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Welcome



Welcome to our latest edition of Aylesbury Town Matters. We are delighted with the success of our events programme after two years without many of your favourites. We're pleased they've been incredibly supported this year.

In this issue, you'll see photos and a roundup of both the **Soapbox Derby** and, my personal favourite, **Aylesbury on Sea**. We've already had a lot of interest from people who would like to enter their own homemade karts for Soapbox Derby 2023 which will be

on Sunday 18 June. If you are interested in entering next year, register your interest online at bit.ly/Soapbox23Interest

At the time of writing, **Parklife Weekend** preparations are in full swing. Feedback from last year was really positive and we've built on that this year with additional features such as the Battle of the Bands.

It feels odd to be writing about Christmas now, but we have some really big news about changes to our usual Christmas events. Be sure to follow us on our social media channels to find out more but we're very excited.

Away from our events we welcomed our new Town Mayor, Cllr Tim Dixon, and his deputy, Cllr Steven Lambert, in May and I'm sure they'll continue in the long tradition of excellent ambassadors for our town. Our reception also saw Richard Walker presented with the inaugural **Freda Roberts Community Award** for his ongoing volunteer work with the Aylesbury Wombles. It was also great to welcome a number of our Youth Town Councillors who do so much for the young people of our town.

Inside you'll also see details of the school winners of our **Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition**. We had a remarkable response to this this year. There were many categories to enter including Best Edible Garden, Best Garden in a Pot and Best Wildlife Garden. Winning schools were presented with their awards at Lindengate in July.

Did you know that **Aylesbury Foodbank** is one of the Town Mayor's charities this year? Another local food charity, **FoodCycle**, will be providing free meals every Tuesday at Aylesbury Vineyard for those in need, more details inside. On a more practical note to close, hedge cutting season commences from September through to end of February. Our outdoor team will be cutting hedges owned by Buckinghamshire Council and in our allotment sites.

Best wishes to all.
Cllr Richard Lloyd
Leader of Aylesbury Town Council

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LIFE'S A BEACH IN AYLESBURY'S VALE PARK

We brought the beach to Vale Park at our annual Aylesbury on Sea event. 60 tonnes of sand took over the town's largest park on Sunday 3 July. Our **free-to-attend** event welcomed more than 5,000 of you for a vibrant day of fun and activities including prize bingo, a super soaker arena, arts, crafts, face painting and seaside fairground rides.

Unbound Theatre from Queens Park Arts Centre entertained the crowds with their performances of The Three Musketeers along with traditional Punch & Judy shows and we even had a visit from a beautiful mermaid! Sandcastles were built, the sun was shining and there was lots delicious food and drink served by local food retailers on offer.

We hope to see you at the beach next year!



For up-to-date information on all our events, visit our Facebook page [@aylesburytc](#) or our website aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

STAR SUPPORTER

A big, big thank you to the team at **Discover Bucks Museum** for hosting and providing fantastic art, crafts and activities at every Town Council event this year. You bring a great sense of fun and interactivity to our events and we're so grateful. Visit their website to see more about their incredible upcoming exhibitions at discoverbucksmuseum.org





A SPECTACULAR NEW TOWN COUNCIL EVENT IS COMIN' TO TOWN!

new

We've got some very exciting news to share with you... but you're going to have to wait a little longer to find out what it is! Think Festive Family Fun, Santa's Parade and a whole lot of lights to be switched on. Save the date, Aylesbury! **Sunday 20 November.**

If you're a business, community group or charity that would like to be part of our exciting new parade, please email siobhan.collins@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk to find out more.

SOAPBOX DERBY 2022



More than a thousand of you came to our fantastic Father's Day event back in June. Our Soapbox Derby made its comeback after two years away from Whitehill Park. We've missed it!

DJ Dan Blaze entertained the crowd as homemade gravity-powered karts hurtled their way down the track. The Mayor of Aylesbury, Cllr Tim Dixon, was there on the day alongside his two chosen charities – **Aylesbury Foodbank** and **Emmett's Genies**. The Town Mayor congratulated each participating team and awarded the winners with their trophy on the hay-bale podiums.



The top three karts in the Senior category were: (1st) Team Soapbox – 35.54 seconds, (2nd) The Alcamites – 38.64 seconds and (3rd) Bare Bones – 40.37 seconds.



The top three karts in the Junior category were: (1st) The Dark Side Racing – 37.83 seconds, (2nd) Scott's Dozen Junior – 41.24 seconds and (3rd) Yellow Submarine – 44.72 seconds.



The awards for Best Looking Kart were voted for by spectators. (1st) Over The Top, (2nd) The Dark Side Racing and (3rd) Aylesbury Wombles.

Families were entertained by community stalls including a craft tent with Discover Bucks Museum, face painting from Zoomania, circus skills arena, swing boats, local food stalls and Simon Says Magic wowed the crowd with some close-up magic.



SAVE THE DATE... SAVE THE DATE... SAVE THE DATE...
SOAPBOX DERBY, Sunday 18 June 2023

Are you interested in signing up to race next year? Register your interest here: bit.ly/Soapbox23Interest

JOIN A WEEK-LONG CELEBRATION OF OUR LOCAL RIVERS



Do you want to learn more about rivers and wetlands? Are you worried about the health of your local waterways? Join the River Thame Conservation Trust and partners from across the catchment for Rivers Week 2022.

This September, the Trust is launching our very first Rivers Week 2022. Rivers Week is a weeklong series of community-run events starting on **19 September** and culminating on **World Rivers Day (25 September)** to create awareness and appreciation of our rivers and streams by bringing together communities across the catchment.

A range of Rivers Week events will include litter picks, guided nature walks and farm tours. If you are involved in a local community group or organisation that would like to host an event, please contact us at enquiries@riverthame.org

The River Thame Conservation Trust is a grassroots charity formed in 2012 by a group of individuals who were passionate but concerned about the declining state of the River Thame. The mission of the Trust is to work with local people in rural and urban parts of the catchment – volunteers, farmers and landowners – to improve biodiversity of the River Thame and its surrounding freshwaters and to improve public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the river catchment and its wildlife. To find out more about how to get involved in protecting and restoring our local rivers, visit our website at riverthame.org.



AYLESBURY GARDENING SOCIETY

We stock a large variety of horticultural products, for example plant supports, a variety of plant foods, treatments and pest controls.



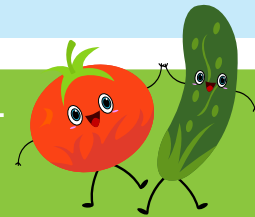
We are looking forward to our **Annual Show on Saturday 17 September** at Aylesbury Grammar School. Entry forms are available at the Thurston Store. Information is also available on our website. Classes include vegetables, fruits, photographs, cakes and preserves.

Non-members are welcome to enter.

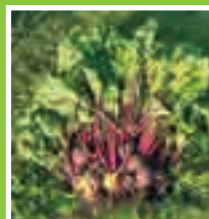
Our store on Old Stoke Road Allotments is open every Sunday 9am-12pm. We have members available who are very happy to answer gardening questions and to assist you with your purchases, including helping to take your shopping to your vehicle.

If you have recently taken on an allotment through Aylesbury Town Council, you're entitled to free membership for the first year. You can keep up to date with everything the Society has to offer on our website at aylesburygardeningociety.co.uk. We always welcome new members - it's only £2 per year renewable from October.

ALLOTMENT CORNER



We love seeing what our allotment holders get up to during the year. Here's what Hayley has managed to grow. "We are first time allotment holders, taking on our plot last November. While tough at times, we are over the moon with what we've achieved so far. Support and advice from our neighbours has been invaluable and we can't thank you all enough. Rhubarb and beetroot harvested so far and we have success with our other crops!"



LOCAL STUDENTS WOW JUDGES IN ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION



Each year, Aylesbury Town Council organise the Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition which is designed for residents, schools, organisations and businesses of all gardening abilities to enter. The seven local schools which entered were given their awards at an award evening in the gardens of Lindengate in Wendover on Thursday 7 July. Judges Jackie Bennett, Tina Hill and Sue Wright, visited the schools to see the work students had put into their entries for the Best Garden in a Pot, Best Edible Garden, Best Learning/Recreational Garden and Best Wildlife Garden.

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. The judges were looking for the use of colour, texture and scent, horticultural maintenance, the choice of plants and overall design and decoration.



- **Aylesbury High School, Wildlife/Nature Garden (Silver)**

The judges were impressed with the range of plants and habitats within the school's garden. The homemade bird table and calming atmosphere were both noted by judges.

- **Haydon Abbey School and Pre School, Best Edible Garden (Gold), Best Wildlife/Nature Garden (Gold), BEST OVERALL GARDEN**

The enthusiasm from the students couldn't go unnoticed. They each had good knowledge of their garden plus used organic ways of pest control. The school scored highly for their nature garden and judges were impressed with the range of wildlife in their garden which included slow worms.

- **Turnfurlong Junior School, Best Edible Garden (Silver Gilt), Best Wildlife/Nature Garden (Gold), Best Recreational/Learning Garden (Gold)**

The children were enthusiastic and proud of their gardening achievements. Judges were impressed with their wormery, bug hotel and crushed eggshells to deter slugs from their garden.

- **Thomas Hickman School, Best Wildlife/Nature Garden (Silver Gilt), Best Recreational/Learning Garden (Silver Gilt), Judges Commendation - Most Improved**

Judges were interested in the school's gardening club and how the garden had different areas and uses. A special commendation was given for the Most Improved Garden.

- **Pebble Brook School, Best Edible Garden (Bronze), Best Recreational/Learning Garden (Bronze)**

The school was commended on their runner beans and that gardening is incorporated in the student's day-to-day curriculum.

- **Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, Best Wildlife/Nature Garden (Silver Gilt)**

Students demonstrated great knowledge and enthusiasm which impressed the judges. The area was very attractive with a lot of diversity in a small area including recycled material.

- **Stocklake Park School, Best Garden in a Pot (Silver Gilt), Judges Commendation - Most Creative**

Judges were impressed by how well weeded the garden was. The school used tyres to feature plants and the students were enthusiastic about their work.



The judging for the residents, organisations and businesses categories will take place in July and August with the winners being announced in September. Thank you to Michael Anthony Estate Agents for supporting the competition.



ALLOTMENT VIEWINGS

No, this is not what you think it is. It's not an open day, where the general public gets to wander around an allotment site and see what use people make of a subsidised facility. It's the exact opposite. An allotment viewing is a personal invitation issued to the people at the top of the waiting list – a private tour of the site to help them chose a vacant plot.

As a warden for Bedgrove, I have run many such viewings over the years. The Town Council sets up the viewing for me; I just have to unlock the gate, greet the prospective tenant and talk them through the list of empty plots. Of course, each viewing is different, depending on the viewer, the plots available and the time of year. And yet they all have common features; a fresh start for a plot, and of the possible triumph of the viewer's aspirations.

I suspect that most viewers would like to be offered a plot which is like the Marie Celeste – fully planted, dripping with produce and recently weeded, as if the previous tenant had just left. Alas, most tenants give up slowly, and it may take a couple of years of increasingly stern letters from the Town Council about too many weeds and not enough crops before a plot is finally available to be viewed. So, the vast majority of viewed plots are just a sea of strimmed weeds.

My job is to encourage the viewer to see what a plot has been and could be. I also try to get across how much hard work will be needed before the plot provides any food at all. And the regular attention it will need all year round; the watering, the weeding, the waiting. But I suspect that many viewers have selective hearing, filtering my utterances through their own dreams.

A viewing can take up to an hour. We may roam from one end of the site to the other, and back, seeing every vacant plot before declaring their choice. My job is then done – apart from persuading them to accept whatever is in glut on my own plot (courgette, lettuce, cucumber, beans...) and asking them to always lock the gate when they go through it, even if they find it unlocked.

The last step is important. It stops the general public from wandering in to see what use people make of this subsidised facility and find that they can't get out again.

Michael Brimicombe

LINDENGATE CHARITY

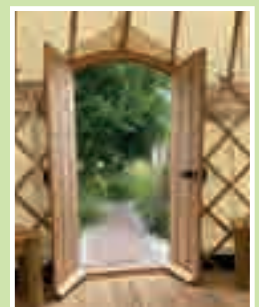
We know you will have been thinking of ways to improve staff wellbeing, retention and reconnect your teams, we have solutions, that we can prove will help you.

What's in it for you?

- We can help you regain and maintain a happy and productive team
- Our award-winning programmes improve team and individual wellbeing and build resilience
- Half day, seasonal nature-based activities, working together with your team, in our wildlife gardens
- We can help you with support for team members struggling in the workplace, or signed off work, working alongside expert Lindengate volunteers

Don't just take our word for it:

"One of the nicest things that ever happened to me was in the middle of the pandemic, I went to visit Lindengate and was invited to take a 15-minute walk around the gardens before our meeting. It was one of the best 15 minutes of the two years of the pandemic".



Karon Hart, Deputy Director, Workforce Wellbeing, Bucks NHS Healthcare Trust

"Since visiting each Wednesday for a number of weeks, my colleagues at work have commented on how I am more relaxed and in a better frame of mind."

Regular visitor to Lindengate Open Gardens

Our unique six-acre gardens are open to all on Wednesdays 4:30-7:30pm and Saturdays 1:30-4.30pm, with free entry to wander amongst the wildlife, discovering, learning, relaxing and reconnecting with nature.

For details on how you can support your team, community and environment, visit lindengate.org.uk

HEDGE CUTTING AND WEEDING SEASON

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. For spraying to occur, there needs to be no rainfall for six hours after spraying and wind speeds must be monitored because of spray drift.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY AYLESBURY



Thanks so much to the Asian Elderly Group from the Multicultural Centre who've recently become Dementia Friends. If you are a local group or business who would like to learn more about simple ways to support people in ageing well, give us a call on **01296 425678** or email our Dementia Friends Ambassador Bee at **benedicta.lasoye@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk**



DEMENTIA FRIENDLY BUSINESS UPDATE

Keep an eye out for our window stickers in local businesses who have re-pledged to be dementia friendly. We're hoping to get as many organisations involved as possible to support our community. #AgeingWellAylesbury

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY FILM SCREENINGS

You are invited to watch two musicals at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre. These screenings are suitable for the dementia community. Lights will be left on low, there are no adverts and the audience can move around and sing-along to the musical numbers if they wish! Tickets cost £6 per person which includes a carer ticket for free and complimentary tea and coffee.

High Society - Thursday 22 September 10am
The Band Wagon - Thursday 10 November 10am

For more information visit atgtickets.com/venues/aylesbury-waterside-theatre



HIP, HIP, HOORAY FOR #TUESDAYTUNES

On Tuesday 17 May, a dozen guests patriotically attired in red, white and blue, arrived at Aylesbury Library ready to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This was an extra-special meeting of the #TuesdayTunes group during Dementia Action Week organised by Aylesbury Town Council's dementia initiative, Dementia Friendly Aylesbury. Since the dementia-friendly initiative began in 2016, the Town Council has made a positive impact in the community and in the last 12 months has partnered with Aylesbury Library who kindly offer a space for the monthly #TuesdayTunes sessions.

Recognised by the Alzheimer's Society for their dementia friendly work, the library also is a Playlist for Life Help Point. We'd like to give special thanks to Teri Davis, a #TuesdayTunes volunteer as well as Aylesbury Town Council's, Dementia Friends Ambassador, Benedicta Lasoye. Together with our trained staff, they are ready to assist creating custom playlists.

Make friends and move your feet at our monthly #TuesdayTunes sessions in Aylesbury Library. They take place on the first Tuesday of each month from 10am. Thank you to everyone who has joined us in our first year!



BEST DRESSED JUBILEE WINDOW IN THE TOWN CENTRE

44 businesses across the town centre put on a fantastic display in their windows for our Best Dressed Platinum Jubilee Window Competition. The creativity demonstrated was fantastic and created a real buzz around town.

The prize was £100, courtesy of Aylesbury Town Council, for the businesses to enjoy an evening out at one of the many local restaurants in town along with a further £100 kindly donated from Friars Square Shopping Centre. A winner and runner-up were decided by our Facebook followers. The two photos with the most 'likes' would receive the prize.

The winner was **Aylesbury Eco Store and Rabbit Retail**. Both businesses are located in the same shop and share a window on the High Street. They did an amazing hand-drawn display in red, white and blue. The runner-up was **The Bag Man** in Hale Leys Shopping Centre.

Congratulations to all those involved - it was really great to see the town get involved and celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in this way.



MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY

The official inauguration of the new Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor took place on Friday 27 May at Aylesbury College. The Mayor of Aylesbury 2022-23 is Cllr Tim Dixon. The Deputy Mayor of Aylesbury is Cllr Steven Lambert.

At the Mayor Making event, Richard Walker, Head Womble of the Aylesbury Wombles, was presented the inaugural Freda Robert Community Award for his dedication to the voluntary litter-picking group. The new community award was given in memory of Mrs Freda Roberts MBE, a stalwart within the Aylesbury community who passed away last year.



CEMETERY WINTER OPENING TIMES

From Sunday 30 October, Tring Road Cemetery will be open daily from 8am-4pm.

The Tindal family plot containing seven graves is located 50m to the southeast of the Anglican chapel to the east side of the path.

Acton Tindal was Buckingham's Steward in the 1800s and was responsible for commissioning the painted glass window in St Mary's Church in 1862 and the erection of the Market Square clock in 1876. We are committed to looking after the compound in honour of Acton Tindal and the part he played in the history of Aylesbury.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tring Road Cemetery was first opened in 1853? Our Outdoor Maintenance Team work on the site year-round to ensure grass is cut and all areas are well looked after.



OPEN DAY AT THE JONATHAN PAGE PLAY CENTRE

We had a fantastic Open Day in July. Our doors were opened to parents and children who wanted to find out more about what we do at the Jonathan Page Play Centre. There was a chance to meet and chat with our team of Playworkers, see our brilliant indoor and outdoor play spaces and there was even an opportunity to meet the Mayor of Aylesbury. Thank you to everyone who came along, it was great to meet lots of new faces.

We've had fun planting, growing and digging up our very own potatoes. Everyone had a go digging them out of the soil and we turned them into delicious roast potatoes for everyone to taste.

As we write this, we are getting ready to host six weeks of summer fun for the children at our Play Centre. We're always busy behind the scenes organising lots of games, crafts and activities to keep everyone happy and entertained during the Summer Playscheme. We're hoping for good weather so we can make the most of our outside space and enjoy going around our popular pedal go-kart track.

Before we know it, it will be our **October Half Term Playscheme** which will take place from **24-28 October**. The week is cartoon-themed with a chance to make friends and create crafts inspired by the children's favourite cartoons. We can't wait for yet another week of fun this autumn.

If your child would like to join us for our October Half Term Playscheme, please visit our Facebook page **@jpplaycentre** or visit **aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/jppc** for more information and how to book spaces which are limited.



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.

SEPTEMBER 2022

Thursday 8 - Town Council
Monday 12 - Planning and Licensing
Monday 26 - Planning and Licensing
Tuesday 27 - Communities
Wednesday 28 - Finance

OCTOBER 2022

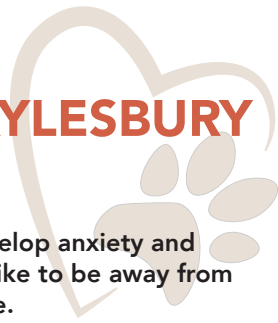
Wednesday 5 - Policy
Monday 10 - Planning and Licensing
Thursday 13 - Town Council
Wednesday 19 - Grants
Monday 24 - Planning and Licensing

NOVEMBER 2022

Monday 7 - Planning and Licensing
Wednesday 9 - Finance
Monday 21 - Planning and Licensing
Monday 29 - Communities

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

DOG FRIENDLY BUSINESSES IN AYLESBURY TOWN CENTRE



Lockdown has seen many pets develop anxiety and separation issues and some don't like to be away from their humans for any length of time.

Pets are really a major integral part of the family and there is a growing trend that families really want to be able to take their much-loved pet out with them where possible.

Did you know nearly 60 businesses in Aylesbury's town centre are dog-friendly?

Assistance dogs along with guide dogs and hearing dogs have always been welcomed into businesses however many Aylesbury Town Centre businesses are proud to be able to welcome dogs, from Friars Square Shopping Centre to Falcon Taxis who offer pet-friendly taxis.

Many of the restaurants and cafés are more than happy for you to sit outside their establishment and enjoy a refreshment with your dog. If in doubt, please contact the business directly.

Dogs should be well behaved and on a lead. Any little accidents should be dealt with by the responsible pet owner so tissues and poo bags are a must. Dog waste can be disposed of in general waste bins around the town. Please never leave your dog unattended at any point and do not ask a stranger to hold your dog while you pop into a shop. You are responsible for them and their actions.



DOGS ARE WELCOME INSIDE:

3 Store • A-Plan • Adams Travel • Albany Carpets • Aylesbury Eco Stores • BBs • Blue Heart Clinic • Bright Young Things • Brown & Merry • Café Nero • Costa Coffee • Falcon Taxis (pet-friendly taxis) • Forces Support • Friars Square Shopping Centre • H&M • Holland & Barrett • JD Sports • Just Cutz • Kingsbury Euro Foods • KY Green Funeral Directors • Legacy Funeral Services • Let's Rent • McGrumpy & Snuffles • Metro Bank • Michael Anthony Estate Agents • Mobile Paradise • New Look • Nu-Sight Opticians • O2 • Office • Pandora • PDi Insurance Services • Pets At Home • Rabbit Retail • Regent Offices • Robus Deli • Smiggle • Snappy Snaps • Supercuts • Superdrug • The Harrow • The Fragrance Shop • The Little Nail Box • The Little Trip Boat • The Queens Head • The Rockwood • The Secret Asia • Tilly's • Trespass • Warhammer • Warren James • Waterstones • Wilko

DOGS ARE WELCOME OUTSIDE:

Basin Café • Just Baguettes • Miya Japanese Bar and Grill • Thailicious (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) • The Coffee Tree • The King's Head • The Petri Dish • Vietnamese Street Food • Zizzi

RECYCLING USED COFFEE GROUNDS FROM LOCAL TOWN CENTRE BUSINESSES

In September 2019, Aylesbury Town Council agreed that it recognises the climate emergency and is looking at ways to support the environment and reduce the carbon footprint.

The new coffee grounds recycling scheme not only reduces waste for the businesses but supports the objectives of the Town Council, by supporting local businesses and engaging with the public, while reducing carbon emissions.

Many businesses are struggling with inflation increases and continuous rising costs which may prevent them from offering this kind of service themselves due to the costs involved.

When used coffee grounds are placed into landfill, they release methane gas into the atmosphere – a greenhouse gas 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide over a 100-year period and one of the primary causes of global warming.



With an estimated average of 11 grams of fresh ground coffee going into each cup, a staggering 9 million tonnes of ground coffee is brewed round the world every year, resulting in an estimated 18 million tonnes of wasted coffee grounds.

Coffee grounds contain key minerals for plant growth – nitrogen, calcium, potassium, iron, phosphorus, magnesium and chromium. They also help absorb heavy metals that can contaminate soil. Coffee grounds help attract worms which are great for the garden. Adding coffee grounds directly to the soil as a fertiliser can be a good option. Coffee grounds can also protect plants from pests like slugs and snails.

The strong smell of coffee can be enough to keep cats off your garden. However, coffee beans, grounds and brewed coffee contain caffeine, a very dangerous and toxic chemical to cats and dogs. Ingestion can be life-threatening. A warning label will be added to each pouch.

Many of the local coffee shops are joining in with this scheme and will be provided with an organic material biodegradable pouch that they fill up with used coffee grounds. You can pick up a pouch from a participating business and have a refreshment while doing your shopping as well as visiting other businesses.

This is a **totally free scheme** to all the businesses and customers who collect a pouch. Making your coffee go further. For more information contact **diane.harrison@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk**



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

This magazine is delivered to every household in the Parish of Aylesbury. For more information call Rachel **01296 425678** or email rachel.noon@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

There is no charge for community groups and charities.



NEW PRESIDENT APPOINTED FOR ROTARY IN AYLESBURY

Charles Chaney has been inducted as President for 2022-23. Charles, a Past District Governor of Rotary in Beds, Bucks and Herts, takes over the presidency of the Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds from past President Lees Fell who has held the position for the last two years.

A retired Marketing and Advertising Director, Charles has served in Rotary for many years and been involved in numerous charity projects raising money for those in need. His chosen charity for the year is the Alzheimer's Society together with a few more local deserving causes.

After the COVID-19 pandemic, Rotary like many other organisations, suffered badly from not being able to do what they do best – helping others.

"I am anxious to give Rotary a larger profile in the town and to urgently recruit new and younger members into the Club", said Charles. "Young businessmen and women will bring in new ideas, technology and extra strength and energy to assist in the support of our chosen charities".

Rotary are involved in many youth competitions and activities with local schools, assist the elderly, local medical establishments and cover a number of international projects including the campaign to rid the world of Polio.

Interested in joining? Email cchaney142@gmail.com



Pictured (left) is Charles Chaney being inducted as President by Past President Lees Fell.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, AYLESBURY

The Aylesbury Branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL) is now out of County Committee control and back up and running normally with a new chairperson and a new branch secretary. The next scheduled branch meetings are on **Wednesday 28 September** and **Wednesday 19 October** at the Railway Club Aylesbury at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. We hope many RBL members will attend. It will be nice to see you all again.

Poppy Appeal 2022

The Poppy Appeal Launch will be on **Saturday 29 October** in Friars Square Shopping Centre with final details to be arranged. If you can spare a few hours during the following fortnight to collect for the Poppy Appeal in the town, please contact Cecily Turner (PAO) via email cecily.turner@ntlworld.com with full details of how she can get in touch with you and your availability.



CANCER HEALTH AND WELLBEING EVENT

Have you been affected by cancer? Need advice and support? We will be holding a free Health and Wellbeing Day for anyone that has been affected by cancer at Red Kite Pavillion in Aston Clinton (HP22 5HL) on **Monday 17 October** from 10:30am-2:30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to come along and speak to health care professionals for advice and support to help you live with and beyond cancer. Each speaker will give an overview of Cancer Services provided by Buckinghamshire.

Speakers on the day will be Kate Lee – Cancer Information and Support, Kerry Boocock – Macmillan Oncology Advanced Physiotherapist, Christine O'Brien – Specialist Dietician, Dr Rachel Holland – Macmillan Principal Clinical Psychologist and Alex Carter – Macmillan Citizens Advice. A free lunch will be provided followed by an opportunity to visit healthcare information stands and an optional wellbeing walk with a personal trainer.

To book a free place or for more information call **01296 316354** or email bht.cancersupportoutreach@nhs.net

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS AS COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS HITS HARD ACROSS BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Cost of living increases and the resulting financial insecurity continue to hit hard across Buckinghamshire. Donations to The Crisis Appeal are urgently needed to meet the increasing demand for one-off financial support during these desperate times. The appeal, which is managed by Heart of Bucks Community Foundation, will support those in real need – from food and household essentials to help with energy costs.

Poverty rates continue to rise and local people are having to choose between paying bills or buying food. Homes using a typical amount of gas and electricity are now paying an extra £700 per year on average and a further price cap increase means household bills could rise again by £800 (BBC/Ofgem).



Zoe* recently received support after she was made homeless due to escaping domestic abuse. She had no money to buy food or support her family and spent time in a refuge. Zoe received a grant which was used towards food and toiletries – things which many of us take for granted.

Henry Allmand, CEO at Heart of Bucks, said: “The launch of this crisis appeal comes at a time when increasing costs are affecting us all. However, even a small amount of money donated can help to change someone’s life. Please help us make a difference to local people and donate today.”

If you are able to help, please donate online (totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/bucks-crisis-appeal) or by sending a cheque made payable to ‘Heart of Bucks’ to: Heart of Bucks Crisis Appeal, New Road, Weston Turville, Bucks, HP22 5QT. *name changed

WELCOME TO FAIRHIVE... MORE THAN JUST A SOCIAL HOUSING LANDLORD!

We are Fairhive Homes, formerly known as Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust. Along with the change of name, Fairhive has become a Community Benefit Society. We look after 8,500 affordable homes, housing 20,000 residents, but this is only a small part of what we do.

We also support residents in many aspects of their lives and their families’ lives, as well as local community groups and organisations in Buckinghamshire and beyond.

Beyond the homes, we help keep our green spaces tidy and maintained, operate a Thriving Communities Fund to support invaluable community projects, and run a one-stop-shop at the Aylesbury Vineyard to assist residents to access welfare advice and other services. Fairhive also ensures the safety of our most vulnerable residents with a First Contact personal alarm system.

Fairhive also provides additional housing management so residents can stay independent in their homes for longer.

If you want to know more about how Fairhive Homes can help you, visit our website at fairhive.co.uk. To find out more about our community projects, support or services contact our Community Engagement Team at hello@fairhive.co.uk. For residents’ queries please call our Contact Centre on **01296 732600**.



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.

THE AYLESBURY DUCK, PLATINUM JUBILEE AND THE NHS

At the Aylesbury Canal Society's Function Room, The Aylesbury Club celebrated its Annual Duck Dinner by not only celebrating the Aylesbury Duck but also Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Honoured guest, the Czech Republic Ambassador to the UK, Her Excellency, Mrs Marie Chatadova, gave a very interesting speech of her work as a diplomat and her past before the time her country became a Republic, followed by proposing the toast to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

The Aylesbury Club also thanked the NHS for its sterling work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Consultant Dr Tahir Ali gave a moving speech, thanking the Aylesbury Club before speaking about his and his staff's problematic efforts to assist their patients during this time. He then proposed the toast to the Aylesbury Duck. Deputy Chief Nurse Tina Charlton responded on behalf of the Duck before which she had also thanked The Club for the invitations and spoke of her departments remarkable work during the pandemic.

Other guests included, Dr Aliko Manoras, Sister Louise Booth, Deputy Sister Geraldine Hambrook, Mayor of Aylesbury, Cllr Tim Dixon and Deputy Mayor of Aylesbury, Cllr Steven Lambert.

Club President Ray Ghent ordered three cheers for Her Majesty The Queen and reiterated The Aylesbury Club's thanks to the NHS for their untiring efforts in treating COVID-19 patients. The catering was provided by Cuisine Excellence whose chef, Nigel Lyons, was presented with an Honorary Membership to The Aylesbury Club for over 20 years culinary service to the Club.



THE FREMANTLE TRUST OPENS DOORS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR CARE HOME OPEN WEEK 2022



Care home provider The Fremantle Trust invited the local community to join residents for a varied selection of activities and events for Care Home Open Week.



Each service taking part within the Trust welcomed visitors as they went on show-rounds with our Family Liaison Managers, joined in activities with our residents as well as sampling the delicious food available within each home. Lewin House and Fremantle Court had afternoon tea events, dancing and even a 'Where's Wally?' style day in the life video.

Community and Lifestyle Manager, Sue Faulkner, said: "By opening our homes to visitors and sharing a few hours with us, we can show how wonderful our homes are with inspiring unique residents and compassionate, caring staff. People will quickly get a better understanding of what

life in a care home is really like, with days filled with stimulating and fun activities, delicious food, social clubs and great events. We want people in the community to be a part of this unique and very interesting lifestyle."

TRAINING TO HELP LOCAL CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS SECURE ESSENTIAL FUNDING

Local charity Community Impact Bucks is running a Fundraising Festival (4-13 October 2022) to help charities and community groups in the county to secure essential funding as traditional sources of income are hit by increasing pressure on local government finances and household incomes. The four free workshops cover fundraising areas which offer huge amounts of opportunity but can be daunting especially for small charities – In Memory and Legacy Fundraising, Trust and Foundation Fundraising, Corporate Fundraising and Community and Event Fundraising.

The 90-minute training sessions are led by professionals who are experts in their chosen fundraising area and are free for anyone (paid or unpaid) who raises money for a not-for-profit organisation in Buckinghamshire. For more information and to book, visit communityimpactbucks.org.uk/event/virtual-fundraising-festival



INSPIRING LEARNING CHANGING LIVES

The part-time, autumn term course programme from Buckinghamshire Adult Learning is now live on their website at adultlearningbc.ac.uk There is a broad programme of over 1,000 part-time courses and workshops, delivered from multiple locations across Buckinghamshire including the Quarrendon Adult Learning Centre, Buckingham Adult Learning Centre, Queen's Park Arts Centre, Elmhurst Adult Learning Centre and Waddesdon Manor.

There is something to suit everyone. Courses will range from one-day to one-year, and cover beginner through to advanced levels, offering daytime and evening flexibility.

FREE DIGITAL DROP-INS

We are also holding free Digital Drop-ins at Quarrendon Adult Learning Centre every Tuesday from 12-2pm where you can use our computers and Wi-Fi or bring in your own device and we will support you to get online.

Part-time courses include: Apprenticeships, Creative Writing, Learning for All: Courses for adults with learning disabilities or difficulties, Digital Photography, Digital Skills, Drawing and Painting, Employability Skills, English, ESOL and Maths, Family Learning, First Aid, Floristry and Flower Arranging, French, German, Italian and Spanish, Knitting and Crochet, Pilates, Pottery – Buckingham, Practical Gardening, Sewing, Sign Language, Stained Glass, Tai Chi – Haddenham, Woodwork.

Classes allow students to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence in an environment where both tutors and learners offer support and encouragement.

HS2 IN AYLESBURY

In the coming months, there will be some changes to the existing road layout on the A41. We are conducting the permanent realignment of the A41 in two phases. The first phase of the A41 realignment will be completed in the winter of 2022; the second phase will be completed by summer 2023. Most of the work will be completed offline to reduce the amount of disruption to local traffic, access via the A41 will be maintained. For more about what's happening in the Aylesbury area and to receive regular email updates, have a look at our website and sign up to the mailing list on hs2.org.uk

In July we organised a volunteer day at Brimmers Way Play Park. The play park was refurbished and turned into an outdoor exercise area by the local parish council. Volunteers from HS2 contractors EKFB and Blackwell, painted the fencing for the new opening of the park.



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 please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434** or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

STOKE MANDEVILLE SPINAL RESEARCH (SMSR)

Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research (SMSR) is an independent charity based at the National Spinal Injuries Centre at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Our mission is to improve the quality of life for the 50,000 people living with spinal cord injury (SCI) in the UK. Unfortunately, paralysis does not just affect a person's mobility: it can cause countless, often unseen, debilitating health complications that have a huge impact on a person's life. Pressure ulcers, urinary tract infections, neuropathic pain and problems with upper limb function are a daily reality, making it even harder for those affected to engage freely in education, work, hobbies and family life.



SMSR provide grants to fund cutting edge medical research into these chronic complications. Our UK wide research projects are selected through a robust peer review process, led by our independent Scientific Advisory Board. As well as being chosen for their scientific merit, they are also chosen for their potential to make real changes to clinical practice and therefore improve a person's quality of life. Since 2019 we have committed over £400,000 to life-changing research which we hope will lead to new treatments and therapies, to deliver the best research outcomes for those living with spinal cord injury. For more information, or to find out ways in which you can support Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research, please visit lifeafterparalysis.com.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It gives me enormous pleasure to be writing my first article in **Aylesbury Town Matters** as the Mayor of Aylesbury. I am deeply honoured to have been given this opportunity to be your Town Mayor of my adopted town. I first moved to Aylesbury in 2003 with my young family and after a few years away I returned in 2013 with a larger family to live back in a town that I have fallen head over heels for.


I am in a fortunate position this year that I am given the opportunity to visit events across the town and its many varied communities. I have been delighted to spend time with some truly incredible individuals and groups that are working so hard for others in this town.

During the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** celebration weekend, I was able to visit nearly every party in the town that I and the Town Council had an address for. I was joined at many of the events across the weekend by the excellent free entertainment that Aylesbury Town Council provided. I was greeted at every party with kindness and joy and I was able to speak with so many of you about the work that you do within your local community to help others that need assistance. It was touching to see that in this great town we have so many of our residents that would go that extra mile for someone. I want to thank you all for your time and kindness shown to me, and I am sorry if I turned down the opportunity to share a slice of cake with you.

The generosity of residents in the town is shown in the support that you have shown to my two charities this year. It is simply amazing. I have launched the **Town Mayor's 10 Tonne Challenge** with the aim of collecting an additional 10 tonnes of food items for **Aylesbury Foodbank**. I have been busy opening donation stations across the town in local shops, cafés, community spaces, residents collection points and many more. If you would like to donate to the challenge you can find the list of donation stations on the **Aylesbury Foodbank** website aylesbury.foodbank.org.uk. If you follow the Mayor of Aylesbury (@MayorOfAylesbury) on Facebook, you'll be kept up to date with all the recent donation station openings.

I am proud to support **Emmett's Genies** this year. A fantastic small and local charity that is working hard to build itself up and grow. The aim of the charity is to build the UK's first wish village for critically and terminally ill children. I have been impressed by the steps that they are taking to build towards the goal. In the first instance they have been producing 'boredom buster packs' for children to use whilst receiving treatment keeping them entertained and supporting education development. The next step is to put the physical packs into an app that they can share and reach a greater number of children and that is what I am hoping to help them achieve as one of my chosen charities this year.

If you want to get involved with either of the charities this year, please get in touch. I would be delighted to look at how you can support the charities and how we can help them both.

Cllr Tim Dixon
Aylesbury Town Mayor
 @MayorOfAylesbury



SAVE THE DATE...

TOWN MAYOR'S REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
Thursday 10 November 2022
St Mary's Church, 7pm

Please register for free before arriving:
bit.ly/ATC22Remembrance

COULD YOU BENEFIT FROM A TOWN COUNCIL GRANT?

Each year we are proud to be able to support local groups, charities and organisations that positively impact our town through our grants programme. We award grants four times a year.

Recently, we awarded the following grants:

- **BucksVision** were awarded £3,000 towards running BucksVision's resource centre
- **Animal Antiks** were awarded £2,000 towards their mental health and wellbeing walk and talk sessions

We also support young people in sport. We want to give young people in Aylesbury, with high competitive spirit, as much encouragement as possible to fulfil their sporting potential. Our **Sports Grant** budget is provided as an opportunity for young sports persons who have demonstrated a high level of achievement representing their sport at either national or international event.

William Longman was awarded £1,000 towards expenses to continue training for selection of regional and national squash teams such as equipment purchasing, training and coaching costs and tournament entry fees. William plays a high level of squash and is currently ranked number 11 in the country at his age group (Under 13). This grant will allow him to continue to progress with his ultimate ambition of representing England.

If you'd like to apply for one of our grants, our next deadline is **Wednesday 21 September**.

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**.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOOD CHARITY URGENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP TACKLE FOOD POVERTY IN AYLESBURY



FoodCycle, the charity that aims to make food poverty, loneliness and food waste a thing of the past for every community, is in need of volunteers as it opens its doors in Aylesbury. After its launch in July at Aylesbury Vineyard Church, the weekly free meal provides great food and conversation every Tuesday at 6pm for anyone who wants to come along.

FoodCycle Aylesbury is looking to recruit new volunteers and project leaders. Flexible volunteer roles without a minimum time commitment are open to anyone and include food collection, surplus food coordinators, cooking, hosting and running projects. Serving up free weekly community meals using food that would otherwise have gone to waste, FoodCycle is a vital service which relies on its volunteers to provide nutritious food and conversation across the UK.



Deb James, a long-term FoodCycle Volunteer says; "I would recommend being a FoodCycle volunteer to anyone who is interested in cooking good, healthy food, reducing food waste, or just getting involved in the community. It's really rewarding in lots of ways, whether you're cooking, hosting, or delivering the food supplies. You get to learn new skills and have great connections with people from all walks of life."

FoodCycle's free community meals are open to all, and guests range from low-income families, people affected by homelessness and those who cannot afford to buy food. No questions asked, you can just turn up and take a seat. Without volunteers, FoodCycle cannot provide a vital service to the community who have come to rely on the chance to sit down to a free, three-course meal every week.

To sign up as a volunteer or for more information on FoodCycle visit foodcycle.org.uk or email aylesbury@foodcycle.org.uk

AYLESBURY CENTRE OF THE NATIONAL TRUST

The Centre has now returned to a pre-Covid style programme of talks and events. Members have enjoyed group visits by coach to Berkeley Castle and Slimbridge in Gloucestershire, Maldon and Tiptree in Essex, plus a self-drive visit to Dorney Court. They now look forward to autumn visits to historic houses in Worcestershire, Northamptonshire and a December visit to the London Lights, with a meal included. A group holiday, based in Cardiff, is taking place in September.

A wide-ranging series of talks, dealing with subjects as diverse as tea, hops and Victorian lodging houses has taken place, with Morris dancing and some medical matters still to come. The more agile members have enjoyed several local country walks and we have an occasional coffee morning.

We meet for talks, usually on the third Thursday of the month, at 7:30pm for 8pm, at Broughton Junior School, Broughton Avenue, Aylesbury with refreshments included. Centre members pay a small entrance fee, with a supplement for visitors.

For more information, please email aylesburycentrent@gmail.com, or call or message the Hon Secretary on 07399 540626.



ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR RETURNS TO QPAC



Save the date! Aylesbury's Queens Park Arts Centre (QPAC) has announced when its ever-popular Artisan Craft Fair will be returning this year.

On **Saturday 12 November**, QPAC will be full of the very best artists and makers selling beautiful handmade art and craft. Visitors can expect a wide variety of work spanning ceramics, textiles, glassware, woodwork, jewellery, paintings, and more! The line-up of artists includes several familiar faces from previous fairs, alongside brand-new exhibitors joining the event for the first time.

Queens Park have some special activities for young visitors too, with its painting studio transformed into a storytelling palace! The Unbound Storytellers will be sharing tales inspired by local legends as part of this year's Buckinghamshire History Festival, with craft activities linked to the stories running between performances.



The centre's coffee bar will be open throughout the day selling hot and cold refreshments (including some homemade cake!) and free parking is available on site. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to share details of what's on at QPAC throughout the year, spanning workshops, performances, exhibitions and events.

Entry to the fair costs £2, with a £1 concession price for over-60s and under-16s. Pre-booking is not required, simply come along on the day and see what the creative and cultural hub of Aylesbury has to offer!

The QPAC Artisan Craft Fair takes place on **Saturday 12 November** from **10am-4pm**. For full information, visit queensparkarts.com or follow [@queensparkarts](https://www.instagram.com/queensparkarts) on social media.

NEWS FROM AYLESBURY FESTIVAL CHOIR

In June, we were able to give a short afternoon concert in Bedgrove Junior School. Quite a few of our members had opted out of a Summer Concert, so we became 'The Alternative Sixteen' – no threat to the original 'Sixteen'! It was great to have the company of several children plus teddy bears. A lovely informal event and everyone had a good time.

Rehearsals for our next concert start early September at Bedgrove Junior School. We will be rehearsing Handel's great work, 'Messiah'. Most singers have sung this oratorio at sometime and we would love to welcome anyone who would like to take part. Come along and 'Rejoice', sing, 'Hallelujah' and hope that not too many people, 'like sheep, go astray'!

More information about Aylesbury Festival Choir can be found on our website aylesburyfestivalchoir.weebly.com

AYLESBURY CHORAL SOCIETY

Aylesbury Choral Society gave a splendid and well-supported summer concert in June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and our own 90th anniversary (founded in 1932). The concert, at Holy Trinity Church, Walton, included music such as Handel's Zadok the Priest, Parry's I was Glad and MacMillan's Song for Athene. It also included some solo songs by British composers from our estimable director, Jeff Stewart and the whole evening was a joy to sing and much enjoyed by the audience.

Our new season's rehearsals commence early September in preparation for our **Saturday 3 December** concert at St Mary's Church, Aylesbury, featuring Saint-Saëns' Christmas Oratorio and Britten's Ceremony of Carols. We will also, under the choral directorship of Jeff Stewart, be offering a workshop day to all who wish to develop their vocal skills and enjoy some of the choruses from Haydn's Creation, on **Saturday 15 October**, 10am-5pm. You would be most welcome to join us for that. We will be rehearsing for a concert of The Creation in the spring of 2023, to be put on, with orchestra, on **Saturday 31 March**.

Details of these events and others during the 2022-23 musical season and also of our weekly rehearsals can be found on our website at aylesburychoral.org.uk

Please join us at our Tuesday rehearsals from 7:30-9:30pm at the Church on Fairford Leys, Aylesbury. For more information, please telephone our Chairman on **07814 773919**, email us on acschairman@gmail.com or visit our website (see above).

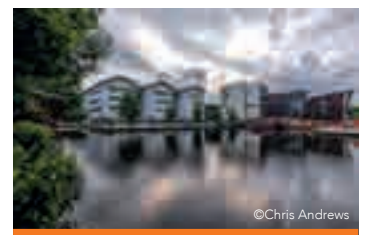


IMAGEZ CAMERA CLUB IS LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR

We meet weekly at Weston Turville Community Hall on Tuesday evenings. The club is very friendly, we like to share knowledge, creativity, and support development in our members photographic skills. Our club has 40 members with skills ranging from beginners to the more experienced and we welcome new members. We ask that you are over the age of 18 for insurance purposes.

Last year we had a Print Exhibition at Queens Park Arts Centre and we hope to repeat this again this coming year. During the season we have a variety of speakers, workshops and competitions. The evenings are interesting and fun. Throughout our summer break we go out on location. We have conducted a day trip to London and have plans for a day trip to Birmingham, as well as more local areas such as Marsworth canals and Tring reservoirs, Whiteleaf Cross near Princes Risborough and Tring town centre. We started the summer break with a pleasant evening, photographing in Aylesbury, by St Mary's Church, the Market Square and around the Aylesbury Basin.

If you have an interest in photography and feel you would like to meet like-minded people take a look at our website, imagezcameraclub.co.uk and please contact either Kathy Chantler, Chairman on **07738 112775** or Carol Haines, Vice Chairman on **07562 329539**. We like you to call before coming along, so that we can be ready to welcome you.



Discover Bucks Museum



There's lots to look forward to in the coming autumn months at Discover Bucks Museum. There's still time to see the rare Roman stone heads uncovered during HS2's archaeological excavation of St Mary's Church in Stoke Mandeville. Two of the heads are on display in our new Discover Bucks Galleries until the end of October 2022.

Did you know Aylesbury had an automobile manufacturing industry? In the 1920s the Cubitt car was made in Aylesbury and as part of this year's Heritage Open Days we will be celebrating this car in our Astounding Aylesbury Automobile event on Saturday 17 September.

In September a new art exhibition opens called Beautiful Buckinghamshire which features landscapes by artist Brian Bennett who celebrates his 95th year together with scenes from the museum's art collections. In November you can find out how amazing your brain is and how it works in the interactive exhibition Your Amazing Brain: a user's guide.

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Sunday 2 October:** Silver Sunday Celebration afternoon with storytelling for the whole family including a special SEND theatre performance by Collar and Cuffs and lantern making by Festive Road.
- **Wednesday 26 October:** Meet the Hero Day – meet a Paralympian archer and find out more about Stoke Mandeville's role in the Paralympics
- **Saturday 29 October:** Family Halloween event
- **Sunday 30 October:** Festival of Light family afternoon in the museum garden with art, craft, music, dancing and light

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





AYLESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL

Aylesbury Town Council Ward Map

Ward: Gatehouse



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Ward: Central



Cllr Sherrilyn Bateman
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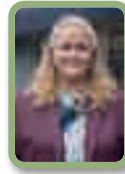


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WHO DO I TALK TO ABOUT?...

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

SPORTS

AYLESBURY CYCLING TOURIST CLUB RELAUNCHES NEWCOMERS AND EASY PACE RIDES

Aylesbury is a great place to cycle, surrounded by lovely countryside within easy reach. There are numerous cycle paths in and around the town centre and on new housing developments. These will eventually take you round a green corridor planned to encircle Aylesbury as part of the Garden Town plan. Also there is the excellent Greenway cycle route which provides a safe traffic free route from Aylesbury to Waddesdon Manor.

Cycling is an excellent way to exercise, it is low stress on joints and can be as easy or demanding as you want to make it. There are also a wide range of bikes available both in shops and second hand and now a good choice of electric bikes enabling anyone to enjoy cycling without having to struggle. With an electric bike, it's almost as though hills no longer exist!

In July, Aylesbury Cycling Tourist Club relaunched its Newcomers and Easy Pace rides. These rides are leisure rides aimed at both new cyclists and those with a bit more experience. All rides have a stop for tea, cake and a rest! They are a great opportunity to meet other riders.

The Newcomers rides are between 15 and 20 miles long at about 8-10 miles an hour and the Easy Pace are about 30 miles long and around 10-11 miles an hour. Easy Pace will be on the first and third Sundays of the month and Newcomers the second and fourth Sundays, starting mainly from Watermead Inn, Weston Turville shops and The Bugle Horn pub.

All you need is a roadworthy bike, a spare inner tube, a drink and suitable clothing including a waterproof just in case! Helmets are recommended, but not essential. More details including times and start locations are available on our website aylesburyctc.org.uk



SCHOOLS

GRANGE SCHOOL STUDENTS EXCEL AT HANDBALL NATIONAL FINALS

Sunday 19 June saw an early start for our Girls and Boys teams to the National Handball Finals in Nottingham. The girls threw off first with a tough opening game against the eventual winners. The boys first game was a resounding 4-2 win, with some great out field play with William Jackson and Jackson Lloyd leading from the front with Tye Duventru formidable at the back. The boys made it through in second place into the semi-final winning their last game 7-3.

The semi-final brought its own challenges with some suspect referee decisions and we lost out 6-4 to the eventual winners. This meant we were into the 3rd and 4th place play off against St Bonaventures School who we had lost out to in the pool stages. The Grange took an early lead, but St Bonaventures came back strong to make it 5-5 and took the game to five minutes extra time. Some absolutely outstanding saves from goalkeeper Morgan Sutcliffe kept us in the game and with the score remaining 5-5 took us to penalties. The boys showed great tenacity and unfortunately lost out 2-1, which is some achievement as the St Bonaventures goalkeeper is also the Arsenal Academy U13 keeper. Fourth is never an easy place to come particularly when you've left everything on the court and at the end of the day are only 12 and 13 years of age.

The results of the games meant that the boys came 4th in the country out of 450 teams with the girls coming 7th out of 370 teams. A truly fantastic result all round.



MAYOR MAKING AT AYLESBURY COLLEGE

We had brilliant time at the inauguration of the new Mayor, Cllr Tim Dixon and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Steven Lambert.

Although we were a little shy at the beginning, by the end of the evening we'd met so many amazing people who have our community at the heart of everything they do. Was lovely to see some familiar faces too!

We're looking forward to a new mayoral year and supporting the Mayoral Team in their endeavours.

If you'd like to join the Youth Town Council, be involved in supporting a local charity, engage with your school and create opportunities to make an impact, contact our Youth Town Clerk at benedicta.lasoye@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



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YOUNG PEOPLE

DROP INTO THE UPTOWN COFFEE BAR!

Local charity Youth Concern recently asked Aylesbury Vale's 13–25-year-olds what they wanted most in town. We asked them 'what matters to young people?' The answers were clear:

- Somewhere to meet other people
- Somewhere to have fun
- Somewhere to hang out
- Somewhere safe (and non-judgemental)
- A friendly staff team who can be trusted
- Free food - a youth café
- Play table tennis/pool/music recording studio

"I've seen young people bullied in the street. It would be good to have a space where young people feel safe".
20-year-old, Aylesbury town

"It needs to feel safe and have volunteers or staff who you can have a good relationship with. People you can trust".
17-year-old, Stoke Mandeville

The good news is that place exists! At our Drop-in Centre (AKA the Uptown Coffee Bar), free of charge, 13–25-year-olds can:

- Hang out on our sofas
- Play table tennis or pool
- Use our music recording studio including vocal booth, play our guitars, drums and keyboard
- Eat and/or cook food (and if needed, choose their own food to go in a takeaway food parcel)
- Play games, do art, help in the garden

"What would I want? Somewhere that could help us achieve our dreams and ambitions". 22-year-old, Aylesbury town

So why not drop-in to the Uptown Coffee Bar? Tuesday to Friday afternoons from 1-5pm plus some Saturdays and evenings. Check us out on social media [@youthconcern](https://www.instagram.com/youthconcern) or visit [youthconcern.org.uk](https://www.youthconcern.org.uk)





Jonathan Page play Centre

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEMES



Cartoon Playscheme

24-28 October 2022



We're bringing everyone's favourite cartoon characters to our Cartoon Week Playscheme this October Half Term. Have fun with friends creating crafts inspired by your favourite TV shows at the Jonathan Page Play Centre.

There is so much to see and do at this Playscheme. We have parachute games, arts and crafts, sports games, a football table and lots more to get stuck into!



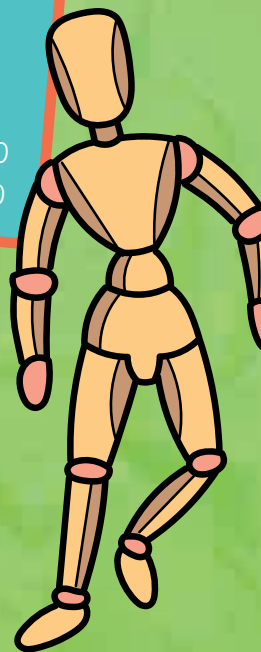
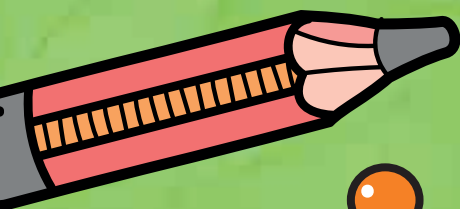
**HOURS AND PRICES
(PER CHILD, PER DAY)**

- 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

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

To register and book sessions for your child please visit jppc.magicbooking.co.uk

All bookings must be accompanied by payment. We accept card, cash payments, childcare vouchers and tax free childcare.



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