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Autumn Watch

28 October – 1 November 2019

This half term Playscheme is all about connecting with nature.

The children will have the opportunity to plant bulbs in our garden ready for spring, make a giant spider web in the play hall, create leaf hedgehogs and a painted leaf collage, make autumnal window decorations and learn about the wildlife getting ready for winter.



Weather permitting, the children can also play outdoors utilising the go-kart track and climbing frames or stay indoors where they can choose from a great variety of toys and games.

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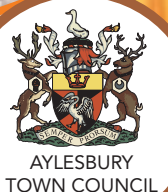
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Welcome Note

Welcome to the summer edition of Aylesbury Town Matters and I am pleased to be offering my thoughts on what's been happening in the town and what you can look forward to over the coming three months.

Whilst we're on the welcomes we welcome Cllr Mike Smith as the new Mayor of Aylesbury and Cllr Tuffail Hussain as his new Deputy. They've had quite the start to their tenures with the fast paced all action Soapbox Derby giving way to the revamped and extremely well received Aylesbury-on-Sea. You can read more about both events in this issue. Mike also introduces his charity for this year on page 17.

We are busy preparing for the Parklife Weekend over the summer Bank Holiday with the ever popular local band Callow Saints headlining this year's event on the Saturday and 'Childhood Memories' being the theme for Sunday's Proms in the Park. Do look out for not only the established acts but also the winners of our 'Open Mic' competition. We're aiming to build on our green credentials with zero landfill and no single use plastics from the bars and catering outlets.

The Town Council officers continue to excel in their event planning and execution whilst the outdoor team are doing a superb job often under difficult circumstances with different parts of the town currently being under the remit of different

organisations. I say currently, the town continues to explore the opportunities for additional devolved services as we approach the new Buckinghamshire-wide Unitary Council to build on our successes such as the Jonathan Page Play Centre which continues to go from strength to strength.

We are also celebrating the best of the community with features including Jon who tends the wild flowers near Wilko and the results of the Aylesbury in Bloom school garden competition. Aylesbury in Bloom continues to impress and the town is much better for it.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to give a brief update on our plans for a new Community Sports Facility. We are actively talking to interested landowners and are engaged with various local sports clubs. There's no doubt there's a real need and desire for an up-to-date sports venue in the town and we're determined to make that happen. If anyone wants to find out more, especially if you run a local sports club or team then please do get in contact.

Enjoy your summer!

Cllr Richard Lloyd
Leader of Aylesbury Town Council

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“
 Brilliant day out, well run. Suitable for all the family, we had all ages attend from 2 years old to 87 years old.
 Great day out, we look forward to this every year! Such a fantastic family oriented event. Really well run. Well done to all involved!
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“
 We thoroughly enjoyed the Moonday event today. Thank you so much for putting on these fantastic free events :)
 It was such a great day today!! We're really inspired by space in our family now! Thank you! We are building a rocket den tomorrow!!
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“
 I wanted to send a note to congratulate you on leading such engaging Moonday celebrations in Friars Square, Aylesbury, on Saturday. It was informative, fun and really well organised - my kids, 7 and 5, loved every minute of it (and we spent a few hours!). It certainly stimulated them to learn more. Thank you so much - I know a lot of hard work and volunteering went in to it - it was brilliant!
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This was the best ever. Good move to move this function to Vale Park. We as a family will score it 11 out of 10, but that doesn't work. Bigger turn out, great family day out.

It's absolutely fabulous, especially for a free event.

The event was first class and had a really lovely relaxed atmosphere.

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ATC Events

As we go to press, it's the hottest day of the year so far – and boy what a scorcher it is. It makes us reflect on the scorching events we've had so far in 2019.

We've seen the fifth **Soapbox Derby** – where the competition for best looking kart was hot, hot, hot! Congratulations to Team OTT for their fantastic WW1 Tank and to Queens Park Arts Centre for their Pirate Ship, which came in a very close second. A huge shout out of appreciation must go to ALL of the teams who took part, thank you for making this a brilliant community event which so many families enjoy.

Aylesbury-on-Sea's new venue and format was a rip-roaring success, with over 3,500 of you enjoying the beach in Vale Park. The pictures and comments say it all.

Moonday, a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the first landing on the Moon, was out of this world (excuse the pun!). The volunteers from the charity, UK Astronomy, were a pleasure to work with and brought so much knowledge, fun and inspiration to so many visitors. There are really a billion worlds in your back garden – all you have to do is look up and see them. We look forward to bringing you another totally unique event again next year – what will we celebrate in 2020?

All of our events are entirely free of charge to build stronger communities through joy, experience, music and fun.

Live in the Park and **Proms in the Park** will have been and gone by the time you read this, right now we are in the final planning stages and know that we have an amazing weekend in-store for you all. Look out for lots of pictures in the next issue.

So it's time to talk Christmas... This year we will be bringing you a **Blockbuster Festive Family Fun** event on Sunday 8 December in Friars Square. Expect to find some rather chilly princesses in a galaxy far, far away – if you know what we mean – as Frozen II and Star Wars, The Rise of Skywalker, will be hitting the big screens around this time. Meet lots of characters and play a host of games and activities inspired by the brilliant movies. It's sure to be an epic event.

Carolfest takes place on the evening of 8 December, at St Mary's Church from 6pm. Join us singing Christmas Carols in a very relaxed and informal setting. With mince pies and hot drinks too.





Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition Awards

Every year Aylesbury Town Council organises the annual Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition. The competition is open to schools, residents, communal groups and businesses.

First up to be judged were the schools, whilst the judging for the residents, communal groups and businesses is still taking place as we go to press. Our keen horticulturalists and volunteer judges, Rosemary Brown, Janet Leech, Anne Brooker and Sue Wright visited schools within the Parish of Aylesbury.

At each school they met enthusiastic students who all enjoyed gardening and who were proud to show off their achievements and fruits and vegetables of their labour.

"It is always such a joy to meet the children, who proudly show us their gardens and produce. Their enthusiasm for gardening is fantastic and the skills they learn will stay with them throughout their lives." said Rosemary Brown.

The standard was very high throughout and the judges saw everything from great wildlife areas to pot gardens to fantastic produce ranging from courgettes, potatoes and onions to beans and strawberries and lots more.

In early July all participating schools were invited by the Town Council and the Aylesbury Gardening Society to receive their awards for the garden competition and for the Potato Growing Challenge, which is organised annually by the gardening society.

This year the awards took place at the Lindengate charity, where the children and teachers had time to peruse the gardens and get some inspiration for their school gardens for next year's competition.

Aylesbury Town Mayor, Cllr Mike Smith, Aylesbury Gardening Society Chairman, Ken Keasley and President Ray James as well as Michael Donnachie from Michael Anthony Estate Agents welcomed the students together with their teachers and parents.

Everyone had a fantastic evening and it was great to see so many smiles as the children received their awards.

Turnfurlong Junior School 5J received first prize and the Ann Miles Shield for Heaviest Combined Weight and Heaviest Single Bag of Potatoes from the Aylesbury Gardening Society.



Haydon Abbey School & Pre-school



Harding House School



Turnfurlong Junior School

	Best Edible Garden	Best Wildlife/Nature Area	Best Recreational/Learning Garden	Best Garden in a Pot
Bedgrove Infant School			Silver Gilt	
Harding House School				Bronze
Haydon Abbey School & Pre-school	Gold	Gold		Gold
Pebble Brook Lower School			Silver Gilt	Silver
Pebble Brook School FED 6th Form	Gold		Silver	
Turnfurlong Junior School	Gold	Silver	Silver	
Judges' Commendation for most improved garden	Pebble Brook Lower School			
Best Overall Garden	Turnfurlong Junior School			



The focus then moved on to the garden competition achievements. Depending on the marks the school received they would either receive a Bronze, Silver, Silver Gilt or Gold award in the categories they entered.

The Spade for Best Overall Garden went to Turnfurlong Junior School, who impressed the judges with their Wildlife/ Nature Garden, Edible Garden and Learning Garden.

Town Mayor, Cllr Mike Smith said: *"It was such a pleasure to meet all the children and see their smiley faces as they received their awards. I would also like to thank the teachers who nurture the children's enthusiasm for gardening."*

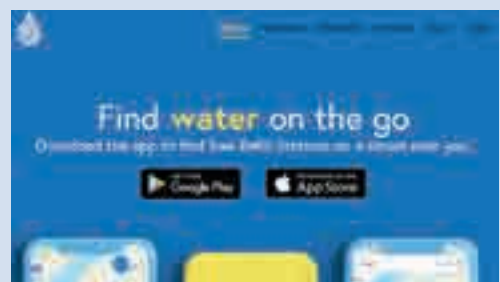
Thank you to...

... **Jon Kelly**, who volunteers his time to look after a wildflower patch by the Cambridge Street/Anchor Lane underpass. You can see Jon regularly by the patch, thinning out plants, pulling weeds, watering and ensuring the wildflowers come back year after year. At the time of going to press, the poppies and cornflowers were in full bloom. We would like to thank Jon for his time and for looking after the flower bed and for putting a smile on people's faces when they walk past and see it brimming with bees, butterflies and other wildlife. **Do you volunteer and look after an area in your community either with litter picking, growing flowers or other work?** Then let us know as we would love to feature local volunteers in the magazine, who may inspire others to join you.



Refill Revolution

Start plastic free this month with a splash, by joining the Refill Revolution. The Refill Aylesbury Scheme was started by Michael Fryer, based in Aylesbury. *"I wanted to see our growing town move forward and take steps to protect our future and make safe drinkable tap water free to all those out and about. I would like to see AVDC put a public bottle refill station in the town centre to follow suit like other towns and train stations have already done."*



The Refill Scheme is flowing out in Aylesbury and surrounding areas which encourages participating cafes, bars, restaurants, other businesses, banks, galleries and museums to sign up to the **FREE** Refill app <http://www.refill.org.uk> and put a sticker in their window alerting passers-by to the fact they're welcome to fill up their bottle for free. It's estimated that around 7.7 billion plastic water bottles are bought across the UK each year, resulting in substantial amounts of single-use plastic waste ending up in our oceans.

City to Sea, a not-for-profit organisation headed by campaigner Natalie Fee, launched the award-winning Refill Campaign in 2015. It's estimated that the scheme, now being rolled out nationwide with support from Water UK and local water companies, will cut plastic bottle use by tens of millions each year, as well as substantially increasing the availability of high-quality drinking water.

Follow us on www.instagram.com/refillaylesbury. Remember to take your reusable bottle with you and download the **FREE** app today.



Confessions of an Allotment Addict

Good evening everyone. I see that we have a new member of our AA group. Would you like to introduce yourself?

My name is Michael, and I'm an addict.

Have you been addicted for long?

I'm in my eighth year. I blame my wife. When she realised that I was about to retire she put my name down for an allotment. It was too easy, a phone call to the Town Council (01296 425678), a walk around the site with a Warden and I was hooked. It wasn't even sunny. I wish someone had warned me of the consequences.

So how does your addiction affect you?

My life seems to revolve around the needs of my plot. I need to visit it every week, often more than once. I just feel so good when I'm there. There always seems to be something that needs doing; seeds to sow, weeds to destroy, plants to water and crops to harvest. It's always peaceful and productive.

When the sun shines and the birds sing I just don't want to leave. I don't like being away from home for more than a week, even though my plot neighbours are always willing to help out when I'm on holiday. I don't know how my wife puts up with it.

What does your addiction do to your family?

It must affect them deeply, but they never show it. My wife insists that I write down when I'm going to return each time that I go to the plot, and always accepts my excuse for going. She often jokes that she knows where I am, that she doesn't mind. I often return with bags full of stuff that I have grown, far more than we can eat and she has to walk down the street persuading the neighbours to take in the surplus produce. It takes her ages persuading them at their doorstep, but she never grumbles.

She can't plan meals in advance like normal families have because she doesn't know what I'm going to bring home. I won't let her buy stuff that I can grow, so we end up eating seasonally; lots of cucumbers, courgettes, lettuce, artichokes and asparagus during the summer months, but she can't buy them in the winter.

Winter veg is limited to leeks, kale, potatoes, swede, turnips, carrots, spinach, chard, onions and salad rocket. I bottle a lot of summer fruit (raspberries, blackberries, apples and plums) so that we can have it all year round, and my chutney and piccalilli is on the table most lunchtimes. But she never grumbles; I don't know why.

How much does your addiction cost?

That's the terrible thing, it actually saves me money. My plot costs only £25 to rent for a year, and I must spend twice as much on seeds and sets. My big tools (fork, spade, rake, watering cans and hoe) only cost at most £10 apiece and all the other kit on my plot has been scrounged or bodged. I gave up my gym membership because I get more than enough exercise on the allotment - I walk there and back as well as delve and irrigate. And of course, there's the cost saving of not having to pay the price in the shops for fresh organic produce. The lettuce alone pays for the rent of the plot!

What is your advice for people who aren't addicts yet?

Buy membership of a golf club, subscribe to a gym, go for a five mile run every day. Invest in Netflix, go to Silver Cinema screenings. Build a shed and install a model railway in it. Take the wife on long cruises around the Mediterranean. Arrange lots of lunches in pubs with friends and family. Just don't get your fingers in the soil, watch seeds germinate and grow into productive plants.

Don't eat tomatoes straight off the bush. Don't plant stuff that is expensive in the shops, but cheap to grow. Don't get suckered in by the cheerful fellowship offered by the people who garden the plots around you. Above all, don't be misled by the sight of young families enjoying themselves managing their soil in the sun - I feel sorry for their children who will become addicted. I came to it late, but for them it will be a life sentence.

Have you anything else to say Michael before we move on?

Well, only that I've got a lot of strawberries in this bag that need eating. I picked them this morning, as well as these cucumbers and courgettes. You'd be doing me a favour if you helped yourselves to them...

Shining a Light on... the art of conversation and good company



After a glorious summer, Aylesbury Town Dementia Action Alliance is continuing to shine a light on our community. In this edition, we'd like to welcome our newest members to the Alliance – Heritage & Sons who have launched their *Never Alone* initiative, led and co-ordinated by their Community Engagement Manager, Maria Butler.

Family run Funeral Directors Heritage & Sons have been working in collaboration with local businesses in and around the Aylesbury area, to try to help tackle loneliness within the local community.

Maria explains: "as the oldest family run Funeral Directors in the UK, we've learnt a lot about loneliness – and about the different ways people can help each other. Whether that be by setting up a walking group, inviting people to join a book club or simply arranging a place to meet for a coffee or tea. Encouraging individuals to reach out and reconnect with people again by finding new activities and friendships, is a positive start in helping to address the issues surrounding social isolation. A lot of the time people just don't know what's out there – and often don't realise how lonely they are."

In support of the business's commitment to try to tackle these issues the team at Heritage & Sons have been establishing a variety of ways for local people to meet and get involved in new activities. Working in collaboration with Tesco, local nursing homes and churches, initiatives such as our resident care home exchange, Forget-Me-Not gardening club and Never Alone community coffee mornings are already starting to have a positive impact.

Everyone who has been approached has welcomed and supported the idea and the attendees of the groups have enjoyed the variety of opportunities open to them and new friendships made".

The pictures in this article speak for themselves. Nobody should ever feel alone.



To find out more please contact the Aylesbury Town Dementia Action Alliance on 01296 425678 or info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

The Children's Funeral Fund for England



The Children's Funeral Fund for England was established on 23 July 2019, to provide funding for the fees charged for the cremation or burial of a child under 18 years of age or stillborn after 24 weeks pregnancy.

This includes the cost of a burial plot, burial fees and memorial permit fees. Funding is available regardless of income, nationality or UK residency, however the burial or cremation must take place in England (The Welsh and Scottish governments have established their own schemes).



Additional financial support towards other funeral expenses may be available from the Funeral Expenses Payment Scheme, for those on qualifying benefits.

This means that Aylesbury Town Council will now provide its burial services free of charge to those who have experienced the loss of a child. We are also planning a new baby memorial garden, to provide an attractive and peaceful area of quiet reflection, particularly for those who have lost a baby before 24 weeks and the burial was arranged by the hospital.



**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.



Aylesbury Concert Band

25 years ago in 1994, a group of likeminded people got together and the Aylesbury Town Band was formed. In 1996 the band reconstituted as *Aylesbury Community Concert Band* and eventually became *Aylesbury Concert Band* in 2009.

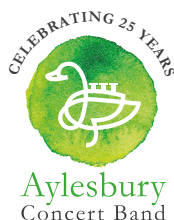
Many of you may have heard the band play at Civic events in Aylesbury as well as local fetes and concerts in the Vale of Aylesbury and Chilterns region.

You may have also been to Proms in the Park, which takes place every August Bank Holiday weekend in Vale Park where we play popular tunes from music, film, stage, classical masterpieces as well as original compositions for wind band. We have played Proms in the Park since it started in 2000 and have seen our audiences grow from 200 to over 3,000.

During its 25 year history the band has won various awards at the National Wind Band Festival including Gold.

To celebrate our 25th anniversary we will play a concert featuring the 'Best of 25 Years'. **So, make a note in your diary and mark Saturday 12 October 2019, at 2.30pm at Holy Trinity Church on Walton Street.** Best of all entry to the concert is **FREE** – donations at the door are welcome. For more information Like our Facebook Page [@AylesburyConcertBand](https://www.facebook.com/AylesburyConcertBand) or sign up to our Newsletter on our website, aylesburyband.org.

If you play the Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium or Percussion and would like to join us to make music and new friends then please contact us on info@aylesburyband.org and come to our rehearsals.



Festival of Lights

This autumn, Aylesbury will host its third **Festival of Lights** in celebration of the Hindu festival Diwali. The source of goodness, the universal symbol of light represents the spiritual and divine; understanding over ignorance; new beginnings and the vitality of life. Bringing together local people and businesses, this festival aims to raise cultural awareness and connect the many communities within our town, regardless of individual faith.

Held on **Saturday 19 October** in Bucks County Museum and Kingsbury Square from 1pm until 8pm, Aylesbury town will be buzzing with excitement and activity with dance performances, theatre groups, health and wellbeing workshops and more! Fun for all, local schools and families are encouraged to take part in the light themed parade around the square.

There will also be a variety of craft stalls, healthy food vendors, henna art and more - truly something for everybody!

A sense of community is essential to establishing peace and cohesion in a society, and we strive to improve relationships through arts and culture. Last year's festival saw over 2,000 people attend, and we are planning to make this year even bigger and better.

There will be a number of events in the lead up to the festival, to be announced later in the summer - stay tuned on our social media and get involved in what is to be a beautiful event, full of light and life!

Facebook: [@holycowcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/holycowcommunity)

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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 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.

Healthwatch Bucks

What do you think of local health and social care? What do you think of your GP practice? Your pharmacy? Your local care home?

At Healthwatch Bucks, we want to know! We listen to what you have to say about health and social care services in Bucks. Then we work with local decision makers to make sure what you say helps improve services.

We're often also out and about talking to people about specific services. At the moment, we're asking people about the Musculoskeletal service, care homes, and trying to understand what communities think about local services. We'll be talking to Veterans, males of South Asian background, and the LGBT+ community about what they think could be better in local health and social care.



We publish all our reports online at www.healthwatchbucks.co.uk/results. You can read about our latest projects on registering at a GP without a fixed address, our Delivering Better Births project, and what improvements care homes have made since our visits.

If you want to let us know what you think of a service, get involved or just find out more, visit our website www.healthwatchbucks.co.uk

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Christmas Gift Fair

With over 40 stalls offering a beautiful selection of gifts, including Christmas decorations, jewellery, food, homeware and more, the Pace Christmas Gift Fair is an ideal opportunity to get a gift for that special someone while supporting a fantastic charity.



This year's event will be held at The Gateway Office & Conference Centre in Aylesbury, HP19 8FF on **Saturday 23 November 2019** from 11am – 3pm. Entrance £3/Concessions £1.50. FREE parking.

Pace transforms the lives of children aged 0-18 with sensory motor disorders, including cerebral palsy, by helping them reach their full potential. We are a ground-breaking charity improving the lives of these exceptional young people through a positive approach, founded on the firm belief in every child's ability to learn and make progress, whatever physical or sensory challenges they face.

Our specialist, 'transdisciplinary' teams of therapists and teachers deliver intensive programmes, carefully tailored to each child's needs. We work in partnership with families giving day-to-day guidance and practical and emotional help to support their child's development.

www.thepacecentre.org

Aylesbury Town WI



If you feel like doing something different in the community or want to be involved in meeting new people, why not think about joining Aylesbury Town WI.

We have been busy getting members involved in making a banner for next year's Centenary. The members have each embroidered their name on a square which will be on the back of the banner.

In December, we have two outings. One to Blenheim Palace to see the Christmas Market and lights and the second to Cadogan Hall for a Christmas Concert.

Aylesbury Town WI meets on the third Thursday of each month at Granville Street Church, Aylesbury HP20 2JR. If you would like to contact us beforehand, the President is Jenny Burton on **01296 615709** or email aylesburytownwi@gmail.com



The Aylesbury RSPB Local Group actively supports the work of the RSPB through a series of regular monthly indoor meetings and occasional coach and car trips. We visit RSPB nature reserves and other sites of interest in the area. We welcome all with an interest in nature and conservation to come and join us and help make a difference for birds and wildlife.

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

You do not need to be an RSPB member, all are welcome to join our talks, coach and car trips. All our speakers are experienced naturalists and offer an entertaining evening with some superb photography.

All talks start at 7.30pm and upcoming events include:

Monday 23 September
"What's in our Garden" by Richard Pople

Monday 28 October
"Jewels of The Gambia" by Ashley Grove

Monday 25 November
"Undiscovered Norfolk" by Chris Ward

Monday 9 December
"A Chilean Challenge" by Barry Oxley

Monday 20 January
"Australia" & "The Ridgeway" by John Tyler

Entry to all our talks is £3.00 for Group Members or £4.50 for visitors, to include refreshments.

For more details about the group, please visit our website www.rspb.org.uk/groups/aylesbury



Barn Owl by Brian Fisher



Residents in Buckinghamshire are the eyes and ears on our streets. More often than not, it's a neighbour who notices something amiss. To strengthen and support our communities, the Street Association would like to offer residents a variety of workshops highlighting some of the issues affecting our neighbours as part of the countywide roadshow. For more information or to book a place, please contact communities@buckscc.gov.uk or call **01296 382345**.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

The Street Association is offering residents a **FREE workshop** to help identify the types of exploitation and harm that can happen behind closed doors, in your street. You'll learn how to spot the signs of exploitation including modern slavery, extremism, county lines drugs, cuckooing and abuse to help you understand what you can do to help.

The workshops run for 90 minutes and are open to all residents. If you're interested in the session, please RSVP communities@buckscc.gov.uk or call **01296 382345**. **Thursday 14 November 2019** at 2.30pm at the Large Meeting Room, Aylesbury Library, Walton Street, HP20 1UU



Local author, Lynda Osborne, has published 'Sanctuary', the long awaited sequel to her first book, 'Status: Presumed Extinct'. It picks up the story of Hugh Whitaker, a young English boy who accompanied his father, a veterinary oncologist, to Tasmania working on the 'Save the Tasmanian Devil' project, and his friend, Aboriginal Tasmanian, Connie Sampi.

Hugh and Connie had been fighting to protect a thylacine or Tasmanian tiger, thought extinct since the 1930s from the attempts to capture and sell the creature by unscrupulous park ranger, Spencer Tate. Following Tate's death, the kids thought their thylacine was safe, that's until the Tasmanian Mining Corporation are granted a licence to drill in the national park.

Hugh and Connie risk their lives trying to protect the thylacine and her cubs and ensure she has a safe environment free from exploitation and hunting in which to live.

Sanctuary is aimed at the young adult readership and is available from Amazon in paperback and Kindle versions. Lynda's next book, 'Andra the Selfish Unicorn' is aimed at a younger readership.

Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership

Christmas Events

The Christmas Light Switch On

Thursday 14 November, 5.30pm – 8pm, Market Square
Hosted by Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership and Mix 96. There is a funfair in Kingsbury until 8.30pm. The lights are switched on at 7pm, followed by a spectacular fireworks display. With live performances and guest appearances from the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre panto. Street food will also be available.



Santa's Sunday

Sunday 24 November, 10.45am – 3pm
Start your festivities with this amazing parade. A Cinderella carriage will lead the parade, followed by stilt walkers, donkeys and a Samba band along with a colourful array of music and dance groups. Performing their way through town from 10.45am, starting from the High Street, along to Market Square. After the parade, there is entertainment including a small funfair, donkey rides and street food.

Christmas Craft and Gift Fair

Sunday 1 December, 11am – 3pm
The largest **FREE** Christmas Craft and Gift Fair in Buckinghamshire. With over 80 stalls to browse, discover a wealth of unique and handcrafted Christmas gifts in the historic Market Square, whilst enjoying festive music and street food.



Shopping Event

Thursday 19 December, 9am – 6.30pm
There will be a great selection of stalls on Market Square if you are still looking to find that perfect gift or just to do some additional shopping. Enjoy music, entertainment and street food whilst you browse the stalls.

For more information go to visitaylesbury.co.uk

The Buckinghamshire Historical Association



The Buckinghamshire Historical Association is the local voice for history for everyone in Buckinghamshire interested in the study or teaching of history. Whether you are a student, historian, teacher or an avid reader of history books you are welcome to join the BHA.



Our monthly talks in Aylesbury include speakers on local, national and international history, and cover all eras from prehistory to medieval to 20th century. Our current programme can be found on our talks page.

We meet every third Wednesday of the month at Friends Meeting House, Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury, HP20 2RT.

All are welcome to attend our meetings, admission for visitors and non-members is £3. Admission for members (annual fee of £12) is free. More information on how to become a member can be found on our membership page. www.buckshistoricalassociation.org.uk

Upcoming talks 2019:

16 October, Michael Payne, Independent Researcher
The History of Pinewood Studios
(Preceded by the Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm)

20 November, Edward Biddulph, Oxford Archaeology
Roman Pottery from the Berryfields Development
(title tbc)

18 December, Dr Richard Mills, Sr Lecturer,
St Mary's University, Twickenham, The Beatles and the Counterculture
(Preceded by the Christmas Social at 7.15pm)

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

Don't forget... Carolfest
Sunday 8 December, 6pm – 7pm
St Mary's Church, Aylesbury



Opening up a World of Opportunities

Have you heard about Buckinghamshire Adult Learning? We offer over 900 part-time courses across the county including many locations in Aylesbury such as Quarrendon Adult Learning Centre, Elmhurst Adult Learning Centre, Queen's Park Arts Centre and The Grange School.

Courses range from one-day to one-year and we cover beginner through to advanced levels, offering daytime and evening flexibility. Our tutors are dedicated and passionate about their subjects. Classes allow you to develop your skills, knowledge and confidence, in an environment where both tutors and learners offer support and encouragement.

We offer courses in:

- Creative subjects such as Art, Digital Photography, Genealogy, Cookery, Creative Writing, Flower Arranging, Pilates, Sewing and Woodwork.
- Foreign Languages including French, Italian, Spanish, Lip-reading and Sign Language.
- English, Maths and English for Speakers of Other Languages.
- Courses for Adults with Learning Disabilities and/or Difficulties.
- Family Learning for schools and children's centres.
- Community Outreach to improve confidence of those returning back to learning, further training or employment.

To find out more or book a course, please visit www.adultlearningbcc.ac.uk or call 01296 382403.

To find out how you can get help with the cost of your course, together with information on applying for a course loan, visit our website or call us to discuss in person. English and Maths courses are fully funded for adults who do not already have A*- C or 9-4 grade at GCSE.





Trailblazers Mentoring

Trailblazers Mentoring was established in 1998 to offer through-the-gate support to young men leaving custody. By addressing their thinking, attitude and behaviour, the cycle of re-offending can be broken.

Celebrating their 21st anniversary this year Trailblazers has worked with 2,500 young men nationally. Trailblazers recruit, train and match volunteer mentors with young men under 25. Before being matched, each young man is interviewed and risk assessed.

Volunteer mentors are fully supported by their Project Manager and are thoroughly trained to ensure structure in the mentoring relationship. The mentor meets the young man approximately six-months before his release date, and during weekly visits builds a relationship of trust, which will ultimately lead to increased self-awareness, self-esteem and confidence in the young men.



Upon release, the mentor strives to keep in regular weekly contact with the young person, to lend a listening ear and a helping hand; to assist with finding accommodation, study/training opportunities, jobs and to be a source of support, guidance, advice and encouragement for up to 12 months.

Trailblazers are currently recruiting volunteer mentors for our project HMYOI Aylesbury. **Are you looking for a new challenge? Do you have excellent communication and organisational skills? Could you be a catalyst for change? Are you over 25 years old? Do you have 2-3 hours per week to spare?**

If you answered yes to all these questions we would love to hear from you info@trailblazersmentoring.org.uk
www.trailblazersmentoring.org.uk

Town Council Meetings

All residents are invited to attend the monthly Town Council meetings, which take place every second Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Council Chamber, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury. Time is allocated at the beginning of the meeting for residents to raise any questions and comments they have.



Two new ways to support Lymphoma Action this autumn!

Hot on the heels of our first-ever Duck Race in Aylesbury's canal basin, Lymphoma Action brings you another brand new event for the autumn: the Muddy Mutts Dog Walk.



Taking place on **Sunday 20 October** in Wendover Woods, the charity is welcoming dogs and their two-legged companions to this fun, friendly event that's raising funds for families affected by lymphoma – the UK's fifth most common cancer.

Dogs and their owners can enjoy a walk through the beautiful scenery and all dogs will receive a special

Lymphoma Action bandana to wear and a rosette to say well done at the end of the walk. Sign up at www.lymphoma-action.org.uk/DogWalk

Another way to support the charity is to buy a Forever Flower for just £15. These delicately hand-crafted mementoes created by award-winning sculptor Paul Cox and his team make the perfect gift or special ornament for your own house or garden.

A single stem could pay for one person to attend a Lymphoma Action Support Group for a whole year; a bunch of five flowers could help pay for a nurse to attend a lymphoma-specific study day.



Visit www.lymphoma-action.org.uk/ForeverFlowers to find out more and to purchase your pretty purple periwinkle – this flower is important because it's an ingredient in some treatments for lymphoma!

Buying a flower will ensure more families affected by lymphoma receive the best possible up-to-date information, support, treatment and care.

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.

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 supports 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 which these organisations provide.

For more information about grants visit our website or contact the Grants Officer Jane on j.eden@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



The next Grants Committee meeting will take place on

Wednesday 16 October (application deadline **Wednesday 2 October**)

General Grants and Sport Grants will be considered at this meeting.



Jonathan Page play Centre



Hello from the Jonathan Page Play Centre

Can you name all of the characters on our new mural which brightens up our garden shed?

Back in May, during Half Term Playscheme, we had Cartoon week. One of the big projects throughout the week, was to paint the big cartoon collage, which one of our Playworkers had created and drawn out. The children had such a great time bringing all of the characters to life by adding colour. Other activities included creating our own comic book and lots more.

Our next Playscheme that is coming up is 'Autumn Watch' during October Half Term, when we will be looking for bugs, spiders and learn about wildlife getting ready for winter. For more information see page 2 of this magazine.





Town Mayor's Update

The most surprising thing I noticed after becoming Mayor was that – even after 21 years as a local resident and 18 years as a Town Councillor – there is so much going on that I didn't know about! What I mean is, people doing great work for good causes without seeking recognition or publicity, they just do it because it's right, and because our town is full of people that are kind and caring.

So in my first few months I'm delighted to have been invited to visit numerous local charitable, voluntary and sporting groups, learning how much they do for our communities. Hopefully the publicity they get from a Mayoral visit will raise their profile and lead to more support coming in.

Do let me know if you are part of a group having a special event you'd like me to visit, or just to drop in and say "hello and thanks" to your staff and volunteers.

The one that's dearest to me is **Youth Concern**, my official charity for this year. Young people being homeless or having mental health issues are more common problems than most of us would think, and more common than they should be in a generally prosperous country in the 21st century. All our young people should be looking forward with optimism to their future, and planning how they can shape it with their educational and career choices alongside a supportive family and friends.

For too many though, just getting safely through the next day or so is a major challenge and all they can think about. Support from Youth Concern can make the kind of difference that totally turns a life around. So please, help me play a small part in their work by contributing your spare change to Youth Concern at any of our events which I hope you'll attend and enjoy. You can learn more about their great work, and other ways to help them at www.youthconcern.org.uk

On a lighter note, the Mayoralty has given me some unexpected opportunities including singing karaoke to a lady celebrating her 105th birthday, and 'Jazzercise' dancing in the aisles of one of our local supermarkets. There really is never a dull moment!

I've also been delighted to continue supporting the town's long-standing bonds with RAF Halton, attending a graduation ceremony for young recruits passing out from their training, and presenting the Mayor's award which is given to the most outstanding from each intake (a difficult choice I'm sure, with the incredibly high standards reached by all).

Later in the year my Mayoral diary becomes even busier, and this magazine is full of information about future events, including our annual Remembrance Service and a packed programme of activities in the lead-up to Christmas. I really hope to meet as many of you as I can – so if you see me out and about 'on duty', do come over and say hello!

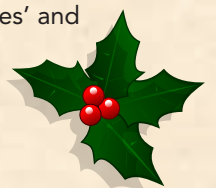
In the meantime, here are some 'save the dates' and I hope you are able to join me.

Town Mayor's Remembrance Service
Thursday 7 November, at St Mary's Church,
Aylesbury commencing at 7pm.

Please could we ask that you are seated for 6.45pm

Town Mayor's Carol Service
Sunday 1 December, at St Mary's Church,
Aylesbury commencing at 5.30pm.

Please could we ask that you are seated for 5.20pm



Cllr Mike Smith
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

Art & Leisure

What's on at Bucks County Museum this Autumn

Reincarnated Rubbish – Endangered and Extinct Recycled Art Exhibition

14 September – 2 November

An exhibition of amazing animal sculptures created from recycled cans by recycling artist Val Hunt.



Katie Surridge – Muir Trust Artist in Residence

23 September – 18 October

This year's Muir Trust Artist in Residence is Katie Surridge, a mixed media artist specialising in metal casting. During her residency, Katie will be exploring the archaeology collections and creating her own assemblages inspired by her finds. Open studio sessions throughout the residency – please check website for dates. The work that Katie produces will then be on display in her residency exhibition from November until January.



Mushroom Magic: A UK Fungus Day Event

Saturday 5 October, 11am – 4pm

The Bucks Fungus Group present local fungi displays and family activities.

Off the Wall Art Fair

16 November – 7 December

Popular selling show of high quality and affordable art to buy and take away.

Festival of Lights Celebrations

Saturday 19 October

A family event on the theme of light with drumming, dancing, crafts and lots more.



Drop into our shop and see the beautiful jewellery and ceramics made by members of the Bucks Craft Guild as well as local books, gifts and greeting cards.

After your visit take a break in the Museum Café and garden. Bucks County Museum and Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP. Call **01296 331441** or visit **www.buckscountymuseum.org**

Rotary Rocks presents... Man the Lifeboats

London based folk rock band 'Man the Lifeboats' play raucous, ramshackle folk music - tales of lost evenings, whisky-soaked nights and the end of the world...

Saturday 19 October 2019 at the Limelight Theatre, Queens Park Arts Centre, Aylesbury, HP21 7RT. Tickets are £11.00 and are now on sale from the Queens Park Arts Centre or online at **www.qpc.com**

The gig is a fundraiser for the School Therapy Dog Project at Stocklake Park Special School. Patience, the highly trained school dog, assists students with their learning and well-being through activity and therapy. The project is charity funded and help is needed to continue this innovative and successful project. All proceeds from the gig will go to the project.

Rotary Rocks is a local fundraising programme promoted by The Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds. Our last show, which featured the Dung Beatles, was a sell out. More gigs to follow next year.

www.manthelifeboats.com **www.stocklakepark.com/stocklake-park/school-information/patience-the-school-dog**
www.facebook.com/AylesburyHundredsRotary



The Snow Queen

Grab your woolly hat and prepare to let it snow – Queens Park Arts Centre's traditional family pantomime is off to a winter wonderland this year...

Once upon a time there was a mirror which reflected all the evils of the world and turned people's hearts to ice. The glass was smashed long, long ago – but now the fiendish Snow Queen has a plan to put the pieces back together... It's up to brave young friends Kai and Gerda to stop the wicked queen bringing about the eternal winter. Along the way they'll meet sinister snowflakes, a motley crew of giant bugs, and even Old Father Time himself. A thrilling adventure lies ahead – but just how does the story end...?

Produced by Unbound Theatre, this light-hearted, music hall-inspired pantomime spectacular is packed full of side-splitting slapstick, delightful dances from the Susan Diane School of Dance, silly songs, and truly magical handmade sets, costumes and props from the artists and makers of Queens Park Arts Centre.

Matinees (1.00pm): Sat 7 Dec, Sat 14, Sun 15, Sat 21, Sun 22, Tue 24, Thu 26, Sat 28, Sun 29

Early Evenings (5.30pm): Sat 7, Sat 14, Sat 21, Sun 22, Sat 28

Evenings (7.30pm): Fri 6, Fri 13, Fri 20, Fri 27

Tickets: £13.00 adults / £10.00 concessions / £8.00 U16s / £36.00 families (2 adults, 2 U16s)

Head over to www.qpc.org / 01296 424332 for full details on the production.



Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies

This autumn the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies is investigating death and the legacies that we leave behind us. As the county's hub for local history, we have more than a few stories to tell on these subjects.

If this maybe isn't quite your cup of tea, then try the fourth edition of our History Fair in November, which features exhibitions for heritage organisations from the length of Buckinghamshire, and beyond, as well as a programme of talks by historians on current research, including the history of Waddesdon during World War Two, and Aylesbury Ducks. Join us for one of our free events:

Thur 26 September, 11.00 – noon, FREE
Talking Archives Workshop: Hands-on with Death
 Get hands-on with a range of historic documents from our collection relating to death, and learn how they might be useful to your own research, led by archivist Katherine Gwyn.

Sat 16 November, 9.30 – 3.30, FREE
Buckinghamshire History Fair
 Our annual bonanza of local history talks and exhibitions... keep your eyes on our social media to see who will be getting involved this year.

Thur 31 October, 11.00 – noon, FREE
Talking Archives: Gruesome Murders
 Judi McGinley and Paul Evans tell the stories of some of the county's more notorious deaths.

Thur 28 November, 11.00 – noon, FREE
Talking Archives: Sir Thomas Francis Fremantle, a Life of Service to Buckinghamshire 1862-1956
 Ann Marshall reflects on the third Lord Cottesloe's legacy, as told by the papers in the Fremantle Collection.

All events are at the Centre, in the basement of County Hall, Aylesbury.

Booking is essential for all Talking Archives events, via archives@buckscc.gov.uk

Date for your Diary

The Queens Park Arts Centre Art & Craft Fair
 Saturday 9th November, from 10am to 4pm.

See www.qpc.org for all of the latest updates





Aylesbury Town Council Ward Map

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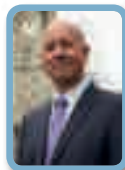


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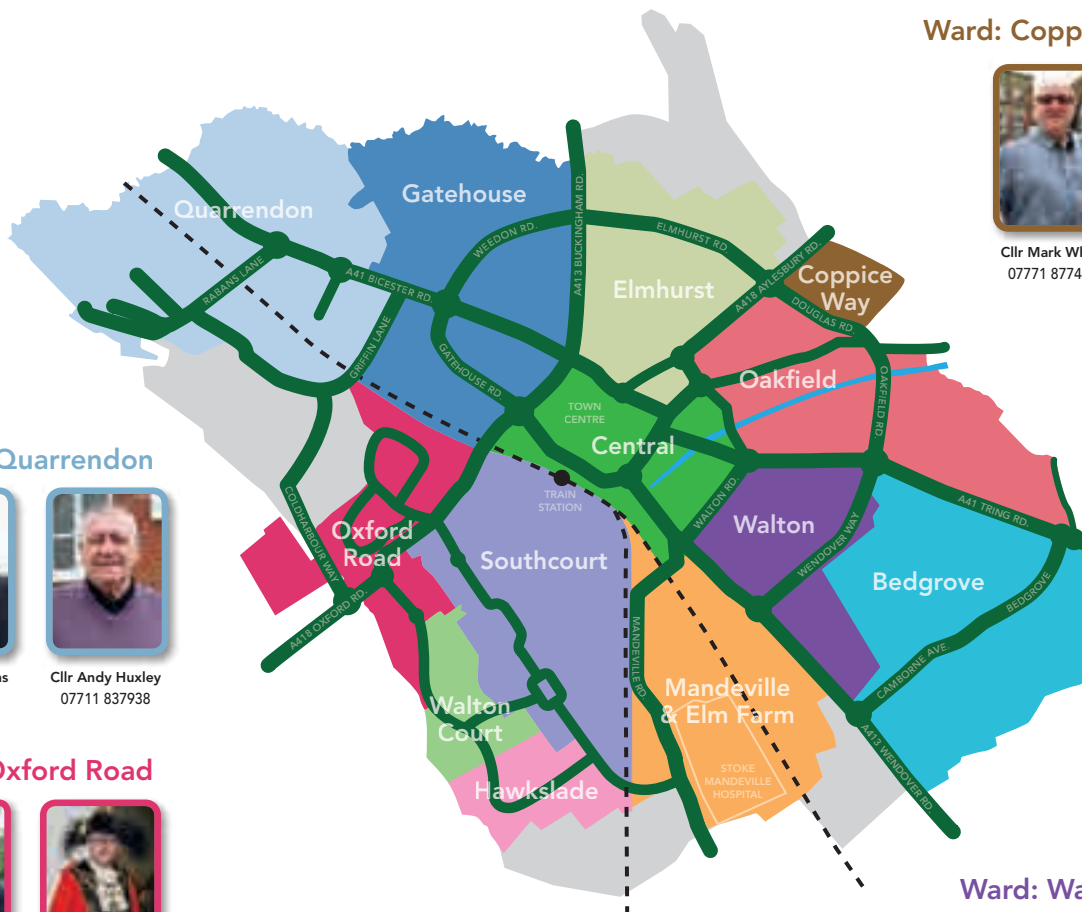
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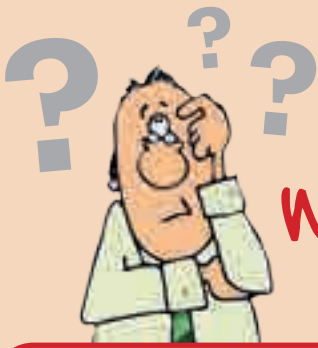


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Who do I talk to about? ...

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
- 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

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

Schools

Oak Green School

Ibraheem Khan (8) from Oak Green School created 11 pieces of art work to sell so that he could raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital, as part of his Ramadan learning.

Ramadan is a time for spiritual reflection, prayer and doing good deeds. People make a special effort to connect with their communities and reach out to people who need help.

Ibraheem's pictures have been on display in the school reception area for everyone to see. Even though all the paintings sold very quickly, there were lots of cash donations as well. Clive Mear, a representative from Great Ormond Street Hospital, came to a school assembly on 3rd July to talk to the children and staff about the hospital and their work. Ibraheem presented Mr Mear with a cheque for £285, watched by family and friends.



Every day brings new challenges at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Every day, 619 children and young people from across the UK arrive for life-changing treatments. This money raised by Ibraheem is an important and welcome contribution to their fundraising. **Well done Ibraheem – we are very proud of you!**

Aylesbury High School

In September 1959, Aylesbury High School opened its doors for 450 girls and on Saturday 6 July the school (now three times the size) hosted AHSFest for students, staff and parents – past, present and future – to mark the anniversary in style.

Aylesbury MP David Lidington opened the Festival and later tweeted: *“Six decades of high ambitions, expectations and achievements for their students. Some of the sharpest (though never unfair) questions I’ve faced over the years have been from AHS Sixth Form.”*

Student bands and soloists played on the outside stage and there was a Community Choir, a Fashion Show in aid of the Florence Nightingale Hospice, a variety of student-led stalls and a Cake Off Challenge which produced mouth-watering fruit gateaux. Visitors saw fantastic art and technology work, and the hundreds of former students and staff enjoyed cream teas. Students from as far back as 1959 attended, alongside those who will start at the school in September, and all were able to visit the school's archive display. This ranged from an original (and not very popular at the time) red beret to programmes of plays performed in the past, whole school photos and old newsletters.

Headteacher Alan Rosen said: *“It was a brilliant day and great to meet up with so many former members of the school to learn what they have been up to since leaving AHS. Our students and staff, as always, rose to the occasion and produced a wonderful festival that we will remember for a long time.”*

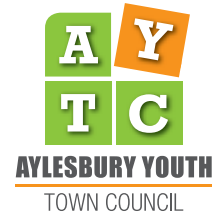
Pebble Brook School



Every Wednesday lunchtime from February to July a group of students, under the leadership of a Teaching Assistant at Pebble Brook School, have provided a lunch for a group of senior citizens at Aylesbury's Healthy Living Centre.

The lunch has been anything from shepherds pie and cheesecake to a buffet of sandwiches, crisps and fruit. It has been a challenging and motivating exercise for young people with learning disabilities but they rose to it with great enthusiasm and great results. Every Tuesday the group has planned, shopped and prepared the lunch in school and delivered it in the Centre on Wednesdays. **Well done Rachel, Harry, Numair and Rhiannon.**

It has been great for the students' social and communication skills and Harry has even learnt several cockney phrases from attendee Keith, such as apples and pears, ruby murray and trouble and strife! It has benefitted both young and old in many ways and we hope in the future to provide some such activities within Pebble Brook School itself as our project with The Healthy Living Centre has ended.



Teamwork makes the Dream Work

As you're already aware, we're raising funds and awareness for The Pace Centre this calendar year. So, in this edition, we really wanted to say thank you to Adrian Shepherd from Men in Sheds for mentoring and helping us build our entry for the Soapbox Derby back in June.

The whole project has been amazing. We've had heaps of fun, but more significantly learnt about what 'community' really means. It's about coming together, helping others, stepping up to challenges, asking for help and above all saying thank you.

As young people we are so proud to be part of the Aylesbury community, and we look forward to doing more things that support residents in our town.

If you would like to help volunteer at any of the Town Council events or be part of our Youth Town Council, email info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Army Cadets in the Bavarian Alps

Two army cadets from Aylesbury joined cadets from across the county on an amazing mountain walking week in the Bavarian Alps. The first day started very slowly with the cadets exploring the local town in heavy rain, this didn't put them off from tucking into huge ice creams before preparing their kit for the walks ahead.

The cadets began their walking week by trekking through the Partnachklamm, on to Eckbauer (1236m), back to Garmisch through Wamburg as a gentle introduction to the hill walking skills they would be needing for the rest of the week. The persistent rain presented more challenges. On day two the Cadets then consolidated these skills with a walk up Kreuzeck, again the rain was constant with little opportunity to shelter, but spirits remained high and the cadets were keen to push to the top.

By Wednesday, it was time for a break from the weather and the cadets enjoyed a cultural day at Linderhof Palace. Fully refreshed the team then spent an arduous wet day trekking heading up past Neuschwanstein Castle, towards the Tegelberg summit (1708m). Sadly yet again the weather was against them and on meeting the snow line the group had to descend. Although disappointed the cadets didn't let this deter them and remained in high spirits. The final day was a trip to the High Ropes course where fears were conquered and fun was had!

Throughout the week, the challenges were continuous, both individually and collectively. The mountains were more of a challenge than some had imagined, but through grit and determination they were summited and the feeling of achievement attained.



**ENTIRELY
FREE
EVENT**

CAROLFEST

Sunday 8th December

6pm till 7pm

St Mary's Church

Singing Traditional Christmas
Carols in a relaxed and
friendly atmosphere

Led by The Next Stage Choir, alongside
Caduceus Brass Quintet and the
Children from Bedgrove Jnr School

Enjoy mince pies and hot drinks courtesy of
Tesco Tring Road and the Matrix Scouts

Donations to the Mayor's Charity – Youth Concern



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