

WORKING FOR YOU

ACROSS AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT

WATERSIDE THEATRE

The award winning Waterside theatre contributes an estimated **£1.6-£1.8 million** to our local economy as well as providing the opportunity for several thousand local children to enjoy performing live on stage as extras and dancers. The theatre also contributes to local charities as well as giving people the chance to see a wide range of shows from Shakespeare to pop concerts.



AYLESBURY TOWN'S PURPLE FLAG

Aylesbury Town Centre has been awarded the Purple Flag for 2 years running in recognition of the safety measures that have been put in place making our town centre a safe place to visit at night.

CANAL SIDE REDEVELOPMENT



The Waitrose and Travelodge development (a self-funding project) in Aylesbury has rejuvenated the canal side and also Exchange Street and created **more than 200 much needed local jobs**. People come from across Aylesbury Vale and beyond to visit this redevelopment which was secured by Aylesbury Vale Conservatives.

RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS

In September 2012 Aylesbury Vale Conservatives introduced a very ambitious refuse collection policy. The success has been fantastic with the Vale's recycling increasing dramatically from around 17% to 57% and still rising. The waste food collection is already contributing to generating electricity which is being fed back into the national grid and it has saved taxpayers over £500,000.



BUSINESS IS BOOMING

New shops, restaurants and bars are opening across Aylesbury thanks to the redevelopment of the town centre.

Friars Square Shopping Centre has seen a transformation with the two story H&M clothing store and the brand new Topshop (opened by Bedgrove's own Jenny Bloom).

In December a 24 hour gym will open in the formally empty Multi-York shop, Anytime Fitness have said the only reason they are coming to Aylesbury was because of the new Travelodge & Waitrose developments. Soon we will also see two new restaurants - Nando's and Wagamama.



HAPPY RESIDENTS

A recent survey carried out earlier this year showed that 92% of residents in the Vale are happy with what the Council are doing on their behalf and also feel they are getting value for their Council Tax.

DON'T WORRY THERE WILL BE EVEN MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR TOWN CENTRE SOON

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

This year's Christmas lights were switched on by local hero Alexander Novakovic, a local Aylesbury boy who received life saving treatment thanks to the fundraising efforts of Bedgrove residents as well as the rest of Aylesbury town and beyond.

Cllr Tom Hunter Watts said, "It was great to see Alexander up there switching on the lights. The town centre looks marvellous with all the



lights and decorations in place. AVDC have done a first class job this year and I've heard lots of good feedback from people in the town."

An early gift for you
From AVDC Conservatives

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.**

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BEDGROVE CONSERVATIVES REPORTING BACK

Cllrs Jenny Bloom, Tom Hunter-Watts, Mark Winn, Brian Roberts & Aylesbury MP David Lidington

Tring Road Traffic

Dear Resident,

We know the Tring Road traffic lights have caused difficulty for residents and road users since they were installed. We have been working with our colleagues at Bucks County Council and Transport for Bucks to get improvements to the system:

- Cllr Brian Roberts has successfully lobbied to have a yellow box installed on the King Edward Avenue junction;
- We are pushing for a larger turning for King Edward Avenue;
- We are asking for clearer markings on the roads so people know which lane they need to be in.

At the moment the closure of Broughton Lane is adding to the pressures, this is due to be reopened in December and the work should be completed on the Bedgrove roundabout, which is being signalised. BCC have listened to the comments from us, you and road users and consequently have put up additional diversion signage in the area.

We all live in Aylesbury, rather than miles outside of our town, so we understand the impact these lights have caused. We too have been stuck in the traffic just like you. Rest assured we are doing everything we can to get this issue resolved as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely

Jenny **Tom** **Mark** **Brian**
Your Bedgrove Conservative Councillor Team

INSIDE REPORTING BACK

Mayor Tom

Bedgrove born and bred Tom Hunter-Watts is the new Mayor of Aylesbury.

Hampden Fields

An update on our fight against the Hampden Fields development.

JANSEL SQUARE

Thank you for those of you who voiced your opinion on the Sainsbury's development being built on the corner of Jansel Square. It seems the development has split opinion right down the middle.

Cllr Tom Hunter Watts said, "The shops in Jansel Square are quite unique in Aylesbury and provide quality products and produce which one can't necessarily find elsewhere. It's in large part due to the strong community spirit in Bedgrove that all the shop units are occupied and the Square is well used. We'll be looking to see, and we'd be interested to hear from readers, what effect Sainsbury's will have, but we have a lot of confidence in the future of the Square, despite the presence of more retailers."

Cllr Jenny Bloom said, "The shop will be opening from 7am until 11pm and it should be opening in the first few months of 2014. It will create over 20 new jobs for the area."

AYLESBURY'S GYRATORY



- Aylesbury Gyratory system is already at 104% capacity.
- If approved the Hampden Fields development could add an EXTRA 6,000 cars to our roads

Cllr Mark Winn, who lives on Wendover Road, recently spoke at the Hampden Fields Inquiry regarding the proposed traffic plans by the Hampden Field developers which could see the Gyratory system (the turning next to the Aristocrat pub) closed.

Mark argued that not only the residents of the gyratory would be affected by the closure, but the local businesses situated on the Gyratory, pedestrians trying to cross Walton Street but, more importantly, drivers across Aylesbury who already spend a considerable amount of time stuck in traffic along Walton Street, Walton

Road, Wendover Road, Stoke Road and Tring Road.

Mark registered his worry that the proposed system could result in rat runs through residential areas being created as people try and find ways to avoid the gridlock.

Incredibly the emergency services were not consulted about this proposal so following a request from MP David Lidington the Planning Inspector conducting the Inquiry allowed an extra 14 days for this to happen.

We will keep you updated as to the future of this important road.

HAMPDEN FIELDS UPDATE

With the Planning Inspectorates appeal finally coming close to a conclusion we bring you an update from Cllr Mark Winn, a member of the Hampden Fields Action Group as well as one of your local Councillors.

As your Conservative Cllrs in Bedgrove we along with the Hampden Fields Action Group have been involved with the fight against the plans to dump 3000 houses in open space between Bedgrove Park and Weston Turville village from the very start. This fight saw us win the argument against the development when it came up for discussion at Strategic Development Control Committee at Aylesbury Vale District Council, on that occasion the Hampden Fields development was unanimously rejected. Unfortunately, the

developers appealed against this decision.

Mark says, "It is very frustrating that having won that initial fight against these plans, that a case had to be put before a Planning Inspector at appeal and money had to be raised by local people to employ their own barrister and experts to oppose the case put forward by the developers. All of the Action Group have worked long hours pounding the streets gathering funds to fight these plans, with many hours spent putting together publicity, sitting through complex legal arguments as well as the countless sleepless nights worrying

about the outcome of this appeal."

The Inspector is expected give his verdict in February 2014.

The recent increased traffic in Aylesbury shows that we simply can't take another development of this nature without significant extra infrastructure and we all hope this appeal is thrown out.

Whatever the outcome we all personally applaud the hard work and dedication of the Hampden Fields Action Group in putting together such a tremendous case against the proposed 3,000 homes and thank our MP David Lidington for all of his help and support in opposing this development.



Bedgrove Conservatives have opposed this development from the start.
 Top: Demonstration at the Inquiry.
 Middle: Public meeting organised by your Conservative Bedgrove team.
 Bottom: Aylesbury MP David Lidington meeting with HFAG Chairman Phil Yerby.

LET BRITAIN DECIDE



Aylesbury MP David Lidington was a key player in getting the EU Referendum Bill through the House of Commons.

For the first time in more than a generation the House of Commons has passed a Bill to legislate for an EU referendum and Aylesbury MP & Europe Minister David Lidington was crucial in getting that Bill through the House of Commons.

David said, "My own view is that the present set up in the European Union is far from perfect but it is

important that the British people get the chance to have their say on Europe.

The Conservatives are the only party who have made a commitment to the British public that if David Cameron leads the Government in 2015 there will be a referendum in 2017."

You can find out more at www.letbritaindecide.com

BRIGHTENING UP WALTON POND

Bedgrove Councillors Mark Winn and Brian Roberts along with local volunteers spent a cold and damp Saturday morning planting hundreds of daffodil bulbs around Walton Pond. The daffodil bulbs were funded by Cllr Brian Roberts Buckinghamshire County Council Community Leaders' Fund.

Brian said, "In the spring when the bulbs come through the residents of Walton both feathered and human will be able to enjoy a cheery and brightened pond. The Community Leaders' Fund is a



Mark, Brian getting to work planting daffodils around Walton Pond on a damp Saturday morning.

great way to give the local community a helping hand and brighten up our town."

NEW TOWN MAYOR ELECTED

On Thursday 12th September Conservative Councillor for Bedgrove Tom Hunter-Watts was elected Mayor of Aylesbury, filling the vacancy following the



Tom has been Mayor of Aylesbury since September.

death of Cllr Steve Patrick. At the meeting Tom took the opportunity to outline what he hoped to achieve whilst Mayor, supported by his wife Ayse.

Tom is the first Conservative Mayor of Aylesbury Town Council since it was re-instated around ten years ago.

Tom says, "It is such an honour to be elected Mayor of Aylesbury. It was in such tragic circumstances that this came about but I will continue to support Steve's charity for my term in office and I am looking forward to meeting as many people as possible and spreading the message of the Town Council."

HELP US HELP YOU

As your Bedgrove Councillors we take no greater joy than being able to help our residents, it is why we got into local politics in the first place. So don't be shy, we want to hear from you about your concerns and issues.

Pictured is a pothole in Ingram Avenue that your Conservative Councillors were able to get fixed. Please let us know about any potholes and we will do our best to get them fixed for you.

