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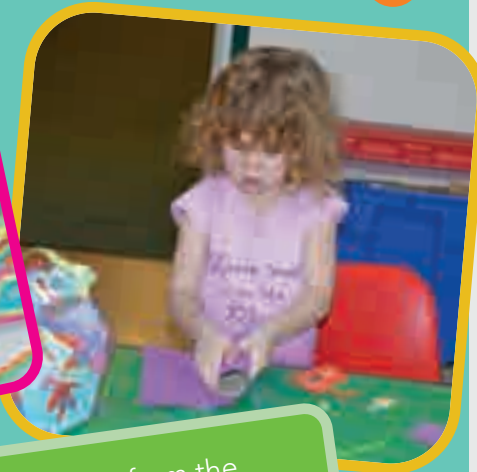
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Welcome



Hello and welcome to our latest edition of **Aylesbury Town Matters**, packed with community news, what's coming up over the next three months and a chance for you to meet our new Councillors. It's been a difficult 18 months for all the residents of the town and so we hope that this issue brings you some much needed cheer especially with regards to upcoming events.

Ahead of looking at what's coming, July was an important month for the Town Council as it celebrated its 20th anniversary since being re-established in 2001. Inside are photos from the Market Square meet and greet.

Aylesbury in Bloom has returned and the schools which entered feature in this issue. It was great to see a number of new entrants this year and the judges were very impressed by the great variety in the entries. Thank you to all who took part.

Last year saw us having to take the difficult decision to cancel the **Parklife Weekend** but this year it's back and as big and brilliant as ever, taking place across the August Bank Holiday weekend. As I write this, there is lots going on behind the scenes to make Parklife Weekend the best yet though this issue of Aylesbury Town Matters will be delivered to you after the event. However, I do hope that those of you who joined us had a great time. Our next issue will have a full round-up of the weekend.

Elsewhere we're excited to be able to bring you **"#TuesdayTunes"** – a toe-tappingly good service for those living with dementia. Brought to you by Dementia Friendly Aylesbury and Aylesbury Library every first Tuesday of the month. TuesdayTunes is an information point with a sea of resources which helps to create the perfect playlist that represents your life. This is an opportunity to take time to reflect and discuss the music that brings joy in a relaxing environment.

The Pace Centre have a couple of events coming up this autumn – Dinner Dance on 7 October and a spooktacular Quiz Night on 26 October. There are lunchtime concerts at St Mary's to encourage young musicians and provide high quality live music for Aylesbury. They are an hour every Thursday lunchtime with varied music, classical to contemporary.

The Queens Park Arts Centre Craft Fair returns this year, with a fantastic family event set for Saturday 13 November. There'll be all manner of artisanal pieces for sale, including pottery and ceramics, textiles, fine art, glass, jewellery, woodwork and much more. As well as some familiar faces from previous fairs, there'll be brand new exhibitors too. A perfect chance to pick up Christmas gifts.

Please stay safe and enjoy the autumn.

Cllr Richard Lloyd
Leader of Aylesbury Town Council

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WE TURNED 20!

To celebrate our 20th birthday, we had a celebratory stall in Market Square – cupcakes and all! It was an opportunity for Town Councillors to meet and chat with residents about Aylesbury and reminisce about the last two decades. The Mayor of Aylesbury, Cllr Anders Christensen, offered cupcakes for all to enjoy. Missed our stall? Have a look at our 20th birthday timeline to see some of our best bits over the years. Visit bit.ly/ATCTurns20



SAVE THE DATE

We're super excited to bring **Festive Family Fun** and **Carolfest** back to Aylesbury on **Sunday 12 December**. Festive Family Fun is our free fun day for all the family. Think crafts, games, entertainment and festive-filled activities. Carolfest will return to St Mary's Church and is the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit. **Both events are entirely free! We hope to see you there.**



MEET YOUR **AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCILLORS**

Aylesbury Town Council has 25 elected members, representing the 13 wards of Aylesbury. The last election was on 6 May 2021. We want to introduce you to them so you can get to know them a bit better. All Town Councillors contact information can be found on our ward map on page 20.



Cllr Raj Khan - Ward: **Bedgrove**

As a Town Councillor I want to represent my residents and improve the area we live in. The town has a lot to celebrate but especially its history and its diversity. I hope to see more events within the Parish. My family and my values are important to me and I enjoy travelling and going to restaurants. My favourite place to go in Aylesbury is Alfred Rose Park.



Cllr David Thompson - Ward: **Bedgrove**

I want to ensure that Aylesbury is a safe destination for all our residents and visitors. I'd like to encourage more specialist shops in the town and see a regeneration of the high street. What is important to me is a fair and just society where the less fortunate have the help and support of the government and local councils. The King's Head is my favourite place in Aylesbury and I enjoy walking, gardening, tennis and supporting Wasps Rugby Club.



Cllr Mark Winn - Ward: **Bedgrove**

I'd like to celebrate the kind and generous people that make up our town. It's important to me that I do my best for those I represent and for the whole town of Aylesbury. I would like to see improvements to our environment and better infrastructure within the Parish. I enjoy socialising and watching sport. My favourite place to go in Aylesbury at the moment is the new Manor bar.



Cllr Sherrilyn Bateman - Ward: **Central**

I am passionate about Aylesbury town and providing opportunities through inclusion for all, whilst celebrating the diversity of all residents. I shall work to enhance community engagement and pride in our town. Young people are important to me, as they are our future. Through my voluntary work with GirlGuiding UK, I help to provide young members with ways to expand their potential – I believe similar options should be available to all young people. I attend the events put on by Aylesbury Town Council and have done for many years. You will find me dancing if music is involved!



Cllr Tim Dixon - Ward: **Central**

I am a councillor that always: listens, works with you, and works for you to improve our town. I would like to see this town provide young people with a range of opportunities, support, and development chances. Over the last year, the youth of our town has been heavily impacted. We have an opportunity to rethink the life chances that the town offers young people and improve them by listening, understanding, supporting, and taking action. I have a passion for supporting people and helping to deal with problems. Throughout my professional life, I have worked on many financial capability projects that support people to handle their finances.



Cllr Chris Hendren - Ward: **Coppice Way**

I'd like to see safer roads and less crime within the Parish of Aylesbury. I'm passionate about Aylesbury United and the club being brought home. I would like to bring my ward closer together and be a stronger community. Improving and bringing the community together is important to me. My favourite place to go to in Aylesbury is Aqua Vale to swim and I enjoy football, tennis, swimming and historic architecture.



Cllr Ashley Morgan - Ward: **Elmhurst**

I was born in Aylesbury and have lived here my whole life so it gives me great pleasure to represent myself locally for the benefit of the residents. I play for a local grassroots football team in the ADL league which I love being involved in. I'd like to see grassroots football become better supported. I also love to go fishing. I've watched how the town has changed over the years. I feel Aylesbury has lost its local market town identity and has become more of a commuter town. I'd like to try and make a difference for the future of the town.



Cllr Susan Morgan - Ward: **Elmhurst**

I love the community spirit of Aylesbury. Being a Councillor enables me to help change people's lives for the better. Working with our community is important to me as it brings residents together especially through our free community events. I'm passionate about ensuring children of domestic violence have the right support. Children are also victims and trauma can hugely affect their daily life. I'd like to see new pavements in older parts of town, upgraded and new sports facilities and an accessible town centre. One of my favourite places is The Coffee Tree on George Street.



Cllr Anders Christensen - Ward: Gatehouse

As an Aylesbury Town Councillor I'd like to make services more local to residents. I'd like to see improved facilities for live music and people aged 16-21 years within the Parish of Aylesbury. The town's people, history and musical heritage should be celebrated. Equality of opportunity, public service and having fun while doing it are all important things to me. My favourite place to go to in Aylesbury? Easy... The Works.



Cllr Tuffail Hussain - Ward: Gatehouse

I would like to contribute to improving the community in becoming a safer environment as well as improve housing situations. I would like to see more housing investment opportunities for young people. Aylesbury is a diverse town and I think that should be celebrated. It is important to me that residents use me as a voice to express their concerns. My favourite places to go in Aylesbury are the local parks. My hobbies involve sports like cricket as I have had a passion for it since a very young age.



Cllr Phanindar Koya - Ward: Gatehouse

As a Town Councillor, I want to work with communities to keep the town green and clean and resolve any problems they may have. I want to see the Town Council providing and improving infrastructure for sports and games. This plus more secondary schools in par with grammar schools and a secure neighbourhood is what's important to me. I like Aylesbury as it's surrounded with beautiful greenery and has places for everyone to live peacefully. My favourite places in Aylesbury are the canal, Watermead and the town centre.



Cllr Mary Baldwin - Ward: Hawkslade

I would like to celebrate the town's diversity and its amazing green and vibrant environment. What's important to me is living within a community which supports diversity. A change I would like to see within the Parish is more community involvement. As a Town Councillor I would like to achieve more control of local assets by the community. My favourite place to go to in the town is the top of Market Square and sitting on a bench with a cup of coffee and watching our vibrant town.



Cllr Sue Chapple - Ward: Mandeville & Elm Farm

As an Aylesbury Town Councillor I would like to achieve good value for money for Aylesbury residents. I would like to see Aylesbury become a destination for visitors and for there to be a resurgence of pride in our town. What is important to me is being able to socialise and shop in a safe and friendly environment. I love to visit the Waterside Theatre and the restaurants in our town. Other interests of mine are walking, baking, visiting gardens and historic properties and spending time with my family and dog.



Cllr Roger King - Ward: Mandeville & Elm Farm

During my time as a Town Councillor I hope to see an overhaul of the market, more independent shops and for the town to become cleaner, vibrant and more prosperous. I want to make Aylesbury a better place to live and will listen to residents' concerns. The preservation of buildings and reducing litter and graffiti in the town centre is important to me. The Limelight Theatre, Odeon cinema, The King's Head and Broad Leys are places I like to go in Aylesbury. I am a keen Rotarian and belong to various conservation groups. I enjoy gardening, cooking, organising trips, music and attending concerts.



Cllr Denise Summers - Ward: Mandeville & Elm Farm

As a member of Aylesbury Town Council I'd like to promote all communities to encourage an integrated society and to put the town's need first. A change that I would like to see within the Parish is more integration and cultural events embracing all ethnic groups and more embracing of the beauty of the town. My favourite place to go in Aylesbury is the canal basin. People are important to me as are our communities, integration, wellbeing and green spaces. Hobbies of mine include The Red Hat Society, horses, theatre and Relay For Life Aylesbury.



Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts - Ward: Oakfield

I would like to contribute to making Aylesbury a healthy and enjoyable place to live. I would like to see the town become friendlier for cyclists and pedestrians and for there to be a reduction in car use and an expansion of pedestrianised streets. Our creative heritage should be celebrated. Aylesbury has always been a place where theatre, music and craft have flourished. Public health and wellbeing is important to me especially social and emotional health. I enjoy walking, cycling and swimming and my favourite place in Aylesbury is Queens Park Arts Centre for its workshops, shows and exhibitions.

WE INVITE YOUR COMMENTS...

If you have thoughts about the town we'd like you to let us know. 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.

**Cllr Mark Willis - Ward: Oakfield**

I'd like to help promote the best of Aylesbury and make it an even better place to live. We have some great independent shops, fabulous pubs and restaurants and a musical history to be proud of. I'd like to encourage an interest and love for our environment and see better cycle paths and less reliance on cars. My favourite place in Aylesbury is the canal. I'm keen on watching cricket, rugby and football and listening to music live, like at Live in the Park, and looking after my veg patch and my friendly rescue dog Fudge the Rottweiler.

**Cllr Mohammed Azam - Ward: Oxford Road**

I want to serve the community by helping the public where possible and by listening to their needs. I want there to be more facilities for young people and improvements to our roads and footpaths. There are many things to celebrate in Aylesbury – the Paralympic movement in particular. My family is important to me as I am a father and a grandad. I am a devoted Muslim and enjoy visiting the mosque and the library. I like gardening and nature.

**Cllr Steven Lambert - Ward: Oxford Road**

As a Town Councillor I want to achieve great localism activity at ward and neighbourhood level. That to me is greater devolution from the Unitary Council and developing and strengthening neighbourhood resilience with community capacity, volunteering, flood defence and sense of well-being and community. Cooking is a big interest of mine - though for the life of me I cannot bake! So it's full on savoury from Indian to Middle Eastern dishes. The spicier the better!

**Cllr Alan Sherwell - Ward: Quarrendon**

I want to be part of a team which improves the environment – in the widest sense, not just the green sense – of Aylesbury. A change I want to see is the revitalisation of the town centre. The integration of multi-culturalism and history in this town is what we should celebrate. My favourite place to go was the stadium on Buckingham Road but now I would say one of our parks. My interests include football, Aylesbury United, reading and history.

**Cllr Gurinder Wadhwa - Ward: Quarrendon**

As an Aylesbury Town Councillor I would like to commit to making the town carbon neutral and support the town's communities. I want to celebrate the sense of community and diversity in Aylesbury. There needs to be local action to save the planet and improved services for the whole town. The future of young people, animal welfare and supporting communities are some of the things that are important to me. Market Square and Watermead are two of my favourite places in Aylesbury. I love reading and cats.

**Cllr Niknam Hussain - Ward: Southcourt**

I hope to represent my residents and improve my ward and the town. The biggest change I want to see is more national recognition for Aylesbury. We should celebrate our diversity and history. My values, my faith and my family are important to me. I enjoy going to the cinema, reading and walking and my favourite place to go in Aylesbury is Market Square and the canal.

**Cllr Waheed Raja - Ward: Southcourt**

As a Town Councillor I would like to bring local assets back to Aylesbury Town Council under the Devolved Services Agreement, making them accessible and affordable. I'd like to see improvements to pavements and make the town more accessible for the disabled community. Other changes I'd like to see would be more local independent retailers and more sports facilities to accommodate all kinds of sports. Family, friends, communities and bringing people together is what is important to me. Other interests I have are football and cricket.

**Cllr Nidhi Mehta - Ward: Walton Court**

What is important to me is standing up for issues that people feel are important and be the voice of the community, especially the most vulnerable. The changes I would like to see within the Parish are better roads and better managed traffic, better secondary schools and for the town to develop as a Garden Town. My favourite places to go in Aylesbury are Simply Thai, Waterside Theatre, town market and Watermead. I enjoy gardening, spending time with family and friends, listening to music and volunteering.

**Cllr Richard Lloyd - Ward: Walton**

I want to see Aylesbury Town Council taking on more services and assets, improve those for our residents and a new stadium being brought to the town. Our heritage and our residents should be celebrated, especially those who volunteer their time across the community. Family, physical and mental health and our residents are what's important to me. I love to go to the canal for a run, its tranquillity is good for the soul. My hobbies include football, cricket, geocaching and history.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY AYLESBURY



May saw us celebrate Dementia Action Week through our social media channels.

The week kicked off with a very special video from a very special star, **La Voix!** We'd like to send a special thank you to La Voix and **Aylesbury Waterside Theatre** for such a brilliant introduction to the week which showcased some of the dementia friendly work organisations and businesses have done in our town.



All of us at **Dementia Friendly Aylesbury** want to say a huge **THANK YOU** to you all – whether you're now a 'school of' dementia friends, a local service provider, retailer or member of the public - we couldn't do this without our collective community. We want to support local groups and businesses as things return back to 'normal' and for community spaces to be enjoyed again safely.

If your group, organisation or business would like to join others in Aylesbury to take action and improve the lives of people affected by dementia, please contact Dementia Champion, **Benedicta Lasoye**, by emailing benedicta.lasoye@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk to request a free Dementia Friends session.



#TUESDAYTUNES

A new toe-tappingly good service for those living with dementia.

From Elvis to Ed Sheeran, The Beach Boys to Bon Jovi – music brings people together and makes us think of good times. Music has been proved to greatly assist people living with dementia by connecting a memory or personal emotion. According to **Playlist for Life**, research has shown listening to a personal playlist can make living with dementia easier and happier. So, in partnership with **Aylesbury Library**, we're continuing to support our community with the launch of **#TuesdayTunes**.

#TuesdayTunes is an information point with a sea of resources which help to create the perfect playlist that represents your life. This is an opportunity to take time to reflect and discuss the music that brings joy in a relaxing environment. There will be information provided about support groups in Aylesbury and the rest of Buckinghamshire for those living with dementia and their carers. If you feel this could benefit you or someone you know, #TuesdayTunes runs from **11:30am-12:30pm** at Aylesbury Library, on the first Tuesday of every month.

We are proud to be providing this service free of charge to people living with dementia and those who support them.



SAVE THE DATE

Our next virtual Dementia Friends session is **Monday 18 October at 7pm**. Visit aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk for more details.



SUMMER AT THE JONATHAN PAGE PLAY CENTRE

As we are going to press, we are a few weeks into the summer holidays and the summer playscheme which is already packed full of fun activities and laughter. The great thing is that we no longer have to be in bubbles, so we have been able to make lots of new friends with children from all over Aylesbury and the surrounding areas. Some of us come here most days and other children join us for some days or some weeks.

During Friendship Week we made friendship bracelets and painted friend stones and the following week we talked about all things holiday. We made sailing boats from sponges which we sailed on the water tray in the outdoor space, made paper plate turtles, painted seashells, created dreamcatchers and lots more. The weather was also great so we spent lots of time in the outside area, which had a bit of a make over before the holidays and now dons colourful tyres and sandpits and we hear they have more planned for when we come back for the next playscheme.

We explored nature and found lots of ladybirds and bugs in the garden and during Explorer Week we made nature bracelets, went on a scavenger hunt, painted with sand and made nature chimes. As always, we love riding on the go-karts and playing outdoors. We have many more exciting things to look forward to in the coming weeks such as Fashion Week and Afternoon Tea Week but we will tell you more about it next time.

If you would like to join us for the next playscheme during October half term, then visit our Facebook page [@jpplaycentre](#) or visit [aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/jppc](#) for more information and to book a space. Spaces are limited.

The **October Half Term Playscheme** takes place from **25-29 October** and it is all things creative this time. We look forward to seeing you and to making even more friends.



CEMETERY WINTER OPENING TIMES

From Sunday 31 October, Tring Road Cemetery will be open daily from 8am-4pm.

Access by car - There are two main entrances to the cemetery. Tring Road (HP20 1LF) has a small car park and is closest to the chapels and public toilets. Turnfurlong (HP21 7PY) has a larger car park. **By bus** - Tring Road is served by buses 7, 16, 50, 55, 61, 61a, 62, 500, S500 and 501. Traveline stop code *bucgamta*. **By foot** - There is a pedestrian entrance off Walton Way.



OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE TEAM UPDATE

Hedge cutting season runs from September through to the end of February due to nesting birds. Our Outdoor Maintenance Team only cut the hedges which are owned by Buckinghamshire Council and those which are part of our seven allotment sites. Weed spraying happens twice a year around the same time as hedge cutting season. Weed spraying is done in collaboration with Buckinghamshire Council as part of the Devolved Services Agreement. We weed spray in 30mph areas including pathways. This does however depend on weather conditions. There needs to be no rainfall for six hours after spraying and wind speeds must be monitored due to spray drift. The temperature must also be no colder than 6°C.

SCHOOLS SHINE IN AYLESBURY IN BLOOM GARDEN COMPETITION



Every year, Aylesbury Town Council organises the Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition which is designed for residents, schools, organisations and businesses of all gardening abilities to enter.

The school entrants have been given their awards after a visit from the Mayor of Aylesbury, Cllr Anders Christensen. Due to the COVID-19 guidance in place at the time, the Town Council had to reduce the number of categories schools could enter. Two judges, Rosemary Brown and Sue Wright, visited each school to see the hard work students had put into their entries for the Best Garden in a Pot (Container Gardens).

There was a high standard from all entrants. Points were given for various criteria and the overall number of points determined if the school would get a Bronze, Silver, Silver Gilt or Gold award.

Aylesbury High School - Silver Gilt Award

The judges commented on the good selection of plants and the students' knowledge. A recycled pallet was used as a plant container and a bug hotel. The plants were colourful, healthy and there was a good range of them. Congratulations to Mrs Vikki Burt and her students.

Elmhurst School - Silver Award and Newcomer Award

Elmhurst School showed good use of containers and were complimented on their use of colours by judges who are looking forward to their progression in next year's competition. Well done to Ms Sond and all the children involved.

Haydon Abbey School and Pre-School - Silver Gilt and Best Garden in a Pot

Haydon Abbey School and Pre-School had brilliant ideas, showed great use of plants in recycled containers. Each pot was a different theme: Time for Tea, The Picnic, Take a Seat, each displaying a useful gardening fact. Congratulations to Ms Hutt and her students for being awarded Silver Gilt plus winning the overall award for Best Garden in a Pot.

St Edward's Junior School - Silver Award

The judges liked the tyres with poppies and the use of the containers. The children showed they were keen to learn about the vegetable plants they were growing, for example, leaving the radishes to go to seed so they can grow more next year. Well done to Mr Stokes and his students.

St Joseph's Catholic Infant School - Silver Gilt Award and Commendation for Creativity and Imagination

You wouldn't have known it was St Joseph's Catholic Infant School's first-time entering Aylesbury in Bloom's Garden Competition. They were awarded a Judges' Commendation for Creativity and Imagination as well as a Silver Gilt Award. The judges loved the themed containers e.g., Jurassic garden, fairy garden, beehive. Congratulations to Ms Tobin and all the children involved.

Jane Stokes (Childminder) - Silver Gilt Award

The judges said pots were well painted and the bug house for insects was a nice touch. These were the youngest entrants and they did a fantastic job painting and decorating pots and planting for wildlife.

Thank you to all who took part. We look forward to offering all categories for schools to enter in next year's Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition. These include Best Edible Garden, Best Learning/Recreational Garden, Best Wildlife/Nature Garden and Best Garden in a Pot.



A IS FOR **ARTICHOKE**

There were only three types of edible plant on my allotment when I first acquired it. Raspberries, carrots and artichokes. The raspberries were the most obvious. The red berries bobbed above the rampant green knee-high weeds that covered the plot. I ate them straight away. The same bushes and their progeny are still providing fruit eleven years later.

The carrots were a spooky surprise. I came across them while I was digging out the weeds in preparation for the spring. My spade struck a plank of wood laid across the plot; closer inspection showed a row of carrots all along one edge. It was a Marie Celeste moment, as if the previous tenant had sown a row of seeds the previous spring and never returned to tend or crop them. They also tasted fine.



The artichokes were different. The north edge of my new plot was a solid mass of Jerusalem artichokes, a thicket of tall green stems topped with attractive yellow flowers. I kept some of them as a useful windbreak, to protect my crops against cold

winds. The web told me that their tubers were edible, with a nutty taste – a bit like exotic potatoes. Unfortunately, we found out the hard way why they aren't to be found in supermarkets. They are very, very gassy. After a night of painful flatulence, I was told to dig them all up and destroy them. However, they were very persistent; it was three years before I dug up the last evasive tuber. A wall of tasty tayberries now provide the windbreak at the north edge.

I planted globe artichokes in my first spring. Four plants, four different varieties. Like Jerusalem artichokes, they are perennial, tall and delicious. Otherwise, they are quite different. Only the immature flower bud and stem are edible, requiring quite a lot of trimming before cooking. Small ones can be eaten whole but you only eat the base of each petal in larger ones. Meals can be messy, with piles of discarded petals all over the table!

My artichokes are, by far, the least nutritious edible plant that I grow. They take up a lot of room and have a short season, (like my asparagus) but any uncropped flowers are a beautiful blue and very popular with the bees. I leave the seed heads to provide food for the birds over the winter. They don't need watering. I tear the bindweed off them every so often and cover them with compost over winter.

So why do I grow them? After all, allotments are provided for people to grow food, stuff that provides energy and vitamins. Well, artichokes are a luxury, largely unobtainable in Aylesbury shops. So, they are good value for money, like asparagus and raspberries. They look nice and feed the bees and birds. But most of all, they remind me of my childhood summers spent abroad. Food can do more than just hold body and soul together... it can transport them in time and space.

Michael Brimicombe

ALLOTMENT CORNER

It's been a weird and wonderful summer – from scorching hot spells to wet and wild weeks. This didn't stop our allotment holders from growing some great produce.

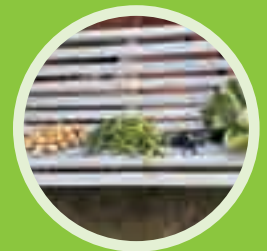
These perfect potatoes are being dried out before being stored for the upcoming winter months.



A crate full of broad beans grown in the Youth Allotment at our Bedgrove plot.



This allotment holder hasn't been taking a back seat! Queen Charlotte potatoes, cucumber, broad beans, French beans (two colours) and cabbages.



Fresh, homegrown carrots = a very happy allotment holder!

French beans, gherkins, yellow courgette and blackcurrants from Crown Leys.



AYLESBURY GARDENING SOCIETY



We have some new products in stock at the Thurston Store (find us on Old Stoke Road Allotments, open to members on Sunday 9am-12 noon), low peat compost and peat free compost at very competitive prices.

We also have plenty of fertilisers and products to get your garden or allotment in good shape for the winter. Seed catalogues and potato order forms will be available in the autumn to help you get organised for next year.

Please get your orders in early to ensure you get your chosen varieties. Please note we will only order sufficient potatoes this year for pre-orders, maybe with only a few left for general sales. New membership cards will be available from September to renew your membership, new members always welcome. Please remember to always show your card when making a purchase. Thank you for your support during what has been a very challenging year. aylesburygardeningociety.co.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 Rachel **01296 425678** or email rachel.noon@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk
There is no charge for community groups and charities.



HS2 IN AYLESBURY

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain. We have committed to create a railway that is designed, built and operated to the highest health, safety and security standards.

Along the A41 from September there will be some changes to the existing road layout. This involves a new access in the form of a temporary roundabout which has been created to provide safe entry for construction vehicles onto the HS2 sites, help alleviate traffic management from the road where possible and create a better journey for all road users.

Eventually the A41 will see a permanent change where the road is re-aligned to the north of the HS2 trace which travels from embankment into a cutting around Waddesdon. There will be a bridge which will then carry the A41 over the train line and the road will connect with Blackgrove Road with a permanent roundabout put in place. This will be a local improvement to what is the current Blackgrove Road crossing.

The works on the permanent A41 layout are not due to start until 2022 and it will be anticipated to be available for road users in 2024. We will keep you updated with these works as they progress.

To find out more about what's happening in the Aylesbury area and receive regular email updates, you can sign up to your local community website on hs2inbucksandox.co.uk If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434** or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk



The Buckinghamshire Historical Association (BHA) 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 the 21st century. Our current programme can be found on our talks page. We meet every third Wednesday of the month (October through June) online, starting at 8pm. All are welcome to attend our meetings, admission for non-members is £3 per talk. Admission for members (annual fee of £12) is free. More information on how to become a member can be found on our membership page. buckshistoricalassociation.org.uk

UPCOMING TALKS:

20 October 2021

Dr Edward Hicks, University of Oxford
Spencer Perceval: The Life and Times of Britain's Only Assassinated Prime Minister
(Preceded by the Annual General Meeting at 7:30pm)

17 November 2021

Dr Amrita Shodhan, Senior Teaching Fellow, SOAS
University of London, Decolonising the Partition of British India, 1947

15 December 2021

Cathy Hail, Curator of Popular Entertainment, Victoria & Albert Museum, Pantomime, a Peculiarly Form of British Entertainment (title tbc)



The last twelve months have been a particularly challenging time for us as all and the COVID-19 pandemic has curtailed so many of our activities. Without carrying out fundraising activities we have been unable to raise funds for others but by using reserves we were able to continue our tradition of delivering Christmas parcels to a selection of our elderly residents.

We have continued to meet by Zoom. With better news on the horizon, we are looking forward to returning to our core activities. At the end of September, we are planning to hold a bric-a-brac stall on Aylesbury Market when we will also be inviting residents to hand in unwanted hand tools for forwarding to Work Aid.



We will also be collecting used spectacles for refurbishment and sending to poorer countries. Our planning for Christmas will begin shortly and we hope to again visit Haddenham and maybe also Stone and Cuddington with our Santa's sleigh.

Several years ago, we introduced Message in a Wallet where patients could record their regular medication and keep it in a wallet or purse so that it is readily available if they are suddenly taken ill. These are available at a number of chemists or by ringing us.

At a time when many households are extremely busy it is difficult to attract new members. Community work is very rewarding and if you feel able to spare a few hours to help us please ring for more information. **0845 833 7863** aylesburylions@gmail.com



Imagez Camera Club is a friendly photographic club that meets weekly on a Tuesday evening from 8:15-10:15pm in Weston Turville Village Hall. We are a club of mixed photographic abilities and welcome everyone from beginners to the more experienced photographers. We only ask that you are over 18 years old. Our programme runs from September to the end of May. During the summer months (June to August) we meet at local locations on a fortnightly basis.

The Summer Programme is available on the website. It is a chance to get out and experience photography in a variety of different places and socialise. Our programme includes speakers, workshops and competitions which are optional, and no one needs to feel daunted.



During the COVID-19 lockdown we have been meeting through Zoom. Although we hope to return to the hall soon it is essential to check the website each week for hall or Zoom location. A coffee morning group runs only on Zoom (Thursday mornings) to chat and share images. This was extremely helpful during lockdown.

Our website is imagezcameraclub.co.uk and details of club membership fee, and how to join are found on this. You may give us a try for three weeks before joining, on a "try before buy" basis. If you are interested, please contact someone first on the numbers below before turning up in case of changes. Kathy: **07738 112775** or Carol: **07562 329539**

RE-ENGAGE AT LINDENGATE

Lindengate has flourished this summer and with the government guidelines easing, why not get together with friends, family or colleagues and come and experience Lindengate at our five-acre site in Wendover?

Our staff and team of volunteers have been busy maintaining the site and we are now seeing an abundance of produce from our kitchen gardens, as well as incredible wildflowers and broods of ducklings, who are thriving.

We know that many businesses and local community groups are working towards coming together again, to re-engage and catch up. At Lindengate, we believe the natural environment contributes to improving wellbeing through nature, so why not arrange your next gathering at Lindengate, whether for a business team meeting, or with a group of friends? Bring refreshments or a picnic and take time to re-connect, surrounded by the sights and sounds of nature.

Get in touch to book ahead, if coming with a larger group. Please email info@lindengate.org.uk

We are open to all, so drop in and come and see for yourself. For opening times and full details of all our programmes, go to lindengate.org.uk





ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY - MY GENERATION PROJECT

It has been revealed 1 in 5 members of the older adult population felt that the COVID-19 pandemic has worsened their physical health, with 1 in 3 additionally reporting a decline in mental health. To directly combat this decline, numerous studies have concluded the optimal method as uptaking participation in physical activity, due to it providing an array of psychological and physiological benefits.

At **Active in the Community**, a not-for-profit organisation, we are striving to combat these pandemic-induced figures by introducing our **My Generation** project. This project provides the opportunity for older adults to get active through our specifically designed classes, run by our team of highly qualified instructors in COVID-19 secure, risk assessed environments.



Currently, sessions in Aylesbury are running at Prebendal Farm and Southcourt Community Centres. We are offering a space to make and rekindle friendships after nearly 18 months of isolation, whilst simultaneously rebuilding health and wellbeing. These benefits are already being experienced by a number of members of our community, with our instructor Corinne emphasising that *"some of my clients say that training with me has lifted their mood and given them more energy, as well as improving their balance, strength and overall health"*.

For more information, please head to our website listed below or get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you! activeinthecommunity.org.uk/my-generation
marketing@activeinthecommunity.org.uk

ABOUT THE DISABILITIES TRUST'S BRAIN INJURY WORK

We improve the lives of people with brain injuries across the UK. Our two hospitals and 13 assessment and rehabilitation centres support people with brain injuries to regain the skills they have lost through neurorehabilitation.

This type of treatment helps us understand the effects of a brain injury on a person's cognitive, emotional, physical and social skills.

Our dedicated teams of specialists use a range of therapies to respond to ongoing assessments of these skills, including physiotherapy, psychological therapy and music therapy. We also have over 30 community support services.

We are the largest not-for-profit brain injury service provider in the UK. From rehabilitation to long-term care, our brain injury services help people to move forward with their lives. thedtgroup.org/brain-injury/our-services

ABOUT KENT HOUSE

Located in Aylesbury, Kent House is a specialist residential centre providing continuing rehabilitation and specialist care and support for people with acquired brain injury (ABI). It forms part of the nationwide network of rehabilitation support services provided by The Disabilities Trust.

Kent House offers accommodation for people from all walks of life who are coping with a range of cognitive, physical and/or emotional symptoms following a severe brain injury.

Service users will usually have already experienced a period of intensive rehabilitation before coming to Kent House. Clinical care is based on the neurobehavioural

model and focuses on enabling people to function independently and develop their lives as they choose with privacy, dignity and respect.





DO YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO NORMALITY?

The pandemic has affected everyone's physical wellbeing. Watching box sets may have reduced the boredom, but it also reduced our activity levels. Working from home may have kept businesses going, but it did little for most people's health.

A new school year is beginning, and we can see this as a return to 'normality'. Restrictions and isolation are reduced, days stuck at home a thing of the past. Now we can go back to the good old days of spending hours in slow moving traffic, looking for parking spaces or crammed into trains and buses!



This is the danger. Covid has shown the better our health, the better we combat disease. Autumn will likely see Covid infections increase and flu return. We simply cannot go back to the way we were. We have to add some physical activity to our lives to protect ourselves.

Buckinghamshire Council is offering exactly that, but in a unique way. It recognises the evidence that inactivity such as sitting is harming our bodies and that even standing often and moving more can improve our wellbeing. They are going to inspire everyone to be a little more active every day.

Aylesbury North West will see the first Active Communities initiative created to help all discover how activity can be added to the way we travel, communicate, shop, work – and even go to school. To find out how you can be a little more active in your life, visit buckinghamshire.gov.uk/activecommunities

SHOW FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOSPICE YOUR SUPPORT

Florence Nightingale Hospice provides end of life and palliative care for patients at the Hospice on the site of Stoke Mandeville Hospital and out in the community across Buckinghamshire.

Thanks to the continued support of the local community, combined with prudent financial planning by those who set up the charity, Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity has been able to fund over £1,000,000 of hospice care this year despite the impact of COVID-19 on their activity.

Jo Turner, CEO of Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity said: *"Demand for hospice care is growing as the population of Buckinghamshire increases and ages – we are determined to ensure that all those who need it are able to access high-quality local hospice care in future. With our shops open again and our fundraising events starting back up, we are optimistic about making a continued recovery to enable us to continue funding and extending these vital hospice services."*



If you would like to hold your own fundraising event or take on a personal challenge to raise funds for local hospice care, do get in touch with the team at fundraising@fnhospice.org.uk

The Charity are also looking for a number of volunteers to help in their shops, in their offices, at the Hospice and with their fundraising events.

Find out more at fnhospice.org.uk/volunteer or call **01296 429975** for more information.



DINNER DANCE

It's our 30th birthday... well it was last year but 2020 doesn't count, right? And we want to celebrate with you! Join us at Notley Tythe Barn on **Thursday 7 October** in your dancing shoes to enjoy an evening of celebrations. There will be canapes and drinks on arrival, a two-course sit down meal served with coffee followed by an auction before hitting the dance floor to dance the night away! Tickets cost £50 per person, to book your tickets or table (tables of 10) please email lacey.bonham@thepacecentre.org. You don't want to miss it!

QUIZ NIGHT

After nearly a year of virtual quizzes, we think that you're all ready for a quiz night that isn't through a screen! We will be hosting a Halloween special Quiz Night on **Tuesday 26 October** at The Dinton Hermit. Tickets cost £17.50 per person and includes a spooktacular dinner. The quiz will include five Halloween themed rounds as well as Heads & Tails, Best Sealed Bid and Spaghetti Tower! To be in with a chance of winning the cash prize and to show off your knowledge, book your team space now by emailing lacey.bonham@thepacecentre.org



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It was an honour to become Mayor of Aylesbury in early May. It is a role that, even until recently, I could not imagine myself having the chance to do.

I have spent most of my life moving. I grew up in Denmark, studied in the UK and Germany, and worked across this country. We moved to Aylesbury in 1997 and even then, we moved around the town on several occasions. It's funny how, over time, a town can become such a part of a person and vice versa. In the early years of living here a trip to the town centre would rarely involve meeting someone we knew or a chance to stop and chat. These days a visit to the shops invariably involves an unplanned catching up with friends. To me, that sense of community and friendship is what makes Aylesbury and there is no simple way to describe the sense of honour and humility becoming Mayor of my adopted town, in my adopted country, has given me.



After an initially quiet start to the Mayoral year, due to lockdown, it has happily transitioned into a busy and engaging few months. From my first event at the Fashion Design and Sewing Skills Acquisition Project where I got to meet some truly inspirational women to

thanking the volunteers who made the vaccination centre at Stoke Mandeville Stadium possible. Both are shining examples of the good people of Aylesbury.

I could not possibly write this without highlighting the work of two special people who I had the opportunity to meet. Ryan (9) and Sophie (8). I went litter picking with Ryan and ran with Sophie to help them raise money and awareness of their causes (NAS Aylesbury Vale ACE Club youth group and Lymphoma Action). Both are inspirational and are choosing to make a difference both for themselves and the

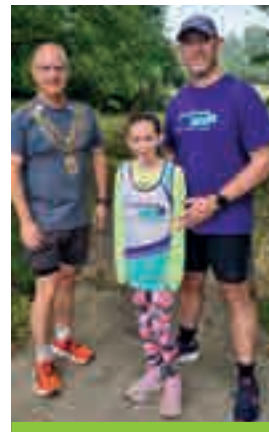
town. If you feel able to support their fund raising, please do at [justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) and search for Ryan Mead and Sophie Blake.

Several years ago, in my role as a local Councillor, I became aware of how significant the blight of domestic violence is on both the victims but also their families. The prevalence of violence in the home in local crime statistics and what that means in terms of harm to people (they are not just statistics) really commands a higher profile. I am therefore delighted to have been able to name **Aylesbury Women's Aid** as my Mayor's Charity for the year.

Aylesbury Women's Aid has over 30 years' experience in providing support for women, children and young people who are, or have been, affected by domestic abuse. They provide free information, emotional support, and access to safe temporary accommodation to enable women and children to determine their own futures free from abuse and violence. If you need help and support, please call their helpline on **01296 437 777** (Monday-Friday 10am-4pm except for bank holidays). Our joint goal is to raise money to enable a garden project at a refuge home as well as provide funding to support Women's Aid wider work.

My diary for the coming months looks as busy and exciting as I could wish for. I look forward to a busy autumn and the opportunity to mark Remembrance Sunday and our Christmas celebrations in December too.

Cllr Anders Christensen, **Aylesbury Town Mayor**
@MayorOfAylesbury



*Aylesbury Town Mayor
Cllr Anders Christensen
cordially invites you to his*

MAYOR'S CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 5 December 2021
St Mary's Church, Aylesbury
5:30-7pm

*Please be seated by 5:20pm
Mulled wine and mince pies
served following the service*

ATTENTION: ALL CHARITABLE OR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN AYLESBURY!

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.

Our 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 that these fantastic organisations provide.

POPPY BAYBUTT

We awarded Poppy Baybutt a sports grant for **£500** towards expenses to continue training for the Winter Nationals and the 2022 Championships. Poppy is a British Championship qualifier competitive swimmer from Maxwell Swim Club.

AYLESBURY CRICKET CLUB

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Aylesbury Cricket Club were unable to take part in the cricket season which had a huge impact on funds generated for the club. We awarded **£2,000** to the cricket club to go towards funding the club's post-pandemic running costs. The club is an integral part of the local community, developing and promoting cricket for all.

CHILTERN MS CENTRE

We awarded **£4,000** towards Chilterns MS Centre's Wellbeing programme, which provides practical advice and emotional/psychological support to people of Aylesbury town with MS and their families. The aims of the programme are to improve people's mental and emotional wellbeing by focusing on understanding and managing symptoms and making positive changes and to enable individuals to do more of the things that matter to them.

AYLESBURY OPERA

Aylesbury Opera were awarded **£1,000** towards a celebratory, post-lockdown gala concert of opera highlights at St Mary's Church. Aylesbury Opera collaborated with Aylesbury Choral Society and Aylesbury Festival Choir to generate a large chorus sound and make a truly spectacular spectacle.

SING WITH A BIG VOICE

Sing with a Big Voice encourages all abilities to enjoy singing for pleasure and wellbeing. With a grant of **£500**, Sing with A Big Voice are re-establishing the group after a tough 12 months due to the impact of COVID-19 restrictions.

For more information on how to apply for an Aylesbury Town Council grant visit bit.ly/AylesburyTownCouncilGrants or email Jane Eden, Grants Officer jane.eden@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk or call **01296 425678**.

The next Grants Committee meeting will take place on **Wednesday 20 October 2021**. The deadline for grant applications to be considered at this meeting is **Wednesday 6 October 2021**.





AYLESBURY CHORAL SOCIETY

After a year of virtual online singing, Aylesbury Choral Society is now preparing to perform Handel's Messiah which was been postponed from March 2020. The concert will take place at St Mary's church on **Saturday 16 October** at 7:30pm.

This will be the first opportunity for more than ten years to hear Handel's great oratorio performed in Aylesbury. The Society has been fortunate in securing the same soloists who had been booked for 2020. They are Eleanor Stevens, soprano, remembered for her March 2019 performance with the Society, and Alison Kettlewell, contralto, a Kathleen Ferrier award finalist. Adam West, tenor, and Eddie Wade, bass, will complete the quartet.

The Society's Musical Director Jeff Stewart will conduct, and Aylesbury Sinfonia will provide the orchestral accompaniment to what promises to be a memorable musical occasion. Tickets bought for 2020 remain valid. Further tickets, priced at £15 (£5 for under 18s), are available from members or via the website at www.aylesburychoral.org.uk

Next year is the Society's 90th anniversary. It is the oldest of the town's music societies and a credit to its founder Charles Pope who did so much for music in Aylesbury. The Society has an extensive repertoire, including several first performances, and has risen to the challenges of singing in Russian and Hebrew, as well as several western European languages.

The Society welcomes everyone interested to join them on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:30pm at the Church on Fairford Leys.

For more details, please contact our chairman, Chris Dalladay, at acschairman@gmail.com



The Queens Park Arts Centre Craft Fair returns this year, with a fantastic family event set for Saturday 13 November.



As part of the Centre's packed autumn season, the fair will be a perfect opportunity to pick up a bespoke Christmas gift (or a treat to self!). QPAC will be welcoming the very best local artists and makers, who'll be exhibiting a wide range of beautiful handmade art and craft.



There'll be all manner of artisanal pieces for sale, including pottery and ceramics, textiles, fine art, glass, jewellery, woodwork and much more. As well as some familiar faces from previous fairs, there'll be brand new exhibitors too.

In addition to the stalls there'll be a chance for young artists to flex their creative muscles at a variety of craft activities, plus there'll be entertainment too from the Unbound Storytellers. Visitors should have their Christmas lists ready, as Father Christmas will be stopping by too!

The QPAC Coffee Bar will be open serving hot and cold refreshments throughout the day, including homemade cakes and fresh coffee, teas and soft drinks. Free parking is available on site and at a nearby overflow site.

Entry to the Fair costs £2.00 / £1.00 concessions and members. Under 14s enter for free however there is a small charge for attending the children's activities.

The Queens Park Craft Fair takes place on **Saturday 13 November** from 10am-4pm. For the latest updates visit queensparkarts.com or follow [@queensparkarts](https://www.facebook.com/queensparkarts) on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



AYLESBURY FESTIVAL CHOIR

AFC is back!.. well almost! As you will see, we managed to have our last summer term rehearsal in person with some singing and more socialising. We also had some surprise entertainment - Nick demonstrated his improved technique with 2 piano solos and Felicity sang "Poor wandering one" - real treats! Our rehearsals take place every Thursday evening at Bedgrove Junior School through to November. More details can be found on aylesburyfestivalchoir.net



MUSIC AT ST MARY'S

For over 40 years, The Friends of St Mary's have arranged lunchtime concerts to encourage young musicians and provide high quality live music for Aylesbury. The concerts vary from week to week, featuring piano recitals, string ensembles, wind ensembles, guitar and harp and many other combinations. The music is similarly varied from early music, classical to contemporary.

For an hour of music in the tranquil surroundings and wonderful acoustic of St Mary's, join our regular and attentive audience. Come along on a Thursday lunchtime at 12:45pm (doors open 12:15pm) to St Mary's. Booking not essential. Seats unreserved. Tickets cost a modest £5 and FREE for under 18s. Check what's on aylesburylunchtimemusic.co.uk



DISCOVER BUCKS MUSEUM

Discover Bucks Museum is the new name for Bucks County Museum. As we launch our new permanent Discover Bucks galleries soon, we are completely transforming what we offer our visitors, so we thought this is a great time for a new identity. We are still the same great people with a wonderful line up of exhibitions and events - a space to explore, learn and wonder about Bucks and to find out about the stories of people and places in this area and beyond.

With a brand new name comes a brand new website. It's a fantastic place to find out what we are up to, what we have coming up and to explore star objects in our collections, as well as charges, opening times and booking information. Check out all our events for the autumn including October half term activities, Black History Month and the Off the Wall Art Fair. Our new website address is discoverbucksmuseum.org

Don't forget you can drop in for a coffee in the Museum café and browse the gift shop for cards and special gifts.



Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP

CONNECTING LOCAL FILMMAKERS, ACTORS AND ACTRESSES IN AYLESBURY

WHO ARE YOU?

My name is Patrick Ryder, I am a multi award-winning film director and award-winning graphic artist.



TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOU?

I have been a film director since 2010, when I set up production company Little Glass Pictures - along with my wife and award-winning actor Kevin Leslie. We have produced over 20 films and have won just over 50 worldwide awards including best film at the New York Film Festival amongst others.

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON NOW?

I am currently co-directing a new Horror feature film called Lore alongside the wonderful James Bushe and the brilliant producer Adam Bouabda. The film stars Ben Crompton (Game of Thrones), Andrew Lee Potts (The Crown), comedian Rufus Hound and Kevin Leslie (The Rise and Fall of the Krays) - we are aiming to release it early in 2022.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR GRAPHIC ART

I've been a visual graphic artist for over 15 years now, creating art programmes and films for the BBC, ITV, Sky, Netflix and many others. Last year during lockdown I teamed up with the amazing Rachel Warren who runs RWI Films along with myself and Michelle Hamer. We are fast becoming one of the leading graphic art companies for film and production companies.

DO YOU WANT TO LINK FILM MORE WITH AYLESBURY?

Absolutely! Aylesbury is such a beautiful place, stunning parks and so much green! I want to reach out to local filmmakers, actors and producers in the area - before lockdown I felt the area was lacking in a really strong film community and since lockdown that has only become quieter - I'd love to reach out to other film related people in the area about projects and possibly even Aylesbury's first ever film festival and put it on the map for all things film.

Are you a local actor, actress, director, write or producer? Contact Patrick at patrickryder@hotmail.co.uk





AYLESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL

Aylesbury Town Council Ward Map

Ward: Gatehouse



Cllr Anders Christensen
07834 995690



Cllr Tuffail Hussain
07832 913171



Cllr Phanindar Koya
07709 923308

Ward: Central



Cllr Sherrilyn Bateman
07511 388978

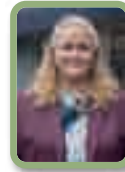


Cllr Tim Dixon
07956 802402

Ward: Elmhurst



Cllr Ashley Morgan
07799 878059



Cllr Susan Morgan
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Ward: Coppice Way



Cllr Chris Hendren
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Ward: Oakfield



Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts
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Ward: Quarrendon



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Ward: Southcourt



Cllr Niknam Hussain
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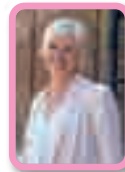
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Cllr Roger King
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Cllr Denise Summers
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Ward: Bedgrove



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WHO DO I TALK TO ABOUT?...

AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

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 425678** or visit **aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk**



**AYLESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL**

AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Office of the Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- Management of all allotment sites
- Local Burial Authority - management of Tring Road Cemetery
- Devolved Services including 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, Soapbox Derby, 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)
- Partnership working and engagement with other community stakeholders and Buckinghamshire Council

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

Buckinghamshire Council provides services on a county-wide basis and has a very regulatory remit. Call **0300 131 6000** or visit **buckinghamshire.gov.uk**



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Collection of Council Tax and business rates
- Waste collection
- Waste disposal and household recycling centres
- 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
- Grass cutting of rural highways/grass verges
- Upkeep of Aylesbury town areas such as Kingsbury and Market Square
- Roads and pavements
- Education and main libraries
- Social care services
- Trading Standards
- Registrars - births, deaths and marriages



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
NEW UNIVERSITY
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AYLESBURY GYMNAST AND BNU STUDENT VAULTING INTO DUAL CAREER

A Buckinghamshire New University (BNU) student who trains at the Aylesbury Gymnastic Academy has her sights set on competing in artistic gymnastics for the GB senior squad.

Jessica Daykin, 19, is training hard for selection having competed many times for England, including winning the international Rosebowl competition. Jessica is also a Sport and Exercise Science BSc student at BNU and is keen to use both her studies and gymnastics to shape her long-term career.

Jessica said: *"I am keen to give something back to the sport that has given me so much. My interests are in nutrition, physiotherapy and strength and conditioning so I think it will be one of those."*

BNU has recently been recognised for helping talented athletes like Jessica to reach their potential in education alongside achieving success in their sport through achieving Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) Dual Career Accreditation. This validated the support and reassurance BNU already provided to its students.

Jessica added: *"I feel that I have been really supported and encouraged by all of my university lecturers. I have been awarded gym membership for the university gym and access to massage and physio once restrictions allow. The BNU staff are aware of my gym commitments and are always happy to support me. I haven't needed any extra time for assignments this year, but I know I could ask if I needed it."*

For further information on studying at BNU as a talented athlete, please visit bucks.ac.uk/life/performance-sport



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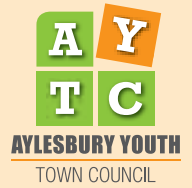
Youth Concern has been supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged 13-25 year olds across Aylesbury Vale for 41 years. Much has been written in the last 18 months about our new supported accommodation project, The Next Step, but how much do you know about our Drop-in Centre on Whitehill Lane?

Our Drop-in Centre has long been popular with 13-25 year olds, who enjoyed using our music studio, table tennis and pool tables. Although services adapted during the lockdowns, we have always been there for young people when they need us most, taking our services online even when we needed to shut our physical doors for 10 weeks in 2020.

We are now offering more and more services from our Drop-in Centre. For example, our music studio enables young people to develop their interest and talent in music by recording, mixing and producing their own music. Terence Higgins Trust run a sexual health drop-in twice a week from our Centre, and Switch offer addiction support weekly. Our pool table is back and food and care parcels are available too.

All these services are provided free of charge to approximately 500 young people every year. We receive no statutory funding, so fundraise 100% of our income. We are extremely grateful to the grant-making trusts who support our work, including Thomas Hickman's Charity, William Harding's Charity and the Rothschild Foundation. If you would like to help us help the Vale's disadvantaged 13-25 year olds, you can do so at youthconcern.org.uk/support-us





FIVE REASONS WHY... YOU SHOULD BE AN AYLESBURY YOUTH TOWN COUNCILLOR

We're looking to expand our group of fab young people aged between 11 and 19 years. Here are five reasons why you should join Aylesbury Youth Town Council.



- **MAKE NEW FRIENDS.** You'll meet likeminded people who have similar passions and interests to you!
- **DO GOOD AND FEEL GOOD.** We want you to use your voice to represent your generation. By doing so, you'll get a huge feel-good kick.
- **BOOST YOUR CONFIDENCE.** It can be overwhelming thinking about life after school, college or university. As a Youth Town Councillor, you'll do things as a group to better your community and will pick up bags of confidence along the way.
- **OPEN UP FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES.** All you learn and experience with Aylesbury Youth Town Council will set you up for your future. You'll learn skills like leadership, teamwork and other transferable skills that will help you beyond your education.
- **HAVE FUN!** We don't take ourselves too seriously but equally enjoy expressing our views and opinions to benefit the younger generation in Aylesbury.



If you'd like to be part of something good, get in touch with the Youth Town Council Clerk, Benedicta Lasoye, by emailing benedicta.lasoye@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

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