

# AYLESTONE PARK NEWSLETTER

Community Newsletter for the Residents' of Aylestone Park - Issue 1 2015



## Editorial

**Trevor Hull**

**16 10 1930 to 10 03 2015.**

Trevor, who was a founder member of the Residents Group and the first Treasurer and my mainstay for compiling the newsletter, died in March, his funeral was well attended at the Gilroes Cemetery and friends gathered at Aylestone Conservative Club after the funeral to join in a farewell meeting.

Trevor and I have worked together on this newsletter since its inception, we were able to complement each others input. Many days I have gone home shattered having worked hours with Trevor on the computer, debating on the placing of a comma or full stop or a word to be used – but our efforts paid off as we had very few mistakes.

I would like to thank Tony for coming forward to help me with the preparation of the adverts and putting together of the newsletter it is very much appreciated.

General Election, local elections, City Mayor, our MP's and Councillors are there to help us all and we are very well served with those we have.

See page 2 if you need to contact one of them for help with a problem.

Ann Sturgess

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## **APRG MEETINGS**

Sir Clive Loader,  
Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire Police will be attending the Residents Group meeting at the Church Hall, Cavendish Rd on 2nd July at 7.30pm, he will be talking about his job and will try and answer any questions you may have so come along and talk to Sir Clive.

**6th August** APRG meeting will have Helen O'Brien,  
Senior Nature Conservation Officer (LCC) in attendance discussing the St Mary's site opposite Hughenden Drive.

**3rd September** a representative from Westleigh Builders will be present at APRG meeting to discuss the proposed development of the St Mary's site.  
**DO COME AND MEET** them to see what is planned for our area of Aylestone Park.

### Freemen Councillors

These are the people to contact if you have a problem:

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### Aylestone Councillors

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## Local Church Services

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**Weekly Masses See church notice board.**

**For Church fetes and other activities**  
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### Church of the Nativity

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#### Sundays 10.30am Morning Service

**Thursdays** 6.30pm Scout Group meet  
**Fridays** 3.30pm After School Club  
For further details about the above two activities  
contact Ivan Bennett 0116 223 9730 or 07772 587232  
**Saturday mornings** the 3C's (Coffee, Chat and Craft)  
coffee morning Church hall Cavendish rd 11am

#### **Social Activities**

**Mondays** 8.00pm Nativity Players meet.  
**Next production** The Boarding House Murder by  
Juli Stevens Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th July 2015  
Supper 7pm Performance 8pm .  
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**Alternate Tuesdays** 7.30pm The Park Singers

**Saturday 15th August** 7pm to 9pm VJ  
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### **The After School Club**

For youngsters 5-11 years of age. Friday during term time 3.30-5.00pm. Church Hall, Cavendish Road. 50p

**Aylestone Leisure Centre** has too many activities to mention, call in and pick up a leaflet. Fancy a swim or game of squash then come along and afterwards sit and have a chat and cup of tea with the over 55's on a Monday or Thursday am.

**Theatre Outings**, London and Birmingham. Contact Bill Evitt 0116 247 8531.

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**Running for youngsters** 9.00am on a Sunday morning around the Aylestone Recreation ground.

**History Society** meet regularly at the Aylestone Leisure Centre Contact Gill on 0116 283 6394 The Group is working on local history.

**The Tea club** takes place at the Aylestone Leisure Centre Thursday ams, ask at the desk where to find the group and join them for tea or coffee and a biscuit or two.

**Park Walks** contact Sylvia Taberer 0116 291 6316 for details of proposed Park Walks, a nice easy stroll.

**Golf lessons** at Whetstone Golf Course given by the club's Pro, Craig Shave who can help adults and children learn to play and improve their game 0116 286 1424 for more information.

**Leicestershire County Cricket Club** are doing much to encourage players and spectators at the cricket ground, a programme of events is available, call in and pick one up.

**Athletics**. Call at the stadium Saffron Lane/MacCaulay Rd entrance after 4.00pm and see Roy Cole who will give you information on coaching, training and racing, and use of the stadium. Find out also about the Sunday morning Park Runs.

## MORE LOCAL ACTIVITIES

**Imperial Dancing class** is using the Church Hall in Cavendish Rd, to teach young children to enjoy themselves by learning to dance. To contact for class information ring 07548 208610 **I.S.T.D Modern, Tap and Ballet.**

**Boy Scouts** Church of the Nativity has started a Scout Troop, young people aged 10-14 years are welcome at the Church Hall, Cavendish Rd on a Thursday evening at 6:30pm

## **JOKE CORNER**

2 silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was given a ticket for littering!

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The earliest known documentary reference to the earthworks is contained within the Lord Mayor's accounts for the Borough of Leicester of 1322 which refer to the 'Rowedick'. the present name 'Raw Dykes' represents a corruption of this.

The Raw Dykes can be viewed via a small walkway which is opposite the Sturgess Garage on Aylestone Road.

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**Dog Fouling,**  
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For the vast majority that own a dog they care for them as one of the family and accept , though certainly not enjoy, that picking up is part of the package of being a dog owner .

But there is a small majority who seem to think that they are more important than the rest of us or just don't seem to care?

We must not forget that dog faeces can be very dangerous and can make people and children blind as a result of your dogs poo. The bagged waste can be put in any bin so there is really no excuse for not picking up after your dog.

If you are witnessed by a warranted officer you can be issued with an £80.00 fixed penalty notice which could cost you hundreds in the Magistrates Court

If there is dog fouling on the pavement you can report it to be removed on 0116 4541002 and call us on 0116 4541001 if you know the time and have a description of dog walkers not picking up after their dogs .

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## EMERGENCY FLOOD WARDENS

Progress on Emergency Wardens for Aylestone Park, I now have five prospective Wardens to aid Martin Halse with the project, progress has been slow as Martin, has had to assist with King Richard's reburial and then straight into helping with the electioneering campaigns.

Martin is proposing to hold a class for prospective Wardens and would be pleased to see any other interested people attend contact him on 0116 454 3621. This will be at City Hall on 23rd July at 7.30pm .

The Group attended a meeting at Blaby with reps from Environment Agency ,Severn Trent Water Board and others., We were given phone nos and useful information but we need to form our own group in our own area.. Dog walkers are ideal as Wardens as they often walk the areas where there is likely to be flooding.

## TIME CAPSULE for Knighton Field School

Mark Finnigan has put a lot of work into his idea of a time capsule for Aylestone Park to celebrate the Queens long reign,on 8th September she will become this countries longest reigning monarch.

A capsule ,in this case a bpx 18" by 18" by 18", paid for by APRG will be buried for 25 years and the children are compiling information on the history of Aylestone Park

if you have any particular item to add to the history please let us know and Mark will call round to pick it up. As the box is not being opened for 25 years .foods, drink, and items like this cannot be put in the box. Photographs, newspaper and articles by the children can as the box will be seal proofed and watertight.

It will carry a plaque and there will be one in the school building saying exactly where this capsule is buried. It will be buried locally on 19h September.

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## AYLESTONE FLOOD RISK AND COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Many thanks to Ann Sturgess and her team for delivering hundreds of information leaflets at the beginning of September relating to the local flood risk in Aylestone.

The deliveries were concentrated on buildings (both houses and businesses) that appear to be at a higher risk of river and surface water flooding (the latter as a result of sudden heavy downpours of rain).

An exhibition giving more detail was staged at Aylestone Leisure Centre along with a presentation by Leicester City Council experts and the Environment Agency at the Hall of the Church of the Nativity. Work is still being undertaken by Martin Halse, of the Leicester City Council Emergency Management Unit, alongside some local residents, to establish a community emergency plan for Aylestone.

However, we are still in need of local contacts for different areas of Aylestone if this is to be successful. Thankfully, major emergencies are rare in this area but they can occur suddenly and without warning. The commitment required to be a local point of contact for the plan is not great, just a willingness to assist if available when a significant incident occurs and a bit of time to attend some familiarisation training (a couple of hours only).

The large factory fire on Melton Road recently really drives home the fact that large incidents requiring mass evacuation of residents can happen anywhere with no warning. In that instance harnessing community resources and local knowledge was vital to a successful outcome.

If interested in becoming a local contact person or requiring additional flood risk information then please contact Martin Halse on 0116 454 3621 or Ann Sturgess on 0116 283 7296.



# SAFFRON SUMMER FETE

**Saturday 15th August**  
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The appreciation society has a very good website with lots of information about the meadows.

**The web address is:**  
**[www.aylestonemeadows.org.uk/](http://www.aylestonemeadows.org.uk/)**

*The next event is:*  
**Tuesday 7th July – 10am to 2pm**  
**Joint CRT / IWA / AMAS / LCC event.**

*Meet at the car park at the end of Marsden Lane, off Aylestone Road, Leicester to clear Himalayan Balsam around Packhorse Bridge and downstream. See the website for more details*



## The 14th Nativity Scout Group

opened its doors on 22nd January 2015

The group has 4 leaders and meets on Thursday nights  
6:30pm to 8:15pm at the  
Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Leicester.

If you know of any girls or boys 10-14 years of age do send them along. Activities will include camping, canoeing and games to name but a few. We look forward to seeing you, and also our group growing from strength to strength in the coming weeks, months, and years.

Yours in Scouting  
Skip (Scout Leader)  
Ivan

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### Middleton Street Closure

The Middleton Street works were due to originally in April and last approximately 18 days. That scheduled work was cancelled / postponed due to the high usage made of this commuter and school route.

The City Council confirmed that the work would start during the summer once the schools had broken up.

When work gets under way, a range of traffic calming measures will be introduced on Middleton Street, including concrete speed cushions and a new zebra crossing.

Other works associated with the Aylestone village 20mph zone scheme have already been completed, with rubber speed humps now installed on Granby Road, Old Church Street and Disraeli Street.

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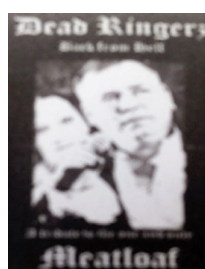


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## AYLESTONE PARK RESIDENTS GROUP NEWS

The Group continues to have regular monthly meetings usually on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm residents of Aylestone Park are welcome to attend , our City Councillors are usually in attendance and give advice on minor and major problems that occur.

The Group is going to have a few speakers attend the meetings,

Sir Clive Loader being our first on 2nd July, He will talk about his role as Police Commissioner and Crime Officer for Leicestershire Police.

As many people are aware the St Mary's allotments will be built on over the next few years so we have invited Helen O'Brien to talk about her job as Nature Conservation officer , we have a lot of wild animals living on the site.

Helen will be joining us in August when we have also invited Westleigh Builders, the builders appointed by LCC to construct 122 houses on the site.

We felt that they could talk to residents and find out what their concerns are about the site being built on.this will be for our September meeting .

October meeting is the Annual General meeting and this year will see the need for a Minutes Secretary ,or a full secretary. If you could help with either position please contact us through aylestone news e mail address. aylestonenews@hotmail.co.uk

**Action at 81 Lansdowne Rd** , after many fruitless years of trying to get action , some of the roof has been removed and the front tidied a bit..

**Aylestone Meadows** is a lovely place for a walk with ,or without a dog but do be wary of some of the hooligans who get down there on motorbikes trying to intimidate people .

We are hoping to have our own website in the near future. Tony and Herb are working on this.

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So many years ago, as a young boy the Walls of the cemetery always fascinated me as they rose to guard the entrance. Today this cemetery gives up its secrets to those that venture within.

This was the first municipal cemetery in Leicester and opened in 1849. It is also one of the oldest in the country being opened before the Burials Act of 1857.

Many famous Leicester people have been buried here including:

**Thomas Cook,**

**John Ellis**, is mainly remembered for promoting the growth of railways in the nineteenth century and for his involvement in the building of the Leicester and Swannington Railway to bring coal into Leicester from North West Leicestershire.

**Thomas Fielding Johnson**, was a prominent Victorian businessman and philanthropist in Leicester, England. Responsible for donating land and buildings that saw Leicester University established

**Bert Harris**, Professional racing Cyclist

**William Ewart Astill**, the mainstay of the Leicestershire cricket team from 1922 to about 1935

A mobile telephone app has also been created that lists a large number of people buried in the cemetery with some interesting historical facts.

One that has fascinated me for months is this:

**Ada Eliza Frisby buried 9 March 1870**

William was 9 and Ada 7 when they were drowned in Abbey Meadow in March 1870. They had left home in Heanor street on a Saturday afternoon with a younger brother but ignored warnings to avoid the Pasture as the strong winds might blow them into the water. Ada was blown in off a small footbridge and an eye-witness reported seeing William jump in after her but by the time he reached the point both were being swept away in the swollen river.

Their bodies were subsequently pulled out near the sewage works. The verdict was accidental death but with a recommendation that the bridge be railed on both sides and that drags be kept at the sewage works.

If you have access to the internet then this site (Friends of Welford road Cemetery) is worth a visit: <http://www.fowrcl.org.uk>  
I can also recommend visiting the Visitor Centre (maybe in warmer weather) for a fascinating insight into those whose final resting place lies within.

# J.K.

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## Aylestone Hall (History on the doorstep)

Aylestone Hall was occupied by a ladies' boarding school in 1846.

When the estate was sold in 1869 the hall was occupied by a tenant, Nathaniel Stone, who purchased it.

From 1871 to 1938 the hall was occupied by the Stretton family. It was requisitioned by the army during World War II.

In 1950 Leicester City Council purchased it, and after renovation the hall and the grounds were opened in 1954 as a public park, with a restaurant and a clubhouse for the local bowling club.

Aylestone Hall was renovated again in 2003, and converted into three separate dwellings and a clubhouse. It had been assumed that much of the hall's medieval fabric had been destroyed when alterations were made in 1850.

However early timber framing, including parts of an aisled hall, were found during a preliminary investigation. The timbers were dated by dendrochronology to 1339. The hall has a mid-16th-century cross wing of stone in a timber frame, and was re-roofed in the late 17th century, using many of the original 14th-century timbers. Many of the seemingly Tudor architectural features, such as the star-shaped chimneys, were introduced during the rebuilding of 1850. It was the home of Dorothy Vernon and John Manners.

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Remember not all birds will feed from suspended bird feeders or bird tables, instead they prefer to feed off seed scattered on the ground.

Certain types of seed will also attract different birds nyger seed for example, a great favourite with goldfinches, who can often be seen around our local area.

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Aylestonians RFC were founded in 1921 by members of the Young Men's Class of Cavendish Road PM Church.

A Leicester based rugby club that despite some challenging times on and off the field in recent years, are once again on the rise. In the face of adversity, the club has managed to retain its fun, family orientated approach regardless of the levels of rugby it has been involved in.

Aylestonians RFC now finds itself with a rugby squad formed of old, not so old and young players, of all abilities and experience.

In this very special year for the game of rugby, we do hope the Rugby World Cup 2015 will result in more people wanting to get involved in a friendly, welcoming club like ARFC.

### **Training days and times:**

training on Tuesdays 7pm,  
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#### GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE POLICE

999 in an emergency, when life is in danger or a crime is being committed.

**0116 2222222** to contact our local police station

**Use 101** for non emergencies, damage to a motor vehicle, damage to a property, phone stolen, suspected drug dealings, to discuss issues regarding possible crime. Any police contact that doesn't require an emergency response.

**0800 555111** Crime Stoppers. If you have information about crime in Leicester or Leicestershire ring this number. You do not have to give your name or number.

**0800 789321** the Anti Terrorist hotline if you have any doubts about any activities around your house or business or a disused factory.

#### LOCAL NEWS FROM WELFORD ROAD LPU

The sunny spring weather has seen us spending more time outside in our gardens, allotments, local parks and green spaces. In doing so I have reflected on the similarities between gardening and policing .both require constant attention. To remove pernicious, unsightly weeds and the sooner we are able to tackle a problem, the less of a problem it becomes.

The pigeons which have destroyed my seedlings would not have done so if I had protected them with netting or scared them from the garden. Please make sure that doors and windows are secured and avoid the temptation to nip out for ten minutes without properly securing your house. Report any suspicious activity, unknown people in unknown vehicles loitering, people going door to door with doubtful stories, please let us know, let us nip them in the bud.

Please take the time to report graffiti, illegal motorcycle riding and other anti-social behaviour to us on 101 or to Leicester City Council on 0116 4540250. Our team of PC Butler, PC Archer, PCSO Haq, PcsO Myatt and PCSO Stewart are hopefully already familiar faces in Aylestone , please stop us for a chat, come and see us at our community events and also, for those of you who do-follow us on Twitter. Let's enjoy the summer of 2015 and keep those pests out of our neighbourhood..

Sgt N Liddicott

## NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

THE POLICE, NEIGHBOURHOOD LINK,  
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH,  
CRIME STOPPERS  
AND TRADING STANDARDS  
ALL ADVISE  
the following for your information

### RINGING 111

IT's not an emergency ,but you need medical help  
or want to call the Doctor out of hours service  
for  
some advice to see if you need a visit to A&E at  
the hospital, then call the number

**111**

**A number of residents** have had problems with noise, from next door neighbours, pubs, people in the street, noisy barking dogs, radios or music too loud, crashing and banging from factories early in the morning, and wanted to know who is the best person or people to contact. If this should happen to you the number to ring is:

LCC Environmental Health Noise Nuisance Team  
**0116 454 1001**  
or e mail them on: [noiseteam@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:noiseteam@leicester.gov.uk)

#### SCAMS

I am constantly being made aware of endless scams being delivered to my email inbox  
If you have doubts about a message  
**DON'T** open it

Dearest...Incorrectly spelt messages...etc etc should all make you think of the wisdom of opening one of these messages.

Messages from banks that you don't belong to should raise doubt in your mind and you should ditch the message.

Don't give them your Bank details AT ALL., not even the Police, what would they want it for?

DON'T let people in your house to check meters, water,gas, electricity unless you are expecting them and don't be diverted to do something and give them the opportunity to pinch your purse or valuables.