



# Mandeville MATTERS

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**From your Conservative team Cllrs Sue Chapple, Brian Roberts, Denise Summers, Brian Tyndall & David Lidington MP**



## BULB BONANZA

Following the hard work of a number of our residents and your Councillors in planting several hundred daffodil bulbs at the top of Elm Farm Road last year (didn't they look good!) we have been out again, this time in Harvey Road. **Sue, Brian R, Brian T and Denise** along with volunteers were out on a rainy Saturday morning planting over 1,400 daffodils bulbs (funded by Brian R's Community Leaders' Fund) on VAHT land opposite the Harvey Road shops.

**Brian R** said, "It is great for us to be able to do something for the community, that is what is so good about the BCC Community Leaders' Fund. While we were working we had residents come out to chat to us saying they were looking forward to seeing the daffodils in the springtime when they appear."

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

**YOUR LOCAL MANDEVILLE & ELM FARM CONSERVATIVE TEAM ARE CONTINUING TO WORK HARD FOR ALL RESIDENTS**

We would like to thank all of you who helped to elect Cllr **Brian Roberts** as Bucks County Councillor for **Aylesbury South East**. Due to boundary changes this County Council area now covers the district council seat of Mandeville & Elm Farm and also the Bedgrove area including King Edward Avenue to the Turnfurlongs and also Wendover and Tring Roads. Brian is now chairman of the Finance Select Committee at BCC, making sure your Council Tax is spent in the right places! He continues to serve on the District Council with Sue and Brian T and the Town Council with Sue and Denise.



Local District Councillors with Aylesbury MP David Lidington at Jansel Square ready to answer residents' questions.

## WENDOVER ROAD CROSSING

After many years of campaigning by local Councillors a petition was put forward by the residents of Wendover Road, Chaucer Drive and Turnpike End for a crossing to be installed between the bus stops at Turnpike End and Chaucer Drive. **Brian R** presented the petition to BCC full council meeting for consideration. A feasibility study is now being undertaken. First thoughts are for a 'Refuge' (keep left signs) in the middle of the road to assist with crossing the road. We will report back as this project progresses.

## SPENCER ROAD

The long awaited resurfacing of Spencer Road is now complete and what a difference it has made. The question about the original speed bumps and whether they will be reinstalled is subject to a consultation being carried out to determine whether they are needed and we will let you know of the outcome. A number of residents have enquired about the bad state of the pavements, and we agree they are a mess especially now with the superb new road surface. We are doing everything we can to make the pavements a priority for Transport for Bucks.

## DRAINS IN MANDEVILLE ROAD

At long last something has been done about the drainage problems in Mandeville Road. Engineers at Bucks County Council worked for some considerable time to solve the problems of excessive rain water between Foskett Way and Harvey Road. Following extensive investigations, they discovered that some time in the past, part of the main gully had been repaired with the wrong size replacement pipe work. The work goes back much too far to find out who was responsible. The whole system has now been repaired/replaced and jetted through ensuring that any rain water is carried away effectively.

We apologise for the time this has taken but the situation was far more technical than first realised. It is good to see that during heavy rain the water has drained away as it should. There are a couple of areas on the pavements alongside these drains that are prone to puddling, these will be sorted out in the near future.

## STOKE MANDEVILLE HOSPITAL

**PARKING, MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, ROAD WORKS, PARKING CONSULTATION, ASDA STORE, AND MORE**

For residents who live within half a mile of Stoke Mandeville Hospital, this is all too familiar. The promise by the NHS Trust to start building the multi-storey car park **THIS** autumn proved to be another 'promise' not fulfilled. Following conversations with Aylesbury MP David Lidington and Trust Chairman Anne Eden we have been told "**Work is now anticipated to commence on site in early February 2014 with completion expected by October 2014.**" It is understood that the build will take place in two phases, retaining 110 car parking spaces on site during the construction period. Let us see if this promise is kept.

The road works on Lower Road are now finished, lets hope this reduces some of the rush hour traffic problems, as well as giving better access into the hospital. Apart from a scare when the builders of the ASDA store were told they had started building in the wrong spot, this has now been completed. **Remember this is a much smaller store than the one which was originally planned for, and which we fought hard against.** Its opening has now seemingly created its own problems, impacting again on Kynaston and Winterton areas, and adding another facet to the parking issues around the hospital. Bucks County Council are more than aware of the issues, and are working with your local Councillors to complete the parking consultation, and to provide a solution that hopefully alleviates the problem. With so much going on we, are reviewing the situation constantly - which is almost changing on a daily basis. We will keep you updated when we have more information.



## WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR YOU

It has been just over three years since the Conservatives returned to Government after 13 years in opposition and in this time there are a lot of achievements we have accomplished.

- ✓ The deficit has been **reduced by a third**. When we came into office the financial mess left by Labour meant we were spending **£120 million every day** on debt interest payments alone.
- ✓ The number of people coming to the UK has fallen by **over 80,000** in the last year meaning **net immigration has fallen by a third**. It is this Conservative led Government that has cut out the abuse of the system and introduced a cap on workers from outside the EU.
- ✓ The benefits cap sends a powerful message that in this country it always pays to be in work and ensures that no household receives more in benefits than the average family.
- ✓ The increase in the personal allowance (with a further increase to come) has given **24 million** hard-working people an income tax cut and lifted **6 million** out of tax so far.
- ✓ The Conservatives are the only party with a chance of forming the next Government who are prepared to offer the British people a choice on whether to remain in the EU and we have published a draft bill to legislate for this referendum before the end of 2017.
- ✓ Unlike the Labour Party the Conservatives are committed to ensuring that the **NHS** continues to receive **increases in its funding year on year**. In every year of this Government the NHS budget has risen above inflation. We are the party of the NHS. Your MP David Lidington is always happy to raise any concerns you may have about local NHS services with either local healthcare managers or the Department for Health.



Aylesbury MP David Lidington at the Despatch Box in the House of Commons



## DOG FOULING

There have been many complaints recently about dog fouling. If you know of an area in need of a dog bin, do let us know and, if appropriate, we can look into getting one installed for you.

Sue said, "If you are a dog owner, please be considerate when your dog is off the leash. There is a penalty of up to £1000 for those owners who do not clean up after their pets something which Aylesbury Vale District Council enforces. Let's try and keep our environment pleasant for everyone."

## MULTI USE GAMES AREA (MUGA)

As part of the development of the Kier and Persimmon Estates, a teenager facility was included in the planning permission by Aylesbury Vale District Council for these new estates, this provision is to be a MUGA. Due to the siting of this MUGA **Brian T** (with others) has had concerns about whether such a facility is suitable in what will be a large residential housing area. Other MUGA's in Aylesbury are located around or beside residential areas, not within them. Although this will not be built for some time (only when both estates are adopted by AVDC) agreement has been made with AVDC, that any such facility will be put forward for public consultation, allowing the views of residents to be taken into account before any work takes place.

## DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ELM FARM ROAD/MELLSTOCK ROAD UPDATE

We have been let down several times regarding the long awaited double yellow lines to open up the junction of Elm Farm Road and Mellstock Road. We have now been told by senior officers on BCC that the line painting will be done around the end of February beginning of March 2014.

## DOLPHIN PLACE

The garages in Dolphin Place have been an issue of concern for local residents and your Councillors alike. Some of the garages were vandalised and domestic rubbish as well as drug paraphernalia had accumulated. As these are private garages it is very difficult for the Council to get involved however Brian R has organising meetings and site visits with the police and a specialist cleaning firm. As the garages are private property the future of them will be down to their owners, but your Conservative team and the local PSCO's will be keeping a close eye on this area in the future.



May we be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

To make your Christmas shopping stress free this year you will be able to park free on Thursdays from 4.30pm in any town centre AVDC car park from 21st November until 19th December - an early Christmas present for you from the Conservative team at AVDC.

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