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# Jonathan Page play Centre

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES

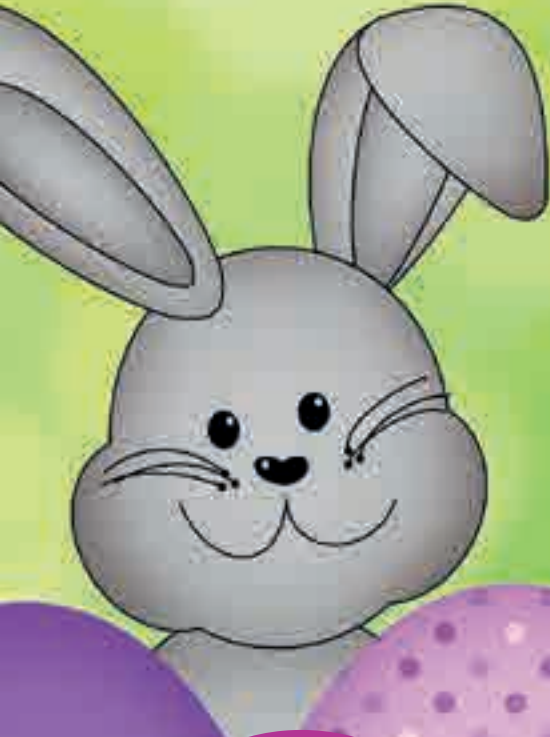
## Easter Playscheme

8 – 23 April 2019 (excl. Bank Holidays)

**Two weeks bursting with fun packed activities and games focusing on Easter and Spring.**

Our friendly team have planned lots of great craft activities and games ranging from bunny finger puppets, decorating biscuits to bunny hop races and a disco.

We will also be creating and decorating our own **Easter bonnets**, which will be judged by Aylesbury's Town Mayor on **Thursday 18 April**.



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

To make a booking please visit our website or Facebook page and click on **BOOK ONLINE** or call **01296 336413**

We can accept childcare vouchers as payment



**Hours and Prices (per child, per day)**  
8am to 6.30pm - £30  
8am to 3.30pm - £22.50  
8am to 12.30pm - £16  
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## Welcome Note

“ I know that we are already two months into the New Year as I am writing this but I still want to take the opportunity to wish you all the very best for the year that lies ahead. Some of you may have set yourselves goals that you wish to achieve such as taking part in a charity challenge or climbing the career ladder or just being happy and healthy. Whatever it is, I hope you do achieve it.

If your goal for 2019 is to get fitter and spend more time outdoors why not consider becoming an allotment holder? We manage seven allotment sites across the town and have smaller beginner as well as larger plots available. Not only would it help you achieve your goal, the fruit and vegetables you can grow will also taste so much better. For more information about the allotments please call our office and speak with the allotments officer.

Exciting times lie ahead of us for 2019 whilst the new unitary council is being formed and put in place, ready to function from April 2020 onwards. We will of course keep you informed of any changes that may affect the Town Council in terms of devolved services and facilities. As you already know four years ago, the County Council devolved the grass cutting of the street verges to the Town Council and since then the team has delivered at least 10 cuts per year. Let's hope there won't be a 'Beast from the East' this year, which will delay the cutting like it did last year. You may also have seen the team out and about with the Bobcat weed cutting and clearing machine removing weeds that grow in the kerbside. The team will continue this work, in-between grass cutting, throughout the year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our team at the Jonathan Page Play Centre for achieving an Ofsted 'Outstanding' rating at their inspection in December. Since the Town Council took over the management and running of the centre in August 2016 their journey has often been a challenging one but I am very proud of the team and children in their care. The team are striving to be the best they can be and to receive this recognition from Ofsted at our first inspection since we took over the management of the centre, is fantastic news.

The Communities Team are planning fantastic events again for 2019, including some changes to some of our regular events such as Aylesbury on Sea and what used to be the walking play. More information will follow in due course and in the meantime we have listed all of our forthcoming events as an easy cut out to stick on your fridge or noticeboard on page 4.

I hope to see many of you at our forthcoming FREE community events or at Council meetings, especially the **Annual Town Meeting**, which is taking place on **Thursday 9 May at 6.30pm**. We always like to hear from you so if you have any comments or feedback please contact the Town Hall by phone, email or social media.

Wishing you all the very best for the year ahead. ”

Clr Allison Harrison  
Leader of the Council



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# EVENTS GUIDE 2019

For up-to-date information on all of our events, please check out the Events section of our Facebook page and website.

## NEW... LOST IN TIME

Saturday 11 and 18 May, Shows at 4pm and 6pm  
Bucks County Museum

Queens Park Arts Centre's theatre company, Unbound, present a brand new immersive, interactive play. Blending historical facts with an entertaining original adventure story, 'Lost in Time' is perfect for all the family. Tickets available from the ATC office, ATC Facebook page and QPAC. Adults £5, under 16 and seniors £2.50.

## NEW... DANCE FOR YOUR LIFE

May and October, with dates TBC

Aylesbury Waterside Theatre

Partnership event with AWT, endorsed by Russell Grant, to support our approach to create a Dementia Friendly town. An afternoon of music and tea for those with memory/mobility issues to enjoy and participate in a variety of dance styles, to improve health and general wellbeing. Please contact us if you, or someone you know would like to attend. Numbers are limited.

## SOAPBOX DERBY

Sunday 16 June, 11am – 4pm, Whitehill Park

On Father's Day, bring the family to watch some amazing homemade, gravity powered karts race. There's also family entertainment and music from DJ Dan Blaze. If you'd like to take part, please contact us for registration details.

## RE-INVENTED... AYLESBURY ON SEA

Sunday 7 July, 11am – 4pm, Vale Park

Re-inventing this long standing event, by providing metres of sand alongside traditional seaside themed entertainment and activities. Lots of exciting details to be confirmed on our Facebook page in the coming weeks.

## NEW... MOONDAY CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 20 July, 11am – 4pm

Hale Leys Shopping Centre – the old 'Clarks' shop

To mark the 50th anniversary of the first landing on the Moon, this is a one-off event to inspire, enthuse and educate about the moon and space. With UKAstronomy and a NASA Solar System Ambassador, there will be lots of hands on games, crafts, activities and talks.

## PARKLIFE WEEKEND

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 August, Vale Park

A weekend filled with music, family fun and entertainment, all wrapped up in a festival atmosphere.

## LIVE IN THE PARK

Saturday 24 August, 12 noon – 9.30pm, Vale Park

An entire day of continuous live music and family entertainment – with music, bands, fun fair and lots of FREE family fun, including a Community Involvement Area and Market Stalls. Refreshments are available to purchase.

## STARS IN THE PARK

Saturday 24 August, 10.15pm – 11.30pm

behind the main stage in Vale Park

Join the amateur experts from UKAstronomy to find out more about the stars, planets and solar system. If it's a clear night you'll get to use the telescopes too.

## CHURCH IN THE PARK

Sunday 25 August, 10.30am – 12 noon, Vale Park

Aylesbury Church Network host an open air church service, welcoming all of the community.

## AYLESBURY CHURCH NETWORK, COMMUNITY EVENT

Sunday 25 August, 12 noon – 4pm, Vale Park

Details are still to be confirmed, but you can expect an array of FREE food, fun and entertainment, bringing the entire community together.

## PROMS IN THE PARK

Sunday 25 August, 7.15pm – 9.30pm, Vale Park

Arrive with your picnic, friends and flags from 6.30pm for a traditional open air proms concert starting at 7.15pm. The weekend finishes with a fantastic firework display at 9.30pm.

## TUDOR FAYRE

Sunday 8 September, 11am – 4pm, Bucks County Museum

Featuring a wide variety of Tudor themed activities, entertainment, crafts and games taking place in Bucks County Museum.

## HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September

ATC co-ordinate all of the FREE activities and open locations across the town. Providing information and maps to where is open and tours that can be booked. Please contact us closer to the event for a map and guide.

## MAYOR'S CIVIC CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 1 December, 5.30pm, St Mary's Church

Join the Mayor, Town Councillors and invited dignitaries at this Civic Carol Service with traditional lessons and carols in a formal setting.

## FESTIVE FAMILY FUN

Sunday 8 December, 11am – 4pm, Friars Square

Get into the festive spirit with our Festive Family Fun Day, packed with seasonal entertainment and joy for the whole family. With games and entertainment in Friars Square and funfair rides in Market Square.

## CAROLFEST

Sunday 8 December, St Mary's Church, 6pm – 7pm

Grab a song sheet and sing along to your favourite Christmas carols, accompanied by The Next Stage Choir, brass band and school choir. FREE hot chocolate and mince pies are also served.







*We are looking forward to a great year, cut out the dates opposite, stick them on your fridge, then come along and join your community whenever you can.*

## ATC EVENTS 2019

As you can see from the listings opposite, we have lots of great, FREE, community events planned for you during 2019. We are continuously striving to improve and develop all of our events and we rely on your feedback and comments to make these improvements and changes, so please do keep them coming. We love to hear what you have to say. This is how your views have shaped our 2019 calendar...

### RE-INVENTED...

This year you will see dramatic changes to our popular **Aylesbury on Sea**. Having received comments of "it would be great to have a bigger sand area, even older kids like to build sandcastles", "I suggest you put an actual beach in place" and "the sand was really tiny and absolutely jam packed" we listened – and will be bringing you LOTS of sand in 2019. We'd love to be able to confirm all of the other attractions for this day, but at the time of going to press those details are still to be confirmed. Rest assured we'll be bringing the beach to Aylesbury in a new and fun-filled way.

### NEW...

In support and development, of the work we are doing to help make Aylesbury a **Dementia Friendly Town** (more information on page 9) we are delighted to be partners with the Waterside Theatre and Russell Grant to provide an afternoon of music and tea at the first 'Dance For Your Life' in England. If you or a loved one would be interested in attending this event, please do get in touch for more information.

### UNIQUE FOR 2019...

2019 sees the **50th Anniversary of the landing on the Moon**, so we're teaming up with the amateur experts from UKAstronomy to bring you a day filled with all things space. Your eyes will be opened to the wonders of the stars and planets – we hope that you'll have lots of fun, and maybe learn a thing or two along the way.

### NEW...

Our **interactive walking play** has got a new production team and location. The Unbound Theatre will be taking visitors on a light-hearted journey through Bucks County Museum, meeting a cavalcade of historical characters whilst searching for a lost time machine! Blending historical facts with an entertaining original adventure story, 'Lost in Time' is perfect for all the family. There is a small charge for this event, so that we can control numbers in the space.

All of our other events are **ENTIRELY FREE** and includes all of the entertainment and activities while you are with us. This does mean that there can sometimes be a queue for popular activities, but we hope that this small amount of your time is compensated by taking part for free.

We aim to make all of our events accessible for all, with adaptations made wherever possible – including hearing loops, BSL, large print material, quiet rooms and suitable games. **If you can help us improve our access further with any suggestions or advice, please get in touch.**

As a Town Council, we aim to work with local people as much as possible. It's always a pleasure when local businesses, organisations and individuals are part of the events. So if you'd like to be involved in any capacity then please do get in touch. Let that be volunteering, unique skills, sponsorship, advice, or your ability to perform and provide entertainment or activities, we'd sincerely love to hear from you.

The best way to keep up-to-date with all of our event news is to like our Facebook page, make sure you ask to receive notifications, this way our news will jump to the top of your feed. If you aren't on Facebook, all of the information is on our website, or do come into the office to see us.







## Bedgrove's Edible Gardens

I have two gardens in Bedgrove. One is around my house, full of flowering plants which end up on the compost heap every winter. The other is my allotment, part of Bedgrove's best open secret. Only some of that garden goes into the compost heap. The rest is enjoyed by my family, neighbours and friends who eat it.

Bedgrove's allotments are easily missed by passers-by, especially those in cars. Shaped like a crescent moon, right at the edge of town, it is overlooked by residents on the southern side of Ingram Avenue and some of Welbeck Avenue. Many of these lucky people rent allotments from the Town Council, making them effectively extensions to their own back gardens.

There are about 180 plots on the Bedgrove site. I pay about a pound a week for mine and grow almost thirty different types of fruit and vegetable. Without a greenhouse, we can supply ourselves with fresh greens and carbs all year round. Of course, we have to accept seasonal eating, as our forebears did. So squash is on the table every week from November to February, lettuce is

replaced by rocket during the winter months and there is no asparagus after the longest day.

The health benefits of managing an allotment are widely agreed. Just being surrounded by green stuff that is growing makes us feel good. We enjoy the walk from my home through the spinney (another of Bedgrove's open secrets, unknown to non-walkers). It gets us out of the house regularly, as an allotment needs attention every few days all year round. The food tastes much better than it does from the shops, and we save a lot of money by growing most stuff from seed. And it keeps the youngsters away from their screens.

But the most well-kept secret of all, is that there is no waiting list for the Bedgrove allotments. You could start work on yours next weekend! All you have to do is email Kim at [k.colbeck@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:k.colbeck@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) or call on **01296 425678** and arrange for a Warden to show you round and help you select the right plot for you.

**Michael Brimicombe**





## Calling all budding gardeners in Aylesbury!

It is that time of year again to start thinking about getting your garden ready for the spring/summer time. **Why not get some recognition for your efforts in the garden by entering our Annual Garden competition?**

A **FREE** competition which is open to all residents, organisations, businesses and schools in the Parish of Aylesbury Town, with many different categories to suit all gardens and gardeners, of every age. The competition is judged by some of the best gardening enthusiasts in town.

If you would like some inspiration for your garden visit our 'Aylesbury in Bloom' Facebook page **@AylesburyInBloom**, which shows different style gardens ranging from small to large, stone to container or laid to lawn.

Application forms will be available from 31 March on our website **www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk** or you can call us on **01296 425678** or email us at **info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk** and we will send the application and judging criteria to you.

The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 19 June 2019** and judging will take place throughout June, July and August with the school awards taking place in July and all other awards taking place in September at Lindengate in Wendover.



**AYLESBURY**  
*in BLOOM*  
2019

Sponsored by  
**Michael ANTHONY**

**Annual Garden Competition 2019**

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

**FREE TO ENTER**, the competition is open to all residents and organisations in the Parish of Aylesbury.

All you have to do is complete and return an application form by **Wednesday 19 June 2019** which is available from our website: **www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk** or from Aylesbury Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP or email: **info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk**

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

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01296 425678





**Ofsted**  
Outstanding  
Provider

The staff, parents and children at the Jonathan Page Play Centre and Aylesbury Town Council started 2019 with a big celebration. At our recent Ofsted inspection on 12 December we achieved an 'Outstanding' rating, for the Quality and Standards of the Early Years Provision at the centre and were rated Outstanding in all three categories: effectiveness of leadership and management; quality of teaching, learning and assessment; personal development, behaviour and welfare.

Ofsted praised in particular the highly effective partnerships we have with staff at schools and nurseries, which children attend and the very detailed understanding of each child's skills and progress, which we build upon to meet the children's individual needs at the centre. The children show exceptional levels of enthusiasm for attending the centre and can't wait to tell visitors all about it and why they like it so much.

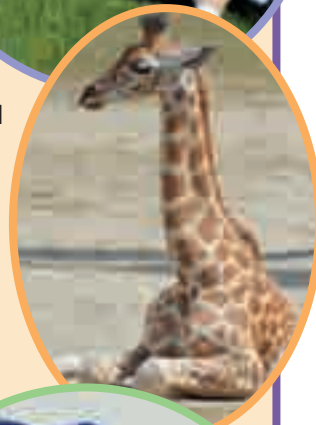
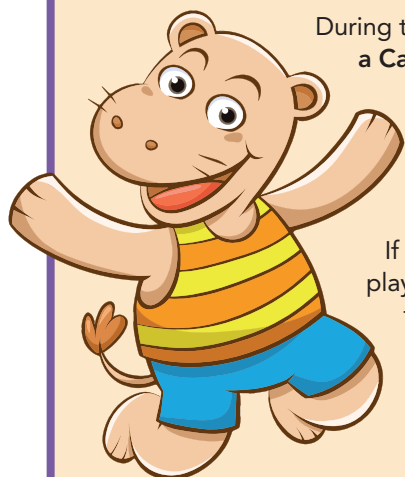
Since Aylesbury Town Council took over the centre in 2016 we have worked tirelessly to make changes to ensure the longevity of the centre and compliance with the Early Years Statutory Framework.

Since the results have been announced we have welcomed new children to our After School Club and Playscheme in February, which was great fun. We talked about all things animals and learnt that a giraffe sleeps lying down when they are babies and that adult giraffes occasionally sleep like this too, but not for very long. In reality they never sleep for longer than five minutes at a time in the wild.

Our next **Holiday Playscheme** takes place during the **Easter Holidays from 8 - 23 April** (excl. Bank Holidays). The focus is on Easter and Spring and we have planned lots of great craft activities and games ranging from decorating biscuits to bunny finger puppets to a disco. We will also be creating and decorating our own **Easter bonnets** and on **Thursday 18 April** we'll welcome the Town Mayor, who will choose three winners.

During the short May half term holidays, we have planned a **Cartoon Week from 28 - 31 May**. Everyone has a favourite cartoon character and during the Playscheme we will be reading comics, drawing cartoons, making character pencil tops and a big cartoon wall collage.

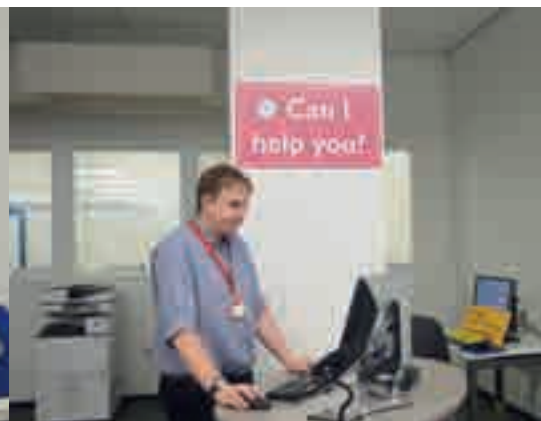
If the weather is okay, we can always play outdoors, using the go-kart track and climbing frames or stay indoors where we can choose from a great variety of toys and games.



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 and for more information please visit the website [www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/jppc](http://www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/jppc) or call us on 01296 336413.

*We are very much looking forward to more fun and action packed Playschemes and to welcoming everyone.*





## Spotlight on...

This year we're shining a light on local businesses and groups who've made changes to become Dementia-Friendly in Aylesbury.



Our first stop is **Aylesbury Library**. Situated on Walton Street, a short distance from the Bus Station, over the years the library has become a welcome hub of the town. A library is more than just a place where books and magazines 'live'. In recent times, a library has become a place where people gather, communities thrive and knowledge grows.

The newly refurbished library not only boasts a warm, bright and welcoming environment, but subtle changes highlight how Dementia-Friendly this location is. Window stickers remind us this is a Dementia-Friendly location and registered Safe Place where you'll find staff who are Dementia Friends greeting you with a warm and welcoming smile. Regular visitors are frequently addressed by their first name underlining an air of familiarity and routine which people living with Dementia and their carers have said they 'appreciate immensely'.



The physical environment including chairs with armrests to make it easier to sit down, a colourful and engaging sensory wall, refurbished rest rooms with clear signage, and generally more space for visitors and their carers to move around more easily, all come as a welcome benefit in what can sometimes be a busy environment. There are also computers available for visitors who are visually impaired as well as a range of digital device sessions available.

For carers and/or those with a desire to understand more about ageing well in our community, there are a plethora of books on Dementia from various view points, and staff are on hand to help you either locate or reserve a publication. During **Dementia Action Week (20 - 27 May)**, you'll find a featured display of books to help readers learn more about Dementia as well as Dementia Friends information sessions open to the public. The 45min sessions are free to attend, and explain through five simple messages how to better understand some of the challenges people living with Dementia and their carers may experience on a daily basis.

However, if you're young or old, nothing is more engaging than the Reminisce Collection. This collection of boxes includes memorabilia from as far back as the 1930s right up to 1989. Whether it's DVDs, jigsaws, giant floor games, scrapbooks, annuals, photos or even synthetic smells of strawberry or cherry lipgloss, there'll be a memory with a story to be shared.

We hope we've shone a bright enough light on the library. This is just a snippet about some of the facilities available. To find out more information on general library services, you can speak with a member of staff at the library who'll be happy to help.

If you would like to feature in our 'spotlight' campaign to highlight Dementia-Friendly businesses or organisations in Aylesbury, contact **Benedicta Lasoye** our Dementia Champion at [b.lasoye@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:b.lasoye@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) who will be more than happy to help shine a light on Dementia Awareness in our town.



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

This magazine is delivered to every household in the Parish of Aylesbury. For more information call Judith on 01296 425678 or email: [j.priest@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:j.priest@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk)  
There is no charge for community groups and charities.

## Aylesbury Lions CIO



On 1 January 2019 Aylesbury Lions became an Independent Charitable Organisation which will involve working closer with the Charity Commission. We will continue to be affiliated to the Lions Club International. The change will not affect the variety of activities which we will be carrying out during our busy programme.

After a brief break following Christmas we are now planning for our next event in February which is a Can Collection at Morrisons when we will be putting on tall yellow hats and collecting on behalf of Marie Curie.

This will be followed by our Giant Easter Egg Raffle which is good news for chocoholics as we will be raffling over twenty giant eggs this year. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Florence Nightingale Hospice.

Our annual concert will be held in St Mary's Church on Saturday 18 May when the music will again be provided by the Vale Symphonic Wind Band. Two years ago we collected unwanted hand tools which were taken to Workaid in Chesham where they were refurbished and sent to third world countries. We are hoping to make a further collection in May this year.

During the summer we will be attending various fêtes and shows raising funds which we can then donate to good causes in the area.

The Lions would like to thank everyone who donated generously to their Christmas Can Collection at Tesco Tring Road which enabled us to continue the long tradition of giving parcels to deserving residents at Christmas.

We are a friendly organisation which is looking for new members to help keep up our good work. To find out more about us ring our President on 01296 484492 or visit our website [www.aylesburylions.org.uk](http://www.aylesburylions.org.uk)



Lions at the Florence Nightingale Colour Run



## Bucks Integrated Sensory Service

**Do you have, or do you know someone who has, sight and/or hearing loss and are struggling at home?**

We at Action on Hearing Loss deliver Bucks Integrated Sensory Service on behalf of Bucks County Council – a free service working with children, young people and adults with sight loss, hearing loss or dual sensory loss.

We can visit you at home and complete an assessment, which looks at your sensory loss, including:

- Information and advice.
- Equipment to help you stay safe and independent – loud/flashing doorbells, smoke alarms with vibrating pads, talking clocks, portable lamps, sticks and canes.
- Mobility training for visually impaired children, young people and adults for safe and independent travel.
- Registration on Bucks County Council sight and hearing loss registers.
- Referral onto more appropriate services which may be able to help with other needs.

Is your business or office sensory aware? Contact us for more details and to see how we can help.

**Interested in volunteering?** We are always on the lookout for volunteers. Our volunteers are very important to us and are vital in supporting our work – you would be very welcome!

If you would like to learn more about the service or would like our support, please call us on 01296 479970, text us on 07918 904664 or email us [bucks@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:bucks@hearingloss.org.uk)

## Annual Town and Annual Council Meetings

All residents are invited to attend the Annual Town Meeting at 6.30pm and the Annual Council Meeting at 7pm on Thursday 9 May 2019 in the Council Chamber, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury.



## Looking to volunteer?



The smile on a resident's face makes it clear to see the significant role that volunteers play to those living within our services. Chiltern View is one of Brendoncare's ten care homes and is located in Stone, near Aylesbury.

The home provides specialist dementia care where residents can be helped to live as independently as possible and where the emphasis is on quality and enjoyment of life.

For some of the residents the move to a care home can be a lonely time, so giving some of your time can help to enrich the lives of those we support. We rely on volunteers across the 10 services to enable new opportunity, a varied activities programme and support with fundraising events.

You may have a few hours a week that you can give to gain valuable experience by volunteering in a care environment. Whatever your reasons for volunteering we want to hear from you.



In December, a community fundraising event held in Tring church by the Jupiter Choir raised an amazing £1,672 and all proceeds raised will go towards a portable omiVista interactive sensory table that brings fun, emotions and joy to the residents living at Chiltern View. The support from Jupiter Choir is a great way that we can work with local community groups and organisations to support the home.

More information about Chiltern View, volunteer opportunities and fundraising can be found on the charity's website [www.brendoncare.org.uk](http://www.brendoncare.org.uk) or by telephoning 01296 747463.

Rebecca Spicer  
Volunteer and Activity Manager



## Celebrate the 10th year of the Florence Nightingale Hospice Midnight Walk

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's Midnight Walk began in 2010 with 550 ladies walking up to 12 miles and raised £65,000. By 2018 the event had opened up to include men and has become their largest fundraising event.

Over the past nine years the walk has raised over £500,000 towards running Florence Nightingale Hospice – providing much needed support to patients and their families across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Bedfordshire.

This year, they are inviting everyone to join them for the 10th anniversary of the walk on **Saturday 22 June** to celebrate the lives of loved ones and the work that the Hospice does to provide comfort to those in need. "The Midnight Walk is such an inspiring event to take part in and plays a huge role in our fundraising for the Hospice," explains Lee Lloyd, Head of Fundraising at the charity. "We hope that this 10th Anniversary walk will be a record-breaker with the highest number of walkers ever."

Walkers can choose from the 5 or 10 mile circular routes – both starting from Aylesbury College at midnight with entertainment along the way.

All walkers will receive a free souvenir Midnight Walk 2019 t-shirt, as well as a medal and complimentary breakfast at the end of the walk. For more information and to sign up, please visit [www.fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk](http://www.fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk) or call 01296 429975.



Don't forget to sign up to our Soapbox Derby event – see back cover for details!

## Looking to volunteer?



The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) is a registered charity founded in 1926 to defend our local countryside and its wildlife. Each county has an independent charity within the national CPRE organisation, and CPRE Bucks is your local CPRE branch.

Our Buckinghamshire countryside includes Green Belt, the Chiltern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and precious resources, such as many of the world's rare chalk streams. CPRE Bucks takes action to protect the natural beauty of these landscapes for both people and wildlife. We aim to:

- promote and enhance the character of the Buckinghamshire countryside
- promote a more sustainable approach to land use
- defend the Buckinghamshire countryside from damaging development

Our countryside is under unprecedented threat from the demands of a growing population and economy. Buckinghamshire in particular is under huge pressure from government projects, such as the Oxford-Cambridge Corridor and HS2. There is also political upheaval arising from the government's decision to make Buckinghamshire a Unitary Authority and all the (current) District Councils are in the middle of preparing Local Plans that set out their intentions for house building and industry development over the next 20 years.

CPRE Bucks need volunteers to help us defend the countryside from over building and support the development of sustainable communities. As a volunteer, you could become part of our Creating Sustainable Community campaign, help us apply for grants, raise our profile with the local media or even lend a hand with office admin, help us respond to major planning consultations and monitor planning applications in your area.

For more information about volunteering, contact [francesca@CPREbucks.org.uk](mailto:francesca@CPREbucks.org.uk) for an exploratory chat.



## Local artist creates mural for her father to enjoy at Fremantle Court

91-year-old Derek Underdown is enjoying a room with a view at Fremantle Court nursing home in Stoke Mandeville, thanks to the creation of a beautiful mural landscape painted by his daughter Toni Standing.

Derek was responsible for the original design of Vox amps among other engineering feats throughout his career. Having spent time living overseas, he discovered a passion for fossils and minerals in Hong Kong and on returning to the UK in the early 1980s he joined Sussex Mineral and Lapidary Society.

Rosemary Hicks, an activity organiser at The Fremantle Trust, has been liaising with Toni, a member of Chilterns Art Group, to develop the idea of creating a mural with a fossil theme so it has personal significance for her dad. The result is a stunning landscape depicting the Jurassic Coastline of Charmouth and surrounding areas, where Toni and her family have been on holiday and spent time hunting for fossils.

Commenting on this Toni said: "My dad loves the attention he's been getting and is very proud. He enjoys looking at the mural from his bedroom and watched me paint it." Antonios Loumoussiotis, manager of Fremantle Court, added: "This was a wonderful thing for Toni to do for her father. He is understandably very proud of all the attention the mural is getting!"

Visit [www.fremantletrust.org](http://www.fremantletrust.org) for more information.



## ATC invites your comments...

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? We'd like to know.

You can send an email marked 'ATM Letters' to [info@aylesburytowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@aylesburytowncouncil.co.uk) or write to us at: Aylesbury Town Council, Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP. Please do give us your name and contact details so that we can reply to you.





**Excitement is building in Aylesbury as the National Paralympic Heritage Trust plan for the opening of the Paralympic Heritage Centre on the 30 March 2019, the first of its kind in the world.** It is a truly a momentous occasion for the town, as it played such a key role in this worldwide movement.

There are still plenty of ways in which you can get involved in this inspirational project. We are collecting local memorabilia (tickets, medals, clothing, photos, programmes) and stories surrounding the Paralympics and Stoke Mandeville. So, if you or a family member have been involved in any way in the Stoke Mandeville Games from the 1940s onwards, we would love to hear your story.

The community of Aylesbury played a crucial role in the early Stoke Mandeville Games and we invite you to continue this legacy. There are opportunities to volunteer with us as Heritage Centre Volunteers, Pop-up Museum Helpers or Paralympic Heritage Ambassadors.

If you would like to discuss volunteering or any items or stories you might have please contact Katy-Jayne Lintott, NPHT Learning and Engagement Manager by email [katyjayne.lintott@paralympicheritage.org.uk](mailto:katyjayne.lintott@paralympicheritage.org.uk)

We are also doing some crowd fundraising to help to develop a range of exciting learning resources for visitors, if you would like to offer your support please visit [www.spacehive.com/paralympic-heritage-centre](http://www.spacehive.com/paralympic-heritage-centre), it is easy to donate.

Follow us on Twitter [@ParaHeritage](https://twitter.com/ParaHeritage), Facebook and Instagram [@ParalympicHeritage](https://www.instagram.com/ParalympicHeritage). Tel: **01296 489929**  
Email: [admin@paralympicheritage.org.uk](mailto:admin@paralympicheritage.org.uk)

To view the designs, learn more about visiting, donating and volunteering visit [www.paralympicheritage.org.uk](http://www.paralympicheritage.org.uk)  
Free entry and open daily.



## Looking for meeting room hire?

### Town Hall Facilities

The Town Council hires out the Council Chamber, smaller meeting rooms and Cemetery Chapel for meetings and other similar events. Full details can be found at [www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/the-chamber](http://www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/the-chamber)  
To check availability please contact the Town Council on **01296 425678**.

### Aylesbury Flower Club

**Aylesbury Flower Club is a long established group of ladies, and a few men, who have a love of flowers and flower arranging.** Each month we meet at 7.30pm on the last Monday (unless it's a Bank Holiday when it's the Monday before) at Aylesbury Grammar School, Walton Road, Aylesbury, HP21 7RP in the main school hall.

We have a different professional demonstrator each month who comes along and does amazing flower arrangements whilst regaling us with tips or stories to keep us entertained. A raffle is drawn which gives us the chance to take one of these beautiful floral masterpieces home. During the year we try to arrange 2 or 3 coach trips to give our members time together to enjoy each others company. We also organise a Christmas meal at the beginning of December.

If you enjoy flowers as much as we do, then do come along and join us. We always welcome visitors (for a small entrance fee) and then you never know you might feel you would like to join. For more information phone our secretary, Val, on **01296 489425**.



**Aylesbury Town WI holds a monthly meeting on the third Thursday evening of each month.** It is an opportunity to make new friends and uplift your social life. This year Aylesbury Town WI is celebrating its 9th birthday and once again has a variety of speakers to interest everyone.



The monthly meetings are held at 7.30pm at Granville Street Church, Aylesbury HP20 2JR. If you would like to contact us beforehand ring Jenny Burton on **01296 615709** or email us on [aylesburytownwi@gmail.com](mailto:aylesburytownwi@gmail.com)

The March meeting is about the RNLI. The speaker, Chris Lowe, will be talking about how the RNLI started, how it is funded, rescues, new equipment and what they do. It should be interesting to hear about the important work that they carry out.

## A BIG THANK YOU FROM AYLESBURY HUNDREDS ROTARY

The Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds, together with the local charities who supported us by coming out on our Santa Float, would like to say 'a very big thank you' to all those in the Aylesbury area who kindly donated to either our Float Rounds or our Supermarket collections. Your generosity will really make a difference and help the local charities we are supporting this year (see below).

We would like to cover more of the expanding Aylesbury area and, with your support, by becoming a Member or a Friend of our Club we really could do so much more. If you are interested to learn more about what we already do, and what more we could do, please contact us on our Facebook page **Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds**.

The Rotary Club of Aylesbury held its annual cheque presentation evening recently, when over £6,000 was distributed to local charities. The cash was donated by generous local people during December, when the Carol Float once again toured the streets of Aylesbury and surrounding villages, bringing both seasonal music and a close-up glimpse of Father Christmas to children and adults of all ages.



This festive tradition has been a feature of the district for many decades and both Rotary Clubs in the town joined forces last December to visit as many of the area's streets as possible in the run up to Christmas, raising over £12,000 in total for local good causes.

The Rotary Club of Aylesbury made grants to twelve different organisations: Lindengate, Citizens Advice, Medical Detection Dogs, Heart of Bucks, Scannappeal, WheelPower, The Gateway Club, Wing District and 1st Aylesbury Guides, Aylesbury Explorers and 1st Wing Scouts and the Chiltern Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Representatives attended a meal at the Holiday Inn in Aylesbury funded by the Club, when President Charo Cornter-May and Treasurer Frank Falcon thanked all who helped to make the fundraising possible.

There are always a lot of Santa's helpers behind the scenes, as well as the many collectors and drivers. Balloon Mania supplied Santa's costume and the management of both Hale Leys and Friars Square shopping centres were thanked for help with parking the Carol Float. One of the biggest jobs is counting and banking the coins and notes that are donated and Club Secretary Ralph Followell confirmed we had collected a total of 23,933 coins!



Rotary is an international service organisation open to business and professional people who want to support the community, whilst enjoying fellowship and fun. The Rotary Club of Aylesbury was founded in 1924 and meets monthly. Anyone interested in joining should visit the website: [www.aylesburyrotary.com](http://www.aylesburyrotary.com)

## The Home Library Service

**Are you, or is someone you know, housebound through poor health, age or mobility? Do you love reading and miss going to the library?**

The Home Library Service, part of Buckinghamshire Libraries, is co-ordinated by Roberta Wixon. Roberta says; "This wonderful free service is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who choose books, deliver and pick them up for our clients. Clients can borrow DVDs, talking books and magazines as well their choice from our huge range of large and normal print books. To set up the service I make an initial visit to the client at home to talk about their needs and wishes and set up a library account if they haven't got one already. From then on I match the client with a volunteer who will ring the client and arrange to deliver the first lot of books. They will then arrange to visit on a monthly basis to pick up any books the client has finished with and bring some more. The volunteer also manages the client's library account dealing with renewals when needed and make sure that there are never any overdue charges. If they have time they will often stay for a chat. Some of our volunteers and clients have become really good friends."



If you would like to use this service or are interested in volunteering please contact Roberta on **01494 475573** or email [homelibraryservice@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:homelibraryservice@buckscc.gov.uk). Visit the website at [www.buckscc.gov.uk/home-library-service](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/home-library-service) or ask at the library.





Aylesbury Choral Society will be performing two fabulous pieces of music on Saturday 30 March at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Aylesbury. These are Mozart Mass in C Minor, or The Great Mass; and Haydn's St Nicolai Mass.

The first is one of the most famous choral works ever written and the second is without doubt a beautiful, joyous and vivacious piece of music. The Aylesbury Sinfonia will accompany both pieces of music. We are particularly delighted to welcome four young and very talented soloists: **Eleanor Stevens**, (Soprano) has sung for HRH Prince of Wales and has also personally raised some £40,000 in concerts over the last four years for Macmillan Cancer Relief. **Elinor Cooper** (Soprano) who is not only a talented soloist, but also a noted choral conductor. **Adam West** (Tenor) is considered to be one of the most promising singers at the Royal College of Music. **Tomos Jones** (Bass) who has had great Eisteddford success and also sang with Only Boys Allowed. He is considered by many to have the potential to emulate his namesake, but in the classical field.

Tickets are available on [www.aylesburychoral.org](http://www.aylesburychoral.org) website or through choir members or on the door at the concert. The website is recommended where possible to avoid disappointment as this concert will be very popular. Prices are £15 or £5 for under 18s.



## Is the world ready for The Resurrection of Skinny Ted and the Brothel Creepers?



The third novel by Aylesbury author, Tony Flower, tells the tale of a fictional band that emerged in the early 80s, had a minor hit then disappeared off the face of the earth. The comedy

potential of a bunch of guys in their 50s reforming and attempting to reignite that long extinguished flame is fully realised; but there is also a healthy dose of pathos and a mystery to unravel, as the girl who inhabits their best known song comes back to haunt them.



Along the way we learn the back-stories of the band members, reminisce about the antics of former drummer, Stan, God rest his soul, and meet some interesting characters; including Russian reggae's ambassador, Ras Putin; and ex-Hell's Angel, Gabriel.

The story is littered with musical brainteasers that the reader can attempt to unravel, or refer to the helpful notes at the end of each chapter. We are taken on a shambolic journey with the band as they tour the country, but the book is grounded in a fictional equivalent of Aylesbury, where the author grew up and attended the legendary Friars Club. The Resurrection of Skinny Ted and the Brothel Creepers is an enjoyable, easy read, with a number of threads that are brilliantly resolved by some startling twists at the end.

For more information visit Tony's website: [www.tonyflower.co.uk](http://www.tonyflower.co.uk)

## 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 Wednesday evening 7.30 – 9pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Buckingham Street, Aylesbury, HP21 2NQ.

We sing at local events and clubs. In 2018 we had great fun when we sang at Aylesbury on Sea. We also dressed in period costume for two commemorative World War I events at Halton House and the Gateway. We were very busy in the lead up to Christmas and were delighted to be asked again to sing at the AVDC Chairman's festive sing-along concert around the Christmas Tree.

If you enjoy singing and are interested in joining our choir or would like to book us for your event contact us at [jsjoyfuldivas@gmail.com](mailto:jsjoyfuldivas@gmail.com) or call us on 07909 531 683. See us at [www.jsjoyfuldivas.weebly.com](http://www.jsjoyfuldivas.weebly.com) and [www.facebook.com/joyfuldivas](https://www.facebook.com/joyfuldivas)



# Aylesbury Town Council Grants

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

**Do you run or organise a weekly or monthly social group that supports and helps others?**

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 in Aylesbury to improve public wellbeing. There are also grants to support young sports people representing their sport at a national or international level to help them achieve their potential.

Aylesbury Town Council Grant scheme support many worthwhile charities and organisations. 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.

## Spinal Injuries Association (SIA)

SIA, a charity helping people with spinal cord injuries rebuild their lives were awarded £2,000 towards their Peer Support Service in and around Aylesbury. The project provides essential support to people with spinal cord injuries, their families and healthcare professionals.

For more information about SIA visit [www.spinal.co.uk](http://www.spinal.co.uk)



## Thursday Morning Club

Aylesbury Town Council gave £1,000 towards a 'mystery' outing for the group. The group had a wonderful time and it gave members the opportunity to visit new places they otherwise would not be able to. The Thursday Morning Club is a group for retired people to meet and enjoy company and activities at the Quarrendon and Meadowcroft Community Centre.



## Enrych Buckinghamshire

Enrych Buckinghamshire received a grant from Aylesbury Town Council for £2,000 towards the recruitment, support and retention of volunteers involved in Enrych Bucks 'Leisure & Learning' project which supports people with a physical disability who live in Aylesbury. The group run activities at various places across Aylesbury to help meet the needs of their members.

If you would like more information regarding Enrych Bucks call 07511 142268 or email [jenny.dorney-savage@enrych.org.uk](mailto:jenny.dorney-savage@enrych.org.uk)



The next Grants Committee meeting will take place on

**Wednesday 27 March 2019**

The deadline for grant applications to be considered at this meeting is **Wednesday 13 March** at 5pm. Only General Grants and Sport Grants will be considered at this meeting.

For more information about grants visit our website or contact the Grants Officer Jane on [j.eden@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:j.eden@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk)



## Town Mayor's Update

This is my last opportunity to write to you as the Mayor of our town, my term of office will end in May and I will hand over to my successor with a heavy heart. This is a role I have absolutely loved and I've said many times that it is quite simply the best job I have ever had, and I really mean it.

Christmas 2018 is already a distant memory. It was a hugely enjoyable period full of carols, music, love and fun. The Mayor's Carol Service was particularly wonderful. St Mary's looked stunning and the music from Aylesbury Concert Band was simply wonderful, but it would be nothing without the town attending.

Christmas Day for my family was spent at St Mary's helping with the community Christmas dinner. This is a wonderful example of our town's community spirit in action and it is truly humbling to see so many people giving up a part of their Christmas Day to make sure others don't spend the day alone. They also raise the funds to make it all happen.

There have been so many highlights that it's difficult to include everything, the honour of representing the town for the 100th anniversary of the Armistice at both the parade in Aylesbury and at the Menin Gate in Belgium was an honour that will stay with me for the rest of my days. The Mayor's Challenge Virtual Run encouraged people to become more

active and raised money for my chosen charity, Carers Bucks and their vital work. Witnessing our son passing out into the Royal Navy still makes me smile with pride, again I'll never forget that day.

Before the end of my term as part of the 'Chain Gang' there will be quite a lot more special memories to be made, and I hope I get to see many of you at the various engagements I will be attending between now and May.

I've visited businesses, schools, sports clubs, attended events and theatre performances. I've seen so much talent and received so many warm welcomes. Being Mayor reveals the kind heart of our town, yes we have problems, but we also have many communities who work together and achieve great things for each other.

So I would like to thank each and every one of you, for your warm welcome and your support throughout my time as Mayor. It really is the people who make Aylesbury such a great place to live – no matter what happens over the years we stand together, support and love each other – Aylesbury and its people is a special combination.

Best wishes to you all  
Cllr Mark Willis, Town Mayor



If you want to invite the Mayor to attend an event, launch a campaign, or just give a talk, write to Sue at: [s.carpenter@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:s.carpenter@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk)



## What's on at Bucks County Museum

### March

Catch **Glorious Glass** before it closes on 23 March, celebrating 20 years of the Contemporary Glass Society and featuring beautiful glass for sale. Also on 23 March is the **Glass Makers Fair**, a marvellous opportunity to buy unique handmade glass direct from the makers at the museum.

### April

Many children will be studying the Victorians so drop-in to our special family exhibition **Hands-on Victorians** for a bit of extra learning fun until 27 April.

Don't miss our spectacular exhibition **Samurai: Warriors of Ancient Japan** featuring stunning historical armour and weapons from 6 April to 13 July.

Unbound Theatre Company from Queens Park Arts Centre return on 6 April to perform **Antony & Cleopatra** in the Museum garden. Don't forget to bring your own chairs.

There are lots of events to look forward to including **Rock and Fossil Day** on 13 April and a special event on Easter Sunday 21 April and Monday 22 April called **Easter in the Stuart Household** where you can help household members prepare for their Easter feast in the early 1600s when James I was about to become king.

### May

Discover personal stories from our local communities in **Our Stories** exhibition opening on 4 May and on 25 May we will be hosting a **Community Iftar** from 7pm to 10pm celebrating the breaking of the fast during Ramadan.

On 27 May come along to our **Classic Vehicle Show** and enjoy classic vehicles from the Kop Hill Climb in the museum grounds.

Our shop now stocks jewellery and ceramics from Bucks Craft Guild as well as local books, gifts and greeting cards. Drop in, enjoy an exhibition and then a coffee in the Museum Cafe.

Bucks County Museum and Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP. Call **01296 331441** or visit **[www.buckscountymuseum.org](http://www.buckscountymuseum.org)**





## Antony & Cleopatra to take in four Great Local Venues



Aylesbury's Queens Park Arts Centre is set to unveil a brand new take on a timeless Shakespeare tragedy in April when their production of *Antony & Cleopatra* is performed at multiple venues in the town.



*"The old world is changing. Wars will be waged that could topple empires, and the triple pillar of the world and his serpent of Old Nile have such a very great distance to fall..."* A story told on a global scale, the play chronicles the tempest that surrounded two of the most powerful leaders of the ancient world – from the love that bound them together to the civil war and tragic events that conspired to part them. The show – staged by Queens Park's theatre company Unbound – features a talented local cast headed by Chris Courtney and Jo Rothery in the titles roles, and follows previous highly-acclaimed Shakespeare productions including *Macbeth* and *Twelfth Night*. It's designed to appeal to anyone coming to the play for the first time as well as die-hard fans of the Bard's work.

As well as performances at Queens Park's Limelight Theatre, the show will also tour out to three popular venues in the town centre: Bucks County Museum, St Mary's Church and the King's Head Pub. There'll also be a post-show Q+A with the cast and crew at the Limelight on **7 April**.

For full details on performance dates, times and ticket prices visit [www.qpc.org](http://www.qpc.org) or call **01296 424332**.

## May Makers Fair returns to Queens Park Arts Centre

Queens Park Arts Centre's May Maker's Fair returns on **Saturday 11 May**. Now in its fourth year, the event has proven a popular spring attraction for the local community, attracting hundreds of visitors every year.

Organised by Amanda Wheaton, Queens Park's Creative Coordinator, the event celebrates the joy of making and features a wide array of fantastic handmade art and craft to view and buy – all created by the artists, tutors, volunteers and students of Queens Park.

Work on show will include handmade ceramics, painting and drawing, jewellery, glass, woodwork, textiles and much more. There will also be live entertainment throughout the day in the Limelight Theatre, including drama, dance and great music all performed by the talented people who attend and run classes and events at the Centre throughout the year.



Hot and cold refreshments, including fresh coffee, Pimms, ale, soft drinks and a BBQ, will be available during the day. Younger visitors can get creative at a range of fantastic children's craft activities led by our talented tutors. Free parking is available on site.

Entry costs £2/£1 members and concessions. Under 14s go free however there is a small charge for attending the craft activities. All profits contribute towards the Centre's ongoing fundraising campaign. For more information visit [www.qpc.org](http://www.qpc.org) or email [info@qpc.org](mailto:info@qpc.org) or phone **01296 424332**.



## BROADWAY SENSATIONS!

Aylesbury Festival Choir will be singing songs from well-known shows such as *Les Miserables*, *Mary Poppins* and *South Pacific*. If you want to hear tunes by Stephen Sondheim and Rodgers and Hammerstein, among others, come to Aylesbury Methodist Church on **Saturday 13 April** at 7.30pm. Tickets £15 available from the website [www.ticketsource.co.uk/aylesbury-festival-choir](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/aylesbury-festival-choir) or from the choir website [www.aylesburyfestivalchoir.net](http://www.aylesburyfestivalchoir.net) where you will find more information.



# Aylesbury Town Council Ward Map

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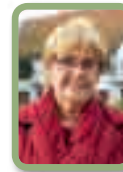


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## Ward: Walton



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## Ward: Bedgrove



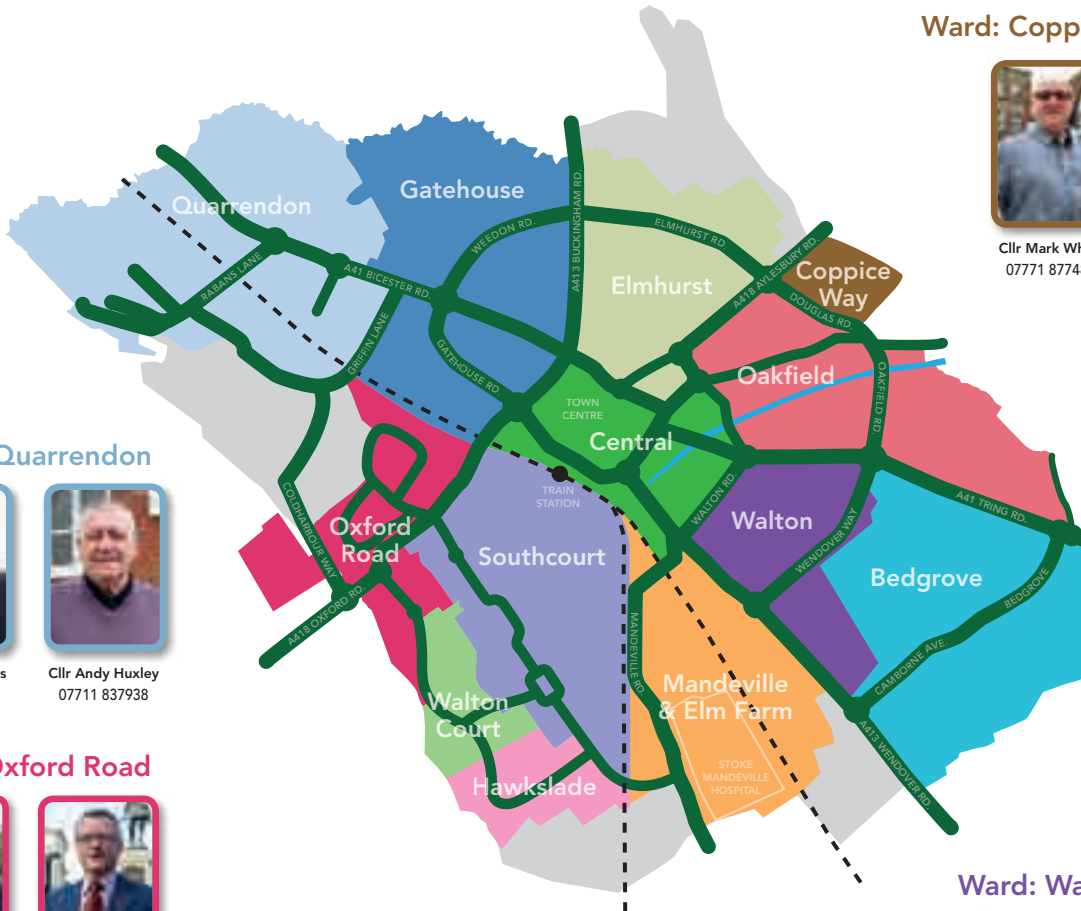
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## Who do I talk to about? ...

### 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](http://www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk)

### AVDC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Collection of Council Tax and business rates
- Waste collection
- 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](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk)

### BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Roads and pavements
- Education and main libraries
- Social care services
- Trading Standards
- Registrars - births, deaths and marriages
- Waste disposal and household recycling centres
- Grass cutting of rural highways/grass verges



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



## Aylesbury & District Swimming Club

2019 marks the 85th anniversary of the town's oldest swimming club and it's great to see it continue to be successful. Despite the increasing pressures on grass roots clubs, like Aylesbury, to meet high quality standards of both management and coaching professionalism, the club remains very much true to its original objectives. Through a dedicated workforce of volunteers, the swimming club continues to offer an impressive, low cost competitive development environment for its 200 members from the age of five through to senior masters. Last year alone the team supported over 750 hours of training and 350 hours of competitions. If, however, you dig a little deeper into what the club is achieving in the pool, it clearly is doing something right.

In 2018 the club boasted an increase in the number of swimmers competing at the Oxford and North Bucks County Championships, South East Regional Championships, English Summer Nationals and British Winter Nationals and they didn't just make up the numbers, winning medals or making finals in each competition. The club also had their highest ever finish in the National Arena League, with a fourth place in Division One of the London League. It is not, however, about just a handful of talented athletes, as their recent club championships demonstrated. With 150 swimmers taking part in over 1000 swims the club held its biggest ever event.

It may be 85 years old, but it is fair to say that there is plenty of life in this dear old club.



## Aylesbury Town Bowls Club

Is lawn bowls a sport you have never thought was for you? All that could change on **27 April** at Aylesbury Town Bowls Club Open Day from 2pm to 5pm. You can just turn up and see how good it can be. We are located at the rear of the Sports Ground off Wendover Road.



Anyone of any age from seven upwards can play and enjoy bowls for the rest of their lives. It does not matter whether you think that you have any form of disability we will do our best to see

if bowls is for you by getting you on the green with the right coaching support.

For instance we have two purpose made wheelchairs for use on the green and the clubhouse has been adapted to make it suitable for wheelchair users.

Our club is striving to ensure that there are bowling opportunities for all. To this end it has and continues to invest in club improvements to bring the facilities up-to-date. We seek to improve for everyone.

However the club is not just serious about bowls. It is a friendly community that enjoys social events such as barbecues, quiz, race and film nights. It has some of the best club facilities around for one-off family events.

So what have you got to lose by coming to our Open Day with your family to see if the sport is for you? For more information look at our website [www.aylesburytownbowlsclub.co.uk](http://www.aylesburytownbowlsclub.co.uk)

## NEW Over 50's Short Tennis Club

Join our indoor Short Tennis Club to improve your health, have fun and make new friends. We meet every second and fourth Friday in the month from 1pm – 5pm at Quarrendon and Meadowcroft Community Centre, 147 Meadowcroft, Aylesbury, HP19 9HH. The first session is free and you only pay when you play. (£3.50 or £3 for over 75s).

All the equipment is provided you just need some racket skills and sportswear. We have the use of two courts so you will get plenty of games. Refreshments are provided and we have regular social events.

Contact our Membership Secretary or please just turn up. Lesley Annetts on **01296 641245/07913 402791** or email [lesleyannscott@gmail.com](mailto:lesleyannscott@gmail.com)





## Pebble Brook School/NCS Partnership

For two weeks from Monday 26 November 2018 Pebble Brook School FED (Further Education Department) and Aylesbury Action4Youth trialed a bespoke NCS (National Citizen Service) programme for the Year 12 students.

The first three days were spent at Caldecotte Xperience, Milton Keynes, undertaking adventurous outdoor activities, with a residential stay over two nights, followed by a day in school to undertake previously booked activities and an end to the week with a day in High Wycombe drumming and covering First Aid.

The second week was spent with the Aylesbury Vineyard Church helping to sort out clothes and the foodbank with the week culminating in a fundraising day when the year 12s split in to two groups, one at The Pebble Brook Christmas Fayre and one at the University campus selling cakes to raise money for the church.

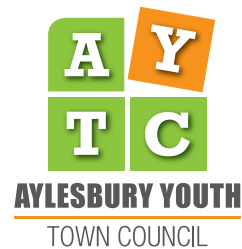
On Wednesday 12 December an award evening was held at Aylesbury College where the students received their certificates presented by Jenifer Cameron, Action4Youth CEO. This two week programme was such a success that we aim to repeat it as part of the year 12 Curriculum every autumn.



At our last meeting, we welcomed Cllr Ann Koleth as our new Chairman and Cllr Beth Bingle as Vice-Chairman in what is going to be an exciting year for us as councillors as we embark on a new adventure.

Having raised over £1,500 for Youth Concern in 2018, we have chosen by a democratic vote to raise awareness and support local charity the PACE Centre throughout 2019. PACE is a local children's charity providing support for young people and children with motor disorders, encouraging their ability to progress and ultimately transforming lives. Having seen the wonderful work the charity are doing in our community, we decided we would like to work closely with the charity and fundraise for them.

Our first joint endeavour is to build a kart to enter into the Aylesbury Soapbox Derby, with help from the brilliant charity Men in Sheds. Not only is this a great opportunity to raise awareness for the cause, it's also an opportunity to have lots of fun. This year our fundraising target is £1,800, although exceeding this is our ultimate aim!



We look forward to working with the Pace Centre and getting involved with the incredible work that they do.

In the June edition you'll get to see our Soapbox entry in all its glory and there'll be lots of photos chronicling our journey.

If you'd like to be part of the Youth Town Council or would like to help volunteer at any of the Town Council events, email [info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) for more information.

Written by Cllr Beth Bingle  
Vice-Chairman of the Youth Town Council

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# SOAPBOX DERBY

**ON FATHER'S DAY**

**16 JUNE**

**STARTS AT 11AM**

**WHITEHILL PARK, SOAPBOX RACES  
AND FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT**

**MUST  
REGISTER BY  
FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY  
TO PARTICIPATE**

**FREE**  
**TO ENTER & WATCH!**



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