just left the Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School. I am going on to study Zoology at university next year, and hope to work with conservation and media afterwards, inspiring younger generations like so many other conservationists have inspired me.

Aside from being a Youth Town Councillor, I actively help a local charity, play football weekly and am currently involved in a project with Cotswold Wildlife Park.

I wanted to be part of this brilliant idea because I have always loved helping the community; at school, I was a member of various school councils including the student senior leadership team, a mental health awareness group, and more. Being part of the Youth Town Council will enable me to help the public, help me improve (particularly for younger people) the area around us, to make it more friendly, supportive for everyone, and most importantly, more of a feeling of a community.

### LAURA SINCLAIR

Youth Town Councillor,  
Deputy Chairman



Hello my name is Laura Sinclair. I'm currently in sixth form at the Mandeville School studying Music, Sport and Psychology. I am representing the Scouting group which I have been part of for 7 years – participating in a variety of events both locally and internationally. I am actively involved with my school orchestra and choir. When I am not at school, I also work at Stoke Mandeville Stadium as a Level 2 qualified swimming teacher.

Being part of the Youth Town Council is important to me because I love the idea of community – a place where everyone comes together no matter their age, gender, race or ability. It's a group of people coming together as one. I volunteer at many of the Town Council events, and want to be able to help shape the future of our town. By being a Youth Town Councillor, I hope to enhance my public speaking skills and learn more about how the council operates.



## RHYS PEPLOE

Youth Town Councillor



Hello! My name is Rhys and it's a privilege to introduce myself to you and the rest of our community. A bit about me – I attended the Aylesbury Vale Academy until the end of Year 11, and for the last two years, I've been studying at Aylesbury Grammar School. Playing rugby, being involved in Scouting and the Eurovision Song Contest are my greatest passions, whilst I also enjoy debating and politics.

The reason for joining this fantastic project was to be able to inspire other young people and make a positive impact. I'm immensely proud of this town. We have so many great stories and people here that makes us unique, and that is why I aspire to become Mayor of Aylesbury in the future.

## DANIEL CHAPMAN

Youth Town Councillor



My name is Daniel Chapman. I am fifteen years old and a pupil at Aylesbury Grammar School. I go to church regularly and participate in voluntary work and support many church events. One of my favourite pastimes is gaming, and I am a particular fan of Warhammer.

My reason for joining the Youth Town Council is because not only did I want to understand more about the Town Council, but I also wanted to play an active part in shaping my community for young people like me. Our community means quite a lot to me as I have spent my whole life living in Aylesbury and I hope that by becoming a Youth Town Councillor I will learn how to make decisions with others and manage important responsibilities.

## ELIZA WILLETTS, Youth Town Councillor

My name is Eliza Willetts and I am so pleased to be part of Aylesbury's first Youth Town Council. I love engaging with people (even if I do get a little nervous), and am also interested in trying new things hence why I relished this opportunity. Having never done anything like this before, I haven't let that phase me as I love the idea of being able to help and be part of an inclusive community. The idea of a group of people coming together as a unit is something that I warmly welcome and nothing said that louder than working with cast and crew in the CUPS 2016 pantomime 'Narnia is Frozen'. I hope that my involvement with the Youth Town Council will inspire other young people to be more involved within our community and have a positive influence knowing that their voice is heard.



## New Youth Counselling Service receives Vital Funding

**Buckinghamshire Mind has received a grant from Aylesbury Vale District Council to help fund its vital new Youth Counselling Service, which supports young people with mental health problems in the county.** The funding allows Buckinghamshire Mind to subsidise some of the cost of counselling sessions for 11 to 18 year olds in Aylesbury.

The Buckinghamshire Mind Youth Counselling Service, based in Aylesbury and High Wycombe, provides counsellors who work one-to-one with young people experiencing anxiety, depression, loss, difficulties with anger, recovery from traumatic events or other mental health difficulties.

*"Mental health problems are a part of life, with one in four of us experiencing a mental health problem in any given year,"* explains Sharron Harrison, Young People's Team Lead, Buckinghamshire Mind. *"However, early*



*intervention with young people can help to ensure good mental health into adulthood. Our Youth Counselling Service provides a safe and confidential place for young people to talk about the issues they are experiencing."*

Fees for the Youth Counselling Service in Aylesbury are subsidised and are charged on a sliding scale dependent on individual financial circumstances. This means that it is able to help young people who urgently need support but cannot afford private therapy or do not meet criteria for statutory services.

The Service is independent, operating separately from GPs and other Statutory Agencies, and is an organisational member of the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy. All Buckinghamshire Mind's counsellors adhere to and work within the BACP Ethical Framework.

**To find out more about Buckinghamshire Mind's Youth Counselling Service, please call 01494 463364 or visit [www.bucksmind.org.uk](http://www.bucksmind.org.uk)**



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