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Jonathan Page play Centre

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEMES



Summer Playscheme

22 July – 2 September 2022
excluding bank holiday



We've got a jam-packed summer line up! We like to play but also learn about lots of different things at the Jonathan Page Play Centre. Why not join in with our fun-themed weeks?

Create colourful crafts and play exciting games during **Carnival Week**, be inspired by renowned paintings in **Famous Paintings Week**, say AHOY to new friends in **Pirates Week** and prepare to learn about the incredible human body during **Human Body Week** – there really is something for everyone at this Summer Playscheme!

We also have a fantastic outdoor space with games, go karts and climbing equipment to play on.

- Week 1: Shapes
- Week 2: Pets
- Week 3: Human Body
- Week 4: Pirates
- Week 5: Carnival
- Week 6: Famous Paintings
- Week 7: Patterns



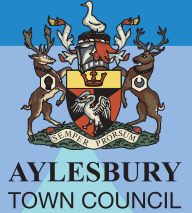
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(PER CHILD, PER DAY)**
 Full Day 8am-6:30pm - £31
 Half Day 8am-3:30pm - £23
 AM session 8am-12:30pm - £16.50
 PM session 12:30pm-5pm - £16.50

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Welcome



Welcome to our latest edition of Aylesbury Town Matters. After the last two years of the pandemic, whilst it hasn't completely gone away, we are able to run a full programme of free events for the first time since 2019 and we're bringing you a number of favourites over the next few months.

Soapbox Derby, our Father's Day event, returns and once again will be held in White Hill Park on **Sunday 19 June**. Alongside the karts will be DJ Dan Blaze and lots of activities for the whole family. Please do come down and cheer on the competitors

and marvel at the homemade karts on the pit straight.

Aylesbury on Sea will be on **Sunday 3 July**. In 2019 we held it in Vale Park for the first time and we're returning to the park again along with a serious amount of sand, this promises to be another great event as we bring the seaside to you.

August Bank Holiday (**27-28 August**) will once again be our **Parklife Weekend** where we'll be bringing you 9.5 hours of music with Zarak headlining Live in the Park and our usual array of stalls, bars, food outlets and fun. Don't forget all these events are free - more details inside.

Aylesbury in Bloom is open for applications (closes on **Friday 10 June**), we have categories for residents, schools, businesses and organisations, suitable for all abilities! Please visit bit.ly/AIBloom2022 online.

This edition will be delivered in the run up to the **Platinum Jubilee**. Thank you to all those that have made use of our street parties toolkit which is still available on our website (bit.ly/ATCStreetParty). We are looking forward to seeing all your celebrations, please do send in photos for our next edition by **Tuesday 26 July**.

Thank you to everyone that took part in the **Great British Spring Clean**, particularly those residents and of course the **Aylesbury Wombles** who do so much to keep our streets clean all year round.

I'd like to close by saying thank you to everyone that has done so much to fundraise for and to welcome people from Ukraine into our community. The current Mayor and I have both previously travelled to Ukraine and it's a cause close to our hearts. Also, by the time you read this a new Mayor will have been elected for 2022-23, please look on our social media pages and website to find out who it is.

Best wishes to all,

Cllr Richard Lloyd
Leader of Aylesbury Town Council

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ST GEORGE'S DAY VICTORIAN HISTORICAL FAYRE AND PARADE

Many marvelled at the Town Council's first community event of the year. St George's Day Victorian Historical Fayre and Parade returned in a brand-new format on **Sunday 24 April**. The Victorian Historical Fayre with Dr Melford's Travelling Show took place in Discover Bucks Museum's garden. Punters marvelled at the World's Strongest Man, Bone the Seer and other mind-bending curiosities. There was also an opportunity to meet Her Majesty Queen Victoria who wowed her audience at the free family-friendly event.

The day ended with a spectacular parade around Market Square led by St George himself on horseback. A dragon, Amersham Marching Band and representatives from Aylesbury's Uniformed Youth joined us too. We'd like to say a big thank you to the 300+ parade participants for being part of it. It was incredible to see so many people in Market Square to celebrate the day.

STAR SUPPORTER



After working closely with our Outdoor Maintenance Team as part of the emergency flood defence team, **Bux & Oxon 4x4 Response Group** now also volunteer at many of our events as parking marshals. We wanted to give them a special shout out to say thank you. We look forward to seeing them at Soapbox Derby, Aylesbury on Sea and Parklife Weekend!

GREAT NEWS ALERT! Live in the Park has won **Best Family Friendly Event** in the Little Ankle Bites Bucks Awards 2022! We are super proud of this achievement and would like to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who voted for Live in the Park. **See you in August!**



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 10-11 September 2022



Heritage Open Days celebrates England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to places that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. Please get in touch if you would like to open your doors to be part of the event. Visit aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk nearer the time for more information.



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR TOWN?

This summer, take a stroll around Aylesbury with our fascinating self-guided walk.

The booklet gives you a fantastic insight into the town's architectural history and heritage. Learn more about buildings you might pass everyday from the Corn Exchange and Kingsbury to the Old County Hall and The King's Head.

You can purchase a copy of the Heritage Walk booklet for £1 from the Town Hall (5 Church Street, HP20 2QP) or Discover Bucks Museum (Church Street, HP20 2QP).



SUMMER FUN IN AYLESBURY



There's so much to look forward to this summer at our FREE community events!

SUNDAY LUNCH OPEN MIC

Calling all budding musicians, local bands and aspiring poets – be part of our **Sunday Lunch Open Mic sessions this summer**. Performers are invited to stage their talent at The Exchange in Aylesbury. If supporting local talent is more your thing, you can sit back, relax and be entertained each month throughout the summer, in one of the many restaurants which surround the performance area. Willing performers do not need to pre-register, just rock up on the day, add your name to the Open Mic board and perform music, poetry, readings or recitals. Sessions are open for all to perform and can be enjoyed on the **first Sunday of each month from 11am-2pm until September at The Exchange, (next to the Odeon), Aylesbury, HP20 1US**. For more information call **01296 425678** or email **info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk**



PARKLIFE WEEKEND

Your August Bank Holiday weekend plans are here!



Parklife Weekend returns to Vale Park across the **August Bank Holiday weekend, 27-28 August** from **12 noon**. We're beyond excited to bring a whole range of local talent to the park on **Saturday 27 August at Live in the Park**. We'll be hosting 9.5 hours of continuous music across two stages, fun, games and activities in our Community Involvement Area and plenty of delicious local food outlets to tuck into. **Zarak** will be headlining this year's event who promise to rock the main stage with a performance to remember! Visit our website for the full line-up.



SOAPBOX DERBY

Watch home-made soapbox karts take to White Hill Park on **Sunday 19 June**. We've missed this action-packed day for the last few years and cannot wait to have it back. DJ Dan Blaze will be there plus lots of fun activities and games for everyone in the family to enjoy this Father's Day. Remember – you decide who wins **Best Looking Kart!** We hope to see you there from **11am**.

NEW FOR 2022 We will be co-hosting a **Battle of the Bands** competition with the fantastic **XYZ Music Academy!** If you're part of a group and fancy yourselves on one of our stages in 2023 – listen up!



From **Monday 4 July** you'll be able to apply for a chance to perform in our Battle of the Bands tent, at this year's Live in the Park. Judges will decide who will be part of the competition and will also decide on the overall winner on the day, who will then get to perform in the full line-up in 2023. Up for it? Be quick as applications will close on **Friday 22 July**.

Visit our website nearer the time for more information. Huge thanks to XYZ Music Academy for working with us on this exciting new addition to Live in the Park.



AYLESBURY ON SEA

Have a whale of a time at this year's **Aylesbury on Sea on Sunday 3 July, 11am-4pm**. We're bringing the seaside to Aylesbury's Vale Park with a whopping 60 tonnes of sand. There will be Punch and Judy shows, deckchairs, face painting, new Super Soaker Arena, bingo, coconut shy, an inflatable Helter Skelter, land train, games, crafts and much more for the whole family to enjoy. Not to mention plenty of buckets and spades so you can make the finest sandcastles Aylesbury has ever seen! We're sure you'll have a fantastic day.



Proms in the Park on Sunday 28 August sees a spectacle of music from Aylesbury Concert Band. Bring your picnics and flags for a fantastic event for all the family with our firework finale celebrating a fabulous weekend of fun.



For up-to-date information on all our events, visit our Facebook page **@aylesburytc** or our website **aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk**

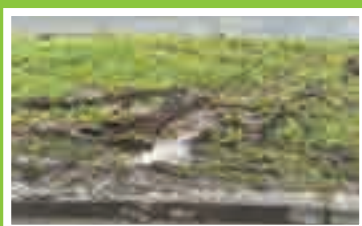


WALTON POND DUCKS

At this time of year you might see ducks swimming across Walton Pond. While they're grateful that residents think of their tummies, we need to let you know that feeding them bread drives them a little bit quackers! Bread provides the ducks with empty calories with no nutrition. They love sweetcorn, frozen peas, vegetable trimmings and oats. Bread has low nutritional value, can attract rats and encourages harmful algae in the pond. Thank you for helping us keep the ducks healthy.

A friendly reminder to all residents: Please avoid parking on grass verges in the town.

As you can see, this can cause damage to the verge as well as to machinery which in turn causes delays in our Outdoor Team's grass cutting round and can be very costly to repair. Thank you.



LITTER HEROES DO THEIR BIT FOR THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Cllr Mehta organised a community litter pick during the Great British Spring Clean in April. Cllr Mehta was joined by Cllr Bateman, Youth Town Councillor Freya Jones and residents who all did their bit for Keep Britain Tidy's national environmental campaign.

Together they filled 15 bags, reported fly tipping issues and also reported a fallen tree that was obstructing a bus stop. A **big thank you to everyone** who volunteered their time and came along.

We'd like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Aylesbury Wombles for their continued dedication to our town. The team of Wombles tidy our streets and bring people together and have formed an incredible community of people. They volunteer year-round to keep our town tidy and we couldn't be more grateful for their incredible efforts. Thank you.



AYLESBURY GARDENING SOCIETY

Another new growing season is here again with lots of fruits, vegetables and flowers to look forward to. Don't forget we sell all sorts of things to help in your garden, allotments or tubs and window boxes. We have fertilisers, insecticides and composts. We now have a selection of reduced peat, peat free and original composts to suit all requirements. For those of you who are entering the **Aylesbury in Bloom Competition** we have lots of things to help.

Also, some people are opening their gardens in support of Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity. Why not take a look at their website for all the information? Visit fnhospice.org.uk/events/open-gardens

We are hoping to be able to arrange a visit to RHS Wisley later in the year, the first time for three years! We look forward to seeing lots of you and enjoy a wonderful day out.



We also have our **Annual Show** at Aylesbury Grammar School on **Saturday 17 September 2022**. The website will have all the information as it becomes available, as well as all the information about the Society. Visit aylesburygardeningociety.co.uk. Information will be available in the store as well.

We are open **Sundays 9am-12 noon** at our store on the **Old Stoke Road Allotment Site, HP21 8DF**. New members always welcome.



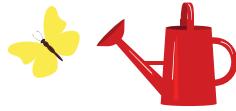
AYLESBURY IN BLOOM GARDEN COMPETITION

It's that time of year again where we're asking our Aylesbury Town Matters readers to put their best green-fingers forward and enter our Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition. Our judges want to see what gardening skills residents, organisations, businesses and schools within the Parish of Aylesbury have to offer this summer. See the entry form below for the full list of categories you can enter. Winners will be recognised with a bronze, silver, silver gilt or gold award at an awards evening in September. This is a fun and friendly competition for gardeners of all ages and abilities and it's free to enter. Complete the application below by **Friday 10 June**.

For more information including terms and conditions and judging criteria visit bit.ly/AIBloom2022 or call **01296 425678** or email info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk. We would like to thank Michael Anthony Estate Agents for supporting this event.

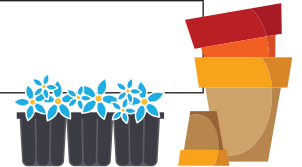


ENTRY FORM 2022



For residents, schools, businesses and organisations in the Parish of Aylesbury. **Entries close on Friday 10 June 2022** and judging will take place during June (schools only), July and August. Please return the completed form to **Aylesbury in Bloom, Aylesbury Town Council, Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP** or email completed forms to info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk (scanned forms are acceptable).

Contact Name:	
School/Organisation:	
Phone/Mobile:	
Email:	
Address inc. postcode:	



I am a: Resident School Business/Organisation

Please tick the categories you wish to enter (multiple categories can be chosen). For terms and conditions and criteria for each category, please visit aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk or contact the office on **01296 425678**.

Residents		Schools	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Front Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Edible Garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Back Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Wildlife/Nature Garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Edible Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Recreational/Learning Garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Wildlife/Nature Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Garden in a Pot
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Container Garden	Business/Organisation	
I am entering the resident's class as		<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Communal Garden/Premises
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Young Gardener (4-16 years)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Edible Communal Garden

Preferred month for your garden to be judged? June (schools only) July August



By submitting this form, you are agreeing to our privacy notice as outlined in the terms and conditions of the Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition 2022.

#TUESDAY TUNES

We hosted an Easter eggstravaganza at our April #TuesdayTunes session in Aylesbury Library. Thank you to Christelle from Aylesbury Waitrose & Partners for kindly donating Easter eggs for our guests. They went down a treat!



We loved listening to Que Será, Será, We'll Meet Again and You're Just Too Good To Be True. We also had the new addition of our 'listening lounge' area and we're looking forward to making some lasting friendships as the months go by. #TuesdayTunes is an opportunity for those living with dementia and their carers to come together and enjoy music. Join us on the first Tuesday of each month in **Aylesbury Library** from **10am**.



ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

With some new and exciting changes afoot as we ease out of the pandemic, we wanted introduce Tim Waters – Alzheimer's Society Community Fundraiser.



Tim supports people across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire to fundraise for Alzheimer's Society. Through cake sales, sporting challenges and all manner of events, the charity's supporters raise valuable funds to help fund research and improve care and support for people affected by dementia.

Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends programme is the biggest ever initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia in England and Wales. A Dementia Friend is somebody that learns about dementia so they can help their community. Too many

people affected by dementia feel that society fails to understand the condition they live with. Dementia Friends help by raising awareness and understanding, so that people living with dementia can continue to live in the way they want.

Dementia Friends help people living with dementia by taking actions - both big and small. These actions don't have to be time-consuming. From visiting someone you know with dementia to being more patient in a shop queue, every action counts! Dementia Friends can also get involved with things like volunteering, campaigning or wearing a badge to raise awareness.

To become a Dementia Friend, contact our Dementia Friends ambassador Bee at benedicta.lasoye@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk and/or to host a fundraising event, please email Tim at Tim.Waters@alzheimers.org.uk.

VOLUNTEER AT TOWN COUNCIL EVENTS

Is your child looking for a summer job but is struggling to gain valuable experience?

Aylesbury Town Council is looking for event volunteers to be part of their friendly on-the-day event team. We have some fantastic community events throughout the year like Soapbox Derby (19 June), Aylesbury on Sea (3 July) and Parklife Weekend (27-28 August).

- ✓ Gain experience for CV and personal statement
- ✓ Earn Duke of Edinburgh volunteer points

Volunteers will be public facing and will gain confidence and teamwork skills while having fun and giving back to the community. For more information, please email info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



FUN AND GAMES AT THE JONATHAN PAGE PLAY CENTRE

We've been having so much fun at the Jonathan Page Play Centre! We had a busy two weeks during our Easter Playscheme having fun, playing outside and creating lots of Easter crafts. With the weather being warm and sunny we could make the most of all the outdoor toys, games and activities. The go-karts are one of our favourites!

During our second week of fun, we had a visit from the **Aylesbury Wombles** who do so much in our town. They came along to talk to us about litter and how harmful it can be for our environment. We learnt lots and had great fun with them. We collected all the rubbish that we have at lunchtime in the Play Centre and thought about how we could reuse or reduce our waste. We also talked about Earth Day and what we can all do to look after the planet.

We've got lots to look forward to in the summer holidays. **Summer Playscheme** will take place from **22 July to 2 September**. We've heard the team here have lots of exciting things planned! We'll be creating colourful carnival masks during **Carnival Week**, learning about well-known paintings in **Famous Paintings Week**, saying "ahoy!" to new friends during **Pirates Week** and designing our own telescopes plus much, much more!

Do you want to join in the fun? The team are super friendly and would love to chat with you. Give them a call on **01296 336413** or email jplaycentre@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk. We love meeting new faces!

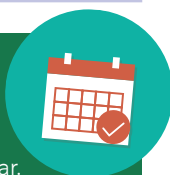
We'd like to also give a special shout out to **Beccy, Hannah, Fezi, Mary, Lisa, Karen** and all the **Casual Playworkers** for looking after us and always making sure we're having a brilliant time at the Jonathan Page Play Centre.



We're looking for Casual Playworkers to be part of our team. If you're an all-round team player who is reliable with excellent communication skills, then this role could be for you. You will be working as required as part of the permanent team of Playworkers providing high quality care and opportunities for children aged 4-13 years at our Holiday Playschemes and After School Club. If you'd like to find out more, give Beccy a call on **01296 336413**. You must be at least 17 years old to apply. Visit bit.ly/CasualPlayworkerVacancy to see the full job description and application form.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

All meetings commence at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 5 Church Street, HP20 2QP. Please visit aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk or the main noticeboard at the Town Hall for all agendas and all dates for 2022-23 year.



JUNE 2022

- Tuesday 7 - Communities
- Wednesday 8 - Direct Services
- Thursday 9 - Town Council
- Wednesday 15 - Finance
- Monday 20 - Planning and Licensing
- Wednesday 22 - Grants

JULY 2022

- Monday 4 - Planning and Licensing
- Wednesday 13 - Policy
- Thursday 14 - Town Council
- Monday 18 - Planning and Licensing
- Tuesday 26 - Communities

AUGUST 2022

- Monday 1 - Planning and Licensing
- Monday 15 - Planning and Licensing
- Tuesday 30 - Planning and Licensing

Please check with the Town Hall to make sure that the scheduled meeting has not been changed or cancelled.



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.

HOLI – THE FESTIVAL OF COLOURS

The local Indian community group - Aylesbury SANGAM organised the Holi Celebration (Holi Hai 2022) at the Bierton Sports Centre. Holi is a major Hindu festival also known as the Festival of Spring, the Festival of Colours.

Aylesbury SANGAM started the Holi celebration in 2016 and this year marked the 5th anniversary. This year's celebration was much awaited as the festival could not be celebrated for last two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Around 350 people gathered for the Holi celebration and were fortunate to be outside during a rare warm weekend in the UK that added extra fun to the festival. Cllr Nidhi Mehta and Cllr Phanindar Koya attended the festival. They thoroughly enjoyed the festival and congratulated the organisers for a successful event.

The celebration included the tradition of applying and throwing dry colours on each other. Attendees cherished the delectable food from the Indian food stalls. A team of 12 drummers (dhol) performed for around three hours and made everyone dance on their beats.

The event proved to be an enormous success and provided an opportunity to celebrate the festival locally and strengthen their ties with the local community.



BUCKS RADIO TOUR DE VALE

On Sunday 12 June Buckinghamshire's biggest charity bike ride returns with the 2022 Bucks Radio Tour de Vale. Organised by WheelPower since 2003, the annual event has become a highlight on the local cycling calendar, as riders come together to turn pedal power in to vital funds for the Stoke Mandeville based charity.

There are three fantastic routes to choose from, all starting and finishing on the famous track at the Birthplace of the Paralympic Movement. The routes take the riders out in to the beautiful Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire countryside and are supported by regular water stops, volunteer marshals, first aid points and support vehicles for your safety throughout.

Choose from 25, 65 and 110km routes and join riders of all ages and abilities in completing this fantastic charity bike ride. The 25km route is ideal for families, with all under 16s and hand cyclists going free. The two longer routes go through Eythrope Park, Waddesdon and Quainton and are for keen individual cyclists, or club members who want something a little more challenging.

All cyclists will be rewarded with a well-earned medal after crossing the Stoke Mandeville Stadium finish line, where you will find massage tables, a barbecue and a bar so that you can recover and relax with your friends and family after the event.

To find out more about this year's event and to sign up please visit tourdevale.com

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.

A VIP (VERY IMPORTANT PUPPY) VISITS AYLESBURY CROWN COURT

Aylesbury Crown Court received a visit from Jury the dog to say thank you for setting him on a journey to becoming a life-changing guide dog. This was Jury's first visit to Aylesbury Crown Court since they raised £50,000 to choose his name through Guide Dogs' Name a Puppy scheme.

His Honour Judge Francis Sheridan, of Aylesbury Crown Court, says: "It's been very exciting to meet Jury and speak with his puppy raiser, Patricia McDonagh. Finding out about Jury's training and what his personality is like, makes the experience even more rewarding."



The £50,000 raised will support Jury throughout his entire life as a guide dog, from training through to partnership. Jury is six months old but has already learned many of the basic obedience commands that will be used when he goes out into the world as part of a guide dog partnership.

The Mayor of Aylesbury, Cllr Anders Christensen, was also pleased to be in attendance during the visit to the Crown Court, getting a chance to meet Jury. Without the support of the local community, Guide Dogs could not continue to provide their life changing services to local people suffering from sight loss.

The Aylesbury Fundraising Group urgently needs a Group Coordinator to take the lead with the organisation of events and collections, as well as a Merchandise Coordinator to look after trading stock. They are also looking for a Collection Box Coordinator and general fundraisers. Visit guidedogs.org.uk/volunteer for more information.

HS2 IN AYLESBURY

High Speed Two (HS2) has launched a new Mobile Visitors Centre designed to help rural communities access information during the construction of the UK's new high-speed railway. The vehicle will visit towns and villages across the 80km stretch of the project being delivered by HS2's main works contractor EKFB – a specialist team made up of Eiffage, Kier, Ferrovia Construction and BAM Nuttall.



The vehicle will park up giving residents a convenient place to ask questions and meet HS2 and EKFB staff involved in

the construction of the new railway line. The team has already been out and about in Aylesbury including being a part of the Bucks Skills Show and drop-in sessions at Coldharbour and Waddesdon.

All upcoming Mobile Visitor Centre dates will be published on the HS2 website. We are always looking for places impacted by HS2 to visit. If you think your community would benefit from a visit please contact our Helpdesk team, details below.

Our team can also discuss career opportunities and offer advice on how to break into the construction industry. Our current vacancies from specialists to apprentices can be found on our website careers.ekfb.com.

Giving back to the community is important to HS2 which is why we offer a volunteering programme to put our team's skills and experience to good use as well as funding opportunities for affected communities. You can find out more information regarding funding on the HS2 website hs2funds.org.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

AYLESBURY WOMEN'S AID

Aylesbury Women's Aid Counselling Service is recruiting volunteer counsellors and psychotherapists to join our small friendly team. We're looking for counsellors who understand domestic abuse, with some experience of working with this client group and who are able to work from a feminist perspective. Our counselling service offers free, short-term counselling to women in the Aylesbury Vale area. Our service offers a supportive, safe, and confidential space for survivors of domestic abuse, to explore their experiences, thoughts and feelings. Visit aylesburywomensaid.org.uk/job-and-voluntary-opportunities to read requirements and apply or email enquiries.awaid@outlook.com.



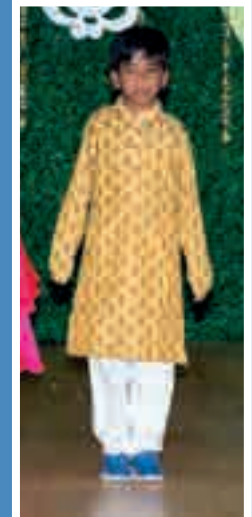
DAYTOP MULTICULTURAL CENTRE

The Daytop Multicultural Centre project team was given a grant of £1,890 to help fund a 12-week fashion design and sewing skills workshop encouraging the empowerment of women. During March, a fashion show took place to showcase the incredible and vibrant designs the participants of the course created. Each participant showed their designs and walked the catwalk. They also spoke about their designs and motivation to the audience, as well as talking about the wellbeing and confidence they had gained from the course and from sewing. One young person wants to commence their own business after creating wonderful outfits and more may follow. Cllr Sherrilyn Bateman presented certificates of recognition to those who took part. For more details on Daytop visit daytop.co.uk

AYLESBURY TELUGU COMMUNITY

Aylesbury Telugu Community (ATC) is a newly formed non-profit community interest company (CIC) registered in November 2021 with the main objective to promote cultural, arts and sports within the Aylesbury community. We're also planning personal development workshops and conducting health awareness and wellbeing seminars to help the community lead a positive life. We have successfully organised a couple of events in the first half of this year and for sports and cultural events. We had a huge turn out.

These events helped the community get together and showcase their talents in sports and arts and uplifting the positivity in the community. We are organising Telugu language classes and yoga sessions for the benefit of the community. ukatc.org



FUNDED CHILDCARE FOR 2, 3 AND 4-YEAR-OLDS



Did you know some families can send their 2-year-old to nursery, pre-school or childminder and have up to 15 hours funded childcare per week? If you are on a low income, have an adopted child, or if your child is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance, you may be eligible. You can find out about 2-year-old funding at buckinghamshire.gov.uk/2-year-old-funding. You can also search for nurseries, pre-schools and childminders near to you, just add your postcode in the search box.

To find out if you are eligible, apply for funding or ask for help to find childcare, contact the Early Years Service on **01296 387111** and ask for the 2-year-old funding team. From the term after your child is 3, all families are eligible for 15 hours per week funded education until your child is old enough to go to school. If you are working (and your partner if you have one) you may be eligible for 30 hours per week, check on the government website gov.uk/30-hours-childcare



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WILLIAM HARDING STATUE

A sculpture marking the 300th anniversary of the creation of the William Harding Charity was unveiled, by the Mayor of Aylesbury, Cllr Anders Christensen, in April in the gardens of the Discover Bucks Museum.

William Harding was a yeoman farmer who owned farmland, a house and an inn. When he died in 1719, he left his estate to provide clothes and education to the poor families of Aylesbury. The endowment has grown over the years as land he owned has been developed around the town. This has enabled the charity to support many young people in education for over 300 years.

In the 18th century, the charity placed them in apprenticeships as coopers, blacksmiths, carpenters, dressmakers and milliners. In the 21st century, the charity continues this support with school trips, school uniforms and annual grants to young people at university and higher education. It also makes grants to schools and education establishments, sports clubs, art societies and organisations working for the residents of Aylesbury town.

There are no images of William Harding so the statue, by Judy Cowper, depicts three young children in 18th century clothing and is installed in the garden of the Discover Bucks Museum in Church Street, Aylesbury. This statue has been donated by the William Harding Trustees to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the William Harding Charity. William Harding is recognised as Aylesbury's greatest private benefactor.

If you or an organisation would like to apply for a grant, please send a request for an application form to info@williamhardingcharity.co.uk.



MIDNIGHT WALK RETURNS TO AYLESBURY FOR ONE FINAL NIGHT

Our annual Midnight Walk returns to Aylesbury for the final time after a two-year hiatus on Saturday 16 July.

The Midnight Walk has seen hundreds of men and women walk over 50,000 miles around the streets of Aylesbury since it began in 2010 and has raised over £650,000 to support patients with life-limiting illnesses and their families across Buckinghamshire and its borders.



"Midnight Walk started in 2010 with 550 women walking up to 13 miles through the night and is our biggest fundraising night of the year" says Claire Redrup, Public Fundraising Manager at the charity.

"However, in the final few years, before the enforced breaks in 2020 and 2021, we had seen a reduction in the number of walkers and money raised, and so

have made the decision that this will be the charity's final Midnight Walk and are planning something new and more accessible for our supporters to take part in next year.

"We hope that our local community will support this year's Farewell Midnight Walk and take this opportunity to come together to remember loved ones and to support their local hospice as we walk these final miles for one last time."

Walkers can choose from 5-mile or 10-mile circular routes – both starting from Aylesbury College at midnight. For more information and to sign up, please visit fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk or call **01296 429975**.



WALK FOR THE PACE CENTRE

The Pace Centre is a ground-breaking children's charity that transforms the lives of children and young people with neurodisabilities, such as cerebral palsy. Fundamental to our approach is a belief in every child's ability to learn and make progress, whatever the physical or sensory challenges they face. Our overriding goal is to help children and young people with neurological disabilities that result in physical challenges to achieve their full potential and to be as independent as possible in their current and future lives.

We have several upcoming fundraisers for keen walkers or those wanting a new challenge to raise funds for our work.

- The National 3 Peaks 24 Hour Challenge (18-20 June)
- The Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge (17 July)
- The National 3 Peaks 3-day Challenge (19-22 August)

Visit thepacecentre.org/pace-charity/challenge-events for more information about each event.

BEDGROVE DAY IN THE PARK

Bedgrove Day in the Park takes place every other year in Bedgrove Park and has been running for many years as a fun afternoon for all the family. This year it will take place on **Saturday 9 July** from 12-5pm.

The event is organised by The Bedgrove Residents & Community Association, a charity which encompasses around 3,000 homes.

We have live music, donkey rides, zorbing, bungee trampoline, inflatables, face painter, as well as attractions for the younger visitors such as teacup rides etc. There are also arena events including dance school and martial arts displays and a fun dog show.

There will be 30+ stalls of local craft, businesses and charities to browse around, and of course there will be ice cream, hot dogs, burgers, coffee vans as well as tea and cakes in the Pavilion.

Bedgrove Park is ideally suited for visitors of all ages as it is mostly flat with easy access for the less able. Stewards are on hand all day to ensure everyone has a great family fun afternoon, all that is needed is the sun to make the day 'perfic'.



BNU NURSES SHORTLISTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

Buckinghamshire New University (BNU) has been named a finalist across four categories in 2022's Student Nursing Times Awards. The awards bring together the nursing community to shine a light on the brightest talent making their way into the profession.

Those shortlisted are:

- Nursing Associate Trainee of the Year - Sanju Adhikari
- Student Nurse of the Year (Adult) - Grace Neequaye
- Student Nurse of the Year (Children) - Charlotte Whitlock
- Student Nurse of the Year (Mental Health) - Michelle Chandler

Spotlight on Grace Neequaye – Nursing (Adult) with NMC Registration

Grace is now a final stage third-year student and was nominated for being a constant reminder of the importance and value of nursing, advocating for all stakeholders, those receiving and those delivering care. Grace understands the impact that nursing has and continues to strive as a student, ensuring the future of care delivery is safe and effective. Grace is a natural with people, unmistakably a characteristic that is intrinsic in nursing.



If you have a passion for delivering care to others and want to make a difference to peoples' lives, a career in adult nursing may be a perfect fit for you. You'll learn from experienced lecturers and technicians using state-of-the-art simulation facilities, coupled with time out on clinical placement. Upon completion of the degree, you'll be eligible to apply for admission to the Nursing & Midwifery Council.

For more information, please visit bit.ly/BNUAdultNursing or search bit.ly/BNU-Nursing for all other BNU nursing courses.

AYLESBURY RELAY FOR LIFE 2022

Survivors are the reason we Relay! Let us introduce ourselves, we are Aylesbury Relay for Life. It is an annual event which sees teams of individuals walk in relay for 24 hours. This unique activity is designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for life saving research. It unites and mobilises communities committed to fighting back cancer. It also enables us to increase the visibility and generate cancer awareness.



As a Survivor you are the reason we Relay and you are given the spotlight to show there is life after diagnosis and to inspire those who have been touched by cancer. You are a testament to the progress that has been made in the fight and you are changing the face of survivorship. Just showing up can really make a difference to someone suffering from cancer in that they know they are not alone.

We would love you (and a guest or carer) to join us at Relay For Life Aylesbury at **The Pavilion in Halton on Saturday 16 July at 12 noon** for our Opening Ceremony and celebratory Survivor Lap and then to be our honoured guest at a special lunch in your honour. We look forward to welcoming you.

Interested? Then please contact us. You can find us on Facebook: **Aylesbury Relay for Life** or contact our Chair Paula Kirby: relaypaulk@hotmail.com or visit relayforlifeaylesbury.org

SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN OUR COMMUNITIES

The great community spirit in the county is once again at the forefront of responding to a crisis, with local communities coming together to help Ukrainian refugees. Many people have already stepped forward to welcome the refugees arriving in the area – whether it is by hosting families in their homes, providing translation services or advice, or helping new arrivals to join in local activities – with many more keen to help.

However, as the situation is continuously evolving, it can be hard to know where to find the latest information and advice – particularly what is available locally.



To tackle this, local charity **Community Impact Bucks** has set up an online resource which highlights the help already available locally to refugees and their hosts, as well as ways that individuals, charities and community groups can get involved.

The Community Support for Ukrainian refugees online resource has lots of useful information for:

- Aylesbury residents who want to help Ukrainian refugees in the county
- Refugees or hosts in the area who want to find out what support is available
- Local charities/community groups which want to offer support or facilities to Ukrainian refugees

Find out more about local community support for Ukrainian refugees at: communityimpactbucks.org.uk

PILOT PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

A pilot programme has been launched by the Chilterns MS Centre to open up its services to people with neurological conditions other than multiple sclerosis. Initially focused on people with Parkinson's Disease, the programme will make further use of the expertise the charity has built up over the last 36 years.



Being diagnosed with a neurological condition can be a daunting experience but the Chilterns MS Centre provides a wide range of treatments and services that help support people on their journey, services that go beyond what the NHS is able to offer. This support is also available to carers.

Physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and counselling, not to mention the provision of a supportive community, all help empower people with MS to thrive. 500 people benefit from the services offered by the charity every year.

"So many people with multiple sclerosis have benefited from the life-enhancing services we offer," said Catherine Golds, Chair of Trustees at the Chilterns MS Centre. "This is a really exciting time for our charity as we expand our capacity to support many more people who desperately need it."

If anyone with Parkinson's Disease feels they would benefit from the services offered, then they should get in touch with the Chilterns MS Centre by phoning **01296 696133**.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

When I first stood for election in 2014 the idea of one day becoming Mayor was not even remotely in my mind. Like many I was driven by wanting to try and make where I live a better place. But getting the opportunity to become Mayor in May 2021 is truly one of the most amazing experiences. Former Mayor Mark Willis describes it as the best job in the world and he is spot on!

One recent highlight was in April when we celebrated **St George's Day** in Market Square. Hundreds of uniformed youths gathered to reaffirm their pledges of service. The sun truly shone on us and it was wonderful occasion accompanied by the free **Victorian Historical Fayre** which many also enjoyed. If you have never been to one of the Town Council's free to attend events, then come along to one this year. I can highly recommend the **Soapbox Derby**, **Aylesbury on Sea** and **Parklife Weekend** to name but three coming up over the summer.

I have had such an amazing year, met so many wonderful people and learned about so many fantastic organisations that help make Aylesbury such a great community. There are far too many people and groups to thank that it would be an impossible task to list them here. However, you know who you are and thank you to each one of you.

One part of being Mayor is being able to fundraise for a chosen charity. I chose **Aylesbury Women's Aid** because of the fantastic work they do to support victims of domestic violence but also because, in my role as a local Councillor, I see the amount and impact of domestic violence on families far too often. I am looking forward to announcing the final amount raised at the end of my Mayoral year, and I am sure they will put the money to brilliant use.

There are a few special people whom I need to personally thank and without them being Mayor would not have been possible. First and foremost, the Mayoress, Kate, and our daughters – Eleanor and Imogen – without whose support and backing I could not have done the role. My PA Sue Carpenter (aka The Boss) who has organised both myself and the Mayoral events for the year. I also want to give a special mention to Judge Francis Sheridan who has done so much to support my Charity and provided one of the highlights of the year when I was able to sit with him in Court and observe the work of the Court first hand.

So, as I return to the day job of being a ward councillor and hand the Chain of Office and robes over to the next Mayor, I wish them the best for the coming year and hope they get to enjoy the role as much as I did.

My overriding memory for the year is the friendship and warm welcome I got from Aylesbury wherever I went. Thank you, Aylesbury!

Cllr Anders Christensen
Aylesbury Town Mayor, 2021-22



 @MayorOfAylesbury

AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS



COULD YOU BENEFIT FROM A TOWN COUNCIL GRANT?

We award grants that will benefit the town and its communities. We award Sports Grants, Social & Emotional Wellbeing Grants and General Grants.

Recently we gave **£1,840** to the Southcourt and Walton Court Community Project to support half term activities at the Go Play Holiday Club. The project's objective is to provide children with opportunities to play in a safe environment which promotes physical, mental and psychological health and wellbeing. Members of the Grants Committee visited Go Play Holiday Club to meet the children and staff and to present the cheque to them.

Other groups which have been awarded grants are:

- Hindu Temple Trust were awarded **£1,100** towards the Trust's Spring Festival of Colour
- Community Unity Project were awarded **£2,000** for a replacement minibus
- Aylesbury Volleyball Club were awarded **£2,000** towards hire of hall, facilities and professional coaching for youngsters
- Autumn Leaf Club were awarded **£1,000** to go towards an outing for the group
- Oakfield Ladies Club were awarded **£800** towards speakers and demonstrators
- Thursday Morning Club were awarded **£800** to go towards a trip to Milton Keynes Museum
- New Testament Church of God (Tabitha) Foodbank were awarded **£2,500** towards a fridge/freezer and the refurbishment of the storage room to help increase the distribution of the foodbank to families and individuals.

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



The world's most famous play is coming to Aylesbury this summer, when Queens Park Arts Centre's award-winning storytelling company Unbound present a brand-new production of Hamlet.

No, don't skip to the next article! If you're sceptical about Shakespeare or bristle at mention of the Bard then keep reading, because Unbound have designed the production with everyone in mind, not just hardened theatre fans. Show director and Unbound creative producer Dario Knight explains:

"I know, I know – more Shakespeare. But here's the thing – if you've only ever read Shakespeare's plays in a boiling hot classroom, or sat through a performance full of men in tights overdoing the vibrato, then you're missing out on what the Bard's really about."



"Shakespeare wrote for the masses – for the crowds who piled into playhouses armed with ale and stale bread. His theatre was rowdy, full of heckling and silliness and actors making up the bits they couldn't remember. He knew that poetry went hand in hand with jump scares and swordfights. We're determined to recapture a bit of that spirit – so come on, give it a go! And if you're already a fan then come and enjoy a fresh new take on the Bard's most famous play."

'Hamlet' debuts at Queens Park Arts Centre on **Friday 15 July** and **Saturday 16 July**, with a free-to-view performance the following day at the King's Head on **Sunday 17 July**. The show will then tour to other venues including Waddesdon Manor. For more information head over to unboundtheatre.co.uk or queensparkarts.com.

STAR SUPPORTER



We'd like to say a huge thank you to **Queens Park Arts Centre** for bringing so much fun and creativity to our events for the last four years. They are a fantastic group of people; their spirit is infectious and their talents are vast! We've loved working in partnership with them.



28-31 JULY – EVERYONE WELCOME

We are inviting everyone to get involved in creative and cultural activities delivered by organisations, charities, businesses and groups across the county. We will be promoting four days of activities themed around 'trees and green' and want everyone to come along and be part of it! Taking place across Aylesbury (and beyond) there will be lots of activities available.

Following the success of Buckinghamshire Culture's inaugural "Open Weekend" in 2021, the celebration of all things creative and artistic is set to return as an annual event. Organisations, groups and businesses across Buckinghamshire will once more contribute to events to create an exciting and varied programme for people to join in with. We hope to see workshops, talks, walks, demonstrations, open days and many more things that you can enjoy or have a go at!

The 'trees and green' theme will build on the celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee in June. Participants will have a chance to engage with the topic in creative ways, encouraging people to think about their relationship with nature, landscape and the environment.

Search for events/activities on visitbuckinghamshire.org/attraction/bucks-open-weekend, on Twitter [@BucksCulture](https://twitter.com/BucksCulture) or Instagram [@Bucks_Culture](https://www.instagram.com/Bucks_Culture) [#BucksOpenWeekend](https://www.instagram.com/BucksOpenWeekend)

For any organisations, charities or groups keen to join in with Open Weekend, please see our website for details on how to get involved buckinghamshireculture.org/Open-Weekend



The Big Picture - Queen Ælfgifu, by Emily Brown & 39 artists from Chesham



Discover Bucks Museum

There are lots of wonderful things to discover on your doorstep at Discover Bucks Museum in the heart of Aylesbury old town. If you haven't visited for a while, amazing changes have been happening as our permanent galleries have been transformed.

The new Discover Bucks Galleries tell the story of Bucks people and landscapes from 200 million years ago to today. See the bones of a ferocious sea monster dug up at Watermead, a 3,000-year-old Bronze Age sword, the Lenborough hoard of Anglo-Saxon coins and many objects that tell fascinating stories about people from the past and communities today.



Discover Art - Don't miss the magnificent 'Picasso and the Masters of Print' exhibition which features seven original prints by Picasso as well as prints by Rembrandt, Matisse and Warhol. This year's Muir Trust Artist in Residence is Claire Willberg, a print maker and animator. See the work she has created during her residency. Both exhibitions run until **Saturday 2 July**.

Discover Science - This summer the Museum is celebrating science with a brilliant family exhibition called 'Feel the Force'. Get hands-on with interactive exhibits and discover the science of forces. A science festival will also take place in the Museum Garden with more activities to inspire and amaze. Feel the Force will run from **Saturday 23 July to Saturday 3 September** and the **Science Festival** from **Tuesday 26 July to Saturday 27 August**.

For more information, charges and to book please visit discoverbucksmuseum.org. Discover Bucks Museum (formerly Bucks County Museum), Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP.

THE SEW AND SO'S

Back in May 2017 I was advised of a sewing group that had been recently set up in Aylesbury known as The Sew and So's. Four people and myself sat in a community room getting to know each other while I crocheted and others sewed.

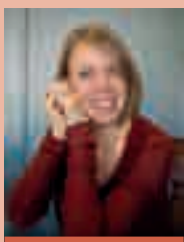
Five years later and we are still together along with over 200 friends. We meet weekly across three groups on a Monday and Wednesday evening and a Thursday morning. We also have a whole day of needle related crafts on the third Saturday of every month.

I have met and made some amazing, talented friends. We socialise and chat regularly about anything not just crafting. We also do a range of charity work supporting local and national charities.

Whilst there is no obligation to attend every or any meet, we do love meeting new members and making new friends in a relaxed environment and there is always someone who will welcome you in, listen to your crafty problems and offer help and support.

Our aim is to provide a welcoming and friendly place where crafters can meet other like-minded folk offering friendship, support and an opportunity to get out and be social. **Come and meet us!**

You can find out more about the groups, where they are and the times we meet up at thesewandsos.co.uk or call Nikki on **07739 719264**.



Sherry Hostler is an author based in Aylesbury Vale who has just had her debut novel published.

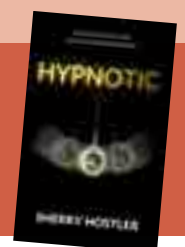
She tells us that from an early age she always wanted to be a writer, but instead of taking the plunge, she got a 'sensible' job so she could pay the bills. She still wrote in her spare time though, getting published in magazines, including a regular column 'A Drop of Sherry' in Vale Life. She is thrilled that she's finally fulfilled her dream of becoming an author, and still doesn't regret all those 'sensible' jobs, as they've given her plenty of stories to tell!

Her debut novel is a contemporary psychological thriller which tells the tale of Tom who, while trying to outrun his past and save his marriage, is unwittingly drawn into a university experiment with a hidden objective - can you hypnotise someone to commit murder? The experiment is led by the obsessive Bethany who has her own agenda and secrets that she will do anything to keep safe. What Tom doesn't realise is that the more involved he becomes in the experiment, the more he's putting himself and those he loves at risk. But it might be too late to turn back! 'Hypnotic' is available on **Amazon** and you can find more details at sherryhostler.com



COMPETITION TIME

Win a signed copy of 'Hypnotic'. Simply email your name and address to rachel.noon@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk before **Tuesday 14 June**. A winner will be selected at random and will be contacted by Wednesday 15 June. **Good luck!**





AYLESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL

Aylesbury Town Council Ward Map

Ward: Gatehouse



Cllr Anders Christensen
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Cllr Tuffail Hussain
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Cllr Phanindar Koya
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Ward: Central



Cllr Sherrilyn Bateman
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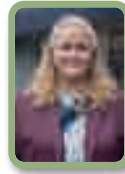


Cllr Tim Dixon
07956 802402

Ward: Elmhurst



Cllr Ashley Morgan
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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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Cllr Mark Willis
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Ward: Quarrendon



Cllr Alan Sherwell
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Cllr Gurinder Wadhwa
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Ward: Oxford Road



Cllr Mohammed Azam
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Cllr Steven Lambert
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Ward: Walton



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Ward: Southcourt



Cllr Niknam Hussain
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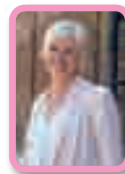
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Ward: Hawkslade



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Ward: Mandeville & Elm Farm



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Cllr Denise Summers
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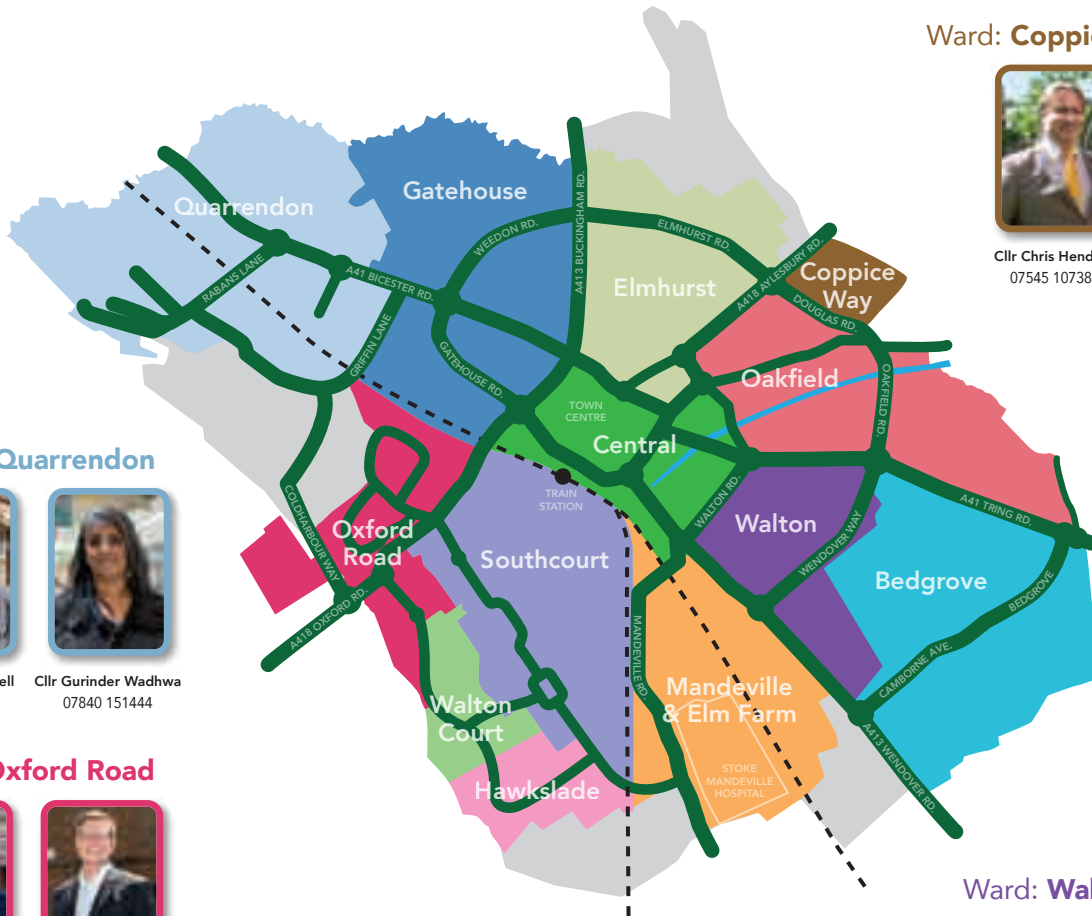
Cllr Raj Khan
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Cllr David Thompson
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Cllr Mark Winn
07469 711724



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



Aylesbury Hockey Club has enjoyed a great season providing hockey for all age groups and abilities. We currently have five men's, four women's and multiple junior teams across all age groups.

Whilst the season may be coming to a close, hockey will continue over the summer period with an adult mixed summer league running from May through to July. Junior fun will also continue with fun coaching sessions and games on a Wednesday evening at The Aylesbury Vale Academy. If you would like to come down and have a go, we would love to see you. If you are interested, please drop us an email via the contact section on the website link below.

After the summer the new season will kick off again in September with training and matches for all. Adults train in the week and have league games on Saturday, juniors on Sunday.

The hockey club is very sociable and a great way to meet new people. You will find our club house on the Wendover Road. We have fun socials for all age groups, including the annual Boxing Day games and a hog roast coming soon. So, any age or ability come and see what you think! www.aylesburyhc.com [instagram.com/aylesburyhockeyclub](https://www.instagram.com/aylesburyhockeyclub)

CALLING ALL FUTURE LIONESSES!

FREE GIRLS' FOOTBALL TRAINING

To celebrate the UEFA Women's EURO 2022 Football Championship, Aylesbury Vale Dynamos FC is offering free girls' football training until 30 July. Training is on Saturday mornings at Bedgrove Park from 9-10am for ages 5-11, and 10:15-11:15am for ages 12-14. The sessions are open to girls of all abilities, from complete beginners to girls who are already playing football. With over 500 registered players, Dynamos is the largest community football club in Aylesbury. The club is an FA-approved centre to deliver Weetabix Wildcats and Squad Girls' Football training, and recently created a new committee to oversee the growth of female football in the club.

"It's an exciting time for girls' football," says the new Head of Women's Football, Toby O'Callaghan. "We've seen the number of girls grow week-on-week and we are expecting even more interest due to the Women's Euros, especially as some of the games are being played locally in Milton Keynes."

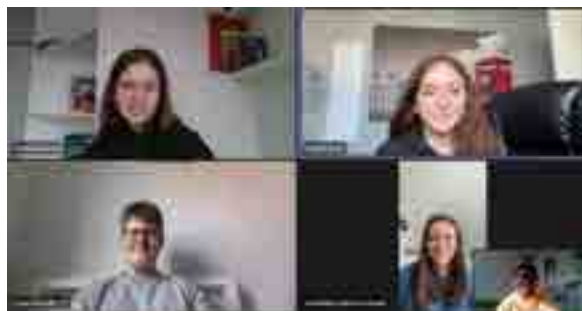
The club will be showing the England Women games on the big screen at the Greenfleets Stadium clubhouse in Haywood Way. "You don't have to be a member to watch the games," says Toby, "all the family can come down to cheer on the Lionesses."

As well as looking for new players, the club is also looking for volunteer coaches to help grow the new girls' section. For more information on either playing or coaching, email avdfcgirls@gmail.com, call/text **07517 643152** or search for **@avdfcgirls** on social media.





THANK YOU We've managed to get this year's fundraising off to a great start! Thank you to **M&S Broadfields** for having us and to all the M&S customers for giving a donation to Bucks Mind. We raised over £100!



YTC VIRTUAL MEETING

It's great to see our Youth Town Councillors meeting up online. They caught up with each other to talk about how they can incorporate mental health awareness in their schools. There was also a bit of planning for upcoming civic events which have been missed during the pandemic.

WORK EXPERIENCE


WITH YOUTH TOWN COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE CARPENTER

Charlotte is one of our new Youth Town Councillors. She has joined us to learn new skills and do good in our town. She recently completed a work experience placement.

"I'm a Year 11 student at the Grange School who was fortunate enough to get a work experience placement at Quanta in their marketing department. During my work experience, I discovered 91% of employers look for and prefer their candidates to have work experience; and 65% of these prefer for this work experience to be relevant. I'm so grateful to everyone at Quanta for such an amazing opportunity – it has allowed me to understand working life in an exciting office environment.



"By job shadowing I learnt how much Business Unit Support does by viewing 'a day in the life of business support'. They take care of all the admin, from emails, calls and greeting visitors, to arranging business trips for the Sales Team. I am grateful to have learnt so many different things. I've been able to use the transferable skills I'm gaining as a Youth Town Councillor and am now building my own professional profile on LinkedIn. All these skills I know I will be able to utilise in my education and future career."

If you would like to gain experience to further your future career and make a difference in your community, why not join Aylesbury Youth Town Council? Email benedicta.lasoye@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk  [@aylesburyyouthtowncouncil](https://www.instagram.com/aylesburyyouthtowncouncil)

YOUNG PEOPLE

HELP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

The Family Support Service run a range of courses and youth drop-ins to offer help and support to young people, based on what they have told us they need. These take place at different locations across Buckinghamshire. We have a range of virtual and face-to-face courses on:

- How to feel more confident
- Tips for moving up to secondary school
- How to have good relationships
- How to cope with stress, anxiety, and feeling low

OUR YOUTH DROP-INS

If you don't need a course but would like help and support or someone to talk to, we run drop-in sessions for those aged 13 to 19 (up to 25 years for those with a SEND). No booking needed. These sessions are a great way to meet others and have a chat with our friendly team.

EMPLOYMENT ADVICE DROP IN

We also offer virtual advice and guidance for young people who are not in education, employment or training who are ages 16 to 19 (up to 25 with SEND).

For more information visit familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/youth/help-for-young-people





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