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Welcome Note

“ I'm delighted to welcome you to our latest issue of **Aylesbury Town Matters**. On page 17 we say hello (again!) to Councillor Tom Hunter-Watts taking up his second stint as Town Mayor.

The Council continues to work hard creating opportunities for all sections of our community to develop themselves and enjoy life; two examples being the **Jonathan Page Play Centre** preparing for a host of activities for youngsters coming up (details on page 8), and also our pioneering work to create a dementia friendly town which you can learn more about on page 9.

We had a wonderfully warm June day to enjoy the **Soapbox Derby**, and I was just delighted and amazed by the creativity and engineering skills employed to create the incredible range of self-propelled vehicles that raced down Whitehill Park. The day is marvellously captured in pictures on pages 4-5. On another glorious day we also truly welcomed summer to the town with our ever-popular **Aylesbury on Sea** event on July 2nd, highlights of that being shown on pages 4-5.

As we went to press, final preparations were underway for our annual huge weekend festival, **Parklife**, with music of all kinds and loads of other fun activities for the whole family. We hope you'll get to enjoy this fabulous (and free!) weekend – and do say hello to the amazing Town Council team of staff and volunteers while you're there!

There's even more fun for all ages coming up with our **Tudor Fayre**, combined with the very popular **Heritage Open Days** weekend in September when many interesting local buildings will be open for a rare public glimpse of what's inside. Then as the year draws on, save the date for our annual **Halloween** activities on 26th October – full details can be found on the inside cover.

As always, a reminder that your feedback really matters to us – so do phone, write in or email us with any comments on what we do, or your ideas for improving the town for all who live, work and visit here. If your comments aren't related to the Town Council's role but to one of the other Councils (on roads and pavements for example), we will pass them on to the right person. There's a handy "Which Council Does What" guide on page 21 of this magazine.

Finally please remember if you, or any Aylesbury resident you know of, would find it easier to receive this magazine in an audio version, or would like to be added to our list to get regular email updates on Town Council news and events, please get in touch – contact details are on page 13. ”

Best wishes

Councillor Mike Smith
Leader of Aylesbury Town Council

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ATC News - Events

The sun has certainly shone for our events so far this year, as we go to distribution we are hoping that it will continue to shine for Live in the Park and Proms in the Park over the August bank holiday weekend.

As the heat wave struck Aylesbury in the middle of June, twenty-six teams raced their homemade karts through the fields of Whitehill Park for Aylesbury's 3rd **Soapbox Derby**. This was a fantastic day, enjoyed by participants and spectators alike. One visitor told us *"The cars were unbelievable. There was such a variety of cars with some clearly designed for speed, others for amazing detail. I witnessed one car that was steered using a rope; poor kid crashed but he was fine and got a 'good try' applause from the appreciative Aylesbury crowd."*

The competition was very close, with a matter of seconds between the top five teams and only three votes separating the top three "Best Looking Karts". Congratulations to all of the teams who took part, and to the spectators who braved the heat to cheer them all on. Please do get in touch if you would like to register your interest for next year.

Aylesbury on Sea was filled with all of the traditions of the seaside from Punch & Judy, donkey rides and crazy golf to deckchairs, ice-cream and so much more. The Dancing Day trippers were a big hit with the crowd and brought a splash of pink fun to Kingsbury. A visitor described it as an *"Excellent event and very well run. Really pleasing that every ride etc. was free – this makes such a difference and there was a real buzz to the town – something you don't experience very often."*

We always take on board your feedback and this year ensured that there was something for the smallest of visitors with our water cascade and we continue to improve access, facilities and support for those with a wide range of disabilities.

As we look forward to the rest of the year, don't forget **Tudor Fayre** on Sunday 10 September where – for the first time in Aylesbury – you will be able to see (and help power) a replica of Leonardo da Vinci's flying machine along with a host of other interactive historical displays and entertainers.

Halloween Fun is on Thursday 26 October (half term) – come along in fancy dress, enjoy the Pantoween and take part in a wide range of games, activities and entertainment.

This year's **Festive Family Fun**, Sunday 10 December, has a pantomime theme, "Oh yes it does", with Cinderella's horse-drawn glass carriage, pantomime dames and the expected arrival of seven mischievous dwarfs from this year's Waterside Theatre's production of Snow White, alongside a huge array of fun, games, activities and entertainment. Then to round off the year it's **Carolfest** at St Mary's Church on the evening of 10 December.

All of our events remain entirely free. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the businesses and volunteers who join us on the day to help make these community events possible. If you would like to be involved in any way, then please do get in touch.

If you would like more information about accessibility at our events, please do visit the dedicated page on our website for more information. www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council-services/events/accessibility-information-events We would like to thank BuDS for their continued advice and support which helps us to provide events that are Fair4All.

For more information about all of our events, please visit our **Facebook page @aylesburytc**



Winning picture from St George's Day colouring competition. Congratulations to Lauren Rennie aged 7.

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 01296 425678



Environment

Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition Awards

It is that time of year again when Aylesbury Town Council organises the annual Aylesbury in Bloom Garden competition, which is open to schools, residents, communal groups and businesses. Whilst the judging for the residents, groups and businesses is still taking place until August, it was the schools who were up first to be judged and awarded for their great efforts.



Earlier this month, the Council's volunteer judges Sandra and Rosemary, together with Cllr Summers visited several schools within the Parish of Aylesbury. All the judges commented on how impressed they were with the children's enthusiasm, knowledge and pride in their crops, wildlife and planting.

This wasn't an easy year for the schools as they all had to contend with the late start to the nice weather, lots of rain, followed by a heatwave. Watering all the garden areas was top priority for all of them.



Nevertheless the standard was exceptionally high and when it came to it, often only half a point separated first, second and third place. The judges saw some great produce ranging from courgettes, potatoes and onions to beans and strawberries, with many varieties in lots of schools.

On 13 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 annually by the gardening society.

Aylesbury Town Mayor, Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts, Aylesbury Gardening Society Chairman, Ken Keasley 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. The focus then moved on to the winners and runners up of the various categories of the school garden competition.



Pebble Brook FED Sixth Form won Best Edible Garden, Haydon Abbey School & Pre-school won Best Wildlife Nature Garden, Stocklake Park School received first prize for Best Recreational & Learning Garden and Pebble Brook Boarding received first prize for Best Garden in a Pot.



The Spade for Best Overall Garden went to Haydon Abbey School &

Pre-school, who impressed the judges with their Wildlife/Nature Garden and their enthusiasm.

Town Mayor, Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts said: "It is such an honour to welcome the children to this special presentation and to give them their certificates and awards. Their enthusiasm for gardening is really refreshing and I am sure many of them learn skills for life and even garden at home. A big thank you to all of the teachers, parents and grandparents who encourage the children with their work and organise Gardening Clubs. We are all looking forward to next year already to see how their gardens are progressing."



Bear Brook – We’re Going on a Litter Hunt

On Saturday 17 June, the River Thames Conservation Trust and a group of intrepid geocachers tackled the Bear Brook from Fowler Road for four hours to clear the brook of rubbish and other debris. They collected a lot in this time and by the end the brook was running smoothly again particularly in two spots where rubbish had dammed it. In keeping with the inspiration behind the event name here’s the following write up from Mike Crook:

We're going on a litter hunt.
We're going to find big stuff.
We're prepared.
What a beautiful day!

Damn!
A shopping trolley dam.
We can't go under it.
We can go over it.
Oh no!
We've got to dismantle it.
Heave. Ho. Heave ho. Heave...splash!

Chorus:
We're going on a litter hunt...

Wheely?!
A old rusty wheelchair.
We can't roll it.
We can't mend it.
Oh no!
We'll just have to carry it.
Huff puff. Huff puff. Thump.

Chorus:
We're going on a litter hunt...

Bikey!
A half sunken bicycle.
We can't reach for it.
We can't pull it.
Oh no!
We'll just have to delegate.
Hey Graham. Hey Graham. Ouch!

Chorus:
We're going on a litter hunt...

Fishy!
No it's a carpet.
We can't carry it.
We can't leave it.
Oh no!
We'll just have to drag it.
Squelch splurge. Squelch splurge.
Squelch splurge.

Chorus:
We're going on a litter hunt...

Rubbery!
What's that?
Ooooooh! THAT doesn't belong in
a children's story...

CLlr Richard Lloyd & Mike Crook

AYLESBURY IN BLOOM SCHOOLS - LIST OF WINNERS:

Category	1st	2nd	3rd
Best Edible Garden	Pebble Brook FED Sixth Form	Haydon Abbey School	Stocklake Park School
Best Wildlife/Nature Garden	Haydon Abbey School & Pre-school	Stocklake Park School	Turnfurlong Junior School
Best Recreational & Learning Garden	Stocklake Park School	St Joseph's Catholic School	Pebble Brook Boarding Pebble Brook FED Sixth Form Turnfurlong Junior School
Best Garden in a Pot	Pebble Brook Boarding	Harding House School	Stocklake Park School
Best Overall Garden	Haydon Abbey School & Pre-school		
Commendation for Construction & Future Planning		Pebble Brook Lower School	
Commendation for Creative Artwork		Broughton Infant School	





Wow, we have been busy during the last few months!

Our May Madness Playscheme was enjoyed by all the children who attended and had the opportunity to explore textures, colour and creativity. We marbled some paper, painted with shaving foam, made some gloop and created a giant picture, whilst also enjoying the great outdoors and plenty of games.

The After School Club children made a picture for the MASKS charity exhibition, which took place at The Gateway in June. We even got the Mayor's approval for our artwork, which shows all the things that make us smile. Do you like our bright yellow frame and the colourful picture?

We also talked about British Values during May and June, which lead to the children creating a new display at the centre showing what Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect & Tolerance means to all of us and why they are important.

In May we had a visit from Nathan Cooper from Mix 96 who brought us a tree sapling, which we planted in our garden, as we committed to becoming greener during Mix 96's Green Week. We are now nurturing and watering the tree every day to ensure it grows big and beautiful to provide us with plenty of shade during the summer months in the coming years.

As we go to print, the Summer Playscheme will be in full swing and we will have had lots of children new, and old through our doors, but this hasn't stopped us from planning the next Playscheme, which is coming up.

In October half term children have the opportunity to connect with nature during our **Autumn Watch Playscheme**. Bookings are already being taken for the 23 – 27 October and more details are outlined below. One of our big projects during that week is to build a five star bug hotel and make pine cone feeders for the birds.

The children will also have the opportunity to plant bulbs in our garden ready for spring, make a giant spider web in the play hall, make a windsock, create leaf lanterns and a textured leaf collage and learn about the wildlife getting ready for winter. Weather permitting, the children can also play outdoors utilising the

go-kart track and climbing frames or stay indoors where they can choose from a great variety of toys and games.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Jonathan Page Play Centre and the After School Club and Holiday Playschemes we provide then please contact our team on **01296 336413**, visit: www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/jppc or follow us on Facebook @jpplaycentre





DAA
Aylesbury Town Dementia
Action Alliance

Introduction to Dementia Alliance

After the launch of the Aylesbury Town Dementia Action Alliance in May, members have been leading the way within their organisations and groups to create a Dementia Friendly town.

With over twenty two members in the alliance so far, and so many positive ways to promote Dementia awareness within the community, let's take a look at one of the members and see what they have done to champion a Dementia Friendly community.



Waterside Theatre – Dementia Alliance

At the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre, we are always striving to work with organisations and make partnerships where possible within our local community. As members of the Aylesbury Town Dementia Action Alliance, we are very keen to highlight the ways in which we are working towards becoming more of an inclusive town for people who live with Dementia.

Our Dementia Friends Training, which thirty-eight of our Front of House, Box Office and Operational staff attended, has ensured that we are creating a Dementia positive atmosphere amongst staff which is really important to the customer's experience in our venue.

Dementia Friendly film screenings at the theatre have been a huge success. They seek to provide a fun and inclusive experience, enabling people living with Dementia, their families and carers, to attend a film in a safe and welcoming environment. We make changes to suit those living with Dementia: the lights are left on low, there are no adverts or trailers and the audience can move around – or sing along to any musical numbers should they wish to. There is also an interval half way through the film with free tea and coffee served throughout the screening.

At £6 per person (carers go free) we've made sure it's affordable for people living with Dementia, their carers and families.

We have had fantastic success so far with these screenings, receiving overwhelming positive feedback, and we can see that there is a demand for this type of event in our town. Audience member Ruth Dennis, attended with her mother Jean and said, *"On arrival mum was feeling slightly anxious and agitated as she hadn't visited a theatre for years due to the restrictions her illness has placed on her, and us as a family. She quickly relaxed once the film had begun and we sang, danced, laughed and we reminisced with her, without restriction and without judgement! Such a wonderfully positive experience and thank you to all involved."*

We will now be holding screenings as regular events. They will be musical theatre films, to evoke memories and have familiar songs for customers to sway and sing along to. Calamity Jane is being hosted as a Dementia Friendly Screening in Aylesbury Waterside Theatre's Second Space on Sunday 17 September at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you at the theatre!

Rebecca Godden
Creative Learning Delivery Partner

*As a venue, the Waterside Theatre has a designated access booking line which has no extra phone charges 0800 912 6971. Regular accessible performances including, Relaxed Performances, Audio Described, British Sign Language and Captioned.

#FallBackGiveBack

How do you plan on spending that extra hour when the clocks go back in October? Why not join the Aylesbury Town Dementia Action Alliance and give just one hour to make a difference in the community?

Over half term week in October the clocks go back, and members of the Aylesbury Town Dementia Action Alliance will be dedicating an hour to helping the community. So, whether it's visiting a friend, looking through old photos with a relative, having lunch together or going for a walk – make that hour count. Why not send in a photo, and we can share some of the ways you've used that extra hour? Send your photos to:

info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

For further details about Aylesbury Town Dementia Action Alliance email: **b.lasoye@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk**

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.



Age is different for everyone and the challenges and the demands are different for everyone too. At Age UK Buckinghamshire, we are many things to many people – a source of advice, information, companionship and support. We are an independent local charity, passionate about making Buckinghamshire a great place to grow old. All our services are designed to help older people achieve and maintain their independence and wellbeing.

Our core services are completely free. These services include **Befriending Plus, Welfare Benefits and Information and Advice.**

Befriending Plus aims to reduce feelings of loneliness by matching trained volunteers with shared interests to older people who have limited social contact. **Welfare Benefits** helps local older people find out if they are claiming all the welfare benefits they are entitled to. **Information and Advice** provides free, up-to-date, independent information, advice and support on all issues of concern to older people, their families, friends and carers.



We also offer services that are chargeable. These services include help in the home, hairdressing at home, gardening, handy person, computer training and toenail cutting. The funds from these services help support our free core services.

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Aylesbury Ladies' Electrical Association

The first half of the year has been very successful with interesting speakers, a Bring & Buy and outings to Savill Gardens in Windsor Great Park and Friars Court Farm in the Cotswolds.

However, the highlight was our annual Garden Party which also celebrated the 100th birthday of our Life President, Mrs Hannah Cookson. She joined the Club in 1974, holding various important posts during this time and who is much loved by us all.

Although not the sunny day we had hoped for, the members enjoyed an excellent buffet in the Chairman's garden as well as an impressive birthday cake and prosecco for the toast. We were entertained by Mr Ukelele, Andy Carter and the Chairman's eleven year old grandson Thomas led the singing of 'Happy Birthday' on his saxophone. Finally, Mrs Cookson was presented with a bouquet of flowers. A really memorable day.

If anyone would like to join us, we are always pleased to welcome new members. For details, please telephone Marie on **01296 485399**.

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.

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

ST MARY'S AYLESBURY

Have you ever heard the bells ringing at St Mary's and wondered who was on the end of the ropes making that loud and (hopefully) glorious sound?

The answer is that we have a keen team of ringers in Aylesbury, who practise regularly on Tuesday nights and ring for Sunday morning service, as well as weddings, civic and national occasions. Our ages range from 13 up to 70+ and we ring as a service to the church and also because it's a fascinating and challenging hobby in itself.

We are also part of a bigger group of ringers in the area called the Central Buckinghamshire Branch of the 'Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers (that's rather a mouthful; we abbreviate it to the CBB of the ODG!). Every year a competition is held for bands in the Branch to show off their skills in ringing six bells as perfectly as possible.

This year the competition was held in Wotton Underwood church on 13 May, and our local ringers from St Mary's came first and were able to bring back the trophy to Aylesbury once more. It has had pride of place on the table in the middle of the ringing room for several years now, being taken each year to the striking competition and coming back with us again afterwards.

Maybe next year a team from another tower will win it, but for now this beautiful model wooden bell sits in its glass case high up in the ringing room of St Mary's tower. Any visitors to the tower will be welcome to admire it – maybe you will feel like climbing the spiral staircase on our open day this year which is on **Saturday 9 September** as part of **Heritage Open Days**. Perhaps you would like to know a bit more about bell ringing: we would be delighted to tell you and show you how it's done. We look forward to seeing you!



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Want to attend a council meeting?

Town Council Meetings

All residents are invited to attend the monthly Town Council meetings, which take place every second Thursday of the month at 7pm 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.



Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy is five years old! In the summer of 2012 not only did we celebrate the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London, but the first volunteer Chaplains from Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy went out

in the town centre.

Five years on we still have Chaplains in the town centre, but also in the District and County Council offices, at the Healthy Living Centre, in Morrisons and at the police station. From September 2017 there'll be Chaplains at Aylesbury College and UCAV.



Chaplains are there to support and encourage anyone

they meet. They act as a friendly presence and are able to offer an independent, impartial and confidential ear for those who want someone to listen to them in times of difficulty or just someone to chat about anything, including spiritual matters if required.

In November 2012, just at the start of one of the coldest winters in years, Street Angels started out in Aylesbury. They still go out nearly every weekend, typically between 11pm and 3.30am on either a Friday or a Saturday night. They are in teams of three, providing practical assistance and a calming community presence in the town centre. They do things such as help people to find their way home safely or provide a listening ear to help defuse situations before they escalate. They also give out bottles of water, flip flops or space blankets and woolly hats on colder nights.

To find out more please contact us via:
www.aylesburytownchaplaincy.co.uk

National Careers Service in the Thames Valley rated 'Good' by Ofsted

Jobseekers across the Thames Valley are receiving good quality careers information, advice and guidance says Ofsted. In their recent inspection of Adviza, the not-for-profit organisation responsible for National Careers Service provision in the Thames Valley, Ofsted rated the provider as 'good' in all areas. Adviza provide careers advice and support to around 19,000 adults each year in 85 sites across the region including JobCentre Plus offices, libraries, colleges and community venues.

Ofsted rated Adviza 'good' in all four areas of the inspection: effectiveness of leadership and management; quality of information, advice and guidance; personal development, behaviour and welfare; and outcomes for customers.

The report said that Adviza's National Careers Service advisers and its partners use their extensive knowledge of local job opportunities and courses to improve customers' chances of finding work and/or training.

The inspectors also found that advisers are particularly good at recognising when customers need additional, specialist support (for example for supporting mental health problems, debt management, housing and funding, and support networks for lone parents). Also that advisers are particularly effective in helping jobseekers improve their self-esteem and build confidence to seek employment.

Katharine Horler, Chief Executive of Adviza said: "As a charity, it is particularly pleasing that the inspectors highlighted the effectiveness of our advisers to motivate jobseekers and give them the confidence to move forward."

The National Careers Service provides free information, advice and guidance for adults (19+) including help with CVs, applications, interviews, courses, job searching, apprenticeships and more. Ring **0800 100 900** to speak to an adviser or go to the website: nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk to find out more.

Don't forget our Halloween & Tudor Fayre events. See inside covers for details and follow us on Twitter and Facebook for latest news.

Dementia in a BME Community

At the first Dementia Friends session the NCAA attended in May 2016, only three members participated, and whilst that was disappointing, it was very telling of our community.

In a stereotypical African community, Dementia is not regarded as a degenerative condition, but more as a form of madness. Despite living in Britain, those hang ups still ring true for many in the BME Community. As a community group, the NCAA is slowly forming and creating a presence in Aylesbury, and one thing that we wanted to do was to challenge misconceptions of generations past.

With thanks to Marion Child from the Alzheimer's Society, we created twenty eight Dementia Friends at the National Association of Nigerian Communities (UK) Central Executive Committee Meeting in February of this year. Each Branch Chair has now gone to their respective community to create Dementia awareness as well.

But learning the five key messages about Dementia didn't quite seem enough. We wanted to do more. And we wanted to do it in Aylesbury so we contacted Aylesbury Town Council's Dementia Champion, Benedicta Lasoye, and found out about the Aylesbury Town Dementia Action Alliance. By joining the Alliance, we have committed to three simple actions to take as a group to support people who have Dementia.

Our three simple actions are to:

1. Welcome fifteen Dementia Friends to our group
2. Talk about ageing well in the community
3. Spreading Dementia awareness to the young BME community and reduce the stigma associated with Dementia.

We have already surpassed our plans of welcoming fifteen Dementia Friends and are currently well into planning another event looking at how to age well in the community.

Being part of the Aylesbury Town Dementia Action Alliance is a great way for us as a community group to break down many barriers and share a common goal of supporting our community. It doesn't get much better than that!





Aylesbury Sea Cadets

On Wednesday 7 June 2017 Aylesbury Sea Cadets were on parade at Aylesbury Railway Club for the ceremony of Affiliation to The Royal British Legion.

The ceremony was opened by the parading of the Standards and the Exhortation was said by RBL County Chairman, David Johnson followed by one minute's silence.

Twelve cadets represented the organisation and during the ceremony they were inspected by The Royal British Legion County President, Lt. Col. Simon Wilkinson accompanied by Lt. J R Pike RNR, Commanding Officer. Following this, the County President spoke to the Cadets and their parents explaining how important it is for young people to be included in the Royal British Legion's aims.

Alderman Ray James, Aylesbury Branch President of the RBL, presented each cadet and the Officers with Affiliation badges. Mrs Barbara Grant, Aylesbury Branch Chairman, closed the ceremony with the Kohima Epitaph. A buffet was then served to enable everyone to socialise.

Correspondence @ www

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.

Christmas Events

Christmas Light Switch-On, Thursday 16 November

The stage is hosted by Mix96, and entertainment will be between 5.30pm and 7.30pm in Aylesbury's Market Square along with a funfair in Kingsbury. The lights will be switched on at 7pm and followed by a fireworks display.

Make sure you arrive early and get your place to enjoy a packed line-up of live entertainment courtesy of local station Mix96.

Aylesbury Town Centre Manager Diana Fawcett said: "There are a wide range of Christmas activities in Aylesbury town across November and December, both for families and for shoppers. The Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership is delighted to be organising this phenomenally popular event."



Santa's Spectacular, Sunday 26 November

The parade of characters and local groups will sing and dance their way through the town at 10.45am, starting from the Upper High Street by Hale Leys Shopping Centre and making their way around Market Square. After the parade there is a range of entertainment, a Fun Fair and donkey rides for the kids until 3pm.

Christmas Craft and Gift Fair, Sunday 3 December

The event runs from 11am to 3pm, where visitors can browse stalls full of unique, unusual festive treats, from Christmas decorations to traditional Italian delicacies – whilst getting in the festive mood with live music and street entertainment. Street food will also be available including German bratwurst and roasted chestnuts.

For more details about events over the festive period, please visit: www.visitaylesbury.co.uk

Community News & Events



Aylesbury Town WI would like to invite new members to come along to one of our meetings held on the third Thursday each month – you are welcome to join us.

Planned meetings are: 21 September - billed as "Spies, Lies and Double Cross Agents" which sounds interesting. On 16 November we are attempting to make our own Christmas decorations – a little challenging for those with little creative skill but someone will be there to help or laugh with you. They say you never know what you can do until you try! For those lucky enough to have that creative streak we hold weekly craft meetings where there is an opportunity to chat or if you want to make something, as well as chat that is fine too.

Another popular event is our lunch club meeting at a different venue each month. There are outings, social events and so much more.

While writing this, I am remembering June's monthly meeting when we were fortunate to have the Barn Owl and Raptor Group give a talk. I learnt a lot about Barn Owls and owl boxes being installed and monitored. Some brave members touched the ever patient barn owl. We also enjoyed coffee, tea and cake. I can recommend the WI cakes while mingling.



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

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



Are you ready for 30 Hours of Free Childcare? From September many childcare providers will start offering 30 hours of free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds, so register before 31 August for a September 2017 take up. If you don't manage to register by then or your child is not quite 3, then your next deadlines to apply are: 31 December (for a January 2018 take up) and 31 March (for an April 2018 take up).

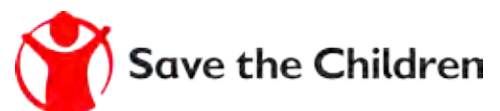
We recommend applying as soon possible as entitlement to 30 hours does not guarantee a place at any one provider, or a particular pattern of provision. The provider you have in mind may not offer the full 30 hours of care, they may not have any spare places, or, they may partner up with another provider to cover the extended hours. Giving yourself as much time as possible will help you overcome any obstacles, should they arise.

Whether you need to find a 30 hours provider, unsure if the scheme is for you, or want to see some frequently asked questions (FAQs) then visit: www.bucksfamilyinfo.com/30hours.

About The Buckinghamshire Family Information Service (BFIS). We are a free, impartial service providing information, advice, and guidance for families, young people, and professionals in Bucks. We provide information on a range of topics from childcare and local services, to education, health, money and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Facebook.com/BucksFamilyinfo Twitter: **@Bucks_fis**

Join Us in Making a Difference for the World's Children



For over 30 years, Aylesbury's Save the Children group have been working to raise awareness of the needs of so many children in Great Britain and 120 other countries. Part of our work has been to raise money to support the work being undertaken to give these children better lives. So what exactly has the group been doing?

Well, many different things and activities over the years but always enjoying themselves as they work with others to improve so many children's lives. Sometimes it is collecting – working as part of a team, just for an hour, or holding a plant and cake sale on a sunny summer Sunday. Equally, we might hold a quiz or a walk or a treasure hunt. Coffee mornings are also a great way to get together, selling cards and other items whilst enjoying ourselves.

The main question is what do you enjoy doing? Volunteering with Save the Children is about you using your skills and following your interests to help others. Now we're looking for others to join us with our future planning and for us to support you if you want to organise and hold a fundraising event. If you'd like to join us or just want to find out more, do contact Gill Flitney on **01296 658944** or **07801 586164** or email: gillflitney@gmail.com

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).



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 on 23 September and be part of the event success! Register online at www.walktheMSmile.org

All money raised will go to providing vital practical, social and emotional support to people in the local community, to gain greater control over their MS so they can lead happy and healthy lives.



The Aylesbury Local RSPB Group actively supports the work of the RSPB through a series of regular monthly indoor meetings and occasional coach and car trips.



We visit RSPB nature reserves and other sites of interest in the area. We welcome all with an interest in nature and conservation to join us and help make a difference for birds and wildlife.

Our monthly meetings and talks are held at the Prebendal Farm Community Centre, Fowler Road, Aylesbury, HP19 7QW.

You do not need to be a RSPB member, all are welcome to join our talks, coach and car trips. All talks start at 7.30pm and upcoming events include:

Monday 25 September

'Scotland - a land of mountains and wilderness'
by Graham Lenton

Monday 30 October

'Return of the Peregrine' & 'Return of the Red Kite'
by Keith Betton

Monday 27 November

'Reading the Countryside' by John Tyler

Monday 11 December

'South African Safari' by Chris Ward

Entry to the talks is £3 for group members or £4.50 for visitors, to include refreshments. We also have a coach trip on 3 December 2017 to Slimbridge, Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust Reserve, Gloucestershire for £10, plus entry fee to the reserve.

For more details about any of the above, visit our website: www.rspb.org.uk/groups/aylesbury



Show your True Colours for the Hospice

Join the colour chaos at Colour Rush on 8 October at Green Park, Aston Clinton in aid of Florence Nightingale Hospice's Florrie's Children's Team.

It's a fantastic fun event for the whole family: a 5k circular route which you can run, jog or walk and every kilometre there is a colour station where the runners get showered with multi-coloured powder!

It's open to the whole family, with a 'Mini-Rush' taking place before the main event for any little ones who want to be part of this spectacular event, but who might not manage the full 5k!

Last year, more than 550 men, women and children became walking rainbows for Florence Nightingale Hospice and raised over £14,000.

Colour Rush 2017 will take place at ALF Green Park in Aston Clinton at 11am and 2pm on Sunday 8 October 2017, the final day of Hospice Care Week. Find out more at: fnhospice.org.uk/colour-rush



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 and email Jane Eden, Grants Officer j.eden@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk or call **01296 425678**.

The next Grants Committee meeting will take place on **Wednesday 11 October**. The deadline for grant applications to be considered at this meeting is **Friday 29 September at 5pm**.

Aylesbury Town Council support young people in sport. The Town Council strive to ensure that every young person in Aylesbury with a proven track record of achievement at a high level of competition should be given as much encouragement as possible to fulfil their sporting potential. However, competing at such a level comes with huge costs and commitment from both the sports person and their family. Aylesbury Town Council recently awarded grants to the following young sports people to help towards these costs.

Tyanna Dale

Tyanna is a very talented sprinter. She is currently ranked second in the Power of 10 British Athletics under 17 South East region and recently ran a personal best of 12.1 in the 100m sprint. The grant Tyanna has received from Aylesbury Town Council will support her competing at a National level and continuing her success.



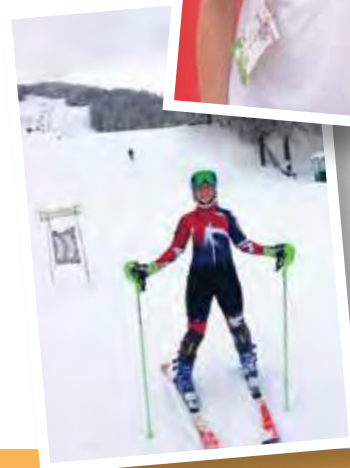
Max Perry

Max is a very successful 1500m runner, and has been running at a county level since the age 11. Max travels the length of England competing in his sport and is representing the British Schools at the National final. The grant from Aylesbury Town Council will enable Max to continue competing and support his aim of gaining faster times.



Megan Riley

Megan is a very successful skier. She is currently Under 18 overall 2016/17 English champion as well as slalom under 18 English champion and GS English champion. Megan travels abroad for much of her training, and whilst studying for her GCSEs, she is still training hard to be chosen for the England Youth Olympic team.



Aylesbury Town Council wish all our young sports stars all the very best for their sporting year ahead.



The Mayor's Year

It is a wonder and a joy to serve as Mayor. Mayors spend such a lot of time visiting schools, churches, events and new businesses that we get a powerful sense of how much we have to be proud of in Aylesbury. Being Mayor is an honour, but in the course of the year you get to give the honour back: to the carers, the organisers, the befrienders, the people who take time out of their lives to show kindness to others.

I would recommend the role to anyone inspired to take it on! The way to start is to get involved in local politics, and I've been inspired by meeting our Youth Councillors, who are helping to lead our community and participate deeply in its life. Alas, despite being Mayor, I have to keep my full-time job, but I am proud to be a nurse, and was delighted to make my first engagement a visit to Stoke Mandeville Hospital on International Nurses' Day, to thank my colleagues and friends who do their very best with the resources they have, and show kindness and care to those who need it the most.

I also helped launch the Aylesbury Town Dementia Action Alliance. As a nurse working in older people's medicine, it's a cause dear to my heart. The Alliance is helping businesses, charities and local groups support people with dementia and make Aylesbury a safe and welcoming place for them. Initiatives like this need people with the will and the kindness to make them succeed, and there is certainly no shortage of that here in Aylesbury. Isn't that the best attribute a town can have? To be rich in community spirit.

The nature of community was a focus for discussion in the aftermath of the horrific terrorist attacks which have disfigured these past few months. I attended an open discussion following the London and Manchester attacks at the Multicultural Centre as well as a Community Iftar meal at Aylesbury Mosque. At both events, I was moved by the willingness of everyone to listen and to learn from one another. Kindness redoubled in the face of aggression, patience in the face of abuse: nothing is more lethal to the ideologies of hate.

Flower arranging was something completely unfamiliar to me when I helped celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of the Aylesbury Flower Club in May. Now I know about guard petals, phototropism, and how to recognise a phlox! I also appreciate the huge amount of skill and

hard work that go into producing the glorious displays one sees in churches or at state events. It is a truly life-enhancing craft, and new members are always very welcome at the Flower Club, who meet each month at Aylesbury Grammar School.

In June I paid a visit to Bucks Vision, and saw some of the wonderful work they do as a local charity in supporting people with sight loss. It's amazing to see the range of the appliances which are available now to make everyday life a bit easier. They are always in need of volunteers who can spare a small amount of time to provide lifts to appointments or help with office tasks, and they are a very friendly and dedicated group of people.



Mayor's Charity

Each year the new Mayor nominates a charity which he or she will support. For me this year, it is InspireAll. I have seen in my nursing work the long-lasting damage inflicted by trauma and abuse. The work of repair and healing is long and demanding and essential. Domestic violence, for example, affects both men and women, it affects all ages, all classes and all ethnicities, but not every age, every class or every ethnicity gets an equal chance to find help. InspireAll is a small organisation which provides free expert counselling to people in need, and is able moreover to reach victims who might otherwise fall through the gaps, who might find no one else who understood their background and their struggle. Do look out for their leaflets and for information about their work which will be available at our town events or on the Town Council website. The need is great, and I hope that by raising funds, our town can help InspireAll reach out and grow.

I'm very much looking forward to the year ahead. If you want to invite the Mayor to attend an event, launch a campaign, or just give a talk, write to: s.carpenter@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Art & Leisure



jazz
upfront

Jazz Upfront at Aylesbury's St Mary's Church is now in its third year, which has all been made possible by the huge following of jazz lovers within the area. We plan to continue this year with more of the very best artists, and with that in mind, we wanted to make you aware of a very special evening, on 2 November 2017, when Jazz Upfront will be proudly presenting, from across the pond and the vibrant New York jazz scene...

CHAMPIAN FULTON

This will be a rare opportunity to see a musician of great standing, in such intimate and beautiful surroundings as St Mary's Church. Tickets will be on a first come first serve basis and early booking is recommended as there is only a limited amount of tickets on sale. Born in Oklahoma, Champion Fulton has become a world class jazz pianist and vocalist with international acclaim, recognised by peers and critics as distinctive and sophisticated. She grew up with music in the home and in the presence of her father's musician friends, including Clark Terry and Major Holley, who all inspired her focus on jazz. Her first paid musical engagement was with her own band at Clark Terry's 75th birthday party; she was 10 years old.

Tickets priced at £15 and restricted to 6 per purchase.

Available from St Mary's, Monday to Friday between 10am and 3pm Phone: **01296 437641**

Art & Craft Fair

Queens Park Arts Centre is to host its fifteenth annual Art & Craft Fair on Saturday 11 November. Some of the region's best art and craft will be available to view and buy, including jewellery, glass, textiles, cards, paintings and ceramics – a whole range of unique handmade items – perfect for Christmas presents or even a treat to self! The annual fair attracts hundreds of visitors every year. This year the Centre will be welcoming ceramicist and maker Elaine Wells, who appeared in the recent series of The Great Pottery Throw Down. As well as the array of exhibitors, the event also offers creative activities for children throughout the day, free parking and homemade refreshments in the Coffee Bar.

The Queens Park Arts Centre Art & Craft Fair takes place on Saturday 11 November between 10am and 4pm. Entry costs £2/£1 concessions and members. Under 14s go free. All profits from the event contribute towards the Centre's ongoing fundraising campaign.

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



MASKS Art Exhibition a Stunning Success

Framed masterpieces were aplenty at the MASKS Awareness art exhibition. Local charity MASKS (Make A Special Kid Smile) which supports the Vale Federation of Special Schools in Aylesbury, held an art exhibition in June, to raise awareness within schools and communities about people with special needs. The event was a huge success with many visitors across the county enjoying the stunning artwork on display.



The project was so successful that the one day exhibition, was extended. MASKS asked school children across Bucks to fill a frame with something that would 'make a special kid smile' and they didn't disappoint. The variety of artwork produced was exceptional with various schools and community groups getting involved. MASKS would like to thank everyone that supported the exhibition and in particular to all the groups that submitted such creative framed artwork.

What's On at Bucks County Museum

Drop in and discover fascinating exhibitions on your doorstep in Aylesbury old town

The Beautiful Stitch: textile treasures from the Embroiderers' Guild collection on now until 28 October

A real treat for everyone interested in textiles and embroidery. See some of the finest pieces from the Guild's stunning collections of historical and contemporary embroidery: from Chinese shoes to American Indian gloves, from 18th century whitework to 21st century artwork. Check our website for special embroidery workshops and talks.



James Fox, textile artist, Muir Trust Artist in Residence 21 September to 21 October

James works mostly with machine embroidery and looks for inspiration in modern life and politics. During his residency he will create new works in response to the museum's collections in store. Come along to James' open studio at the Museum on Fridays and Saturdays during the residency.



James Fox Residency Exhibition

4 November to 2 December

See the creative results of James' residency and selected objects from the Museum's collection that inspired the works. Work is for sale. **FREE ENTRY.**

Handbags & Gladrags Workshop with James Fox

14 October, 10.30am to 3pm

An opportunity to create a unique piece of textile art and bag. Suitable for all levels of stitching ability. Booking essential. £30 (includes £15 for materials).

Muir Trust Residency talk by James Fox 3 November, 11am to 12noon

James Fox will talk about his career and inspirations and discuss his recent residency at the Museum. Booking essential. £5.

Off the Wall Art Fair 11 November to 9 December

Popular selling show of original and affordable art to buy and take away in time for Christmas. **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**

J's Joyful Divas

J's Joyful Divas is a small, fun ladies choir. We sing a diverse and eclectic mix of songs from across the decades. Our weekly rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 - 9pm at the Methodist Church, Buckingham Street, Aylesbury HP21 2NQ. We got off to a great start in February when we sang at the New Horizon Club. In March we were invited to sing at the Working Together 2017 Aylesbury Vale Community Chest event at The Gateway, Aylesbury. We were thrilled to sing at a wedding and a WI birthday party in April, then in June we sang for Ickford Darby and Joan Club and were invited to sing again at Wyevale Garden Centre, Wendover.

We had great fun when we supported and sang for the third year running at Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Armed Forces Day. This year we were in the WW1 marquee so we took the opportunity to sing lots of WW1 songs and dress in period costume! We also sang at the Waddesdon Village Festival on 1 July. If you enjoy singing and are interested in joining our choir or would like to book us for your event you can contact us at: **jsjoyfuldivas@gmail.com** or call us on **07909 531683** See us at **www.jsjoyfuldivas.weebly.com** and **www.facebook.com/joyfuldivas**





Aylesbury Town Council Ward Map

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Ward: Elmhurst



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Ward: Quarrendon



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Ward: Oxford Road



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Ward: Walton



Cllr Bill Chapple OBE
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Ward: Walton Court



Cllr Ranjula Takodra MBE
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Ward: Hawkslade



Cllr Brian Adams
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Ward: Southcourt



Vacant



Cllr Mark Bateman
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Ward: Mandeville & Elm Farm



Cllr Sue Chapple
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Cllr Richard Lloyd
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Ward: Bedgrove



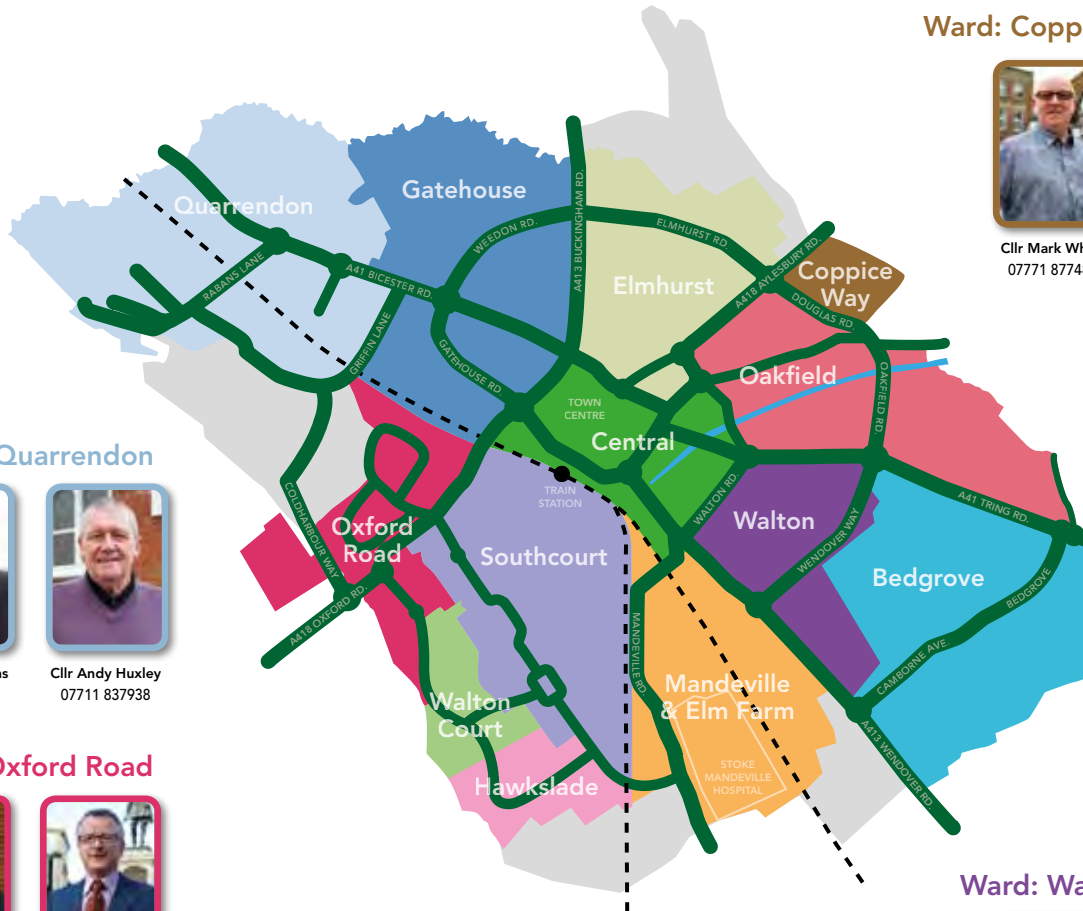
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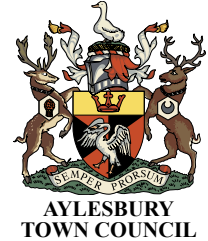




Who do I talk to about? ...

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
- 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
- Upkeep of Aylesbury town areas such as Kingsbury and Market Square



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



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

Aylesbury Town Bowls Club

The club was founded in 1920 by local business men. The club has grown to become an inclusive club, with mixed membership. The majority of games are now played as mixed ladies and men's teams. The club also has juniors, who are encouraged to play in matches, as they represent the future of the game. On Saturday mornings qualified coaches run junior coaching sessions for youngsters from 10 to 18 years of age. This year the club hosted the first Bucks Junior Academy event.

The club looks for continued improvement latterly by making the premises wheelchair accessible, widening passageways and doors and installing a toilet for wheelchair users. Special bowls green wheelchairs have been purchased using a William Harding Trust grant. Each year a match takes place against a team from The British Wheelchair Bowlers. There is an arrangement with Stoke Hospital Spinal Unit for patients to play free of charge.

Each week during the season, there is a busy programme of matches, mostly mixed, both friendly and competitive. This provides an attractive way to keep fit and active. The U3A have a bowls session each week. AVDC have been running Sportivate each week throughout May, June and July.

This year using a generous donation from a local businessman, and donations in memory of a long standing, and former president of the club, the club was instrumental in installing, on the Sports Club premises, a defibrillator which has been registered with the emergency services.

www.aylesburytownbowlsclub.co.uk

Indoor Bowls Open Day

The Foxhill Indoor Bowls Club Open Day is Saturday 30 September, 10am to 2pm. Try bowls for free. Just turn up, no need to book. Bowls, shoes and coaching are provided. Bowls is a great way to enjoy gentle exercise, meet people and learn a new skill. Membership is half price for new members (does not apply to previous members).

Lots of members join who are new to the area or have never tried bowls but once they do they really enjoy it so why not give it a go? Foxhill has over 500 members, welcomes people of all ages and has a bar, restaurant and junior section. Our members make new people very welcome. All types of bowls are available including leagues, friendly matches against other clubs and club competitions.

We integrate new members by encouraging them to join Turn Up and Play sessions which are organised games amongst members and is a great way to meet other members.

Last year's Open Day had about 100 people and 50 of them joined. Why not have a look at our video on www.foxhill.org.uk or go to YouTube and search 'Foxhill Bowls'.

The club is at Wendover Road, HP21 9NJ. For more information call club manager Paul Maynard on **07776 135276**.



Aylesbury Youth Town Council

Over the last few months, the Aylesbury Youth Town Council has continued to grow, we've attended public events and visited schools across the town to meet as many people in the community as possible.

This has allowed us to begin working on the concerns and suggestions that young people have so that we can get real change for you – that's what we are here for!

We now have ten members on the council; since the last edition of Aylesbury Town Matters we have had four new Councillors Bethany Bingle, Macey Latty, Tom Liddiard and Shoheb Hassan, who are all fantastic representatives for the community and young people. However, we have also had a departure, our Chairman James Hanson had to resign due to

turning nineteen in the summer, his passion and enthusiasm will be missed greatly.

You may have seen us at Aylesbury on Sea or

bag packing at Tring Road

Tescos fundraising for our charity of the year,

Buckinghamshire Mind, who support young people with mental health issues and provide amazing services to those in need of help.

On 22 September, we are organising the 'Wear it Orange' Day where we are asking schools (primary and secondary) to wear anything orange to show support and raise money for Buckinghamshire Mind. As we represent all those young people in school, further education or apprenticeships in Aylesbury, we want to publicise our work for Buckinghamshire Mind to those it affects most, this fundraiser does that perfectly, so please encourage your school or workplace to be apart of it. Join us and you could be helping a friend, relative or colleague who is experiencing the challenges that mental health brings. One in ten children and teenagers are affected by this. The money raised will go directly into their services so that they can continue to be there for hundreds of young people.

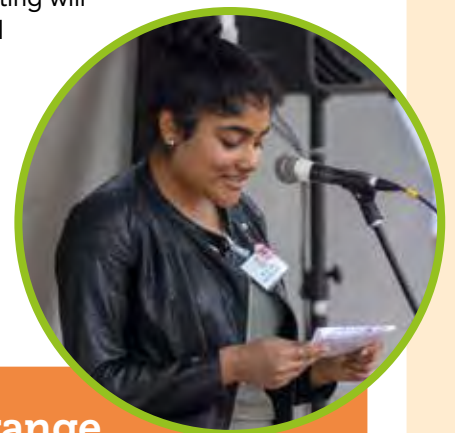
On top of that, we have also been meeting with students at their schools so they could tell us face



to face what they think about our town. Transport, mental health and school curriculums have all been examples of some of the topics that we have discussed; we will now look at potential solutions, talk to the appropriate people and report back to you though our social media and future editions of this magazine.

To keep up to date with what is going on, like and share the 'Aylesbury Youth Town Council' Facebook page, you can use it to tell us what you think by commenting on our posts or by messaging us. Remember, our meetings are open to the public too so if you want to see more of what we do, come along! Perfect for people interested in local government and politics. Our next meeting will include our first annual report on 11 October.

Thank you for reading and keep an eye out for us over the coming months so we can get your opinions heard.

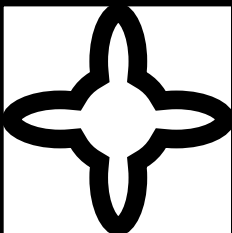
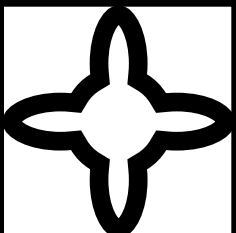
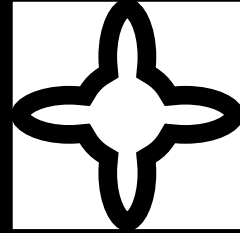
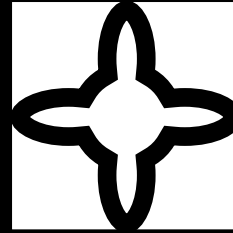
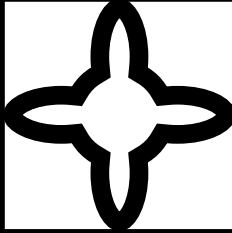
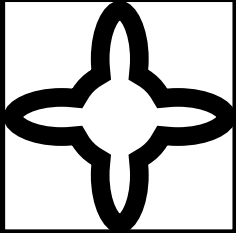


#WearitOrange

On Friday 22 September, schools and business across the Parish will be uniting for a #WearitOrange Mufti Day as we continue to raise funds for the Bucks Mind Peer Support Service. Join us by wearing something orange and donating a £1 or whatever you are able to afford to support the services of this local charity. We're hoping to raise the profile of Bucks Mind as well as funds for this service which aims to break down the stigma surrounding mental health through early intervention, education and training to empower, and help young people reach their full potential.

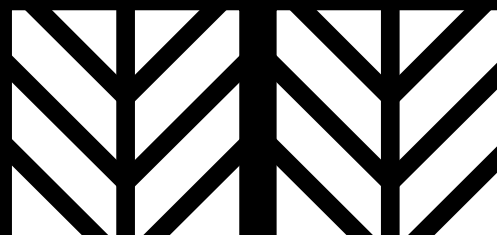
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SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER
11am - 4pm Bucks County Museum

* Explore all things Da Vinci with an extensive replica and model display featuring many of his pioneering designs including his flying machine * Step back to the times of the Tudors and mingle with King Henry VIII, Musicians, Court Jester, Falconer, Armourers, Felt and Leather workers, Wise Woman and Barber Surgeon, for a day steeped in history and fun *



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