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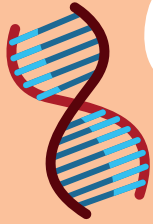
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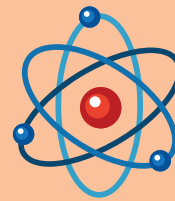


# October Half Term Playscheme



## 28 October-1 November 2024

**Calling all young scientists!** We will be running a whole week of science activities this October Half Term. Join us for a week jam packed full of science tricks, messy experiments (we're talking volcano eruptions!), fun games and science crafts.



### WHY NOT VISIT US BEFORE BOOKING?

If you and your child would like to see the fantastic facilities and meet our team before booking, please contact us to arrange a suitable date and time.

### HOURS AND PRICES (per child, per day)

Full Day 8am-6:30pm - £35

Half Day 8am-3:30pm - £26

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

### BOOKINGS

We accept advance and last-minute bookings for the After School Club and Holiday Playschemes through our online booking system. To register and book sessions for your child please visit [jppc.magicbooking.co.uk](http://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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# Welcome



**Welcome to our latest edition of Aylesbury Town Matters.** As we look out of the window and wait for summer, we're excited to be able to confirm our plans. As I write this, we are gearing up for our Father's Day favourite – **Soapbox Derby**. We hope you enjoyed it if you came. We're looking forward to hosting **Parklife Weekend**, our biggest weekend-long event this August. More details on page five.

In May we welcomed our new Mayor and Deputy Mayor, **Cllrs Alan Sherwell** and **Nidhi Mehta** respectively. I am sure they will continue to represent and promote the town, should you wish to invite them to your event or function please do contact the office. On a personal level I am really pleased to see that Cllr Sherwell has chosen Pace as his charity for the year. I am also delighted to be able to congratulate Cllr Steve Lambert on his year as Mayor, which was particularly marked by his dedication to small businesses and his charities, Youth Concern and Age UK Buckinghamshire.

There's been great interest in this year's **Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition**. In this issue we will share the winners from the school entries and in our next issue we will share the awards for the resident and business/organisation categories. For the first time, a care home has signed up which the competition judges are really looking forward to visiting this month. In addition to this, we have over 100 hanging baskets going up across town which are supported by local businesses and organisations.

**Parklife Weekend** returns over the **August Bank Holiday weekend**. This year not only do we have perennial favourites, **Live in the Park** and **Proms in the Park** but we're also adding **Pride in the Park** on the Friday for the first time. Organised by Aylesbury Community Pride and sponsored by a range of organisations, we're very excited to add this new event to the weekend's festivities.

This summer also sees the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. We've got the perfect summer holiday activity planned to fit in with the fun from Paris with a **Paralympic Quiz** trail around the town, see inside for more details.

Last and by no means least, you're really enjoying the painted cabinets and you'll see more of these being done now that the weather is a bit warmer.

Best wishes to you all.

**Cllr Richard Lloyd**  
Leader of Aylesbury Town Council

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## HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Join us for a celebration of local heritage and culture as part of the nationwide festival - **Heritage Open Days**. Venues and organisations are running events from **6-15 September** with lots of talks, tours, acoustic music sets and exhibitions already planned for the 30th anniversary. A local brochure will be ready in August but you can keep up to date with events by visiting [heritageopendays.org.uk](https://heritageopendays.org.uk) and searching 'Aylesbury'.



**BE PART OF IT** - If you are a member of an organisation or know of a group or venue that could be involved, get in touch with Dan at [daniel.reynolds@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:daniel.reynolds@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) before **Thursday 8 August**.

### WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN AYLESBURY?

Let us know what sort of history and culture you would like to see featured in the Heritage Open Days 2024 programme. Email Dan, using the email above, so we can factor this into planning.

## WALKING PLAY 14-15 September

Join Professor Chronomier on another epic journey! The fully immersive walking play, performed by the incredible Unbound Theatre, guarantees laughs and adventure! This year's play is free-to-attend, but places must be reserved at [bit.ly/WalkingPlay2024](https://bit.ly/WalkingPlay2024)



## AYLESBURY CELEBRATES RAF HALTON WITH GRAND FREEDOM PARADE

On Sunday 28 April, Aylesbury honoured personnel from RAF Halton with a special parade commemorating the Freedom of Aylesbury.

The Freedom of Aylesbury was bestowed upon RAF Halton in 1956. The honour and distinction of marching through the streets of Aylesbury with a full ceremonial parade, bayonets fixed, King's Colours flying, drums beating and band playing solidifies the important relationship that the Station has with the town. The Central Band of the Royal Air Force led the parade, followed by the apprentices and staff of RAF Halton with the King's Colours on parade.

Invited dignitaries included HM Lord-Lieutenant the Countess Howe, High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire Kurshida Mizra BEM and Wing Commander Peter Seanor RAF Halton along with other representatives from Town Councils and other organisations.



The Freedom of Aylesbury scroll was read by Town Clerk Keith Gray, followed by speeches from the former Mayor of Aylesbury, Cllr Steven Lambert and Wing Commander Peter Seanor RAF Halton. Aylesbury Consort of Voices sang a heartfelt rendition of Jerusalem before the Central Band of the RAF conducted a march around Market Square.

## STAR SUPPORTERS

We would like to thank and acknowledge **Radley Windows and Doors** for their support at many of our events over the past two years. This year their commitment to the community goes even further, with attendance for the full duration of Parklife Weekend in the Big Tent providing sound and lighting for the Pride "Always Forward" discussions (Friday), Kids Ent Tent and Bandeoke (Saturday) then Battle of the Bands (Sunday). Thank you to Nathan and your team.



## ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

On a chilly day in April, a **St George's Day Medieval Fayre and Parade** came to Aylesbury. Performances, re-enactments, arts, crafts and talks took place across the town in Discover Bucks Museum, The King's Head pub and Market Square.



The new Bard of Aylesbury, Laike Twiss, opened the day of medieval activities in the museum garden. The new programme in The King's Head pub proved popular with engaging (and a bit gruesome!) talks from the nationally acclaimed 'Gilbert the Executioner' show. Thank you to everyone who made the day what it was.



# PARKLIFE WEEKEND

Our August Bank Holiday weekend event is bigger than ever for 2024! We've got an action-packed programme for you to enjoy for **FREE** in Vale Park.

## FRIDAY 23 AUGUST

**\*NEW\* Pride in the Park 5-9:30pm** – Organised by Aylesbury Community Pride in partnership with Aylesbury Town Council, Pride in the Park is the first event of its kind to take place in Aylesbury. Expect insightful talks and extravagant entertainment for this fully inclusive event. Visit [aylesbury-community-pride.co.uk](http://aylesbury-community-pride.co.uk) for further information.



## SATURDAY 24 AUGUST

**Live in the Park 12-9:30pm** – 9.5 hours of live, local music across two stages. There will be a killer line up this year with The Dung Beatles headlining. There will be some fantastic local food vendors and market stalls joining us as well as local charities, groups and organisations in our Community Involvement Area.

**\*NEW FOR 2024\* Don't miss Bandoke (7-9pm)** in the Ent Tent. Sing or play your favourite song alongside the live house band!



**Stars in the Park 10:15pm** – UK Astronomy are set to guide you through the skies. Explore the wonders of the universe using a variety of telescopes and equipment.

## SUNDAY 25 AUGUST

**Church in the Park 10:30am-12 noon** – Come together with Aylesbury Church Network for a special open-air Sunday service. **Banquet in the Park 12:30-3pm** – Enjoy the taste of various cuisines.



**Battle of the Bands 12:30-4pm** – Who will be crowned Battle of the Bands winner and bag a slot on next year's Live in the Park line up? Bands and artists will battle it out by performing covers and original tracks in front of a panel of judges.



**Are you a local music enthusiast?** Here's your chance to be the Peoples Voice Judge and be part of our judging panel to help select this year's winners! Enter online to let us know you're up for the challenge. Visit [bit.ly/BattleOfTheBands24](http://bit.ly/BattleOfTheBands24) to apply. **Entries close on Wednesday 31 July.**



## Proms in the Park 7:15-9:30pm

– Aylesbury Concert Band will perform magical hits from the West End alongside Next Stage Choir. Proms classics will of course be sprinkled in the programme too! Bring a posh picnic and union jack flags!



Please be aware there will be a firework display lasting 6-7 minutes on **Sunday 25 August** from around 9:30pm.

## GET INVOLVED AT PARKLIFE WEEKEND

Would you like to lend a hand on the day and join our volunteer team? Do you own a local business you'd like to advertise to thousands of festival-goers? Are you part of an organisation or charity that you'd like to spread the word about? If you answered "yes!" to any of these, get in touch with Ruth on [ruth.mayhew@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.mayhew@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) for more information. We'd love to hear from you!



# SOAPBOX DERBY

Soapboxers soared down Whitehill Park on Sunday 16 June at our Father's Day event! The Best-Looking Kart, as voted for by the public, was **Team Shark Attack** with **Animal Antiks** (2nd) and (3rd) **Inferno Racing Team** closely following. Also landing a place on the podium with the fastest times were:

### Senior category:

1st Florence and the Mechanics, 2nd Animal Antiks, 3rd Blazin' Impact Signs

### Junior category

1st Inferno Racing Team, 2nd Tractor Boys, 3rd Ageyouth

The Team Spirit Award, judged by event supporters **Michael Anthony Estate Agents**, was **Inferno Racing Team**. Thank you to all the teams for their dedication in building their homemade karts. We hope everyone who joined us had a fantastic day out.



**SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER** - Aylesbury is set to dazzle as we kick off the Christmas season. Mark your calendar and join us for Christmas on the Cobbles, an Illuminated Parade and Christmas Light Switch On.



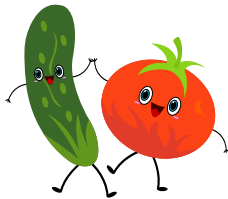
## AYLESBURY GARDENING SOCIETY

Summer is supposed to be here but we think it's taken a wrong turning, hopefully it will be in full flow when you read this! Some of the Aylesbury Gardening Society enjoyed a visit to Greatmoor EfW Recycling and saw how some of our rubbish is dealt with. It was an informative and enjoyable afternoon. We thoroughly recommend going if you can.

We have recently purchased a second bench, which is located outside the store at Old Stoke Road allotment, to remember some of our dedicated committee members who have recently died. Please do stop for a moment when passing and take a moment for reflection.

Our annual **Gardening Society Show** will be held at Aylesbury Grammar School on **Saturday 14 September**. It is open to members and non-members with a wide range of horticultural, domestic and floral categories. It can be quite fun to enter and see how your goods compare to others.

We are always looking for friendly, willing volunteers to join us on Sunday mornings at the Thurston Store. Why not pop in for a friendly chat? Find us at Old Stoke Road Allotments, Old Stoke Road, HP21 8DF. We welcome new members for a very small fee. For more information, please see our website [aylesburygardeningociety.co.uk](http://aylesburygardeningociety.co.uk)



## GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN



Dan's Community Charity participated in the 2024 Great British Spring Clean. Throughout the campaign, they collaborated with numerous dedicated volunteers and managed to gather a variety of litter and discarded items.

In total, they collected 33 bags of general waste and 11 bags filled with recyclable items. Additionally, they came across abandoned sofas and old mattresses during the four litter picks conducted over the course of two weeks.



They are in great need of volunteers and strongly encourage you to join them for their upcoming litter pick sessions.

For more information on the schedule, follow Dan's Community Charity on Facebook or on X at [@dans\\_c\\_charity](https://twitter.com/dans_c_charity) or email [danscommunitycharity@gmail.com](mailto:danscommunitycharity@gmail.com)

The Town Council would like to thank every resident that took part in this year's Great British Spring Clean. Check out Aylesbury Wombles and Dan's Community Charity on social media for litter picking events throughout the year.

## EXCITING NEWS FOR AYLESBURY GARDENERS!

Give your garden a caffeine kick with the Town Council's eco-friendly recycled coffee grounds scheme. So far, this project has diverted more than 2,500kg of coffee ground waste from going to landfill. Local businesses are teaming up to offer their recycled coffee grounds to you, so you can sprinkle a little magic onto your soil. But why?

- ✓ Nutrient-rich boost for plant growth
- ✓ Natural pest repellent – goodbye slugs and snails!
- ✓ Perfect green addition to your compost mix
- ✓ Helps improve soil drainage, water retention, and aeration
- ✓ Prevents waste from reaching the landfill



Visit [bit.ly/ATCSupport](http://bit.ly/ATCSupport) to see the businesses taking part in this scheme, as well as other Town Council schemes including dog-friendly businesses and information about our Borrow-a-Book initiative.

We've inspired neighbouring councils to start this scheme too. Shout out to Aston Clinton Parish Council and Leighton-Linslade Town Council for also embracing this fantastic scheme!



# LOCAL STUDENTS EMBRACE GARDENING CHALLENGE



In June, Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition judges Heather Murray and Ron Murray visited schools in the parish of Aylesbury to evaluate the students' gardening efforts. They awarded points to each school, determining whether they would receive a bronze, silver, silver gilt or gold award.

## Thomas Hickman School

**Recreational/Learning Garden (Silver), Wildlife Garden (Silver), Edible Garden (Silver)**

The judges said: "We were impressed to see that the school has a Gardening Club. There was plenty of evidence of environmentally sound practices such as recycling, water conservation and the use of peat free compost. We felt a great sense of community – with parents and staff donating plants to the garden."



## Pebble Brook School

**Recreational/Learning Garden (Silver Gilt), Wildlife Garden (Silver), Edible Garden (Silver Gilt).**

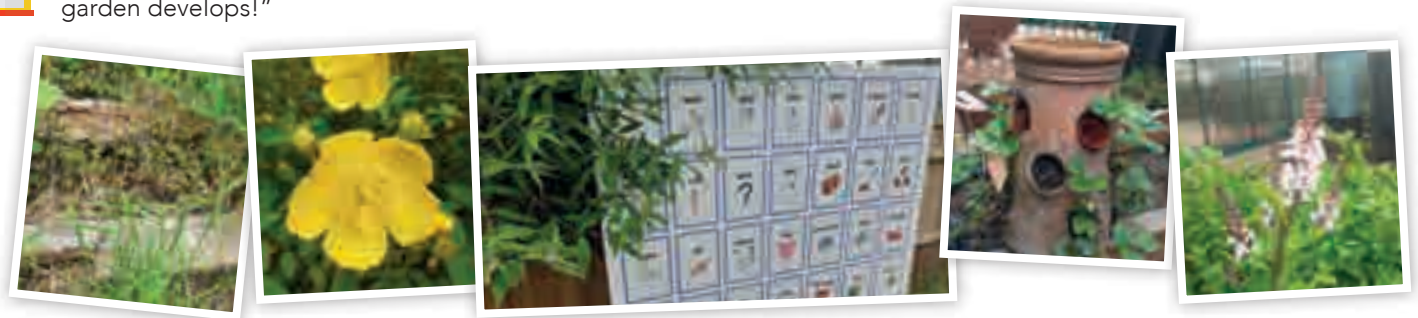
"It was clear to see that the students have been very involved in creating a new wildflower area for example, learning carpentry skills when they constructed a fence. The plant labels made from decorated stones were excellent! The wildflower area was very colourful and had a wide variety of plants. The vegetables and herbs that they grow are used in the cafeteria which is great to see."



## Stocklake Park School

**Overall Winner, Recreational/Learning Garden (Silver Gilt), Wildlife Garden (Silver), Container Garden (Silver Gilt)**

"The children have been very involved with the planning of the garden and using their own skills. There were some learning areas including an outdoor area which is used for sensory learning. We're looking forward to seeing how this garden develops!"



## Creative Cress Competition

Well done to **William Harding School** and **Thomas Hickman School** for growing cress in our Creative Cress competition. Congratulations to Thomas Hickman School for winning with their roar-some cress!



**Congratulations to all the students and teachers involved in this year's competition.** Judging for the residents and business/organisation 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.

## ADDING A SPLASH OF COLOUR TO OUR TOWN

We're so proud of our utility cabinet painting project. In the last year, we've had local artists of all ages and experiences creating masterpieces on our streets.



### OXFORD ROAD

"I saw how the cabinets brought colour and a bit of fun to places; the unique style of the artists involved makes each place special and when I was painting there were so many people who told me how much they loved the cabinets and how happy they made them. I feel fortunate to have been able to be a part of this wonderful project! I hope I can make people happy with this design and bring a bit of brightness to people's walks.

"I went with the classic Aylesbury duck – such a charming and lovely duck, if you're ever lucky enough to meet one – I've been lucky and have met two, but they are sadly endangered. The background is of the black poplar - an endangered tree, with about 50% of Britain's population in the Vale of Aylesbury. I found that such a humbling fact, that we have two endangered species here, and wanted to pay homage to them. The background goes through the different stages of the female black poplar, with the catkins, cotton puffs, autumn leaves and winter branches (spring, summer, autumn, winter seasons, roughly). Thank you, Aylesbury Town Council, for allowing me to be involved in this project."

Charlotte



### MANDEVILLE ROAD

Thank you to **Cadence** for this wonderful design symbolising the diversity of the Paralympic Games. Cadence said: "I am so proud people are going to see my work! Everyone was so nice when they walked by."

#### To everyone who has given their time to paint a utility box – thank you!

You can find other painted utility cabinets at the following locations:

- Stonehaven Road • Park Street • Weedon Road • Market Square
- Entrance to Hale Leys Shopping Centre by NatWest • Oxford Road
- Ellen Road • Coventon Road

If you'd like to paint a cabinet, please email Emma at [emma.elbadaoui@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:emma.elbadaoui@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) for more details.



## 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? You can send an email marked 'ATM Letters' to [info@aylesburytowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@aylesburytowncouncil.co.uk) or write to us at: Aylesbury Town Council, Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP. Please give us your contact details so that we can reply to you.





## Jonathan Page *play* Centre



We can hardly believe how quickly this year is flying by, and it's almost time to open our doors for six weeks of excitement at our Summer Playscheme from 24 July to 2 September!

Each week is uniquely themed, and this year we have: Week One: Superheroes, Week Two: Fashions and Textiles, Week Three: Sports, Week Four: Space, Week Five: Music and Week Six: DIY Toys.

Spaces are filling up fast, so don't miss the opportunity to register your child(ren). Visit [jppc.magicbooking.co.uk](http://jppc.magicbooking.co.uk) to book now.

To get ready for this busy period, we conducted a major spring clean of the Big Yellow Cupboard which is home to all our fun activities. We were amazed at the sheer volume of boxes and equipment – we filled half of our (large!) hall!

Our May Half Term Playscheme flew by in a flash! The children had a fantastic time exploring their favourite characters, books and films. The week was especially entertaining as we all enjoyed doing impressions of our favourite characters!

We welcome children from age 4 up to their 13th birthday. If you'd like to visit us and see our fantastic facilities before booking a spot in our After School Club or Holiday Playscheme, we'd be delighted to arrange a tour for you.

Contact us at **01296 336413** or email [jppplaycentre@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:jppplaycentre@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!



## BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENING

We held our second business networking evening on Thursday 30 May. It was fantastic to see so many local businesses forming new connections and exploring potential collaborations for the future.

We would like to thank Thames Valley Police for attending and being on hand to answer questions from the businesses.

If you would like to hear about upcoming business networking meetings, or would like to know how the Town Council can support your business, email Diane on [diane.harrison@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:diane.harrison@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) or visit [bit.ly/ATCSupportingBusinesses](http://bit.ly/ATCSupportingBusinesses)





## STEP INTO A BYGONE ERA WITH YOUR SMART PHONE

**Become a time-traveller from the comfort of your own phone!** Last summer, Aylesbury Town Council launched an exciting collaboration with exploration app TrailTale. An enchanting digital heritage walk can be followed at your fingertips for no cost at all.



- Gain fascinating insights into Aylesbury's colourful history
- Explore the beauty of our town in a fun, interactive way which is suitable for all ages
- Go at your own pace – the route is 5km long, but you can do a little bit at a time or go the full distance
- See Aylesbury from a fresh perspective
- Great for wellbeing and mental health
- **It's free!**

### How to get started

1. Download the **TrailTale app** from your phone's app store.
2. Once downloaded, **search 'Aylesbury'** in the app.
3. Tap the map and **start your journey!**



**Prefer traditional maps?** Grab a paper version for just £1 at the Town Hall (5 Church Street), Discover Bucks Museum, or Aylesbury Library. For any queries, email [diane.harrison@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:diane.harrison@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk)



## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

All meetings commence at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 5 Church Street, HP20 2QP. Please visit [aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) or the main noticeboard at the Town Hall for all agendas and all dates for 2024.

### AUGUST 2024

**Monday 12** - Planning and Licensing  
**Tuesday 27** - Planning and Licensing

### SEPTEMBER 2024

**Monday 9** - Planning and Licensing  
**Wednesday 11** - Direct Services  
**Thursday 12** - Town Council  
**Monday 23** - Planning and Licensing  
**Tuesday 24** - Communities  
**Wednesday 25** - Finance

### OCTOBER 2024

**Monday 7** - Planning and Licensing  
**Thursday 10** - Town Council  
**Wednesday 16** - Grants  
**Monday 21** - Planning and Licensing  
**Wednesday 23** - Policy

### NOVEMBER 2024

**Monday 4** - Planning and Licensing  
**Wednesday 13** - Finance  
**Thursday 14** - Town Council  
**Tuesday 26** - Communities

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



## NEW TOWN MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR OF AYLESBURY

The official inauguration of Aylesbury's new Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor took place on Friday 17 May at Aylesbury College.

The ceremony, held annually, inaugurated the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Aylesbury. Cllr Alan Sherwell is the new Mayor of Aylesbury for 2024-25 and Cllr Nidhi Mehta is the new Deputy Mayor.

- Former Mayor, Cllr Steven Lambert, presented the Freda Roberts Community Award to Steven Charman, a teacher from Turnfurlong Junior School. Mr Charman was recognised for his tireless efforts in inspiring young people to engage with the local community, particularly through his work with Aylesbury Foodbank.
- To conclude his 2023-24 mayoral year, Cllr Steven Lambert presented cheques to his chosen charities, Youth Concern and Age UK Buckinghamshire, with each charity receiving a total of £7,600.
- The new Town Mayor, Cllr Alan Sherwell, announced **Pace** as his chosen charity of the year in his acceptance speech.



## CELEBRATING THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE PARALYMPICS

We're excited to announce a free-to-enter Paralympics quiz in the heart of our town, honouring Aylesbury as the birthplace of this incredible movement. Put your knowledge to the test and join in with this perfect summer holiday activity.

From **Wednesday 24 July** to **Sunday 8 September**, answer ten intriguing questions that are scattered across local business windows. Follow the map, discover each question, and submit your answers online. Visit [aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) from **24 July** for more information.

The entry with the most correct answers will win a £75 voucher to use at a local restaurant in the town centre.  
**Good luck!**



## AYLESBURY SHINES WITH PRIDE



We celebrated Pride Month in June with a vibrant **Best Dressed Window Competition** and a **Pride Flag Trail**. Town centre businesses enthusiastically participated, adding spectacular colour into the heart of the town throughout the month. Residents joined the celebration by finding nine hidden Pride flags and solving an anagram to win gift cards.

Celebrating Pride and embracing our town's diversity is immensely important to us. We are thrilled to collaborate with Aylesbury Community Pride on these projects and proudly support their first **Pride in the Park** event, taking place at Vale Park on **Friday 23 August**. Visit [aylesbury-community-pride.co.uk](http://aylesbury-community-pride.co.uk) for further information.





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 households in the Parish of Aylesbury. For more information email [rachel.noon@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:rachel.noon@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk)

## A BIG THANK YOU TO AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL FROM ATC!

**Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy is growing! How? By adding to our teams of volunteers.** Having more Street Angels enables us to ensure we're providing a regular service to the night time economy, meeting pub users and clubbers with a listening ear, helping to keep them from trouble and to get home safely.



Day chaplains are out, offering pastoral support to shoppers and businesses, talking to the isolated and lonely and signposting where necessary to other local organisations. And our Healing on the Streets teams

can be found each month praying for anyone who requests it. The feedback they receive is overwhelmingly positive.

Encouragement is always welcome. That's why we were so delighted with the fresh financial support which came in the form of a recent grant from Aylesbury Town Council. This affirms our work and helps us to keep it all running, and growing. Thank you!

Amidst the pressures of modern life, finding someone who will listen and offer simple support can be invaluable - and that's where the Town Chaplaincy comes in. If you spot us out and about, come and say hello, we'd love to chat. For more information go to [aylesburytownchaplaincy.co.uk](http://aylesburytownchaplaincy.co.uk)

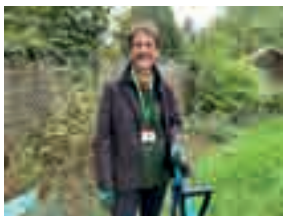


**Nearly seven million adults in the UK struggle to read, impacting their lives significantly.** Read Easy Chilterns, a small but rapidly growing charity, offers free, confidential one-to-one coaching for adults to improve their reading skills. This support, available either face-to-face or online, is provided by a fantastic team of volunteers at approved community venues such as libraries. Readers progress at their own pace until they are ready to move on. Volunteer coaches receive training and are supported by the Read Easy Chilterns team.

A reader shared: "The person who pushed me forward after seeing the programme is my wife. She arranged everything and pushed me to take a leap of faith and to face a fear I had carried all my life. My reading has come on in leaps and bounds, from someone too scared to even open a book I am now reading my first book, thanks to my coach, my wife, and the rest of the team."

If you know anyone who may benefit from some Reading Coaching, please get in touch with the Chilterns Coordinator via [chilternscoordinator@readeasy.org.uk](mailto:chilternscoordinator@readeasy.org.uk)

We are recruiting volunteer coaches in the Aylesbury Town area. To volunteer, contact Sian Dower via [chilternsrecruiter@readeasy.org.uk](mailto:chilternsrecruiter@readeasy.org.uk) or call **07859 475150**.



**Helen & Douglas House helps local families cope with the challenges of looking after a terminally ill baby or child who will die prematurely.** Helen & Douglas House is a warm, homely place for local children living with life-limiting and terminal conditions, and their families. We provide round-the-clock care in a comforting environment. Our hospice is filled with laughter, whilst also being a peaceful place where families can create happy memories in their last days, weeks, months or years together. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for the roles below:

- **Home Gardening Volunteers** - helping out families with simple gardening tasks in their home
- **Home Volunteers** - helping out families with household tasks in their home

More information about the roles and application forms can be found on our website [helenanddouglas.org.uk](http://helenanddouglas.org.uk)



## AYLESBURY RELAY FOR LIFE 2024

**One day! One night! One reason! Cancer never sleeps and for 24 hours neither do we!**

Aylesbury Relay for Life CRUK 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 against cancer. It also enables us to increase the visibility and generate cancer awareness. Come and join us in a day of fun and celebration. Live entertainment, salsa dancing, Zumba, themed laps, craft stalls and so much more!

Cancer survivors are the reason we relay. If you are a cancer 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 knowing that they are not alone.

We would love you (and a guest/carer) to join us at Relay For Life Aylesbury at The Pavilion, Halton on **Saturday 27 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.

**Schedule:** 12 noon-9:15pm: Free music and entertainment 12 noon-4pm: Craft Stalls 12 noon-8pm: Team stalls with kids games, tombola, lucky dips, cakes, sweets etc.

**Interested?** Then please contact us. Find us on Facebook: **Aylesbury Relay for Life** or contact our Chair Paula Kirby: [relaypaulk@hotmail.com](mailto:relaypaulk@hotmail.com) or [relayforlifeaylesbury.org](http://relayforlifeaylesbury.org)

## BOB'S STORY



**Buckinghamshire Mind is calling for volunteers to help us to support local people through our mental health services.**

Bob, a volunteer for Buckinghamshire Mind's Befriending service, says:  
"Twelve years ago, I lost my wife to leukaemia. I went into a deep depression and cut off from friends and family. Nothing made much difference to the way I felt until I was referred to the Befriending service at Bucks Mind. My Befriender was understanding and patient. He made me realise that if I could find one or two happy things to focus on, it could take the edge off the sadness a little bit.

"After the partnership ended, I decided to volunteer as a Befriender myself and it has been one of the best things I've done. I've worked with six people who've all been different. I try to understand their issues with life, ask how they feel and help them find their own solutions.

"Being part of Bucks Mind really helps - I feel valued, appreciated and useful. I love meeting the other volunteers and feeling part of something.

"If there were more Befrienders in the world it would be a better place."

We are so grateful to Bob and all our wonderful volunteers, we couldn't deliver all that we do without them.

Find out more volunteering for Bucks Mind at [bucksmind.org.uk/volunteer](http://bucksmind.org.uk/volunteer) or call **01494 463364**.



**Nexus Fostering urgently needs the residents of Aylesbury to help local children by becoming foster carers.** The situation is critical, with hundreds of children and young people in desperate need of a foster family. Your help is crucial in addressing the national shortage of foster carers.

Children from 0-18 are looking for foster homes and would need an adult around to support them day to day. This includes sibling groups, teenagers, parent and child fostering and also caring for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. Nexus Fostering welcomes individuals of all ages, genders, religions, and ethnicities to apply. We value diversity and are looking for people who genuinely want to make a difference in a child's life. Many children enter foster care through no fault of their own and need someone with patience, kindness, and dedication to help them experience the childhood they deserve.

At Nexus Fostering, we have a passionate and friendly team of professionals who support our foster carers and young people 24/7, 365 days a year. **Could you become a foster carer?** Contact us for an informal chat to find out how you can make a difference in a child's life. **0208 864 6040** or **nexusfostering.co.uk**



## AYLESBURY HOMELESS ACTION GROUP (AHAG)

**Aylesbury Homeless Action Group (AHAG) has been a vital force in Buckinghamshire since its inception in 1992.** Sadly, homelessness is on the rise, with Buckinghamshire Council carrying out the fourth highest number of homelessness assessments in England last year. Demand for our services has surged, with 230 individuals assisted in 2019 and over 520 in 2023, a huge escalation in need.

However, amidst these challenges, there is hope. In 2023, AHAG helped 71 people from homelessness into stable housing and prevented evictions for 29 households, including Janet who was living in an uninhabitable home without running water and due to be sold. We helped her to get somewhere else to live before being made homeless.



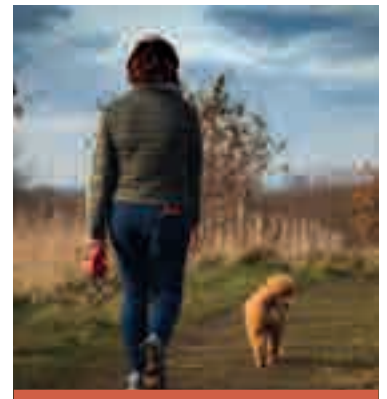
Every time we prevent a person becoming homeless, we save an estimated £20,000-£30,000 for the local economy. By the end of 2024, our dedicated team will have aided over 700 local households.

AHAG envisions a future where homelessness is eradicated, and every individual finds acceptance and support within their community. Together, we work tirelessly towards this goal. If you believe that no one in Aylesbury should be without a safe home, please consider supporting our work. Visit **ahag.org.uk** for information about how to donate.

## THE CINNAMON TRUST

**The Cinnamon Trust needs more dog walking volunteers in Aylesbury.** The Cinnamon Trust is the national charity whose wonderful volunteers help people over retirement age and those in the latter stages of a terminal illness by offering all kinds of free pet care. We are looking for dog walking volunteers to help residents of Aylesbury and their delightful dogs who would love to go for a good walk.

Many elderly or ill pet owners worry about their ability to provide proper care for their animals and start looking to rehome what may be their only companion. This is where our national network of dedicated volunteers step in to offer support enabling them to stay together. We'll walk the dog for a housebound owner, we'll foster pets when owners need hospital or hospice care, and even clean out the bird cage or litter trays.



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, you can download our volunteer registration form from **cinnamon.org.uk** or email us at **appeals@cinnamon.org.uk**

If you would like to have a more in-depth chat about becoming a volunteer, please call us during office hours (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm) on **01736 758 701**, or you can check out our website **cinnamon.org.uk** for more details.



## BOOST YOUR MOOD THIS SUMMER

**Maria Butler, from CPJ Field, is a Community Champion and coordinates groups that may benefit someone who is looking for company and stimulation – away from their thoughts and an opportunity they may have never considered.** CPJ Field isn't just a family-run funeral service, they also support and facilitate these groups as part of their extensive community engagement programme, 'Never Alone'.

The groups are all free and only require you to turn up to join and enjoy. In one month, Maria would come into contact with 537 people through these groups. These people often become friends and have some structure to their week, a reason to leave the house and to meet with other likeminded people in the local community. Recently the Knit and Natter group knitted 4,000 items for use in NICU, where very premature babies receive items such as woollen hats and blankets using donated wool.

### Groups within the parish of Aylesbury include:

**Communi-tea Friends** - every first Monday of the month, 10-11:30am, McDonald's, 24 High Street

**At Buckinghamshire New University, Aylesbury Campus, Walton Street:**

**Community Crafty Tuesday** - Tuesdays, 10:30am-12:30pm

**Community Board Games** - Tuesdays, 10:30am-12:30pm

**Lunch Club** - Wednesdays, 12:30-1:30pm

**Knit and Natter** - Wednesdays, 10:30am-12:30pm

To find out more visit [never-alone.co.uk](http://never-alone.co.uk)

Marian Colyer



## BOOSTING MEN'S MENTAL FITNESS THROUGH OPEN CONVERSATIONS

**Talk Club is a talking and listening community for men.** It's about male mental fitness - just like physical fitness, but for your brain. It's regular blokes talking about their stresses and worries in a positive safe space.

Talk Club groups are run by trained captains and are based around four simple questions:

1. How are you? Out of 10?
  2. What are the positives in your life?
  3. What are your plans for mental fitness this week?
  4. Before we finish, we ask again: How are you? Out of 10?
- On average, sessions last two hours.
  - Everyone takes a turn to talk - others listen.
  - It might take a few meetings for it to start to work... but, you don't get fit by going to the gym once.
  - You don't have to wait until you're going through a disaster to join Talk Club.

Join us if you are male and are aged 18+ years. Follow us on Instagram [@talkclubaylesbury](https://www.instagram.com/talkclubaylesbury) or contact us [hello@talkclub.org](mailto:hello@talkclub.org) / [therapy@talkclub.org](mailto:therapy@talkclub.org) / [talkclub.org](http://talkclub.org)

Talk Club Aylesbury meet on the **first Thursday of every month** at Ashmead School, HP21 8SU from 7-9pm.



### Simply Walk, which is run by Buckinghamshire Council, celebrates 22 years this summer.

It is completely free and there are now more than 65 organised walks, including three in Aylesbury. For full details, visit [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk](http://buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk), and register. If you don't have access to a computer, just turn up and get a registration form from the Walk Leader.

Walking is a fantastic way to get out and about and meet new people while improving your health and wellbeing. Our trained volunteer leaders are there to help you walk at your own pace – so don't worry about being left behind. For the Aylesbury beginner, we recommend the Fairford Leys walk which operates every Monday at 10:30am from the Community Centre. This lasts about an hour. For the fitter walkers, the Bedgrove walk happens every Tuesday from outside the Bucks Yeoman pub in Jansel Square and departs at 12 noon. This lasts about an hour, but at a faster pace. For the more ambitious, the Bedgrove Fortnightly Walk meets outside the Co-op on every other Friday and departs at 11am. This 90 minute walk takes you into the countryside, so you need to wear the appropriate footwear.



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

**Every Mayor says that it is a pleasure and a privilege to be elected to the post. Just because this is a cliché does not make it any less true.** I am very conscious that, as Mayor, I represent not just the Council but the town itself to both its people and the wider world.

I have lived in our town for 42 years and been a Councillor for 21 of them. I have learned a lot about Aylesbury, its history and its residents in that time but perhaps the most striking thing is that so many people volunteer in so many different ways to tackle disadvantage, provide opportunities for others or just make Aylesbury an even better place to live. As Mayor, I would love to support all these initiatives and activities but, while I do in spirit, there is nowhere near enough time to do so physically. As this article is written in May, I have only been in post a couple of weeks and have attended just a few functions. I have, however, met with my chosen charity for the year, Pace, who do wonderful work changing the lives of children with neuro-disabilities – some of the equipment that they have to help the development of these youngsters is truly mind blowing. You will be seeing Pace at our Aylesbury Town Council events this year and will be hearing more about them too.

One of the events that I have been to was an inspirational briefing by the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity. I met lots of brilliant people who either raise funds to support top quality end of life care, administer the charity or directly provide the care. Very humbling but also providing an illustration of how a charity can raise funds in a way that helps more than just their core purpose. Many readers will remember the performance of The Wiz that they arranged at the Waterside last year. It brought in good money for their cause but also gave over 100 young children the opportunity to perform in public – something that they would, almost certainly, never have had otherwise. Two birds with one stone!

I will do all I can to support our Town Centre Officer in her work with local businesses. Aylesbury, like all towns, will continue to change as shopping and working habits alter but the need for the Town Council to talk with local businesses, network with them and support them where we can, will only grow. The Council's town centre events bring customers to many of our shops and they, in turn, are a key part of our community.

Another priority area for me is youth opportunity in all its forms. We have many great organisations in Aylesbury that support young people in different ways – Youth Concern, Youth Action, the uniformed youth groups, the Young Enterprise competition and so on. I am not sure that knowledge of the activities/groups is as well spread as it might be and, while I certainly have no desire to interfere with any of them, I am sure that the Mayoralty can help promote them in a co-operative way.

That leads on to an area where additional communication might be really helpful and that is work experience. I know from my role as a secondary school governor that many Year 10 students find it difficult to get work experience and I suspect that many businesses are reluctant to offer it because they don't fully understand what would be required of them. Yet the Town Council has really good contacts with many local businesses and, whilst it is not part of our role to actually organise work experience, I will be looking into the possibility of improving the links between businesses and schools to the benefit of all.

Cllr Alan Sherwell  
Mayor of Aylesbury 2024-25

  @MayorOfAylesbury



## AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS SUPPORT GROUPS OF ALL SIZES



**The Grants Committee meet four times a year to discuss grants applications.** The grants are open to groups, charities or organisations which benefit residents within the parish of Aylesbury. The following grants have recently been awarded:

**£250** to Oakfield Ladies Club for a PA sound system

**£265** to Aylesbury Wombles for hi-vis tabards and the cost of public liability insurance

**£600** to the Hindu Temple Trust towards their Holi Spring Festival of Colours event

**£2,000** to Autism Early Support Trust towards their Circle Centre nursery which supports autistic children aged 2-5 years

**£2,485** to Home Instead Charities towards the continuation and growth of community group benefiting residents and their carers

**£3,000** to Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy towards training and support costs of existing Chaplains and Street Angels and recruitment of others

**£3,000** to Aylesbury District Girl Guides for alterations to the Guide hut to ensure it is fit to serve the community

**£6,396** to Aylesbury Vale Dynamos Football Club for much needed modernisation of the club's facilities

Find out more about the Town Council's grant programme at [bit.ly/AylesburyTownCouncilGrants](https://bit.ly/AylesburyTownCouncilGrants)



## EXCITING OPPORTUNITY THAT COULD CHANGE THE LIVES OF YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

The SWEF Enterprise Fund has launched in Buckinghamshire to support young business owners with grants of up to £2,000 to help them achieve their goals.

The first grant has already changed the life of one young Buckinghamshire entrepreneur – Lewis from Primary Pressure. Lewis had a successful pressure washing business but was keen to expand. The SWEF grant allowed him to extend his services and he now has his first employee. Lewis said: "I'm really pleased with my grant from SWEF which has enabled my business to expand at just the right time. The process was straight forward and I'd encourage anyone in my position to apply".

Henry Allmand, CEO of Heart of Bucks Community Foundation who are administering the scheme in Buckinghamshire said: "This fund will serve as a catalyst for the next generation of businesses in Buckinghamshire. We want to ensure that young people are supported to realise their aspirations."



Funding can be utilised for a diverse array of business costs. Criteria include that individuals must be aged 18 to 30 and reside in or have their business operations within the Buckinghamshire area.

Full criteria and details on how to apply can be found on the Young Futures Fund website [youngfuturesfund.org/swef-young-entrepreneurs-fund](https://youngfuturesfund.org/swef-young-entrepreneurs-fund)

## AYLESBURY CENTRE



The Aylesbury Centre of the National Trust is a voluntary Association of National Trust members and volunteers founded in 1974 to promote and prosper the work of the National Trust.

If you are a National Trust member or volunteer, Aylesbury Centre supporters would welcome you to join us and celebrate our 50th anniversary events programme of talks and walks, day outings, local self-drive visits, and occasional coffee mornings, as well as a weeks holiday in the autumn.

We were founded in 1974 to give financial support to local Trust properties and enjoy ourselves while doing so. Meetings, with a guest speaker and covering a wide variety of topics, are held at Broughton Junior School, Aylesbury, usually on the third Thursday of most months at 8pm.

Members pay £3 entrance, which includes refreshments. Visitors are welcome and pay a small supplement. There is an annual membership fee (£11 single, £16 double). For more information, and a membership form, please contact the Hon. Secretary at [aylesburycentrent@gmail.com](mailto:aylesburycentrent@gmail.com) or phone/message **07399 540626**. We look forward to meeting you!



We are a very friendly group who enjoy anything to do with textiles from embroidery to knitting and much more. We welcome anyone with similar interests to come and join in. No skills or craft experience needed. We have a speaker each month and cover a very wide range of topics. We have just had an exciting meeting trying to use bobbins to make lace. **Coming up:** where to find inspiration for new projects, how to design for embroidery, stitched textiles, knitting and crochet. We also run two workshops every year to learn new skills.

We meet at Wendover Memorial Hall, Wharf Road, Wendover once a month on a Saturday afternoon at 2pm. If you would like to visit at any time, meet new people and also enjoy tea or coffee and cake, please email us at [aylesburyvalestitchers@gmail.com](mailto:aylesburyvalestitchers@gmail.com) to join our mailing list and we will send you our programme for 2024 with all the dates and details of speakers and workshops.

## SUMMER OF FUN AT DISCOVER BUCKS MUSEUM



This summer we have a packed programme of activities to keep all the family entertained. From a galaxy far, far away comes **May The Toys Be With You**, a stellar exhibition of vintage Star Wars toys and original movie posters which opens on **20 July**.

We'll be running **Special Family Craft Days** from **24 July to 30 August**. Choose from Make-A-Toy Mondays, Out-Of-This-World Wednesdays and Fantastic Fridays. Each session has a different theme so you can try different ones throughout the holidays. During your visit experience the Sensory Playroom, add to the Tudor mural in our Tudor rooms, get comfy in our reading corner or try one of our exciting new Discovery Duck Trails around the stunning Discover Bucks Galleries.

In our beautiful walled garden younger visitors can enjoy the Garden Play Zone with water and sand play, giant games and outdoor toys. And for hands-on fun inspired by Roald Dahl's stories visit the fabulous Roald Dahl Children's Gallery. Enjoy the garden café too for light snacks and drinks.



To keep up to date with these and all our events sign up to our newsletter on our website. For times, charges and to book please visit [discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org) Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP.

## TICKETS ON SALE FOR CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity are proud to present their production of Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre on **Saturday 3 August**.

Welcome to the world of pure imagination with this tasty Broadway and West End musical based on the famous novel and hit movie. Suitable for the whole family, with all the well-known hits, don't miss out on this special, one day only event. Get your golden tickets today!

This amateur production will star over 150 local children and raise money to fund specialist palliative and end-of-life care services for patients across Buckinghamshire and its borders.

Amy Quinlan, Senior Fundraiser for Special Events and Projects for Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, who is directing the project said: "All of our young performers are full of talent and enthusiasm and raring to hit the stage. We're so proud to be bringing the local community together and raising money for such a worthy charity at the same time. We expect this to be a sold-out show and tickets are limited so please don't delay in ordering yours." Book your tickets at [fnhospice.org.uk/charlie](http://fnhospice.org.uk/charlie)



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## SALENA JONES QUARTET

A rare opportunity to see and hear a world-renowned singer and her trio of elite musicians perform in Aylesbury. Regularly described by critics as one of the world's great jazz singers and, occasionally as "not altogether a jazz singer", Salena Jones is almost impossible to categorise.



Salena's outstanding career now spans seven decades of performance. She has sung with numerous music legends around the world including Louis Armstrong, Antonio Carlos Jobim and Sarah Vaughan as well as the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. To date, Salena has made 43

solo albums and 22 singles. She is totally comfortable in diverse styles that she makes her own: blues, jazz standards, pop, Latin, big band and orchestral are all in her repertoire.

**Salena Jones Quartet:** Salena Jones - vocals, Pete Billington - piano, Oli Hayhurst - bass, Pete Cater - drums

"New York's world travelled charmer is one of the best jazz-meets-cabaret singers in the business." - Daily Telegraph

The event will take place in St Mary's Church on **Thursday 29 August**. Doors open from 7:30pm, band 8:15pm. Tickets are available at [bit.ly/SalenaJones29August](http://bit.ly/SalenaJones29August)

## OUT AND ABOUT THIS SUMMER WITH QUEENS PARK ARTS CENTRE



Aylesbury's Queens Park Arts Centre (QPAC) is the hub, heart and home of the arts in Buckinghamshire with an extensive programme of creative and holistic workshops, theatre performances, live music, comedy and exhibitions.

This summer QPAC are out and about across Aylesbury. Find us at Live in the Park (**Saturday 24 August**) in the community involvement area and join in with our craft activities – you might even discover a new hobby or two! You can also watch some fantastic storytelling performances from Unbound, QPAC's award-winning theatre company, at the town centre events so make sure to stop by and check out all that is on offer.

For more information about QPAC's summer programme and events, visit [queensparkarts.com](http://queensparkarts.com) and follow [@queensparkarts](https://www.instagram.com/queensparkarts) on social media.

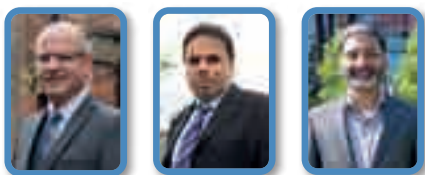




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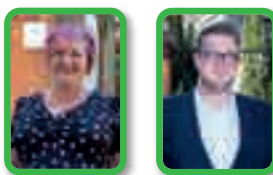
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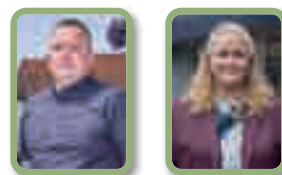
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Cllr Tuffail Hussain 07832 913171  
Cllr Phanindar Koya 07709 923308

## Ward: Central



Cllr Sherrilyn Bateman 07511 388978  
Cllr Tim Dixon 07956 802402

## Ward: Elmhurst



Cllr Ashley Morgan 07799 878059  
Cllr Susan Morgan 07799 074411

## Ward: Coppice Way



Cllr Chris Hendren 07545 107385

## Ward: Oakfield

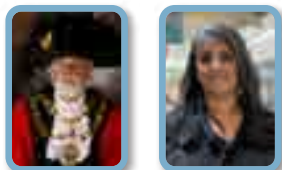


Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts 07595 178660



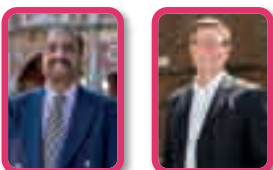
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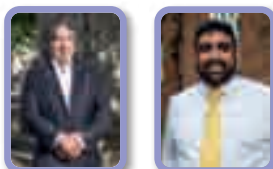
Cllr Alan Sherwell 01296 420672  
Cllr Gurinder Wadhwa 07840 151444

## Ward: Oxford Road



Cllr Mohammed Azam 07438 958347  
Cllr Steven Lambert 01296 395511

## Ward: Southcourt



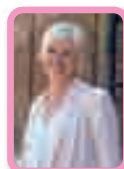
Cllr Niknam Hussain 07540 842407  
Cllr Waheed Raja 07969 056877

## Ward: Walton Court



Cllr Nidhi Mehta 07507 124756

## Ward: Hawkslade



Cllr Mary Baldwin 07809 615840

## Ward: Walton



Cllr Richard Lloyd 07887 685345

## Ward: Mandeville & Elm Farm



Cllr Sue Chapple 01296 426814



Cllr Roger King 01296 482812



Cllr Denise Summers 01296 424903

## Ward: Bedgrove



Cllr Raj Khan 07958 214480



Cllr David Thompson 07836 694463



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](http://aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk)



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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 Weekend, Soapbox Derby, Aylesbury on Sea, Christmas on the Cobbles
- Award of grants to local groups and charities
- Free magazine, Aylesbury Town Matters
- Christmas light displays
- Local business and Town Centre support
- Jonathan Page Play Centre
- Aylesbury in Bloom and environmental projects such as hanging baskets, planters, floral beds, roundabouts, cabinet painting, Walton Pond 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](http://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 CYCLING UK FOR 2024!

**Aylesbury Cycling UK is looking for new members for its 2024 spring/summer season.** People from all walks of life ride with the group, you don't need a fancy bike or to be sporty. The rides are a great way to meet new people, enjoy our lovely countryside and develop confidence by riding in a group.

The main rides are for leisure cycling and are led by volunteers, including a fortnightly Newcomers ride of 15-20 miles and a weekly Easy Pace ride of around 30 miles. All rides are circular and have a café stop. All you need is a serviceable bike, a spare tube and comfortable clothes to ride in. Riding with a group means greater safety, you don't get lost, somebody will always help fix a puncture and we set the pace to suit all riders, so you don't have to worry about keeping up.

Rides start from The Watermead Inn, Weston Turville shops or the Bugle Horn near Stone at 9:30am and we post the rides on our Aylesbury Cycling UK Facebook page or by email. We also meet up socially every second Wednesday at the King's Head in Aylesbury at 7:30pm. It's a good way to find out more.

For new riders we recommend trying the Newcomers ride first or for more sporty riders we have a faster Moderate group who do around 35 to 55 miles. [aylesburycuk@gmail.com](mailto:aylesburycuk@gmail.com) or [cyclinguk.org/group/aylesbury-cycling-uk](http://cyclinguk.org/group/aylesbury-cycling-uk)



### YOUNG PEOPLE

### TOP AWARDS FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SCOUTS



**Nearly 200 children and young people from across the county celebrated receiving the top award for their section at Paccar Scout Camp.** To achieve the award the young people would have had to gain all of the Challenge badges and some activity badges. The Challenge badges include Adventure, Outdoors, Teamwork, World and Personal. The activity badges range from Air Activities to Camp Craft, DIY to Hikes Away and Martial Arts to Water Activities. After receiving their certificate and having some refreshments, the children were off to do a series of activities including abseiling, caving, climbing, and go-karting.

When asked what he liked about being in Cubs, Dhilan said, "I like the activities such as abseiling, camping and kayaking. My favourite badge was swimming and I'm very proud that I have received the top award for my section." Dhilan's mother said: "He has learnt new skills, made new friends, learnt about the environment and has learnt to be a member of a team."

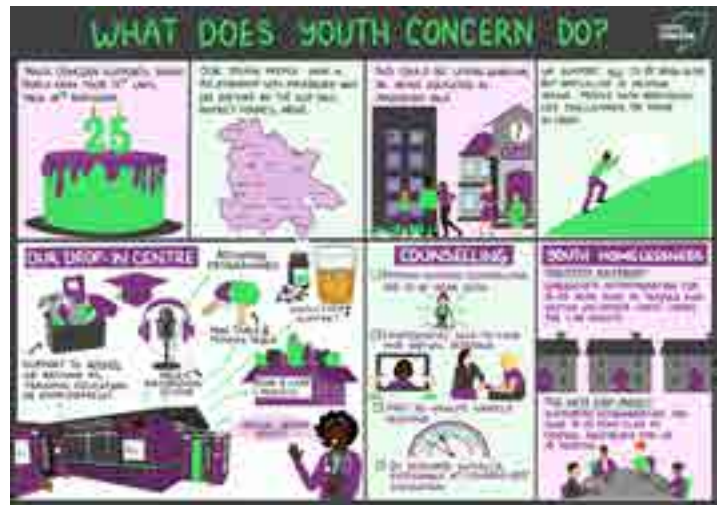
Volunteer, Iain Stanley said: "Volunteering has helped my self-confidence and it has opened opportunities at work as I've been able to highlight some core skills such as leadership and teamwork. I get an enormous amount of pride from being a volunteer."

All of the sections are open to boys and girls. The sections are Squirrels (ages 4-6), Beavers (ages 6-8), Cubs (ages 8-10), Scouts (ages 10-14) and Explorers (ages 14-17). Volunteers are aged 18+. For further information about Scouts, please visit [scouts.org.uk/join](http://scouts.org.uk/join)

## YOUTH CONCERN

Local charity, Youth Concern, was delighted to have been chosen as one of the Mayor's chosen charities of the year 2023-24. We would like to thank the former Mayor of Aylesbury, Cllr Steven Lambert, and his team for their support and thank every one of you who attended a Mayoral event during the year. We raised awareness of our work, talking to young people, their family members, teachers and employers about our Drop-in Centre, counselling service and youth homelessness prevention services.

For more information (e.g., our Drop-in Centre opening hours, how to access counselling or housing guidance), just scan the QR code or visit [youthconcern.org.uk](http://youthconcern.org.uk)



## AYLESBURY UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

We are delighted to have been given £120k in funding for our Digital department. This amazing amount of money will buy us incredible new industry-standard digital equipment for the launch of our new T Level Digital in September 2024. This funding will enable us to buy new PCs, a new media lab, virtual reality and much more, giving our Digital students a fantastic state-of-the-art learning environment.

On Wednesday 5 June we welcomed award-winning author Anthony McGowan to talk to our Year 10 and 12 students about the inspiration for their own writing, enthusing them about the joy of reading and stimulating their creative writing. The whole day was fantastic and every student enjoyed speaking to Anthony and hearing about his writing journey. Each participating student was gifted a copy of one of Anthony's books, which he signed. The visit is part of a Literacy Project funded by the Merchant Taylors' Foundation working with Authors Aloud UK.

The aim is that by meeting the authors, young people will be encouraged to increase their reading for pleasure and develop their creative writing skills, and it will support the literacy work that is done in the school.



The Aylesbury Youth Town Councillors (AYTC) recently convened with the Youth Town Clerk to review our governing document. Throughout the session, we engaged in lively brainstorming and thoughtful deliberation, particularly focusing on enhancing our connections with the town's youth.



A significant aspect of our discussion centred on the vital role AYTC plays as a conduit, effectively amplifying the voices of Aylesbury's youth to the broader Aylesbury Town Councillors. We recognised the importance of this task, ensuring our peers' concerns are heard and addressed in the decision-making process.



Moreover, we explored ways to expand AYTC's reach, aiming for a more diverse representation of youth across the parish. We deeply believe in the transformative

potential within our community's youth and are committed to ensuring our voices and concerns are heard.

This workshop marked a pivotal moment for AYTC, providing insight and inspiration to continue championing Aylesbury's youth interests and fostering positive change. As we move forward, we remain dedicated to building a brighter future for generations to come.

Ola  
Aylesbury Youth Town Councillor

**Pride**  
IN THE  
PARK

AYLESBURY  
COMMUNITY  
PRIDE

**Friday**  
5-9:30pm

**Live**  
in the  
**Park**

**Saturday**  
12noon-9:30pm

**STARS**  
IN THE  
**PARK**

**Saturday**  
10:15-11:15pm

**Parklife**  
Weekend 2024

**23-25 August**

**CHURCH &  
BANQUET  
IN THE PARK**

**Sunday**  
10:30am-3pm



**BATTLE OF THE  
BANDS**

**Sunday**  
12:30-4:30pm



**Proms  
in the  
Park**

**Sunday**  
7:15-9:30pm

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