

AYLESTONE PARK NEWSLETTER

Community Newsletter for the Residents' of Aylestone Park - Issue 2 2016



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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.

Knighton Lane Artists Group. Meet at The Studios, 68a Knighton Lane. Contact Deb Ward 07956 590284

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contact 07908 557289 helenbaran@hotmail.co.uk

Railway Society meets at The Cricketers, Grace Rd, Contact Brian Holland 0116 236 8328.

Drama Group meets at the Church Hall, Cavendish Rd. New members required contact the Church for details of rehearsals, times and days.

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

Adult Runs

Braunstone Park every Saturday at 9am
Victoria Park every Saturday at 9am

History Society meets 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 at the Nativity for details of proposed Park Walks, a nice easy stroll .
10am meet at the Church. If the weather is bad the walk is cancelled. All walks will be published on the Nativity website.

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..

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.

Craft and Chat. Come along for craft and chat on Monday afternoons 2-4pm at the Church Hall, Cavendish road.

MORE LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Imperial Dancing class is using the Church Hall in Cavendish Road, to teach young children to enjoy themselves by learning to dance . To contact for class information ring 07548 208610
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Scouts @ The Church of the Nativity
young people aged 10-14 years are welcome at the Church Hall, Cavendish Road on a Thursday evening at 6:30pm

Cubs @The Church of the Nativity
Girls and Boys aged 8 - 10 1/2 are welcome at the Church Hall, Cavendish Road on a Thursday Evening 5:15pm to 6:45pm.



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Editorial

The Leicestershire County Cricket Club in their efforts to improve play at the cricket ground have upset a number of closeby residents with their much needed revamping of the ground. Elton John appeared on June 11th, parking and floodlights for one evening may have caused inconvenience to residents, shops and businesses but the club will be assessing and ensuring that in the future the disruption is minimal.

The 20/20 series will have the floodlights on until around 10:30pm. There will be a few of these games over the season, if they are not rained off! When you move into an area I think most people take into consideration that there is a sports centre, theatre, factory or whatever nearby. The cricket club and ground have been there since the late 1870's whilst many of the houses around the club have only been there since the 1930's. Unfortunately our roads and houses were designed for people who were not car owners.

ELTON JOHN

A very successful promotion for Leicestershire County Cricket Club for the day of June 11th when Aylestone Park was honoured to be visited by Elton John. The club officials spent a concentrated week getting things right for the night with seating, stage, refreshments, parking permits etc.. A lot of hard work for all concerned. But it paid off.

Certainly put the area on the map with photos in local and national newspapers. 17000 people to be fitted into Aylestone Park and Police, traffic wardens, city council workers and staff at the cricket ground are to be congratulated on the way they have made a good name for Aylestone Park. All residents had a letter about getting

parking permits, we had one vehicle ticketed in my road and they may have been a visitor and not a resident. Three men used a garden as a loo and appeared on the internet, but generally there were very few incidents. The concert could be heard in residents gardens but generally with doors and windows closed very little noise came into the house and I live 3 streets away from the club. Floodlights went off by 11pm.

A number of people have already asked when is the next one, we do have some floodlit 20/20 games but not another pop star visiting.

KNIGHTON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL have received a number of generous donations to the fund they set up to help with the purchase of playground equipment. Colourbank carpets, an anonymous gentleman, APRG and a number of others have made donations, the school express their sincere thanks for funds towards their target of £5k.

Mrs Helen Tarokh is no longer the headmistress as Mr Gary Aldred has taken over as headmaster. The school has now entered a new future as an Academy.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERERS

A sincere thank you to Roda, Barbara, Dave W and David C for coming forward to join our team of deliverers. Mark, Kath, Rob, Lynne and Steve, Zoe, Chris, Herb, Stefan, Alan and Ann are our regular deliverers and I haven't thanked them for a while, but your help is invaluable and very much appreciated

Ann Sturgess

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Scouts meet at the Church Hall on Thursday evenings. from 6:30pm. Young people aged 10-14 years are welcome.

If you know of any girls or boys 8-14 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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14th Nativity Scout Group By Jake Skrakowski

Since joining this Scout group we've done a whole variety of activities.

We went outdoor camping where I went canoeing, cycling, zorbing, and took part in art and craft activities. Others did lots of other things as well.

During our weekly Scout evenings, we have learnt how to sew, first aid, knit, cook and we have even made pancakes! We of course play games and do activities in order for us to get our badges.

Our Scout group attends Church services of which some have been a Mother's Day service, Christingle, and Easter Sunday. We have taken it in turns to do readings from the Bible. Well that's whoever wants to that is....



We have overnight stays in the hall, and on one occasion we went into town and did some shopping and had a Chinese meal out. Some other activities we have done have been bowling, going to the cinema, and we were also privileged enough to listen to

an orchestra and choir at De Montfort Hall at the Lord Mayor's Concert.

We have had many fundraising events to raise money for the World Scout Camp, Charnwood which will be amazing.

On Friday the 26th February we had a Talent Show where all of the Scouts performed different acts and I played the saxophone. This was to raise money for the big camp. The leaders have been really busy making these events possible for us.

I really enjoy being in this Scout group as I have made new friends, had lots of fun and the Leaders are really friendly, and easy to get along with most of the time as long as we don't mess around!



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Gasholder News from Mr Gareth Taylor, Land Generation Manager for National Grid

I'd like to extend my thanks to those who joined us for our community open-evening in April. It was great to hear about your interest in the project and we hope you enjoyed learning more about the gasholders.

For those who were unable to join us, I wanted to provide you with an update on the project to date. National Grid is dismantling the two gasholders and clearing associated infrastructure at its site at Aylestone Road, Leicester.

These gasholders are no longer used to store gas and have been unused for several years. With this in mind, we are dismantling the gasholders and regenerating the land where they are located.

Over the past few months, National Grid has been working with VHE Construction, the contractors in charge of the project, to prepare for the dismantling of the two gasholders. This has involved surveys to better understand the site and make preparations for the safe dismantling of the gasholders. We have now finished a programme of dewatering for the first gasholder and are in the process of dewatering the second gasholder, which involves removing water that had previously been stored in the gasholders as a protective layer when they were operational.

We have also taken a few community representatives from Leicester City Council and the Aylestone Meadows Appreciation Society on a tour of the site, to demonstrate how we are taking into consideration the protection of plants and animals in the area surrounding the gasholders.

We began dismantling the gasholders in May, where VHE Construction began taking apart the first gasholder, starting with the roof and moving on to the lifts. The lifts are telescoping inner walls of the gasholder which would rise and fall when gas filled the chamber within the gasholder. VHE Construction will begin taking apart the second gasholder in June.

We anticipate that we will finish the project by Winter 2016, and will be sharing further updates on the project through this newsletter.

Once we are finished dismantling the gasholders, we plan to undertake a programme of environmental improvement work in order to bring the site back into beneficial use.

If you have any questions you'd like us to answer, please contact our communications team on aylestoneroad@communitycomms.co.uk or call our 24 hour phone line on 0800 093 4312.

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A Sign of the Times

Dominic Kealey

Park Hill House featured in recent articles and the importance of keeping the traces of history alive was highlighted, passing on stories between neighbours, friends and relatives.

Most traces of the big house have disappeared except for several 'railing-scarred' pier caps that can be found atop driveway pillars around Park Hill Drive or the blue brick coping stones topping garden walls or scattered below the topsoil of local gardens.

In our last house, when we were excavating the garden for building works, we managed to unearth a large stone sphere of unknown origin that had been buried beneath a metre of soil. The 'ball' has travelled with us to our present house.

Other clues to more famous local residents can be found by looking for commemorative signs or plaques.



On Richmond Road for instance there is a Blue Plaque for Lord Snow – not John Snow, Lord Commander of the Night's Watch of 'Game of Thrones' fame but Charles Percy (CP) Snow, Novelist, Scientist and Government Administrator who was born in Leicester in 1905 and studied at Leicester University until 1928 when he left for Cambridge. His thirty year, eleven volume literary masterpiece 'Strangers and Brothers' has been serialised recently on Radio 4. Snow's The Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution considered the impact of differences between the two approaches of Science versus Humanities and how this had held back World development.

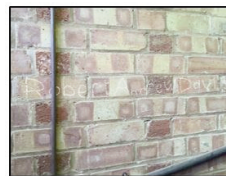
The sign is difficult to spot as it's on the side of No38 where

it was moved to after being displayed on the front of a small factory that was demolished to make way for a group of new-build houses.

CP's elder brother Eric was a renowned historian who recorded much of the early history of Leicestershire County Cricket Club and his Ping-Pong playing younger brother Phillip was Assistant District Commissioner to Fiji, and later played a major part in seeing Fiji recognised by New Zealand as a First Class Cricket team.

One doesn't have to look far though to find signs of previous house occupiers.

Our own house has a series of mysterious chalk markings on the garage walls that prompted all sorts of possible explanations as to what the lettering stood for. The previous owner had lived there for about forty years and we attributed the markings to him - but he was not responsible.



Robert Andrew Davis



A.H.D.



HUT XXIX

Whilst working in the garden a couple of years ago, a middle-aged gentleman arrived on a motorcycle and introduced himself. He had lived in the house as a child (c 1964) and asked if he could look around at the changes we were making. He pointed out all sorts of familiar places around the rooms and recounted family stories about life there with his parents and his sister throughout the 1960s. When we reached the garage he went straight to the chalk lettering and explained their connection. His name was Robert Andrew Davis (Picture 1), his older sister's initials were AHD (Picture 2) and they had chalked his parent's car registration letters (Picture 3) on the day that his father brought the car home. Like a previous occupant of Park Hill House, Robert's father was the Manager of Leicester Permanent Building Society and had owned one of the first cars in the street. The chalking has remained there for over fifty years though it is starting to fade slightly now.

Times were different then as Robert and his sister climbed out through an upstairs window to sit on chairs above the porch, talking to spectators coming to watch the cricket matches.

If the children arrived in present time by Dr. Who's TARDIS, then few things have changed. Their markings are still on the wall, there are more cars on the street, floodlights have been erected and Reginald Dwight has become Sir Elton John. They could even sit out on the porch roof provided that they wore a safety harness and crash helmet and subject to completion of a risk assessment for the access window. It's a sign of the times.

AYLESTONE PARK RESIDENTS GROUP NEWS

by Ann Sturgess

We continue to hold monthly meetings at the Church Hall in Cavendish Road where they started off life in October 2006 under the chairmanship of Martin Tangen, then Gavin George with Alan Sturgess succeeding the role around six years ago. Ann Sturgess has been secretary since the group began.

Alan and Ann are now in their 80's and feel the need to retire so, at the AGM in October 2016 the group will be looking for some new officials. Meetings are held most months and we work well with the Police, City Wardens and our four local Councillors, all of whom give good support to the group.

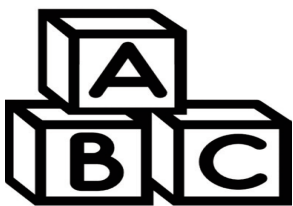
Chris Garner has kindly offered to become secretary but there is a need for a chairman, vice chairman and treasurer. So, if you have the ability or know someone who would be interested please contact Ann on 0116 2837296, email aylestonenews@hotmail.co.uk or leave a letter at L&S News in Cavendish Road.

Much of the groups time is taken up with what can seem trivia, dustbins left out, dog pooh, litter in streets, graffiti, who to contact for noisy neighbours, dangerous cyclists on the pavements, noisy dogs etc., etc., very occasionally a more serious incident will arise and our Councillors are invaluable with their advice. These are the day to day items that concern local people.

The dismantling of the gasometers has gone ahead with a query being referred to our Councillors and the appropriate LCC authority.

The Newsletter is a separate entity from the group and will continue to be so under the editorial control of Ann and Tony.

Parking at the cricket club is under consideration to increase by about 40 spaces with a tennis court being converted into a car park.



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It is important that people at high flood-risk shop around for the best insurance policy.

A list of participating insurers is on the website at www.floodre.co.uk.

There is also a leaflet available which has been posted onto the local website:
www.aylestoneparkleicester.org.uk/newsviews/concern.html

Other information is available from:
www.gov.uk/floodsdestroy

ARE OUR STREETS BECOMING TOO GREY? by Susan Eppel

With the trend for paving over front gardens in recent years for various reasons, ranging from accommodating car space and often because some of us are just too busy to maintain gardens in the traditional sense, we could be storing up problems for the future that will affect everybody.

For example the more green spaces that are paved over, the greater risk of flooding as naturally draining vegetation is replaced by concrete in one form or another. Not only this, but habitats for insects, mammals such as hedgehogs is drastically reduced.

Whilst decisions are down to individuals, all this adds up to cumulative effects so that our streets not only lose their colour, but we lose a living landscape. This is a great shame when in parallel, there are lots of people who do not have the opportunity of having a garden, yet desperately would like one – very few flats include gardens.

The Royal Horticultural Society has produced an excellent guide which offers solutions for compromise, so if there is no alternative but to park the car at the front, why not try the simple solutions offered in this guide including the right type of planting in available places, so there is room for both and depending on type and size of garden.

You can do your bit to ensure that once again we can be proud of our gardens and create colour and nature for everybody.

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Thanks to all who entered

A lady whose cat went missing recently put photographs and a note in local houses and I am very pleased to report that Felix has turned up after being away for over a week. Amanda would like to thank those that took the trouble to ring her with information on his whereabouts.

Obituary

John Mollett (1941-2015) was a regular attendee at Aylestone Park Resident Group meetings and who sadly died in December.

He will be missed for his caring nature and friendliness

We urgently need volunteers to deliver the Aylestone Park Newsletter in these areas:

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Saffron Lane (from Duncan Road to Hughenden Drive to include Robin and Wren Close.

If you can help please email us @
aylestonenews@hotmail.co.uk



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T@4 for fun, food,
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We will meet at **The Church of the Nativity
Cavendish Road/Richmond Road, Aylestone
Park.** We start on Sunday 18th September
2016. 4.00pm-5.30pm.

Further info contact Ivan Bennett, Associate
minister:

07772587232

ivanbennettsaysgodlovesyou@gmail.com

This event is for family and friends.



County Cricket Club News

Leicestershire County Cricket Club has been hard at work preparing for one of the most exciting and busiest periods in the club's history.

In June, music legend Elton John brought his Wonderful Crazy Night Tour to the Fischer County Ground, and we also have NatWest T20 Blast action and an England Women's ODI.

Elton arrived in the city on Saturday, June 11, while the Foxes took on Worcestershire Rapids and Birmingham Bears on Friday, June 17 and Friday, June 24 respectively in the Blast competition.

England Women played Pakistan Women on Monday, June 20, a game the club was delighted to host ahead of the ICC Women's World Cup. The club is hosting matches in 2017 alongside Derbyshire, Gloucestershire and Somerset, and the final of the prestigious competition is being played at Lord's, the home of cricket.

There are also NatWest T20 Blast matches in July – three big games in a week as Derbyshire Falcons (Friday, July 8), Nottinghamshire Outlaws (Tuesday, July 12) and Lancashire Lightning (Friday, July 15) come to town.

If you'd like to buy tickets for Leicestershire County Cricket Club home matches, we have special offers for our neighbours in LE2, so please call us on 0116 283 2128 to take advantage of our great deals!

The club is keen to get the views of local residents in the coming months, with the Residents Focus Group being set up to provide ongoing dialogue. If you have any suggestions as to improvements we could make, please email enquiries@leicestershireccc.co.uk



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AYLESTONE MEADOWS - THE GOOD THE BAD AND THE UGLY

BY ANNE HAYTO, CHAIRWOMAN, AYLESTONE MEADOWS APPRECIATION SOCIETY

It doesn't look much like summer from where i'm sitting, but it's June and the flowers are out, the birds are singing and we're all waiting for the sun to shine. Aylestone Meadows, that little bit of countryside on our doortep, is at its wonderful best this time of year. The wildflowers are a riot of colour and the cow parsley is as tall as I am! There are ducklings, cygnets and goslings on the water, fox cubs in the fields and nature is making all things new yet again.

Aylestone Meadows is a fabulous place to walk, birdwatch, jog away those extra pounds and generally enjoy the outdoors. It's great to see so many people having a good time fishing for tiddlers, paddling, picnicking, dog walking, cycling, horse-riding and the like. Most people just enjoy the area and leave no trace of their presence when they leave.

As usual, it's the few that cause the problems.

Members of Aylestone Meadows Appreciation Society (AMAS) and others work hard to protect and enhance the Nature Reserve and

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are always dismayed to see the problems caused by the anti-social minority. Amongst other conservation tasks, AMAS members regularly litterpick and particularly after a fine weekend, we pick up many sacks of plastics bottles, bags and other items (some of them very strange!). Please, if you go there, take your rubbish home or put it in one of the numerous bins provided. It's not hard. Then there are the dog walkers who think it's okay to let the dog do it's business and just leave it. I have a dog and don't think it's okay. Please bag it and bin it. Summer is a time for barbeques but Aylestone Meadows is not the place to have them. Not only are they a fire hazard - grass is very inflammable in the summer - they create dangerous litter when abandoned.

Aylestone Meadows is a wonderful place and it's good that so many people come and enjoy it. Despite the moans, it remains a unique and valuable resource for our city. If you've not been, come and enjoy it. If you do come, please don't leave your litter, your dog mess or your barbeque - you'll still have a great time, even if you have to make a tiny extra effort.

Useful Contact Numbers

Cut to keep in a safe place

Gas

Emergency (Leaks and Smell of Gas)
0800 111 999

Electricity

Power Cuts Number 0800 6783 105
or visit www.westernpower.co.uk and follow the links for power cuts

Water

Emergency 0800 783 4444

Medical

999 is the telephone number you should call when you need emergency medical assistance following a serious accident, illness or injury - for example, in the event of traumatic blood loss, chest pain or loss of consciousness.

For other medical emergencies either consult your local Doctor, Pharmacist or NHS111

Leicester Medical Group 0116 283 7825
Saffron Health 0116 244 0888
The Surgery 0116 367 0012

Pharmacies are available on Saffron Lane and Aylestone Road

Fire

If a person's life or property is in danger, it is appropriate to dial 999. Give full details of the situation to the control operator and they will decide whether or not it is a proper emergency and if firefighters should attend.

Police

You should only ring the 999 system if there is a direct and immediate threat to life / limb or to property. For non emergency calls you should dial 101 or you can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Leicester City Council

The council can be contacted on 0116 454 1000 for a more accurate list please visit their website www.leicester.gov.uk/contact-us

Environmental Health Noise Nuisance Team can be contacted on: 0116 454 1001 or email noise@leicester.gov.uk

Samaritans

You can talk to the Samaritans for free on 116 123. Talk to them anytime you like, in your own way and off the record - about whatever's getting to you.



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**Aylestone and
Freemen**

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

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

'Service to others is the rent for your room here on earth'
Muhammad Ali - 1942 - 2016

In June we lost one of the greatest athletes and arguably one of the greatest individuals the modern world has ever seen. The above quote by him is relevant with regards to how we treat each other in daily life and highlights the importance of helping others within our community even if that means simply allowing others to go about their lives in peace and without interruption.

Over the past week my officers have been dealing with a number of incidents involving neighbours who do not value the peace of their fellow neighbours within the community. Officers from the Freemen ward assisted the Council who conducted a seizure warrant at a local address. This was carried out following repeated complaints from a neighbouring address over excessive noise issues. During the warrant, televisions, music equipment and games consoles were seized. This could have easily been avoided if we were able to appreciate each other as neighbours and understand what is and is not appropriate.

Some examples of domestic noise would include,

Loud music and musical instruments

Parties

Barking dogs

Outdoor events such as barbeques

Alarms from domestic premises

Car alarms

The following day my officers returned to the address and arrested a female occupant who had decided to approach her neighbour and make threats. This was never the intended outcome when we became involved but it does highlight how easily something as minor as noise nuisance can have more serious consequences if advice is not heeded.

We are a small Policing team attempting to manage a densely populated area and more often than not looking to simply keep the peace and allow people to enjoy their lives in peace.

Please assist us by playing your part, being considerate to others within your community and advising us of issues that are impacting on your life.

If you want to report an Emergency please call 999.

If you have any information you want to pass on in confidence please contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

If you need advice or want to report a crime that has already happened contact 101.



Kind regards
Sergeant 1300 Chris Beech
Freemen Local Policing team