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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEMES

Christmas Playscheme 20 December – 3 January 2018

(excluding bank holidays, 27th, 28th & 29th Dec)



It's all things Christmas and New Year for this Playscheme.

The children will be baking, making cards and Christmas decorations with plenty of sparkles & smiles. We will be making New Year's resolutions together with the children and celebrate the New Year with a disco. There will also be plenty of singing and dancing and games throughout this festive Playscheme.



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

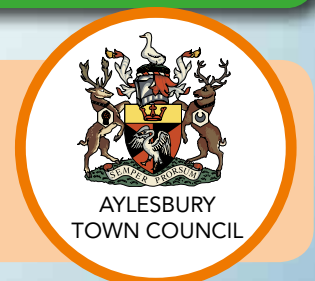
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We can accept childcare vouchers as payment

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Welcome Note

“ I'm delighted to welcome you to our latest issue of Aylesbury Town Matters. I loved all of our town's summer activities and events and thought they were the biggest and best ever. Feedback from some of the many thousands who joined us at our "Parklife" weekend in particular, clearly shows the people of our town and beyond are in full agreement! A look back with plenty of wonderful photos can be found on pages 4 - 5.

We were delighted to receive the first ever "Fair4All Event" award given by Buckinghamshire Disability Service (BuDS), in recognition of the huge efforts our team have made to ensure our events are as accessible as possible. To me it's just obvious and essential that the town which was the birthplace of the Paralympics is a clear leader in offering disabled people every opportunity to fully participate and get the best out of life. To have our work recognised and praised in this way is a source of immense pride to all of us at the Town Council.

We have more events coming up in the next few months including another hugely popular favourite, our Festive Family Fun and Carolfest on 10 December. Full details on page 4.

The Jonathan Page Play Centre will again be providing excellent facilities for local children to enjoy a wide range of play opportunities at their Christmas playscheme, details of that and many other JPPC activities can be found on pages 2 and 8.

We see keeping the town attractive and welcoming as an important role for the Town Council, "over and above" the basic services we need to provide. Your feedback on page 15 shows that many of you agree, and what's more we know it benefits the town by bringing in more visitors because they tell us so! We're also delighted to see so many of you doing your own "bit" by making your gardens beautiful, some of the very best examples being our worthy, Aylesbury in Bloom prize-winners pictured on pages 6 - 7.

As always we're happy to give over a large section of our magazine to various community and volunteer groups, letting you know about what they do and giving you opportunities to find out more and get involved. One that's particularly dear to my own heart is Parkrun, which is a fantastic opportunity for free and sociable exercise welcoming literally all shapes and sizes, ages and abilities. From a reluctant first-timer just over a year ago – persuaded to join in by none other than the current Deputy Mayor Cllr Willis! – you'll now find me an enthusiastic regular Parkrunner, along with several other Councillors. Come and chat to us about local issues on the way round!

Wishing you all the best for the next three months, and we'll be back with you in 2018. ”

Councillor Mike Smith
Leader of Aylesbury Town Council

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ATC News - Events

Spectacular Summer of FREE Family Fun

The sunshine over the late August Bank Holiday weekend brought over 14,000 of you to Vale Park to enjoy an array of free games, activities, fun fair rides, inflatables and lots of live music at Live in the Park and Proms in the Park. The introduction of the Sportif Citroen Second Stage, made for a bigger and better event, than ever before. Thank you to Sportif Citroen and all of the other companies in the CIA (Community Involvement Area), whose support enabled us to keep this event free of charge and offer you a wide range of free activities and entertainment.

We would also like to thank the Stormtrooper who joined us at Proms in the Park during the Star Wars medley – he even did a crowd walkabout, getting involved with everyone’s picnics.

We had a flying time at the annual **Tudor Fayre**, where we attempted to raise Leonardo da Vinci’s flying machine (without success) and were treated to a spectacular display by some beautiful birds of prey.

We now have **Festive Family Fun** to look forward to, on Sunday 10 December from 11am – 4pm in Friars Square and Market Square. There will be a pantomime theme

this year, where you can expect to see the Seven Dwarfs from The Waterside Theatre, Dames, Naughty Elves and a Puppet Panto alongside Simon Says Magic and the Vineyard Choir. As always we will have face painting, glitter tattoos, balloon modelling and crafts with the Queens Park Arts Centre. Outside will be a selection of fun fair rides, a barrel organ and even Cinderella’s glass carriage, that you can climb inside to have your picture taken. Four lucky families will also win the chance to go for a ride in it too – keep your eyes on our Facebook page for more information on how to enter.

Carolfest will take place the same evening at St Mary’s Church from 6pm – 7pm. Please do join us for this relaxed, inclusive, friendly carol singing, filled with traditional family favourites, served up with a mince pie and hot drink.

We would like to sincerely thank all of the companies, businesses, organisations and volunteers who support and help Aylesbury Town Council, enabling us to keep all of our events entirely free for you to attend and participate in; Sportif Citroen, Tesco Tring Road, The Queens Park Arts Centre, Rogue Racing, BuDS, Matrix Explorer Scout Unit and BeesKnees. **Thank you.**

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





“ Your comments about Parklife Weekend

The best one yet. Great line up of bands, well done for having free rides for kids making the whole event accessible to everyone no matter what their budget as they can bring picnic or buy food. Weather was the icing on the cake. People in Aylesbury don't always realise how lucky we are to have such events... my friends from other towns are jealous of the fact we have so many good events on in the town.

Had such a brilliant weekend, Saturday was so good and Sunday was fabulous, what a great evening at the Proms, fireworks were spectacular.

Was there with all my family. We had a great day, there was so much to see and do and all for free. Thank you from us all, we look forward to next year's Live in the Park.

Absolutely loved it! Went on Saturday and Sunday. Enjoyed all the great music and activities on Saturday. My kids even learned new facts about our sun. It was our first time at the Proms. Amazing experience, such a lovely atmosphere. Will definitely come back next year! Thank you to all involved. You did a fab job!

First time at the event and loved it. Went with daughter's family and although we weren't sure of how things went we had a good few hours there with the grandson doing the things there and us able to listen to the music from around the park. Daughter and family went both days and loved the fireworks to close. Will definitely be on the calendar for next year.

Nice to see the mayor helping pick up the rubbish not something you would normally see, good on you Mr Mayor.

Lovely atmosphere. Inclusive, the right size for me as I do not like extremely large venues. Relaxed but obviously well organised. Next year I intend to go to more of the events you organise.

A great community event. Thanks to all the organisers and those who make it successful.

Just to thank the Town Council for providing Proms in the Park what another glorious evening we all enjoyed. The beauty is that it appeals to all so we had a marvellous evening with friends plus our children and grandchildren. Thank you again.

Everyone knocks OUR town. But when they put on a free of charge event like today I think people should think how lucky we are, it was a great day with everyone enjoying themselves. A great family friendly event. Thank you to all the organisers, musicians, helpers, for making it a great day of entertainment.

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Environment

Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition Awards

As part of its all year round Aylesbury in Bloom campaign Aylesbury Town Council organises an annual garden competition for residents, schools, organisations and businesses.

We've already reported on the school winners in our last magazine and now it is time to present the winners of the residents, businesses and organisations categories, who received their awards in September. This year's categories ranged from Best Front Garden, Best Back Garden, Best Edible Garden, Best Wildlife/Nature Garden, Best Container Garden and Best Communal Garden.



The gardens were judged by volunteer judges Sandra Ferguson, Rosemary Brown, Anne Brooker and Cllr Denise Summers, who are all keen gardeners and horticulturalists.

As always this was not an easy job as all entrants' gardens looked fantastic and the standard keeps rising year on year. After much deliberation and debate the judges gave the following awards.

- Best Front Garden – Mr P Welch**
- Best Back Garden – Mr R Murray**
- Best Edible Garden – Mr R Murray**
- Best Wildlife/Nature Garden – Mrs L Kynaston**
- Best Container Garden – Mr & Mrs Quanico**

During their six days of looking and marking all gardens the judges also saw some amazing Communal Gardens, all of them with a different purpose. One was to provide respite to patients, another was to improve the look of an area outside a block of flats (which also brought the residents closer together) and another was to explore senses and enjoy tranquillity. Once the judges had seen all six Communal Gardens and after a lengthy debate the Mayor's Award for **Best Communal Garden** was awarded to the **Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity**.

Each year the judges choose an Overall Best Garden winner, from all resident entrants. As the standard was extremely high the judges had some lengthy conversations before a majority decision was reached.

The **Overall Best Garden** winner of the crystal trophy was **Phil Welch**. The judges described the garden as amazing, perfect and stunning. The garden has lots of interesting areas, artefacts, statuary and the plants are in a good and healthy condition. The runner-up and commendation prizes were also awarded to the recipients during the awards presentation, which took place at The Railway Club.



The judges reiterated that all the gardens they had seen throughout the summer were simply stunning and they enjoyed seeing the great effort everyone puts in. We would like to thank Michael Anthony Estate Agents for their support and sponsorship for this yearly garden competition.

Town Mayor, Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts said *"It is a great pleasure to know that we have so many well-tended gardens in our town. Gardening is a wonderful recreational activity, good for the body and good for the soul. It doesn't matter how big or how small the garden is, you can create amazing flower displays in even the smallest of spaces, as many of our entrants prove each year. I would like to congratulate everyone who took part in the competition. They have all done superlative work! We are already looking forward to the competition next year and are hoping for even more entries across all categories. So if you know someone with a great garden, please do get in touch with the Town Council."*



COMPETITION WINNERS 2017

CATEGORY	WINNER	2 ND & 3 RD PLACE	COMMENDATION
Best Front Garden	Phil Welch	Denise Hunter Gary Oselton Michael Ridgway	
Best Back Garden	Ron Murray	Phil Welch Daniel Nelms Mr & Mrs Ridgway	Jean Lossaso
Best Edible Garden	Ron Murray	Mr R G Baker Emily Telfer (Young Gardner)	
Best Container Garden	Mr & Mrs Quanico	Mr R G Baker Phil Welch Mr & Mrs Ridgway	
Best Wildlife/ Nature Garden	Linda Kynaston	Elizabeth Hubery Ron Murray	
Best Communal Garden	Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity	The King's Head St Leonard's Care Home	Residents of 25 St Anne's Road
Overall Best Garden	Phil Welch		
Newcomer Award	Mrs A McLean		



Allotment Awards 2017

The 2017 Aylesbury Town Council Allotments Awards were held on 5 October at the Railway Club, Aylesbury. Aylesbury Town Council would like to express their thanks to Alderman Ray James (Allotment Warden, Crown Leys) and Joe Benham (Secretary, Aylesbury Gardening Society) for judging the allotment plots, which with over 680 plots over seven sites is not an easy job.

It was apparent, during the judging, that it has been a very good year for soft fruit, with many tenants' trees absolutely laden with apples and plums and plenty of raspberries, blackberries too. We are sure that a lot of jam making has taken place to make good use of the harvest. The judging criteria extended beyond simply considering the general appearance of a plot. Included was the desirability for varied planting (a mixture of vegetables, fruits and flowers) and also factors such as composting and plot cleanliness were considered.



The judges awarded prizes to the best three plots at each site, with additional prizes for Best Newcomer and Overall Winner. The presentations were made by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mark Willis with the first place winners receiving an engraved shield. In addition, prize winners received a certificate and vouchers, which were kindly donated by the Aylesbury Gardening Society.

Is your Home Ready for Winter?

With the chilly days and frosty nights fast approaching, are you confident your home is set up to keep you warm and cosy? Or does the thought of your winter heating bill leave you feeling cold? We are here to help. Working with your local council and health service, The Affordable Warmth Network offers free and impartial advice on reducing your energy bills, finding a cheaper tariff, heating your home affordably and efficiently and can even in some circumstances offer grants and financial assistance so you pay less for home improvements such as insulating, boiler replacements and control upgrades. If you are worried about keeping your house warm over winter, or about the costs of your energy bills, as well as any of the above or have other home heating queries why not give our friendly team a call to discuss your options. Contact us: **0800 107 00 44**. Alternatively email us at: **awn@nef.org.uk** We also have a website at: **affordablewarmthnetwork.org.uk**



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Wow, did we have a busy summer at the Jonathan Page Play Centre!

Every week was packed full of fun and exciting activities. Each week had a different topic ranging from patterns, feelings and emotions to active week and lots more. During rainbow week we made "Drip plant pots" and lots of other colourful artefacts and during cooking week we baked and decorated cupcakes and made yummy pretzel wands.

We all enjoyed running around in the great outdoor area, riding on the go-karts, playing football and lots of other games. When the weather wasn't on its best behaviour, the children did some "junk modelling" and even built a whole ship out of cardboard boxes, in which they sailed around the world.

We were excited to have a visit from Aylesbury's Town Mayor, Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts. He was so much fun and when he didn't bring his mayoral chain with him we decided to make him a new chain and also a crown, which he wore with great pride.

As we go to print, we are in the final stages of preparations for the October Half Term Playscheme, which is under the motto "Autumn Watch". One of our big projects will be to build a five star bug hotel. We will tell you more about it in the next magazine.

Christmas isn't far off either and our **Christmas Playscheme** runs from **21 December to 3 January 2018** (excluding Bank Holidays, 27th, 28th & 29th December). The Christmas Playscheme is all things Christmas and New Year. We will be baking, making cards and Christmas decorations with plenty of sparkles and smiles. We will be making New Year's resolutions together and celebrating the New Year with a disco.

In February we will enjoy the **February Half Term Playscheme** from **12 to 16 February 2018**. It's going to be all things junk. What is one child's junk is a creative child's pleasure! We will be building a giant house from cardboard, tubes, milk bottles etc., make cameras and even have a "Best Junk Robot" competition.

At all of our Playschemes, weather permitting, the children can also play outdoors, utilizing the go-kart track and climbing frames or stay indoors where they can choose from a great variety of toys and games. The Playscheme is open to all children from the age of 4 up to their 13th birthday.

To book a session at any of the Playschemes or for more information please visit our website www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/jppc or call us on **01296 336413**. We are very much looking forward to more fun and action packed Playschemes.





DAA
Aylesbury Town Dementia
Action Alliance

Moving Closer to a Dementia Friendly Town

From Aylesbury being officially acknowledged by The Alzheimer's Society as a town working to become Dementia friendly; to the creation of over 1000 Dementia Friends and the launch of the Aylesbury Town Dementia Action Alliance in May 2017, as a community, we are really making progress in our quest to create a Dementia positive town.



Our Dementia Champion has created another school of Dementia Friends at St Edwards RC Junior School to which pupils were very receptive to the five key messages about Dementia and have already thought of many simple ways to support people with Dementia.

As one of twenty five members in the Alliance, we have looked at what it really means to have Dementia, living with the challenges of everyday tasks many of us may take for granted.

Loneliness and isolation were highlighted areas we focused on this year through our #FallBackGiveBack campaign, and we successfully worked in association with AVDC, Thames Valley Police, Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust and Bucks County Council on the Quarrendon Street Association to build a stronger and safer community.

In September, a virtual Dementia tour hosted by one of the Alliance Members, Avondale Care Home, highlighted the physical and emotional aspects people living with Dementia experience. We learnt that all behaviour is communication and here are some quotes from members on the tour.

Quote from Dr Mahuya Kanjilal, Dementia Friends Champion & Alliance Member

"The virtual Dementia tour on 27 September at the Avondale Care Home completely changed my awareness on people living with Dementia. It's a different world full of confusion, disorientation, pain and chaos. Still can't believe almost one million people in UK are now living with those feelings, which I could not cope with for 15 minutes. We need to act quickly and proactively as a

society to raise more awareness about the way people think, talk and behave about the condition. We all have a role to play in making our society a Dementia friendly one. There are many simple actions we can take such as checking in on loved ones and friends, being neighbourly and revisiting a positive community spirit which will see a continued positive change which will be felt and appreciated for generations to come."

"My nan is living with Dementia, this virtual tour gave me an insight into certain aspects of her life that she may experience on a day to day basis. I left with more knowledge than I ever had regarding Dementia. A worthy experience which I would recommend to all."

Chris

"I found it a very interesting experience and it will help inform how we work with our customers who live with Dementia. I think it's a worthwhile experience for all to gain a better understanding."

Rebecca

As a Town Council we are now part of the Bucks Safe Place Scheme, and have been encouraged by the support from local businesses, groups, charities and organisations willing to work in association with us towards becoming a Dementia Friendly town.

If you would like to find out more about the Dementia Friends information session or be part of the Aylesbury Town Dementia Action Alliance, email our Dementia Champion on 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.



Neighbours' Street Scheme to Promote Community Spirit

Neighbours on the Quarrendon estate in Aylesbury are being invited to stand together street by street in a scheme to combat loneliness, isolation and develop a community where neighbours look out for one another.

The scheme, spearheaded by Buckinghamshire County Council, would like to recruit residents in every road and provide them with resources and free workshops to heighten awareness of issues such as doorstep crime, scams, domestic abuse and nutrition, to increase the wellbeing and safety of the community.



Scam and doorstep crime figures among Quarrendon's 1,700 homes are high which has a huge impact on health and wellbeing. Free workshops will help residents protect

themselves and their neighbours against phone, mail scams and doorstep criminals. Other planned workshops include Dementia Friends and Domestic Abuse awareness sessions.

The County Council piloted the Street Association idea in Hughenden and, six months from its launch earlier this year, the scheme thrives in eight villages, with 60 Street Members covering 37 roads, and more than 30 attending training workshops.

The scheme encourages residents to request an information pack to raise awareness of these issues and promote safety and wellbeing among their neighbours. To request a pack or find out about workshops, please contact Quarrendon Street Association on **01296 382345** or email QuarrendonStreetAssociation@hotmail.com

The Street Association is working in partnership to complement what is already in place. The Street Association model in Buckinghamshire has been developed with funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner.



Can you help our Local Marie Curie Fundraising Group?

Residents of Aylesbury Vale are invited to join the Aylesbury Marie Curie Fundraising Group to help raise vital funds for their at-home nursing service for people with a terminal illness.

The Aylesbury Fundraising Group run events throughout the year, and are looking for a Chairperson and Secretary to help lead the group meetings and deal with any admin and correspondence, as well as other members to help support events and collections.

All money raised by the Aylesbury Fundraising Group will help Marie Curie provide expert care, guidance and support to help people with a terminal illness, and their families, get the most from the time they have left.

Fundraising groups are a great chance to make a difference while having fun – our volunteers have been involved in a range of events, from tea parties, to collections, to fashion shows!

To get involved contact Hazel Bendon Buckinghamshire Community Fundraiser on **01604 258758**, or email hazel.bendon@mariecurie.org.uk

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**.



Early Intervention Service helps to prevent Homelessness

A range of issues in people's lives can put their housing at risk, challenges such as job loss, family breakdown and bereavement. If several happen at the same time their ability to cope is affected and they may need help to keep their home.

The **Resilience Service**, provided by the local charity **Connection Support**, helps people at risk of becoming homeless, before they get to crisis point.

The service is free and was commissioned by a consortium led by Aylesbury Vale District Council, working alongside the other district councils in Bucks and Buckinghamshire County Council.

The Resilience Team offer practical advice and support, as well as guidance on financial matters and help with new skills, to build confidence and prevent homelessness.

Thirty seven year old mum of four, Jasmine, has already benefited from the Resilience Service pilot project. A victim of domestic violence, she found herself socially isolated and struggling with her finances and was identified as at risk of losing her home. A Resilience Team officer helped her get back on her feet, so that she is now better able to cope and remain in her property.

Karen Ferguson, who leads the Resilience Service Team at Connection Support says: "Early intervention is key with this service, identifying anyone who could be at risk of becoming homeless. Our officers work with people to build on their strengths, to improve their life skills and look at everything that's going on in their lives, giving them the resilience to prevent homelessness now and in the future."

At risk of losing your home?

Contact the Resilience Team at Connection Support by email resilience@connectionsupport.org.uk or phone **01296 484322** in complete confidence.

Follow us on Twitter [@connectionsup](https://twitter.com/connectionsup) or Facebook via [@ConnectionSupport](https://www.facebook.com/ConnectionSupport) For more information visit: www.connectionsupport.org.uk/buckinghamshire/projects/resilience-service

Aylesbury College and Amersham & Wycombe College merge to form Buckinghamshire College Group

Aylesbury College and Amersham & Wycombe College have announced that they have merged to form Buckinghamshire College Group.

The merged College will continue to operate from its three main campuses in Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Amersham, plus University Campus Aylesbury Vale in the centre of Aylesbury.

The College has launched a new website and a new logo, and Principal and Chief Executive Karen Mitchell is enthusiastic about the future: "Buckinghamshire College Group combines the best elements of both Colleges, delivering a high standard of teaching and learning, improving outcomes and increasing progression opportunities to university, apprenticeships, and employment for young people and adults locally and regionally."

"Our new branding brings together the colours of each College and is designed to be vibrant, exciting and inspire ambition. We are a forward thinking College ambitious for our students, our employers and the communities we serve."

The merged College will be home to over 7,000 students, young people and adults, studying full-time and part-time courses and apprenticeships.

Karen Mitchell continued: "Buckinghamshire College Group has a strong vision to be an outstanding College for Bucks. We will continue to work closely with our employers and strategic partners to power skills and education for Buckinghamshire and the region by delivering and growing employer-focused vocational, technical and professional programmes for young people and adults."

Further details can be found on the College's website www.buckscollegegroup.ac.uk



Buckinghamshire College Group

Aylesbury Wycombe Amersham

Community News & Events



Safe Savings and Affordable Loans

Start saving £5 each week for 13 weeks and the first 50 new members each quarter until March 2018 will get £25 credited to their Swan Credit Union account – this money has come from prosecuting loan sharks!!*

- **Our loans are tailored to meet your individual needs from £250 up to £10,000. Save for 3 months and apply for a loan for 3 times what you have saved. For example the total interest on a £600 loan is £80.83 over 1yr (26.8%APR on the declining balance)**
- Want a loan quicker? If you are in receipt of child benefit you can apply for a loan up to £500 straight away, contact us for more details
- It's free and easy to join.

See our website for further details

www.aylesburyvalecommunitybank.org.uk

T: 03030 300147 E: enquiries@swancreditunion.org.uk

*AVCB is working in partnership with England Illegal Money Lending Team. To report a loan shark call 0300 555 2222 or email: reportaloanshark@stoploanshark.gov.uk. All reports are confidential.

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.

Volunteer for The Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion (the Legion) is one of the UK's leading Armed Forces charities, providing practical, emotional and financial support to all members of the British Armed Forces, past and present, and their families. Our mission is to provide welfare, comradeship, representation and remembrance for the Armed Forces Community.

We are looking for Information Volunteers who would join our team in the Pop-In Centre on Aylesbury High Street. In this role you will be the first point of contact for those who look to the Legion for advice, information and practical help. Your duties would include welcoming visitors, assisting those seeking help to identify the range of support options available from the Legion, and selling merchandise from our Poppy Shop. We receive a wide range of enquiries which helps to keep the volunteer role both varied and engaging. Our volunteers are an essential and integral part of our team.

You will receive comprehensive training, and we ask that you can commit to at least one 3 hour session a week; both morning and afternoon shifts are available. This commitment will cement your place within the team and make the volunteering experience more fulfilling. For further details visit the pop-in centre at 19 - 21 High Street, Aylesbury; our opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm; or email southeastmidlands@britishlegion.org.uk



New Name For Playscheme

Southcourt and Walton Court Community Project made a big announcement over the summer holidays. The name of the playscheme, which is run by the project, was changed to Go Play Holiday Club.

To celebrate, a Naming Party was held on Tuesday 15 August 2017. The Aylesbury Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor attended and joined in with many activities. They had a chance at beat the goalie, face painting and arts and crafts.



The Mayor was then given the honour to announce the new name of the playscheme, which was marked with great reception. Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Mark Willis said "I was delighted

to be invited to witness the unveiling of the new name, as well as meeting the children, parents and staff. The new name Go Play says it all, children learn best through playing and the new name says just that. We wish the whole Go Play team all the best for the future."

We at the Southcourt and Walton Court Community Project would like to say thank you to everyone who was able to attend our party and to be an important part of the project's strong history. The project will still be around to support the estates of Sourtcourt and Walton Court. If you would like to support us in anyway please email scwccp@hotmail.com



Changes to Shopping Hours in Aylesbury Town Centre

Late night shopping every Thursday from 7 December up to Christmas. FREE parking from 4.30pm every Thursday from 7 December until Christmas in AVDC Aylesbury town centre car parks and Friars Square Car Park.

DATE	FRIARS SQUARE	HALE LEYS	AYLESBURY MARKET
Thursday 16 November	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	No Market
Thursday 23 November	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 5.30pm	No Market
Friday 24 November	8am – 8pm	8.30am – 5.30pm	9am – 4pm
Sunday 26 November	10.30am – 4.30pm	10am – 4.30pm	No Market
Thursday 30 November	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 5.30pm	No Market
Thursday 7 December	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	No Market
Thursday 14 December	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	No Market
Friday 15 December	9am – 5.30pm	8.30am – 6pm	9am – 4pm
Saturday 16 December	9am – 6pm	8.30am – 6pm	9am – 4pm
Sunday 17 December	10.30am – 4.30pm	10.30am – 4.30pm	No Market
Monday 18 December	9am – 8pm	8.30am – 7pm	No Market
Tuesday 19 December	9am – 8pm	8.30am – 7pm	9am – 2pm
Wednesday 20 December	9am – 8pm	8.30am – 7pm	9am – 4pm
Thursday 21 December	9am – 8pm	8.30am – 8pm	9am – 6.30pm
Friday 22 December	9am – 8pm	8.30am – 7pm	9am – 4pm
Saturday 23 December	9am – 8pm	8.30am – 6pm	9am – 4pm
Sunday 24 December	10am – 4pm	10am – 4.30pm	9am – 4pm
Monday 25 December	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 26 December	10.30am – 4.30pm	10am – 5pm	No Market
Wednesday 27 December	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 5.30pm	No Market
Thursday 28 December	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 5.30pm	No Market
Friday 29 December	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 4pm
Saturday 30 December	9am – 6pm	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 4pm
Sunday 31 December	10.30am – 4.30pm	10.30am – 4.30pm	No Market
Monday 1 January (BH)	10.30am – 4.30pm	10am – 5pm	No Market

Santa Float

The Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds Santa float will be visiting local areas between 6pm and 8pm on the following dates. They are collecting for local charities which include Medical Detection Dogs, PACE, Chiltern MS Centre and other Rotary Charities.

DECEMBER

7th - Hartwell & Prebendal Farm, 8th - Fairford Leys, 11th - Fairford Leys
 12th - Watermead, 13th - Watermead
 14th - Broughton Pastures
 15th - Bedgrove East, 19th - Bedgrove West, 21st - Bedgrove West
 18th - Berryfields
 20th - Elm Farm Area South



Community News & Events



International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

In 1999, The United Nations officially recognised the 25 November as International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Each year, this date marks sixteen days of activism against gender based violence.

The White Ribbon Campaign runs during this time. Wearing a white ribbon is seen as a personal pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women. www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk

What is domestic abuse?

Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.

In our view domestic abuse is physical, sexual, psychological or financial abuse that takes place within an intimate or family-type relationship and that forms a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour regardless of gender or sexuality.

This can include forced marriage and so-called 'honour crimes'. Domestic abuse may include a range of abusive behaviours, not all of which are in themselves inherently 'violent'.

Who can help?

Asking for support and advice is often a very difficult thing to do if you are feeling isolated or low in yourself. You may not even feel that you deserve to have support. It is important to know that there are services out there that can provide advice at the right level for you, your children, family and friends.

For confidential advice contact Aylesbury Women's Aid: **01296 437777** www.aylesburywomensaid.org.uk



Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)

LAST CHANCE TO COMMENT

The final round of consultation on the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) is under way and runs until Thursday 14 December. Residents, businesses, community groups – and any other interested parties – are welcome to have their say:

- You can find the VALP and comment online by going to www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/localplan
- Go to your local library or the AVDC office at The Gateway to read the paper version and comment in writing.

The finalised plan will be sent to the government inspector in January. Any comments made at this stage will also be sent to the inspector who can make amendments to the plan. This incredibly complex plan has developed over the last few years with public comments being considered as part of the process. When it is finalised and approved by the government inspector, it will manage and direct growth in the Vale up to 2033.

VALP KEY FACTS

- It needs to plan for about 27,000 new homes by 2033 – though around half of these are either already built or have planning permission
- Almost two-thirds will be built in and around Aylesbury as part of the Garden Town vision
- Other growth areas are Buckingham, Haddenham, Winslow, and a large housing development site at Salden Chase on the edge of Milton Keynes
- We are exploring the potential of housing at RAF Halton once it has closed in 2022
- Smaller levels of growth are planned at villages
- At present a new settlement is not being proposed. This may change once we have a clearer understanding of the government's intention for the east-west expressway between Oxford and Cambridge.

Relay for Life Aylesbury

Once again, Relay for Life Aylesbury, has demonstrated that they are a major force in the fight against cancer.

At their Big Reveal night on 29 September it was confirmed that they had raised a whopping **£72,273.67** over the past year.

Event Chairman, Paula Kirby, said she was overwhelmed that despite a reduced number of teams, coupled with an unexpected change of venue, Aylesbury Relay teams had yet again shown themselves to be an amazing bunch of people. CRUK Regional Manager, Jo McGuinness, congratulated everyone at Relay for Life Aylesbury for their unstinting commitment to raising funds.

Fair4All Events Award



We are extremely proud to announce that we, Aylesbury Town Council, have been awarded the first "Fair4All Events" Award from Buckinghamshire Disability Services (BuDS).



This award recognises our commitment to making our events more accessible and inclusive for disabled people. Over the past five years we have continued to improve and develop accessibility at events, ensuring that we implement small changes which make a big difference to our visitor experience. We would like to thank BuDS for all of their help, guidance and support which has enabled us to strive forward in this field. Offering facilities such as large print material, dedicated viewing areas, hearing loops, adaptations on games and activities to accommodate everyone or just a quiet place to sit.

Please rest assured that we will continue to add more and varied services whenever possible at all of our events. If you have any suggestions, please do let us know how we can help. More information is available on our website www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council-services/events/accessibility-information-events

Comments and Feedback Received

"Dear ATC,

I just want to thank you for such a splendid display of flowers around Aylesbury again this year. They really do cheer me up. Walton Street looks splendid while those in New Street do help the drabness of the place with all its empty buildings. Well done to all concerned. Mrs J Elliston"

"Dear Sir/Madam,

I would just like to say how much pleasure the flowers in Aylesbury have given me this year. I only moved here last summer and didn't register them last year. Perhaps it has been an especially good year but please, please keep it up. Every lamp post, every railing in the centre of roads seemed to have some sort of basket – wonderful! Mrs C Jennings"

"Hi there, Town Council

My wife and I are really impressed with the flower displays you have created at various roundabouts and along our streets in Aylesbury. They look so beautiful and inspire us with hope that everyone is happy to see their bright colours. It just helps to uplift our souls during what is a trying time globally. Full marks to the growers who produce these. My hanging baskets just cannot compete! All the best, R Winsor"

"Dear ATC,

Just a quick note to compliment everyone involved with the absolutely beautiful floral display in the town. I was there on Saturday and the flowers looked amazing; so many lovely baskets, troughs and roundabout displays. Although I am not a gardener I certainly can appreciate the time and effort that has gone into the planning and nurturing of this wonderful show. Many thanks for making me smile. B Scott"

Correspondence



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.

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

The next Grants Committee meeting will take place on **Wednesday 31 January 2018**. The deadline for grant applications to be considered at this meeting is **Friday 19 January 2018 at 5pm**. Please note only General Grants will be considered at this meeting.

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



Nigerian Community Association Aylesbury

The Nigerian Community Association Aylesbury received **£1877.21** towards their Wazobia Exhibition at the Bucks County Museum. The Wazobia Project focused on the community, educating them on cultural tradition in Nigeria compared with the UK, ensuring Nigerians living in the UK, with dual nationality (UK and Nigeria), had the opportunity to embrace their heritage and pass on their knowledge to their children. The project promoted this by learning, knowing and understanding each others heritage and culture, enhancing better community integration and greater community cohesion. Visit www.nigeriancommunityaylesbury.org.uk for more details.

Bucks Play Association

Bucks Play Association were awarded **£1,000** towards their Let's Play Together Scheme and multi sports courses. The funds helped pay for educational trips to various sporting arenas/venues and to purchase additional sports equipment for use on the multi sports courses, Let's Play Together Play Scheme, as well as loaning out to other Aylesbury based groups through the All Play Together project. The Bucks Play multi sports courses accommodate 25 children per day from the age of 5 to 12 years of all abilities, including those from mainstream schools and those with a wide spectrum of special educational needs. For more information contact **01296 745827** or visit www.bucksplay.co.uk

CHAT

CHAT - Children, Health and Therapy, aim to improve the quality of life for families in Buckinghamshire with children who have ongoing health needs. Aylesbury Town Council awarded CHAT with **£2,747.50** towards short term respite care for families, when they are most in need of support and funds towards the purchase of a wooden playhouse for the use of children with special needs. For more information visit www.chat-charity.org.uk

Mayor's Update

A couple of weeks ago I had little plastic spikes put into my shoes and I was left in a dark room surrounded by disorientating lights and bizarre random sounds. It was difficult under the circumstances to make a cup of tea. Or do very much at all. What the experience was actually intended to do was to bring home the reality of living with dementia, of hallucination and delirium. What I found myself doing was almost nothing, just retreating into myself so as to try and keep my bearings.

As a nurse, I look after acutely delirious and demented patients every working day, but my fifteen minutes or so in the strange room gave me a good deal of unexpected insight. Of course these days much can be done to help. Gentle and attentive care can break through the noise and do something to soothe the anxiety, at least for a time. It's a pity that so often our hospital wards are the least restful places imaginable. But mostly those with dementia live their daily lives in the same town as the rest of us, and the work the Council is doing through the Aylesbury Town Dementia Action Alliance is building networks of support which can provide a much-needed lifeline.

That was a rather unusual engagement, but I've had a great many others. For example, I had a fine time at the Jonathan Page Play Centre in August, and was kept out of trouble and usefully employed for a whole day. There was heaps to do – craftwork, songs and games, books to read and outdoor play. The children kindly made me a mayoral hat, which was charming, although one had to crouch down when going through doorways.

An absolute highlight for me this quarter was the Parklife weekend, which drew our largest ever crowds and provided fabulous family entertainment over the two days. Whether it's rock or classical or anything else, live music is music as it should be experienced – just as all food should be eaten out of doors, ideally, with friends and family around and perfect late summer weather. We were lucky in that respect, as it seemed to have rained almost every day prior, which was at least good for our gardens, to a degree.

On that note, it was a great pleasure to present the awards for our Aylesbury in Bloom Schools' Competition and thank pupils and teachers for all their creativity and dedication. "Some", as Kipling wrote, "can pot begonias and some can bud a rose, and some are hardly fit to trust with anything that grows". I am afraid I fall into the latter category, but it's wonderful to see children set on the right path at an early age, with an understanding of the natural environment and an awareness of how good food is grown.

There is so much going on in Aylesbury, not just in the summer time but the whole year round. Our Tudor Fayre was a great success, and I was able to introduce my three year-old son to hawks and to a hurdy-gurdy. The reproduction Da Vinci flying machine was an extraordinary object to behold, and one couldn't help but wonder what might happen if one put it to the test. Queen's Park Arts Centre is a treasure for the town, an amazing creative hub with a wide range of workshops, exhibitions and performances. It was an honour to attend their Open Day, and see for myself the diversity of things being drawn, carved, shaped, played, danced and enjoyed.

There will be many more events and engagements to come, including the Mayor's Christmas Carol Service on the 3 December at 5.30pm at St Mary's Church. I hope to meet as many townsfolk as I can over the next half-year. If you see me at any of our civic events and occasions, do say hello.

Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts



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

Aylesbury Flower Club



Aylesbury Flower Club is happily continuing to have a successful Diamond Anniversary Year. Following our excellent celebrations in May one of which was attended by Mayor Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts and the BB&O Area Chairman of NAFAS, Alison Mount we have had some wonderful demonstrations at our monthly meetings and two super day trips. We have also provided charity contributions in the form of occasional classes and a weekly floral arrangement for the front desk in aid of the Florence Nightingale Hospice and a productive stall selling small floral arrangements on 'Pink Day' at the end of September in Aylesbury in aid of Cancer Research.

We hold our meetings on the last Monday of each month at 7pm for 7.30pm in the main hall at Aylesbury Grammar School, Walton Road, HP21 7RP. Tea and coffee is available and the evening runs for approximately two hours. The raffle for the arrangements made by the demonstrator is at the end. Visitors are most welcome at a small cost. The January meeting is always the AGM with a cold buffet and 'surprise' raffle for attendees.

On Monday 27 November 2017, 7.30pm the Christmas demonstration will be by national demonstrator Tony Brown and is entitled "The Joys of Christmas". Ticket prices are £7.50 for members and £10 for visitors, inclusive of tea/coffee and a mince pie. There will also be a Christmas Fair stall with gifts and sundries. If you love flowers do join us for this unmissable event.

ImageZ Camera Club

ImageZ Camera Club is a friendly and vibrant club based in Weston Turville near Aylesbury. There is a wealth of experience amongst the members who range from beginners to pro-photographers and all stages in between. If you are relatively new to photography do not be daunted and think you are not good enough, it is, like all other skills, to be worked at and there is always something new to learn. If you are more experienced, then you will be challenged further through internal and external competitions. ImageZ is a great community of people passionate about their photography, keen to share skills and knowledge.



We have a varied and exciting programme planned for the year ahead which includes practical evenings (you will need your camera), speakers, competitions and social events; check out our website for more information www.imagezcameraclub.co.uk. We also have an exhibition of prints in January at the Queens Park Arts Centre, Aylesbury, where every entrant to the qualifying competition is guaranteed one of their prints on the wall!

ImageZ's new season is now up and running so please join us. Whatever your experience or camera you will be very welcome. Just turn up on the night or, if you'd like to chat about it, please contact me Kathy Chantler (Club Secretary) **07738 112775** or email kathychantler@gmail.com. We meet in Weston Turville Village Hall, School Approach, Main Street, Weston Turville, HP22 5RW weekly through the months September to May, starting at 8.15pm.

Aylesbury Festival Choir



Rehearsals for our concert on 2 December are well under way and are as enjoyable as ever – hard work, but fun. The theme of the concert is Rejoice! and we are singing joyful items by Handel, Mozart and Mendelssohn, beginning the concert with Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' which is a favourite with singers and audience alike. This is our second concert under the direction of Nick Austin who charmed our audience last Spring with his splendid waistcoat and superb conducting. We look forward to seeing you at Aylesbury Methodist Church at 7.30pm for what promises to be a very good evening. Tickets are available from our website www.aylesburyfestivalchoir.net or at the door on the evening of the concert. See you there.



What's On at Bucks County Museum

Bucks County Museum in Aylesbury old town has some fascinating exhibitions on over the festive season to give you a break from Christmas shopping or to visit with family and friends over the holidays.

Santa's Amazing Science Experience, Saturday 16 December

Don't miss this wonderful Christmas treat in the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery that includes an amazing festive science show packed with tricks and experiments to boggle your eyes and baffle your brain. This magical 45 minute experience ends with an appearance from Santa and a gift to take home. Booking essential. Please check website for times and prices.

Christmas Toy Box, 16 December 2017 – 20 January 2018

Come and see what's inside the Museum's toy box and have fun remembering toys from your childhood. There will be plenty of toys and games to play with too.

Ex Libris: Altered Books, 9 December 2017 – 24 February 2018

The altered book is an art form in which artists recycle and transform existing books into new works of art. Discover the intricate, delightful and artistic work created by artists from Sparksartists.



MAJOR EXHIBITION COMING IN 2018

Elisabeth Frink Exhibition, 10 February 2018 – 21 April 2018

Featuring sculpture, drawings and prints and focusing on themes including horses, birds, heads and the human figure, this exhibition commemorates the 25th anniversary of Frink's death and 40th anniversary of her commission of a standing black horse sculpture outside Lloyds Bank in Milton Keynes.

The Museum also has a café serving light snacks and drinks and a shop with unusual gifts, local books and some great stocking fillers. There is no admission charge to the County Museum but donations are welcome to support Buckinghamshire County Museum Trust, registered charity 1153345.

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**



Roll up, roll up for a very special festive adventure as Queens Park Arts Centre's traditional family pantomime takes a trip to Toyland. When Fairy Celestia grants old Geppetto's wish for a son, his treasured puppet Pinocchio magically springs to life! But there's danger afoot as the dastardly Mangiafuoco – ringmaster of the Travelling Toy Circus – plots to steal the little wooden boy away to become his new headline act! Soon Pinocchio finds himself lost in Toyland, whilst Geppetto embarks on a quest to bring his son home. The great wide waves divide them, and where there's a sea, there are sea monsters...



Featuring catchy songs, side-splitting slapstick routines, a healthy dose of audience participation and stunning sets, costumes, puppets and props created by the artists and makers of Queens Park Arts Centre, this year's panto is set to be the biggest and best yet. The show is written and directed by Dario Knight and is produced as part of Queens Park's in-house storytelling programme Unbound. The production once again features the talented students of the Susan Diane School of Dance.

The show runs from Friday 8 – Saturday 30 December with a mix of matinee (2pm), early evening (6.30pm) and evening (7.30pm) performances. Tickets cost £13 adults, £9 concessions and £7 for under 16s. A family ticket (2 adults and 2 U16s) costs £34. Visit **www.qpc.org** or call **01296 424332** for box office details and a full list of the performance dates and times.



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
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Cllr Edward Sims
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Ward: Elmhurst



Cllr Susan Morgan
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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 Waheed Raja
07969 056877



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
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Cllr Richard Lloyd
07887 685345



Cllr Denise Summers
01296 424903

Ward: Bedgrove



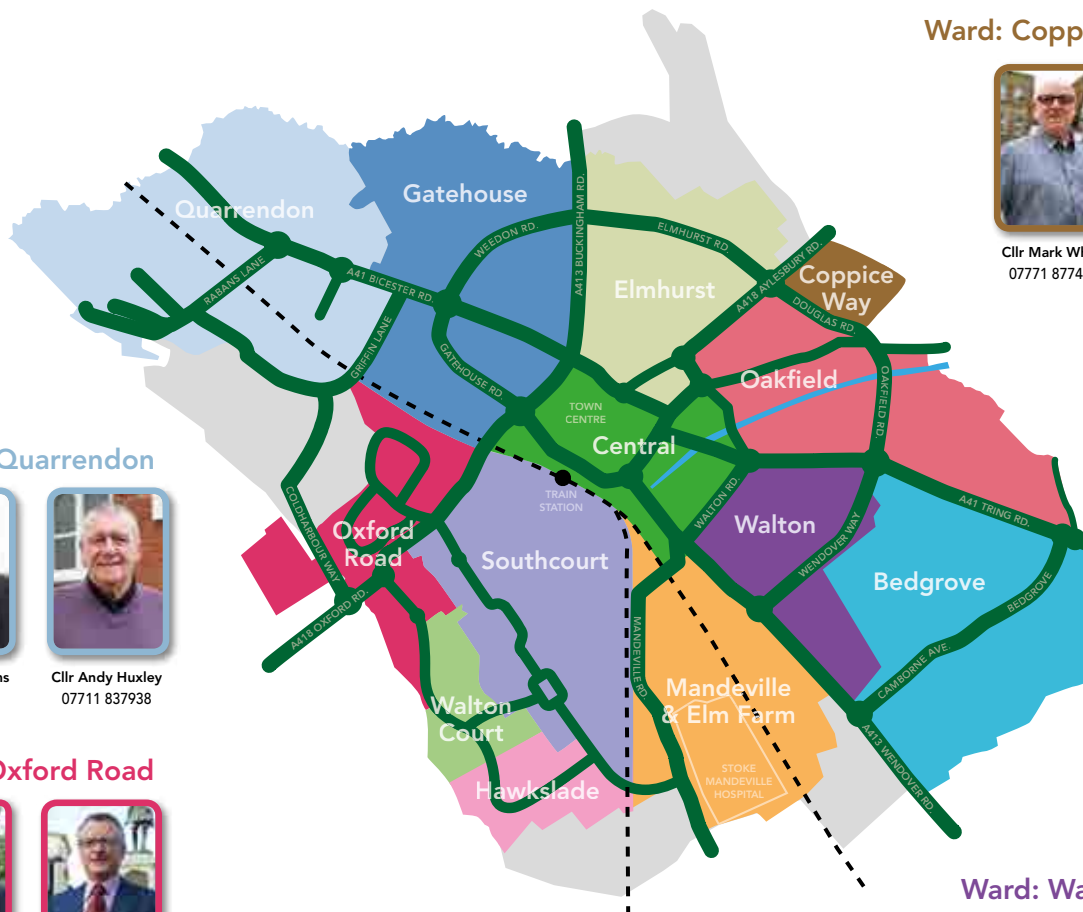
Cllr Jenny Bloom
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Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts
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Cllr Mark Winn
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Who do I talk to about? ...

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 United Ladies & Girls FC



If you are interested in playing or coaching football, local club Aylesbury United Ladies & Girls FC are recruiting for the 2017/2018 season.

Formed at the start of the 2014/15 season by the merger of Aylesbury United Ladies and local junior side Vale Reds FC, the club's goal is to provide girls' and women's football to as many players as possible from Aylesbury and the surrounding areas, regardless of background or ability.



"As an FA Charter Standard Club," says Chairperson and Ladies player Debs Hewes, *"all our coaches are dedicated to growing grassroots football and helping players realise their personal and sporting potential."* The club are also keen

to promote the social and community benefits of playing football. *"We have participated in the Mix 96 Tour de Vale, Aylesbury Santa Dash and other charity events,"* says Debs. *"We also organise regular social events such as trips to the panto and bowling, and next year we will be going to Wembley to watch the Women's FA Cup Final."*

For more details about joining the club visit www.aylesburyunitedladiesgirlsfc.com or email info@aylesburyunitedladiesgirlsfc.com

Aylesbury Parkrun

I first came across 'Parkrun' two years ago, after publicity about a local council in Bristol which had demanded a fee for the weekly five kilometres run in one of their parks.

Having done some running myself, I googled to find if there was a course in Aylesbury and was surprised to find that there was – in Meadowcroft! All you need is to give an email address and basic information such as name, gender and date of birth. You are allocated a 'barcode' which you print out and paste on a piece of card and you take this to every event – parkrun motto is DFYB – don't forget your barcode, but it's not needed to participate. Just turn up in time for a 9am start on Saturday.

There is also a junior version (for 4 to 14 year olds, and their parents). This is 2 kilometres twice around a course in plain vision on Sunday mornings.

Thanks to all the work put in by AVDC and ATC to provide and maintain the course. If you would like to take part and would like more information please contact aylesburyoffice@parkrun.com

PARKRUN FACTS AND FIGURES

Number of events: 195
Number of runners: 4,549
Number of runs: 25,962
Number of first finishers: 129
Number of clubs: 322
Average number of runners per week: 133.1
Average number of runs per runner: 5.7
Biggest attendance: 286
Average run time: 00:28:39
Total hours run: 1 year 151 days 15 hrs 29 mins 10 secs
Total distance run: 129,810km

Aylesbury Hockey Club

Aylesbury Hockey Club is a friendly and sociable family hockey club always looking for new members. Based on the Wendover Road, Aylesbury, it runs eight senior men's and women's sides who play competitive hockey on a Saturday. There are also a number of boys and girls junior sides ranging from U8s to U16s who play and train on Wednesdays and Sundays.



Training takes place at Aylesbury Vale Academy on: **Tuesdays, Ladies (19.00 - 21.00) Wednesdays, Mens (20.00 - 21.30) and Juniors (18.15 - 20.00) Sundays (9.45 - 12.00) for Juniors.** Training is taken by fully qualified coaches.

The club has a rich history with a number of its players having gone on to play international level with two of the current Great Britain women's team previously playing for Aylesbury. There are also a number of juniors that play County and divisional hockey as well as veterans playing in World and European championships. The club also has its own clubhouse and bar where socials are held throughout the season with the clubhouse also available for hire.

If you are looking to take up a new sport or are an experienced hockey player you would be more than welcome. All abilities and ages are welcome. Further information can be found at www.aylesburyhc.com.

A Year in Photos

We are extremely proud of Aylesbury's first ever Youth Town Council who by all accounts have had an amazing year meeting many of you at events or in schools. They have really taken to their role as young councillors and we are looking forward to seeing more of them in 2018! Here are some of their memories from this year...



If you would like find out how to join our Youth Town Council, contact the Youth Town Clerk via email at b.lasoye@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk or phone **01296 425678**.

Aylesbury Town Council Presents

THE SEVEN DWARFS

from the Waterside Theatre

NAUGHTY ELVES PUPPET PANTO

SIMON SAYS MAGIC CINDERELLA CARRIAGE

DAMES PRINCE CHARMING FUN FAIR



TOTALLY
FREE
EVENT

Festive Family Fun

Sunday 10th December • 11am - 4pm

Friars Square & Market Square

Face Painting • Glitter Tattoos • Crafts
Giant Balloon • Barrel Organ • Balloon Modelling
Games • Activities • Panto Treasure Trail

DON'T FORGET CAROLFEST AT 6PM



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