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Welcome



Welcome to our latest edition of **Aylesbury Town Matters**, the last of what has been a rapidly changing year with many of the same challenges as last year. As ever, residents and council officers have risen to the challenge.

We were able to hold **Parklife Weekend** for the first time in two years to record numbers who enjoyed a weekend packed with music. A full report and photographs are inside this issue. **Aylesbury in Bloom** was also back this year and the winners have been announced for residents, businesses and organisations.

Like our Full Council, our **Youth Town Councillors** have also met in person for the first time in over a year, they're on the lookout for new members so if you are aged 10-19 years please do email info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk for more information.

Festive Family Fun and **Carolfest** will not be taking place this year as we wish to minimise the risk to everyone's Christmas plans. With the incubation period of 14 days and COVID-19 still being prevalent in the community, going ahead with the events two weeks prior to Christmas could jeopardise some people's plans for the festive season. We have therefore taken the decision not to go ahead this year but are looking forward to bringing you an even greater Festive Family Fun and Carolfest in 2022.

Other things to look out for inside this issue include the colourful Indian festival put on by the **Aylesbury Telugu Community** and the legendary **Strawbs** who will make their first ever Aylesbury appearance as part of their 50 year tour. This is a special concert arranged by Rotary Rocks to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the much-loved **Queens Park Art Centre**.

There's a new men's mental health group '**Men Can Heal**' which launched recently. Full details are on page 10. Also, there's a plea from the local branch of the **Royal British Legion** for more volunteers, they've been having a tough time during the pandemic and need capable and dedicated men and women to fill a variety of roles. Please also look out for news of this year's 'Duck Walk' as a group of **Aylesbury United** fans walk from Aylesbury to Dunstable for charity.

An early one for your diaries – **Soapbox Derby** entries will be opening in March 2022 as the event returns next year on Father's Day (**Sunday 17 June**).

Stay safe and enjoy the remainder of 2021.

Cllr Richard Lloyd
Leader of Aylesbury Town Council

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HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Aylesbury celebrated its heritage on **11-12 September** as part of **Heritage Open Days** – a national festival commemorating all things architecture and culture. There were many places to see including visiting the Mayor's Parlour and Town Hall Chamber and a chance to chat to Aylesbury Waterside Theatre's artist in residence, Peter Keegan. Karl Vaughan's 'Aylesbury Then & Now' photography exhibition was hugely popular and the Masonic Hall opened its doors during Heritage Open Days for the first time. Thanks to all who welcomed visitors including St Mary's Church, Bucks Archives, Aylesbury Quakers, Queens Park Arts Centre, The King's Head and The National Paralympic Heritage Centre.



SOAPBOX DERBY

The wait is nearly over... Soapbox Derby is set to return after two years away! We're ready to cheer all Soapboxers as they trundle down Whitehill Park. Oh boy have we missed it!

As the winter draws in, how about focusing your attention onto a new project? Now is the time to start thinking about our Soapbox Derby which will take place on Father's Day on **Sunday 17 June 2022**.

Get a team of friends, colleagues or family together and start planning your soapbox. Go traditional or choose a theme based on your favourite film or TV series – whatever it is – it's your chance to get creative and have a laugh!

If you'd like to register your interest and receive an application form on registration opening day, please complete the expression of interest form online at bit.ly/Soapbox2022.

Official registration will open early March.

Don't put the brakes on when thinking about signing up – spaces fill fast!





PARKLIFE WEEKEND 2021



It was great to be back in Vale Park during the August Bank Holiday weekend, wasn't it? Thank you so much to everyone who came and made the weekend what it was.

Parklife Weekend began with **Live in the Park** and what a line up it was. Whether you bopped to the incredible live music from local bands and artists, engaged with community groups and charities in the Community Involvement Area, supported a local business at one of the market stalls or belly-laughed in the Kids Ent Tent – **THANK YOU!**

The weekend ended with **Proms in the Park** where Aylesbury Concert Band delighted us with a stunning performance of film soundtracks and the traditional Proms anthems. And we do it all again next year - see you **27-28 August 2022!** Email info@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk if you would like to be involved in any way.



CALLING ALL LOCAL BANDS AND ARTISTS!

Fancy taking to one of the Live in the Park stages in 2022? All we're going to say is make sure you're following our social media channels... [f @aylesburytc](https://www.facebook.com/aylesburytc) [t @aylesburytc](https://www.twitter.com/aylesburytc) [i @aylesburytowncouncil](https://www.instagram.com/aylesburytowncouncil)

I MIGHT GIVE UP

It's the pests, diseases and weeds on the allotment that get me down. This photo gives you an idea of what I have to do to beat them.



My magnificent purple kale on the right is netted against butterflies and pigeons. The black mesh isn't fine enough to stop the attacks of cabbage whitefly. They get all over the allotments, everybody has them. So we all have to put up with little holes in the leaves and the need to knock the whitefly off before cooking.

The only way to stop whitefly is expensive white micromesh, where the holes are small enough to block even the smallest winged insects. As you can see, I've had to buy some to put around my leeks. Allium leaf miner is a small fly whose maggots munch leeks, making the stems split and allowing fungal infection to get in. Like other flies, it has no difficulty making its way from one plot to another. As soon as one of us gets a winged pest, everyone gets it.

On the left you can see the grass cuttings which I've piled up around the remaining lettuce. Not only is this good as a soil conditioner, I reckon it also discourages wind-blown weed seeds from germinating. And there is no shortage of flowering weeds from deserted or badly maintained plots on the allotments. Some of my neighbours think that once you have planted a crop you don't need to come back until harvest time – only to find a fine crop of weeds instead.

And as for the tomato blight which took a month to spread from one end of the allotments to the other... I was just grateful that my prompt harvesting of the potatoes stopped the fungus from destroying them.

I wouldn't have any of these problems if I grew my food at home, in my garden. The walls around would act as a barrier to weed seeds, and the surrounding flower gardens don't contain host plants for pests which could prey on cabbage and onions.

So that's what I'll do next season.

Mind you, there's too much shade from the trees behind my house, so it'll have to be the front garden. I'm sure that my family that will agree to it. After all, they enjoy the food I produce. Nor should the neighbours mind, as they get all of our surplus. Surely I won't have any difficulty persuading them that the loss of the lawn and flower beds is worth the increased yield of better-looking vegetables?

Of course, the fox that patrols our street might think otherwise.

Michael Brimicombe



It's time to dig out your winter clothes, wrap up and head down to Lindengate. As ever, we are busy preparing the gardens for the changing season, cutting back our wildflower meadows, sowing grass seeds and dividing some of our iris and other plant varieties, to be replanted.

We continue to welcome you, with our opening times set to change in line with the clocks going back. Take a look at our website for opening times. lindengate.org.uk. Tickets are now on sale for Lindengate in Lights, taking place over three nights, **17–19 December**. Wander through our illuminated nature trail and enjoy refreshments and entertainment, as well as a variety of hand crafted gifts available.

If you are looking for wildflowers, please contact orders@lindengate.org.uk for further details. A variety of handmade crafts and gifts will also be available from Lindengate from **15 November**. Why not break from tradition this year and instead of sending Christmas cards, send e-cards – a simple way of staying in touch and donating to Lindengate – you will find a variety of cards here tinyurl.com/rjumvzz

For information on all our events and programmes at Lindengate go to lindengate.org.uk



AYLESBURY IN BLOOM 2021

	Certificate	Bronze	Silver	Silver Gilt	Gold
Best Front Garden			Annette Davies Gillian Henley Neil Murray	Stephen Clarke Colin Ashby Christine Fifield Nirmala Takodra David and Lesley Ridgway	Paul Trayling Phil Welch
Best Back Garden		Rosemarie Kraftshechno	Rumyana Kiryachko Nirmala Takodra	Lena Bambury Christine Fifield Su McDonagh Steven Mitchell Maura Baroi David and Lesley Ridgway Mr and Mrs Quanico Ron and Heather Murray	Emma Matthews Colin Ashby Jackie Bennett Phil Welch Daniel Sadek
Best Edible Garden				Lena Bambury	Ron and Heather Murray
Best Container Garden			Neil Murray	Lena Bambury Rumyana Kiryachko David and Lesley Ridgway	Colin Ashby Phil Welch Maura Baroi Margaret and Peter Walker Daniel Sadek
Best Wildlife/ Nature Garden			Anna-Marie Bailes Rumyana Kiryachko	Lena Bambury Colin Ashby Susan James	Ron and Heather Murray
Best Communal Garden	Storehouse Community Garden		Hampden Garden Community Project	St Peter's Community Garden Healthy Living Centre Community Garden	Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity Horatio's Garden The King's Head Masonic Housing Association

From wildlife gardens to cottage gardens, allotment gardens to Mediterranean gardens, gardens created collectively and gardens varying in different shapes and sizes - there were a whole range of glorious gardens, each showing off their uniqueness in our Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition.

Residents, businesses and organisations were awarded prizes by the Mayor of Aylesbury, Cllr Anders Christensen, at the Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition Awards Evening at the Railway Club on Thursday 16 September.

Those that entered presented an extremely high standard. Judges commented that the joy gardens have brought to local gardeners during the pandemic shone when visiting each entry.

Aylesbury in Bloom Garden Competition will be back next summer. We would like to thank all those who took part and a special thank you to Michael Anthony for supporting the competition.



Judges' Commendation – Most Innovative Design	Emma Matthews
Judges' Commendation – Therapeutic and Atmospheric Garden	Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity
Judges' Commendation – Creative Provision for Wildlife	Susan Jones
Mayor's Cup – Best Overall Communal Garden	Horatio's Garden
Best Newcomer	Colin Ashby
Best Overall Garden	Jackie Bennett
Best Communal Garden Newcomer	St Peter's Church Community Garden

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY AYLESBURY

Denise Carr works as a hairdresser at Fremantle Court in Stoke Mandeville and last year won Dementia Care Champion in the National Dementia Care Awards.

Hello Denise! How has the last year been for you?

It's been like living in a movie and never knowing what is around the corner. It's been the strangest feeling of not being in control of our lives, which made me think of those living with dementia or those at the 'start' of the journey and not knowing what we can or can't do from day to day and getting thoroughly confused by it all.

You won a very special award last year... how did you feel when you won?

When I was nominated, I really didn't think anything of it as I never win things! I burst into uncontrollable tears and couldn't speak... which is unheard of for me! I felt totally overwhelmed by the kind words that they said.

What do you enjoy most about your role as a hairdresser?

I love every minute of my time in the salon with my clients, we sing, dance and have hoots of laughter. I don't care if my clients laugh at me or with me - as long as they leave happy!

What advice would you give to someone who knows or cares for someone with dementia?

Just go with the flow and never ever take offence at what is said.



SAVE THE DATE... SAVE THE DATE... SAVE THE DATE...

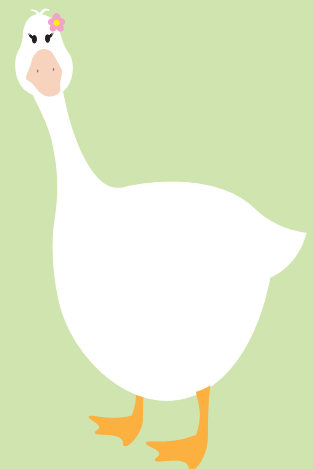
Our Virtual Dementia Friends sessions give you an opportunity to learn about the dementia community. The thought-provoking 45-minute session is led by Dementia Champion, Benedicta Lasoye, and covers plenty of engaging information. Join us via Zoom on **Monday 13 December** or **Monday 7 February**. Both sessions begin at 7pm and are free to attend but you will need to register your spot online at bit.ly/DFAYlesbury.

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WORD SEARCH

Can you find the following words:

- DUCK
- AYLESBURY
- COMMUNITY
- FRIENDS
- NEIGHBOURS



Solution on page 11

To everyone who has continued to be involved in our dementia friendly work, we want to say a **huge thank you** and again look forward to working with you closer to support our community in 2022. Want to learn more about the Dementia Friendly Aylesbury project? Visit bit.ly/DFAYlesbury or follow us on  [@dfaylesbury](https://twitter.com/dfaylesbury)



CREATIVE FUN AND FINANCIAL LEARNINGS AT THE JONATHAN PAGE PLAY CENTRE

It's hard to believe that October Half Term has been and gone. It feels like we only just went back to school!

We had a fantastic five days at JPPC bringing out our inner artist, using string and watercolours to create pictures, making our own marble run, painting rocks and making yarn wrapped monsters.

But that's not all we did. We also met Sharon and Jane from HSBC, who taught us how to be "money smart" in a fun way. We learnt to distinguish between what we want and what we need, how we spend money but also how we can save it.

Some of us older children learnt how easy it is to get "carried away" with spending money when we are on a day out. We planned a day out and realised how easy it is to forget all the extras that may be involved such as train tickets or petrol. We are sure some of our parents are pleased that we got a better understanding of money now but we can always learn more.

When we weren't being creative or learning about being money smart, we played with our friends indoors and outdoors, played games as a group, read books and lots more.

Our Christmas Playscheme is just round the corner and we can't wait to come back and see our friends and the team again. There may even be a visit from Father Christmas if we are good between now and then...

Why don't you come and join us for some Christmas Fun from **20-24 December 2021** and on **4 January 2022**?

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our February Half Term Playscheme from 21-25 February 2022.



THE OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE TEAM

The Outdoor Maintenance Team visit all seven allotment sites to cut back any overgrown branches to keep our allotments clear and easily accessible.

This work can only be done outside of nesting season which takes place between March and September. The team also keep the vehicle access roads to allotments, known as 'rides', in check so allotment holders can enjoy and maintain their plots easily.

A reminder to allotment holders that rides are closed during winter so they can recover from heavy usage and gives the team a chance to carry out maintenance works on them.



DID YOU KNOW

that during winter the Outdoor Maintenance Team are on call 24/7 to de-ice the Bourg Walk Bridge in line with Transport for Bucks' gritting schedule?



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

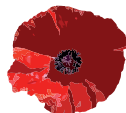
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There is no charge for community groups and charities.



AYLESBURY GRANDPARENTS GROUP

Although a year late, a celebration was held at Elmhurst Family Centre to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Grandparents Group and to also remember its founder, Ann Lawford, who passed away before the celebration could take place. Grandparents, together with Ann's family, enjoyed a buffet and birthday cake. Guests also received a commemorative pen and spring bulbs to plant in Ann's memory. The Family Support Service, who run the centre, presented a bench – called the "Buddy Bench" – which was unveiled on the day.

CAN YOU HELP?



The Aylesbury Branch of the Royal British Legion is going through difficult times at the moment and is under County control as we cannot get volunteers to fill the main roles of Chairman and Secretary. We are therefore looking for capable and dedicated men and women to fill those roles on a permanent basis. These roles are vital for the Branch to continue to function normally, and to carry out fundraising activities during the Poppy Appeal and throughout the following year.

Applicants should have good organisational skills and be able to communicate effectively. A Standard Bearer for Legion ceremonies will also be required. If you think you've got what it takes, contact Martina Stewart martinastewart167@btinternet.com or Cecily Turner cecily.turner@ntlworld.com.

Please note: All applicants must be RBL members. Membership can be obtained online at britishlegion.org.uk. We would also like to thank all our helpers that volunteered to raise money for the Poppy Appeal during November. The amount raised will be announced shortly.



MEN CAN HEAL

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GIVING MEN HOPE

Back in March 2021, whilst driving into work, I had my usual morning chat with God. One question I had was this, "God, I really feel in my heart the need to be doing something for others that will help them in some way. Please show me how?" So, he did. He showed me an image with the words Mental Health, but with the words 'Men & Heal' highlighted. This is how 'Men Can Heal' began.

After spending some evenings with a couple of trusted friends and a pint or two, we came up with this idea of having an open informal meeting place for men to feel free to come and chat in a confidential and respectful environment.

Every man who attends the meeting will always be reminded that they can talk in confidence, be listened to and feel valued. We are not professionals but we are providing a space where there is no charge to come along. All we are here for is to listen, to share stories and enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit.

My hope is that any man who comes along to Men Can Heal will be encouraged on their mental health recovery and be equipped to seek the right help they need. I do pray that Men Can Heal will be that first stepping stone on the healing journey.

Rob Clarke, Founder of Men Can Heal
mencanhealbookings@protonmail.com

Men Can Heal meet fortnightly on Thursdays from 8pm-9pm. Visit men-can-heal.org for location details.

TOWN HALL CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Our office will close on
Friday 24 December 2021 at 2pm
and will reopen on **Tuesday**
4 January 2022 at 8:45am.





AYLESBURY TELUGU COMMUNITY – DUSSEHRA & BATHUKAMMA CELEBRATION

On 16 October, Aylesbury Telugu community (with around 150 families living in Aylesbury who speak Telugu, an Indian language spoken in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states and also known as Italian of the east) celebrated Dussehra & Bathukamma festivals at Aylesbury Vale Academy.

Bathukamma is a floral festival celebrated just before Dussehra predominantly in the Telangana state of India. In Telugu, 'Bathukamma' means 'Mother Goddess, come alive'.

The women in Aylesbury Telugu Community, worshipped the Goddess "Maha Gauri" in the form of Bathukamma (a beautiful flower stack arranged with different flowers) in the centre and dancing in a large group in a circle around the Bathukammas with traditional songs representing the unity, love and sisterhood.



Historically, Bathukamma is celebrated to thank Goddess Gauri for her blessings for the crop harvest and income she helped generate this (current) year and again ask her blessing for the next year.

The festival Dussehra, also popularly known as Vijayadashami, is celebrated as the 'The Day of Victory' for Goddess Durga's triumph over demon Mahishasura and

Lord Rama's victory over Ravana. In Telangana state, it is considered as good omen to spot Palapitta (Indian Roller bird) on Dussehra festival day.

All in the community adorned in their traditional Indian wear to celebrate the night with joy and blissfulness. The evening was filled with classical Indian dance (Kuchipudi), singing, Bollywood dance and a variety of other entertainments. The grand finale celebration ended with a delicious Indian dinner for all the guests, leaving lasting memories for many.

THE HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

The Healthy Living Centre is a community hub focusing on supporting the local areas of Southcourt and Walton Court as well as the wider public in Aylesbury. We are also committed with our outreach work on the wards of Oakridge & Castlefield in High Wycombe and Vale in Chesham. Our aim is to help tackle health and wellbeing inequalities in Buckinghamshire.

Our collective expertise covers health, wellbeing, social and employment services; we work with children, parents, women, men, youth and seniors from all different communities and have excellent partnerships with other local voluntary and community organisations.

We offer a range of activities for everyone in the community to enjoy as well as an onsite nursery and café. In April we opened a new second-hand shop in which all items are priced between 20p and £5! We have a wide variety of rooms available for hire to suit all needs from company workshops to team building days, one to one meetings or creative learning, dance or exercise classes.



We have a newly built, state of the art sensory room which is also available for hire. It provides a safe, multi-sensory learning environment for both children and adults of all ages and abilities. This room is perfect for those with special educational needs as the room can be altered to offer either a relaxing and/or stimulating environment for the user.

More information on all of the services we offer, please visit our website healthylivingcentre.com or contact us on **01296 334562**.

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

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William Harding is likely to have spent his early life in this house by Walton Pond

WILLIAM HARDING – WHO WAS HE?

You may have heard of William Harding School, Harding's Restaurant at Aylesbury College or received a grant towards the costs of your university course. But who was he?

William Harding was a yeoman farmer who owned farmland, a house and an inn. When he died in 1719, he left his estate to provide:

- 40 shillings a year to buy coats for the poor men and women of Walton
- to select children of poor families in Aylesbury and Walton to be given apprenticeships
- to clothe those same children

The endowment has grown over the years as land he owned has been developed around the town. This has enabled the Charity to support many young people in education. In the 18th century it placed them in apprenticeships as coopers, blacksmiths, carpenters, dressmakers and milliners.

In the 21st century this support is continued with funding for school trips, school uniforms and annual grants to young people at university or in higher education. It also makes grants to schools and educational establishments, sports clubs, arts societies and organisations working for residents of Aylesbury. You do not need to be a charity to apply.

In addition to the grants there are 35 alms-houses in several locations in the town centre, made up of terraced houses, bungalows and flats, offered to older residents.

The Charity meets monthly to consider applications. For more information or to apply please contact: **Parrott & Coales LLP, 14 Bourbon Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2RS 01296 318500**

NIGHTINGALE'S RAINBOW CELEBRATES BUCKINGHAMSHIRE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Nightingale's Rainbow, a structure to celebrate the community response seen across Buckinghamshire to COVID-19, has been completed in the grounds of Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Aylesbury.

Believed to be the first permanent structure of its kind anywhere in the UK to be built in response to the pandemic, it stands at over 5 metres tall and is covered with thousands of coloured tiles to form a rainbow, which became a symbol of hope and solidarity with the NHS in communities across the country during the COVID-19 lockdowns.

As well as being a permanent monument to the resilience and kindness seen in Buckinghamshire, the structure is also the focal point for a fundraising campaign to support Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity and Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust's Charitable Fund.

Each of the coloured Rainbow Tiles which form the Rainbow can be dedicated to any individual, organisations and local groups with a message of thanks or support on the virtual Nightingale's Rainbow to ensure the acts of kindness and strength seen through the pandemic are remembered. The money raised through Rainbow Tile dedications will be used to support local healthcare workers, patients and families through the two charities.

"The messages already left at nightingalesrainbow.org.uk are full of love, thanks and gratitude. We encourage everyone to add their message to ensure their loved ones, or those who supported them or their loved ones through the crisis, are recognised and remembered beyond the pandemic as part of the Rainbow", said Lee Lloyd, Head of Fundraising at Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity.

You can get find out more about Nightingale's Rainbow and how to dedicate a Rainbow Tile at nightingalesrainbow.org.uk





KARWACHAUTH MEHENDI NIGHT

A Mehendi night to commence the celebrations for 'Karwachauth' was organised for the first time in Aylesbury by Cllr Nidhi Mehta and Jaasleen Rajput Sehgal and team of the charity Punjabi Community CIC at the Oakfield Community Centre on 22 October 2021. 'Karwachauth' is a festival celebrated by Hindu and Sikh women. The festival falls on the fourth day after the full moon, based on Indian Lunisolar calendar.

On this day, married women, observe fast from sunrise to moonrise for the safety and longevity of their husbands. 'Karwa' refers to the earthen pot through which a water offering is made to the moon and the fast is broken. Wives hold a sieve with a lamp and first look at the moon and then their husbands. Following this, they perform an aarti (prayer with a lamp) of their husbands and take their blessings. As a part of the ritual, the husbands offer the first sip of water and a bite of food to their wives.

The tradition of applying mehendi or henna on their hands and feet is an integral part of Karwachauth as mehendi (henna) is symbolic of good fortune for the married women. It is a belief that if the colour of the mehendi is dark it is indicative that the lady will get plenty of care and love from her husband. Henna artists apply intricate and fascinating designs. Married women receive beautiful and expensive gifts from their husbands and in-laws.

The event was well attended by ladies who were all dressed up in their most colourful traditional attires (sarees, lehengas, suits) and jewellery. There were food stalls serving Indian delicacies like chaats and desserts and other stalls selling handicrafts, jewellery, cosmetics, etc. Everyone enjoyed the Karwachauth theme based games and danced throughout the evening while getting their hands adorned with mehendi (henna). It was a fun-filled event.

SANTA'S CHRISTMAS FLOAT VISITS – THE ROTARY CLUB OF AYLESBURY HUNDREDS

Last year Santa didn't manage to visit everyone because the risk was too great at Christmas time, it was considered that the pandemic wouldn't allow safe passage through all of Aylesbury and children, families and collectors could well be prone to catching the virus. However, following the vaccination programme and our own safety arrangements he will be out this year in force, and Santa with all his helpers will HO HO HO his way around the town. Make sure you look out for him when he visits the following areas:

Christmas Float Collection Dates - December 2021

Friday 3	Prebendal Farm	Wednesday 15	Bedgrove 2 - Limes Ave/Regent Rd/ Northumberland Ave
Monday 6	Fairford Leys 1 (North) - Gt. Meadow Way	Thursday 16	Berryfields 2
Tuesday 7	Fairford Leys 2 (South) - Fairford Leys Way	Friday 17	Bedgrove 3 - Ambleside/Langdon Avenue
Wednesday 8	Watermead 1 (North) - Watermead Inn	Saturday 18	Tesco Tring Road - Organ Carols and Music
Thursday 9	Elm Farm South - Shopping Parade	Sunday 19	Tesco Tring Road - Organ Carols and Music
Friday 10	Broughton Avenue - Parton Road	Monday 20	Tesco Broadfields - Santa float
Monday 13	Bedgrove 1 - Ingram Ave/Welbeck Ave		
Tuesday 14	Berryfields 1 - Paradise Orchard		

His house and chimney will be towed, assisted by the kind sponsorship of Sportif Citroen of Aylesbury, ensuring a safe and timely passage for children and the charity helpers.



CHARITY WALK TO DUNSTABLE



As Aylesbury Town Matters goes to print, a group of Aylesbury United fans are planning a walk on Saturday 30 October from the derelict ground at Buckingham Road in Aylesbury to Creasey Park in Dunstable for the away fixture at AFC Dunstable. This is a walk of more than 16 miles and marks 15 years since the famous Ducks last played at home in Aylesbury.

Andy Martin, Director of Aylesbury United and Chair of 21st Century Ducks, the Aylesbury United Supporters Trust, who is leading the walk said: "It is amazing that after 15 years of Aylesbury United playing first team home games outside of the town that the club is still going. This is testament to our fantastic fans and the hard-working volunteers behind the scenes.

"Walking to Dunstable will not only help raise awareness of our continued homelessness and the #BringTheDucksHome campaign but also hopefully raise a good amount of money for our charity partner who are such worthy cause."

This year's charity partner, the Cancer Care and Haematology Fund, are a charity very close to the club's heart. They provide a wide range of services for patients with a variety of blood cancers and non-malignant blood problems at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. They have provided treatment and care to Jo Hercules the



Last year fans walked from Aylesbury to Chesham and raised £1000 for the Duckling Trust

late wife of Duck's legend Cliff Hercules and we would be grateful if you could donate to this great cause. Visit peoplesfundraising.com/donation/cchf-and-aylesbury-united

Aylesbury Town Council have been working hard behind the scenes to find ways to get the club back to Aylesbury. Richard Lloyd, Leader of the Town Council, has been working on this project and said: "Aylesbury Town Council are actively working with the club and other parties on a proposal to secure land for a Community Stadium but it is a lengthy process and at present there's nothing concrete. The Town Council not only want to help Aylesbury United return to the town where they belong but also want to see grassroots facilities improved across the town for the benefit of all residents."

Andy Martin added: "The club are grateful to Aylesbury Town Council for their support in trying to help the club return and playing home games in Aylesbury."

AYLESBURY ROTARY CLUB CAROL FLOAT

Starting on Sunday 5 December, Santa will be touring the town most evenings from 6-8pm until Christmas, bringing seasonal music and cheery waves to the streets of Aylesbury, and collecting for local charities.

Please look out for him and for up-to-date details or to follow us on the live tracker, log onto our website aylesburyrotary.com

Please help us donate to local charities this Christmas

Text DUCK plus your donation amount to 70460. You can donate a minimum £1, e.g. Text DUCK2 to 70460 to donate £2, or DUCK10 to donate £10. This will cost your donation amount plus one standard message.

Donate online at justgiving.com/campaign/aylesburysanta

DECEMBER

Sunday 5
Monday 6
Tuesday 7
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Saturday 18

AREA

Elm Farm North
Southcourt
Haydon Hill
Stoke Road
Watermead South
Static Float, High Street
Hawkslade
Weedon Road
The Coppice
Kingsbrook
Quarrendon
Elmhurst
Stoke Mandeville
Static Float, High Street
Wing

STARTING FROM

Elm Farm Shops
Church of the Good Shepherd
Devareux Place
Rivets Sports Club
Car park by shops
10am-4pm
Mandeville School entrance
Horse and Jockey
Archer Drive
Community Centre
Meadowcroft Community Centre
The Dairy Maid
Check website for details
10am-4pm
Redwood Close

ADDICTION ADVOCATES



Addiction Advocates is a helpline service that aims to provide advice and guidance to people suffering from substance addiction/misuse or worried loved ones on what actions to take when dealing with addiction.

The strictly confidential helpline is accessible to all Aylesbury residents 24/7 and is run by a team of individuals who have achieved long term abstinence themselves.

Whether you need help acquiring treatment or just looking for some advice, our helpline is free for anyone to contact at any time.

Please do not suffer alone. Reach out and contact our friendly team today. Call **0800 012 6088** or visit **addictionadvocates.com**

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CAR PARKING

The following car parks offer **FREE** parking after 3:30pm on Thursday 2, 9, 16 and 23 December: Walton Street (Short Stay), Upper Hundreds (Short Stay), Walton Green, Exchange Street, Coopers Yard, Waterside (excluding level 1), Hale Street, Hampden House, Whitehall Street and Friarscroft.

Further free parking will be available at Walton Street (Short Stay) on Sunday 5, 12 and 19 December.

For information on Friars Square Shopping Centre parking visit **friarsquareshopping.com**

CHANGES TO SHOPPING HOURS IN AYLESBURY TOWN CENTRE



DATE	FRIARS SQUARE	HALE LEYS	AYLESBURY MARKET
Monday 20 December	8:30am-6:30pm	9am-6pm	No market
Tuesday 21 December	8:30am-6:30pm	9am-6pm	No market
Wednesday 22 December	8:30am-6:30pm	9am-6pm	9am-2pm
Thursday 23 December	8:30am-6:30pm	9am-6pm	9am-2pm
Friday 24 December	8:30am-5pm	8:30am-4:30pm	9am-2pm
Saturday 25 December	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sunday 26 December	10:30am-4:30pm*	10:30am-4:30pm	No market
Monday 27 December	10am-4pm ⁺	10:30am-4:30pm	No market
Tuesday 28 December	10am-4pm	10:30am-4:30pm	No market
Wednesday 29 December	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm	Closed
Thursday 30 December	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm	No market
Friday 31 December	9am-5pm	9am-4pm	9am-2pm
Saturday 1 January	9am-5:30pm	10:30am-4:30pm	Closed
Sunday 2 January	10:30am-4:30pm	10:30am-4:30pm	No market
Monday 3 January	10am-4pm	10:30am-4:30pm	No market

*House of Fraser open at 10am for browsing ⁺Next 6am-6pm



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As anticipated in the last edition of Aylesbury Town Matters, the late summer/autumn period has turned into a busy time for the mayoral calendar.

We celebrated the return of Parklife Weekend at the end of August. I want to give credit to the organising team, bands, performers, and community groups who made it an amazing weekend enjoyed by thousands of residents. Apart from my formal duties and speeches during the weekend, I thoroughly enjoyed meeting and chatting with so many people. Everyone agreed it was an event the town very much needed after the long period of lockdowns and events being cancelled.

I have had the opportunity to meet and support so many great local groups such as Royal Navy Association, Bucks Vision, Florence Nightingale, Lindengate, the children and staff at Turnfurlong Infant School, and the children and staff at the new Kingsbrook View Primary School.



One event I wish to highlight was a briefing by the staff of Florence Nightingale that I attended at All Saints Church in Hulcott (a jewel in our local area and I would highly recommend visiting and supporting the Church). The briefing and the personal experiences of their team made

a profound impact upon me. They do amazing work and their dedication is amazing.

My wife and I were lucky enough to attend the re-opening of the Waterside Theatre at the Gala night for Hairspray. I would also like to thank the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, George Anson, for two events (Garden Party and Justice Service at St. Mary's Church) which were great opportunities to meet and connect with local charities and community groups.

When I became Mayor, I was the grateful recipient of much advice from former mayors. I thought I had a good idea of what becoming the Town Mayor would involve. While all the advice I was given was true and useful the most wonderful thing about the role still came as a surprise. Being Mayor provides a unique opportunity to meet community groups and charities across our town. To learn what they do, how they help, and the challenges they face. Being Mayor allows me to join up ideas, groups, sources of funding and generally network to help the groups I meet. I hope by the end of my Mayoral year I will be able to highlight projects and ideas that have taken off as a result.

So, as my last Aylesbury Town Matters note for the year, I wish you and your families the best of health and happy celebrations for the Christmas season.

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



AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS



WHAT COULD YOUR CHARITY, GROUP OR ORGANISATION GAIN FROM SOME EXTRA FUNDING?

Our grants programme is offered to local charities, groups and organisations which benefit our town and its communities. Our grants committee meet four times a year to award applicants, meaning there's plenty of opportunity to gain an Aylesbury Town Council grant. These funds can really make a difference and we love to support as many fantastic organisations as we can.

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from one of our grants, our next application deadline is **Wednesday 5 January 2022** ahead of our first grants committee meeting of the year which will be held on **Wednesday 19 January 2022**. Visit bit.ly/AylesburyTownCouncilGrants to see more details.



The Town Mayor,
Town Councillors and Staff
wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

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 CENTRE OF THE NATIONAL TRUST

The Aylesbury Centre of the National Trust runs a programme of social events for any NT members living in the Aylesbury Vale. These include coach outings (for example to Mottisfont, near Romsey, picture below), self-drive outings to more local venues such as Dorney Court, walks, and coffee mornings.

Up to 100 members and visitors join us for the monthly programme of talks held at Broughton Junior School, Broughton Avenue HP20 1NQ on a Thursday evening.

For further information about membership of the Aylesbury Centre NT please contact the Hon Secretary by email to aylesburycentrent@gmail.com, or by phoning or messaging **07399 540626**.



ACOUSTIC STRAWBS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

The legendary Strawbs will make their first appearance in Aylesbury as part of their 50 years tour – a special concert organised by Rotary Rocks to celebrate the 40th anniversary year of the Queens Park Art Centre on Saturday 15 January 2022.

The Acoustic Strawbs of the 21st century consist of founder, constant guiding force, and lead vocalist Dave Cousins, "best Dylan influenced UK songwriter" (Rolling Stone Magazine), alongside long-time band lead guitarist, Dave Lambert, and the astonishingly versatile Chas Cronk - the classic 1970s Strawbs front line. The Strawbs have shared the stage with the Eagles, Santana and Frank Zappa, establishing the Strawbs as Britain's most successful international progressive folk-rock band.

Tickets cost £18.50 (no concessions). Order online at queensparkarts.com or visit the Queens Park Arts Centre. This concert is raising funds for the Queens Park Arts Centre.

PANTOMIME RETURNS TO THE LIMELIGHT



Aylesbury's Queens Park Arts Centre are all set for a return visit to pantoland this Christmas, as they debut a brand-new adaptation of the classic fairy-tale 'Sleeping Beauty' at their Limelight Theatre throughout December.

Once upon a time, in a far-away land, a wicked witch put a curse upon a new-born princess. The baby's father, King Trevelyan, has spent eighteen years trying to prevent the prophecy from coming to pass, but the evil enchantress Belladonna has a plan to ensure his daughter's fate remains sealed...

Now that Elspeth is no longer a child, she's determined to make her way in the world with her childhood sweetheart Princess Charming. But the course of true love never did run smooth.

Here be dragons...

This year's show is packed full of rib-tickling slapstick routines, amazing dances, sing-a-long songs, and beautiful handmade sets, costumes, props and puppets from the artists and makers of Queens Park Arts Centre. Produced by QPAC's award-winning storytelling company Unbound, the show once again features dance routines choreographed and performed by Susan Diane School of Dance.



'Sleeping Beauty' runs for sixteen performances between **10-28 December**, with a mix of matinee and evening shows available. Tickets start at £7 with a family ticket available for £36. Two performances (11 December – 1pm and 28 December – 4:30pm) will feature sign language interpretation from Marie Biswell of Hand Talking, and a relaxed performance will be held on 12 December at 5:30pm.

For full information on dates, times and prices visit queensparkarts.com

NEWS AND EVENTS

This December and during the winter months we've got lots on offer at Discover Bucks Museum in the heart of Aylesbury Old Town.

Join us on **Saturday 11 December**, 10:30am to 4pm, for a traditional Georgian Christmas full of Georgian-inspired games, crafts and gifts. Check our website for booking details.

In December we open an exhibition of extraordinary chairs called 'Sit n Play' made from recycled plastic components. Come and try the chairs and create something yourself.



The Museum's Black History group have launched a digital shoe project called Looking Back, Walking Forward which invites the Black community in Bucks to take part. Shoes can provide a starting point for

people's stories, and we'd love to hear your personal story behind a special pair of shoes to share on the museum website. The Black History shoe project runs until **February 2022**. To find out more visit our website or email community@discoverbucksmuseum.org

Don't forget with Christmas coming the Museum has a lovely gift shop stocking unusual gifts, toys, Roald Dahl books as well as beautiful artworks and ceramics made by local artists. For more information, charges and booking please visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S AYLESBURY LUNCHTIME MUSIC

We had a winner!

Congratulations to pianist Alim Beisembayev! He came to play for us on 5 August before going on to win the Royal Philharmonic Society Award and the Audience Prize at the 2021 International Leeds Piano Competition. Let's hope for a return performance at some point!

Brand new website!

Check out the new-look aylesburylunchtimemusic.co.uk website! You will see all the latest info about upcoming concerts. Now you can register online to manage your bookings. Make sure you subscribe to be the first to see the programmes and keep abreast of all the news.



40 years of Music at St Mary's

We continue to have a wonderful line-up of live classical music ensembles for you to enjoy. Many of which were booked pre-pandemic. The new year promises yet another stunning selection of performances. Details will be announced on the website soon!

Come and join us in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's Church. COVID-19 precautions remain in place – see website for more information aylesburylunchtimemusic.co.uk

JAZZ UPFRONT PRESENTS SARA DOWLING QUARTET AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Sara Dowling is a jazz singer who is deeply inspired by the repertoire of the classic American songbook, her most important influences are Sarah Vaughan and Betty Carter.

Sara was voted best vocalist for the British Jazz Awards 2019 and often guests with the Ronnie Scott's All-Star Band. She trusts her voice and its range of timbre. She trusts her ability both to convey the emotion of very slow ballads – or to bring joy as she rip-roars and scats through faster songs. And above all she makes a wonderful connection both to the music and to the audience.

Sara Dowling appears with an all-star trio including Ross Stanley, piano, Dario Di Lecce, bass and Steve Brown, drums.

The performance will take place at St Mary's Church, Aylesbury on **Thursday 30 December**. Doors open at 7:30pm. Gig starts 8:15pm. Tickets cost £20 in advance from Aylesbury Music Shop or online at bit.ly/SaraDowling





AYLESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL

Aylesbury Town Council Ward Map

Ward: Gatehouse



Cllr Anders Christensen
07834 995690



Cllr Tuffail Hussain
07832 913171



Cllr Phanindar Koya
07709 923308

Ward: Central



Cllr Sherrilyn Bateman
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Cllr Tim Dixon
07956 802402

Ward: Elmhurst



Cllr Ashley Morgan
07799 878059



Cllr Susan Morgan
07799 074411

Ward: Coppice Way



Cllr Chris Hendren
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Ward: Oakfield



Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts
07595 178660



Cllr Mark Willis
07723 091637

Ward: Quarrendon



Cllr Alan Sherwell
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Cllr Gurinder Wadhwa
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Ward: Oxford Road



Cllr Mohammed Azam
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Cllr Steven Lambert
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Ward: Southcourt



Cllr Niknam Hussain
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Cllr Waheed Raja
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Ward: Walton Court



Cllr Nidhi Mehta
07507 124756

Ward: Hawkslade



Cllr Mary Baldwin
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Ward: Walton



Cllr Richard Lloyd
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Ward: Mandeville & Elm Farm



Cllr Sue Chapple
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Cllr Roger King
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Cllr Denise Summers
01296 424903

Ward: Bedgrove



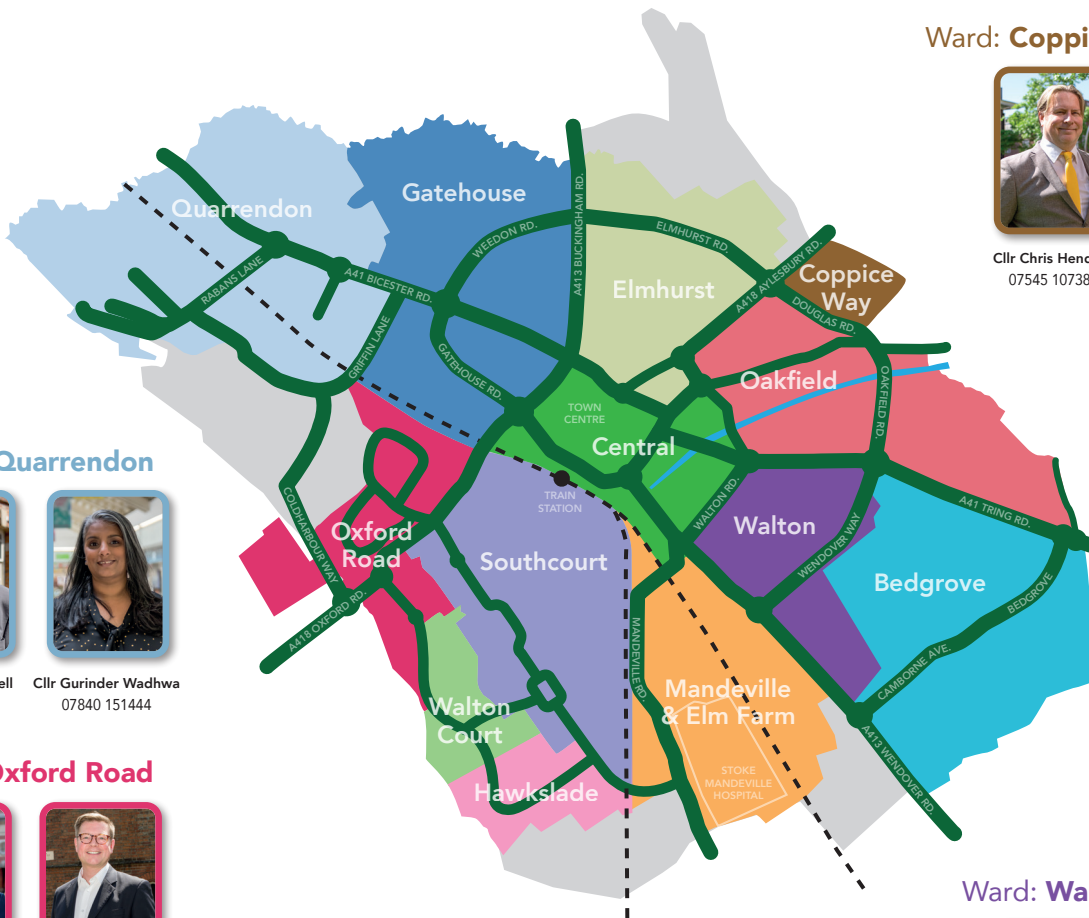
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Cllr Mark Winn
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WHO DO I TALK TO ABOUT?...

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



KOP HILL CLIMB SOAPBOX

On Saturday 25 September, nine students from Aylesbury High School competed in the famous Kop Hill Climb Soapbox. A collaboration with their local Co-op store resulted in some excellent fundraising, building on the positive community links. With the resulting generous financial contribution, the students were able to successfully build their competing vehicle. The skills and confidence gained by the students from this experience meant that although they didn't win this time, they are already planning for next year!

Mr Jonathan Cook, Design and Technology Teacher
Aylesbury High School

THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SEND LOCAL OFFER

The Buckinghamshire Family Information Service's Local Offer for special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) sets out the support available in Buckinghamshire for children and young people aged 0 to 25 with SEND. You can see the types of support you can get through the SEND local offer, including information on:

- Getting started with SEND • Education • Money
- Health • Social care • Preparing for adulthood

You can also use the directory to see local organisations, services and activities that support children and young people with SEND. Head over to familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/send to take a look. You can also visit the Facebook page '@BucksLocalOffer' or search for the 'Bucks Local Offer and SEND' Facebook group for the latest support, SEND related news and inclusive activities and things to do.

FUNDED CHILDCARE FOR 2-YEAR-OLDS



15 hours of funded childcare per week is available for 2-year-olds during the school term if you claim some benefits; also, children in receipt of disability living allowance or adopted are eligible.

You don't have to use all of the 15 hours, you can take up as many as you like and you can use this childcare at participating childminders, day nurseries, pre-schools and nursery schools (including those joined to a school).

If you're eligible, you can take up this offer from the term after your child's second birthday and you will remain eligible until your child is old enough for 3-year-old funding, even if your financial situation changes. Someone else may apply on your behalf if you give them permission, this could be someone from a nursery or pre-school, another professional or a friend.

If you would like to find out more, go to buckinghamshire.gov.uk/2-year-old-funding where you will find more information and the online application form.

BUCKS UTC STUDENTS TO VISIT THAILAND AND CHINA THROUGH THE TURING SCHEME

Bucks University Technical College (UTC), a secondary school in Aylesbury, is one of 412 applications submitted to the Turing Scheme and the only UTC to have been approved. In a first for Aylesbury, Bucks UTC students aged 16+ will have a unique, 'once in a lifetime' opportunity.

The Turing Scheme is the UK Government's initiative to provide funding for international opportunities in education and training across the world. It aims to develop 'Global Britain' by supporting UK organisations from higher education, vocational education, training and school sectors in giving their students life-changing experiences to study or work abroad. The proposed Turing activities will take our students' specialist subjects to a new level. Students studying Computing will experience manufacturing research and development in the major IT manufacturing hub in Bangkok, Thailand. Meanwhile, Building Studies students will look at cutting edge construction techniques in Beijing, China.

The Principal at Bucks UTC says: "We want our students to experience the short-term placements in the Asia Business Hubs of Bangkok and Beijing. They will witness the energy of Asia and the vast wealth and great disparity of Asian society." At Bucks UTC, student numbers are increasing and those interested in joining from September 2022 should attend our upcoming Open Day on **Saturday 16 February 2022** from 10:30am-12pm. Please register on our website bucksutc.co.uk

YOUNG ENTERPRISE IN AYLESBURY VALE: DEVELOPING SKILLS AND AN ENTERPRISING MIND-SET IN YOUNG PEOPLE

Young Enterprise (YE), the charity that works with schools to develop skills in business and life generally helps students transition to the world of work. YE has a growing alumnus who have created companies that have made a real difference. Our programme works through a network of volunteers and students to create and run companies. Despite having to work remotely for much of the time this year, our business advisers have helped nine teams and more than 100 students in our Company Programme. This is where students create real companies, sourcing materials, manufacturing (or creating a service), marketing and selling.

Throughout the year each company team take part in competitions to win real money from real businesspeople in a Dragons' Den, a competition to approach buyers, pitch their product and follow up with offers and a showcase where they have to submit a company report and make a presentation. Every team impressed local businesspeople throughout the year demonstrating resilience, tenacity, and an all-round ability to overcome problems in what has been a challenging year for everyone. One team that stood out this year was Pristine Home Décor from Aylesbury Vale Academy who recycled old tyres to make an Ottoman stool.

If you would like more information or could volunteer as a business adviser, contact john.meech@yeav.org.uk or visit young-enterprise.org.uk/get-involved

AYLESBURY YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL



#HELLOYELLOW

At our first face to face meeting of the year, which coincided with World Mental Health Day, we talked about some of the challenges we've faced during the pandemic. It was so good to see one another and talk openly about mental health. The #HelloYellow campaign is led by mental health charity Young Minds. If you or anyone you know needs support please text 'YM' to 85258. This is a free 24/7 text support service for young people across the UK experiencing a mental health crisis.

HELLO AND GOODBYE!

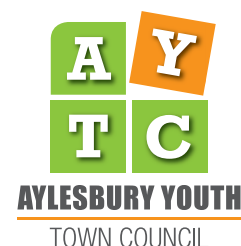


Hello to **Ola** who has recently joined us. She's bringing her passion for advocating the needs of young people to Aylesbury Youth Town Council.

We said farewell to **Zahra** who is studying Politics and International Relations at the University of Kent. **Rianna** is studying English Literature at Birmingham University and **Elizabeth** is studying English at Cambridge University. Best of luck to you all. A big, big thank you for being part of our team!

If you'd like to be a Youth Town Councillor email benedicta.lasoye@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

 @aylesburyyouthtowncouncil





Jonathan Page play Centre

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEMES

Christmas Playscheme

20 - 24 Dec 2021 & 4 Jan 2022

It's the season to be jolly and have a whole load of festive fun at the Jonathan Page Play Centre's Christmas Playscheme.

We've got plenty of Christmas crafts to get stuck into as well as lots of singing and dancing in time for the Christmas disco.

We'll also be looking ahead to 2022 and thinking of our New Year's Resolutions with the children too.



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 make a booking please visit our website or Facebook page and click on **BOOK ONLINE** or call **01296 336413**

We can accept childcare vouchers as payment.



Ofsted
Outstanding
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