



Amersham Matters

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A warm welcome to the new Mayor of Amersham



Councillor Mrs Mimi Harker OBE is married to Robin and they have two children. Mimi has been a District Councillor for 12 years, a role she took on after fighting a major community campaign. She is best known for her campaigning to improve her local area. Nationally, she helped create the 12A cinema classification, and has worked on the Cross Party Task Force encouraging women to participate in public life. Mimi was awarded an OBE in the Queens New Year Honours List for her work for women and for her local community. She currently serves on the Chiltern District Council Cabinet, with responsibility for the Community, Leisure, Young People and Communications Portfolio. In this role, which she has held for the last 7 years, she has worked across a wide spectrum of areas. She will continue to build on the civic legacy left by her predecessors and will endeavour to raise money to build the Olympic 2012 Games Legacy Playground in Amersham sponsored by Adidas. She hopes to promote the well-being

and reputation of young people in Amersham through working with schools to create positive projects which benefit the wider community. Cllr Mrs Harker says: *'I am delighted and honoured to have been elected to represent the people of Amersham and I will endeavour to always be the best ambassador for our town. This is the most important role I have ever had the privilege of being elected to and I deeply respect the trust that has been put in me to carry out this role wholeheartedly and always with the well-being of Amersham at the centre of it.'*

Amersham in Bloom 2011

Help us improve your Town environment...
Join Britain in Bloom



Award categories:
Best.... hanging basket, box/container
business premises-front/rear garden-
allotment-school-community garden

For further details contact:
Amersham Town Council
01494 586892 info@amershamtc.gov.uk

Closing date for entries
Thursday 30 June 2011



Amersham in Bloom Prize-Giving

Sunday 17 July 2011- 3.00pm
In the Memorial Gardens

Cllr Mimi Harker, will be presenting
the 2011 awards for the
Amersham in Bloom Competition
and the Young Environmental
Photographic Competition.
The Chinnor Silver Band Concert will
play throughout the afternoon
making this an unforgettable
occasion.

Amersham Town Council would like to
thank all our Sponsors especially
Van Hage, The Rotary Club of
Amersham and B&M Motors.

*To enter the Sunflower Competition or
details of ATC events, please email to*



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CELEBRATE THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY
AMERSHAM & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
are proud to be participating in conjunction with the Amersham Round Table in the
AMERSHAM "CARNIVAL OF HEROES" on
SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2011

1921 Shoulder to shoulder with all who serve 2011

The Legion has safeguarded the welfare, interests and memory of the Armed Forces family for 90 years. The range of assistance available includes:
Hospital & Housebound Visiting—Advice on War Pensions, Disability Claims, Benefits and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme- Breaks for families, children and carers—Handy Van Service Resettlement and Training—Grants in aid such as essential household goods Residential Care—Remembrance and Battlefield Tours

Since 2003, the Legion has helped more than 16,000 serving, ex-Service and family members who are part of the Afghan and Iraq generation with direct financial assistance. From 2011, adaptive sports and adventurous training will be crucial to The Royal British Legion's support to seriously injured Service personnel, through our commitment to create, equip and operate The Royal British Legion Battle Back Centre (The RBL BBC) in partnership with the Ministry of Defence. The Legion is honoured to commit £50 million over ten years to pay for the entire cost of the BBC and the operating costs of the wider Personnel Recovery Centre programme, comprising four recovery centres in the UK and a facility in Germany. In addition The Legion spends more than £200,000 a day or £1.4 million a week delivering its vital welfare work.



We look forward to seeing you at the Amersham Carnival.
(for information on welfare services, please call 01844 216961)

Citizen of the Year Awards Sunday 01 May 2011



Junior Citizen of the Year—Ophelia Wells volunteer at Chilterns Gateway Club in Amersham, a club for adults with learning disabilities.
Citizen of the Year—Judy Sidebottom campaigns for the reduction of the age from 25 to 20 years, for cervical testing and teenage girls are given the HPV vaccine.
Senior Citizen of the Year—Miss Barbara Webber is the director and secretary of the Amersham Museum and Clerk to the Trustees to Amersham United Charities.
Senior Citizen of the Year—Mr Bob Higgins is County Chairman of the Royal British Legion in Amersham and helps to maintain Stanley Hill Cemetery.
Business Award—John Nash & Co, Estate Agents have continued to support the community and supply advertising boards to local non-profitable organisations.
Mayor's Special Award—Amersham Rotary Club sponsor many local charity initiatives and volunteer their time to help others in the local community.

The winners above were presented with a certificate and a cheque for £50 during the break in the Cool Beans band concert in Memorial Gardens by the Mayor of Amersham Councillor Martin Phillips with Cheryl Gillan, MP for Chesham & Amersham in attendance. WELL DONE TO ALL OUR WORTHY WINNERS!

32nd Amersham Festival of Art in the Market Hall

The 32nd Amersham Festival of Art will be held in the Market Hall, Old Amersham from Saturday 6 August until Sunday 14 August 2011. The exhibition will be open daily from 10.30am to 6.00pm and will close at 5.00pm on Sunday 14 August. This event enables local artists to display and offer their work for sale. A small commission on each sale along with visitors' donations and exhibit entry fees provide the income to the Jubilee Fund.

Each autumn the Town Council distributes this money by way of grants to local charitable organisations. Last year's Festival of Art exhibited 344 works of art and sculpture which raised £1,276.14 for the Fund. Local artists are invited to apply and entry forms can be obtained from the Town Council, telephone no 01494 434000 or can be downloaded from www.amersham-tc.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is Friday 22 July 2011.

UPDATE ON MARKET HALL & BARN MEADOW

We were devastated to discover that Market Hall and Barn Meadow Pavilion suffered extensive damage due to the freezing weather conditions at the end of last year. We were forced to close the two buildings to assess the damage and the repairs are now ongoing.. Market Hall has had 300 roof tiles replaced, replicating as near as possible the Grade II originals, in order to make the building watertight. Work on replastering the ceiling is now taking place. We hope the Hall will be open by mid June. A schedule of works to repair Barn Meadow will be available soon.

AMERSHAM BOWLS CLUB OPEN DAY

There are not many games that can be played on an almost equal footing by people who might be 70 years apart in age. Bowls is one of the exceptions. Amersham Bowls Club, at Hervines Park, welcomes anyone interested in the game. Experienced players will find great competition while novices will have the benefit of four qualified coaches to show them how the game is played.

The next Open Day will be on Saturday 18 June from 10.00 until mid-day. Come along and meet the members, try the game and perhaps sign up for a coaching course. Just wear trainer type shoes – everything else will be provided.

If you can't come on that day, a mutually convenient time can be arranged. For more information, telephone the Club Chairman, Brian Drew - 01494 763272

Bucks Open Studios

Saturday 18th June - Sunday 3rd July

Countywide exhibitions and events by local artists and makers. Free entry to venues across the County. Directories are available in advance from libraries, art shops and galleries.

Or you call the Visual Images Group Co-ordinator on 01296 614283

email: vi-group@btconnect.com.

See on-line directory at www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk

Community Civic Service

This year's Annual Civic Service will take place at 10.30am on Sunday 12 June 2011 at Amersham Free Church, Sycamore Road. Amersham-on-the-Hill by kind invitation of the Clergy and Churchwardens.

The service will be conducted by the Reverend Erna Stevenson. VIP's and dignitaries from Amersham and neighbouring towns have been invited to attend.

The standards and banner of Amersham's voluntary organisations will be paraded.

Tea and coffee will be available after the service.

Everyone is invited to attend this special service.

Fed up with all the litter in Amersham ? Then become a volunteer Street Buddy

As part of our on-going development programme, we are looking for residents to become a Street Buddy. A new initiative for 2011, Street Buddies are volunteers who keep a stretch of their road and pavement clear of litter.

You can make a big difference in even the smallest area and help to maintain an attractive environment. Pioneered in other parts of the UK, the scheme has proven to help remove litter problems.

Please get in contact with Steve Catanach at Amersham Town Council at info@amersham-tc.gov.uk or on 01494 434000 if you would like to join the scheme. We will supply you with bags, gloves and a yellow vest.

Community Clean Up Day

Amersham Town Council would like to thank everyone for their support on the recent Community Clean Up Day on Sunday 27 March.

The day helped to encourage residents to take responsibility for the local environment and have a sense of pride in maintaining the appearance of the Town and surrounds, including the considerable disposal of litter. Despite losing one hour due to British Summer Time, 69 volunteers including residents, Community groups, students, a Police Community Support Officer, Councillors and Scout Cubs turned up to assist. 96 bags of waste were collected throughout Amersham, including 6 shopping trolleys, a car drive shaft, car wheel & tyre and a hub cap. 6 bags alone were collected by a resident in Stanley Hill. With the help of Amersham In Transition we sifted out 13 bags of recyclables including glass plastic and cans which were taken to the local recycling centre.



Amersham & Chesham email newsletter

Keep in touch with local news and events by registering for Amersham's FREE email newsletter service. Full details at www.amersham.org. Got something to tell Amersham? Planning a local event? Then visit www.amersham.org for details of how to submit content for publication.

BBOWT SUMMER WALKS IN SOUTH BUCKS

Date: Sunday 12th June 2011

Conservation Walk to find the Small Blue Butterfly led by Paul Bowyer 01628 526225

Venue: Holtspur Bottom Butterfly Reserve, Riding Lane HP9 1BT

Time: 11am—1pm. Free



Date: Saturday 25th June 2011

Walk to identify plants on Booker Common led by Roger Wilding 01494 438374

Venue: meet at Squirrel Public House, Squirrel Lane, Booker HP12 4RZ

Time: 2pm—4pm. Free

Date: Sunday 31 July 2011

Butterfly Walk at Homefield Wood reserve led by Martin Robinson

Venue: The reserve lies north of Bockmer End, west of Marlow SL7 2HL

Time: 2pm—4pm. Free

For more information on the above events please contact John Hoar 01494 676091 email johnhoar@onetel.com



COUNCILLORS AT AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

There are fifteen Councillors who give up their time voluntarily to serve the local community. They strive to give a voice in planning, leisure and amenities to ensure that the Amersham area is an enjoyable place to live and work. They can be contacted on the following telephone numbers:

Cllr Mrs Ros Aitken	Amersham Town	01494 724406
Cllr Mrs D I Allen	Amersham Town	01494 721085
Cllr A Emmett	Amersham Common	01494 763338
Cllr Mrs M Harker	Weedon Hill	01494 729078
(Town Mayor)		
Cllr Mrs J Heydon	Amersham on the Hill	01494 723766
Cllr Mrs A Lamont	Weedon Hill	01494 432056
Cllr M D Lacey	Amersham on the Hill	01494 722934
Cllr H G Newton	Amersham Common	01494 728421
Cllr M Phillips	Amersham Common	01494 433634
(Deputy Town Mayor)		
Cllr A Seymour	Amersham Town	01494 728543
Cllr N Shepherd	Amersham on the Hill	01494 433340
Cllr H Trevette	Amersham Town	01494 728094
Cllr Mrs L Walsh	Amersham on the Hill	01494 724833
Cllr M Vivis	Amersham on the Hill	01494 725756
Cllr T Williams	Amersham Town	01494 727111

Details of Council meetings can be found at

www.amersham-tc.gov.uk or

by contacting the Office by email or telephone.

SUMMER TALK AT WOODROW HIGH HOUSE

'London in Elizabethan Times' a talk by Colin Oakes on Sunday 26th June 2011, 6.30—7.00pm start
Tickets are £12.50 and include a 2 course buffet supper.



There are no events scheduled for July and August.



The above is a fund raising event for Woodrow High House and tickets can be obtained from Jean on 01494 712261 jean@gkingshill.fsnet

For more information or submission of articles for the next issue, copy date is **Friday 26 August 2011** please contact:

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Calendar of Amersham Town Council's Free Community Events June—August 2011

Sunday 12 June	Reloaded Blues Concert in Memorial Gardens 2.30pm Civic Service at Amersham Free Church at 10.30am
Sunday 26 June	Amersham Band Concert in Memorial Gardens 2.30pm
Monday 11 July	Amersham in Bloom local judging
Sunday 3 July	Passing Tones Concert in Memorial Gardens 2.30pm
Saturday 9 July	Amersham Carnival—hosting of twinning organizations
Sunday 17 July	Chinnor Silver Band Concert & Amersham in Bloom & Photographic Awards in Memorial Gardens 3pm
Sunday 31 July	Soundforce Big Band in Memorial Gardens 2.30pm
Friday 5 –14 August	32nd Amersham Festival of Art
Sunday 14 August	Cool Beans Concert in Memorial Gardens 2.30pm
Sunday 28 August	The Jazz Brothers Concert in Memorial Gardens 2.30pm
Sunday 11 September	Heritage Open Day from 11.00am



Photo - Reloaded Blues Band under the Market Hall