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Jonathan Page play Centre

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEMES

Christmas Playscheme

20 December 2019 – 6 January 2020

(excl. Bank Holidays and 27, 30 and 31 Dec)

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

Hours and Prices (per child, per day)

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

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**

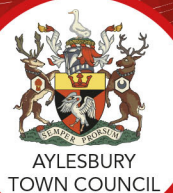
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Welcome Note

Welcome to the latest edition of your Aylesbury Town Matters. There's lots to read about as we move from what has been an excellent summer in the town towards an exciting autumn and Christmas period.

Despite some indifferent weather in the run up the town's flagship event, 'Parklife' was another stellar success with Callow Saints headlining this year's event on the Saturday and "Childhood Memories" being the theme for Sunday's Proms in the Park. Reviews and pictures from both events are in this issue and thank you to all the performers, staff and of course you, the public for making it such a success again.

November will see a number of Remembrance Events around town and as a Councillor it is always a privilege to represent the town and people of the town on such occasions. I am always humbled and impressed by the continuing support from residents and local organisations as we remember the fallen.

Heading towards Christmas this issue has the dates for your diary including Family Festive Fun, the ever popular Carolfest and both dates and locations for the Santa Float. Going into 2020 there's early encouragement to take part in the "Great

British Spring Clean" between 20 March and 13 April – the Town Council can provide bags, equipment and collection so please do get in touch with the Communities team. The Town Council who run the Jonathan Page Play Centre (JPPC) are running their Christmas Playscheme, details within.

At the annual Mayor Making, the Mayor will give awards to local members of the community for their contribution to our town and I would encourage nominations of residents and volunteers who deserve to have recognition of their efforts.

The Town Council continues to work closely with Buckinghamshire County Council, Aylesbury Vale District Council and the new Unitary Shadow Authority to look at which services the town can run in the future especially in the run up to determining the 2020/21 budget.

Thank you to all those that have contacted the Officers over the recent months with compliments about the town's flower displays and events as well as in regard to the Community Sports Facility. Feedback is always welcome.

Cllr Richard Lloyd
Leader of Aylesbury Town Council

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ATC Events

Wow, wow, wow, the feedback we received after the Parklife Weekend tells us that you loved it, as we did too.

The sun shone brightly, meaning over 17,000 of you came to **Live in the Park** and **Proms in the Park**, with everyone making the very most of the live music and family activities on offer in the glorious sunshine. The weekend summed up everything we love about our community – with everyone, from all walks of life, coming together to laugh, sing, play and have fun together in a safe and family friendly atmosphere.

Thank you to all of the local companies involved in the Community Involvement Area, the bars, the catering stalls, BuDS, Marie at Hand Talking, FBL Broadcasting, the performers, our volunteers and of course to all of you for joining in the fun. We are already working on improvements for next year, and we'll definitely have more food stalls.

Tudor Fayre was once again a historical and fun affair. So many people enjoyed Unbound Theatre's performance of the **Terrible Tudors** – and we agree the guys were great.



What a fantastic day. We have lived in Aylesbury for three years and this is the best day we have had since living in Aylesbury. Will definitely be coming next year and bringing more people with us.



What an amazing event, it brings so many people from all areas and social scales of Aylesbury and the surrounding areas... it gets better every year and we will continue to support this event.



Genuinely so wonderful having such amazing things like this happening in our town!



Join us for a
BLOCKBUSTER
FESTIVE FAMILY FUN
SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER
11AM - 4PM

VENUE:
Friars Square Shopping Centre

With games, crafts, activities
entertainment based on your
Frozen and Star Wars

ENTIRELY FREE EVENT

www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk
Tel: 01296 425678



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

www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk
Tel: 01296 425678

In the coming weeks you can join us for a **Blockbuster Festive Family Fun**, where you can meet your favourite characters from **Frozen** and **Star Wars**, and **Carolfest** which offers relaxed and family friendly community carol singing. Both take place on **Sunday 8 December**, all of the information is on our Facebook page **@aylesburytc**



Absolutely amazing evening. The orchestra were brilliant and the atmosphere was so lovely. The fireworks topped it off and were amazing. My girls loved it too. Well done for such a brilliant weekend.



This is probably my favourite event of the year. Well done to everyone involved.



It's a fantastic event, it's even better that it's free. It's so lovely to see Aylesbury residents and others coming together and all having a great time and no trouble. Great friends and family time! Thank you for laying on this event.

Please do let us know your thoughts on any of our events – it is with your feedback that we continue to grow and make them even better for you – our community. Help us to make 2020 the best yet!!

Soapbox Derby registration will open on 1 March 2020

If you'd like to register your interest and receive an application form on opening day, please email r.mayhew@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Places fill up fast, so if you've thought about taking part, now is the time to register your interest and find out more.



I took my elderly mother thinking it would be a nice way to get her out of her armchair and get her to walk around for half an hour or so. We ended up staying 2 and a half hours. We really loved how interactive it all was and getting stamps on your card was an excellent idea. Even at our mature years we found we went to each of the areas to get our stamps where we may not have done otherwise.

Environment



As many of our readers are aware we organise an annual garden competition for residents, businesses and organisations. The results of the school competition were covered in the September magazine and we are sure you agree how well all the children did. In this issue we present the winners of the residents, businesses and organisations category. Town Mayor, Cllr Mike Smith, together with Mark Vosper from our competition sponsors, Michael Anthony Estate Agents, awarded the prizes during a presentation evening at the wonderful Lindengate gardens in September.

The categories were Best Front Garden, Best Back Garden, Best Edible Garden, Best Wildlife/Nature Garden, Best Container Garden and Best Communal Garden.

The gardens were judged by volunteer judges Sandra Ferguson, Rosemary Brown, Anne Brooker, Janet Leech and Sue Wright, who are all keen gardeners and horticulturists. All of them have been judging gardens for many years and are always happy to help participants with tips and advice. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the judges for giving up their time and spending days looking around all of the magnificent gardens.

	Bronze	Silver	Silver Gilt	Gold
Best Front Garden		Mr N Murray	Mr M Ridgway Mr P Trayling	Mr P Welch Mr D & Mrs L Ridgway
Best Back Garden			Mrs M Baroi Mr S Mitchell Mr M Ridgway Miss E Telfer & Mrs H Weston Mr P Mayhew	Mr P Welch Mrs Pinzani Mr R & Mrs H Murray Mrs J Keasley Mr D & Mrs L Ridgway
Best Edible Garden			Mrs C Forward Miss E Telfer & Mrs H Weston Mr G Aylett	Mr R & Mrs H Murray Mr D Ridgway
Best Container Garden		Mr N Murray	Mr R Powell Mrs M Baroi	Mr P Welch Mr D & Mrs L Ridgway Mr P & Mrs M Walker
Best Wildlife/Nature Garden	Miss E Telfer & Mrs H Weston		Mr M Ridgway Mr J Pascoe	Mr R & Mrs H Murray
Best Communal Garden			The King's Head	Florence Nightingale Charity Hospice Horatio's Garden Sycamore Court
Judges' Commendation for Most Improved Garden	Miss E Telfer & Mrs H Weston			
Judges' Commendation Most Innovative Edible Garden	Mr D Ridgway			
Judges' Commendation Creative Provision for Wildlife	Mr J Pascoe			
Mayor's Cup Best Overall Communal Garden	Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity			
Best Newcomer	Mrs Pinzani			
Best Overall Garden	Mr P & Mrs M Walker			



This year the judging and awarding criteria were changed to be similar to the Royal Horticultural Society ones. According to the overall marks achieved participants were either awarded a certificate, bronze, silver, silver gilt or gold medal. For the full results in each category please see the table opposite.

During their days of looking and marking all gardens the judges also saw some amazing communal gardens, all of them with a different purpose. Two were to provide respite to patients, others were to provide the residents with an area where they can sit and relax or work in the garden whilst fostering community and others brightened up relaxing gastronomy areas. The Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity achieved the highest marks in the communal garden category and were awarded the Mayor's Cup.

The Overall Best Garden winner of the crystal trophy were Mr P & Mrs M Walker. Their garden is a great example of what can be done within a small space. Through the use of containers with a mixture of evergreens, bamboo, ferns, perennials and annuals they created an oasis. Interspersed with a variety of artefacts, mirrors, sculptures and water features it ensures that you see a different aspect of the garden no matter where you look. The runner-up and commendation prizes were also awarded to the recipients during the awards evening.

The judges reiterated that all gardens they had seen throughout the summer were simply stunning and that the love and tender care which goes into them shone through in every aspect.



Aylesbury Wombles

Aylesbury Wombles is the idea of 15 year old Abigail Walker who had been studying the environment at school and wondered how she could help, so her and her dad Richard decided to get some bin bags and go on a litter pick. It continued from there with Abigail asking if they could do this every week and get others involved and then it snowballed. The idea is a bit like parkrun. Meeting up every week and walking together collecting litter and making Aylesbury a cleaner, nicer place to live.

Abigail and Richard want to bring this great community together, and what better way to do this than everyone working together to give their area a spring clean. The Aylesbury Wombles are currently running a five a day campaign where they are asking residents to pick up five pieces of litter a day. Since they started going out on a weekly basis they have collected over 151 bags of litter!

Join their Facebook page [@AylesburyWombles](#) for more information and future meeting points. Richard says: *"I'm so proud of Abigail, for such a young girl she has shown an amazing community spirit and an admirable passion for our environment."*

The Great British Spring Clean 2020



In 2019 over 563,163 people volunteered their time to take part in the Great British Spring Clean nationwide! Cleaning up streets, parks and beaches, #LitterHeroes across the country have been making big improvements to the environment on their doorstep. 957,377 bags of litter were collected. **Save the date for the 2020 spring clean, which takes place from 20 March – 13 April 2020!** If you are interested in volunteering and arranging a litter pick in Aylesbury with your neighbours, friends and families then let us know and we can provide you with plenty of bin bags, litter pickers and high viz jackets. All you have to do is contact the Town Council offices on **01296 425678** and ask to speak with the Communities Officer. Together we can care for our local environment. **#GBSPRINGCLEAN**



We hope you all enjoyed the summer as much as we did?! We had a brilliant and very busy time. Every week was packed full of fun and exciting activities.

We made various crafts, played lots of fun games and even had a visit from the Police, who let us all sit in their car and try out the siren. Zumba was also on the agenda on some days, when Vicki came and taught us lots of different moves to which we all danced along.

Our favourite week was cooking week, when we made pizza, decorated cupcakes, and even baked scones and bread rolls. The whole centre smelled like a bakery!

We all enjoyed running around in the great outdoor area, riding on the go-karts, playing football and lots of other games as well as chilling in the garden and just having chats.

Then some of us started school for the very first time, which was very exciting and we all had to learn new routines and lots of new names. The After School Club is great fun and we are making lots of new friends, not just from our school but also the other schools, who come to the centre.

But one thing we are all looking forward to again is the school holidays and the Christmas Playscheme from 20 December 2019 to 6 January 2020 (excluding Bank Holidays, 27, 30 & 31 Dec.)

It is all things Christmas and New Year. The children will be making cards and Christmas decorations with plenty of sparkles and smiles. We will be making New Year's resolutions together with the children and celebrate the New Year with a disco.



At all of our Playschemes, weather permitting, the children can also play outdoors, utilizing the go-kart track and climbing frames or stay indoors where they can choose from a great variety of toys and games.

The Playscheme is open to all children from the age of 4 up to their 13th birthday.

To book a session at any of the Playschemes and for more information please call us on **01296 336413** or visit our website www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/jppc



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

A Wonderful Year in Pictures What can we truly say, other than 'Thank You.'



It's truly been a great year for our community as we've shone a light on businesses and groups who continue to support and encourage our Dementia-Friendly town. We can't even begin to tell you how much we've enjoyed delivering Dementia Friends sessions as well as visiting and enjoying so many events and activities in and around the Parish. Here are just a few magical moments including photos from our Music, Moves & Memories event held at the Waterside Theatre. We hope you'll join us at more events and activities in 2020!



*Wishing you
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from everyone at the Aylesbury Town Dementia Action Alliance*

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



**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.



Christmas Services

St Mary's Church, St Mary's Square, Aylesbury HP20 2JJ

**Sunday 15th December ~
Traditional Nine Lessons & Carols Service, 6pm**

Christmas Eve ~ Crib Service, 4pm
Children are encouraged to participate
We have many costumes or bring your own

Christmas Eve ~ Candle Light Vigil
6pm to 11pm

Christmas Eve ~ Midnight Mass
11.30pm

Christmas Day ~ Said & Sung Eucharist
8am & 10am



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

Looking to volunteer?



Call for volunteer drivers for Aylesbury Community Transport scheme

Over 25,000 journeys are made by Community Transport car and bus schemes across the county each year, with the majority taking service users to medical appointments. Since the closure of Red Cross and Royal Voluntary Service transport schemes, demand for help from those unable to take a bus has risen significantly.

Could you help? We are looking for volunteer drivers in Aylesbury, where there are currently no car or bus schemes, to be part of a new group providing an essential service in your local community.

As one Community Transport bus volunteer stated: *"The best thing about our scheme is that we can offer a service around our villages that means people can get out. Our bus group helps not only to tackle loneliness but also helps people be independent for longer."*

Volunteer drivers can claim 45p per mile for all journeys undertaken on behalf of the scheme, plus any parking costs. All you need is a car, driving licence, references and agree to a DBS (police) check.

For more information or to volunteer contact Community Impact Bucks' Transport team by email transport@communityimpactbucks.org.uk or phone on 0300 111 1250.



Macular Society

Aylesbury Macular Support Group

This is an Aylesbury-based support group which is run by local people, with the support of and in partnership with the Macular Society the leading sight loss charity, which helps to increase the confidence and independence of people affected by macular disease.

The group offers information, encouragement and friendship to people who are affected by macular disease. The meetings are open to anyone affected by central vision loss and family, friends and carers are very welcome to attend.

The Aylesbury Macular Society Support Group meets from 1 – 3pm at Room 2, Aylesbury Methodist Church, Buckingham Street on the last Wednesday of each month.

Macular disease is the biggest cause of blindness in the UK. Nearly 1.5 million people are currently affected and many more are at risk. The disease can have a devastating effect on people's lives, leaving them unable to drive, read or see faces.

Many people affected describe losing their sight as being similar to bereavement. There is still no cure and most types of the disease are not treatable. Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is the most common form of macular disease, affecting more than 600,000 people, usually over the age of 50.

For more information about the Aylesbury Macular Society Support Group please contact Mary on **01296 708 890**, or email help@macularsociety.org

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.

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.



Increase your school's funding with Vale Lottery

This summer, Vale Lottery celebrated raising over a quarter of a million pounds for local good causes and now, as Vale Lottery approaches its fourth anniversary, the £300,000 milestone is well within reach!

Vale Lottery is an online council lottery helping to support good causes in Aylesbury Vale. The initiative was born and developed by Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) partnering with Gatherwell. It helps to provide invaluable funds to a range of local good causes, including sports clubs, schools, animal charities, theatre groups, and disability charities – some raising thousands of pounds a year! The Vale Lottery model delivers a fantastic way to raise money in the community, for the community.

And some of Vale Lottery's most successful good causes are the fantastic selection of Aylesbury Vale schools. Over 50 local schools and PTAs, including nurseries, primary schools and secondary schools, are already benefiting from the invaluable funds raised through Vale Lottery. Proving to be an effective way for parents, guardians and even grandparents to support their child's school, Vale Lottery funding can help to provide everything from toys and sporting equipment, to books and computers.

And it's not only the schools that win!

To date, Vale Lottery has given away more than 26,000 free tickets and over £68,000 worth of cash prizes to its players – and there's a fantastic £25,000 jackpot still to be won!

So, what are you waiting for? Tickets for Vale Lottery cost just £1 a week, with 60p from every ticket going directly to local good causes, and the balance going to running costs and prizes. Players can choose a cause and buy tickets at valelottery.co.uk, where organisations can also find out more and register.



Aylesbury Gardening Society raise funds in memory of Graham Webster



On 21 September, Lymphoma Action were delighted to be presented with a cheque for £730 from the Aylesbury Gardening Society at their Annual Show. The funds had been raised from a potato growing competition organised by the society in memory of their late treasurer, Graham Webster. Graham was a well-known Aylesbury resident, former Town Councillor and Mayor of Aylesbury and a long term supporter of Lymphoma Action, the only charity in the UK dedicated to supporting those affected by the condition.



Over 270 participants took part in the Graham Webster Potato Challenge, where they were asked to make a small donation, and in return received a 17 litre potato growing bag and a potato of choice. The challenge was then on between March and September as to who could grow the heaviest crop! David Ridgway won the first prize of a £10 voucher to spend at the society's Trading Store at the Old Stoke Road allotment site in Aylesbury. He kindly re-donated his winnings, and combined with collections taken on the day, brought the total funds raised to £756. Thomas Baldwin from the 1st Grendon and Edgcott Cubs entered his crop into the Bucks County Show as well and won first prize!

"We wish to say a massive thank you to the Aylesbury Gardening Society, and to all who took part in the Graham Webster Potato Challenge in raising this fantastic amount for our charity" said Amanda Harris, who attended the event on behalf of Lymphoma Action. "Graham was a long term member of Lymphoma Action's Aylesbury support group, and named us as one of his charities of choice during his Mayoral year between 2010 and 2011. We are forever grateful for his support, and remember him as a wonderful man who made a real difference to the community."

Lymphoma Action are here to make sure that everyone affected by lymphoma receives the best possible information, support, treatment and care. Our website and publications help you understand lymphoma, our Freephone Helpline **0808 808 5555** is available for anyone affected by lymphoma to get emotional support and our support groups around the country meet regularly to give people the opportunity to meet others affected and to share their experiences. Find out more about Lymphoma Action at www.lymphoma-action.org.uk



Santa Float

The Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds Santa float will be visiting local areas on the following dates. Collections are in aid of local charities.

DECEMBER

Friday 6	Prebendal Farm	Monday 16	Bedgrove 1
Monday 9	Fairford Leys 1	Tuesday 17	Berryfields
Tuesday 10	Fairford Leys 2	Wednesday 18	Bedgrove 2
Wednesday 11	Watermead	Thursday 19	Elm Farm South
Thursday 12	Kingsbrook	Friday 20	Bedgrove 3
Friday 13	Broughton Avenue	Monday 23	Tesco Broadfields Site



Community News & Events



Changes to Shopping Hours in Aylesbury Town Centre

FREE parking in AVDC town centre car parks from Thursday 28 November from 3.30pm and Sundays from 1 December in Walton Street.

DATE	FRIARS SQUARE	HALE LEYS	AYLESBURY MARKET
Thursday 14 November	9am – 8pm	9am – 8pm	No Market
Sunday 24 November	9am – 5.30pm	8.30am – 5.30pm	No Market
Friday 29 November	9am – 8pm	9am – 7pm	9am – 4pm
Thursday 5 December	9am – 7pm	9am – 7pm	No Market
Thursday 12 December	9am – 7pm	9am – 7pm	No Market
Monday 16 December	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 7pm	No Market
Tuesday 17 December	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 7pm	No Market
Wednesday 18 December	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 7pm	9am – 4pm
Thursday 19 December	9am – 7pm	9am – 7pm	9am – 6.30pm
Friday 20 December	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 7pm	9am – 4pm
Saturday 21 December	9am – 7pm	8.30am – 6pm	No Market
Sunday 22 December	10.30am – 4.30pm	10.30am – 4.30pm	No Market
Monday 23 December	9am – 7pm	8.30pm – 6pm	9am – 4pm
Tuesday 24 December	9.30am – 4.30pm	8.30am – 5pm	9am - 4pm
Wednesday 25 December	Closed	Closed	Closed
Thursday 26 December	10am – 5pm*	10.30am – 4.30pm	No Market
Friday 27 December	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 5.30pm	No Market
Saturday 28 December	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 5.30pm	No Market
Sunday 29 December	10.30am – 4.30pm	10.30am – 4.30pm	No Market
Monday 30 December	9.30am – 5.30pm	9am – 5.30pm	No Market
Tuesday 31 December	9am – 4pm	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 4pm
Wednesday 1 January	10.30am – 4.30pm	10am – 5pm	No Market
Thursday 2 January	Normal trading	Normal trading	No Market

* NEXT Sale Open 5am – 6pm

The Town Mayor Cllr Mike Smith, Town Councillors & Staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year





Buckinghamshire Mind is presented with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service on World Mental Health Day

In June Buckinghamshire Mind was delighted to be one of 10 named local charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.

This award recognises the incredible contribution of the charity's volunteers and the huge benefit they bring to the community. Buckinghamshire Mind has over 500 volunteers who are integral to the delivery of our mental health services. Over 15,000 lives were touched by Buckinghamshire Mind in 2018/19, which couldn't have been achieved without these volunteers.

A celebration was held on World Mental Health Day, 10 October 2019, where Buckinghamshire Mind were honoured to be formally presented with the Crystal Award and Certificate from HM The Queen, given by the Queen's representative Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, KCVO, Bt HM Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire.

Sir Henry stated: "Buckinghamshire Mind reaches out to some of the most isolated people in the community, working to support and represent those with mental health problems living across the county, with the aim of enabling them to live safe, purposeful and fulfilled lives. Buckinghamshire Mind works hard to ensure its volunteers are well supported to get the most out of their experiences and to ensure they know their contribution is valued and appreciated."

Alongside celebrating this amazing achievement, the event's presentations highlighted World Mental Health Day (WMHD). Mental health problems can affect anyone, any day of the year, and this is a day to show support for better mental health and to start looking after your own wellbeing.



WMHD 2019 focus is on suicide and suicide prevention. Every year close to 800,000 people globally take their own life and there are many more people who attempt suicide. Every suicide is a tragedy that affects families, communities and has long-lasting effects on the people left behind. It's the leading cause of death among young people aged 20-34 years in the UK and is the second leading cause of death among 15-29 year-olds globally.

Andrea McCubbin CEO for Buckinghamshire Mind said, "The scale and range of services that Buckinghamshire Mind delivers continues to grow. The key components of our strategy will be to complement the local view of the NHS long-term plan, whilst continuing to amplify our service user voice, build our relationships with key stakeholders and deliver the quality mental health services that the people in Buckinghamshire need."

Patron of Buckinghamshire Mind, Anthony Seldon, Vice-Chancellor, University of Buckingham commented, "I am overjoyed by the wonderful news that Buckinghamshire Mind has received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. As the highest award that any voluntary group can receive, it is further proof of the very high quality and important work that is undertaken. I am deeply proud to be Patron of Buckinghamshire Mind, and hope you have a wonderful presentation today."



NCAA Food Share Project

The Nigerian Community Association's **Aylesbury Food Share Project** has been a great success, putting smiles on a lot of people's faces by sharing food items from different suppliers:

- Greggs Markethouse Aylesbury
- Tesco Aylesbury Tring Road
- Tesco Aylesbury Extra Broadfields

making so much positive impact within the community.

Many thanks to Miss Adetutu, Evangelist Lilian, Mr Collins, Mrs Fortune and Mr Dayo (our director) for their tireless effort and contribution in making this a success.

Aylesbury Town Council Grants

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

If so, you may be able to apply for a grant from Aylesbury Town Council

We award grants that will benefit the town and its communities. Grants can be awarded to fund projects or activities as well as projects working 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's 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 information on how to apply for an Aylesbury Town Council Grant visit www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk email Jane Eden, Grants Officer j.eden@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01296 425678.

Alice Rolfe

Alice was awarded a sports grant of £1000 to support her training and travel to be part of the under 21's England Hockey Team.

Alice, a former pupil at The Grange School has played in Spain, Germany, Belgium and Scotland this year and is hoping to be part of the forthcoming European Championships.



Head2Head Theatre

Head2Head were awarded £1000 towards bringing the performance of 'Toad on the Road' to local families with children with special needs.

Many children with special needs find it hard to access traditional theatre. Head2Head, with the support of Aylesbury Town Council, were able to provide a safe and supportive environment where the children can experience and enjoy the arts with their family.



The next Grants Committee meeting will take place on

Wednesday 29 January 2020

The deadline for grant applications to be considered at this meeting is Wednesday 15 January 2020 at 5pm.



Town Mayor's Update

As the winter evenings draw in and with Christmas weeks away, we look back on what has been a busy summer and autumn...

We remember wonderful warm sunny days at Aylesbury on Sea, how great to see its new home in Vale Park. I am sure the 'beach' was enjoyed by many of you. The fantastic weekend of live music, family entertainment and fireworks at Live in the Park and Proms in the Park, during the Parklife Weekend in August and of course the opportunity to meet King Henry VIII at the Tudor Fayre were just some highlights for me.

I must also mention the WheelPower Junior Games at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, where Kerrie and I were thrilled to see over 100 children taking part in totally inclusive and very competitive sports at the birthplace of wheelchair sport, some of whom are no doubt dreaming of a journey towards Paralympics gold and glory of their own!

I have been privileged to have been invited to so many interesting and varied events over the past few months, in and around Aylesbury, getting to meet so many local residents, groups and businesses really is a pleasure. I was invited to attend the opening of Integral LED who recently moved their business premises to Aylesbury.

In the summer, I attended the John Colet School's prize giving, and was delighted to welcome Elly from Klagenfurt, Austria, with a small group of students that she brings over each summer to learn English and visit many landmarks in and around Aylesbury, including the Mayor's Parlour!

A number of visitors came to the Mayor's parlour and Town Hall during Heritage Open Day, where the town's paintings and silverware were on display.

In supporting and fundraising for Youth Concern Aylesbury, I am looking forward to hosting a quiz night in March 2020, and plans are in place for an afternoon of music with Aylesbury Concert Band and many more events to come (including, I hope, even more with a musical theme!). Please do keep an eye out for these events via the website or the Mayor's Facebook page [@MayorofAylesbury](#).

You will also see on the opposite page the launch of the Mayor's Awards for 2019/20. I am looking forward to hearing of many deserving residents of Aylesbury being nominated for these awards.

**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



Aylesbury Town Council's

TOWN MAYOR'S AWARDS 2019/20

RECOGNISING AND REWARDING AYLESBURY'S INSPIRATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

Town Mayor Cllr Mike Smith, is delighted to announce the launch of this year's Town Mayor's Awards. You are invited to nominate persons, organisations or businesses for the categories below.

The nominees must live, work, study in or contribute to the Parish of Aylesbury Town. You cannot nominate yourself (except for the Employer of the Year award). Nominations submitted anonymously or for serving Councillors will not be considered.

There are six categories of awards:

- Service with a Smile
- Lifetime Achievement
- Sporting Achievement
- Volunteer of the Year
- Employer of the Year
- Youth Volunteer (up to 18 Years)

**The Mayor is very much looking forward to receiving and reviewing your nominations.
Closing date for Nominations is 31st March 2020**

Please visit our website for an entry form or contact Sue Carpenter, Mayors Assistant on 01296 425678 or email s.carpenter@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Nomination form:

www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/TownMayorsAwards



Art & Leisure

What's on at Bucks County Museum this Autumn



There's lots going on at the Museum during the winter months. Enjoy a Christmas science show, take a nostalgic trip back to childhood or pick up some unique presents in our gift shop.

12 Days of Christmas Science Show

Saturday 14 December, 1.30pm & 3pm

Start your Christmas with a FIZZ and a BANG! Bring the children to our amazing Christmas science show with festive experiments that include dry ice, bubbling potions, flashes and bangs. Our brilliant friends from Bright Sparks Science return with their popular scientific twist on the 12 days of Christmas carol. Lasts 40 minutes. This is a popular event so booking advised. Check website for charges and booking.

Toy Box Exhibition

14 December 2019 – April 2020

This family favourite is back again with lots of toys to remember from childhood and plenty of toys and games to play with, too.

Katie Surridge Residency Exhibition

until 4 January 2020

This year's Muir Trust Artist in Residence at the Museum has been Katie Surridge, an exciting mixed media artist specialising in metal casting. During her residency, Katie has been exploring the archaeology collections and creating her own artworks inspired by her finds. Come and see the fascinating results of her residency in this special exhibition that runs until 4 January 2020.

An annual pass is now available for the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery which is great value particularly for local families who want to drop in on Saturdays and during the school holidays.

The Museum also has a café serving light snacks and a gift shop with unusual gifts, cards, books, great stocking fillers and now a beautiful selection of jewellery and ceramics made by the Bucks Craft Guild. Drop in and take a look. For full details visit www.buckscountymuseum.org or call **01296 331441**. Bucks County Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP.



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 Aylesbury Methodist Church.

We sing at many local events and clubs and were thrilled to be invited again to sing at Armed Forces Day which this year was at Wycombe Airfield and Great Missenden Church afternoon cream tea events.

If you enjoy singing and are interested in joining our choir email us at jsjoyfuldivas@gmail.com or call us on **07909 531 683**



Find us at www.jsjoyfuldivas.weebly.com and [facebook.com/joyfuldivas](https://www.facebook.com/joyfuldivas)



Bespoke Christmas Crafts



Queens Park Arts Centre's Pop-up Christmas Shop is back by popular demand this December, celebrating and showcasing the very best local artists and makers with a wide array of beautiful handmade gifts on sale.

Based in the Centre's Gallery space, the shop will be stocked with paintings, ceramics, jewellery, woodwork, textiles, stained glass and much more. It's the perfect opportunity to pick up a bespoke gift for Christmas – or even treat yourself!

The shop will be open from 3 December to 29 December, alongside Queens Park's roster of weekly workshops and performances of this year's pantomime **The Snow Queen** – see www.qpc.org or call **01296 424332** for full opening times.

ImageZ Camera Club

The 2019-2020 season so far has been a successful one with several new members settling in and our usual range of workshops, speakers and competitions providing variety and stimulation for all. We held our first solo print exhibition in September where every member was able to display one or two of their prints; it was visited and appreciated by members, friends and relatives and was a magnificent display of excellence which we hope to repeat next year.

Now immersed in the range of workshops, speakers and competitions we look forward to building on earlier successes. ImageZ caters for every level of photographer – beginner through to professional – and it is not important what camera you use. It is a caring club with all members willing to share knowledge and support those new to the art or less experienced.

If you are interested in how belonging to a club can benefit your photography, come along on a Tuesday evening from 8pm to Weston Turville Village Hall. You will be warmly welcomed and meet like-minded people; there is no pressure to sign-up. Do look at our website: imagezcameraclub.co.uk where you can see our programme and who to contact for further information.

If you have any questions, please contact the chairman, Kathy Chantler, on kathychantler@gmail.com.



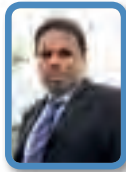


Aylesbury Town Council Ward Map

Ward: Gatehouse



Cllr Anders Christensen
07834 995690



Cllr Tuffail Hussain
07832 913171



Cllr Graham Moore
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Ward: Central



Cllr Barbara Russel
01296 431314

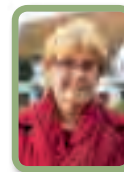


Cllr Tim Dixon
07849 757492

Ward: Elmhurst



Cllr Susan Morgan
07799 074411



Cllr Jenny Puddefoot
01296 612461

Ward: Coppice Way



Cllr Mark White
07771 877488

Ward: Oakfield



Cllr Allison Harrison
07795 210808



Cllr Mark Willis
07723 091637

Ward: Quarrendon



Cllr Chris Adams
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Cllr Andy Huxley
07711 837938

Ward: Oxford Road



Cllr Stuart Jarvis
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Cllr Mike Smith
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Ward: Walton



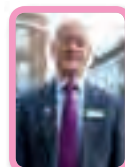
Cllr Bill Chapple OBE
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Ward: Walton Court



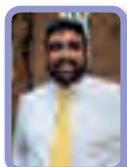
Cllr Ranjula Takodra MBE
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Ward: Hawkslade



Cllr Brian Adams
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Ward: Southcourt



Cllr Waheed Raja
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Cllr Mark Bateman
07858 973643

Ward: Mandeville & Elm Farm



Cllr Sue Chapple
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Cllr Richard Lloyd
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Cllr Denise Summers
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Ward: Bedgrove



Cllr Jenny Bloom
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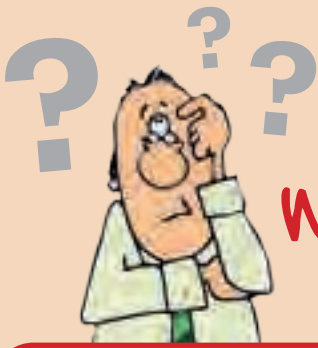


Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts
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Cllr Mark Winn
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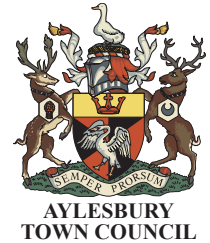




Who do I talk to about? ...

AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Office of the Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- Management of the seven allotment sites
- Management of Tring Road Cemetery
- Devolved Services – grass cutting of urban highway grass verges
- Support Twinning of Aylesbury with Bourg-en-Bresse
- A programme of events throughout the year such as Parklife, Tudor Fayre, Aylesbury on Sea, Christmas and summer events along with other free events
- Award of grants to local groups and charities
- Free quarterly magazine, Aylesbury Town Matters
- Jonathan Page Play Centre
- Aylesbury in Bloom (hanging baskets, planters, floral beds, roundabouts and more)



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

AVDC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Collection of Council Tax and business rates
- 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

WOMEN CAN BOWL



Foxhill Indoor Bowls Club

Foxhill Indoor Bowls Club based at 86 Wendover Road is supporting the "Women Can" campaign to encourage all ladies to get active in a sport. Indoor bowls is a great game and one where women hold their own against the men, both in skills and as mixed team members.

For fun, friendships and developing new skills, membership of a bowls club is great for the body and soul. Membership for new bowlers is under £1 a week. Beyond harnessing your bowling skills – coaching is free – and partaking in friendly and competitive matches, as takes your fancy, with 500 members there is a good social life to be had and new friendships to be made.

Foxhill has six bowling lanes, a restaurant and bar – the food is excellent, and at 'club' prices. The local Rotary Club meet regularly in the restaurant, and it is available to other associations who enjoy good food and drink at sensible prices. Foxhill is open from 8pm till late every day through to April, with a summer schedule to follow. So drop in and give indoor bowls a go for free. Foxhill has a dress code: for beginners it is casual wear – we supply the rest. **Men can too!! In fact, bowls is for everyone: whatever age, gender or bowling experience.**

More info? visit www.foxhill.org.uk or call 01296 392808 or 01525 220644.

Retiring or Retired? Think PROBUS

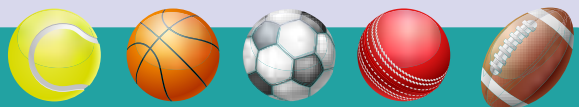
Probus is a nationwide organisation of independent clubs for retired or semi-retired professional and business men from all walks of life. Its purpose is to replace the fellowship which people often lose when they retire. Many people whose workplace has been away from where they live, or have moved from another part of the country, will understand what this means.

The Aylesbury John Hampden Probus Club, founded in 1987, is open to those living in the Aylesbury and Wendover areas who are looking for an opportunity to make new friends, brought together in a relaxed atmosphere over a regular lunch.

Our luncheon meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month in the congenial surroundings of the Weston Turville Golf Club, and frequently feature a guest speaker. Members and their guests are invited to join in occasional outings to chosen destinations of both cultural and technical interest.

A ready welcome awaits – and especially for those anxious to play an active part in a special local group. For more information, visit our website www.aylesburypc.com or email info@aylesburypc.com

Want your sports club featured here?



If you run or belong to a local sports club and would like them featured in the magazine please do get in touch with us. You could be looking for new members, telling us about your achievements or just generally telling us about your activities. 01296 425678 info@aylesburytowncouncil.co.uk

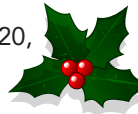


Sun, Sea, Sand, Exams & Karts

It's been a 'year of experiences' for us, and we can't thank everyone enough for supporting us. Thank you to the PACE Centre for allowing us to shine a light on your school and amazing pupils.

Whilst we have been studying for exams, we managed to take time out to work with Men in Sheds and have also enjoyed volunteering at some of the Town Council events.

We're planning on doing some more community-focused things in 2020, so keep an eye on our Instagram and Facebook pages.



Happy Christmas from all of us at Aylesbury Youth Town Council

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

Aylesbury Police Cadets

My name is PCSO Rose Paton C9855 and alongside my role as Aylesbury Central PCSO I have also been a Police Cadet leader for the past three years and I am now Deputy Head Cadet Leader.

Aylesbury Cadets meet every Monday in term time, between 18:30 – 20:30 and we are based at Aylesbury Police Station. We try to get our cadets involved in lots of events throughout the year, as well as teaching them different aspects involving Police work. Here are a few items that the Aylesbury Cadets have been involved in over the past few months...

TEST PURCHASING FOR KNIVES: Approx. six shops entered and all passed. This was alongside Trading Standards.

KNIFE SWEEP: Edinburgh playing fields searched: three un-capped needles, one small knife and five wraps of drugs found.

THE FLOATING MARKET: Waterside Festival the cadets happily patrolled the event.

THE BUCKS COUNTY SHOW: Cadets patrolled the event.

THE EMERGENCY SERVICE DAY AT QUANTON: Engaged with the public.

TEST PURCHASING: Fireworks, due to take place on Friday 1st November.



Join us for a _____

BLOCKBUSTER

FESTIVE FAMILY FUN

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER
11AM - 4PM

VENUE:

Friars Square Shopping Centre

*With games, crafts, activities and
entertainment based on your favourite
Frozen and Star Wars characters*

ENTIRELY FREE EVENT



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